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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)

▶ 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.

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2016 , and ending 03-31-2017

☐ Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS 978

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

12010 KLEIN ROAD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
GULFPORT, MS 39503

D Employer identification number
64-0412764

E Telephone number
(228) 385-3718

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 ▶ \$ 107,741

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	7,936
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	5,818
	4	Investment income	4	20,578
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5c	0
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	6d	13,327
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		
	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)		
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7c	5,595
	b	Less cost of goods sold		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	1,701
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	54,955
	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	600
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,500
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	15,431
Net Assets	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,971
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	28,062
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	47,564
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	7,391
	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	436,148
	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	443,539

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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	161,158	22 178,160
23 Land and buildings	273,122	23 263,440
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,927	24 1,982
25 Total assets	436,207	25 443,582
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	59	26 43
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	436,148	27 443,539

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?	(3) and 501(c)(4)
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TO PROMOTE SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WELFARE

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	others)
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28	See Additional Data Table	
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐ **28a**

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

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

(Grants \$)		If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	
31 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)	6,500
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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. ☐

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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	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		
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 ▶ HOWARD OLSEN Telephone no ▶ (228) 385-3718 Located at ▶ 1955 POPPS FERRY ROAD BILOXI, MS ZIP + 4 ▶ 39532		
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 ▶ ☐ 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	

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	
b 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		2017-07-14 Date		
	DIANNA L ODLE TREASURER Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name SUE RICHARDSON	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-07-17	Check ☒ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ SUE RICHARDSON ACCOUNTING			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 12230 ASHLEY DRIVE GULFPORT, MS 39503			Phone no. (228) 832-7411	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 64-0412764
Name: BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS 978

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 PROVIDES SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND VETERANS' PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY (Grants \$ 6,500) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		28a	6,500

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.

Employer identification number

64-0412764

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

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

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))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross revenue	61,582			61,582
	2 Cash prizes	45,775			45,775
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses	2,907			2,907
Direct Expenses	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				48,682
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				12,900

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 | 100 000 % |
| 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 ► HOWARD OLSEN

Address ► 1955 POPPS FERRY ROAD
BILOXI, MS 39532

- 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 ► TERRY HUDSON

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► MANAGES BINGO

☒ 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)

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 AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS 978	Employer identification number 64-0412764
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 8	RENTAL INCOME 1701

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	CONVENTION EXPENSE 200

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	INSURANCE 7447

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	JANITORIAL EXPENSE 546

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	OFFICER'S EXPENSE 1887

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	GRAND LODGE DUES 1700

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	ELKS T-SHIRTS 730

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	NAME PLATES 27

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATIONS 140

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	BADGES, PINS & AWARDS 383

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2850

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	V A CONTRIBUTIONS 720

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	ADVERTISING 250

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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	ELKS & OFFICER AWARDS 120

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Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Depreciation 10135

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Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	SALES TAX 335

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Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	PERMITS 540

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Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	KITCHEN SUPPLIES 52