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Form **990-EZ****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**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 20 17

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

C Name of organization
B. P. O. E. #1969
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P. O. BOX 566
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
CARTERSVILLE, GA 30120

D Employer identification number
58-0667135

E Telephone number
(770) 383-3357

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: ▶ _____

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. ▶ \$ **90909**

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

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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	22,761	22 37,454
23	Land and buildings	121,197	23 118,030
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25	Total assets	143,958	25 155,484
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	8,126	26 7,517
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	135,832	27 147,967

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

Expenses

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

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 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

(Grants \$ **10,652**) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

28a

29 CHRISTMAS PARTY ACTIVITY

(Grants \$ 539) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

29a

30 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

(Grants \$ **416**) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$ 2,220) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **10,000**

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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
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a 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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► ; section 4912 ► ; section 4955 ►		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ►		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ►		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ►		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► CARI WALKER Telephone no. ► (770) 608-5719		
Located at ► 206 KINCANNON RD. CARTERSVILLE, GA ZIP + 4 ► 30120		
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 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		<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
47		

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

48		
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- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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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 ▶

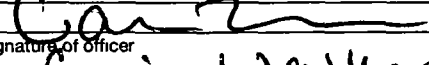
- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."


(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 6/9/17
	Type or print name and title Cari Walker Secretary	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name D. L. BOWMAN	Preparer's signature 	Date 6/9/17	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00232602
	Firm's name ▶ D. L. BOWMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.			Firm's EIN ▶ 58-2556536	
	Firm's address ▶ 2550 SANDY PLAINS RD SUITE 225 MARIETTA, GA 30066			Phone no. 770-565-8340	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

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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.

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Name of the organization

B. P. O. E. #1969

Employer identification number

58-0667135

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>GUN RAFFLE</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	24100			24100
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	24100			24100
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes	12848			12848
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	60			60
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				12908
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				11192	

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	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 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	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 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: _____

- 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 ▶ _____

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)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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PART I LINE 1

Contributions & Grants

Activities 1,829

ENF Income 9,999

Bld Fund 212

Aidmore 561

Contributions 694

Total 13,295

Part I Line 3

Members Dues & Assesments

Members Dues 10,303

Lodge Fees 3,579

Reinstatements 100

Initiation 500

Total 14,482

Part I Line 8

Lodge Meals 4,274

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Part I Line 10**Grants Paid**

Aidmore Childrens Home 100

Local Charities 1,297

National Foundation 10,652

Activities 539

Youth Activities 416

Hoop Shoot 448

Americanism 203

Public Safety 172

Total 13,827

Part I Line 13**Professional Fees**

Audit 750

Secretary 599

Total 1,349

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Part I Line 14

Occupancy

Insurance 3,319

Lodge Supplies 1,548

Other Expense 5,326

Grand Lodge Supplies 46

Repairs & Maintenance 1,084

Telephone 1,511

Electricity 4,777

Trash 776

Water 632

Television 1,973

Security 204

Depreciation 4,850

Cleaning 1,725

Total 27,771

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Part I Line 16**Other Expense**

Grand Lodge Dues 3,054

State Dues 980

State Convention 850

Exalted Ruler Exp 400

House Supplies 70

House License 1,080

House Taxes 1,135

Other House Exp 724

Petty Cash 2,389

Total 10,682

Part III Line 31

Aidmore Childrens Home 100

Local Charities 1,297

Hoop Shoot 448

Americanism 203

Public Safety 172

Total 2,220

Part V Line 35a

Reported sales are to members only