



# SOUTH ORANGE ELKS #1154

**THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**  
220 Prospect St., South Orange, NJ 07079 • (973) 762 9848

## SO ELKS #1154



## 2017/2018 OFFICERS

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Michael G. Leonard
<b>Leading Knight</b>	John Ramsburg
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	Ian Lacey
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	Annemarie Conte
<b>Secretary</b>	Bob Donnelly
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ron Housley
<b>Esquire</b>	Sam Finlay
<b>Chaplain</b>	Thomas Vena
<b>Inner Guard</b>	Paul Baron
<b>Tiler</b>	Andrew Zeitlin

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Chairman</b>	Bob Fanneron
<b>Trustee</b>	Frank Fresco
<b>Trustee</b>	Gene Meyers
<b>Trustee</b>	Mike Charvala
<b>Trustee</b>	James Walsh

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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[Public Facebook page](#)

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER



Hello Members,

It was another month of exciting events at the lodge, the biggest of which was the replacement of our furnace. As the boiler decided to retire, the Board of Directors took this opportunity to make the switch from oil to natural gas.

There is still fine tuning to be done and a larger gas line to be installed but I believe this was a great move on the board's part. Special thanks to PER Mike Charvala for overseeing the transition.

Nominations and elections were held for our 2018 officers and there will be no changes for the upcoming year. On behalf of the Esteemed Knights, we thank you for your confidence in us. We hope to make this year even better than the last. The installation date has not been set but will be announced as soon as decided.

A special thanks to all who participated in our annual PER night during the first week of. We had a great meeting and initiated two new members. The meeting was led by Exalted Ruler Mike Bishop, Leading Knight Bob Donnelly, Loyal Knight Jim Walsh, Lecturing Knight John Southard, and Esquire Mike Charvala. Thank you, Gentlemen!

The lodge is now open on Wednesday AND Friday nights for members and their guests! (The First Friday of every month continues as a music event). Wednesdays have been an established member's night for some time and I'm hoping Fridays will get the same member support. In the Fall, we will be opening the lodge on football Sundays for our members and their guests!

Finally, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks celebrated its 150th anniversary on February 16th! We are all part of a long and proud Elk tradition, in South Orange and across the country. Happy Birthday to the Elks!

See you at the lodge!  
Michael G. Leonard  
Exalted Ruler

**OUR LODGE NEWSLETTER IS GOING GREEN**

**HELP THE LODGE BY RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

Dear Members,

We are asking that anyone with an email address please start receiving this newsletter electronically. We spend a lot of money each year printing and sending paper newsletter that could be delivered in a snap electronically. The email version of the newsletter will get to you faster, it's in full color, it has clickable links embedded in it, and you are essentially giving the lodge more money to spend on our charitable endeavors. Currently we are still sending over 50 newsletters via the mail and that's way too many.

Please email me at: southorangeelks@gmail.com

**LODGE UTILIZATION**

Our lodge is available for parties and events! We have a maximum capacity of 100 for a cocktail party and about 80 for a sit-down dinner.

Non-Members

The lodge is available for use to Non-members for a donation of \$500 for 5 hours (add \$75 for parties of 70+ guests). The 5 hours is the total time for set-up, party, and clean-up. Alcohol may be brought into the lodge for an event, but it must be kept behind the bar and served to guests by an Elks bartender. No lodge-owned alcohol can be served. The kitchen is available for prep, storage, and to keep things cold in our fridge. No oven/stove use is allowed. Sterno cans may be used to keep hot things hot.

Members

Membership has benefits! As an Elk, you're able to use the lodge for 5 hours for a donation of \$300 (an extra \$50 for parties of 70+ guests).

Another HUGE benefit is that our entire cash bar (wine/liquor/beer) is available to you and your guests.

Your event must be YOUR event. By this we mean it's your party and you know all the guests. There is no such thing as member sponsored parties. Members can't be the front person for a neighbor's birthday party, a 5th cousin's bridal shower, or a school fundraiser, etc. These are NJ State laws set by the Alcohol Beverage Control. If we don't follow the law we put our liquor license at risk.

If you would like to book the lodge for an event please call 973-762-9848

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

Fellow members,

It's hard to believe that we have only one month left in the current 2017-2018 Elk year. The Lodge is actively involved in the community whether it's with the SO Elks Rent Party Garden, Veterans support, Youth Sports Teams, donations to SO/Maplewood Schools Music programs, and more. Our "First Fridays" music nights have really taken off!! All of these programs are successful due to our members participation and support.

As Secretary I just mailed out dues notices for the new Elk year. Your prompt response and payment will insure that we can continue to be a vital part of this vibrant community, ready to respond to those in need of assistance. Please join me as the Lodge continues to grow.

I thank you for your continued support.

Bob Donnelly, PER  
Secretary

## VETERANS COMMITTEE

- Welcome Home Kit program - Ron Housley informed me that he had received the \$500 reimbursement check from Grand Lodge for our last donation. He told me that he would be giving me the next check at our 2/19 meeting. I met with Kelly Mazzocchi at the Stirling lodge last Tuesday to be sure I have the reimbursement procedure down pat. Kelly told me that she had had a discussion with Nancy Childers of ENVSC about our lodge's willingness to support the program, and she and Nancy have agreed on a procedure to streamline the reimbursements. For each donation, Kelly will provide me with the paperwork (the way they need it) so there will be no more delays.
- East Orange VA Hospital – Colleen Blasi informed me that she now has 3000 books for the hospital's new library, in addition to 200 pounds of clothing, and that she is just waiting for the word to bring them over. Jimmy Walsh also has boxes of books left over from the first delivery that we made with the West Orange lodge, and we are also waiting for the word to bring them over.
- Blue Jean Ball – Colleen informed me that the Ball is set for April 21 at the West Orange Lodge from 7-11 PM. The tickets are \$35 each, and they will include dinner, open bar, and music. Tables seat 10 people, and I suggest that our lodge should purchase a 'table'.

John Dilley  
Chairman, Veterans Committee

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The fundraising committee is ramping up for 2018 and beyond. Tune in and submit your best ideas!

We plan to meet regularly on Wednesday nights, the first and third week monthly for 2018. All members are welcome to share their ideas! Join in and meet some of your fellow Elks!

Andy Zeitlin, Chair

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

We are currently working on our annual Golf Outing. This year it will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. We need golfers and hole sponsors. See the attached flyer for more info.

Fraternally  
James Walsh, PDD  
SCC Chairman

**IMPORTANT DATES & INFO**

**MARCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday @ 8pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting @ 8pm  
14<sup>th</sup> St. Pat's Dinner  
19<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting @ 8pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kit Carson Poker Night @ 8:30

**APRIL**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lodge meeting @ 7pm followed by  
NCAA Championship @ 8:30

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Stephen Sigmund lost his brother, Paul.

Maria Morrison Heningburg lost her mother, Evie

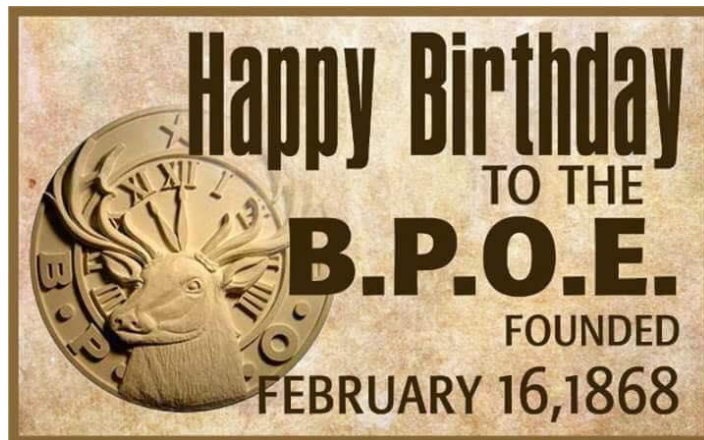
Bill Ehlers lost his father, William.

Vinnie Nardone was in the hospital followed by rehab.

Please keep our members and their families in your prayers.

Fraternally,  
James Walsh PDD  
(201) 207-1228

If someone you know is suffering from a medical, physical, financial or other crisis, please contact our Sickness and Distress Committee.



For more up-to-the minute information about the lodge, our events, latest press or members info –  
Please visit our website and social media outlets:

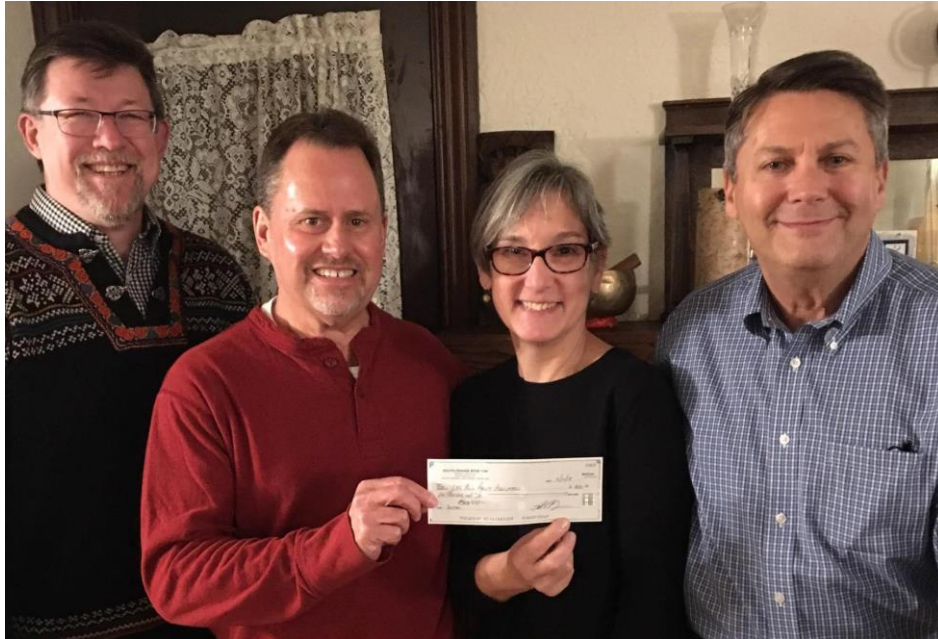
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Columbia High School Music Parents Association (CHSMPA) Board members (l-r) Ernie Goff, Barbara Cokorinos, and Brad Kalos are all smiles as South Orange Elks Treasurer Ron Housley (center) presents them with a \$1,000 check to support high school music programs.



South Orange Elks make donation to South Park District and Pipe Band at their fundraiser on Feb 18th. Pictured is Bob Donnelly, Lodge Secretary.

The band will be performing at the Lodge's St. Patrick's Dinner on Wed, March 14th.



UPCOMING EVENTS



**FRI 02 MAR**  
Donations \$8 at The Door

# First Fridays

*Life Music*

PERFORMANCES BY:

**BIG MAMOU**  
@8:30 pm

+ **JULIE'S PARTY**  
@10:00 pm

220 PROSPECT ST.  
SOUTH ORANGE, NJ  
DOORS OPEN 8PM

ALL "FIRST FRIDAY" PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY. "FIRST FRIDAY" IS AN EVENT FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS.



**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**6PM**



# POKER NIGHT!

**3RD ANNUAL KIT CARSON POKER NIGHT -- NEW DATE**

Host:  
Mike Charvala & Bryan Kleppe 973-219-8395

Where:  
South Orange Elks Lodge  
220 Prospect Street South Orange, NJ 07079

When:  
Friday, March 23 at 8:30 PM

South Orange Elks Lodge #1154  
Proudly hosts the



**34th Annual  
Special Children's Committee  
Charity Golf Tournament**

**Friday – July 13, 2018  
Galloping Hill Golf Course, Union NJ  
Shot Gun Start at 8:30 am – Check in at 7:30 am**

\*\*\*Rules of the golf course apply. Dress code enforced. Soft spikes and collard shirts required\*\*\*

**Cost: \$160.00 per person**

Includes golf fees, cart, prizes, coffee and buttered rolls at check-in at 7:30 am,  
cook-out lunch with keg beer, soda, water and desert served at the golf course following round.  
Cook-out from 2pm to pm.

**Shot Gun Start at 8:30 am - Check-In at 7:30 am**

**Prizes:  
Longest Drive  
Closest to Pin  
\$10,000.00 Hole in One**

You can also sponsor a hole, and a sign stating your sponsorship will be placed in a prominent position alongside a tee.

**\$ 25.00 – Standard Sponsor      \$ 500.00 – Gold Sponsor (you receive 2 paid golfers)  
\$ 100.00 – Silver Sponsor        \$1000.00 – Platinum Sponsor (you receive 4 paid golfers)**

To reserve a foursome, please complete the information below and return to:

South Orange Elks  
Attn: Gene Meyers  
220 Prospect St  
South Orange NJ 07079

1. Captain \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Or assign me to a foursome \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ golfers (at \$160.00 each)  
Please make checks payable to: **South Orange Elks SCC**

**Reservations are limited – Payment is due by July 13, 2018  
For additional information please call Gene Meyers @ 908-578-5038**



**NEW MEMBERS - PER NIGHT**



Welcome Carlos Rivera and Andrew Ruffo on PER Night!

(PERs from L to R) John Southard, Bob Donnelly, Jim Walsh, Mike Bishop, Mike Leonard, Mike Charvala, Bob Fanneron

**WILDWOOD REUNION**

This year the NJ State Elks Wildwood Reunion is May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are staying with the West Orange lodge again at The Gondolier Motel. It's a nice motel with a pool and right on the beach.

This year the cost is only \$425 per room! That includes 3 nights lodging, dinner on Friday and Saturday, open bar from Thursday PM to Saturday night, light breakfasts, and all the hot dogs you can eat! It's really a great deal.

I need \$100 deposits by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The balance is due by April 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Bring the family or a friend. If you split a room it's only \$212.50 a person!  
Extra adults in a room cost \$50 per person, per night.

Contact Mike Leonard at [SouthOrangeElks@gmail.com](mailto:SouthOrangeElks@gmail.com) for more info.  
There will be a sign up sheet in the lodge and the deposit is due when you jot down your name.