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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)

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2015, and ending 03-31-2016

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 653
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 118
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NORFOLK, NE 68702

D Employer identification number
47-0103699
E Telephone number
(402) 371-1410
F Group Exemption Number 1156

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) (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. \$ 22,590

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	4,843
	4	Investment income						4	5,241
	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	12,506	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8						9	22,590	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)						10	1,711
	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	1,534
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance						14	7,768
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping						15	552
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)						16	21,212
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16						17	32,777
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)						18	-10,187
	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	405,715
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)						20	82
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20						21	395,610

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	404,671	22	394,657
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,044	24	953
25 Total assets	405,715	25	395,610
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	405,715	27	395,610

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?

THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES UNDER THE FRATERNAL LODGE SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF APPROXIMATELY 200 MEMBERS PROMOTE PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY BETTERMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS ON YOUTH 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

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

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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)

Expenses

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

28a

32,777

29a

30a

31a

32

32,777

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
STEVE COOLIDGE EXALTED RULE	000 00	0		
DOUG HARBOTTLE SECRETARY	000 00	0		
HOWARD LSHOVSKY TREASURER	000 00	0		
ROGER SCHULTZ TRUSTEE	000 00	0		
DON SMEJKAL TRUSTEE	000 00	0		
GENE EBEL TRUSTEE	000 00	0		
CALVIN WORDEN TRUSTEE	000 00	0		
ROD NELSON LOYAL KNIGHT	000 00	0		
CAROL COOLIDGE LEADING KNIG	000 00	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	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		
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 ☐ 39a		
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 ☐ JACK SOBOTKA CPA PC Telephone no ☐ (402) 371-0240 Located at ☐ 214 N 7TH ST STE 8 NORFOLK, NE ZIP + 4 ☐ 68701		
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	No
c	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 ☐ _____	42c	No
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		
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		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

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		2016-06-14 Date				
	DOUG HARBOTTLE SECRETARY Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name LEE SHAVLIK		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-06-22	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01387250
	Firm's name ☒ JACK SOBOTKA CPA PC					Firm's EIN ☒ 47-0731597	
	Firm's address ☒ 214 N 7TH ST STE 8 NORFOLK, NE 68701					Phone no (402) 371-0240	
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

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.

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Name of the organization BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS 653	Employer identification number 47-0103699
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	MISC/YOUTH ACTIVITIES 12,506 TOTAL 12,506
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	GRAND LODGE DUES 1,473 STATE LODGE DUES 238
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES CONFERENCES & MEETINGS 638 INSURANCE 400 OFFICE EXPENSE 768 SPECIAL EVENTS/YOUTH ACT 19,233 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 173 TOTAL 21,212
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20	BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE 82
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 3,206 3,206 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 2,338 2,429 PREPAID EXPENSES 176 176 TOTAL 1,044 953
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES UNDER THE FRATERNAL LODGE SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF APPROXIMATELY 200 MEMBERS PROMOTE PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY BETTERMENT WITH AN EMPHASIS ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES