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Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2011**Open to Public 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, 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.

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2011, and ending , 20

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

C Name of organization
Sons of Norway, Bernt Balchen Lodge 2-46

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
8141 Briarwood Street

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Anchorage, AK 99518-3324

D Employer identification number
23-7345377

E Telephone number
(907) 349-1613

F Group Exemption Number ►

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: ► **sofnalaska.com**

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 or a section 527 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 \$ **48,786**

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	2,301
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	5,618
	4	Investment income	4	1,038
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a	0	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b	0	
	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	0	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 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	39,039	
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c	21,069		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) 6d	17,970		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a	0		
b	Less: cost of goods sold 7b	0		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 7c	0		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) 8	790		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 9	27,717		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 10	4,700	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members 11	0	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12	0	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13	0	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14	9,800	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15	1,925	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 16	6,007	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 17	22,432		
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18	5,285	
	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	70,035	
	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	75,320	

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	70,035	22 75,320
23	Land and buildings	0	23 0
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25	Total assets	70,035	25 75,320
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	70,035	27 75,320

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐ **Expenses**
(Required for section

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?	Promotion of Norwegian culture, heritage & history
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Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

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

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract 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 significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	✓
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)	34	✓
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	✓
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	36	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0	37b	✓
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a 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?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	39a	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶	40b	
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	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. ▶ none		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Ingrid Braastad Telephone no. ▶ (907) 349-1613 Located at ▶ 8141 Briarwood Street, Anchorage, AK ZIP + 4 ▶ 99518-3324		
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)?	42b	✓
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 the U.S.?	42c	✓
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		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	✓
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	44b	✓
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	✓
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	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	✓
45b 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)	45b	✓

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. Yes No
46 ✓

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 or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II. Yes No
47

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) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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

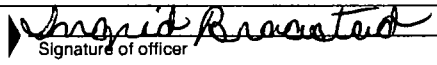
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(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 Date May 12, 2012

 Signature of officer
 Ingrid Braastad, Treasurer
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

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

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 8a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Sons of Norway, Bernt Balchen Lodge 2-46

Employer identification number

23-7345377

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- | (i) Name and address of individual
or entity (fundraiser) | (ii) Activity | (iii) Did fundraiser have
custody or control of
contributions? | | (iv) Gross receipts
from activity | (v) Amount paid to
(or retained by)
fundraiser listed in
col (i) | (vi) Amount paid to
(or retained by)
organization |
|--|---------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Yes | No | | | |
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| Total | | | | | | |

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Bazaar (event type)	(b) Event #2 Lutefisk Dinner (event type)	(c) Other events 1 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	9,306	7,843	6,375	23,524
	2 Less: Chantable contributions	9,306	7,843	6,375	23,524
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0	2,500	2,500
	5 Noncash prizes	0	0	0	0
	6 Rent/facility costs	0	0	1,270	1,270
	7 Food and beverages	656	4,712	288	5,656
	8 Entertainment	0	300	0	300
	9 Other direct expenses	364	100	185	649
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(10,375)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶				13,149

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				()
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- | | | | |
|-----------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 | Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| 12 | Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| 13 | Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in: | | |
| a | The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b | An outside facility | 13b | % |
| 14 | Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records: | | |

Name

Address ►

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____.
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶

Address ►

- 16** Gaming manager information:

Name ►

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions:
- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Name of the organization

Sons of Norway, Bernt Balchen Lodge 2-46

Employer identification number

23-7345377

Part 1, Line 8 - Other Revenue:

Language classes	380
Return stale dated check to cash	301
Craft day income	80
Miscellaneous income	29
total	790

Part 1, Line 10 - Grants and similar amounts:

Scholarship awards	4,000
Food Bank of Alaska	200
Ski for Light	300
Alaska Literacy Project	200
total	4,700

Part 1, Line 16, Other expenses:

Insurance	4,229
Supplies, general & kitchen	1,044
Permits/licenses	230
Office supplies	307
Miscellaneous	197
total	6,007