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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

2012

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A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012

, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable

Address change

Name change

Initial return

Terminated

Amended return

Application pending

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| C Name of organization THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF THE USA INC | D Employer identification number 58-1584857 |
| Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 10866 BUTLER RD | Room/suite |
| City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 NEWARK, OH 430558852 | 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: ► WWW.YORKRITE.COMJ Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c)(10) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527K 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 ► \$ 112,470

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

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| Revenue | 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received | 1 |
| | 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts | 2 |
| | 3 Membership dues and assessments | 3 82,108 |
| | 4 Investment income | 4 940 |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| Expenses | 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 |
| | 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 7a 29,422 |
| | b Less cost of goods sold | 7b 17,645 |
| | c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) | 7c 11,777 |
| | 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) | 8 |
| | 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ► | 9 94,825 |
| | 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) | 10 6,000 |
| | 11 Benefits paid to or for members | 11 |
| | 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits | 12 12,000 |
| Net Assets | 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors | 13 6,089 |
| | 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance | 14 5,686 |
| | 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping | 15 14,367 |
| | 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) | 16 16,151 |
| | 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ► | 17 60,293 |
| Net Assets | 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) | 18 34,532 |
| | 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) | 19 235,310 |
| | 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 20 0 |
| | 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ► | 21 269,842 |

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 | 233,354 | 22 | 258,772 |
| 23 Land and buildings | | 23 | |
| 24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) | 1,956 | 24 | 11,070 |
| 25 Total assets | 235,310 | 25 | 269,842 |
| 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) | 235,310 | 27 | 269,842 |

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE VARIOUS ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

28 TO ASSUME, HOLD AND EXERCISE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER SUCH MASONIC DEGREES THAT ARE NOT UNDER JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF SOME OTHER RECOGNIZED AND REGULARITY CONSTITUTED BODY OF FREEMASONRY, TO PRESERVE THESE DEGREES, AND TO ENGAGE IN, FOSTER, AND ENCOURAGE MASONIC STUDY AND RESEARCH, TO ESTABLISH AND ORGANIZE COUNCILS OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES AND BODIES ATTACHED THERE TO, SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND COUNCIL, AND TO ENACT LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF

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| (Grants \$ 0) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 28a | 49,343 |
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| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 29a | |
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| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 30a | |
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31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

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| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 31a | |
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| 32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) | ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 32 | 49,343 |
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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

| (a) Name and title | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| See Additional Data Table | | | | |
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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 |
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| 33 | | No |
| 34 | | No |
| 35a | | No |
| 35b | | |
| 35c | | No |
| 36 | | No |
| 37a | 0 | |
| 37b | | |
| 38a | | No |
| 38b | | |
| 39a | | |
| 39b | | |
| 40a | | |
| 40b | | |
| 40c | | |
| 40d | | |
| 40e | | No |
| 41 | | |
| 42a | Telephone no (740) 345-0828 | |
| | ZIP + 4 43055 | |
| 42b | | No |
| 42c | | No |
| 43 | 43 | |
| 44a | | No |
| 44b | | No |
| 44c | | No |
| 44d | | |
| 45a | | No |
| 45b | | |

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

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)

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)?

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

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

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

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► **37a** 0

b Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

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?

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

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities ► **39a** **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 ► _____

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 ► **40c**

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► **40d**

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 ► _____

42a The organization's books are in care of ► **FRANKLIN C BONER** Telephone no (740) 345-0828
Located at ► **10866 BUTLER RD NEWARK, OH** ZIP + 4 43055

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► _____
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts**.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? 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

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

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?

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

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

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)

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

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| 46 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations 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

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| 47 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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| 48 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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| 49a | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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| 49b | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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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 title of each employee paid more than \$100,000 | (b) 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 |
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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 |
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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.

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| Sign Here | ***** Signature of officer FRANKLIN BONER GRAND SECRETARY Type or print name and title | 2013-02-05 Date |
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| Paid Preparer Use Only | Print/Type preparer's name TIMOTHY S SOLT CPA | Preparer's signature TIMOTHY S SOLT CPA | Date | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN P00055832 |
| | Firm's name <input type="checkbox"/> WILSON SHANNON & SNOW INC | Firm's EIN <input type="checkbox"/> 31-0829879 | | | |
| | Firm's address <input type="checkbox"/> TEN WEST LOCUST STREET NEWARK, OH 43055 | Phone no (740) 345-6611 | | | |

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

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 to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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| Name of the organization THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF THE USA INC | Employer identification number 58-1584857 |
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| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4 | INTEREST 940 |
| INCOME FROM SALES OF INVENTORY | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 7 | INCOME GROSS RECEIPTS 29,422 RETURNS AND ALLOWANCES 0 LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD 17,645 GROSS PROFIT 11,777 COST OF GOODS SOLD INVENTORY AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 0 MERCHANDISE PURCHASED 17,645 COST OF LABOR 0 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES 0 OTHER COSTS 0 INVENTORY AT END OF YEAR 0 COST OF GOODS SOLD 17,645 |
| GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION DONATION GRANTEE NAME DE MOLAY INTERNATIONAL AMOUNT GIVEN 1,500 |
| GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION DONATION GRANTEE NAME INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW AMOUNT GIVEN 1,500 |
| GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION DONATION GRANTEE NAME GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL AMOUNT GIVEN 1,500 |
| GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 | ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION DONATION GRANTEE NAME INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS AMOUNT GIVEN 1,500 TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10 6,000 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 | DESCRIPTION BANK CHARGES AMOUNT 28 DESCRIPTION DEPRECIATION AMOUNT 886 DESCRIPTION GRAND MASTER EXPENSE AMOUNT 7,391 DESCRIPTION TRAVEL & GUEST EXPENSE AMOUNT 3,232 DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS AMOUNT 67 DESCRIPTION OFFICE SUPPLIES AMOUNT 9 DESCRIPTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE AMOUNT 100 DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AMOUNT 438 DESCRIPTION GRAND SECRETARY EXPENSE AMOUNT 4,000 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 16,151 |
| OTHER ASSETS | FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 | DESCRIPTION REFUNDABLE HOTEL DEPOSIT BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 0 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 10,000 DESCRIPTION OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 1,956 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 1,070 |

TY 2012 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC
DEGREES OF THE USA INC

EIN: 58-1584857

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 58-1584857
Name: THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF THE USA INC

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

| (a) Name and title | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| DOUGLAS L JORDAN PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JOE R MANNING JR SOVEREING GRAND MASTER | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MATTHEW D DUPREE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J M JIMMY WILLSON GRAND TREASURER | 20 00 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| FRANKLIN C BONER GRAND SECRETARY | 20 00 | 8,800 | 0 | 0 |
| WILLIAM H KOON II SENIOR GRAND WARDEN | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ROBERT G DAVIS JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DOUGLASS S MOORE SENIOR GRAND DEACON | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LAWRENCE E TUCKER JUNIOR GRAND DEACON | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GARY B HENSON GRAND CHAPLAIN | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JEFFREY L COOK GRAND LECTURER | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHRIS M JESSEN GRAND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |