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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04/01/09, and ending 03/31/10

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

C Name of organization BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS #537
 Doing Business As _____
 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 1763
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
MILES CITY MT 59301

D Employer identification number
81-0110615

E Telephone number
406-234-3234

F Name and address of principal officer
GARY C. HOLM
1004 N. MONTANA
MILES CITY MT 59301

G Gross receipts \$ 55,288

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (8) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ N/A

K Type of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1900 **M** State of legal domicile MT

H(c) Group exemption number ▶ 1156

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETY</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<u>8</u>	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>8</u>	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<u>0</u>	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>20</u>	
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<u>21,710</u>	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34			
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>13,114</u>	<u>8,760</u>
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>11,730</u>	<u>11,354</u>
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>1,088</u>	<u>508</u>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>20,724</u>	<u>21,402</u>
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>46,656</u>	<u>42,024</u>
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)			
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		<u>46,075</u>	<u>40,022</u>
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		<u>46,075</u>	<u>40,022</u>
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>581</u>	<u>2,002</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>65,882</u>	<u>69,880</u>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>11,414</u>	<u>13,410</u>
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>54,468</u>	<u>56,470</u>

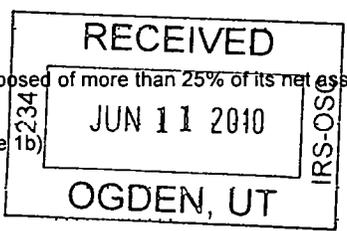
Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: Bill Norby Date: 6/8/10
 Type or print name and title: BILL NORBY, TREASURER

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 6/7/10 Check if self-employed
 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): P00543641
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: ROWLAND, THOMAS & COMPANY, CPAS
P.O. BOX 610
MILES CITY, MT 59301
 EIN ▶ 81-0189780
 Phone no ▶ 406-234-4241

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETY

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PROVIDE CHRISTMAS MEALS AND PRESENTS TO NEEDY
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PROVIDE YOUTH ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUTHS

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 40,022 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 42,024)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 40,022

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		X
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		X
3	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		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII • Did the organization report an amount for other assets related in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	Yes	No
			X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
b Is the organization 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		
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	X	
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	X	
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
4a	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)?		X
4b	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		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter.		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	a The governing body?	X	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11a	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		X
12b	b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
12c	c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► NONE
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► MILES CITY ELKS LODGE 619 PLEASANT ST

MILES CITY

MT 59301

406-234-3234

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	8,760				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			8,760			
Program Service Revenue			Busn. Code				
	2a MEMBERS DUES			11,219	11,219		
	b INITIATION & OTHER FEES			135	135		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			11,354			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			508	508		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	1,111				
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less rental exps					
	c Rental inc or (loss)		1,111				
	d Net rental income or (loss)			1,111	1,111		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		b Less cost or other basis & sales exps					
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	34,974					
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	13,264				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			21,710	21,710		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code					
11a NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING			446		446		
b MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			22		22		
c RADIO AUCTION			-1,887	-1,887			
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			-1,419				
12 Total Revenue. See instructions.			42,024	11,086	21,710	468	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	1,650	1,650		
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	1,289	1,289		
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,785	1,785		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	937	937		
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a UTILITIES - CLUB	5,841	5,841		
b UTILITIES - LODGE	5,841	5,841		
c GRAND LODGE & ST DUES	3,272	3,272		
d INSURANCE - CLUB	2,902	2,902		
e REPAIRS - LODGE	2,779	2,779		
f All other expenses	13,726	13,726		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	40,022	40,022		
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	25,542	1	29,715
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	15,187	2	15,187
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	719	8	1,482
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 284,650		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 261,154	24,434	10c 23,496
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		65,882	16	69,880
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,049	17	3,577
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	10,365	19	9,833
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		11,414	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	38,703	27	42,721
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	15,765	28	13,749
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances		54,468	33	56,470
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		65,882	34	69,880

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____

If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a	X	
2b		X
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization: BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS #537. Employer identification number: 81-0110615

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Conservation Easements section including questions 1-9 and a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a-2d.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets section including questions 1a-1b and 2a-2b with dollar amounts.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	_____
1d	_____
1e	_____
1f	_____

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b Contributions	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
d Grants or scholarships	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
f Administrative expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
g End of year balance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
- c Term endowment ▶ _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	_____	20,000	_____	20,000
b Buildings	_____	192,563	192,563	_____
c Leasehold improvements	_____	_____	_____	_____
d Equipment	_____	72,087	68,591	3,496
e Other	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				23,496

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS
PROVIDE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDING
MEETINGS, MEALS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, AND OPERATION OF
LOUNGE FOR MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11A - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
ORGANIZATION REVIEWS FORM 990 AT BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING SUBMISSION.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON WRITTEN REQUEST
PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity
GRAND LODGE OF THE BENEVOLENT & 7 LILAC DRIVE WINGDALE NY 12594-1322	FRATERNAL	NY			N/A

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?
							Yes	No		

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-f)	(c) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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Form 990, Part IX, Line 24f - All Other Expenses

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
SUPPLIES	\$ 2,607	\$ 2,607		
ADVERTISING	2,136	2,136		
SUPPLIES - LODGE	1,980	1,980		
INSURANCE - LODGE	1,563	1,563		
TAXES/LICENSES	1,558	1,558		
ADVERTISING - LODGE	1,333	1,333		
REPAIRS - CLUB	1,081	1,081		
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	661	661		
MISCELLANEOUS - LODGE	356	356		
DUES - CLUB	260	260		
PROPERTY TAXES - LODGE	176	176		
LICENSES - LODGE	15	15		
TOTAL	\$ 13,726	\$ 13,726	\$ 0	\$ 0

Tax Depreciation Schedule

Asset Id	Property Description	Date In Service	Tax-Meth Conv	Tax Period	Tax Cost	Tax Sec 179 Exp	Tax Prior Depreciation	Tax Current Depreciation	Tax End Depr
Group: BUILDING									
1	LODGE BUILDING	1/01/40	S/L-MO	40.0	192,562.98	0.00	192,562.98	0.00	192,562.98
				BUILDING c	192,562.98	0.00	192,562.98	0.00	192,562.98
Group: FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT									
2	FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT - OLD	1/01/90	S/L-MO	7.0	65,850.99	0.00	65,850.99	0.00	65,850.99
3	RANGE HOOD	8/16/06	S/L-MO	7.0	3,260.00	0.00	1,203.09	465.71	1,668.80
4	DISHWASHER	2/27/07	S/L-MO	7.0	850.00	0.00	252.98	121.43	374.41
5	TELEVISION SET	10/23/06	S/L-MO	5.0	229.00	0.00	110.68	45.80	156.48
6	TELEVISION SET	2/23/07	S/L-MO	5.0	350.00	0.00	145.83	70.00	215.83
8	CASH REGISTER	11/11/08	S/L-MO	5.0	239.00	0.00	19.92	47.80	67.72
9	TABLES AND CHAIRS	10/22/08	S/L-MO	7.0	627.95	0.00	37.38	89.71	127.09
10	TABLES AND CHAIRS	11/30/08	S/L-MO	7.0	380.00	0.00	18.10	54.29	72.39
11	DRAPERIES	11/30/08	S/L-MO	7.0	300.00	0.00	14.29	42.86	57.15
				FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT c	72,086.94	0.00	67,653.26	937.60	68,590.86
Group: LAND									
7	LAND	1/01/40	--	0.0	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				LAND c	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Grand Total c				284,649.92	0.00	260,216.24	937.60	261,153.84