

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ 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 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending		D Employer identification number	
B Check if applicable		E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	C Name of organization	58-1584857	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF THE USA INC	(515) 288-8927	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)	F Group Exemption Number ▶	
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	519 PARK STREET		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town State ZIP code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	DES MOINES IA 50309-1613		
	Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code		
G Accounting Method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶		H Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (10) ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> 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		\$ 127,819	

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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	103,620
4	Investment income	4	6,706
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	0
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	
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	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	17,493
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	7,049
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	10,444
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	120,770
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	11,500
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	4,000
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	3,000
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	23,482
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	25,304
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	73,286
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	47,484
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	297,947
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	345,431

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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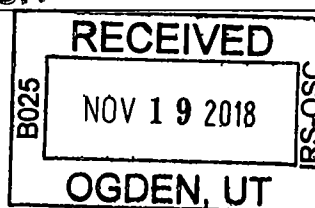
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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

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	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	296,778	22	343,540
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,269	24	1,891
25 Total assets	298,047	25	345,431
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	100	26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	297,947	27	345,431

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

☐**Expenses**

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE VARIOUS ALLIED MASONIC

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, (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 TO ENGAGE, 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 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 FOR THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	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

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(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 S. MOORE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER	Hr/WK 10 00	0	0	0
LAWRENCE E. TUCKER DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	Hr/WK 10 00	0	0	0
GARY B. HINSON SENIOR GRAND WARDEN	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
DAVID DIXON GOODWIN JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
PAUL STEPHEN NEWHALL GRAND TREASURER	Hr/WK 20 00	1,500	0	0
W. CHARLE SMITHSON GRAND SECRETARY	Hr/WK 20 00	0	0	0
SHANE A. HARSHBARGER SENIOR GRAND DEACON	Hr/WK 5 00	10,000	0	0
GLEN A. COOK JUNIOR GRAND DEACON	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
MOHAMAD A. YATIM GRAND CHAPLAIN	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
AARON SHOEMAKER GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
MICHAEL D. CECIL GRAND MARSHALL	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0
W. BERRY RIDGON GRAND TYLER	Hr/WK 5 00	0	0	0

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		X
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)		X
35 a 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)?		X
35 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		
35 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
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		X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0		
37 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a 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?		X
38 b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
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		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a , section 4912 40a , section 4955 40a		
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		
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 40c		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41		
42 a The organization's books are in care of 42a SHANE A HARSHBARGER Telephone no 42a (515) 288-8927 Located at 42a 519 PARK STREET City 42a DES MOINES ST 42a IA ZIP + 4 42a 50309-1613		
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 See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		X
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		X
43 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 43		
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
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		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
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		
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45 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)		X

	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 ☐

	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			

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"


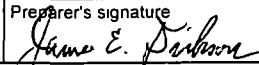
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		
Name		
City		

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 		Date 11/15/18	
	Type or print name and title James E. Dickson Secretary			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature 	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN
	JAMES E DICKSON		10/25/2018	P00435908
	Firm's name ▶ JAMES E DICKSON, CPA, CFP	Firm's EIN ▶ 42-1392243		
	Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 322, AMES, IA 50010-0322	Phone no (515) 232-5160		

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.

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

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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

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Conferences, conventions, and meetings 4,864

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Equipment rental and maintenance 922

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Supplies 1,029

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Telephone 2,500

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Bank Charges 596

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Expense Reimbursements 11,500

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Web Page 400

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Postage and UPS 2,716

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Miscellaneous 777

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Accounts Receivable Beginning of year 1,269,

End of year 1,891

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities Beginning of year 100, End of year 0

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