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Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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Inspection**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01, 2009, and ending 03-31, 2010

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER 374
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 462
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
FT MADISON, IA 52627

D Employer identification number
 42-0136060

E Telephone number
 (319) 372-3724

F Group Exemption Number ► 1156

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
 Other (specify) ►

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ►

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☒ 501(c) (8) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 113,478

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	1,899
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	15,808
	4	Investment income	4	249
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
Expenses	6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	89,987
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	45,115
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	44,872
	8	Other revenue (describe ► STM141)	8	5,535
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	68,363
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	36,960
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	300
Assets	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	15,536
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,387
	16	Other expenses (describe ► STM130)	16	17,716
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	73,899
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(5,536)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	149,674
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year - Combine lines 18 through 20	21	144,138

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	66,509	60,950
23 Land and buildings	92,716	91,192
24 Other assets (describe ► STM131)	3,321	3,474
25 Total assets	162,546	155,616
26 Total liabilities (describe ► STM132)	12,872	11,478
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	149,674	144,138

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		
42 a	The organization's books are in care of BOB BRITTON Telephone no 319-372-3724 Located at Fort Madison, IA ZIP + 4 52627		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	42c	
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 -Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section

501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

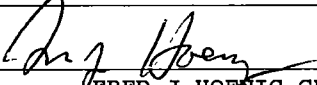
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **▶** _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **▶** _____

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	Signature of officer 		Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature 	Date 04-29-2010	Check if self-employed ☒	Preparer's identifying No. (See inst.)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 FRED J HOERNIG CPA 508 15TH ST STE 2 Fort Madison, IA 52627		EIN	
			Phone no	319-372-3587

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **▶** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

2009Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER 37

Business or activity to which this form relates

FORM 990 - 1

Identifying number

42-0136060

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 . ▶	13

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	1,524

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶ ☐		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only-see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instructions	22	1,524
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Federal Supporting Statements**2009**

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**Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses Schedule 2**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
INSURANCE AND LICENSES	4,651
GRAND LODGE/STATE DUES	4,898
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	1,104
ADVERTISING	624
DEPRECIATION	1,524
MISC	4,915
Total	<u>17,716</u>

**Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets Schedule 3**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
INVENTORIES	<u>3,321</u>	<u>3,474</u>
Total	<u>3,321</u>	<u>3,474</u>

**Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 26
Other Liabilities Schedule 3**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
PREPAID DUES	8,227	8,420
OTHER PAYBALES	<u>4,645</u>	<u>3,058</u>
Total	<u>12,872</u>	<u>11,478</u>

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**Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenues Schedule 2****Description****Amount**

HALL RENTAL

1,782

MISC

3,753

Total

5,535