

URGENT!

ATTENTION TO ALL DROVES:

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH IRS REGULATIONS AND ELECTRONICALLY FILED THE 990N POSTCARD FOR YOUR DROVE, OR IF YOUR DROVE AVERAGES OVER \$25,000.00 OF INCOME PER YEAR, FILED A FORM 990, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR NON-PROFIT STATUS IN 2010. Your non-profit status will be revoked by operation of law and not by a determination made by IRS.

Your 990N electronic postcard or Form 990, whichever applies to you, is 4 ½ months after the close of your year. (Example: If your year ends December 31st, your filing is due May 15, 2010 and if your year ends April 30th, your filing is due September 15, 2010.)

What does it mean if you lose your non-profit status? Your Drove will be required to file a U.S. Corporation Tax return each year to report the income that you received and you will be subject to Corporation Income tax at the Federal and State level. If you do not file the appropriate tax returns, you will be subject to payment of penalties and interest.

We have provided you with information about the 990 filing requirements for the past two years and have urged you to comply. We believe that several Droves have still not heeded our warning and are in danger of losing their non-profit status.

Once your non-profit status has been revoked, Grand Lodge CANNOT reinstate you as a non-profit organization by adding you back to our group exemption. You will be required to individually submit an application for reinstatement to the Internal Revenue Service.

In an effort to protect your non-profit status we will file an automatic extension for each of those droves who we believe have not filed the appropriate Form 990. This will allow you three additional months to comply before losing your non-profit status.

This is a serious matter and you MUST give this your immediate attention.

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO FILE YOUR 990'S.

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>