



SO ELKS #1154



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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER



Hello Members,

I want to take this opportunity to close out 2017 by thanking each and every member for being a part of the lodge and supporting our mission of volunteerism and charity. 2017 was a great year – with an increase in membership and the start of new events all while continuing to support and be a part of our local community.

As we ring in the new year, we have a significant milestone to recognize – 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! As we celebrate our history, let us also consider the future of our lodge and how we can be more visible in the community and donate to local organizations. I’m looking forward to hearing your ideas and having more members come forth in the new year to volunteer at events and join our committees.

The Elks is what our members make it. Let’s aim high and make this new year even better than the last. Happy New Year to All!

See you at the Lodge,
 Michael G. Leonard
 Exalted Ruler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman	Bob Fanneron
Trustee	Frank Fresco
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An important P.S - Thank you to all the members of the VFW for their generous donation to the lodge. It is greatly appreciated!

SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Members Only Facebook page](#)
- [Public Facebook page](#)
- [Our website](#)

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

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 \$50 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. This means that unless it's YOUR party and you know all the guests personally. 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

SECRETARYS CORNER

Fellow Members,

I just want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and thank you all for your support this past year.

The Lodge has done a great job this year under the guidance of ER Mike Leonard. Let's keep the momentum going into the new year and really show the community that South Orange "Elks Care-- Elks Share".

Fraternally,

Bob Donnelly , PER

Lodge Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

I am happy to report that the Lodge continues to remain very strong from a fiscal perspective. We are continuing to add to our Money Market account, which will come in very handy as there are several projects that will need to be taken care of in the following months. Most concerning is the beer cooler in the basement, which will need to be replaced soon.

We continue to make charitable contributions, supporting the two Middle School music programs and also will be making a contribution to the CHS Music Parents Association. In addition, we have been supporting the Veterans Home Aid Kit program by purchasing Walmart gift cards which in turn are used to buy supplies for the Veterans. Thanks to John Dilley for taking charge with this!

We have also sent in several checks to send kids to camp at Camp Moore this summer. These kids, and their families, really need our help. This is what it is all about!!!

We recently held Holiday parties at the Lodge for both the Special Children and also for Jespy House. Even Santa made a guest appearance!!

We should all feel really good about what we are doing to support all these wonderful causes. If anyone is looking for ways to get involved, stop in and see what is going on. We are always looking for good people with great ideas.

Finally, we are slowly getting our past dues paid up. There are only a few people who still have outstanding dues for 2017-18. We really need everyone's support to continue to grow and support our charitable endeavors.

Wishing everyone a very Healthy and Happy 2018!

Ron Housley

Treasurer

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Jessica Perlmutter who represented South Orange #1154 in the District Hoop Shoot in Nutley on Dec. 10th. Jessica placed 1st in the 8-9 yrs. girls division and will be moving on to the NJ Elks State Hoop Shoot Competition on Feb. 11th at South Plainfield High School. Way to go Jessica !!!!!

The Elks North Central District will be hosting a Soccer Shoot on Saturday, January 6th from 10-11am at the Nutley Recreation Center, 44 Park Ave , Nutley. The Shootout is open to girls and boys ages 5-13 and is free of charge. Shots on goal for points. Highest totals move on to the State competition. Please see flyer in bulletin.

Youth Activities Chairperson

Bob Donnelly PER

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

Calendar of Events

January

5th First Friday 8pm
15th Lodge meeting 8 pm

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

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

Fraternally,
James Walsh (201)207-1228

For more up-to-the minute information about the lodge, our events, latest press or members info, please visit our website at:

[SO Elks Website](#)

LODGE ACTIVITIES

Welcome new members, Lauren Boyer and Gary James



**THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
ELK LODGES INVITE YOU TO
COMPETE IN THEIR ANNUAL
SOCCER SHOOT AT:**




**Nutley Parks & Recreation Center
44 Park Ave, Nutley, NJ
Saturday January 6, 2018
FROM 10am-11am**

**BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 5-13, ARE INVITED
FREE ADMISSION - NO CLEATS**

**Shots on goal to score points, highest scores advance to
state competition**

**For inquiries, contact Vince DiMattia 732-674-3889
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