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ODOS 2024

One Day of Service is Here!

This is a day that all our Arrowmen and Scouts from across the council can meet at Camp Illinek, Camp Bunn, and Freudenburg Scout Reservation to provide CHEERFUL Service to our local camps in preparation for an amazing Summer. This year the Lodge is opening this event up to the entire council, meaning those who aren't even in the OA can join!! Invite all of your scouting friends and family to come and help.

The event will be held on April 6, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Xavier Berg

As 2024 is coming into full swing there are a lot of things that the Lodge Leadership is planning and does need your assistance with. Coming forth the lodge is planning on holding our Trails End Cafe at the Lincoln Trail on April 27. As a lodge, we will be set up at the end of the trail in Stuart Park. June Fellowship is quickly approaching on June 7-9 at Camp Bunn we would like to see as many arrowmen from the Abraham Lincoln Council join us at Camp Bunn for a weekend full of fun, fellowship, service, and brotherhood.

Thank you all!





VICE CHIEF

Jadyn Margaron

Hello everyone, Jadyn Margaron here! NOAC is swiftly approaching! NOAC happens every two years at a major university campus. This year it is at the University of Colorado, Boulder. There will be exciting activities, cool shows, fun training, and can't forget to mention plenty of opportunities for patch trading! Each Arrowmen will have the freedom to choose what activities they attend each day. The Price of NOAC is estimated to be at a maximum of \$1,800, this includes your travel, food, lodging, \$200 of spending money, and the event itself. So come on out let's show scout spirit!

Trails End Cafe

Have you ever hiked the 20-mile trail between New Salem and Springfield and felt overly thirsty or needed a snack afterward??? Hiking can take a lot out of you and you might need a refueler after you end the trail. The Food Booth is at the end of the Trail in Stuart Park with an open cafe. We have lots of amazing drinks to keep you hydrated as you replenish that lost liquid from your body along and delicious snacks to refuel that energy.







Join our Socials!!

LODGE SECRETARY

Carter Matteson Hello Illinek Lodge,

I have been working very hard to maintain our calendar, keep track of dues, and keep everything we do and provide as a lodge public. As a lodge, we want to get as many people involved in scouting as humanly possible. For this to happen, information has to be top-notch, which means that we need all of our members to stay on top of their dues and keep us informed on any information changes in their lives. For example, a change in an email or an address is a big deal when it comes down to ensuring all our members know what we are doing. If you would like to know if you've paid your dues, or if you have any other questions, email us at secretary@illineklodge.org. Again, don't forget to pay your 2024 dues, if you haven't already. All of it goes to the functioning and sustainability of the Lodge, OA, and scouting in general. I hope to see you all at One Day of Service. Sincerely,

Carter Matteson Lodge Secretary

LODGE TREASURER

Ali Higginson

Hi, my name is Ali Higginson.

Thank everybody for showing up to the Winter Banquet and supporting our trading post. At the Winter Banquet, I gave a short speech about our finances. In short, we are doing well and if you want to hear more about it, please join us at our LEC meeting. Registration for One Day of Service is now open. One Day of Service takes place on April 6, so please get registered if you're interested. Dinner will be provided before the callout. Otherwise, please just come out if you can. It is a free, day event, so bring your friends.

Please come out to the Trails End Cafe on 27 April for everybody to finish their 20-mile hike. We will have some tasty snacks being sold. Another upcoming event is the June fellowship from June 7th to June 9th at Camp Bunn. We will have a trading post open for the weekend, but more details to follow coming out on the lodge web page. Reminder, please pay your dues to stay active in the lodge and support our lodge functions, dues can be paid at Trading Post or online at http://dues.illineklodge.org.

We are always looking for new and awesome things to add to the trading post so please reach out to treasurer@illineklodge.org with ideas. One idea that was put together and was a hit at the winter banquet was lodge belt buckles which will be sold in our council store, and trading post, pick some up there are less than 10 left!



Pay Your Dues:





Belt Buckle
with Lodge
Bustle
Cost:\$25



Lodge Hat with Lodge Bustle Cost:\$20



Lodge t-shirt with OA Arrow Cost:\$20

THE TRADING POST

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



DEPUTY CHIEF OF INDUCTIONS

Ash Hinman

Hello everyone! I'm Ash Himan, this year's Inductions Officer. There are some fun and exciting opportunities to help with this year! First, we have our Lodge Executive Committee meetings. Come on out and be a part of the LEC to find out what's new and be a part of the planning for future events.

If you are a troop OA Representative, the LEC meeting is a great way to obtain information to bring back to your troop! Next is unit elections, we need people to help on the election teams. If you are interested, we will have training dates coming up. So, keep your eyes posted on our social media platforms for the upcoming dates. We are also starting a new year of ceremonies with Arrow of Light, Callout, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies around the corner. We are always looking to expand our inductions and ceremony teams. Whether you are a new or old member of the OA, these teams are great opportunities to meet scouts from other troops and to learn more about the OA. We love seeing new and old friends, so come and check us out! We look forward to seeing you soon.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROGRAMS

Samuel Brusky Hello everybody,

I am Sam Brusky and I am the new Deputy Chief of Programs. I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped with Klondike. As well, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the Klondike Derby and the First Aid Meet. An event to look out for is our "One Day Of Service" on April 6th. We also have the "Trails End Cafe" coming up. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you all!



LODGE ADVISER COMMENTS

Shane Vollintine

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our events so far this year. Without your continued support, we would not be able to do our events. We have a lot coming up and need all the help we can get for these events to run smoothly. I would also ask that you bring a fellow Arrowman that may have taken their ordeal, and get them active again. Encourage them to get their Brotherhood. I really would like to see more Arrowmen at our events and fellowships.

Come on out to Camp Bunn June 7-9, 2024, and partake in fun activities and camp service. This weekend is a weekend where all Arrowmen and candidates come to Camp and give cheerful Service, along with having fun games, shows, and activities, along with Fellowship time.

2024 CALENDAR

One Day Of Service - Apr 6th

Lodge Executive Committee - April 14th

Trails End Café - Apr 27th

Lodge Executive Committee - May 5th

June Fellowship - June 7th - 9th

Lodge Executive Committee - June 18th

National Order of the Arrow Conference - July 28th - Aug 4th

Lodge Executive Committee - Aug 11th
August Fellowship - Aug 16th - 18th
Lodge Annual Meeting- Aug 17th
Lodge Executive Committee - Sept 8th

Webelos Woods - Sept 13th - 15th Section Conclave - Oct 4th-6th

October Fellowship - Oct 11th - 13th

Lodge Executive Committee - Oct 13th

Lodge Executive Committee - Nov 10th

Lodge Executive Committee - Dec 8th

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Unit Elections:

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PAY YOUR DUES

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