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# Red Flame



*Illinek Lodge 132 Abraham Lincoln Council - BSA*

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### Recognitions

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### Ceremonies

Grant Rogers

### NADT

David Devine

### Immediate Past Chief

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## Lodge Officer Elections – Annual Meeting

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Summer Fellowship, Illinek Lodge will hold elections for lodge officers to serve for the 2009-2010 year. This meeting will be held shortly after the Ordeal inductions at Camp Illinek, tentatively about 7:00pm. All members are invited to attend. Arrowmen under the age of 21 may vote. The offices to be filled are: Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. Each candidate must be under 21 for their entire term of office (through 8/31/2010).

If you are interested in serving or wish to recommend someone, there is a Lodge Officer Nomination Form on our website in the “Resources” section. The Nominating Committee will meet over the summer to consider prospective candidates and may at their discretion, recommend a slate of officers for consideration at the Annual Meeting. These are important offices which do much to set the direction of what your lodge does in coming years. All members are strongly encouraged to come to the Annual Meeting and be involved in selecting our officers.

## NOAC 2009 Special Issue Flap Sets Auction

By now, you may have heard that there are two different sets of lodge flaps for NOAC this summer. A very limited edition was produced with two sets going to each NOAC delegate from our lodge. A few extras were produced. These extras will be auctioned immediately after the Annual Meeting on the evening of August 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Illinek. We are in the process of setting up some simple rules so that youth and adults are not bidding against each other and everyone has a fair chance.

If you are interested in bidding, it's another reason to come to the Annual Meeting! The profits will be equally split between the NOAC scholarship fund to help our delegates and our lodge service projects. When the rules have been approved for the auction, they will be posted on our website.

If you haven't already bought sets of the regular NOAC flaps, they are available at the Scout Shop for \$7.00 and tentatively will be available at the trading post at Camp Bunn, if we don't run out first! We have had a number of out of council requests to purchase these so they will likely be very popular at NOAC.

### **Lodge Chief-**

Colin L [REDACTED]

### **Vice Chief-**

Adam B [REDACTED]

### **Secretary-**

Neal B [REDACTED]

### **Treasurer-**

Chris C [REDACTED]

## Scribblings from the Lodge Advisor



The summer camping season is just around the corner. And with it, Illinek Lodge has six Ordeal candidate callouts, three Ordeal Weekends, eight Brotherhood conversion opportunities, a Vigil induction, annual meeting, and Section Conclave in Wisconsin. Sound busy enough? Toss in One-Day-of-Service, Lincoln Pilgrimage and a little thing called NOAC. I'm tired already!

This is frankly, a typical year for Illinek Lodge. In each newsletter we encourage you, our fellow Arrowmen, to get involved somewhere, even if it is just a couple of events. Many of you have. Each event we see new faces. That's great. But are you setting an example to your own unit? Are you supporting it? There are young scouts coming down the Eagle trail behind you, looking to your example. Afterall, they elected you to our Order. They will follow your example if it is good – or bad.

While I frequently say it, I truly believe one thing about the OA from nearly forty years of participation, since I walked that trail to the circle as a young scout to test the bow. It's not about flaps and sashes; it's not an award you earn – Cheerful Service is a *way of life you embrace!* Take advantage of your opportunities in Scouting. See you all at Camp Bunn I hope!

Stephen White

## One Day of Service

The Lodge's One Day of Service Project was held on April 18 and the Lodge with the assistance of many Boy Scout and Cub Scout units collected over 1,700 American Flags. The Scouts at Camp Illinek retired over 1,600 American Flags Saturday.

## Native American Dance Team

The NADT is looking for dancers, drummers and singers. If any one is interested in joining the Native American Dance Team, please e-mail David [REDACTED] or Warren Smith at [eagleswarren@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswarren@yahoo.com).

## 2008 Quality Lodge Pins

Shortly we expect to have a limited quantity of the 2008 Quality Lodge pins available for purchase at \$2.00, from our Council Scout Shop. Check in with the staff to see when they arrive. These may be worn on the right side of your lodge flap to recognize our accomplishment last year as a National Quality Lodge.

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## Vigil Nomination Recommendations Sought

The Vigil Honor is the highest recognition, which Illinek Lodge can bestow upon a member. It 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 as a member of our lodge, our council or service to our camp.

Shortly the Nominating Committee will meet to consider the service of those who have been Brotherhood members for at least two-years and are in good standing (dues paid) with the lodge. Would you like to recommend someone? Any member can provide a recommendation to the committee for consideration (self-nominations will not be considered). There is a recommendation form on our lodge website at [www.illinek132.com](http://www.illinek132.com), which you can use. Go to the bottom of the "Vigil" tab, fill out the form and send it to the council office.



Inducted to the OA this past Summer or just have not completed Brotherhood Conversion? Are you a bit confused on some of the things said and done during your Ordeal? Wondering what is next for you in the Order of the Arrow? You are not alone! The OA has a place just for you, literally a CLICK away at the National OA website. Just go to [www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org). You will need your OA handbook that you received at the end of the Ordeal for the password contained on page ten. If you have any problems contact us and we can get you going. Be sure to visit the National OA Website.



## **OA-OA: Special Ocean Adventure Only For Arrowmen**

Picture yourself for 13 days, enjoying the beauty of the Florida Keys. Learn to scuba dive while at the same time exploring the aquatic life of the reefs and at the same time participate in the fieldwork of a world class scientific program that is expanding our understanding of the oceans and our influence upon them. That is the adventure of the OA Ocean Adventure (aka OA-OA)!

In cooperation with the BSA Florida Sea Base, the OA officer six, 13-day experiences unique to Scouting. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, sea base staff with strong OA backgrounds lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the Florida Keys.

Participants have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world in one of Scouting's most unique high adventure opportunities. Half of the program allows you to become PADI scuba trained and certified. The remaining half focuses on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Keys through use of your new scuba skills working with the scientists. PADI certification requires a significant amount of independent study, which you will complete prior to arrival at the base.

Participants must be between ages of 16 and 21 by the time the trip concludes; they must be physically fit and able to comfortably pass the BSA swim test as well as the Sea Base Class III medical; be a registered member of the BSA and Illinek Lodge. The 2009 cost is \$500, which is two-thirds subsidized by the National OA Committee. You also pay your own transportation.

The OA-OA adventure is one of our most popular high adventure programs. It typically fills up quickly when registration opens each August for the coming year. Spaces are very limited. If you think that you may be interested, click "High Adventure" tab at the top of the main page of our lodge website for more info. You can also contact Stephen White at 217-483-6484 or wd5bmg@comcast.net. In 2008 former Lodge Chief Paul Schmidt attended the program. Give him a call if you want to know more about his adventure!

# Calendar of Events

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 Editor- Stephen White  
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May 18	Ordeal Candidate Callout (Spring Camporee)
May 29 - 31	<b>Spring Conclave &amp; Ordeal Weekend</b>
May 30	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #1</i>
June 19	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #2</i>
June 26	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #3</i>
July 10	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #4</i>
July 17	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #5</i>
July 24	<i>Brotherhood Induction Opportunity #6</i>

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