

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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/form990.**

OMB No 1545-1150
2016
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2016 , and ending 03-31-2017

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

C Name of organization
 BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
 OF ELKS NO 2346

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 6391 INDUSTRY WAY

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

D Employer identification number
 95-6143267

E Telephone number
 (714) 892-2346

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 1156

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(8) ◀(insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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 ▶ \$ 162,383

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		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	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	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	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	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
6	Gaming and fundraising events	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
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				

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	47,057	22	30,923
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	15,350	24	15,350
25 Total assets	62,407	25	46,273
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	11,433	26	12,650
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	50,974	27	33,623

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?
 TO INCULCATE THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY, TO RECOGNIZE A BELIEF IN GOD, TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND ENHANCE THE HAPPINESS OF ITS MEMBERS, TO QUICKEN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM, TO CULTIVATE GOOD FELLOWSHIP, TO PERPETUATE ITSELF AS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS GOVERNANCE, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH BENEVOLENT PROGRAMS, DEMONSTRATING THAT ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE

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 See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	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
ROBERT C CASANARES	20 00	0		
EXHALTED RULER				
STACI AUSTIN	10 00	0		
LEADING KNIGHT				
BRENT RAWSON	10 00	0		
LOYAL KNIGHT				
MICHAEL GERBER	20 00	0		
LECTURNG KNIGHT				
PAT RIGGS	20 00	0		
Secretary				
VIRGINIA AUSTIN	10 00	0		
Treasurer				
NICOLE BANEY	10 00	0		
Trustee				
JOHN FRANKE	10 00	0		
Trustee				
MICHAEL FITZPATRICK	10 00	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		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)		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)?	Yes	
35b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	Yes	
35c	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		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		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a _____		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		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?		No
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b _____		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a _____ 0		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b _____ 0		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	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		
40c	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 ▶ _____		
40d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	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		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>PAT RIGGS</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(714) 403-0411</u> Located at ▶ <u>6391 INDUSTRY WAY WESTMINSTER, CA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>92683</u>		
42b	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 ▶ _____	Yes	No
42c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		No
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		No
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		No
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		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)		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**

Yes	No
	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

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**

Yes	No

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

Yes	No

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

Yes	No

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

Yes	No

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
NONE				

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

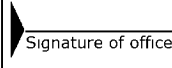
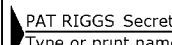
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must complete Schedule A **52**

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
 PAT RIGGS Secretary
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name John R Bates CPA	Preparer's signature
Firm's name ▶ JOHN R BATES CPA	
Firm's address ▶ 505 N TUSTIN AVE STE 158 SANTA ANA, CA 927053735	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Additional Data

Software ID: 16000303
Software Version: 2016v3.0
EIN: 95-6143267
Name: BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS NO 2346

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 OPERATES UNDER THE LODGE SYSTEM FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERS (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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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.

Department of the Treasury
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Name of the organization
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS NO 2346

Employer identification number
95-6143267

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
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 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.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		FIREWORKS (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	17,139			17,139
2	Less Contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	17,139			17,139
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	9,467			9,467
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				9,467
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				7,672

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.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		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 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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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.**2016****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Revenue 1	LODGE ACTIVITIES \$12521

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Revenue 2	LOTTERY RECEIPTS \$5607

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Revenue 3	MISCELLANEOUS \$4435

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$3738

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1007	Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings \$6100

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1012	Insurance \$4086

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1	LODGE ACTIVITIES \$12701

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 2	LOTTERY EXPENSES \$6155

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 3	JANITORIAL EXPENSES \$3645

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 4	PROPERTY TAXES \$3268

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 5	TELEPHONE \$1240

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 6	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$786

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 7	BANK CHARGES \$483

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 9	SECURITY \$280

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 10	DIGNITARY EXPENSES \$271

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 11	PEST CONTROL \$210

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 12	DONATIONS \$200

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 13	ACCESS CARDS \$142

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 14	BADGES/PINS/ AWARDS \$130

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 1002	Furniture and Fixtures - Beginning \$288 Furniture and Fixtures - Ending \$288

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 1010	Inventories - Beginning \$8980 Inventories - Ending \$8980

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 1	SECURITY DEPOSIT - Beginning \$4200 SECURITY DEPOSIT - Ending \$4200

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 2	CO2 TANK DEPOSIT - Beginning \$50 CO2 TANK DEPOSIT - Ending \$50

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 3	TAX IMPOUNDS - Beginning \$1832 TAX IMPOUNDS - Ending \$1832

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Return Reference	Explanation
Total Liabilities 1003	Deferred Revenue - Beginning \$11433 Deferred Revenue - Ending \$12650