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Illinek Lodge 132 Abraham Lincoln Council - BSA

Greetings From The Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

I, your Illinek Lodge Chief would like to inform you of a huge upcoming OA event, N.O.A.C. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a National OA event that happens normally every two years, this time being three. It is where all the lodges in the nation come to a university and stay in the dorms. While at this event Arrowmen do things ranging ceremonies, event planning, to the OA history, and even making and maintaining Native American Regalia. It is a great opportunity and only happens every 2 years. This year, it is at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It is a shorter distance from here to there than from here to Chicago. NOAC is a great chance to learn things about the OA that you didn't know before and meet new, interesting people from all over the country and do exciting things that aren't offered anywhere else. So, if you can find the time, come with us to NOAC and have some fun.

Yours in Scouting,
Colin L [REDACTED]

Next Major Illinek Lodge Activity - Winter Dinner

Winter is here, and as always the Winter Dinner is just around the corner. So, I figured I would give you all a little heads up on when and where it will be. It will be Sunday, January 25 at the Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield. We will have great food, plenty of great awards and presentations, and other fun things to do there. So, I encourage any Arrowmen to come out and join us at the annual Illinek Lodge Winter Dinner. The dinner will cost \$20. There will be a Form in the back for anyone to register to come to it. I hope to see you there and can't wait!

Your Lodge Chief,
Colin L [REDACTED]



Lodge Leadership Development Training Summary

At the LLD we had a few Arrowmen who were eager to learn. There were six learning sections: Effective Ceremonies, Troop Election Team Training, Troop Representative Training, Event Planning, and Web and Newsletter Communication. Courses were taught by Peter S [REDACTED], Neal B [REDACTED], Adam B [REDACTED], and Colin L [REDACTED]. Each section was approximately forty five minutes long. Arrowmen arrived on Saturday at 9:00AM and we were finished by 5:00 PM . If you want to learn more about the Order of the Arrow there are numerous things to do. Go to our website www.illinek132.com and come to the monthly LEC meetings which are the planning meetings for members to voice what they want to do.

Elangomat, Troop Representative and Election Team Training

Elangomat, Troop Representative and Election Team Training will be held on February 21, 2009 for those wishing to become either an Elangomat for the Ordeals in June, August, and September or part of the Election Team, or a Troop Representative. The training will be held at Booth Lodge at Camp Illinek. The training will run from 9:30 AM Saturday, February 21 until 5:00 PM. The cost for lunch will be \$3.00. Complete and return this form to the Boy Scout Office:

Elangomat, Troop Representative and Election Team Training Registration

Name: _____

Troop #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City/Zip: _____

Birth date: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$3

Scribbling from the Lodge Advisor

I often hear the comment, “Nobody ever calls me”. “I would get involved if I knew what was going on”. The problem I see with that is, “*Why do you NEED to be called?*” Our lodge schedule is on our website at www.illinek132.com; we include information in each newsletter for events; your troop representative should know what’s going on (and if not, ask him why he doesn’t he attend LEC meetings and find out!) You can always contact a lodge officer, committee chairman or me. If you’re not sure what’s going on, my email address is wd5bmg@comcast.net and my phone number is in the phonebook in Chatham! But just to be clear – ALL our meetings are for ALL our members!

So can you attend the monthly “Lodge Executive Committee” meetings? Of course! Again, ALL members are welcome, in fact encouraged to attend. That is your best place to find out what is going on and to get involved. You do not need to be an officer, a committee chairman or even active with the lodge to attend. So see when the next LEC is scheduled, get a buddy or two from your troop to join you and come out.

I hope to see everyone at the Winter Dinner, January 25th.

Stephen

2009 Nat’l OA Conference Filling Fast

August 1 – 6, 2009, will find at least seventeen Arrowmen from Illinek Lodge joining with over 8000 other OA members literally from around the world at the 2009 NOAC hosted at Indiana University, in Bloomington, IN. In October we received word that we were guaranteed only seventeen slots for the conference with a preference for youth under 21 years of age. A special flyer was mailed to all youth and as we prepare this newsletter we have already filled fifteen of the slots. So if you are interested but still thinking about signing up, don’t think too long and miss out!

Once the slots are filled we will begin a waiting list for both youth and additional adults. You can still register and we will hold your \$100 deposit until we either confirm additional slots or refund it later in the spring. If you need another copy of the flyer, visit our lodge website and click the NOAC 2009 link near the top of the page. We have instituted an installment plan for paying the fees to make it easier for everyone. We will also have a special Illinek NOAC flap set for all lodge members, with part of the profits going to reduce the cost. See the flyer for more details.

NOAC is held every two-three years as a gathering of all OA Lodges (over 300). The last conference in 2006 was the largest ever. Each day begins with the opportunity to learn a wide array of skills and leadership techniques, as well as fun skills such as beading, making Native America clothing, organizing events, Leave No Trace, etc. Each evening is filled with a huge arena show, awesome music and more. Meet the National Chief and Vice Chief, a youth just like you, and share ideas that could form the future of the OA. Lodges compete in sports and games, and of course a little patch trading (if you consider several thousand folks trading patches “a little”.) Finally Wednesday afternoon is devoted to a large carnival-like event called “Founders Day”, with lots of booths, food, activities and more music.

For more information and a peek at the last NOAC, visit <http://event.oa-bsa.org> today.

Annual Winter Dinner Planned

Our Annual Winter Dinner has become a tradition in Illinek Lodge. It is a great opportunity to just have a fun evening of great food, fellowship and share a few laughs as we relax. This year we will again gather at Island Bay Yacht Club on Lake Springfield for a fantastic awesome and stupendous dinner on January 25, 2009, at 6:00pm. Registration will start at 5:30pm. The cost is still \$20 per person in advance. You can bring your parents, a spouse or a date too.

At the dinner we will recognize our newest Vigil members, as well as those who completed the Brotherhood this year and our newest Ordeal members. Our Section Chief will likely attend again this year and share his insights on plans for NOAC 2009 and OA section activities. Others will share interesting tales of their participating on ArrowCorp5 and the OA Ocean Adventure program. Finally, the Recognitions Committee will announce this year's recipient(s) of the OA Founders Award.

So mark your calendar, invite a friend and sign up today for the Winter Dinner. A registration form is included in this *Red Flame*. The registration deadline is January 20th.

WINTER DINNER REGISTRATION FORM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009 AT ISLAND BAY YACHT CLUB
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 5:30 pm DINNER AT 6:00pm

Name: _____ Troop #: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian consent and authorization for members less than 18 years of age.

Parent/Guardian print name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone and/or cell numbers: phone _____ cell _____

Checks should be made payable to Illinek Lodge-Abraham Lincoln Council and mailed to the Scout Service Center along with the form.

Before January 20th \$20 x _____ = \$ _____

After January 20th \$22 x _____ = \$ _____

Treasure Island Scout Camp

Just the name Treasure Island Scout Camp, for any involved OA member brings an immediate image to mind. A warm summer evening in July 1915. Camp leaders arranged around a large roaring fire in black robes with unusual markings and a turtle symbol. Today we know this was the beginning of a journey of service as the Order of the Arrow was born. Since that night when Dr. Goodman and Col. Edson held the first “Ordeal” induction, Treasure Island (or TI as many know it) has hosted countless ceremonies and Scout campers. As the site of our founding, it holds a special place in the hearts of all Arrowmen.

Indeed, since before the founding of the Order, TI has been an active Scout camp on an island in the Delaware River. Arguably, it is the oldest continuously used summer camp in the nation. In 2004 and again in 2005, the camp was devastated by major flooding. Thanks to countless volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars, the camp survived – barely.

As of October 1, 2008, the Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA, home of TI Scout Camp and the first OA Lodge was officially closed. Let that sink in a moment. *Treasure Island is closed.* At this time its future is likely to be that it will be sold or transformed into some sort of nature conservancy. Mounting costs, ever increasing regulations and laws, the difficulty of just operating on an island (no bridges), together with less than the level of attendance it needed, the threat of future floods and the risk of investing in improvements all came together to end the life of Treasure Island.

Reflect upon that for a moment and consider our own Camp Illinek and Camp Bunn. The OA takes pride in our “preserve the traditions” attitude. But camps require investment and attendance. Each year, we encourage our troops and scouts to attend our camps and to come out and help with various service projects. Many believed the time would never come when Treasure Island would close forever. But it did. As we all make plans for summer camp in 2009, ask yourself what having our two camps is really worth to you. Would you miss them if they were gone? Are you using them today? Illinek Lodge strongly encourages all our units to attend camp next summer, and to utilize our own camps in doing so. We cannot allow the names Camp Illinek and Camp Bunn to join the list with Treasure Island of camps known only as “what once was”.

Words from the Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is looking for help in producing *The Red Flame*. If you would like to join the committee please e-mail Peter S [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Also if you want to submit an article, please e-mail the article to the above address.

ORDER OF THE ARROW SERVICE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

Please print all information using one form per person and return it by mail or fax.
Mail to: Illinek Lodge, c/o Abraham Lincoln Council, B.S.A.,
P.O. Box 7125, Springfield, Illinois 62791-7125
Fax to: (217) 546-0598

Name:Unit:Date of Birth.....

Mailing Address.....email Address.....

City.....Zip..... Phone.....

Select one or more:

- coordinate the One Day of Service Program –Retirement of Worn American flags
- 8-12 am Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Camp Bunn - OA Station at Klondike Derby
- 1-4 pm Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Camp Bunn - OA Station at Klondike Derby
- 8-10 am Saturday, February 14, 2009 at Camp Lincoln, record runner for First Aid Meet
- 10am-12pm Saturday, February 14, 2009 at Camp Lincoln, record runner for First Aid Meet
- 8am-12pm Saturday, February14, 2009 at Camp Lincoln, workers at OA's Booth at First Aid Meet
- volunteer/helper Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Camp Illinek, One Day of Service
- volunteer/helper 1-5 pm Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Stuart Park, Lincoln Trail Concession Stand

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Parent/Guardian Consent for Minors

I hereby permit the youth named above to participate in the listed event(s). In the event of illness or accident in the course of such participation, I request that measures to be instituted without delay as the judgment of the medical personnel dictates.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Emergency Phone: Cell Phone:

Health Insurance Carrier:..... Policy or I.D.#.....

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Calendar Of Events



December	6	Brotherhood Day (Camp Illinek)
	6	KEY-3 Meeting
	7	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	11	Annual Report Presentation
January 2009	25	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	25	Lodge Winter Dinner (TBD 6:00pm)
February	21	Election Team, Elangomat, Troop Rep Training (Camp Illinek)
	21	KEY-3 Meeting
	15	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
March	15	Lodge Membership Gathering (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	15	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 2:00pm
April	17	KEY-3 Meeting (4pm Scout Office)
	18	One-Day-of-Service (Camp Illinek) (Option Saturday night fellowship)
	19	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	25	Trails End – Stewart Park (Pilgrimage Hike)
May	3	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	29 – 31	Spring Fellowship & Ordeal (Camp Bunn)
June		
August	1 – 6	Nat'l OA Conference (Bloomington, IN)
	14 – 16	Summer Fellowship & Ordeal (Camp Illinek)
	15	Annual Lodge Meeting / Election of Officers (Camp Illinek) 6:00pm
	23	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
September	11 – 13	Fall Fellowship & Ordeal (Camp Illinek)
	12	New Lodge Officer Planning Session (Camp Illinek – half day)
	13	Installation of Officers (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	13	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:30pm
	13	KEY-3 Meeting
October	11	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	16 – 18	Webelos Woods (Camp Illinek)
November	7 - 8	Lodge Leadership Development Course (Camp Illinek)
	8	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	8	2009 Summer Program Dinner (Camp Illinek) (was SM Dinner)
December	5	Brotherhood Day (Camp Illinek)
	5	KEY-3 Meeting
	6	LEC Meeting (Camp Illinek) 1:00pm
	10	Annual Report Presentation

We're Going to the Dogs!

Actually, some of us are going to gather at the Cozy Dog on Sixth Street south of Springfield. After the ALC First Aid Meet, all the OA members helping out as runners and at the Camp Promotion table are going to gather at the Cozy Dog and share corn dog (or two) on the Lodge Advisor! Any other OA members that want to join us are welcome to just meet us there 45 minutes or so after the First Aid Meet!

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