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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015**

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

**C** Name of organization  
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF 444 CARPINTERIA  
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
5421 CARPINTERIA AVENUE  
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
CARPINTERIA, CA 93013

**D** Employer identification number  
95-1649909  
**E** Telephone number  
(805) 896-7444  
**F** Group Exemption Number

**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: [N/A](#)

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(10) ☐ (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. **\$ 123,496**

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"/>									
Revenue	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	5,783
	4	Investment income . . . . .						4	1,706
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .				5a	7		
	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	7
	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	0		
	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	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .				7a			
	b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .				7b	0		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .						7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .						8	116,000	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8						9	123,496	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .						10	51,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .						11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .						12	6,842
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .						13	700
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .						14	18
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .						15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .						16	56,511
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16						17	115,071
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .						18	8,425
	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	272,984
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .						20	-4,618
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20						21	276,791

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

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 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others )	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? TO FOSTER MASONIC VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY, TO MEET OUR MEMBERS NEEDS, TO PROMOTE FRATERNAL TIES, AND TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, ONE MASON AT A TIME			
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			
<b>28</b>			
See Additional Data Table			
Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	
<b>29</b>			
Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	
<b>30</b>			
Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O )			
Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>32</b>	

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

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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 <b>Form 990-T</b> for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	35b	No
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 ▶ <b>37a</b>		
b	Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .	37b	No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee <b>or</b> 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 . <b>38b</b>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . <b>39a</b>	0	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . . <b>39b</b>	0	
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 ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>PAUL MAIN</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(805) 896-9747</u> Located at ▶ <u>5421 CARPINTERIA AVENUE CARPINTERIA, CA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>93013</u>		
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 <b>FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)</b>	42b	No
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	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> - Check here . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b>		
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	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ</i> . . . . .	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .	44c	No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . . . .	44d	No
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	45a	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	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 . . . . .		
		46	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 . . . . .	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	49b	

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
NONE				

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
NONE		

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	<div>*****</div> <div>Signature of officer</div>			<div>2016-08-15</div> <div>Date</div>	
	<div>PAUL MAIN Treasurer</div> <div>Type or print name and title</div>				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name MARK S BUCKLEY		Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P00484239
	Firm's name ▶ JERROLD F RABIN CPA & COMPANY				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶ 1145 EUGENIA PL STE 201 CARPINTERIA, CA 930132061				Phone no (805) 684-7866
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000324  
Software Version: 2015v2.0  
EIN: 95-1649909  
Name: FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF 444  
CARPINTERIA

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
<b>28</b> LODGE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE, AMOUNG OTHER THINGS, SPECIAL SERVICES TO WIDOWS (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>28a</b>	
<b>29</b> TO PROVIDE SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>29a</b>	

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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF 444 CARPINTERIA	Employer identification number  95-1649909
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Revenue 1	PAYMENT FROM AFFILIATE \$116000
Payments to Affiliates 1	Name CARPINTERIA MASONIC ASSOC, INC   Address 5421 CARPINTERIA AVENUE CARPINTERIA, CA 93013, CA 93013   Amount \$51200
Other Expenses 1	LODGE PROGRAMS \$23530
Other Expenses 2	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT \$11964
Other Expenses 3	SOCIAL/FRATERNAL EXPENSE \$8468
Other Expenses 4	PUBLIC SCHOOLS OBSERVANCE \$4065
Other Expenses 5	OFFICE SUPPLIES \$3320
Other Expenses 6	PER CAPITA DUES \$2890
Other Expenses 7	TELEPHONE & INTERNET \$1154
Other Expenses 8	PAYROLL EXPENSES \$1031
Other Expenses 9	BANK FEES \$89
Other Assets 1009	Notes and Loans Receivable - Beginning \$152000 Notes and Loans Receivable - Ending \$152000