

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

OMB No 1545-1150

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)

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/form990ez.

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1544

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

PO BOX 1788

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

BEMIDJI, MN 56619

D Employer identification number

23-7543090

E Telephone number

(218) 556-3662

F Group Exemption Number

0188

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.KOFC1544.ORG

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. \$ 173,700

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	8,854				
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2					
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	7,942				
	4	Investment income		4	1,262				
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	5c					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b						
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)							
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		6d					
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a		53,904				
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		101,738				
Expenses	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		96,624				
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)			59,018				
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	7c					
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b						
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)							
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		8					
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8		9	77,076				
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10	18,083				
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11					
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12					
Net Assets	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	480				
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14					
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	1,917				
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		16	47,509				
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		17	67,989				
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	9,087				
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	61,734				
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20					
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		21	70,821				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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	61,734	22 63,764
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24 7,057
25 Total assets	61,734	25 70,821
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	61,734	27 70,821

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
CATHOLIC FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND CONDUCTING EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL WELFARE WORKS
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
See Additional Data Table
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐
29 See Additional Data Table
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30
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **32**

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

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
DANIEL SHEA	2 00	0		480
FINANCIAL SE				
ROBERT SCHLICHTING	1 00	0		
TREASURER				
DANIEL VOSS	3 00	0		
GRAND KNIGHT				
PHILIP HODAPP	2 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
TERRY BELANGER	2 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
NORMAN RICARD	0 38	0		
TRUSTEE				

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	33	No
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	No
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	35b	
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	35c	No
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a	37a	
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 or 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		
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	40b	
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	40e	No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>ROBERT SCHLICHTING</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(218) 556-3662</u> Located at ▶ <u>5224 JACKPINE RD NW BEMIDJI, MN</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>56601</u>		
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	No
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 U S ?	42c	No
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	44a	No
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ► _____

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ► _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ► ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2019-11-19 Date		
	DANIEL VOSS GRAND KNIGHT Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DANE A JONES	Preparer's signature	Date 2019-11-19	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00965997
	Firm's name ► KRIGBAUM & JONES LTD			Firm's EIN ► 13-4203180	
	Firm's address ► 713 BELTRAMI AVE NW BEMIDJI, MN 56601			Phone no. (218) 751-3812	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 23-7543090
Name: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1544

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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.		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
28 GRANTS TO PROMOTE AND CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL WELFARE WORKS (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	

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29 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NATIONAL AND STATE DUES (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Employer identification number
23-7543090

Part I Fundraising Activities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1

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

a

☐ Mail solicitations

e

☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b

☐ Internet and email solicitations

f

☐ Solicitation of government grants

c

☐ Phone solicitations

g

☐ Special fundraising events

d

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

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

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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

		(a) Event #1 WALLEYE CLASSIC (event type)	(b) Event #2 HOT DOG STAND (event type)	(c) Other events 1 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	81,687	11,528	8,523	101,738
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	81,687	11,528	8,523	101,738
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	38,000			38,000
	5 Noncash prizes	503			503
	6 Rent/facility costs	2,398			2,398
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	24,694	7,502	5,470	37,666
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				78,567
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				23,171

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			53,904	53,904
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes			12,995	12,995
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses			5,062	5,062
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100.000 % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				18,057
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				35,847

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

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in	
a The organization's facility	13a 100 000 %
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 ► ROBERT SCHLICHTING

Address ► 5224 JACKPINE RD NW
BEMIDJI, MN 56601

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 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).

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ. ▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 .	<small>OMB No 1545-0047</small> 2017 Open to Public Inspection
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	NAME ST PHILIPS CHURCH/SCHOOL CASH CONTRIBUTION 7,192

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART I, LINE 16	WALLEYE CLASSIC DONATIONS TO CHARITIES 35,022 EXPENSES ADVERTISING 642 OFFICE SUPPLIES 1,183 MEETING EXPENSE 1,970 INITIATION EXPENSE 254 TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXP 267 OTHER EVENT EXPENSE 4,135 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSE 4,036 TOTAL 47,509

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 24	SIGN- WALLEY CLASSIC 0 8,233 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 0 1,176 TOTAL 0 7,057

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART III	CATHOLIC FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND CONDUCTING EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL WELFARE WORKS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART III, LINE 31	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NATIONAL AND STATE DUES