



Red Flame

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Illinek Lodge 132

Section C-3C Conclave Plans



Plans for the 2007 Section Conclave have been announced. This year's theme is "For He Who Serves His Fellows..." Host lodge 110 has developed a sharp design for the event pictured above. (A color example is on our website.)

The conclave will be September 28, 29, 30 at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL. The cost will be \$35 before 9/17, \$40 if paid after 9/17, and if you pay at the door, \$50. All meals will be provided. You just need personal camping gear. The lodge will arrange transportation at

a later date. Please use the form inside this newsletter to register as soon as possible so we can make plans.

Illinek Lodge will be hosting the field sports activities and games for Saturday afternoon. Would you like to help? Contact Vice Chief Kyle Noland at 452-3725 or il_scrappy@hotmail.com and check the box on the registration form.

You don't really know what a conclave is all about? It's an annual gathering of all the OA lodges in our section, literally hundreds of Arrowmen. Besides sharing ideas and fellowship, we have lots of fun. If you are interested in running for Section Office, it's where the Section elects officers for the coming year. All higher offices, (National and Regional Officers) are elected from the Section Chiefs. This is where we have a chance to set the direction for the OA in coming years. Lastly, the event is capped with a big show Saturday evening.

So mark your calendar, make plans to attend and sign up early for the Section C-3C 2007 Conclave!

Thought on Our Lodge - Where is Everyone?

For a really long time, many of us have felt that at each Lodge event or function, we only see the same group of folks. We have 350 members in Illinek Lodge. Yet 30 or 40 seem to be about all that participate much of the time. Ask yourself, "Why did I endure the Ordeal to join this *Brotherhood of Cheerful Service*?" If the answer is, so that you could get a sash, or a pretty flap to wear on your uniform, then perhaps you should study your OA Handbook a bit and reflect on what the OA is about - and what *your* part should be. The OA is not an award - it is a state of mind!

Picture a closed can. I open it and take out \$100. Next I invite you to do the same. Only when you reach in, there is nothing there. You immediately ask why, and I point out that I put a \$100 in the can. If you did not put anything into it, you got nothing out of it. Your membership in the OA is the same way - you get out what you put in. If all you've gotten was a flap, I would invite you to pick out a couple of upcoming events, come out, put something in - and see what you get out in return!

Summer Ordeal and Annual Meeting – August 10-12

Illinek Lodge will hold their Annual Meeting and Summer Ordeal August 10-12 at Camp Illinek in Springfield. We will need Elangomats and helpers that weekend. Please come out and join your fellow arrowmen in a service project at camp on Saturday morning and then join in the fun activities and games Saturday afternoon. The Lodge Annual Meeting will be held Saturday night. We will hold a Lodge Officer election for the 2007-2008 term along with information on various activities and upcoming events.

Registration Form - 2007 Section C-3C Conclave

September 28 - 30, 2007

Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois

Name _____ **Adult/Youth** ____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **If Adult, can you help with transportation?** ____

I would like to assist in setup or running of Field Events ____ **Y** ____ **N**

____ **\$35 (paid before 9/17)** ____ **\$40 (paid after 9/17)** **\$50 (at the door)**

Make checks payable to BSA. Mail this form & payment to the scout office. A BSA class 1 medical form must be completed & turned in when we leave Springfield for the conclave. (Or a summer camp BSA class 3 medical if it is current for this summer.) Both forms may be downloaded from the lodge website or from the council website.

Boy Scouts of America - OA Conclave

P.O. Box 7125

1911 West Monroe

Springfield, IL 62791-7125

ILLINEK LODGE #132 DUES REGISTRATION

Please print all information using one form per person
Return this by delivering or mailing this form to the Boy Scout Office
Mail to: Illinek Lodge, c/o Abraham Lincoln Council, B.S.A.
P.O. Box 7125, Springfield, Illinois 62791-7125

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

BSA ID #: _____ Email Address: _____

Current OA Honor (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

_____ 2006-07 Dues \$12.00 (Make checks payable to BSA)

Please fill in all blanks. They are necessary for the new OA membership verification.

Have You Completed The Ordeal?

Did you know that the Ordeal induction process to the Order of the Arrow
is not completed—UNTIL you complete the Brotherhood?

Illinek Lodge Order Of the Arrow Troop Representative 2007-2008 Registration Form

Scout Name: _____ Troop Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Scout Rank: _____

Scoutmaster Signature: _____

In order to be an OA Troop Representative, you must be a dues paying member of the OA, appointed by your SPL and approved by your Scoutmaster. As Troop Representative, you are the link in communication between the Lodge and your troop. You will be contacted regularly regarding the upcoming activities of the Lodge. You will be responsible for keeping the Lodge updated on the members of the OA in your troop. Return this form the Boy Scout Office.

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Lodge Officer Recommendation Form

On August 11, 2007, (about 6pm), we will have our Annual Meeting and elect Lodge Officers for the coming year. This is a critical step in determining our success and the participation of all Arrowmen in the coming year. The responsibilities of a Lodge Officer are great, requiring personal commitment to your brothers and Scouting, self-motivation to fulfill your duties and a willingness to commit to cheerful service as an officer. It is a lot of work, but it can also be very rewarding. Youth members of Illinek Lodge should use this form to express interest in a Lodge Officer position or to recommend someone else.

All nominees must meet the following requirements:

Be a registered member, in good standing of the BSA and OA with dues paid for the current year.

Be younger than 21 years of age during his entire term of office.

Be present for the election or if unable to attend have permission from the Key-3 advisors to stand for election (Extenuating circumstances only.)

Meet with Key-3 advisors prior to election, to discuss expectations as an officer.

Complete the following information and submit to the Nominating Committee at the address below, by July 31, 2007.

The offices are: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Name _____ Unit _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Position(s) Sought / Recommended _____

Person making recommendation _____ Phone _____

Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA
Illinek Lodge Nominating Committee
P. O. Box 7125
1911 West Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62791-7125

STUDY TIPS FOR OA BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Use the OA Handbook as a reference. Pages 50 lists the five challenges for Brotherhood membership. Page 10 gives the Obligation and Page 13 shows the OA song. The principles of the Ordeal are on Page 8. A pronunciation key for Lenni-Lenape words is found on Pages 63.

CHALLENGES:

1. Memorize the following signs of membership in the Order of the Arrow:

THE OBLIGATION

I do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Wimachtendienk. Wingolauchsik. Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities; and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

THE OA SONG

Firm bound in Brotherhood, Gather the Clan
That cheerful service brings To fellow man.
Circle our Council fire, Weld tightly every link
That binds us in Brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

THE ADMONITION

It was given to you at your Ordeal. If you forgot it, ask at the time of Brotherhood testing.

THE SIGN OF ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP AND THE OA HANDCLASP

SIGN: The arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership. The arrow sash is worn with the arrow pointing upward and over the right shoulder.

HANDCLASP: Demonstrated – The handclasp of the Order is made with the left hand intertwining the ring and little fingers.

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal

Read and understand the signs and meanings of the tests you went through to complete your Ordeal.

Review the Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal Questions and Answers on pages 52 – 54 in the Handbook.

3. Serve you unit.

You must have been a registered Scout or Scouter since your Ordeal. Strive to fulfill the Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your Troop.

4. Plan for service in you lodge.

Keep OA dues paid and develop a plan for service to the Lodge. Brotherhood membership involves a

Illinek Lodge 132

Order of the Arrow

Brotherhood Conversion Registration Form

Complete and Return to Scout Store

(Please Print)

Scout Name: _____ Troop: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ **Fee \$15.00 (cost of Brotherhood Sash)**

Date Attending Brotherhood Conversion:

___ Spring Fellowship & Ordeal at **Camp Bunn** – June 1st, 2nd, & 3rd 2007

___ Summer Fellowship & Ordeal at Camp Illinek – August 10th, 11th, & 12th 2007

___ Fall Fellowship & Ordeal at Camp Illinek – September 7th, 8th, & 9th 2007

Completing Brotherhood during Family Night at Camp Bunn:

___ Week #1 – Friday June 15th 2007

___ Week #2 – Friday June 22nd 2007

___ Week #3 – Friday June 29th 2007

___ Week #4 – Friday July 6th 2007

___ Week #5 – Friday July 13th 2007

Last Brotherhood Opportunity at Camp Illinek:

___ Brotherhood Day at Camp Illinek – Saturday December 8th 2007

Illinek Lodge Vigil Honor Nominations

The Recognitions Committee of Illinek Lodge, will meet on June 2, 2007, to consider Brotherhood members of our lodge for the Vigil Honor. The committee is seeking input from all Arrowmen. Consider the following passage:

With this passage in mind, briefly describe in the space provided why this person should be honored with the Vigil. Describe their leadership and service to their unit, the Order, and Scouting. Seal the form in an envelope separate from any other materials and mail / bring to the Scout office. It must be marked with the full address so that it will not be opened until the Recognitions Committee meets. It must be received not later than 4pm, May 30, 2007.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. All Vigil Honor nominees must have been Brotherhood members for two years or longer *at the time* of nomination by the committee.

Nominee Name _____ Unit _____ Adult / Youth _____

Nominated by:

**Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA
ATTN: Illinek Recognitions Committee
P. O. Box 7125
1911 West Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62791-7125**