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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**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, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 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.

OMB No 1545-1150

2010**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 4/1/2010, and ending 3/31/2011

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

C Name of organization
BPOE OF THE USA - LODGE NO. 131

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P. O. BOX 2006

City or town state or country ZIP + 4
BATTLE CREEK MI 49015

D Employer identification number
38-0341606

E Telephone number
(269) 231-0333

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: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 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 \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 38,787

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I. ☐

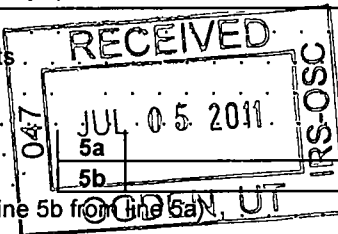
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	10,672
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	15,673	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	6,813	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	8,860	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	12,442	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	31,974	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	960
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,200
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	6,144
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,559
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	22,574
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	32,437	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-463
	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	19,708
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	19,245

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions).		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, explain in Schedule O 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 a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization 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 (see instructions)?		X
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?		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 tax year covered by this return?		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 did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.		
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.		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ MI		
42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ GEORGE SCOTT SECRETARY Telephone no. ▶ 269-231-0333		
Located at ▶ 1132 MEACHEM City BATTLE CREEK ST MI ZIP + 4 ▶ 49037		
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)?		X
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.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ 43		
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

	Yes	No
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45	X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45a	X
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.	46	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 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

	Yes	No
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
Name <u>None</u> Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____	Title _____ Hr/WK _____ .00			
Name _____ Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____	Title _____ Hr/WK _____ .00			
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Name _____ Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____	Title _____ Hr/WK _____ .00			

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
Name <u>None</u> Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____		
Name _____ Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____		
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Name _____ Str _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____		

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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: George W. Scott Date: June 30 2011
 Type or print name and title: GEORGE SCOTT SECRETARY

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: Michael F. McLain Preparer's signature: Michael F. McLain Date: 6/30/2011 Check if self-employed: ☒ PTIN: P00356238
 Firm's name: Michael McLain, CPA Firm's EIN: 38-2482761
 Firm's address: 223 W. Mansion St., Marshall, MI 49068 Phone no: (269) 962-9276

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

Part I, Line 1 (990-EZ) - Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Similar Amounts Received

1	Contributions	1	2,237
2	Noncash contributions	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments (contributions from the public)	3	8,435
4	Government contributions (grants)	4	
5	Commercial co-venture	5	
6	Special events contributions (Line 6 - Special Events)	6	0
7	Associated organization contributions	7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11	Total	11	10,672