

Valerie Peterson
Exalted Ruler

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A Fraternal Organization
Jackson Lodge No. 1713
Chartered July 17th, 1947**



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ELKS LODGE OPENS TO COMMUNITY FOR 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Jackson, WY – On Friday October 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 will be celebrating their 70th year of serving the Jackson Hole community, and invites the public to attend. The Jackson Elks were chartered on July 17th, 1947 and have contributed to the fabric of our community ever since.

“Serving the community is why we are here,” says Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 Exalted Ruler Valerie Peterson. Peterson explains that Charity is one of the four cardinal virtues of the Elks, and giving back to the community is a large part of that. Whether it is scholarships awarded to local high school students, hosting fundraisers for members of our community that have fallen on hard times, or volunteering for community events, the Elks are there making our valley a better place.

“The 70th Anniversary Celebration is a chance to tell the community more about our robust organization, and invite them to become part of this great group,” says Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 Leading Knight Lisa Sprague. The 70th Anniversary Celebration is one of the few nights a year that the Lodge is open to the public as part of a membership drive. People can stop by, learn about the Lodge, listen to live music from The Hog Island Ramblers, meet Elks members, and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres.

In the past five years, Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 has contributed over \$360,000 to charity benefitting the valley. In addition, the Jackson Elks Lodge hosts community events such as a Veteran’s Day dinner, the free community Thanksgiving Dinner, Elks scholarship Bingo, Mother’s Day brunch, and more. “Our motto is ‘Elks Care, Elks Share’, and we want to find other people in the community that believe in making a difference to become members,” says Peterson.

Visit the Jackson Elks Lodge Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JacksonHoleElks/> for upcoming events, photos, and more.

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The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded in 1868 to promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship. Today the Elks are a fraternal order of nearly one million members with a network of more than 2,000 lodges in communities across the country. Annually the Order spends more than \$80,000,000 for benevolent, educational, and patriotic community-minded programs.

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