

# The Red Flame

Illinek Lodge - Abraham Lincoln Council 144

## Winter Banquet

January 18th, 2025

The Winter Banquet is an annual gathering where you can see all the exciting things that happened over the past year. Also, you are allowed to meet our lodges LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) and hear them give speeches regarding the past and plans. You'll be able to meet our new Vigil Honor Members, as well as the newest Founders Award Recipients! Lastly, we will have our trademark Trading Post open throughout the night, which will include all the patches, coats, and buckles you could hope for. Our new special patch made for this event will be available there as well! The Illinek Lodge and Order of the Arrow Silent auction and other memorabilia in the museum will be displayed during the event, so be sure to get there early with your checkbooks and credit cards!! Everyone is welcome to come: Scouters, family, friends, etc!! Scoutmasters can learn more about and sign up for Unit Elections at the Winter Banquet!

**Time:** Doors open at 5 pm and dinner begins at 6 pm

**Location:** Elks Lodge #158 - 409 E Lake Shore Dr,  
Springfield, IL 62712

## Newsletter Highlights

A Message from the Chief - Jadyne Margaron

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Lodge Adviser Comments - Shane Vollintine

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Upcoming Events

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Message by Jady Margaron

As we enter into the last months of 2024, it is only right that we reflect on what great adventures we went on this year. We started the year on a great foot with a beautiful Winter Banquet followed by helping out with a chilly Klondike Derby. In February we assisted in putting on the First Aid Meet at First United Methodist Church-Springfield. In March we sent contingents to the ACT and NLS conferences. The purpose of ACT is to train Arrowmen on how to help your lodge adapt, collaborate, and thrive. Where NLS, National Leadership Seminar, is to help Arrowmen learn more in-depth ways to lead and serve. In April we participated in the 79th annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, where we ran the Trails End Café. In the Spring we have our June Fellowship where the first Ordeal of the year was held at Camp Bunn! In July a contingent was sent to NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference, in Boulder Colorado. There the Scouts participated in games, competitions, seminars, discussion panels, lunch and learns, and of course the night shows! NOAC is only second to the National Jamboree in size and scale. In the Summer we have our August fellowship, the second Ordeal of the year, and the annual lodge meeting where the Lodge elections are held. During August Fellowship, Gateway Region Chief Jake Whitley assisted our lodge over the weekend and ran the officer elections. Striving into September, when our new Lodge officers stepped into our new roles, we had Webelos Woods, where the Vigil Call Out was held following the royal feast Saturday night. In October Illinek Lodge went to the Section G7 Conclave hosted by Illini Lodge, at Camp Drake. Many of our scouts had excellent aim in the shooting sports competitions and serious grit for success in the yard games. Then we had our October Fellowship at Camp Illinek, which is where our last Ordeal of 2024 was held. It was so great getting to see so many scouts from all over our section, region, and nation; but most importantly, from our lodge! I can't wait to see you all at the upcoming events for the remainder of 2024 and we will face 2025 together. As we approach the holiday season, let your flames burn brightly my brothers!



Join our Socials!!

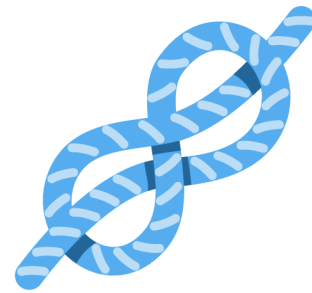
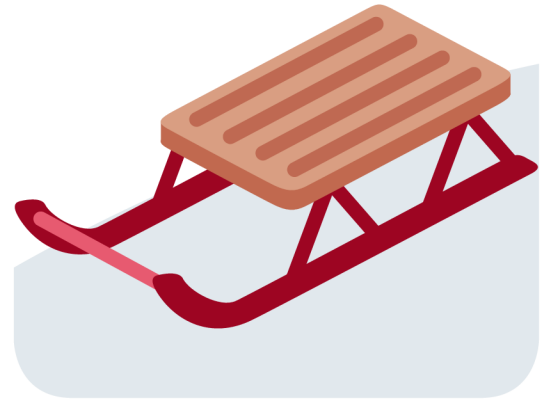


Pay Your Dues!!

# Klondike

January 25th, 2025

**Klondike is a big event in the scouting world every year, but it isn't really an OA event. So what do we need of our members? The OA not only holds a booth that gives out information about our organization at our annual information booth, but we also help put on all of the stations that the scouts participate in. We need as much help as we can get!**



## Brotherhood

### What is Brotherhood?

Brotherhood is the next step in your journey with the OA if you are a new lodge member. During your ordeal, you are told of the next steps after you gain membership. For those interested in becoming a Brotherhood member, more information is available on our website under the Programs tab, and then if you click on Lodge. As well, email [secretary@illineklodge.org](mailto:secretary@illineklodge.org) for more information

## OA Unit

### Representatives

Any Scout troop, crew, or ship with active OA members is encouraged to appoint one of their members to serve as the OA Rep. This position provides communication and promotion between the Order of the Arrow Lodge and the local unit. The unit leader appoints this position, and we invite all OA reps to attend our monthly LEC meetings. Lastly, you can hold another position while being the OA Rep.

	<p>Belt Buckle with Lodge Bustle Cost:\$25</p>		<p>Lodge Hat with Lodge Bustle Cost:\$20</p>		<p>Lodge t-shirt with OA Arrow Cost:\$20</p>
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**THE TRADING POST**

**LODGE AND OA SHOP ARE LOCATED AT THE SCOUT OFFICE, 5231 S 6TH ST**

## LODGE ADVISER COMMENTS

*Shane Vollintine*

Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope this finds everyone well. I hope all will have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This coming year is a year for Illinek Lodge to rebuild and have fun. I would ask that all come to an event, get involved again, and check out the Lodge Business Meeting (LEC meeting). This meeting is open to all Arrowmen in the Lodge. You may find a committee or event you would like to help with. I also ask that all adults/ leaders come out to our events. The Lodge can only have great activities if all come out and join in Fellowship. We have had some great events this year. Our Fellowship/Ordeal weekends were memorable. We had Jake Whitley (Gateway Region Chief) come this summer. It was great to see his interaction with our Lodge. We had a great Webelos Woods this year, and hope we can have just as good, if not better, event next year. We have events coming up including our Winter Banquet, Klondike, First Aid Meet, Trails End Cafe, and Pilgrimage Café. Please volunteer to help with these events, as it takes the entire Lodge to help do these events. If you ever have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to a fun-filled year the Lodge has planned.

# PROJECT INVOLVEMENT with Illinek Lodge

Below is a list of all the ways a member can get involved in the OA. Please review the list and consider where you can cheerfully serve the best. If something piques your interest, email [secretary@illineklodge.org](mailto:secretary@illineklodge.org) for further details and information!

- **Ceremonies** - (Arrow of Light, Call Out, Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood)
- **Elangomat/Clan Leader** - (Ordeals – June, August, October; and follow-up encouraging Brotherhood)
- **Events & Programs** - (Activation, Banquet, Fellowships, Klondike Derby, First Aid Meet, Trail's End Café)
- **History & Design** - design patches, clothing, and other merchandise
  - Work with youth and adult members interested in preserving or researching past events and memorabilia.
- **Kitchen Staff** - Menu development, purchasing, cooking, food line, cleanup
- **Leadership** - take on assignments and responsibility
- **Membership** - dues payments, brotherhood transition, recruiting & training elangomats.
- **Merchandise & Trading Post** – Fellowships, Banquet
- **Marketing** - Newsletter, publications, promotions, & Social Media & Website
- **Recordkeeping** - Lodge member records
- **Service** - Projects for fellowships, One Day of Service, Camp & other projects
- **Unit Elections & Relations** - Troop OA Representatives, unit elections in the Spring.

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Messages from Lodge Officers

Winter Banquet - January 18th, 2025

Klondike - January 25th, 2025

First Aid Meet - February 22nd, 2025

One Day of Service - April 5th, 2025

### Unit Elections:

[inductions@illineklodge.org](mailto:inductions@illineklodge.org)

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