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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).

OMB No 1545-1150

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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2015, and ending 03-31-2016**

**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 LODGE 1216  
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
1216 DEVILS LAKE  
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
DEVILS LAKE, ND 58301

**D** Employer identification number  
45-0127040  
**E** Telephone number  
(701) 662-4915  
**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: ☒ N/A

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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. \$ 140,486

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	676	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts					2	4,359	
	3	Membership dues and assessments					3	31,735	
	4	Investment income					4	1	
	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		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				6a	20,675		
	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	7,817		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)					6d	12,858	
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				7a	82,194		
	b	Less cost of goods sold				7b	38,060		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)					7c	44,134	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)					8	846	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8					9	94,609	
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)					10	10,978	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members					11		
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits					12	21,718	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors					13	1,941	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance					14	17,739	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping					15	2,630	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)					16	32,880	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16					17	87,886		
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)					18	6,723	
	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	23,439	
	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	30,162	

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	21,110	22	28,874
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	5,021	24	4,973
25 Total assets	26,131	25	33,847
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	2,692	26	3,685
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	23,439	27	30,162

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?  
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

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

DONATIONS WERE MADE TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS WERE MADE TO 6 AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

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

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
KELLY SWENSETH EXALTED RULE	3 00	0		
DONALD BRINTNELL TREASURER	1 00	0		
RANDALL FIXEN SECRETARY	1 00	3,600		
PERRY GARSKE TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
JOHN SWENSETH TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
JOHN NORD TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
DAVID LEE TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
DENNIS OLSON TRUSTEE	1 00	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 . . . . .		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) . . . . .		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)? . . . . .		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 . . . . .		
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 . . . . .		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 . . . . .		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="text"/>		
b	Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		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? . . . . .		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <input type="text"/>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter <input type="text"/>		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="text"/> , section 4912 <input type="text"/> , section 4955 <input type="text"/>		
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 <input type="text"/>		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="text"/>		
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 . . . . .		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="text"/>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="text"/> Telephone no <input type="text"/>		
	Located at <input type="text"/> ZIP + 4 <input type="text"/>		
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)? . . . . .	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/>		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)</b> . . . . .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? . . . . .		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/>		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="text"/>		
		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 . . . . .		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 . . . . .		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .		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 . . . . .		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		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) . . . . .		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

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

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>2016-05-26</div> <div>Date</div>				
	<div>PERRY GARSKE TRUSTEE</div> <div>Type or print name and title</div>						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KATHLEEN L KNODEL CPA		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-05-26	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01039907
	Firm's name <div>BRITSCH &amp; ASSOCIATES PC</div>					Firm's EIN <div>20-1746221</div>	
	Firm's address <div>415 6TH AVE NE DEVILS LAKE, ND 58301</div>					Phone no (701) 662-8724	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							

SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

▶ Information about Schedule G (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 BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS LODGE 1216	Employer identification number 45-0127040
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**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.  
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

**a** ☐ Mail solicitations

**b** ☐ Internet and email solicitations

**c** ☐ Phone solicitations

**d** ☐ In-person solicitations

**e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

**f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants

**g** ☐ Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

- 3** 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.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross receipts . . . . .			
	2	Less Contributions . . . . .			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes . . . . .			
	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .			
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .			
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .			
	8	Entertainment . . . . .			
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .			
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			
	11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶			

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross revenue . . . . .			20,675	20,675
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes . . . . .				
	3 Noncash prizes . . . . .			7,549	7,549
	4 Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	5 Other direct expenses . . . . .			268	268
	6 Volunteer labor . . . . .	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div></div>	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div></div>	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100.000 % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div></div>	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				7,817
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). . . . . ▶				12,858

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities ND

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☒ Yes ☐ 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?

☐ Yes ☒ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

PERRY GARSKE

Address ▶

PO BOX 757  
DEVILS LAKE,ND 58301

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

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Gaming manager information

Name ▶

PERRY GARSKE

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶

MANAGEMENT OF GAMING RECORDS

☒ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

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 distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part IV

Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**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  
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Inspection**Name of the organization  
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER  
OF ELKS LODGE 1216**Employer identification number**

45-0127040

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	RENTAL INCOME 450 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 396 TOTAL 846
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	5,550 0 0
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 1,646 OFFICE 3,200 INSURANCE 2,363 SUPPLIES 2,249 LICEN SE & FEES 12,727 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE 932 LODGE ASSESSMENT 936 OFFICER EXPENSE 2,677 CONV ENTION & TRAVEL EXPEN 575 MEMBERSHIP & EVENT EXPENS 3,427 BANK CHARGES 940 MISCELLANEOUS E XPENSE 270 CASH LONG/SHORT 97 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 841 TOTAL 32,880
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 2,729 3,522 EQUIPMENT 25,376 25,376 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 23,084 23,925 TOTAL 5,021 4,973
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	PREPAID DUES 60 0 PAYROLL TAXES TO BE PAID 909 1,333 SALES TAXES TO BE PAID 1,723 2,352