

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.


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OMB No 1545-1150

2018

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2018 , and ending 03-31-2019

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization The Golden Acorn Society		D Employer identification number 72-1429589
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 15226	Room/suite	E Telephone number (504) 908-1226
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code New Orleans, LA 70175		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: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) ◀ (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. ▶ \$ 190,729

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)	
1	Revenue
2	Expenses
3	Changes in net assets or fund balances
4	Net assets or fund balances

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

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	79,972	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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	110,757	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
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)	5c			
6	Gaming and fundraising events				
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
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			
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c			
d	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			
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	190,729		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	1,500		
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12			
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,600		
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,080		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15			
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	191,344		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	195,524		

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	20,941	22	33,872
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,976	24	1,948
25 Total assets	25,917	25	35,820
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	3,358	26	18,056
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	22,559	27	17,764

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)	Expenses
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒ (Required for section 501(c)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

The Golden Acorn Society is a social organization formed to enable its members to participate in an annual street parade during the annual Mardi Gras celebration for the enjoyment of all

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 . . . ☐ **28a**

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

30	30a
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

21. Other (do not include 20)		
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31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) □

(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
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32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	194,023
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List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for 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	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 0			
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		
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	Yes	
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . 38b 18,056			
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		No
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 ▶ 0			
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0			
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>Earl Duke</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(504) 908-1226</u>			
Located at ▶ <u>PO Box 15226 New Orleans, LA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>70175</u>			
		Yes	No
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			
		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
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		

		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		2019-06-14 Date	
	Earl Duke Treasurer Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Joseph A Geeck	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P01223384
	Firm's name ► Van Dam & Geeck LLC			Firm's EIN ► 20-4680327
	Firm's address ► 1215 Prytania St Ste 325 New Orleans, LA 70130			Phone no (504) 525-8639

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 72-1429589
Name: The Golden Acorn Society

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 Annual carnival parade (Grants \$ 0)		28a	194,023
If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			

TY 2018 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: The Golden Acorn Society

EIN: 72-1429589

Declaration: The organization did not, during the year, receive any funds, directly, or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract. The organization, did not, during the year, pay any premiums, directly, or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization
The Golden Acorn Society

Employer identification number
72-1429589

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Pendleton Larsen	Director	Accounts payable for Mardi Gras Throws	X		18,056	18,056		No	Yes			No
Total						▶ \$ 18,056						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization
The Golden Acorn Society

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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid	Activity Classification Grantee Name N O Police Foundation Amount Given 250

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid	Activity Classification Grantee Name Krewe of Alex Amount Given 1,000

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid	Activity Classification Grantee Name GNOF First Responders Amount Given 250 Total included on Form 990-EZ, line 10 1,500

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses	Description Meeting Expenses Amount 6,533 Description Coronation Party Amount 29,324 Description Buses Amount 2,750 Description Tractors Amount 12,500 Description Marching Bands Amount 27,975 Description Costumes Amount 6,090 Description Float Cost Amount 33,100 Description Insurance Amount 660 Description Casual Labor Amount 1,030 Description Video Amount 764 Description Throws Amount 64,789 Description License and Permits Amount 941 Description Office Supplies Amount 982 Description Credit Card Fees Amount 3,906 Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16 191,344

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990- EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets	Description Dues Receivable Beg of Year Amount 4,976 End of Year Amount 1,948

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities	Description Accounts Payable Beg of Year Amount 3,358 End of Year Amount 18,056