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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2014, and ending 03-31-2015

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE USA

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite
PO BOX 910

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HAVRE, MT 59501

D Employer identification number
81-0110402

E Telephone number
(406) 390-0091

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 Form of organization ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☒ Other board of trustees

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. \$ 99,040

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	1,210
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	11,974
	4	Investment income	4	0
	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	6d	6,980
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	3,180
	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	3,800
Expenses	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	6,980
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	78,876
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	31,775
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	47,101
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	67,265
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	1,200
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	37,832
Net Assets	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	619
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	14,167
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	13,894
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	67,712
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-447
	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	30,932
	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	30,485

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	31,204	22	31,285
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	0
25 Total assets	31,204	25	31,285
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	272	26	800
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	30,932	27	30,485

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?
benevolent and protective order non profit membership organization

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 local scholarships for 6 local high school youth for college
(Grants \$ 1,200) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

0

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

0

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
Robert Niewenhuyse Exalted Ruler	4	0	0	0
Brandalyn Kurtz Secretary	6	0	0	0
Matt Kretchmer Leading Knight	2	0	0	0

Part VOther 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	No	
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	No	
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	No	
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	No	
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	No	
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?	37b	No	
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	No	
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), 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	40b		
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			
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	No	
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	MT		
42a The organization's books are in care of	Brandalyn Kurtz	Telephone no	(406) 390-0091
Located at	1651 11th St W Havre, MT	ZIP + 4	59501
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	Yes	No
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			
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 ?	42c	Yes	No
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	Yes	No
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	Yes	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	Yes	No
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	Yes	No
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	Yes	No
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	Yes	No

		Yes	No
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		No

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 ☐

		Yes	No
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		
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?		
49b	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	
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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.	
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52	Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A	☐ Yes ☐ No
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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			2015-05-20		
	Signature of officer		Date		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Brandalyn Kurtz Secretary				
	Type or print name and title				
	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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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.

**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Name of the organization
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE USA

Employer identification number

81-0110402

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16	
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26	notes payable