

December 2022 • SPOTLIGHT

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Dan Masi | ER Message



The Holidays are a great time for warm wishes and for expressing gratitude for all our accomplishments. I would like to wholeheartedly acknowledge the volunteers who assisted with lunches and dinners throughout the past month. Your hard work and dedication are very much appreciated and shows the true spirit of Elkdom.

During this time, it is important that we are cognizant of the needs of those around us who are less

fortunate and that we practice one of the cardinal virtues of our order - Charity. This year as in the past, we are planning to assist 300 families who might otherwise not have the opportunity to enjoy a bountiful holiday dinner. Items are still needed to attain this goal and I am asking for your assistance.

There are many events promoting camaraderie within our lodge during this month. Among them there will be a Memorial Service held on Sunday, December 4th, paying homage to those Elks who have passed and gone to realms on high this past year.

Elvis is in the house on the 10th, we will be putting together the food baskets on December 16th and the kids Christmas Party drive-thru will take place on the 17th. Come join us on the 24th for our annual Christmas Eve Potluck and Eggnog Celebration and ring in the New Year on the 31st at midnight to the sounds of Silver Alert.

For those of you that are interested we will be voting on the kitchen lease at the December Lodge meeting.

Again, thank you for all you do and for continuing to drive St Pete Elks 1224 to new heights!

Wishing you and yours a most wonderful holiday!



Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message

Holiday season is upon us! We're kicking off the month with our bigger and better Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale on December 3rd. Be sure to stop by for local arts, crafts and gifts, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. There will be more vendors than ever, Boy Scout Troop 209 will be grilling up breakfast sandwiches, and Batman will be playing the tunes to get you in the shopping mood.

Our Dollar Game Night last month was a great success, and proceeds of the money we raised will be used to donate items for the Lodge Christmas Basket Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who came and played and had fun!

Thank you as well to all our wonderful member who continue to bake and volunteer at our events. Your efforts are always appreciated, and our events are a success because of everyone's input and participation!

The Ladies Christmas Party will be held Sunday afternoon, December 18th. We'll have a catered lunch, Sock Exchange and music. The event is free for LOEA members, but please sign up on the board or Facebook so we can get an accurate headcount.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and fellow Elks. Hope to see you at the next meeting on December 12th and at our Christmas Party!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 20 new members in November!



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
Tammi Bennett	Patty Szeezil	Retired
Kenneth Berning	Tiffany LeFleur	Maintenance
James Bookman	Pamela Kappes	Star Fire LLC
Michael Fanelakis	Toni Goodrich PDD	Retired
Cameron Feldman	Phyllis Conroy	Hair Stylist
Henry Gardner	Sarah Gerdes	Self-Employed
Suzette Gieschen	Sandra LaVigne	Publix Customer Srv
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Shannon Kelley	Clare Pallas	Truck Driver
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Gail Lucietto	Suzanne Gallion	Retired
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Christopher Patti	Dan Cornelius	Audibel
Stephanie Roberts	Toni Goodrich PDD	Clerical
Christine Rose	Toni Goodrich PDD	Rehab Srvcs Scheduler
Matthew Rubner	Pamela Kappes	Attorney
John P Tyler	John Plis	Accounting-VA Bay Pines
Shelly White	Toni Goodrich PDD	Exec Assist-Vantage Mtg
Sarah Zavatsky	Charlie Stroup	Sub Teacher-PCSB

REINSTATEMENT

William Beschner Ronnie Nonemaker

TRANSFERS Donna Johndrow John Ostfeld Linda Howell

MEMBER

Mem #12569 Mem# 13774

FROM:

Tarpon Spgs #1719 Hol Isles #1912 Lexington MA #2204

* * * LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY * * *

The Lodge is seeking to fill the Officer position of SECRETARY. The current Secretary, Toni, is stepping down after 13 years and the Lodge is seeking her replacement.

The candidate for Secretary has to be an Elk or be willing to be an Elk, have a strong understanding of accounting, be organized, motivated and have good people skills.

Nominations for Secretary are being taken again, starting December 1, 2022, until the position is filled.

It is very helpful if the Secretary knows Excel and WORD to prepare spreadsheets and reports and assist with budgets.

The Secretary attends Monthly Lodge Meeting with minutes being kept and also attends the monthly Initiation Sessions to issue cards and packets.

The Lodge pays for your attendance at State Officer Training sessions, the Mid-Year and State Conventions.

The Secretary salary is set by the Lodge By-laws, which is \$15 per hr; annual max salary of \$15,000.

The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, ER and Board members and is a key player in the operation of the Lodge. This position is a very important, challenging and a rewarding one.

Training can start immediately after the Election of Secretary.

If interested, please contact Toni Goodrich in the Lodge Office (727) 344-6551 between 10-2 pm Monday thru Friday.

MEMBERSHIP RE-INSTATEMENT

If you are or know a former member who has dropped his/her membership (NO TIME LIMIT) tell the former member that you would like to sponsor them to rejoin (reinstate) at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224.

The process is simple and it involves submitting a reinstatement application to be read at our Lodge meeting and voted on.

There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Cathy Shriver, PER H Tom Shriver, PDD Anne Marie Bondinko Jan Giallourakis Toni Goodrich, PDD Sandy Mayo Brian Polk Chuck Rosenbalm Marge Rosenbalm Diane Schreiber Jeanne Sninchak





THE NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

Similar to many other military observances, the birthday of the National Guard is not a national holiday, a bank holiday, or a special day off on the federal calendar. Yet Guard units around the world make a point to

honor this special day. One of the most common activities to celebrate is with a National Guard Birthday cake cutting ceremony.

Tradition requires this ceremony to involve the oldest member of the celebrating Guard unit cutting the cake together with the youngest member. This is similar to the cake cutting tradition found at Army Dining-Out ceremonies, the Air Force Ball, and many other events where military heritage is an important part of the proceedings.

Some Guard units may celebrate on the local level with open houses, recruitment drives, charity work, or other community involvement.

Some governors may make an official proclamation or continue the tradition of proclamations on this day honoring the sacrifices and accomplishments of Guard members. Memorial observances for those who have died on duty are also a way to honor Dec. 13 each year.

You can get involved in an effort to support Guard members celebrate the National Guard birthday. You can make yourself available as a current or former Guard member by contacting your local National Guard office or a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) such as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), or Wounded Warrior Project.





²ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 6:30 pm

Prayer Chain Requests



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times over.

If you have a calling to be a part this rewarding experience call me and sign up for the prayer chain. We are few but we are powerful. Please call me soon and sign up.

Dolly Masi, PER | (727) 344-6551

LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER VOLUNTEERS!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ELK.



Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggies" at the bar. Your spare change will help our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provide physical and occupational therapies to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services.

These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

Thank you for your help in making it possible for the Ladies of Elks auxiliary to help these children.



The NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1-800-273-8255



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Alvera Minutello	11/07/21
Josephine Konczal	
Raymond A. Holzwart, LM.	
Joseph J. Moffie	
Marvin Reavis.	
Marsha Garrett	
Emilien J. DeFresne	
James W. Clemons, LM	02/26/22
Roland Riley	
Albert L. Sigman, PDD	
Gordon Isco, LM.	
Judith Smith	
Lyman Wheeler, PDD	
Ernest Acebal	
Allen Ambrose	
Terry Wayne Steen	
Theodore J. Zuppa	
William Erskine	
Sandra Ives	
James G. Farkas, LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa	08/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM.	09/21/22
Louis Schorr	
Sheila Mutascio	11/11/22

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To our absent members."

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	7/23
Blaine M. Russell	4/23
Doug Breyette	3/23
Wayne L. Everett	5/23
Benjamin Karnegie	3/23
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/23
In Memory of William A. Schulz	1/23
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/23

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	. 4/23
Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366	. 7/23
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Valerie & James Wells 4/	23
Betts Roberts 12/	26

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WC District Chair / Representative To VAMC C.W Bill Young VAMC & Lee County VA Outpatient Clinic

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<u>Phone</u> 727-642-8004

VETERAN'S CORNER

I am trying to get the word out about the different problems that may rise with veterans as we get older. Waiting to the last minute to file is the worst. I have mentioned Camp Lejeune many times already. But now more things are popping up to do with you younger veterans.

The VA is accepting PACT act claims for all presumptive conditions relating to the Pact act. You are asked to join the registry even if you do not believe you were exposed to specific air-borne hazards. VA presumptive conditions include (Asthma) (Rhinitis) (Sinusitis).

Conditions associated with burn pit exposure include (Asthma) (Emphysema) (Cronic bronchitis) and also Chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder or COPD. To register visit:

www.public health.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp

The following operations are eligible to apply:

OPERATIONS : Desert Storm / Desert Shield/ New Dawn/ Iraqi Freedom/and Enduring Freedom. Don't do like a lot of us older veterans and wait! Symptoms can happen as you get older!

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative



Reminder: The Lodge Provides Proper Flag Retirement. We have been providing a way to properly and respectfully retire one of the greatest symbols of our nation, our American Flag for many years. You'll find a special receptacle where worn flags may be placed inside a mailbox type container right outside of our Lodge front doors. St. Petersburg Lodge will

retire these flags in a dignified way.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Medial Center and Northern clinics Phone Contacts: C.W. Bill Young VA Medial Center (24hrs.) 727.398.6661 Bradenton 941.721.0649 Sarasota 941.371.3349 Palm Harbor 727.734.5276 St. Petersburg 727.502.1700

SOUTHERN CLINICS PHONE CONTACTS

Lee County HCC - 239.652.1800 Port Charlotte -941.235.2710 Naples - 239.659.9188 Sebring -863.471.6227

VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

1.877.222.VETS(8387) Visit www.1010EZmed.va.gov Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at www.baypines.va.gov In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 911!

VA benefits hotline...

(800) 827-1000 Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET go to: www.va.gov



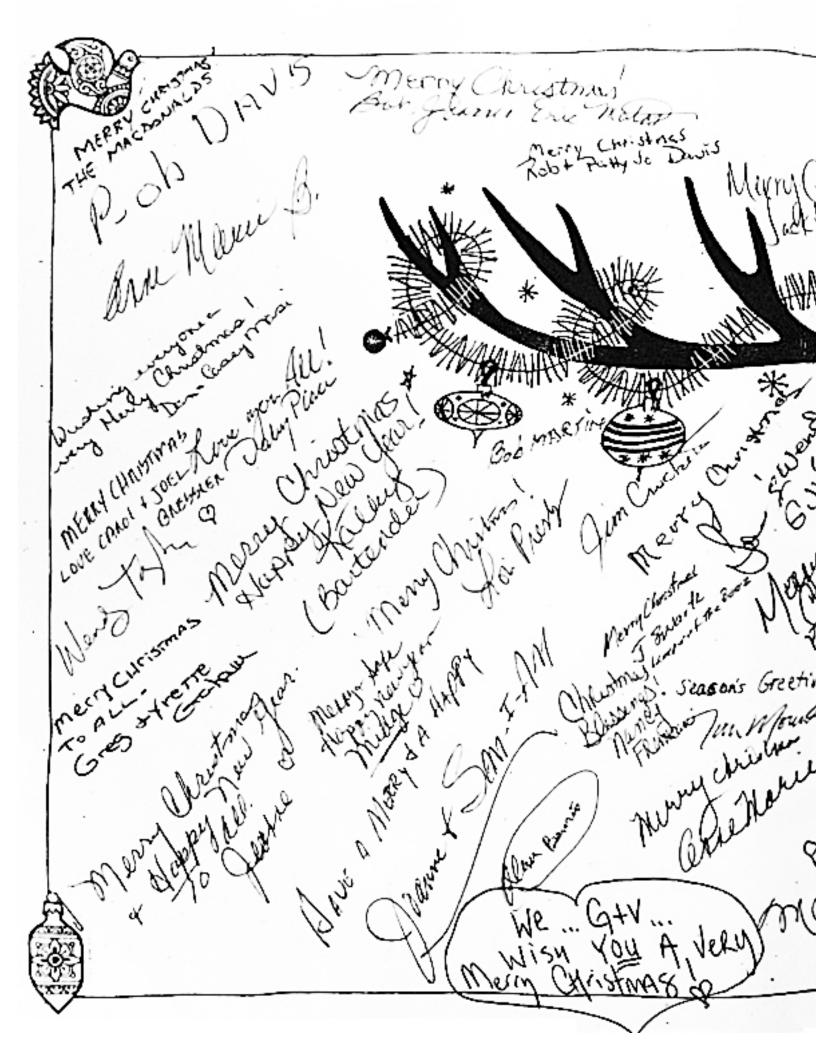
Call VA's Caregiver Support Line toll-free today.

1-855-260-3274



Attention Veterans! A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been set up to steal your credit card information





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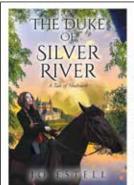
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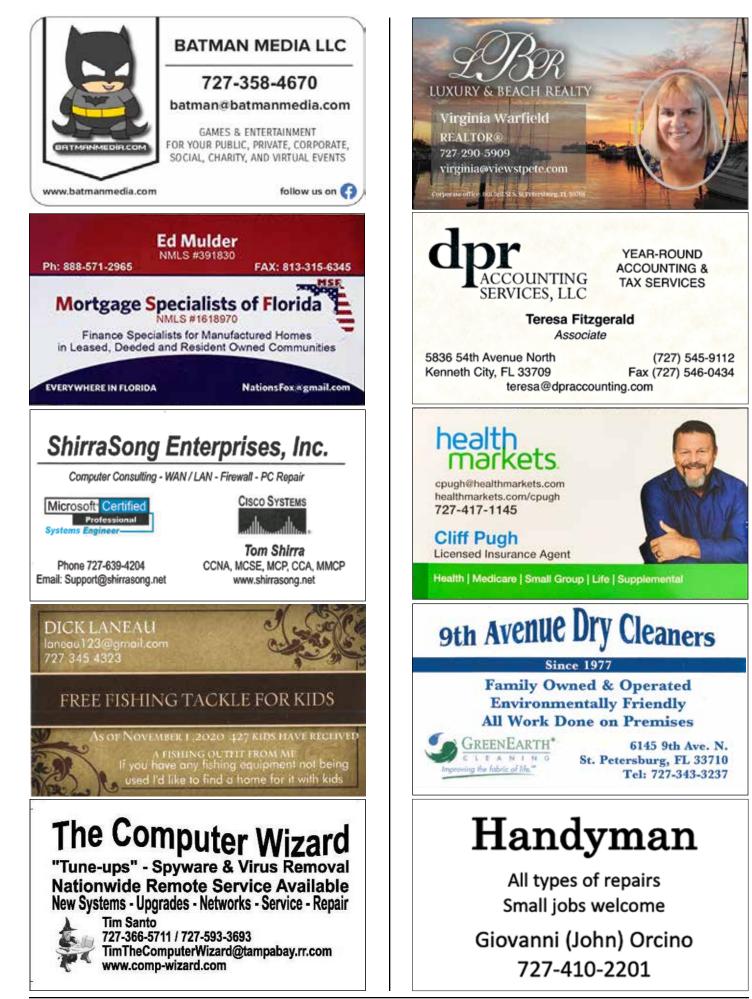
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Io Estell's debut novella <u>The Duke of Silver</u> <u>River</u> is available in paperback or e-book at Amazon, Barnes Nobel, and Apple i-Tunes. Thank you,

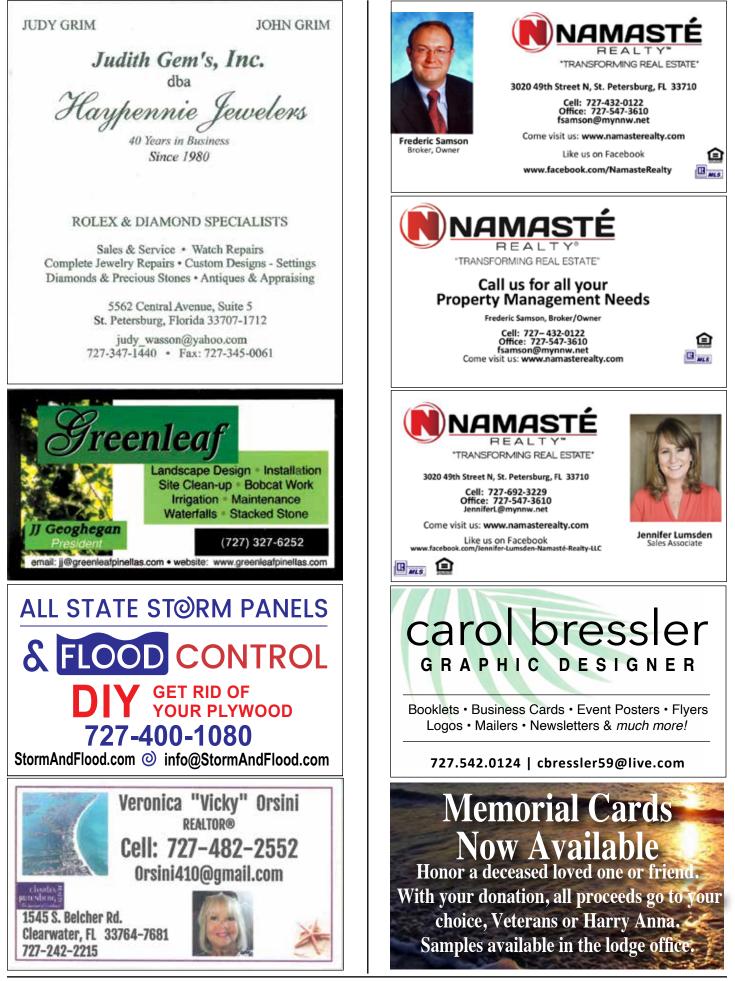
A chance encounter on a muddy village road brings two destined hearts together, but an oath made in haste keeps them apart until a tragic death occurs. Years later, a treacherous scheme brings war and a catastrophic injury that could cost them everything. Will misfortune bring them grief and heartache, or will love overcome all?



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BPOE 1224



25 Merry Christmas LODGE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	18 Tiki Open – Noon LOEA Christmas Party 1-3PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	11 Tiki Open – Noon Jukebox Mania 2-4PM PER Christmas Party 3PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	4 Tiki Open – Noon Elks Memorial Service 12:30PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	OFFICE/PHONE: OPEN: Mon-Sat: 10AM-2PM PHONE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS Sun NOON-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM	
26 Got It! 2:30PM	19 Got It! 2:30PM	12 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	5 Got It! 2:30PM	9HONE: 1t: 10AM-2PM OUNGE: 344-6553 HOURS Mon 11AM-10PM AM-11PM AM-11PM LY 7AM - 10PM	Monday
27 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	20 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	13 Lodge Meeting 7PM	6 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	Tiki Hours Sunday - Noon Wednesday - SPM Friday - SPM Saturday - 3PM	Tuesday
28 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	21 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	14 Tiki Open – 5PM It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Dart League 7PM Last day to drop off Items for the Christmas Food Drive	7 Tiki Open – 5PM "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Dart League 7PM	OURS - NOON)AY - 5PM `- 5PM AY - 3PM	St. Petersburg Lodge #1 Wednesday
29 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	22 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	15 KARAOKE with Darby SPM	8 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	1 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	224] Thursday
30 MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM TBD	23 MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM BY "Tampa Bay Travelers"	16 MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Happy Days"	9 PER Meeting 7PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Ralph Rogers"	2 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sounds of Yesterday"	December 2022
31 MASQUERADE PARTY 8:30PM - 12:30AM Music "SILVER ALERT" \$35/PP <i>includes two call</i> <i>drinks, heavy appetizers,</i> <i>party favors, midnight</i> <i>champagne toast!</i> NEW YEAR'S EVE	24 EGGNOG PARTY/POT LUCK BRING A DISH Noon-SPM Last call @ SPM LODGE CLOSES @ 6PM CHRISTMAS EVE	17 Tiki Open – 3PM Drive-Thru Toy Giveaway 10AM-2PM	10 Tiki Open – 3PM ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE! Tribute Show by Jeff Bradford 6-9PM Show Tickets \$10 Bringing your favorite Appetizers is encouraged.	3 Tiki Open – 3PM Arts & Crafts Holiday Market and LOEA Bake Sale 9AM-1PM	r 2022

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FOOD DRIVE **** * * * * FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS DROPPED OFF NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

The Holidays Are Here! And It's That Time Of Year When Elks Come Together To Present CHRISTMAS FOOD BAS-KETS TO Families In Need In Our Community. To fill the baskets we are looking for donations of the following items:

- 1 lb canned hams
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Turkey Gravy Packets
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Turkey Stuffing
- Canned Cranberry Sauce Boxed Mac & Cheese

THE FOOD BIN IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY FOR YOUR DONATIONS Cash donations are accepted and appreciated, please contact the lodge office at 344-6551

