



The Elks Lodge on East Main Street, a stately building, was one of the few remaining old homes on Main Street. Built c. 1850 it was the home of John S. Havens, owner of the store on the corner of Main Street and Havens Avenue that in 1914 became the Shand's store. In 1881 John Joseph Craven, MD purchased this home. The former president of the Confederate States, Jefferson Davis, was in the medical care of Dr. Craven after his capture, when he was held in Fort Monroe in 1865. After Dr. Craven's death in 1893, the home came under the ownership of the Tiger family, which operated a large nursery here, the grounds of which extended past Oak Street. In later years the Canfield and Tuthill families owned the building. The USO became the owner for a few years during the war years and then in 1947 the Elks bought the building and it became the Elks Lodge.



The dining room and the bar in the Elks Lodge, 2001.