

In 1963 the Lodge began construction of a new building on the "back half" of the same property. In 1964 the old building was sold and the basement of the new building was quickly put in shape for temporary Lodge quarters. It took nearly two more years (1966) to complete the planning, financial arrangements, and construction of the interior furnishings and fixtures for all three floors.

In 1994 we sold our building to Broom's Furniture Co. and moved the lodge to the basement. WE purchased the Kindergarten Center In 1995 from the Effingham Community Unit 40 and remodeling began on the 5000 Sq. Ft. Kindergarten Center. In April 1996 we moved into our new home.

In 2010 an opportunity came about to sell the lodge to Midland States Bank, giving the elks another chance to relocate, what an task we undertook, after a lot of recommendations of different locations approximate 35 in all , In June 2011 we purchased the Sneaky Pete's building built in 1975 as the Sizzler Steak House located at 2102 South Banker Street. While staying in the Kindergarten Center, remodeling began by our members, officially moving into the building in September 2011, today we have a 9,400 square foot building, abundance of parking spaces, all one level, handicapped accessible to every part of the building, a rentable banquet hall that will seat 220, a full kitchen for the members to cook in, and a beautiful lodge and club room that will hold 150 members.

Today is the culmination of many years of effort by many loyal and dedicated Elks. The Lodge is extremely proud of their home. It is the finest in many miles. But let the new, luxurious club facilities not detract or deter us from the primary purpose of Elkdom - Charity and the Brotherhood of mankind. Inspired by the dedication of our predecessors this Lodge will continue to grow in stature, in the nature of Elkdom, and in its noble purposes.

This is Effingham Illinois Lodge No. 1016!