

# Illini Lodge #55 2018 Planbook



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## Council and Camp Information

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## Illini Lodge #55 Chief's Message

Dear Arrowmen of Illini Lodge 55 -

I am extremely excited for 2018 and all that lies ahead. I thank you for your faith in me to lead. I also hope that you will stick around and help make the Illini Lodge the best that it can be.

2018 is stocked full of amazing opportunities for the youth and adults of Illini Lodge. As Chief, I charge you to take advantage of all the Order of the Arrow has to offer. While Illini Lodge 55 is the best lodge alive, it is not the only one. We are a part of a section, region, and the national program. This gives you so many chances to get involved and grow in the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in WWW,

Philip Wachter

Lodge Chief

## **The Purpose of The Order of the Arrow**

As Scouting's National Honor society, the Order of the Arrow is an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America. Our purpose is to:

Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.

Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year round, and in summer camp.

Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.

Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

## **The Mission of the Order of the Arrow**

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

## Calendar 2018-2019

<u>January 2018</u>	1/1 – Troop Visit Season Begins 1/6 – Winter Banquet (Beef House, Covington, IN) 1/27 – Klondike Derby
<u>February 2018</u>	2/11 – Lodge Meeting and TVT
<u>March 2018</u>	3/4 – Lodge Meeting
<u>April 2018</u>	4/7 – Trail Tromp (Camp Drake) 4/8 – Lodge Meeting
<u>May 2018</u>	5/4 – 5/6 - Spring Fellowship (Camp Drake) 5/31 – Troop Visitation Season Ends
<u>June 2018</u>	6/10 – Lodge Meeting 6PM (Camp Drake) Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies (Camp Drake)
<u>July 2018</u>	Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies (Camp Drake)
<u>August 2018</u>	8/18 – Cub Scout Summer Fun (Camp Drake) 8/24 – 8/26 Section Conclave (S-F Scout Ranch)
<u>September 2018</u>	9/9 – Lodge Meeting
<u>October 2018</u>	10/5 – 10/7 - Fall Pow Wow (Camp Drake) 10/28 – Smilin Pumpkin (Camp Drake)
<u>November 2018</u>	11/4 – Lodge Meeting
<u>December 2018</u>	12/2 – LLD, Lodge Meeting, and Holiday Party
<u>January 2019</u>	1/5 – Winter Banquet (Beef House, Covington, IN)
<u>February 2019</u>	2/10 – Lodge Meeting and TVT

**Some dates and location may be subject to change. Always look to the Lodge Website to confirm the actual date.**

## Event Details

### Lodge Meetings:

These are open to all lodge members (youth and adults). Lodge meetings typically start at 3:00 p.m. CST, unless stated at the previous meeting. Check [illinilodge.com](http://illinilodge.com) to confirm the start time of the meeting. However, only the youth can vote on lodge matters. *Currently, lodge meetings are held at Illinois Fire Service Institute located at 11 Gerty Dr. Champaign, IL on the first Sunday of select months (refer to the calendar for exact dates).*

### Camp Drake Tool Times:

These are held from March through May at Camp Drake to get camp ready for summer. All Scouting members are encouraged to help. Lunch will be provided by the Lodge.

### Trail Tromp:

This is held at Camp Drake each spring to hike the Onaquispasippi Trail, to encourage use of the trail through promotions and prizes, and to prepare the trail for the upcoming summer. It takes place on a beautiful Saturday Morning.

### Summer Reunion:

This is an event at Camp Drake to spend a Saturday after camp to get together for service and fun fellowship. The day will consist on a morning of service and an afternoon of fun.

### Spring Fellowship:

This is a meeting of the whole lodge membership for two nights and three days at Camp Drake to work on the camp, experience fun and fellowship and perform Brotherhood inductions of the new Ordeal members from the previous summer. Spring Fellowship 2014 was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Lodge. Illini Lodge 55 was founded in early May, 1994.

### Fall Pow Wow:

This is a meeting of the whole lodge membership for two nights and three days at Camp Drake to “put the camp to bed for the winter”, experience fun and fellowship, induct Ordeal/Brotherhood members, calling out Vigil members, hold Lodge Officer Elections and choose lodge members to receive the awards handed out at Winter Banquet (Ken Frederick and Founder's).

### Winter Banquet:

This is a meeting of the whole Lodge and their families/friends at which awards are given and the new Lodge officers are formally sworn in. It is usually held on the first Saturday in January at lunch time.

### OA Section C-3B Events:

These include the **Section Conclave**, usually held over two nights and three days at one of the council camps of member Lodges. The C-3B Section has been in existence since 2012 and is comprised of 7 lodges from Illinois and parts of Iowa and Missouri. Other than Illini Lodge, Section C-3B includes Woapink Lodge, Anpetu-We Lodge, Black Hawk Lodge, Illinek Lodge, Nisha Kittan Lodge, and ShawneeLodge. Any member of any component lodge can attend the Conclave. Three times a year, the Section officers (Section Chief, Vice-Chief, Secretary, Section Adviser, Section Staff Adviser) and each lodge's Key 3 officers (Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser) and other lodge members meet at a "Council of Chiefs" or COC. In 2018, Shawnee Lodge will host Section Conclave at S-F Scout Ranch.

### OA Regional (Central Region) Events:

These include NLS (National Leadership Seminar) meetings held over two nights and 2 days (weekend) at various locations in the 13 state Central Region.

## **Illini Lodge Bylaws**

Illini Lodge 55 bylaws are available at [campdrake.com/illinilodge55](http://campdrake.com/illinilodge55)

## Membership

### Active Membership

According to the bylaws of Illini Lodge 55 an “Active Youth Member” shall mean a youth member whose dues are paid up to date. The dues for Illini Lodge are \$15<sup>00</sup> for the Calendar (Jan. - Dec.) year of 2018. Annual Dues should be paid during the first quarter of the year.

### Order of the Arrow Elections

The Order of the Arrow is a unique organization, in that members are chosen by members and non-members both. All youth members of a unit are eligible to vote. To be eligible for election, a Scout must have the approval of his unit leader, be at least a First Class Scout, and have completed fifteen days and nights of camping, including only one long-term camp (6 consecutive days and nights). Scouts that have been elected are called out in a special ceremony at summer camp.

### Ordeal Membership



Every Candidate is inducted into the Order of the Arrow by participating in an Ordeal and its ceremonies. They are conducted in a serious and dignified manner, that are true to scouting tradition. All of the procedures have a deep meaning, and the induction is in no way treated as a hazing or an initiation. The Order of the Arrow is not a secret Scout organization, and its ceremonies are open to any parent, Scout leader, or religious leader. There is an element of mystery in the ceremonies for the sake of its effects on the candidates, and thus the ceremonies are not performed in public.

### Brotherhood Membership



Becoming a Brotherhood member is one of the most meaningful experiences in the Order of the Arrow. Illini Lodge 55 encourages every Arrowman who has been an Ordeal member for ten months or more to go through the Brotherhood ceremony when it is offered at major Lodge activities and summer camp. To obtain Brotherhood membership, the Arrowman must meet the five challenges listed in the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and understand the eight questions and answers concerning the customs and traditions of the Ordeal.

### Vigil Honor Membership



Order of the Arrow members who have given several years of exceptional leadership and service may be recognized by the conferring of the Vigil Honor, which is the highest honor that a local Lodge can bestow upon its members for service to the Lodge, Council, and Scouting. Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting, in good standing in the Lodge, and that has been a Brotherhood member for at least two years is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee. A special Lodge Vigil Selection Committee meets each year to nominate candidates.



## Brief Description of Officer & Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and Goals for the Year of 2018:

### Lodge Chief (2018 – Philip Wachter)

- 📌 Presides over Lodge Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings
- 📌 Represents the Lodge at the Section Council of Chiefs meetings
- 📌 Represents the Lodge at Council events
- 📌 Oversees the work of the Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen
- 📌 Oversees the work of and reports for the committee chairman if he is absent, for the following committees:
  - 📌 Vigil
  - 📌 Health and Safety
- 📌 2018 Goals:
  - 📌 Increase attendance at each lodge meeting throughout the year.
  - 📌 Improve promotion for lodge events.
  - 📌 Widen the decision making group to the whole lodge.

### Vice-Chief of Administration (2018 – Kacy Clarkston)

- 📌 Serves as Lodge Chief when needed
- 📌 Prepares updated Lodge Plan Book for the Winter Banquet
- 📌 Oversees the work of and reports for the committee chairman if he is absent, for the following committees:
  - 📌 Troop Representative
  - 📌 Cub Scout Relations
  - 📌 Lodge Structure
  - 📌 Troop Visitation
- 📌 Other duties as specified by the Lodge Chief
- 📌 2018 Goals:
  - 📌 Assist the lodge chief in his vision for the lodge.
  - 📌 Keep accurate records for the lodge.
  - 📌 Help increase cohesion between other duties of lodge members.

### Vice-Chief of Activities (2018 – Kenny Clarkston)

- 📌 With the help of the Activities Committee, plans the Winter Banquet
- 📌 Works with the Camp Ranger to insure work projects are planned and that the locations are suitable for events
- 📌 With the help of the Activities Committee, insures that activities are planned, cook crews are prepared, and publicity has been done
  - 📌 Activities
  - 📌 Lodge Leadership Development
  - 📌 Section, Region, and National Events
  - 📌 Service
  - 📌 Trail
- 📌 Other duties as assigned by the Lodge Chief
- 📌 2018 Goals:

- ☛ Increase lodge member involvement in activities planning from previous years.
- ☛ Ensure all lodge events run as planned with fewer lapses in communication.
- ☛ Increase lodge member attendance at events from previous years.

### **Vice-Chief of Inductions (2018 – Benjamin Hoogstraat)**

- ☛ Responsible for all membership induction functions
- ☛ Responsible for the Call-Out, Ordeal, and Brotherhood conversion process
- ☛ Oversees the work of and reports for the committee chairman if he is absent, for the following committees:
  - ☛ Ordeal
  - ☛ Brotherhood
  - ☛ Ceremonies
  - ☛ Elangomat
- ☛ Other duties as assigned by the Lodge Chief
- ☛ 2018 Goals:
  - ☛ Improve the physical storage locations of Inductions equipment.
  - ☛ Improve record keeping and transfer of information between branches of the lodge regarding inductions.
  - ☛ Assist all chairman in an effective and timely manner whenever provided.

### **Lodge Secretary (2018 – Jason Cotten)**

- ☛ Records the minutes of each Lodge Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting
- ☛ Sends notices of Executive Committee meetings to members of committees
- ☛ Signs Membership cards and distributes them after dues payment
- ☛ Oversees the work of and reports for the committee chairman if he is absent, for the following committees:
  - ☛ Communications
- ☛ Other duties as assigned by the Lodge Chief
- ☛ 2018 Goals:
  - ☛ Create a Communications committee of 3 or more members.
  - ☛ Release the *Buck* in a timely manner.
  - ☛ Ensure that all events are planned well and scheduled accordingly, along with thorough minutes for each event and meeting.

### **Lodge Treasurer (2018 – Ryan Henderson)**

- ☛ Prepares the Lodge's annual budget for approval
- ☛ Prepares and reports on the Lodge's monthly financial standing
- ☛ Handles the resale of Lodge items at Lodge events
- ☛ Acts as the committee chairman for the following committees:
  - ☛ Finance
- ☛ Other duties as assigned by the Lodge Chief
- ☛ 2018 Goals:
  - ☛ Send a budget report to the Lodge Executive Committee before each lodge meeting.
  - ☛ Ensure that the finance committee is consistently active throughout

the year

- ☛ Continuously ensure that the Budget appropriately matches the actual costs of the fiscal year.

### **Committee Chairmen**

- ☛ Make sure that duties and responsibilities assigned to his committee are fulfilled
- ☛ Appoints at least two or more committee members
- ☛ Other duties as assigned by the Lodge Chief

### **Activities Committee (2018 Chair – Christopher Clippinger)**








- ☛ Plans and helps run all Lodge activities
  - ☛ Fall Pow Wow
  - ☛ Winter Banquet
  - ☛ Spring Fellowship
  - ☛ Summer Reunion
- ☛ Makes a budget and gets it approved by the Staff Adviser for each event
- ☛ Arranges for food service, securing cooks and helpers
- ☛ Organizes activities for the Lodge members at events (i.e. contests and demonstrations)
- ☛ Sends out a flier for each event at least six weeks in advance
- ☛ 2018 Goals:
  - ☛ Double the attendance at each lodge event throughout 2018.
  - ☛ Acquire more feedback from the lodge members after each event to see what can be improved.
  - ☛ Create entertaining and engaging events for the Arrowmen to participate in at each lodge event.

### **Brotherhood Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**








- ☛ Notifies members about their eligibility to obtain Brotherhood at least 30 days in advance
- ☛ Conducts the Brotherhood interviews and trains those conducting the interviews
- ☛ Selects or becomes the leader (Nimat) for the Brotherhood hike, at the end of which the Brotherhood candidates are turned over to the ceremonial team
- ☛ Is directly responsible for the 30% Brotherhood conversion ratio needed for National Quality Lodge recognition
- ☛ 2018 Goals:
  - ☛ Improve record keeping and transfer of information between branches of the lodge regarding inductions.
  - ☛ Have multiple well trained Nimats for all needed times.

### **Ceremonies Committee (2018 Chair – Kyle MacGregor)**







- ☛ Conducts a Call-Out ceremony during each session of the Council's Boy Scout summer camp
- ☛ Conducts ceremonies at Lodge functions
- ☛ Maintains the ceremonial grounds at Camp Drake
- ☛ Maintains ceremonial equipment and supplies
- ☛ Has an ongoing plan to improve outfits, by upgrading and replacing

-  Has all supplies on hand to conduct ceremonies BEFORE the ceremony begins
-  Helps train members to become part of a ceremonial team
-  Maintains the inside and outside of the Awossagme with the help of the Camp Ranger
-  Maintains an inventory of items kept in the building
-  2018 Goals:
  -  Have at least two complete and able ceremonies teams to provide proper ceremonies.
  -  Have at least two monthly meetings involving most of the ceremonies committee.








### **Communications Committee (2018 Chair – Ethan Snow)**

-  Maintains and updates the Illini Lodge 55 website
-  Keeps the email list up-to-date and sends emails at the request of the Lodge Chief
-  Publishes quarterly issues of *The Buck* and sends it to all active members
-  Sends out special announcements upon request of the Lodge Chief
-  Assists the Troop Visitation Committee in publishing a 'Where to go Camping' book
-  2018 Goals:
  -  Create a Google Sheet for the contact information of all active members of Illini Lodge #55 to update information and expedite the transfer of information.

### **Cub Scout Relations Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**

-  Promote Boy Scouting through Cub Scouting
-  Assist the Troop Visitation committee with Cub Scout camp promotions
-  Planning O.A. Cub Scout activities including Smilin' Pumpkin
-  2018 Goals:
  -  Show Cub Scouts the positivity and leadership potential of the Order of the Arrow.
  -  To grow, and promote the 2017 Similin' Pumpkin Cub Scout Day in 3 different ways.

### **Elangomat Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**

-  Hold Elangomat trainings and keep track of the people that attend
-  Keep track of the people that act as Elangomats anytime throughout the year
-  Work with Ordeal and Brotherhood committees to keep track of ordeals that convert over to brotherhood
-  Pass out top half of patches for training and pass out bottom half of patch when the person has served as Elangomat twice and has had 50% of their clan convert over to brotherhood
-  2018 Goals:
  -  Have enough trained Elangomats for all needed times.
  -  Improve the Elangomat reward system.

**Finance Committee (2018 Chair – Ryan Henderson)**

- 🔴 Prepares the Lodge annual budget with the Treasurer
- 🔴 Plans and coordinates Lodge fundraising activities
- 🔴 Helps the Treasurer with Lodge finances
- 🔴 2018 Goals:
  - 🟢 Increase the number of lodge members in the Finance Committee.
  - 🟢 Ensure that all Finance Committee members are active and assisting with resale in the Lodge Trading Post.

**Health and Safety Committee (2018 Chair – Nathan Schuele)**

- 🔴 Responsible for collecting hold harmless agreements and BSA Medical forms.
- 🔴 Making sure the health lodge is staffed with qualified individual(s) for lodge events
- 🔴 Responsible for keeping a log and forms of all members physicals for lodge events while insuring constant compliance with the Guide to Safe Scouting
- 🔴 2018 Goals:
  - 🟢 Have most of health forms up to date and organized by Winter Banquet 2018.
  - 🟢 Continue to organize and acquire Health forms from most of the new members of Illini Lodge 55.

**Lodge Leadership Development Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**

- 🔴 Plans, prepares, and coordinates training cells for lodge leadership development events. The committee will prepare multiple training cells to be taught throughout the year, designated by the chair, to increase the amount of Training in Illini Lodge.
- 🔴 2018 Goals:
  - 🟢 Set up a wide variety of trainings to increase attendance of LLD.
  - 🟢 Ensure proper communication is used when reaching out to speakers about LLD.

**Lodge Structure Committee (2018 Chair – Nathan Schuele)**

- 🔴 Shall oversee, evaluate, review and recommend changes to the Lodge's organizational structure
- 🔴 Committee shall coordinate its efforts with and at the direction of the Executive Committee
- 🔴 2018 Goals:
  - 🟢 Examine the Bylaws and ensure that each committee is fit for the task given to said committee.

**Ordeal Committee (2018 Chair – Micah Stearns)**

- 🔴 Oversees a candidate's entire Ordeal experience, from the ceremony to the time that they leave for home
- 🔴 Ensures Ceremonial teams are ready for ceremonies
- 🔴 Recruits and trains task masters
- 🔴 Works with Ranger to see that all work projects are suitable and ready
- 🔴 Sends makeup notices for Spring and Fall events
- 🔴 Reports violations of Ordeal etiquette to both the Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisers
- 🔴 2018 Goals:

- Improve record keeping and transfer of information between branches of the lodge regarding inductions.
- Ensure that all Ordeal Ceremonies and processes run smoothly and efficiently.

### **Section, Region, and National Events Committee (2018 Chair – Matt Brauer)**

- Attends all Council of Chiefs meetings
- Acts as a liaison between the lodge and the section
- Actively promotes section activities including the Section Conclave at lodge events
- Actively promotes the National Order of the Arrow Conference and other national events
- 2018 Goals:
  - Add a new level of fluidity between the lodge and section.
  - Take advantage of all the section has to offer.

### **Service Committee (2018 Chair – Connor McCoy)**

- Helps Ordeal Committee by working with the Camp Ranger to set-up work projects for Ordeals and other members of the Lodge
- Reviews requests from outside of the Lodge for service at other functions and follows up with appropriate action and finds necessary volunteers
- 2018 Goals:
  - Complete more meaningful service projects that provide a sense of accomplishment.
  - Increase the willingness of Illini Lodge members to complete service projects.

### **Trail Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**

- Promotes use of the Onaquispasippi Trail
- Maintains all parts of the Onaquispasippi Trail
- Plans Trail Tromp
- 2018 Goals:
  - Increase the attendance at Trail Tromp events.
  - Maintain the trail to a higher degree.

### **Troop/Team Representatives Committee (2018 Chair – Andrew Wheat)**

- The committee maintains a current list of youth and adult Troop Representatives. The committee will work with the LLD Committee to make sure that opportunities to be trained as a Troop Representative are available. The committee will also work with the Communication Committee to make sure affective communication will be maintained with the Troop Representative by the Lodge as a whole.
- 2018 Goals:
  - Create a more efficient system to send important information to each troop in the Council, ensuring that it is faster and easier to access.
  - Utilize said system to increase participation in the Lodge.

### **Troop/ Team Representative**

- 🚫 Serves as a youth liaison, communication link, and programmatic link between the lodge and the troop/team
- 🚫 Encourages year-round and resident camping in the troop/team
- 🚫 Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs
- 🚫 Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects
- 🚫 Assists with leadership skills training in the troop/team
- 🚫 Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop/team
- 🚫 Encourages Arrowmen in the troop/team to be active participants in lodge activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members
- 🚫 Encourage people to take up different positions in the Lodge such as chairmen or the executive board.

### **Troop Visit Committee (2018 Chair – Open)**

- 🚫 Insures that elections occur during each election season.
- 🚫 Select and train sufficient election teams
- 🚫 Verify election results and report them to proper individuals
- 🚫 Promotes both Cub Scout and Boy Scout camping by working with the sub-committees
- 🚫 Prepares camp promotion programs for distribution by sub-committees and camping committee members
- 🚫 Makes a continuing effort to collect pictures, slides, and video footage of camp for future promotions
- 🚫 Attends the Council's annual Summer Camp Kickoff meeting (usually held in December) to share new promotional materials
- 🚫 Updates and periodically publishes a new 'Where to go Camping' book (available online)
- 🚫 2018 Goals:
  - 🚫 Promote the importance and benefit of Illini Lodge #55 to each individual Troop during the Troop Visit Season.
  - 🚫 Share all important information with the Lodge Executive Committee about prospective numbers of new Arrowmen joining the lodge.

### **Vigil Committee (2018 Chair – Ben Hoogstraat)**

- 🚫 Holds the Vigil Selection Committee Meeting (usually each June or July, about 8 weeks before the Fall Pow Wow)
- 🚫 Insures that the Vigil induction process runs smoothly
- 🚫 2018 Goals:
  - 🚫 Have a more diverse vigil honor selection committee.
  - 🚫 Improve attendance for Vigil Weekend from previous years.

**Advisers**

- 🔴 Each committee shall have at least one adviser
- 🔴 Maintains a working relationship with the Committee Chairman
- 🔴 Reports to the Lodge Adviser and/or the Staff Adviser
- 🔴 Insures that the Committee Chairman understands his responsibilities and duties and that he is successful in carrying out his position
- 🔴 Drives youth to and from events as needed
- 🔴 Helps other leaders outside of the Lodge to gain an understanding of the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow

**ILLINI LODGE 55 HISTORY****Councils, Camps, and Lodges**

At the time the Champaign-Urbana Council was formed in 1919, the Council used a small facility at Weldon Springs called Camp Hatetokwitit, for a majority of its Scout camping. In 1934 the Council name was changed to Arrowhead and a tract of land outside of Oakwood was acquired for the new council camp. The Camp was named after Robert J. Drake. Drake came to council as a college student, and was a member of Troop 7 in Champaign. Drake was a Scout Executive with the council and while serving in this position was stricken with scarlet fever, and died at the age of thirty. The camp, which had been one of his greatest endeavors, was dedicated to his memory.

The Council initially used the Fire Crafter Organization and program to recognize outstanding campers but in 1936 decided to switch to the Order of the Arrow program because of its year round camping and program emphasis. The Fire Crafters were inducted as charter members of the OA Lodge along with that year's newly elected members. The first official induction of members took place at Camp Robert Drake and was performed by members of the Waukheon Lodge 55 from Danville. The new lodge name became Illini 92. "Illini" meaning brave men in the Algonquin tongue. The totem of the Lodge became moon feathers, a central feather in an Indian headdress.

Waukheon Lodge 55 was chartered with the "Grande Scribe" (now the National Order of the Arrow Director), in early 1933, to the Piankeshaw Council. The original name of the lodge was Swastika Lodge 55. The totem was the Indian swastika, a symbol of peace and good luck. The name was changed to Waukehon around 1937 due to the similarity of the symbol used by the unpopular Nazi Germany. The new name is the English spelling of a Dakota Sioux word WHA-KIN-YAN, which means thunderbird or bird which causes thunder.

The Piankeshaw Council camp was moved from Portland Arch to newly purchased land outside of Georgetown and named Cherokee Hills. Waukheon Lodge helped develop the property including constructing buildings, planting trees, building the campfire ring and carving totem poles. Camp Cherokee Hills was sold by Prairielands Council in 2001.



### **The New Lodge**

Illini Lodge 55 was created through the consolidation of Waukheon Lodge 55 and Illini Lodge 92 in May of 1994. The current Lodge Chiefs of each lodge were co-chiefs for the remainder of the year. Prairielands Council was created in 1991 with the consolidation of Arrowhead Council and Piankeshaw Council. A temporary council name of Illiana was used for the first year.

The totem for Illini Lodge 55 is the White Tailed Deer, represented by a one-inch deer antler piece hung from a leather lace in the fashion of a bolo tie. The honor of Brotherhood in the lodge is represented by tying a figure eight knot on the end of each piece of lace. Vigil members are presented an antler point that is worn below the other antler piece. The antler tip has two holes, one at each end, through which the ends of the laces are passed and knotted to form a triangle.

The Executive Committee of the lodge commemorated the efforts of all the lodge's members, during the consolidation, by issuing a special charter member lodge patch with a gold border. A restriction of five per active member was placed on the gold-bordered patches. These patches were only available during our charter year. A red bordered patch with the same design serves as the trading patch. A white-bordered patch with the same design is used, among other things, to commemorate special events such as National Order of the Arrow Conferences.

### **Illini Lodge Helps at the Cub Scout Level**

Part of the lodge's responsibility is to promote camping at the Cub Scout level. Illini Lodge introduced this by assisting with the Smilin' Pumpkin Shooting Sports Festival in 2004. The inaugural Shooting Sports Festival was a happy success with over 150 Cub Scouts plus family members hiking the paths of Camp Drake. Our goal was to provide a quality outdoor adventure for Cub Scouts early in the pack season. Many good comments were made on the great events in archery and bb guns. The event was conducted again in 2005 with great success. The event has become an annual event that Cub Scouts look forward to every year.

### **Illini Lodge in the Order of the Arrow National Bulletin**

Illini Lodge was featured in the June 2000 issue of the Order of the Arrow National Bulletin in recognition of great camp promotions with the release of the CDCD otherwise known as the CD<sup>2</sup>. This was a revolutionary tool of its time as it allowed scoutmasters interested in Camp Drake access to all the forms and guides in an interactive format as well as games, pictures, videos and some history of Camp Drake. The CD<sup>2</sup> was just part of the camp promotions plans which also included the campdrake.com business card and the Camp Drake Trading Post Credit Card. Those who wish to view this article may do so online at the National Order of the Arrow's website at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) and by clicking on "National Bulletins."

### Illini Lodge 55's Patch Explained

**TOTEM:** The totem is the White-Tailed Deer. The deer was chosen for several reasons. It was very important to the Indians native to this area, providing a source of food as well as hides, antlers, and bones for clothing and tools. The deer is at home in our woodlands, living in harmony with all of nature. The deer is strong, stealthy, and fleet of foot, providing an ideal example of how we should treat our natural areas.

**LETTERING AND SASH:** The words "Illini Lodge 55" are written in a modern italic style, reflecting the progressive nature of our lodge, always leaning toward the future. The lettering is superimposed on an Ordeal Sash, signifying our common bond with one another and with all members of the Order.

**EVERGREEN BRANCH:** The evergreen branch at the left signifies our need, as the evergreen is, to always be filled with life, so we may always be ready to provide cheerful service.

**RIVER:** The rivers of our area have always been essential to life for the local inhabitants. The saltines of the Vermilion also provided salt for the Indians, and later became a valuable source of trade with settlers.

**LAND:** The land shows the bounties of the prairie, in the form of a field ripe for harvest, and the woodlands and grasslands which we so enjoy at both Camp Drake and Camp Cherokee Hills.



This Lodge Flap originated from the design created by Ed Sudlow in 1994. In 2013, the patch was altered slightly so that the Buck in the image is facing forward bravely into the future. The 2013 alteration was handled by then Treasurer, Kelly Chapman, Jr.

### **Lodge Member Responsibilities and Achievements at the Sectional, Regional and National Levels**

Tom Shrimplin was Section Adviser from 1967-1978. Illini Lodge hosted the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 1963 and again in 1971. In 1963, Marion Sadorus received the Distinguished Service Award. The D.S.A. is given for outstanding service at the national level. In 1983 Ray Lee, Jr. received the Distinguished Service Award. IN 1988 in Fort Collins Colorado Jon Jones was awarded the D.S.A. Ray Lee was OA East Central Region chairman from 1980-85 and was subsequently a member of the OA National Committee. Jon Jones and Alyx Parker were Section Chiefs then OA Central Region Chiefs in the mid 1980's and 1990's respectively. In 1996, at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Indiana University, Jack Jones and Alyx Parker received the Distinguished Service Award. In 1998, at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Iowa State University, Marty Zvonar received the Distinguished Service Award. At the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University, Jeff Jones received the Distinguished Service Award. Marty was the OA Section C-4B Adviser from 1992 to 2002. Doug Dillow was the Section C-4B Staff Adviser followed by Mike Graham who served from 1992 to 2004 when Section C-4B was disbanded. He has continued to serve as the first Section C-3C Staff Adviser from 2005 to 2009. Alec J. Martin served as the Section C-4B Secretary in 2002 and Justin Minick was elected Section C-4B Secretary for 2003 and Kurt Brown finished his term as Justin left to attend the naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Illini Lodge continued the tradition of section secretaries as Kevin Douglas was elected the first section secretary for Section C-3C. He served the 2005 term. Cameron Hahne was elected to the position of Section C-3C Vice-Chief in 2005. In 2006 Cameron Hahne was elected Section Chief and Brandon Price was elected Section secretary. From 2009 to 2012, Alyx Parker served as Assistant Associate Section Adviser for Section C-6A. He now serves as the Central Region OA Chairman (2017-present). Kurt Brown is the current section advisor for Section C-3B.

### **Recent Donations From Illini Lodge**

Illini Lodge has made several large donations to Prairielands Council over the past years. These donations include 3 new staff cabins at Camp Drake, a bouldering wall at Camp Drake, a new computer at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center, a new professionally made camp promotions video for 2004 and 2005, a projector, the Plawer Nature Shelter at Camp Drake, camp walkway, a second projector, annual FOS donations and an anual James E. West Fellowship Award. Illini Lodge members serve constantly to help maintain the Camp Robert Drake facility. In celebration of the Order of the Arrow's Centennial Year in 2016, Illini Lodge has raised and put money aside for a large camp project that will be finalized and completed soon.

**Illini 55 Lodge Chiefs:**

1994:	Chris Ringler & Zac Smith	2005-2006:	Charles Auteberry
1994-1995:	Jared Baumann	2006-2007:	Ian Chen
1995-1996:	Andy Whitford	2007-2008:	Brandon Price
1996-1997:	Mike Mohr	2008-2009:	Nathan Lee
1997-1998:	Jonathan Myers	2009-2010:	Carson Lewis
1998-1999:	Andy Lang	2010-2011:	Will Provin
1999-2000:	Alec J. Martin	2011-2012:	Robert Sloan
2000-2001:	Darin Riggs	2012-2013:	Owen Myers
2001-2002:	Justin Minick	2013- 2015:	Parker Arnholt
2002-2003	Kurt Brown	2015-2016:	Bryant Deer
2003-2004:	Joel Morenz	2016-2017:	Matthew Brauer
2004-2005:	Dustin Boyer	2017-2018	Philip Wachter

**NOTE:** If anyone can correct, be more specific with dates, or add to this history please inform The Lodge Structure Chairman, Nathan Schuele at [illini2222@gmail.com](mailto:illini2222@gmail.com).

## JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The James E. West Fellowship Award was started in 2001 as a \$1,000 donation from Illini Lodge to Prairielands Council in the name of an Arrowman who showed outstanding service to the lodge and council. This fellowship is granted to one individual per year and may be presented to either a youth or an adult. The recipient may also wear a knot on their uniform in recognition of receiving this award.

Year	Recipient	Adult/Youth
2001	Jack Stiverson	Adult
2002	Jonathan Myers	Youth
2003	Bonnie Kammeyer	Adult
2004	Ben Godwin	Adult
2005	Alec J. Martin	Youth
2006	Kurt Brown	Adult
2007	Matt Crawford	Adult
2008	Dustin Boyer	Adult
2009	Cameron Hahne	Adult
2010	Anthony Martin	Adult
2011	Robert Sloan	Youth
2012	Carson Lewis	Youth
2013	Michael J. Graham	Adult
2014	Adam Crutchley	Youth
2015	Owen Meyers	Youth
2016	John Marquardt	Adult
2017	Damon Lamar	Youth



## KEN FREDERICK AWARD

Ken Frederick was the Scoutmaster of Tolono Troop 55, attended the 1953 National Jamboree, was an active Arrowman, and was an Indian Lore expert. He became the District Scout Executive for the Northern District of Arrowhead Council. During this time, he also served as an Assistant Director of Camp Drake. During the fall of 1957, he was returning home from a Scout Training Course in Champaign-Urbana when he was killed in an automobile accident.

The Ken Frederick Award was founded in 1957, shortly after his death, in memory of his contributions to scouting and the Order of the Arrow. It is awarded for a year of outstanding service to the Lodge. Please note: the correct title of this award is the Ken Frederick Award, not the Ken Frederick's Award.

### Ken Frederick Award Recipients

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>
George Bryan	Zac Smith	Ray Apperson	Ben Godwin
Milton Forsberg	William Anderson	Donald Gerard	Joe Finnerty
Dale Creekmur	Matt Finnerty	Paul McMichael	Jack Stiverson
Adrian Fulmer	Mike Mohr	Robert Finfrock	Matt Crawford
Ben Milbrant, Jr.	Jonathan Myers	Ken Gunji	Dan Mast
Michael Bresnan	Steve Taylor	Richard Kemple	Mark Morenz
John McGee	Greg Kincaid	Clarence White	Jim Lee
Alan Joseph	Kurt Brown	James Balance	Butch Price
Robert McGee	Dustin Boyer	Donald Parsons	Ron Clow
Ralph Sawyer	Ian Chen	Bill Parsons	John Marquardt
Robert Dees	Brandon Price	Marion Sadorus	Tim Carter
Dave Himelick	Ian Galbreath	Martin Wascher	Susan Coller
Marty Parsons	Robert Sloan	Keith Crandall	Brian Brauer
David Hartsfield	Carson Lewis	John Dimit	Larry VanDeVeer
Mike Bash	Joe Miller	Charles Bell	Kelly Chapman, Sr.
David Smith	Adam Crutchley	Eugene Himelick	Matthew Clayton
Bob Harshnarger	Parker Arnholt	Stan Rankin	Larry VandeVeer
Steve Bell	Owen Myers	Harold Walter	Bonnie Whiteside
Brad Bush	Madison Chaney	Jack Jones	
Wes Curtis	Ben Hoogstraat	William White	
Robert Akers		Tom Bennett	
James Lamb		Charles Sheldrake	
Charley Sikora		Marty Zvonar	
David Martin		Lyle Reed	
John Jones		James Dieker	
Tony Sturtevant		Doug Dillow	
Aaron Moore		Greg Novak	
Kevin Prior		Craig Prior	
David Krug		Randy Gardner	
Mat Forest		Ed Hynan	
Stephen Hoffman		Heather Parker	
Patrick Hynan		Tony Martin	
Alyx Parker		Jeff Jones	
Steve Bauer		Jim Sanstrom	
Chris Ringler		Jerry Eagles	

## FOUNDER'S AWARD

"The Spirit, as I understand it, is the real self of the individual helping himself to understand the world he lives in; helping to do what he thinks he ought to do in the future before him. It is a thing that is hard to set forth in so many words, but it is facing life as we understand it and seeking guidance to do the right thing in that life. And that sometimes takes more than pride and smartness of thinking, but it requires divine guidance and help to do our best; and it is what I pray for in the years that are ahead for the Arrow men as they face this future – feeling that God will help them do that which our country needs to do it with devotion in the brotherhood of Cheerful Service."

Dr. E. Urner Goodman, 1976

### Illini Lodge 92 Recipients

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Chuck Bell	Marion Sadorus
Mark Stevenson	Larry Coffey
Jon Jones	Jack Jones
Neal White	Jeff Jones
Mike Favet	Larry Favet
Matt Favet	Chuck Sheldrake
Craig Wiggins	Milton Forsberg
Shannon West	Roger Kennedy
Kevin Prior	Fred Daniels
Steve Hoffman	Marty Zvonar
David Krug	Lyle Reed
Ben Godwin	Alan Parker

### Waukheon Lodge 55 Recipients

<u>Year</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>
1983	Bruce McQuillan	Blair Porter
1984	Patrick Spiering	Harold Layton
1985	Jeff Pickett	Elmer Woodrum
1986	Jeff Ray	Russell McQuillan
1987	Norris Porter	Neil Porter
1988	Matt Underwood	Tim Carter
1989	Eric Starkey	Kenneth Martin
1990	Joseph Smith	Carl Nat Horton
1991	Jerry Morgan	Ed Hillenburg, Sr.
1992	William Gilbert, Jr.	William Schingel
1993	Chris Ringler	Bryan Horton
1994	Chris Gilbert	William Gilbert

### Illini Lodge 55 Recipients

<u>Year</u>	<u>Youth 1</u>	<u>Youth 2</u>	<u>Adult</u>
1995	Alyx Parker		William Morefield
1996	Rob Parker		Heather Parker
1997	Will Anderson		Jack Stiverson
1998	Matt Finnerty		Eugene Mochel
1999	Mike Mohr		Joe Finnerty
2000	Andy Lang	Matt Crawford	
2001	Jonathan Myers	Rob Dahlenburg	
2002	Darin Riggs		Mike Graham
2003	Elliot Kammeyer	Alec J. Martin	
2004	Kurt Brown	Justin Minick	
2005	Joel Morenz		Jim Kirkpatrick
2006	Dustin Boyer		Tony Martin
2007	Cameron Hahne		Jim Lee
2008	Charles Mosiman		Wally Smith
2009	Andrew Chen,	Brandon Price	
2010	Robert Sloan,	Nathan Lee	
2011	Carson Lewis		John Marquardt
2012	Holt Hafer		Susan Coller
2013	Adam Crutchley		Larry Vandever
2014	Owen Myers,	Willie Campbell	
2015	Damon Lamar		
2016	Parker Arnholt		Elliot Smith
2017	Philip Wachter		James Mills

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