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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 private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150 2014

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For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04/01/14 , and ending 03/31/15 Check if applicable C Name of organization D Employer identification number Address change BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF Name change ELKS OF THE USA #246 81-0110618 Initial return Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite E Telephone number Final return/terminated P.O. BOX 532 406-220-2049 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Amended return F Group Exemption LIVINGSTON Application pending MT 59047-0532 Number > Accounting Method. Cash |X| Accrual Other (specify) ▶ Check  $\triangleright |X|$  if the organization is not Website: ► N/A required to attach Schedule B Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) X 501(c)( 8) (insert no) 527 (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF). Form of organization. X Corporation Trust Association Other 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 143,935 ▶ \$ 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 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 000 1 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 2 3 Membership dues and assessments SEE STATEMENT 3 Investment income 4 Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a Less cost or other basis and sales expenses Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 5c Gaming and fundraising events 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 Guf-the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$1,5,000) 6b 31,613 c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines and 6b and subtract 6d 10,992 Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances.

Less. cost of goods sold 902 7a 7b 833 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 52,069 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) 1 8 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 9 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 10 11 Benefits paid to or for members 11 34,866 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 595 13 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 43,510 16 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 102,160 17 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18 Net Assets 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) 186,986 19 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) 20 20 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 186,307 For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form 990-EZ (2014)

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24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)			7.0	24	73,172
25 Total assets			2 2 2 2 2 2	25	199,141
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Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the Part V instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V Yes No Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a 33 X detailed description of each activity in Schedule O Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed 34 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 Χ 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 Х 35b 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 X 35c 36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets X during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 36 ▶ | 37a | 37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? X 37b 38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were Х 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 Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a 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 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 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 Χ 40e NONE List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41 42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ JANE HAUGEN 406-220-2049 Telephone no. ▶ P.O. BOX 532 ZIP + 4 ▶ 59047 Located at ▶ LIVINGSTON b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over Yes No 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 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 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here ▶ 43 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year Yes No 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 44h Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c 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 X 45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a 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) Form 990-EZ (2014)

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## **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.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Inspection **Employer Identification number** 

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Pa	Fundraising Activities. Complete if Form 990-EZ filers are not required to				red "Yes" to Form 9	990, Part IV, line	17.
1	Indicate whether the organization raised funds through a	ny of the following	activit	ies. C	Check all that apply.		
а	Mail solicitations	Solicitation	of nor	1-gov	ernment grants		
b	Internet and email solicitations	F Solicitation		-	<del>-</del>		
С	Phone solicitations	g 🔲 Special fund	-		-		
d	In-person solicitations			•			
	Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fur compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization	connection with pr	rofess it to a	ional green	fundraising services?		Yes No
	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(II) Activity	(iii) Did raiser custo conti	have dy or	(Iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
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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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а	Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? If "No," explain	Yes No
	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  If "Yes," explain:	Yes No

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8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)

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11	Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?		res	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?	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	res	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:			
а	The organization's facility			<u>%</u>
b	An outside facility 131	<u> </u>		<u>%</u>
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and			
	records:			
	Name ▶			
	Address ▶			
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	revenue?	'	Yes	No
D	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization > \$ and the			
С	amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party.			
Ţ	Name ▶			
	Address ►			
16	Gaming manager information:			
	Name ▶			
	Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$			
	Description of services provided ►			
	Director/officer Employee Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions:			
а	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			
W	spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$	<del></del>		
rai	Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (			
	Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information instructions).	m (see		
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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

## 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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Name of the organization BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE USA #246

Employer Identification number 81-0110618

FORM	990-EZ,	PART	I,	LINE	8 -	OTHER	REV	ENUE
DESCRIPTION AMOUNT							AMOUNT	
MISCE	CLLANEOUS	SINCO	OME				\$	3,469
OTHER	R FEES						\$	1,941
						TOTAL	\$	5,410

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 -	OTHER EXPENS	EES
DESCRIPTION	AMC	UNT
BAR SALES		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$	34
OFFICE	\$	355
INSURANCE	\$	1,284
BANK FEES	\$	464
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	52
EQUIPMENT RENT	\$	391
SUPPLIES	\$	1,308
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$	1,556
TAXES/LICENSES	\$	197
NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION	\$	545
UNRELATED BAR SALES		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$	51
OFFICE	\$	528
INSURANCE	\$	1,911
BANK FEES	\$	690
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	78

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014) Page 2 Name of the organization Employer identification number BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF 81-0110618 582 EQUIPMENT RENT \$ SUPPLIES \$ 1,946 \$ TAXES/LICENSES 294 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION \$ 812 **EXPENSES** OFFICE \$ 984 CONFERENCES/MEETINGS \$ 1,916 INSURANCE \$ 4,136 BANK CHARGES 309 CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 9,070 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS \$ 1,933 LICENSES 20 MISCELLANEOUS 114 PER CAPITA - GRAND LODGE \$ 4,624 PER CAPITA - STATE \$ 1,001 SCHOLARSHIPS \$ 2,750 SUPPLIES \$ 860 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 2,715 TOTAL \$ 43,510 FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	BEG.	OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE	\$	7,271	\$ 8,222
	\$	390,730	\$ 390,730
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	\$	321,707	\$ 325,780
Т	OTAL \$	76,294	\$ 73,172

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014)			Р	age <u>2</u>
Name of the organization		Employer id	entification number	
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FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITI	ES			
DESCRIPTION	BEG. C	OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	Ł
DEFERRED REVENUE	\$	9,530	\$ 10,97	1
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	Ś	1.947	\$ 1.86	53

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 31 - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES MEMBER BENEFITS.

THE ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED IN CHARITABLE GIVING,

SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS TO YOUTHS OF THE COMMUNITY.