

Form **990-EZ****Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax****2017**

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/form990.**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning****04-01, 2017, and ending****03-31, 2018****B** Check if applicable☐ Address change☐ Name change☐ Initial return☐ Final return/terminated☐ Amended return☐ Application pending**C** Name of organization**BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER 374**

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

Room/suite

PO BOX 462

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

FT MADISON, IA 52627**D** Employer identification number**42-0136060****E** Telephone number**(319) 372-3724****F** Group ExemptionNumber **1156****G** Accounting Method☐ Cash☒ AccrualOther (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

Total **\$ 111,191****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 ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	15,159
	4	Investment income	4	240
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	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)	6b	
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	74,886	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	36,349	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	38,537	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	20,906	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	74,842	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	33,506
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	12,502
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,120
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	27,187
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	77,315
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(2,473)
	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	134,568
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	132,095	

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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	53,933	22	50,005
23 Land and buildings	90,528	23	89,045
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,359	24	4,559
25 Total assets	148,820	25	143,609
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	14,252	26	11,514
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	134,568	27	132,095

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**

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SOCIAL CLUB, LODGE ACTIVITIES

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 YOUTH ACTIVITIES, CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 28a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 29a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 30a31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 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 ☐

(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
SCOTT MELLER EXALTED RULER	0.00	0	0	0
KAYLA STEFFENSMEIER SECRETERY	0.00	2,100	0	0
FRED J HOENIG TREASURER	0.00	1,800	0	0
JODY LANGENBACH CHAPLAIN	0.00	0	0	0
THOMAS KLANN LEADING KNIGHT	0.00	0	0	0
DAVE CLARK ESQUIRE	0.00	0	0	0
BRUCE NIGGEMEYER LECTURING KNIGHT	0.00	0	0	0
LINDA CRAMER LOYAL KNIGHT	0.00	0	0	0

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	X
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	X
35 a 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	X
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	X
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	X
37 a 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?	37b	X
38 a 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	X
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	
40 a 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	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		
42 a The organization's books are in care of KAYLA STEFFENSMEIER Telephone no 319-372-3724 Located at PO BOX 462, Fort Madison, IA ZIP + 4 52627		
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)	42b	X
c 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	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041-Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
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	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
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	
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
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)	45b	X

- 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		X

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

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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 *[Signature]* Date *5-15-18*
Type or print name and title *Scott Meller*

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name *FRED J HOENIG* Preparer's signature *[Signature]* Date *05-02-2018* Check ☒ if self-employed PTIN *P00013235*
Firm's name *FRED HOENIG CPA* Firm's EIN
Firm's address *508 15TH ST STE 2 Fort Madison IA 52627* Phone no *319-372-3587*

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Employer identification number

42-0136060

01. Description of other revenue (Part I, line 8)

Description	Amount
HALL RENTAL	1,612
FUND RAISING DONATIONS	19,294

02. Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)

Description	Amount
INSURANCE AND LICENSES	4,440
GRAND LODGE/STATE DUES	4,153
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	965
ADVERTISING	117
DEPRECIATION	1,483
MISC	12,350
PAYROLL TAXES	3,679

03. Description of other assets (Part II, line 24)

Category	Beginning of Year	End of Year
INVENTORIES	4,359	4,559

04. Description of total liabilities (Part II, line 26)

Category	Beginning of Year	End of Year
PREPAID DUES	9,474	7,440
OTHER PAYBALES	4,778	4,074