



Dear Fellow Elks Members and Supporters of the Carlinville Elks,

Elks organizations everywhere invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up educated, healthy and drug-free; meet the needs of today's veterans; and improves the quality of life in the community. Overall, Elks lodges across the nation donate money and spend many volunteer hours to help their communities thrive. Through the years, members of our Carlinville Elks lodge have come together to raise and disperse funds for educational, patriotic, and community-minded programs that benefit all members of our community including youth, special needs children, disadvantaged residents, and veterans. In addition, our lodge itself has become the central community center for gatherings and supporting various community efforts such as:

- Providing the venue, food, and the volunteer staffing resources for dinners that help school aged kids and their parents raise needed funds for extracurricular student programs like sports, plays, band, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and Boy Scout Troops to name a few.
- Hosting and coordinating our own annual community programs like the Christmas Basket Program that provides all the fixings for a Christmas dinner to local families in need; Breakfast with Santa where we are able to give families a meal, kids get to meet Santa, and walk away with at least one large gift; Easter Bunny Quarter Auction that raises funds to support visits and gift delivery to local nursing homes, child day care centers and developmentally disabled centers; Veteran's Dinner where we are able to honor our veterans each November with a free meal; Flag Day and Memorial Services that allow us to celebrate our country's history and the lives of those we have lost with our community and family members; Nite at the Races where we get to promote our mission and local businesses in a fun community activity.
- Partnering with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization to coordinate and host events that support U.S. members of the armed forces. Events such as the annual I-RAQ-I-Roll pub crawl (mini-golf, dinner, and auction event), the Darts for Vets meal and dart tournaments.
- Continuing the efforts of the Military Support Group by hosting and coordinating the collection, assembly, and delivery of supplies and necessities for residents in Illinois veteran homes and our active-duty military serving overseas.
- Supporting civic efforts of other community organization by providing volunteers and a venue large enough to help the local American Red Cross blood drive and Good Samaritan Board's dinner to raise funds used to stock the local food pantry.
- Offering an affordable option for social, business, government, and political events and gatherings such as weddings, family reunions, dinners, and fundraisers.
- Raising and donating over 3 million dollars to various charities and other organizations in need over the last 100 years.



These are only some of the ways our Lodge offers support and fulfills our mission of giving back to our community, and something we hope to continue to do for many years. However, with that being said, we have spent many years deferring vital maintenance that our Lodge, home of these great programs and events, desperately needs. Things like a leaking roof in multiple places, an out-of-service kitchen cooler that's used weekly for events, a walk-in cooler and ice maker that are constantly breaking down. All are items that we have been putting "band-aids" on for year and are at the point of needing replaced.

Through research we've learned that the costs necessary to fix and/or replace these items will be substantial. Although ideas are being gathered and planning is underway for several fundraising events (monthly dinners, Oktoberfest, etc.) these events alone will not be enough to raise the funds needed to fully cover the costs. Therefore, in addition to these fundraising efforts, we are reaching out to you as a member and/or supporter of the Carlinville Lodge to ask for your help!

Would you be willing to donate toward a cause that will help preserve this very important community asset? If so, your gift today will be placed in an account dedicated to the repair, purchase, and maintenance of essential components of our great Lodge.

Make your tax-deductible gift today!

Please select your gift amount:

_____ \$50 _____ **\$150** _____ \$300
_____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Your financial contribution can be delivered directly to the lodge to the care of Tami Boston, Lodge Secretary or James Duncan, Lodge Treasurer while you are enjoying a beverage and great company at the bar or you can mail your donation to:

**Carlinville Elks Lodge
201 West Main Street
Carlinville, Illinois 62622**

Please make checks payable to "Carlinville Elks Lodge #1412" with 'Elks Lodge Renovation Fund' in the memo line.

Every donation, whatever the amount, gets us closer to our goal of preserving a building that has become an important asset to our community and the residents that live here. It is hard to imagine a Carlinville without the Carlinville Elks lodge.

Thank you for your continued support!
Sincerely,

Carlinville Elks Lodge #1412
2022 Board of Directors

