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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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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  
LOUISIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
5018 ROSEDOWN LANE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
BOSSIER CITY, LA 711124590

**D** Employer identification number  
72-1099471

**E** Telephone number  
(318) 746-0983

**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: ▶ WWW.LAELKS.ORG

**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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 88,382

**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 . . . . .

	Description		Amount
Revenue	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	38,580
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	18,445
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	5,317
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</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) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>	26,040	
<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	88,382	
Expenses	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	47,100
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	6,600
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	46,472
	<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	100,172
Net Assets	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	-11,790
	<b>19</b> 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) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	291,156
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	-15,000
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>	264,366

**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
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	316,883	<b>22</b> 296,463
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .		<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	70	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	316,953	<b>25</b> 296,463
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O). . . . .	25,797	<b>26</b> 32,097
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21)	291,156	<b>27</b> 264,366

**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? FRATERNAL ORDER FOR CHARITY & PATRIOTISM	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others )
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	
<b>28</b> See Additional Data Table	
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>29a</b>
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>30</b>	<b>30a</b>
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>32</b> 100,172

**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
RUSSELL GERACE	1 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
CHARLES SCHMUCK	1 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
JAMES L BARRON	1 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
TERRY BRUNO	1 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
JESSIE M HARTLE	15 00	3,600		1,800
SECRETARY				
RICHARD M JONES	8 00	3,000		
TREASURER				
RANDY BERGERON	12 00	0		5,000
PRESIDENT-				
GREG TAYLOR	1 00	0		
TRUSTEE				
HENRY DAIGLE	3 00	0		
PRESIDENT EL				
BEULAH RODRIGUE	2 00	0		
VICE-PRESIDE				
GARY YELM	2 00	0		
VICE PRESIDE				

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 . . . . .

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>46</b>	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 . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>47</b>	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b> Signature of officer	2017-07-31 Date
RICHARD M JONES TREASURER Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name G KENNETH PAVY	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-07-31	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00301673
Firm's name ▶ JOHN S DOWLING & COMPANY			Firm's EIN ▶ 72-0720035		
Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 1549 OPELOUSAS, LA 705711549			Phone no (337) 948-4848		

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

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 72-1099471

**Name:** BENEVOLENT&PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
LOUISIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION INC

### 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.)	
<p><b>28</b> GAMES UNITING MIND AND BODY (GUMBO) STATE MAJOR PROJECT HOSTING THREE REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND ONE STATE TOURNAMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 425 CHILDREN IN BRACES OR WHEELCHAIRS NUMEROUS TROPHIES AND RIBBONS AWARDED (Grants \$ 7,200)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<b>28a</b>	7,200



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<p><b>30 VETERANS HOSPITAL &amp; HOMES</b> (Grants \$ 12,000)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>30a</b></p>	<p>12,000</p>

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<p>ELKS VAVS (Grants \$ 10,200)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>63,272</p>

**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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BENEVOLENT&PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
LOUISIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

72-1099471

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVIC 9,920 REGISTRATIONS 8,800 HOOP SHOOT INCOME 5,000 PROGRAM ADS 1,200 FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL 1,019 CONVENTION - OTHER 70 PINS, LODGES 31 TOTAL 26,040

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	GUMBO 7,200 0 0 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 17,700 0 0 LA VETERAN HOMES AND OTHERS 12,000 0 0 ELKS VAVS 10,200 0 0

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES ACCOUNTING 755 CONTINGENCIES 737 ANNUAL MEETING 8,700 G/L HOSPITALITY 2,218 INSURANCE D & O 641 TRAVEL SECRETARY GRAND LO 1,800 AUDIT 300 COMMITTEES & PLAQUES 161 TRAVEL-PRESIDENT 4,628 WEB SITE DEVELOP & MAINTA 391 OFFICE EXPENSE - OTHER 1,115 AMERICANISM 600 ENF DONATION 1,000 HOOP SHOOT 6,536 INSURANCE PROP PLUS/FIDEL 199 WRITE OFFS 1 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUST 13,338 DRUG AWARE PROGRAM 300 FRIDAY SOCIAL PAYMENT 1,095 INSURNACE GENERAL LIABILITY 150 PUBLICATIONS/PRINTING 657 TRADING PINS 1,150 TOTAL 46,472

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20	PRIOR PERIOD FOR DISATER RELEIF -10,000 PRIOR PERIOD FOR HOOP LOOP -5,000 0

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 70 0 9,529 9,529 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 9,529 9,529 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 0 0 TOTAL 70 0

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	DEFERRED REVENUE 25,797 32,097

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 31	ELKS VAVS