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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.

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning

04-01, 2010, and ending

03-31, 2011

B Check if applicable:

☐ Address change☐ Name change☐ Initial return☐ Terminated☐ Amended return☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

BPO ELKS NO 297

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO BOX 1662

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

DUBUQUE, IA 52004-1662

D Employer identification number

42-0135980

E Telephone number

(563) 583-5708

F Group Exemption

Number ► 1156

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

I Website: ►

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(8) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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. ► \$ 77,921

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	15,609
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	13,340
	4	Investment income	4	734
	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	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	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	
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	48,238	
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	34,252	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	13,986	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	43,669	
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	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	498
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	27,377
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,523
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	26,120
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	56,518
Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(12,849)
	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	83,973
	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	71,124

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Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	38,028	22 26,757
23 Land and buildings	45,549	23 42,894
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	2,009	24 2,270
25 Total assets	85,586	25 71,921
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,613	26 797
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	83,973	27 71,124

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **TO PROMOTE WELL-BEING**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 TO PROMOTE WELL-BEING THROUGH NUMEROUS SERVICE

ACTIVITIES, CHARITABLE PROGRAMS, TRAINING CENTERS,
RECREATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR YOUTHS.

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (see the instructions for Part IV)

☐[illegible]

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," attach 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 40a , section 4912 40b ; section 4955 40c		
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. IA ,		
42 a The organization's books are in care of THELMA J ROBERTS Telephone no 563-583-5708 Located at PO BOX 1662 DUBUQUE, IA ZIP + 4 52004-1662		
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 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		

45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45	Yes	No
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 (see instructions)	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 ☐

47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	Yes	No
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a	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

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	X <i>Alice Wolf</i> Signature of officer		06-13-2011 Date		
	<i>Alice Wolf Exalted Ruler</i> Type or print name and title		06-13-2011 Date		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☒ if self-employed	PTIN
	RON THEISEN <i>Ron Theisen</i>	RON THEISEN	06-13-2011		
	Firm's name	THEISEN BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE		Firm's EIN	42-1453212
	Firm's address	1950 JFK RD DUBUQUE IA 52002		Phone no	563-583-3587

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

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization	Employer identification number
BPO ELKS NO 297	42-0135980

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

BPO ELKS NO 297

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Employer identification number

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01. Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)

Description	Amount
FEES AND DUES	3,502
GOODFELLOWS EXPENSE	10,381
INSURANCE	4,364
LODGE ACTIVITIES	1,298
PERMITS AND LICENSES	739
OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,659
OFFICE SUPPLIES	479
STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS	3,698

02. Description of other assets (Part II, line 24)

Category	Beginning	
	of Year	End of Year
INVENTORY	2,009	2,270

03. Description of total liabilities (Part II, line 26)

Category	Beginning	
	of Year	End of Year
ACCRUED SALES TAX	1,613	797

Form **4562**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

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Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

BPO ELKS #297

Business or activity to which this form relates

FORM 990-T

Identifying number

42-0135980

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 instructions)	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	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
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	0.00
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	0.00
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2009 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	0.00
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2011. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	0.00

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	1,327.00

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 2010	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 2010 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	
			27 5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2010 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	1,327.00
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	

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