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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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2016

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending , 20 16

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

**C** Name of organization  
**Mercer Island Lodge #297, F&AM of Washington**  
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**7360 81st Place SE**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**Mercer Island, WA 98040**

**D** Employer identification number  
**23-7582544**

**E** Telephone number  
**206-354-7508**

**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: ▶ **www.mercerislandmasons.org**

**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. ▶ \$ **47,547**

**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 ☐

	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																												
<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																												
<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments																												
<b>4</b> Investment income																												
<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																												
<b>5b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																												
<b>5c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																												
<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events																												
<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																												
<b>b</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)																												
<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																												
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																												
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																												
<b>7b</b> Less: cost of goods sold																												
<b>7c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																												
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																												
<b>9</b> Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																												
<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																												
<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members																												
<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																												
<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																												
<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																												
<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																												
<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																												
<b>17</b> Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																												
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																												
<b>19</b> 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)																												
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																												
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																												

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

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

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	156,177	22 159,096
23	Land and buildings . . . . .	0	23 0
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	191	24 0
25	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	156,308	25 159,096
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	1,120	26 1,374
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	155,188	27 157,222

**Part III** **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

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

## Expenses

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Fraternal community service organization**

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.

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

28	Annual high school scholarship program, operated for more than 35 years. Recognition of the top performing in the public high school and education grants to the top male and female graduating seniors		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29	Masonic Widow services, including outreach, social engagement, and other assistance as needed		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30	Donations to community services organizations including Mercer Island Youth and Family Services, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and Demolay		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . ▶	32	

**Part IV** List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

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

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**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
<b>33</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>34</b> 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) . . . . .		✓
<b>35a</b> 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)? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</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 . . . . .		
<b>c</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>36</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ <b>37a</b> . . . . .		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		✓
<b>38a</b> 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? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . . <b>38b</b> . . . . .		
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: . . . . .		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . <b>39a</b> . . . . .		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . . <b>39b</b> . . . . .		
<b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ . . . . . ; section 4912 ▶ . . . . . ; section 4955 ▶ . . . . .		
<b>b</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 . . . . .		
<b>c</b> 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 . . . . . ▶ . . . . .		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ . . . . .		
<b>e</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ . . . . .		
<b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of ▶ <b>John Gebhart</b> . . . . . Telephone no. ▶ <b>206-354-7508</b> Located at ▶ <b>7360 81st Place SE, Mercer Island, WA</b> . . . . . ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>98040</b>		
<b>b</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 FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ . . . . .		✓
<b>43</b> 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 . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b> . . . . .		
<b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓
<b>b</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 . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .		✓
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .		
<b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</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) . . . . .		✓

**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
<b>46</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

**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 . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>47</b>		

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

<b>48</b>		
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**49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .

<b>49a</b>		
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**b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .

<b>49b</b>		
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**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**

Signature of officer

Date

**Assistant Treasurer**

Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name ▶

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶

Phone no

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

☐ Yes ☐ 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, line 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

Employer identification number

Mercer Island Lodge #297, F&AM of Washington

23-7582544

**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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |

**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 10 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						
<b>Total</b>						

**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.

		(a) Event #1 <b>Fireworks Sale</b> (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	55,578			55,578
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	55,578			55,578
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	47,547			47,547
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				47,547
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				8,031	

**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.

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

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

- |           |  |                              |                             |
|-----------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>11</b> | Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> | 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>13</b> | Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in.   |                              |                             |
| <b>a</b>  | The organization's facility  | <b>13a</b>                   | %                           |
| <b>b</b>  | An outside facility  | <b>13b</b>                   | %                           |
| <b>14</b> | Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:                                      |                              |                             |

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ►

- 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 ►

- 16** Gaming manager information:

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ►

☐ 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 to be 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 provide any additional information. See instructions

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
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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.

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Name of the organization

Mercer Island Lodge #297, F&AM of Washington

Employer identification number

23-7582544

Page 1, Box B This return is amended from Form 990N (originally filed) to Form 990EZ due to a lack of understanding of the filing rules.

Line 10 \$3,361 - College scholarships and donations to Louisiana flood relief and Masonic service organizations

Line 16:

Meeting and meal costs - \$4,094

Community program registration and expenses - \$364

Lodge program expenses - \$2,306

Grand Lodge of Washington per capita assessment - \$1,175

Supplies - \$227

Travel expenses - \$100

D&O insurance - \$446

Bank fees - \$105

Website and telephone - \$240

Licenses and taxes - \$30

Total on Line 16 \$9,087

Line 20 Unrealized gain on investments - \$2,126

Line 24. Prepaid expenses as of 12/31/15 - \$191

Line 26. Deferred membership dues and assessments as of 12/31/14 and 12/31/16 of \$1,120 and \$1,374, respectively