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For	m <b>J</b>	3U-EZ	Neturn of Organization Exempt From income 1	ал	<b>2016</b>
٠			Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private for	indations	
			▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made publi	c.	
Den	artment	of the Treasury	► Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at <u>www.irs.gov/</u>		Open to Public
-		enue Service			Inspection
		_	ar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2016 , and ending 03-31-2017		
		f applicable	C Name of organization BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF	D Emplo	yer identification number
_	Address Name c	s change hange	ELKS OF THE USA 246	81-01	10618
_	Initial r	-	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO BOX 532	E Telepho	one number
	Fınal re	turn/terminated			
_		ed return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LIVINGSTON, MT 590470532	<b>F</b> Group I	Exemption
Ш.	Applicat	tion pending		Numbe	r ▶ 1156
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G A	ccoun	ting Method 🗆	Cash Maccidal Other (specify)		ne organization is <b>not</b> n Schedule B
		_			Z, or 990-PF)
		e: ► <u>N/A</u>	only one) - □ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c)(8) ◀(Insert no ) □ 4947(a)(1) or □ 527		
		· ,			
		_	Corporation		
			to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total are Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ		
	art I		Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instruction		
	alt I	Check if the	organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I		
	1		jifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	12,120
	2	Program service	e revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership du	es and assessments	3	23,472
	4	Investment inco	ome	4	1,570
	5a	Gross amount f	rom sale of assets other than inventory   5a		
	ь		her basis and sales expenses		
	c		om sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	- 5c	
	6	, ,	ndraising events		
9	a	_	om gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		
Revenue	_				
٥	b		om fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from nts reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the		
_		3	oss income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 🕏   6b   32,87	2	
	С	<b>J</b>	penses from gaming and fundraising events 6c 28,28	_	
	d	•	loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	4,586
	7a	•	nventory, less returns and allowances   7a   65,51	-	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	ь	Less cost of go		_	
	c	-	(loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	42,244
	8	•	(describe in Schedule O)	8	7,408
	9		Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	91,400
$\dashv$	10		llar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	22,.30
	11		or for members	11	
	12	-	compensation, and employee benefits	12	29,842
505	13	•	s and other payments to independent contractors	13	2,533
Expenses	14		t, utilities, and maintenance	14	19,557
Š	15		ations, postage, and shipping	15	15,537
	16		(describe in Schedule O)	16	40,328
	17	·			92,260
-	18	-	s. Add lines 10 through 16  It) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-860
2	19	•	and balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with	10	-330
Assets	17		rid balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with	19	204 205
t A	20				204,205
Ň.		-	n net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule 0)	20	202.245
	21 Pane		on Act Notice, see the separate instructions.  Cat No 10642I	21	203,345 Form <b>990-EZ</b> (2016)
	rapt	vvoin neducill	on hours recipe, see the separate histiactions. (At No. 1064/1		FULLE <b>3345-EL</b> [/U[b]

Part II	<b>Balance Sheets</b> (see the instructions Check if the organization used Schedule		uestion in this	Part II			☑
	oneck if the organization assured concaute	o to respond to any q	acoust in time		eginning of year	<u> </u>	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, sa	ivings, and investments		1	(~) 5	136,529	22	140,074
23 Land and	d buildings				7,300	23	7,300
24 Other as	ssets (describe in Schedule O)				70,421	24	67,915
25 Total as	ssets				214,250	25	215,289
26 Total lia	abilities (describe in Schedule O)				10,045	26	11,944
27 Net ass	ets or fund balances (line 27 of column		•		204,205	27	203,345
Part III	Statement of Program Service A Check if the organization used Schedule	•	•		rt III)	(Re	<b>Expenses</b> equired for section 501(c)
	organization's primary exempt purpose? ORGANIZATION	·				org	and 501(c)(4) panizations, optional for pers )
measured b	e organization's program service accompli y expenses In a clear and concise manne nd other relevant information for each pro	er, describe the service					
<b>28</b> See Additior	nal Data Table						
(Grants \$ )	If this amoun	t includes foreign gran	nts, check here		. ▶ □	28a	
29			····,			29a	
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(Grants \$ )		t includes foreign gran	·		. ▶ □		
<b>31</b> Other pr (Grants \$  )	ogram services (describe in Schedule O)	t includes foreign gran				21-	
`	ogram service expenses (add lines 28a				<b>.</b>	31a 32	
Part IV	List of Officers, Directors, Trustees,	and Key Employees	(list each one ev	en if not co	ompensated — see the	ınstru	ctions for Part IV)
	Check if the organization used Schedule	O to respond to any q	uestion in this	Part IV.			🗅
	(a) Name and title	(b) Average	(c) Papari	table	(d) Haalth band	sfite	(e) Estimated amount
	(a) Name and title	hours per week	(c) Report		(d) Health bene contributions to en		ee of other compensation
		devoted to position	(Forms W-2, MISC) (if no		benefit plans, deferred compen		.
			enter -0		deferred compen	Satioi	'
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SHANNON M	TORELAND	1 00		U			
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JOHN MABIE		1 00		0			
AUDIT COM	MIT						

3/a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct of indirect, as described in the instructions			
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		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?	38a		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter			
а	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
10a	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	40Ь		
С	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 sections4912, 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 41	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		No
12a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ JANE HAUGEN Telephone no ▶	(406)	220-204	<u> </u>
	Located at ▶ PO BOX 532 LIVINGSTON, MT ZIP + 4	<b>►</b> _590	47	
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)?	42b	Yes	No No
	75 West II such as the second of the fermion and the	420		NO
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)</b>			
С	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	42c		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		I	
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> - Check here		▶ □	
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year			
			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	44a		No
		1	i .	

45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . . .

d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an

of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of 

**45a** Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

No

No

Nο

Nο

44b

44c

44d

45a

45b

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								Yes	No
	anization engage, directly or indirect for public office? If "Yes," complete :					n to			
		·		•			46		No
All :	ction 501(c)(3) organizations section 501(c)(3) organizations ock if the organization used Schedule	must answer questi	ons 47-49b and 52, uestion in this Part VI	and c	omplete	the table	s for lu	nes 50	and 51 ⊐
	·							Yes	No
	janization engage in lobbying activitie	es or have a section 50	01(h) election in effect	durıng	the tax y	ear?			
If "Yes," co	implete Schedule C, Part II						47		
8 Is the orga	nization a school as described in sect	cion 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)?	If "Yes," complete Sch	edule E			48		
<b>9a</b> Did the org	anization make any transfers to an e	exempt non-charitable	related organization?				49a		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," wa	as the related organization a section	527 organization? .					49b		
	his table for the organization's five heceived more than \$100,000 of com						and key	employ	ees)
	e and title of each employee	(b) Average	(c) Reportable	(d	) Health b	enefits,		tımated	
		hours per week devoted to position	compensation (Forms W-2/1099- MISC)	b	enefit plai	employeens, and Densation	of othe	er comp	ensation
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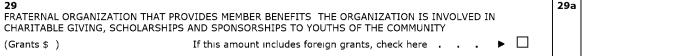
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## Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

services, as measured	cion's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the nefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	`(c	Expenses quired for section 501 )(3) and 501(c)(4) quizations; optional for others.)
28 FRATERNAL ORGANIZ	ATION THAT PROVIDES MEMBER BENEFITS	28a	
(Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here $\ldots$ $lacksquare$		

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments Expenses (Required for section 501 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the organizations; optional number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title. for others.) 29a



efile GRAPHIC print - DO NOT PROCESS As Filed Data -DLN: 93492178006377 OMB No 1545-0047 SCHEDULE G **Supplemental Information Regarding** (Form 990 or 990-EZ) **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 Open to Public Department of the Treasury Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Inspection Internal Revenue Service ▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www irs gov/form990. Name of the organization **Employer identification number** BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE USA 246 81-0110618 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. Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply Mail solicitations e Solicitation of non-government grants Solicitation of government grants Internet and email solicitations Phone solicitations Special fundraising events ☐ In-person solicitations 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 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 (ii) Activity (iii) Did (iv) Gross receipts (v) Amount paid to (vi) Amount paid to individual fundraiser have from activity (or retained by) (or retained by) custody or or entity (fundraiser) fundraiser listed in organization control of col (i) contributions? No Yes 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 **FUNDRAISING INC** (add col (a) through (event type) (total number) col (c)) (event type) Revenue 1 Gross receipts. 32,872 32.872 2 Less Contributions. 3 Gross income (line 1 minus 32,872 32,872 line 2) 4 Cash prizes 5 Noncash prizes Expenses Rent/facility costs 7 Food and beverages 8 Entertainment 9 Other direct expenses 28.286 28,286 **10** Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . 28,286 11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . 4,586 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 (b) Pull tabs/Instant (d) Total gaming (add (a) Bingo (c) Other gaming bingo/progressive bingo col (a) through col (c)) 1 Gross revenue . Expenses 2 Cash prizes Noncash prizes Direct 4 Rent/facility costs 5 Other direct expenses Yes % Yes % Yes % 6 Volunteer labor No Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities \_ ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? If "No," explain . Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? 10a ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes," explain \_

Sche	dule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016					F	age			
11	Does the organization conduct gaming	j activities with nonmember:	s?		☐Yes	□No				
12	Is the organization a grantor, benefici- formed to administer charitable gamin		member of a partnership or other entity		□Yes	□No				
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming act	ivity conducted in								
а	The organization's facility			13a						
b	An outside facility			13b			(			
14	Enter the name and address of the pe	rson who prepares the orga	nization's gaming/special events books and re	cords						
	Name •									
	Address >									
15a	Does the organization have a contract revenue?	with a third party from who	om the organization receives gaming		□Yes	□No				
b			anization 🕨 \$ and th	e						
	amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$									
С	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									
а	,	te law to make charitable di	stributions from the gaming proceeds to		_					
_	retain the state gaming license?									
b	·		uted to other exempt organizations or spent							
В-	in the organization's own exempt activ			- (···) -	and (\. n	ad Dawt				
Pal		l5c, 16, and 17b, as app	cions required by Part I, line 2b, column licable. Also complete this part to provid							
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FORM 990- EZ, PART I, LINE 16	BAR SALES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 96 OFFICE 491 INSURANCE 920 BANK FEES 691 DUES AND SUB SCRIPTIONS 65 SUPPLIES 794 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE 1,159 TAXES/LICENSES 593 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 362 UNRELATED BAR SALES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 94 OFFICE 478 INSURANCE 89 4 BANK FEES 672 DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS 64 SUPPLIES 771 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE 1,126 TAXES /LICENSES 576 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 352 EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 252 OFFIC E 469 CONFERENCES/MEETINGS 1,650 INSURANCE 4,108 BANK CHARGES 88 CONTRIBUTIONS 9,652 INSTA LLATION OF OFFICERS 264 LICENSES 205 OFFICERS' EXPENSE 51 PER CAPITA - GRAND LODGE 4,371 P ER CAPITA - STATE 987 SCHOLARSHIPS 2,250 SUPPLIES 4,355 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 1,428 TOTAL 40,328

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Reference	
FORM 990- EZ, PART II,	INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 8,099 7,732 390,730 390,730 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 328,408 330,547 TOTAL 70,421 67,915
LINE 24	

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Reference

LINE 26

FORM 990-EZ, PART II,

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FORM 990EZ, PART III,
LINE 31

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES MEMBER BENEFITS THE ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED IN CHAR
OF THE COMMUNITY