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

OMB No 1545-1150

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Internal Revenue Service

► Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

► Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04/01/14, and ending 03/31/15****B Check if applicable**

Address change
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 Initial return
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 Application pending

C Name of organization**BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS LODGE 1216**

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

1216 DEVILS LAKE**D Employer identification number****45-0127040****E Telephone number****701-662-4915****F Group Exemption****Number ► 1156****G Accounting Method** Cash Accrual Other (specify) ►**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 Form of organization** Corporation Trust Association Other**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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

► \$ **123,107****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

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	2,207
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	31,994
4	Investment income	4	1
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	6a	17,400
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6b	of contributions
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6c	5,517
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6d	11,883
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	7a	70,292
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7b	34,077
b	Less cost of goods sold	7c	36,215
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	8	1,213
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	9	83,513
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	10	9,976
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	11	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	12	19,815
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	13	1,835
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	14	19,264
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	15	3,256
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	16	34,032
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	17	88,178
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	18	-4,665
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	19	28,104
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	
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	21	23,439
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20		

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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

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

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

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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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 40c

c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40d

d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40e

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 40f

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► **NONE**42a The organization's books are in care of ► **DONALD BRINTNELL**Telephone no ► **701-662-2023**

PO BOX 312

Located at ► **DEVILS LAKE**

ND

ZIP + 4 ►

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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 ► _____

42b	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

42c	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

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 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

b 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

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

47	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
48	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
49a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
49b	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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

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

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	(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 ► _____

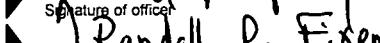
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

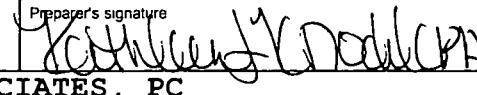
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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 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 ►  Randall P. Fixen Type or print name and title	6/4/15 Date 6
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KATHLEEN L KNODEL, CPA Firm's name ► BRITSCH & ASSOCIATES, PC Firm's address ► 415 6TH AVE NE DEVILS LAKE, ND 58301	Preparer's signature  Date 05/29/15 Firm's EIN ► 20-1746221 Phone no 701-662-8724	Date 05/29/15 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P01039907 Firm's EIN ► 20-1746221 Phone no 701-662-8724
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► Yes No

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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 6a

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► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

**BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS LODGE 1216**Employer identification number
45-0127040**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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

 Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fund-raiser 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
1		Yes	No		
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
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

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Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2014

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

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
1	Gross receipts				
2	Less Contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
4	Cash prizes				
5	Noncash prizes				
6	Rent/facility costs				
7	Food and beverages				
8	Entertainment				
9	Other direct expenses				
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				►
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				►

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

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross revenue				17,400
2	Cash prizes				
3	Noncash prizes				5,318
4	Rent/facility costs				
5	Other direct expenses				199
6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100.00 % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				► 5,517
8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				► 11,883

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities **ND**

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?
b If "No," explain

Yes No

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If "Yes," explain

Yes No

11 Does the organization conduct 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 conducted 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 ► PERRY GARSKE
PO BOX 757

Address ► DEVILS LAKE

ND 58301

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 ► PERRY GARSKE

Gaming manager compensation ► \$

Description of services provided ► MANAGEMENT OF GAMING RECORDS

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. 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 provide any additional information (see instructions)

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.

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**BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS LODGE 1216**Employer identification number
45-0127040**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8 - OTHER REVENUE**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 613
RENTAL INCOME	\$ 600
TOTAL	\$ 1,213

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$ 1,836
OFFICE	\$ 1,505
INSURANCE	\$ 2,625
SUPPLIES	\$ 2,683
LICENSE & FEES	\$ 12,463
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 683
LODGE ASSESSMENT	\$ 972
OFFICER EXPENSE	\$ 3,615
CONVENTION & TRAVEL EXPEN	\$ 1,871
MEMBERSHIP & EVENT EXPENS	\$ 2,551
BANK CHARGES	\$ 817
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 554
CASH LONG/SHORT	\$ 176
NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION	\$ 1,681
TOTAL	\$ 34,032

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014)

Name of the organization

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER

Employer identification number

45-0127040**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS**

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,729
EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,376	\$ 25,376
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	\$ 21,403	\$ 23,084
TOTAL	\$ 7,057	\$ 5,021

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
PREPAID DUES	\$ 22,233	\$ 60
PAYROLL TAXES TO BE PAID	\$ 1,184	\$ 909
SALES TAXES TO BE PAID	\$ 1,422	\$ 1,723

Federal Statements**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 3 - Membership Dues and Assessments**

Description	Amount
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 31,994
TOTAL	\$ 31,994

Form 4562

Depreciation and Amortization

(Including Information on Listed Property)

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► Attach to your tax return.
► Information about Form 4562 and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form4562.

Name(s) shown on return

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS LODGE 1216Identifying number
45-0127040

Business or activity to which this form relates

INDIRECT DEPRECIATION

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	500,000
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	2,000,000
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		
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2013 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		
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2015 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13		

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	

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 2014	17	1,681
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		<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2014 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 2014 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	1,681
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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THERE ARE NO AMOUNTS FOR PAGE 2