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JACKSON ELKS TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

Jackson, WY – On Thursday November 22nd, 2018 (Thanksgiving Day) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713 will once again be hosting a free community Thanksgiving Day meal. This free event is open to the entire community regardless of need. Turkey, all the traditional Thanksgiving sides, plus desserts, will be available.

“This is a continuation of the free community Thanksgiving meal that used to take place at the old Teton Steakhouse,” said Lisa Sprague, Exalted Ruler of Jackson Elks Lodge No. 1713. “The beautiful thing about taking on this tradition is that the Elks can now provide a place for the entire community to come together, share a meal, meet new people, and give folks a sense of belonging.” A value and tradition that the Elks are carrying on from the old Teton Steakhouse days is the idea that even if you have a Thanksgiving dinner to attend with family and friends, you are welcome and encouraged to come to the Elks as well.

“There is going to be *plenty* of food,” says Jackson Elks Thanksgiving Kitchen Committee Chair Valerie Peterson. “We get very generous donations of turkeys, sides, and desserts from Elks members, community members, and local businesses,” Peterson continues. Elks members start cooking days before the event to have the food prepared. “I want to be sure no one leaves hungry, and that no one has to be alone on this holiday of family and togetherness.”

“If you’re new to Jackson, have lived here all your life, or are somewhere in between, the Jackson Elks want to invite you to come be a part of our community. At least stop by for a slice of pie and chat with some new friends,” stated Sprague.

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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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Elks Members and other volunteers serve food at the 2016 Elks Community Thanksgiving dinner

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