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Illinek Lodge 132 Abraham Lincoln Council - BSA

One Day of Service –April 18 A Great Service Opportunity

This is an event that needs the support and participation from all scouts. Venture groups, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts alike are welcome.

This is a chance to help the community through the collection and proper retirement of worn and damaged US flags. When the flags are collected they are then brought to Camp Illinek for a formal retirement in a patriotic manner. Flags are gathered between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Starting at 12:30 p.m., Scouts then participate in the retirement of flags at several points around camp. The event concludes by 5:00 p.m.

In a typical year, we will retire 1500 – 2000 flags in one day! So as you can see volunteer help is needed. To volunteer, contact Alex [REDACTED], Service Chairman at [REDACTED], email [REDACTED] or Peter [REDACTED].

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Colin Langenfeld
Vice Chief-
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Scribblings from the Lodge Advisor

The spring of the year is fast approaching and with it, the busiest part of the year for Illinek Lodge. Much of it starts with unit elections to select candidates to become members of the Order of the Arrow. We can always use more members to get trained to do elections and be available to help on one or more during the spring. It is a simple process but you need to understand your role. Not sure what that means? Well, come out to Camp Illinek on February 21st, at 9am and we'll teach you. There is a sign up form in this newsletter.

For our newest members, those who are Ordeal members, beginning with the Spring Fellowship at Camp Bunn (May 29 – 31) you can complete the requirements for Brotherhood membership. It's fast and easy. For more information, visit our lodge website at www.illinek132.com.

Finally, I want to recognize and congratulate Bob Schmidt, who, at our Winter Dinner on January 25th, received the Orders Founders Award. Bob has truly given a lot of himself in providing Cheerful Service to others in scouting. We could not exist if were not for countless individuals like Bob who day in and day out support Scouting. Thanks Bob!

Stephen

Forget to Pay Your OA Dues?

OA dues are separate from Scout troop dues and are not paid when your unit recharter. Each OA member **MUST** pay their dues individually to remain a current lodge member. Check your mailing label on this newsletter. If it says your dues were paid thru 12/31/2008 or earlier, then your dues are **DELINQUENT**. They are only \$12 for the year. With the cost of everything, we have to start dropping people from mailings who have not paid their 2009 lodge dues.

Annual Illinek Winter Dinner Big Success

January 25th, was the date for our 2009 Winter Dinner. Once again brother Bob Tregoning and the staff at Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield hosted our gathering. Braving the cold and snow, sixty-seven Arrowmen, parents, and guests arrived in time to chow down on a feast of roast pork, fried chicken, potatoes, mac & cheese, veggies, salads, and a table full of superb deserts. Were it not for the brave efforts of the lodge officers, we are certain many of us would have simply dove head-first into desert.

Alas, order was restored in time for former chief Paul [REDACTED] to kick off the program as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Our 2008 Vigil Honor recipients were recognized, along with all who have served as an Elangomat or in Ceremonies. Chief Colin Langenfeld made a few remarks to recognize all that has been accomplished in the last year including several of our activities. Leland Smith, who will lead our council's 2010 National Jamboree also spoke about plans and encouraged scouts to sign up.

The highlight of the evening came after a brief video explaining the significance of the Founders Award. Then Paul read a biography of a member whose contributions span several decades as both a youth and adult leader. With that, we bestowed the Founders award on Robert "Bob" Schmidt. A well deserved honor!

Finally, Supreme Chief of the Fire, Dan O'Brien spoke sharing that for the third year in a row, Illinek Lodge has achieved Quality Lodge status. Dan thanks all members of the lodge for their service to scouting and their support of the program.

Committee Reports

NADT –

The NADT will be starting there practices on Feb.1st at 3:00 at the American Legion Hall in Divernon. We will continue there until Booth Lodge is ready. Also if any OA member is interested in the NADT or would like to find out more about it, please contact our chairman David [REDACTED] or Warren Smith, Advisor.

SERVICE-

Greetings Brother Arrowmen. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Alex [REDACTED] and I am the new Service Chairman. I am looking forward to the responsibilities that await me in this new role.

As with any organization, we are only as good as our volunteers, and I will be calling on each and every one of you to step forward and volunteer a portion of your time to help out at our upcoming events.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. My contact information is cell – [REDACTED], email: [REDACTED]

PUBLICATIONS-

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

The Lodge will plan work activities for the ordeal with the ranger at Camp Bunn. The Service Committee will work with the Ordeal Master (John [REDACTED]) to have 4-5 Elangomats for each clan at the ordeal. Volunteer Arrowmen will be needed to work with the Ordeal Master as a work coordinator for the ordeal weekend. The ordeal is planned for May 30-June 2.

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.,
5231 South Sixth Street Rd, Springfield, Illinois 62703
Fax to: (217) 529-5786

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

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

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

Select one or more:

_____ 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

_____ OTHER _____

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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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Trails End Cafe Stewart Park Lincoln Trail Hike April 25

Our Lodge will once again be needing volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers typically prepare and serve hotdogs and other light snacks and drinks to hikers. Typically set up time is around 11:30 a.m. and tear down is between 6 – 7 p.m. Volunteers can help all day or just for a few hours. If you would be interested in helping with this event, contact Alex [REDACTED], Service Chairman at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Do YOU know how to do a Troop Election for the Order of the Arrow?

The Troop Elections will be held soon, and it has come to our attention that most of our Lodge members don't know how to perform an Election. The process is simple and will take about 30 minutes at the most. It is great to be able to do your own Election for your Troop so you don't have to wait for a team to come out and do it. It is just a good thing to know how to do. So, if you have a couple free hours and feel like learning how to do an Election, come on out to the Illinek Lodge 132 Election Team, Elangomat, and Troop Representative Training. It will be a great experience for all and teaches some great skills that every lodge member needs to know how to do.

Brotherhood Opportunities

If you are an Ordeal member did you know that next summer you can complete the Ordeal process by sealing your membership as a Brotherhood member? The process is really quite simple. In the next several weeks you will receive a letter detailing the simple requirements (you can also go online at www.illinek132.com and check out the details in the "Brotherhood" section now.)

Are you a bit confused on some of the things said or done at your Ordeal? You are not alone! For that reason, the National OA website has a special link just for new members. Just go to www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org (also available at our site as mentioned above). When asked for the password, just enter "[REDACTED]". This excellent site will explain the things done and said, giving you a clearer understanding of the Ordeal. Opportunities to complete the Brotherhood will be at our Spring, Summer and Fall Ordeals, as well as each Friday evening during summer camp at Camp Bunn. It only takes a couple of hours. There is a small cost to cover the cost of your new Brotherhood sash. So start planning now to achieve Brotherhood this summer even if you've been an Ordeal for several years!

New Illinek Lodge NOAC 2009 Flap Sets

Just in time for the Winter Dinner, we have received some very special lodge flap 2-piece sets to commemorate the 2009 NOAC next August. Any member may purchase as many of these sets as they wish, while supplies last. They are \$7.00 / set and are available at the scout office or at any lodge function. The LEC voted that half the profit will go to helping pay for our delegates to attend the conference and the other half to lodge service projects. If you would like to see a color sample, simply visit the lodge website. It's on the main page!

A very limited edition was also produced with gold metallic thread, with two being given to each delegate to NOAC. A few extra were ordered of this edition. These will be auctioned at our Annual Meeting during the Summer Conclave on the evening of August 15th. If you want to grab one of these, be sure to sign up for the Summer Conclave and be there for the business meeting on Saturday evening to bid. We will work out the rules so that youth and adults have a fair chance at these.



NOAC Contingent Quickly Filled

In a matter of weeks before the Holiday season, all our allotted slots for the 2009 NOAC conference in Bloomington, Indiana, were filled. Still interested in going even if you missed out? On March 1st we can request additional slots. If you're still interested and did not sign up and pay your deposit early on, you may still have a chance. Simply fill out the registration form we sent out (or that you can download on the website by clicking the logo on the top of the page for "2009 NOAC") and send in your \$100 deposit. If we are unable to get additional slots, your deposit will be refunded.



National Jamboree OA Service Corp

Any National Jamboree is a special “once in a lifetime” opportunity for any young man. Illinek Lodge encourages all members who can, to take advantage of the fun that awaits with our council contingent. This jamboree will be like no other – our 100th anniversary and the last jamboree to be held at Fort AP Hill, Virginia.

Even if you can’t make the contingent (there are only 36 youth slots) Arrowmen still have a unique opportunity to participate and also be of service. It’s called the OA Service Corp.

Each jamboree has a team of several hundred youth Arrowmen, just like you, who come together as part of the jamboree staff to provide the “extra” manpower sometimes needed to pull off such a massive event. Service Corp Arrowmen staff the TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Place), act as guides and ushers at shows, provides extra help wherever need – and have a lot of fun. Service Corp members must be under age 21 at the time of the jamboree; they pay only the participant fee but provide their own transportation to-from the jamboree.

If you think that you might be interested, contact Stephen White at wd5bmg@comcast.net. As soon information is available he will get it to you!

Calendar Of Events

February 14	First Aid Meet
February 15	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
February 21	Election Team, Elangomat, Troop Representative Training
February 21	Lodge KEY-3 Meeting
March 15	Annual Membership Gathering
March 15	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
March 31	NOAC 2009 Payment 3 Due
April 17	Lodge KEY-3 Meeting
April 18	One-Day-of-Service
April 19	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
April 25	Pilgrimage Hike and Trail-End Cafe
April 30	NOAC 2009 Payment 4 Due

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