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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.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

2012

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A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning **APRIL 1**, 2012, and ending **MARCH 31**, 20 **13**

B Check if applicable:

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

C Name of organization

BPOE OHIO RIVER VALLEY LODGE NO 231

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

Room/suite

14 NORTH FOURTH STREET

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

MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935**D Employer Identification number**

34-1314445

E Telephone number

740-633-2059

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: ►

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 **\$ 56,934**

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

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
6	Gaming and fundraising events	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				
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)				
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8		
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		11	Benefits paid to or for members		
		12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		
		13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		
		14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
		15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
		16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
		17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		
		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)		
		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		
		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		

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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 ☐

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Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)	Expenses
	Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>	(Required for section

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	Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>	(Required for section 501(c)(3) organizations)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?	FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETY	(Required for Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4))
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Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES AS PROVIDED IN CHARTER AND BYLAWS		
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31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
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32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32
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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 ☐

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a 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?	37b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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:		
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	
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	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 ► _____		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► ROSEMARY DURANT Telephone no. ► 740-633-2059 Located at ► 14 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MARTINS FERRY, OH ZIP + 4 ► 43935		
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	42b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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: ► _____	42c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	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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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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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

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	Signature of officer <i>James L. Nicholson</i> <i>Treas.</i>	Date <i>06/18/2013</i>
	Type or print name and title <i>JAMES L NICHOLSON TREASURER</i>	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name JACK R STEPHENS	Preparer's signature <i>Jack R Stephens</i> <i>CPA</i>	Date 6-12-13	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01284598
	Firm's name ▶ JACK R STEPHENS, CPA	Firm's EIN ▶ 34-1537113		Phone no. 740-671-2670	
	Firm's address ▶ 3491 ELK AVE, SHADYSIDE, OH 43947				

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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

BPOE OHIO RIVER VALLEY LODGE NO 231

Employer identification number

34-1314445

PART I, LINE 8 - OTHER REVENUE

FUND RAISING 2,103

MISCELLANEOUS 11,699

TOTAL LINE 8 13,802

PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

CONVENTION EXPENSES 2,264

DONATIONS 901

DUES-NATIONAL, DISTRICT,LOCAL 6,543

INSURANCE 2,851

SUPPLIES 482

TAXES 2,527

TOTAL LINE 16 15,568

PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS

INVENTORIES 1,619

PART II, LINE 26 - TOTAL LIABILITIES

TAXES PAYABLE 1,813