



# THE RED FLAME

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## A Message from the Chief:

**Brothers,**

I know it's been a long year already, and it's only half over. However, I also know that we are Scouts, and we are practical. As long as we keep our heads held high and we stay cautious and safe, we will see the end of this pandemic, and we can finish out the year strong. Illinek Lodge has been navigating expertly through this crisis, and we'll be pleased to serve you all again when this situation is finally concluded.

**Yours in Brotherhood,  
Zach Swinford**

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# A Message from the Lodge Advisor:



This past program year has truly been highlighted by the events of the past four months. As much as we have seen and heard what has happened, there is so much more that has not happened. I am in constant meetings and discussions where I hear the #1 wish of Cubs and Scouts is to go camping. And Scouting is such a social experience where I have seen Scouts holding elections, practicing ceremonial parts, planning events, and wanting to conduct training experiences and Brotherhood transitions. But I have also seen and read of Cubs and Scouts doing such tremendous things, such as food drives, helping to move individuals and families out of harms way, and performing countless acts of first aid. So much of this becomes second nature to those trained in the ways of the Scouting program.

As we cautiously move forward to get through these challenges, remember the commitment that each of you made when you said "I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood as lasting." I hope to see everyone again soon in a safe environment and continuing in our traditions, setting the example, and practicing that which Scouting has always continued to teach and promote, to love one another.

John Kirchgesner  
Illinek Lodge Adviser

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**[illineklodge.com](http://illineklodge.com)**

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# Lodge News

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## Pancake Breakfast

On March 8th Illinek Lodge hosted their annual pancake breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall to fundraise for projects at our scout camps. Thank you to all who came out and supported this event!

## Section Conclave

The 2020 Section C-3B Conclave scheduled for Camp Warren-Levis, September 18-20, 2020 has been canceled due to restrictions enacted to limit the spread of Covid-19. However, the Section still plans to make training, the evening show, and other events available online! The best part? There will be no fee for online activities! For further updates, watch for future emails as well as the Illinek Lodge 132 Facebook group.

## Summer Fellowship

Illinek Lodge's 2020 Summer Fellowship scheduled for August 14-16, 2020 has been canceled due to restrictions enacted to limit the spread of Covid-19. However, we are still planning on holding the Annual Meeting on August 15th and more info can be found on the next page.

## Fall Fellowship

Currently the Lodge still plans to hold the only 2020 Fellowship at Camp Illinek on October 16-18! Restrictions based on the most recent Public Health and BSA regulations will be in place. One item includes one tent per person, unless related and within a 2 year range, following all YPT requirements. The cost of the event is \$25, and is only payable at the door the day of the event. However, preregistration is needed for headcount (food and supplies). Visit [illineklodge.com](http://illineklodge.com) today to pre-register! The schedule currently includes an Ordeal for incoming candidates, as well as a program for members including a service project in the morning, and fellowship and games in the afternoon. There will also be an opportunity to transition to Brotherhood Saturday morning! Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday October 16th, and we will be out of camp no later than 11:00 Sunday morning. If you pre-register for the event, and it is canceled, you will be contacted. Also watch our Facebook page and email information for any updates.

**Find out about these events and more @ [illineklodge.com](http://illineklodge.com)**

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# Lodge Annual Meeting

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Illinek Lodge will hold an in-person Business Meeting for the purpose of members of the Lodge Executive Committee to give our annual reports to the lodge membership. During this meeting, the Lodge Officers' Nominating Committee will present a slate of officer candidates to be voted upon by the youth membership in attendance. The new officers will hold office September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Typically, this meeting has been held after the Ordeal Ceremony and after dinner at our Summer Fellowship. Since we are not holding our Summer Fellowship, this meeting will take place as a single event. This meeting is scheduled to take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Camp Illinek. The most current governmental and BSA health requirements will be required.

Application or nomination forms for lodge office can be found on our Lodge website: [illineklodge.com](http://illineklodge.com). The officer positions include Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. The election of officers will take place in that order. Anyone running for office that is not elected may run for a subsequent office. Arrowmen under the age of 18 must identify approval from parents as well as their Unit Leader. Those wanting to run for office must have their intentions approved by the Nominating Committee, which includes prior personal interviews with the lodge advisers and approval from the Scout Executive, or his designee.

Any youth member of the lodge interested in holding an officer position for the coming season must get in contact with either John Kirchgesner or Matt Torres no later than July 31, 2020.

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# Lodge Calendar

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## 2020

August	2 15	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Annual Meeting	Camp Illinek Camp Illinek
September	13 18-20	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Section Conclave	Camp Illinek Online
October	11 16-18	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Fall Fellowship	Camp Illinek Camp Illinek
November	8	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Camp Illinek
December	13	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Camp Illinek

## 2021

January	3 3	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Winter Banquet	TBA TBA
February	14	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Council Office
March	14 27-28	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Lodge Leadership Development	Council Office Council Office
April	11 18	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting One Day of Service (various locations)	Camp Illinek base-Camp Illinek
May	2	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Camp Illinek
June	4-6 15	Spring Fellowship Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Camp Bunn Camp Bunn
August	8 13-15	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Summer Fellowship	Camp Illinek Camp Illinek
September	12	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	Camp Illinek
October	1-3 17-19	Section Conclave - HOST LODGE Fall Fellowship	Camp Illinek Camp Illinek

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**ILLINEK LODGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has announced that **ERIC HARRISON** of Illinek Lodge will be presented with the **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**, the highest award presented to a member of the Order on the National level.

Eric is best known in Illinek Lodge for his activation of current lodge members as well as recruiting former members to active duty. He also created and developed new activities within the lodge. Eagle Scout Harrison has served on all lodge committees, and as Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Vice Chief, and Lodge Chief for 2 terms. He went on to become Section Chief, then the National Vice Chief. He lead a lodge team of ceremonialists to the highest level of competition at the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Eric has

served on Abraham Lincoln Council committees and our Summer Camp Staff, and is currently a Lodge Associate Adviser. He has been recognized previously with the Vigil Honor and the Founders' Award.

Eric would have been presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 2020 National Conference, if it had not been canceled due to COVID-19. A presentation will be made at a later date.