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A Fraternal Organization  
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**MOTHERS HONORED BY ELKS LODGE NO. 1713**

Jackson, WY – Mothers past and present were honored this Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> through the annual Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Mother’s Day ritual at the Senior Center of Jackson Hole. This annual ritual is performed by Elks Lodges across the United States to show appreciation for mothers and to honor the memory of mothers that have passed on. This is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year that Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 has performed this ritual and served a delicious brunch to area mothers and their families.

“This is a ceremony I personally looked forward to conducting after being elected,” says Lisa Sprague, Exalted Ruler of Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713. “It is quite moving to see so many people in the community come together to honor their mothers,” Sprague continued.

This year, the Jackson Elks served over 150 meals to mothers, their families, and guests. Donnie Rodgers, Elk member and head chef, directed the preparation of a menu of scrambled eggs, the Jackson Hole Cow Belle’s famous cheesy potatoes, asparagus hollandaise, medallions of tenderloin beef, apple cobbler a la mode, and of course mimosas. “I like coming up with a menu that makes the mothers feel special and shows that we appreciate them,” said Rodgers.

Over 20 Elks members and their friends volunteered to prepare and serve brunch for the Mother’s Day ritual. “Even when you can’t spend this day with your own mother, as an Elk you can make it a special day for someone else’s,” Sprague explained. “Volunteering for the Mother’s Day ritual helps us show that motherhood is something important that we need to take a moment to recognize.”

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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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Figure 1 – Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 officers conduct Mother’s Day ritual before brunch



Figure 2 – Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 Trustee Pete Kendzior serving drinks during brunch

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Figure 3 – Mother's Day Brunch being served by Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 volunteers



Figure 4 – Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 Officers from left clockwise John Millar, Robbie Farrow, Tony Ligori, Georgia Ligori, Joe Larson, Jill Callaway, and Exalted Ruler Lisa Sprague.

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