

Following the Hunt

Great Council of Indiana—Improved Order of Red Men

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From Great Sachem Gary Marmouze, Jr.

To all Past Great Chiefs, Past Sachems, Representatives, and Members of the Great Council of Indiana.

Greetings Fellow Red Men:

It's hard to believe that June is here and the year is almost half over already. On April 19 of this year, our tribe (Oshwanee #220) had our annual Euchre Tournament. Each member that could attend was asked to try to bring a friend in order to recruit new members. I was not able to attend this event, unfortunately, but our Tribe was able to recruit new members (see page 4). We had 20 players. member **Dennis Kolb** won most points and most loners for the Top Prize of \$75 that he donated back to one of four projects: Wreathes Across America. Member **Malcolm Green** won 2nd most points. Good job everyone. Sorry I couldn't be there.



Also our annual gun raffle tickets are printed. There will be a total of 400 printed with the drawing on November 14, 2025. There will be five prizes this year, including a 12-gauge shotgun, a 22 Long Rifle, a 9mm handgun, a cooler full of party supplies, and \$500 cash. Information on the makes and models can be found on page 5. This raffle helps support our many local projects, so thank you in advance for everyone's help in purchasing tickets.

July 24-24, 2025, is Red Men's Day at Arlington (see page 2). I hear from members that have went there say it was really amazing. It is on my bucket list.

In closing, I hope this message finds everyone in good health and wishing all a safe summer.

Yours in Freedom, Friendship, and Charity,
Gary W.. Marmouze, Sr.



Red Men's Day at Arlington—Registration

The 62nd Red Men's Day at Arlington will take place on July 24-27, 2025, at the Holiday Inn at National Airport, 2650 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 703-684-7200. Room rates are \$112.00 per night. Be sure to tell them you are with the IORM to get this rate. The deadline for Reservations is June 24, 2025. Reservations with the Hotel after this date are not guaranteed the \$112.00 rate. The registration fee will remain the same as last year at \$175.00 per person. Registration includes Friday night bingo and snacks. Saturday breakfast buffet, transportation to the cemetery, lunch after the ceremony and Saturday nights Banquet (Banquet attire is formal). Then on Sunday there is a breakfast buffet. Registrations are due June 24, 2025. Registrations received after this date will be \$200.00. Please make checks payable to Red Men's Day at Arlington and send to: **Vicki Wetzel, 2146 Chestnut Grove Road, Keedysville, MD 21756 (email Wetam5@gmail.com, 301 606 6990).**



Improved Order of Red Men/Degree of Pocahontas

62ND ANNUAL RED MEN'S DAY AT ARLINGTON

1st Place \$500.00	4th Place \$75.00
2nd Place \$250.00	5th Place \$50.00
3rd Place \$150.00	6th Place \$25.00

Drawing to be held Saturday July 26, 2025
winner need not be present to win
Ticket Price: \$5.00 each

We appreciate your generous support of our organization

No. 0456

To help keep registration costs down we are doing a raffle to be drawn at the Saturday night banquet. Your help and support in selling these tickets would be greatly appreciated. Please let Vicki know if you would like to sell \$250.00 worth of raffle tickets. If you do, you can your registration paid. The money for this is also due by June 24, 2025.

Registration check-in will be Friday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vicki Wetzel, PGP.

Registration

Name:

Address:

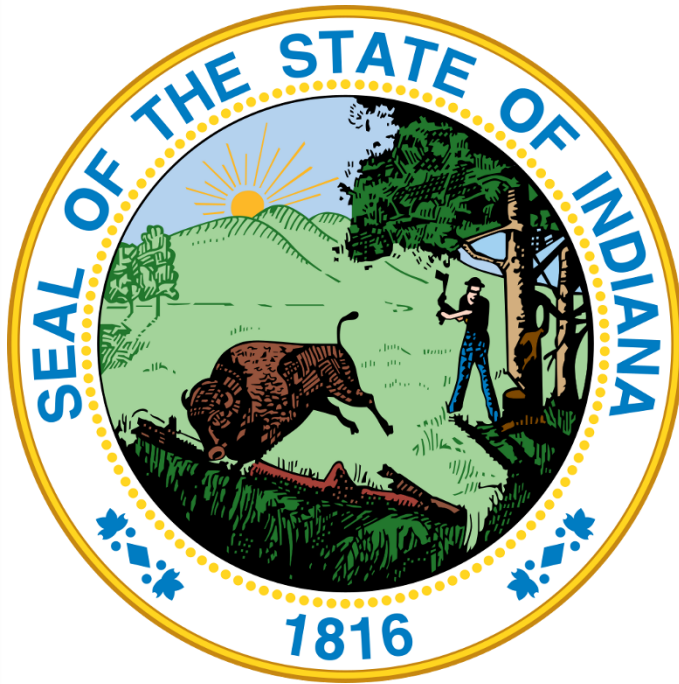
Phone:

Email:

My Roommate(s) are:

State and Tribe or Council Name:

Please circle your proper title: PGI PGS PS PNP PGP PP Member Guest



Indiana Governor's Awards

This From Wikipedia: "The Governor of the U.S. state of Indiana can bestow five types of awards: the *Sagamore of the Wabash*, the Circle of Corydon, the Distinguished Hoosier, the Honorary Hoosier, and the *Sachem Award*."

Ken Toler sent off some information about Indiana awards with names that are familiar to our Order. He notes that Indian/Native American values are still recognized in the political-social system of our state today!

The Sagamore of the Wabash Award is Indiana's "highest honor, which the Governor of Indiana bestows. It is a personal tribute usually given to

those who have rendered a distinguished service to the state or to the governor. Among these who have received Sagamores have been astronauts, presidents, ambassadors, artists, musicians, politicians, and ordinary citizens who have contributed greatly to our Hoosier heritage." The award was started by Indiana governor Ralph Gates (1945-49) in response to being made a Kentucky Colonel. They are awarded at the discretion of each governor. (<https://www.in.gov/portal/files/Sagamore.pdf>)

The Sachem Award is more exclusive with only one awardee per year. It was stated with Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb in 1970 to recognize "a group of business, industry, publishing, banking and legal leaders, who served as state hosts, welcoming visitors to Indiana and promoting the state's culture and economy." It was dissolved in 1989. Governor Mitch Daniels revived the award in 2005. Last year's winner was Clay Robbins, Chairman and CEO of Lilly Endowment. In 2022, the Endowment pledge up to \$85,000,000 to improve reading skills for students (Kindergarten - Grade 2). (<https://www.in.gov/governorhistory/ericjholcomb/indiana-governors-sachem-award/about-the-sachem/>)

Thanks to Ken for this help on this article!

Tribal News

Marching in the Lexington, Massachusetts, 250th Anniversary Parade

Sumner Hunnewell had the honor to march with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in Lexington's parade marking the 250th anniversary of the Shot Heard Heard 'round the World.

The AHAC is the oldest chartered military organization (1638) in this hemisphere.



Tribal News

Oshawane Tribe #220 Euchre Tournament Winners

Oshawane Tribe #220 membership drive and euchre tournament occurred April 19 (Patriot's Day) at the Brookville Eagles 770 in Brookville. They had 20 card players and all had a good time.

Dennis Kolb won most points, \$50.00. **Malcolm Greene** won 2nd most points, \$25.00. Dennis Kolb won most loaners, \$25.00. Dennis Kolb donated his \$75.00 to Wreaths Across America-Franklin County Fund at The Franklin County Foundation.



We adopted three new members and reinstated one during our euchre tournament and membership drive. We voted on them at our May 17th meeting, and all were elected.



Tribal News

Annual Raffle

Oshawanee Tribe #220 is pleased to announce their annual Ed Kolb Memorial Raffle.

You must be 21 and an Indiana resident to claim a handgun.

Cost is \$20 per ticket. Only 400 tickets will be sold!

Drawing is to be held on November 14.

Contact [Don Lohrey](#) for tickets.



RED MEN'S ANNUAL ED KOLB MEMORIAL RAFFLE

FIRST PLACE

Citadel BOSS-25 Semi-auto
12 gauge shotgun

SECOND PLACE

Ruger 10/22 Sporter,
75th Anniversary Semi-auto 22LR

THIRD PLACE

CANIK TTI Combat, striker,
fired 9mm Semi-auto

FOURTH PLACE

Budweiser cooler
full of party supplies

FIFTH PLACE

\$500 Cash

Must be 21 and an IN Resident
to claim handgun & cooler.

\$20.00 x TICKET

Drawing to be held 11/14/25
@Eagles 7pm
(need not be present to win)

Drawing for the benefit of the
Red Men and their charities
License Number 16910

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Church Service Planned

PGI **Malcolm Greene** is Pastor of the Saratoga United Methodist Church and has invited our Tribe to join him for worship on Sunday, June 22nd.

Fellowship at the church at 10:00 a.m.
Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Take Route 27 North, three miles past Winchester, turn right (east) on County Road 500, into Saratoga.



Another Degree of the Improved Order of Red Men

RAINMAKERS OF AMERICA.

A call for a special session of the Haymakers' Association was held at the Great Council office March 13, 51 representatives responding. On vote it was unanimously agreed to change the name of the organization to "Rainmakers of America." The Committee on Ritual and Ceremony in a lengthy report established an entire new ritual, signs, passwords, etc., very ably compiled by Thomas K. Donnalley, Richard Tongue and Harry Harmer. Lewis List presided, Charles J. Foulkes was secretary and John Esher, treasurer. Among the gathering were Brothers J. L. Keiser, of Pittsburgh; Brown, of Lancaster; Troxel, of Allentown; Dilsher, of Catasauqua; Tindle, of Reading; Reifsnyder, of Pottstown; Stroh, of Berwyn; Culathar, of Stroudsburg; McIntyre, of Doylestown; Corson, of Willow Grove, and many local Red Men. Lancaster sent a delegation of six past chiefs. The new ritual will be distributed to all loyal lodges.

The new degree of Rainmakers is taken from the beautiful legends and work of the Mondamin Indians, which will instill, it is claimed, more patriotism and advancement due the parent body. Several representatives to the Great Council were present and heartily approved the exemplification of the new order as clean, God-fearing and patriotic. The district deputies have arranged the degree teams and many incidentals to further the work.

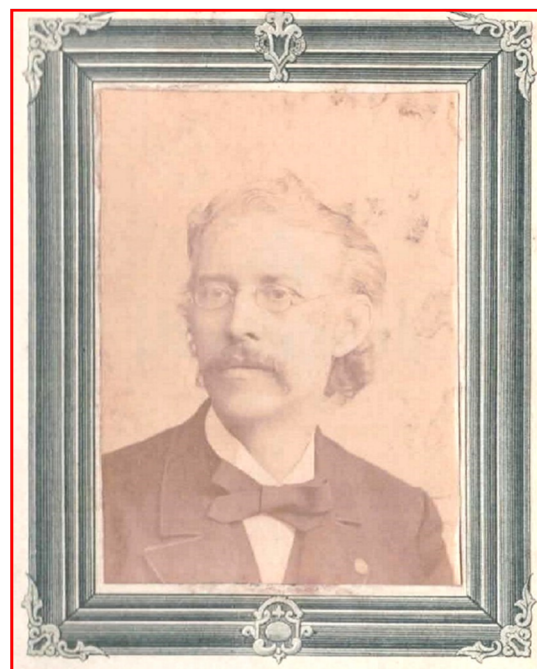
Just when you thought that the Improved Order of Red Men had come up with *enough* different "side degrees" another has come to light.

As you can see the Rainmakers of America was in the works in 1915—enough that "an entire new ritual, signs, passwords, etc." were in hand when brought before the Pennsylvania Great Council of Haymakers. An offshoot of the Haymakers, the initiation of new members is buffoonery, meant to humble new initiates and have fun. There is little of the "beautiful legends and work of the Mondamin Indians" to be found. Like the Haymakers, it was associated with a tribe and carried the designation of "½" associated with the tribe number.

Why they felt the need to create *another* "fun" side degree isn't clear.

Pennsylvania was always a hotbed of tribal activity. Did this degree ever got traction outside of that reservation? I don't know. It seems that the degree dried up in the early 1940s.

P. G. I. Thomas K. Donnalley (1890-91) had a hand in the crafting of the ritual in 1915. He had been a member since 1860 as well as a member of side degrees: Chieftain's League and Degree of Pocahontas. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (serving in the Union), Odd Fellows, the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Free and Accepted Masons.



Sources:

[Philadelphia] *Evening Public* (18 March 1915), 12..

The Fraternal Record Companion of Thomas K. Donnalley.

[Allentown] *Morning Call* (20 July 1941), 5.

Ritual of the Rainmakers Degree (1916)

A Quirk with a Degree of the Improved Order of Red Men

In Issue 2 (page 6) of *Following the Hunt*, I wrote about the side degree, “National Haymakers Association.” I had thought that they fizzled out but past Great Incohonee Avery said that there are a few left.

I ran across a contemporary reference to the “Permanent Haymakers Association,” a side-degree of the Order. It was formed at the same time or could be the same organization with another name. The earliest reference to the Permanent Haymakers Association that I can find is an 1880 newspaper.

The National Haymakers' Association appears in newspapers in 1882, but was incorporated on January 4, 1890. Later on March 18, 1893, the Pennsylvania reservation, which always seems to be in the middle of things, created the “State Haymakers' Association of Pennsylvania” as a subservient organization. The state association went into abeyance and attempted to charter itself as a separate, independent organization in 1915. Their petition was rejected by the state of Pennsylvania.

Indiana’s Haymakers state association first formed in 1893 in Frankfort (see right).

HAYMAKERS' ASSOCIATION.

**A State Organization Effected at Frankfort
—Election of Officers.**

FRANKFORT, June 18.—[Special.]—In response to a call issued by George W. Poague, D. S. P., of the national haymakers' association of the United States, an organization for members of the Improved Order of Red Men, the representatives and past chief haymakers of the state met in convention last evening in the wigwam of Dakota association of this place and perfected a state association.

Representatives were present from all over the state and a jolly time was their lot. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Past State President—George W. Poague of Flora.
 State President—Miles K. Moffett, Connersville.
 Vice-State President—Harry C. Keeler, Richmond.
 State Secretary—Charles E. Nobes, Flora.
 State Treasurer—Perry Barr, Muncie.
 First Farmer—D. G. Niblack, Anderson.
 Second Farmer—C. M. Leisure, Frankfort.
 Guard of Barn Door—A. J. Barrack, Clay City.
 Guard of Hay Loft—O. M. Gardner, Mellott.
 Trustees—J. W. Mitchell, Lafayette; C. C. Brown, Pendleton; A. N. McNees, Farmland.
 State Representative to National Association—George W. Poague.

After the installation the state association adjourned to meet at Anderson the 3rd Wednesday of May, 1894.



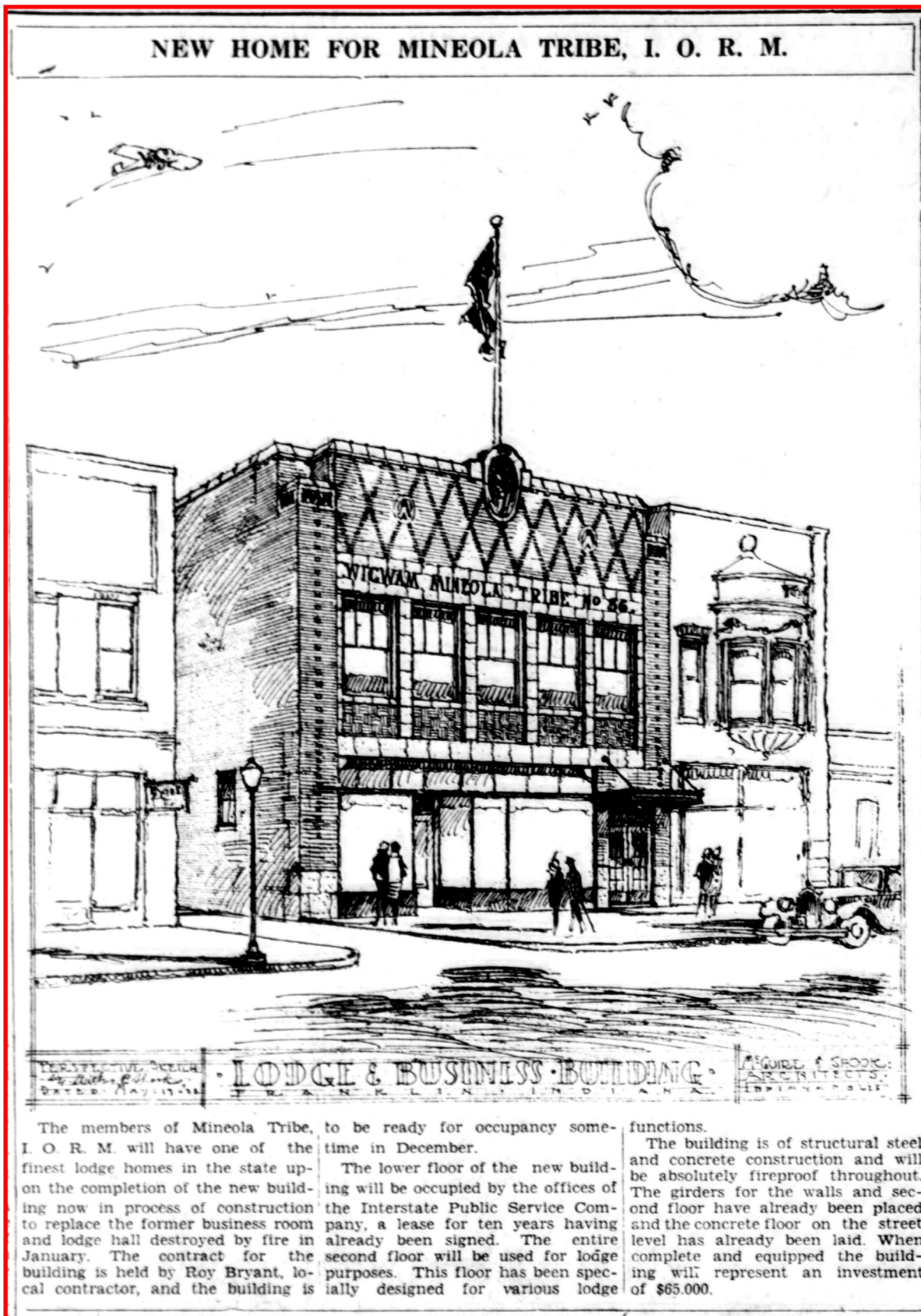
Sources:

The Indiana State Sentinel (21 June 1893), Pt. 1, p. 8.

The [Wilmington, Delaware] Morning News (14 July 1881), p. 1.

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Red Men's Hall, Franklin, Indiana



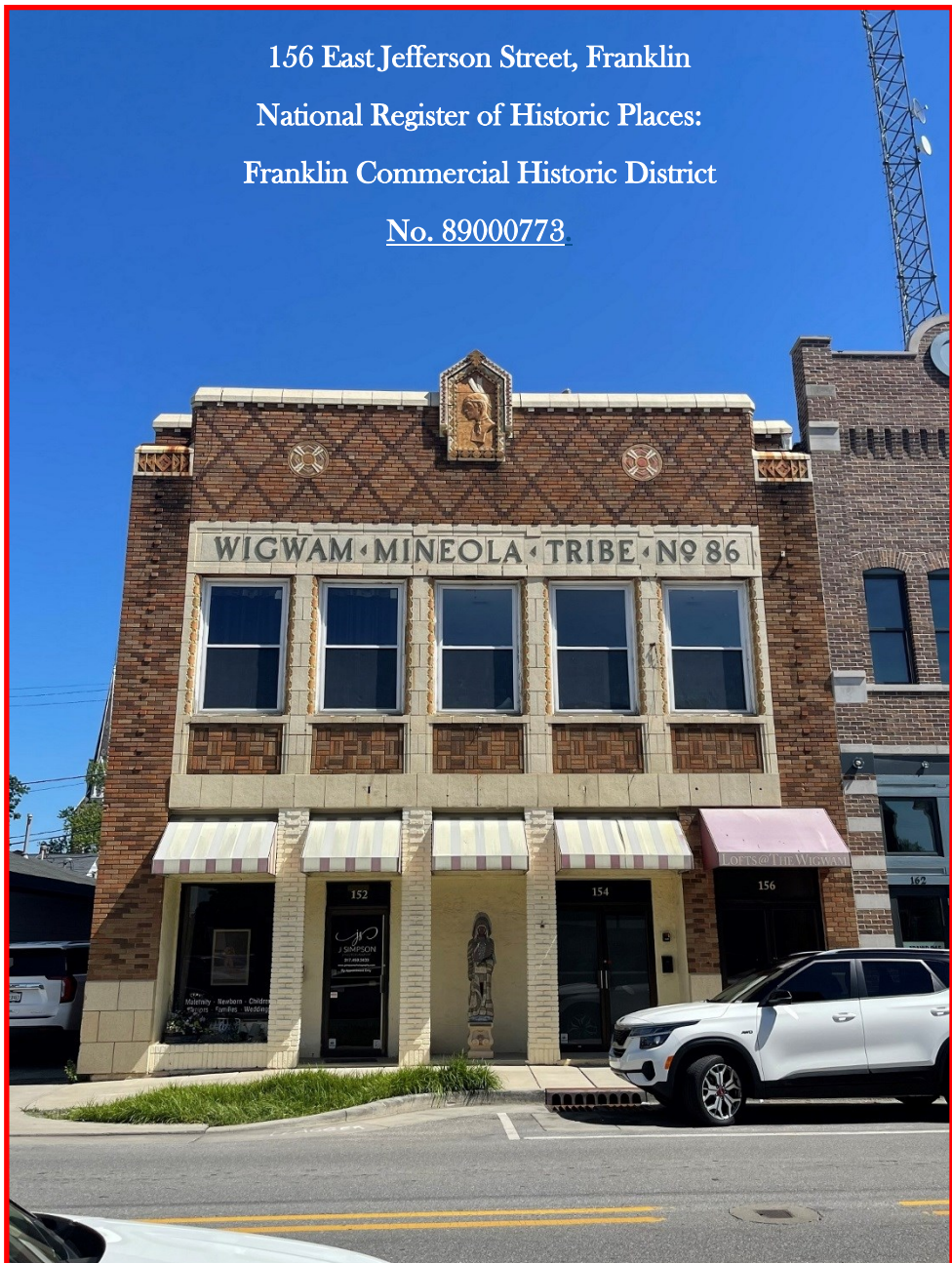
The Franklin Evening Star (11 August 1927), page 1.

Red Men's Hall, Franklin, Indiana

A Mineola Tribe No. 37 was formed by 1875 in Urbana(?). However, the Mineola Tribe No. 86 we are interested in was formed in Franklin during November 1889 at Hulsman Hall. It and chartered (evidently) on December 26 of that year. By 1914, the tribe had 425 members and at one time boasted between 750 and 1000 members.

In 1914, the Mineola Wigwam Association was created to sell \$30,000 in preferred stock (\$100 par) paying 5% every April and October. Another \$30,000 in common stock (\$100 par) were reserved by the tribe. All of this paid for the new wigwam, the first floor of which was rented out.

The tribe seems to have survived World War II but disappeared from newspapers after 1946.



Thanks to Ken Toler for this help on this article!

Sources:

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The Indianapolis News (28 Dec 1914), 5.
The Franklin Evening Star (9 Jun 1948), 4.

The Franklin Evening Star (10 Dec 1914), 1.
The Franklin Evening Star (18 Aug 1947), 1.
The Franklin Evening Star (24 Jul 1952), 1.

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**Great Council of Indiana
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Great Chiefs 2024-25**

Great Sachem

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Great Junior Sagamore

JOE SELM

Great Prophet

LARRY HELMSING

Great Chief of Records

GARY M. McELWAIN

Great Keeper of Wampum

ROY JOHNS

Great Trustees

MALCOLM GREENE, RALPH DICKS,

RICHARD HITCH

GCUS Representative

MATT FISHER

Great Sannap

DON LOHREY

Great Mishinewa

RALPH DICKS

Great Guard of the Forest

KEN TOLER

Great Guard of the Wigwam

MIKE ALLEN

Updated Website

Our website IndianaRedMen.org has been brought up-to-date with additional features added. Check it out for...

- ⇒ Upcoming tribal and reservation meetings
- ⇒ News of upcoming and past tribal events
- ⇒ Charities our Order supports
 - ⇒ An 1890s-present Red Men's library
 - ⇒ Red Men and D. O. P. paraphernalia

Share and news, updates, and events with Sumner Hunnewell (HildifonsTook@prodigy.net), who will make sure they are posted quickly.

Photographs are greatly appreciated!



Membership Pocket Medallions

One item created for members was a membership medallion. It does not depict any of the official symbols or seals of the Order, but has a generic profile of a native with arrow, spear, peace pipe, wampum belt (?), tomahawk, and warclub.

This particular medallion was made in at least two styles. The first is in bronze and the second is in brass (or gilt white metal).

This reverse of this medallion of the bronze medallion has the small inscription "IN THE WHITEHEAD & HOAG CO. NEWARK, N.J." The other is blank. Both were meant to allow you to engrave your name and tribal information.

TRIBES

Chief Anderson Tribe No.2

(Anderson) - Call 765-617-2868

Oshawanee Tribe No. 220

(Brookville) - Call 765-647-6595

Red Cloud Tribe No. 18

(Indianapolis) - Call 317-693-4510

Conawaugh Tribe No. 518

(Monticello) - Call 574-583-5947

Miami Tribe No. 633

(Richmond) - Call 765-238-1464