

# The Red Flame

Illinek Lodge - Abraham Lincoln Council 144

## 2024 WINTER BANQUET Valley of Springfield January 6th

The Winter Banquet is an annual recognition event. At this event, you can see all the exciting things that happened over the year. You'll have the opportunity to see the recognition of the new Vigil Class and the newest Founders Award Recipients! You'll also hear a lot of promotions about our Spring events. You can meet the Youth Leaders and Officers of Illinek Lodge! This event is open to all Arrowmen, family, and friends! Be on the lookout, and you might meet another Arrowman in our Section. Snowglobe Pocket patch is included with your registration!! 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!!

Scoutmasters can learn more about and sign up for Unit Elections at the Winter Banquet!

### Address:

**Doors Open: 5:00 pm**  
**Dinner Starts: 6:00 pm**

**Valley of Springfield**  
**1020 Rickard Road**  
**Springfield, IL 62704**

## Newsletter Highlights

A Message from the  
Chief - Xavier Berg

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Officer Reports

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Lodge Adviser  
Comments - Joshua  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Xavier Berg

Arrowmen of Illinek Lodge #132,  
For those who do not recognize me my name is Xavier Berg, I have the great honor and privilege to be serving a second term as your Lodge Chief for the 2024 year. This past year went as smoothly as one can hope, planning fellowships, trying to get more of the inactive membership to become active and much more. As a lodge this past year we have brought back an older event and revamped it for the coming years, Webelos Woods, as lodge leadership as a whole we appreciate everyone who was able to come out and support the lodge, webelos, and council as a whole.

Coming into this new year I am planning to work more closely with our lodge leadership to bring back membership within the lodge. In doing this I plan to work with programs and inductions both to reach both inactive and active arrowmen with activation events more often. For those who are unaware what activation means, activation in the lodges aspect is the action of bringing more arrowmen in by creating a fun environment to just gather and have fellowship with other arrowmen in our council.

With this being said I alongside the rest of the leadership would love to hear the members thoughts about what we as a lodge would like to see happen. The Order of the Arrow is just like the Boy Scouts troops, being ran by the youth of the organization. Collectively as youth under the age of 21 plan and carry out the events and activities that we would like to see happen. Any arrowmen across the Abraham Lincoln Council and Illinek Lodge #132 are welcome to any of our monthly meetings and any gatherings that we host throughout the year, if you have something to bring to the table or would like to learn more about the lodge we meet every second Sunday of the month at 2:00pm Locations vary month to month, to find information regarding meeting times and locations visit [illineklodge.org](http://illineklodge.org) or follow us on the any of our social media platforms.

Yours in Service and Scouting,  
Xavier Berg



## DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROGRAMS

Sam Brusky

The Deputy Chief of Programs oversees the leadership and responsibilities of the Service Committee and all Lodge Events. If you are interested in camp service, kitchen service, first aid, flag retirement, Webelos Woods, or just wanting to help or hang out, please contact us at:

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

Our next event is our Annual Winter Banquet, Saturday, January 6, 2024. Cost is \$35.00 per person if pre-registered by December 27th.

## VICE CHIEF

Jadyn Margaron

Hey everyone, It's Jadyn Margaron, your 2023-2024 Vice Chief! This next year, we have NOAC coming up on July 28, 2024, through August 4, 2024. I look forward to meeting you throughout this next year, and hope to see you at an event soon!

At NOAC 2024, Arrowmen from around the country will gather in Boulder, Colorado to build ties of brotherhood and grow together as cheerful servants. Thousands of Arrowmen will attend the 2024 conference to share ideas, learn from one another, and, most importantly, experience an outstanding conference that is unlike any other event in Scouting.



NOAC is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its sustained popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen. Youth involvement ensures the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and nonstop fun.

### DATES AND LOCATION

Illinek Lodge currently plans on leaving early Sunday, July 28th and return home late on Sunday, August 4th. The total anticipated fee is \$1,800 per delegate. Payment plan to Abraham Lincoln Council as follows:

- \$400 due by January 31, 2024
- \$400 due by March 31, 2024
- \$400 due by May 31, 2024
- \$600 due by June 30, 2024

A \$50 savings per delegate can be incurred if payment of \$625 is made by January 31st.

## DEPUTY CHIEF OF INDUCTIONS

Ash Hinman

The Deputy Chief of Inductions oversees the leadership and responsibilities of the Ceremonies, Unit Relations, and Membership Committees. The next opportunity to serve with ceremonies will be with our Arrow of Light events for graduating Webelos after the first of the year. Unit Relations will begin conducting your annual OA Unit Elections beginning March 1, 2024. Membership will see training for Elangomats, and promoting Brotherhood transition. Our next Brotherhood event is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, during our Camp Illinek One Day of Service. If you are interested or have any questions about these, please contact us at: [secretary@illineklodge.org](mailto:secretary@illineklodge.org)



## LODGE SECRETARY

Carter Matteson

Hello everybody! I am Carter Matteson, our new Illinek Lodge Secretary. This is my first year in a position and my first year on the Lodge Executive Committee. Throughout the year, my goals are to improve information output to all our members and make it more frequent and informative. As well, I hope to update all of our members' information so we can properly get details on schedules and events to you. Facebook, Instagram, and email will be a big part of information getting out, so make sure you're paying attention to all of those. If anyone has any questions, please contact me at [secretary@illineklodge.org](mailto:secretary@illineklodge.org). I am extremely excited to be the new Illinek Lodge Secretary and to continue the great work of our previous secretaries. I can't wait!

Reminder: Pay your yearly dues on our website!  
[dues.illineklodge.org](http://dues.illineklodge.org)



## LODGE TREASURER

Ali Higginson

Hi, my name is Ali Higginson. I am your lodge Treasurer 2023-2024. My History and Design chairman for 2023-2024 is Mya Powell. Throughout my term, I hope to be able to offer more items in the trading post this next year. Please pay your dues as they are \$15 before January 1st and \$20 after that date. The link to pay your dues is, <http://dues.illineklodge.org> Also, don't forget to register for the Winter banquet on January 6, 2024. We will also have a trading post open during the Winter Banquet so stop by and take a look at what the lodge is selling, the registration link for Winter Banquet is, <http://winter.illineklodge.org>. We will also be having our annual silent auction, so stop by and place some bids. If there is anything you would like to see in the trading post send an email to [treasurer@illineklodge.org](mailto:treasurer@illineklodge.org)



Pay Your Dues:



# LODGE ADVISER COMMENTS

*Joshua Womack*

As our fall events are coming to an end, Illinek Lodge is looking towards next year. Our LEC is continuously looking for scouts and scouters to help with various roles and events.

I encourage all members to find a way to get engaged with the lodge. Many positions are open for those that are looking to help out. We need lots of help at events and fundraisers. These activities can't be put on without the help of all members youth and adult. If you are a youth or adult member looking to get involved with the Order of the Arrow and want to know where you can help, email our Lodge Secretary at [secretary@illineklodge.org](mailto:secretary@illineklodge.org). These emails come in to both our secretary, adult adviser, and myself. Any questions feel free to reach out. With the help of all members 2024 can be a great year!

## **WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OA?**

**AFTER YOUR ORDEAL, THIS SIGN-UP OFFERED YOU MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED. BELOW ARE SOME WAYS, AND MORE!**

- **KITCHEN SERVICE (JANUARY BANQUET, ONE DAY OF SERVICE, APRIL FOOD BOOTH, JUNE FELLOWSHIP, AUGUST FELLOWSHIP, SEPTEMBER WEBELOS WOODS, OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP)**
  - **CEREMONIES – ARROW OF LIGHT, PRE-ORDEAL, ORDEAL, BROTHERHOOD**
  - **UNIT ELECTIONS – VISIT TROOPS ON YOUR TROOP NIGHTS OFF, SPRING 2024**
  - **SERVICE TO CAMPS AND CAMP ACTIVITIES – KLONDIKE DERBY, FIRST AID MEET, ONE DAY OF SERVICE, FELLOWSHIPS**
  - **BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP – 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR ORDEAL.**
  - **PATCH AND OTHER INSIGNIA DESIGN**
  - **COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN AND MEDIA**
  - **TRADING POST**
  - **ELANGOMAT – FELLOWSHIPS (JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER)**
  - **NOAC (BOULDER, CO)**
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- **NYLT – ATTEND FOR THE FIRST TIME, OR RETURN ON STAFF**
  - **SUMMER CAMP SCOUT CAMP BUNN STAFF – JUNE 3-29**
  - **CUB SCOUT CAMPS (CAMP ILLINEK)**

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## Newsletter Highlights

Messages from Lodge Officers

Winter Banquet - January 6, 2024 (Saturday)

Klondike - January 26-28

First Aid Meet - February 24

NOAC - July 28 - August 4

### Unit Elections:

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

## PAY YOUR DUES

Dues: \$15

\*Dues will be \$20 starting  
January 1st, 2024\*

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