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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceShort 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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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 4/1/2015, and ending 3/31/2016	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization BPOE OF THE USA - LODGE NO 131 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P O BOX 2006 City or town State ZIP code BATTLE CREEK MI 49015 Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code
	D Employer identification number 38-0341606 E Telephone number (269) 231-0333 F Group Exemption Number 1156
G Accounting Method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) _____ I Website: N/A J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(8) (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	
H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	

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. **\$ 43,912**

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	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	14,463
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	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	
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	3,988
	7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	728
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	3,260
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	25,461
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	43,184
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	960
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,100
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	18,760
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	353	
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	22,943	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	44,116	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-932
	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	26,831
	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	25,899

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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 ☐

	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		
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 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39 a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39 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 40b , section 4955 40c		
40 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		
40 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		
40 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		
40 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		
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41 MI		
42 a The organization's books are in care of 42a GEORGE SCOTT SECRETARY Telephone no 42a 269-963-8386 Located at 42b 1332 MEACHEM RD City BATTLE CREEK ST MI ZIP + 4 42b 49037		
42 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		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
42 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 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 44a		X
44 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		X
44 c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		X
44 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		
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a		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) 45b		X

- 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

	Yes	No
46		X

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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(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"

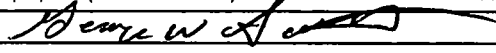
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City ST ZIP		
Name		
City ST ZIP		
Name		
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Name		
City ST ZIP		
Name		
City ST ZIP		

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		10-3-2016
	Signature of officer	Date
	GEORGE SCOTT	SECRETARY
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Michael F McLain CPA	Michael F McLain CPA	9/12/2016		P00536238
Firm's name ▶ Michael F McLain CPA	Firm's EIN ▶ 38-2482761			
Firm's address ▶ 223 W Mansion St, Marshall, MI 49068	Phone no 269-962-9276			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

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.

▶ 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

BPOE OF THE USA - LODGE NO 131

Employer identification number

38-0341606

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue FUND RAISING 1,037

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue RENTAL INCOME 1,381

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue CAMPING FEES 5,300

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue OTHER 327

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND # 1 1,700

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND # 2 2,600

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue INSURANCE PROCEEDS 12,800

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue FEES 316

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Fundraising 595

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Conferences, conventions, and meetings 1,719

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Supplies 412

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Taxes 5,741

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Insurance Expense 4,509

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Per Capita Expense 1,896

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Other Expenses 3,651

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Port A Jon Expense 720

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Transfer to Lodge 3,700

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets INVENTORY Beginning of year 1,147, End of year

2,300

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Employer identification number

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