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Form 990

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2015, and ending 08-31-2016

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
order of the eastern star of
minnesota grand chapter

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 11501 MASONIC HOME DRIVE

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
bloomington, MN 55437

D Employer identification number

41-0460471

E Telephone number

(952) 948-6800

G Gross receipts \$ 422,710

F Name and address of principal officer

Michael C Powles
11501 MASONIC HOME DRIVE
bloomington, MN 55437H(a) Is this a group return for
subordinates? Yes NoH(b) Are all subordinates
Included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ► 0243

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) (10) (Insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► www.mnoes.comK Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 1878

M State of legal domicile
MN

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

THE COORDINATING BODY (GRAND CHAPTER) FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	4,399
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	0
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	2
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	138,154	141,584
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	16,022	15,656
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	94,436	70,541
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	248,612	227,781

	Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	89,548	104,009
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	23,451	23,229
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	61,509	52,639
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	174,508	179,877
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	74,104	47,904

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,198,808	1,299,054
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,009	1,168
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,196,799	1,297,886

Part II Signature Block

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	*****	2016-12-05
	Signature of officer	Date
	MICHAEL C POWLES grand Treasurer	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Daniel J Flicek	Preparer's signature Daniel J Flicek	Date 2016-12-05	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00076153
	Firm's name ► MAHONEYULBRICHCHRISTIANSEN & RUSS PA			Firm's EIN ► 41-1647057	
	Firm's address ► 10 RIVER PARK PLAZA SUITE 800 SAINT PAUL, MN 55107			Phone no (651) 227-6695	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE COORDINATING BODY (GRAND CHAPTER) FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 179,877 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 15,656

TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO ONE OF THE BENEFICENT PURPOSES OF FREE MASONRY WHICH IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE WELFARE OF WIVES, DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS AND SISTERS OF MASTER MASON

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ►

179.877

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?

3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.
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

5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

- a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
- b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII
- c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII
- d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX
- e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV

17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

	Yes	No
1		No
2	Yes	
3		No
4		
5		No
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11a		No
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e		No
11f		No
12a		No
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18		No
19		No
20a		No
20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	No	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	No	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	No	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	No	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	No	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	No	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	No	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	No	
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	No	
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	No	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	No	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No	
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	No	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	0
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	2
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	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)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	No
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	8	
	Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9b		9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	13a	
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13b	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year
1a 4,399

If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O

b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent
1b 0

2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?
2 No

3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?
3 No

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?
4 No

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?
5 No

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?
6 Yes

7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?
7a Yes

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?
7b Yes

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following
a The governing body?
8a Yes

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?
8b Yes

9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O
9 No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?
10a Yes

b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?
10b Yes

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?
11a No

b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990
12a No

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13
12b No

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?
12c No

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done
13 No

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?
14 No

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?
15 No

15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official
15a No

b Other officers or key employees of the organization
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)
15b No

16a No

b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?
16b No

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
MN

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
► Michael C Powles 11501 Masonic Home Drive Bloomington, MN 55437 (952) 948-6800

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

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Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b 54,440					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 87,144					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►		141,584				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code 999999						
			2a REGISTRATION FEES		15,656	15,656	
			b				
			c				
			d				
			e				
			f All other program service revenue				
			g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►		15,656		
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ►		31,928		31,928		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ►						
	5 Royalties ►						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss) ►						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		228,324	5,218				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		0				
	c Gain or (loss)	33,395	5,218				
	d Net gain or (loss) ►			38,613		38,613	
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a						
b Less direct expenses b							
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ►							
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a						
b Less direct expenses b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ►							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a						
b Less cost of goods sold b							
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►							
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ►		227,781	15,656	0	70,541		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	39,415	39,415		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	64,594	64,594		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	22,090	22,090		
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	1,139	1,139		
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	1,125	1,125		
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	14,306	14,306		
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	2,507	2,507		
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	3,400	3,400		
17 Travel	1,932	1,932		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	4,722	4,722		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	1,411	1,411		
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a program expense	23,236	23,236		
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	179,877	179,877	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	149,094
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	1,576
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	1,059,954	11
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	4,320	13
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,198,808	16
		1,299,054	1,299,054
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,009	17
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,009	26
		1,196,799	1,168
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,196,799	27
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	1,297,886
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,196,799	33
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,198,808	34
		1,297,886	1,299,054

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	227,781
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	179,877
3 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	47,904
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,196,799
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	53,183
6 Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7 Investment expenses	7	
8 Prior period adjustments	8	
9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,297,886

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b		No
2c		
3a		No
3b		

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22

► Attach to Form 990

► **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS	6		14,150	cost	
(2) M JOSEPHINE RUHSAM SCHOLARSHIPS	24		30,014	cost	
PAT RASMUSSEN CONTINUING (3) EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS	15		13,950	COST	
(4) BENEVOLENT FUND ASSISTANCE AND GGC PROJECT	2		6,480		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	APPLICANTS ARE ALL FROM THE UNITED STATES GRANT ACTIVITY IS MONITORED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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- ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
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41-0460471**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	the organization has members or stockholders
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	members, stockholders, or other persons may elect one or more members of the governing body

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	decisions of the governing body are subject to approval by members, stockholders or other persons
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	the board reviews the 990 before it is filed

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The organization makes its governing documents and financial statements available to the public upon request