

Following the Hunt



Great Council of Indiana—Improved Order of Red Men

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From Great Sachem Warren Cunningham

To all red men in the state of Indiana,

Greeting brothers!

Like most of you I am finding it hard to put in time to support our tribe in talking to prospective new members of our tribe. We all know as I stated in my March letter that our biggest challenge is not to just maintain the numbers in each of our tribes but to grow just a little each year. I have been using the opportunity of selling the Improved Order of Red Men Great Council of Indiana bi-annual fund raiser tickets as a way to talk to several prospective members and this has also provided me a chance to sell some tickets.

My main goal this year was to visit each of the tribes and visit each of you at a regular meeting. I still plan to do that over the next few months.

Yours in Freedom, Friendship, & Charity,
Warren Cunningham
Great Sachem, Great Council of Indiana

100 Years Ago: From the Great Incohonee

“The time has passed when we can expect any great number of our members to carry on the burdens of an organization department; things are moving too swiftly; everyone owns an automobile and is busy availing themselves of its pleasures after their daily work is o’er. The time when a man worked ten hours a day but still found enough leisure to interview his friends and impart to them the historic associations connected with our fraternity, is gone, never to return. We work fast; we live fast; we spend twice as much as we ought to, and we haven’t half the leisure time that we formerly possessed.”

—*Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men* (1964), 532.

File this under “There is nothing new under the sun!”



Tribal News

*Joe Hoffbauer
and Don Lohrey*



Three 25-year Members Are Celebrated

Oshawance Tribe 220 acknowledged three members for 25-years of membership in the tribe. Billy Burkhart, Joe Hoffbauer, and Harold Spurlock were presented their certificates at the March 12 meeting.

Time for the Ed Kolb Memorial Raffle

This year the emphasis is less on “gun” and more on “fun.”

- * First place: Savage Axis 2WP, 243 W/3-9 Scope
- * Mossberg 500, 12 Gauge, 28” Barrell
- * Cooler of party supplies
- * \$500 cash
- * \$250 gift card

“Must be of age to claim guns & cooler.” Only Indiana residents can win the guns.

Buy early and buy often!

See any Oshawance Tribe member for tickets!

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Name _____

Address _____

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**2026 RED MEN'S ANNUAL
ED KOLB
MEMORIAL RAFFLE**

FIRST PLACE
Savage Axis 2WP, 243
W/3-9 Scope

SECOND PLACE
Mossberg 500, 12 Gauge,
28” Barrell

THIRD PLACE
Cooler of party supplies

FOURTH PLACE
\$500 Cash

FIFTH PLACE
\$250 Gift Card

Must be of age to claim
guns & cooler.

\$20.00 x TICKET

Drawing to be held 11/20/26
@Eagles 7pm
(need not be present to win)

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

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Tribal News



Euchre Tournament and Membership Drive: April 18

Oshawanee Tribe 220 held its now annual euchre tournament / membership drive in on April 18.

They had 16 card players and all had fun.

Two members were reinstated with the prospect to adopt one new member.

Don Lohrey won \$50 for most points. Dennis Kolb won \$25 for 2nd most points and Troy Lohrey won \$25 for most loaners.



Tribal News

Oshwanee Tribe “literally” Makes the News

Great Past Sachem Don Lohrey’s article, which appeared in the last issue of *Following the Hunt*, was published in the local *Brookville American* newspaper on February 4 (and online, [click here](https://www.brookvilleindiana.com/story/2026/02/04/news/brookville-red-men-and-what-we-do/1149.html)).

The is a great example of how to publicize the Order and show all of the good community work accomplished there. *Well done!*

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Brookville American newspaper website. The header includes the newspaper's name, "THE BROOKVILLE AMERICAN", established in 1893, and a navigation menu with links like "Home", "News", "Sports", "Opinion", "Entertainment", "Obituaries", and "Legals". A weather widget shows "66° Brookville, IN". A banner for "THE DAILY Scoop" is visible. The main article is titled "Brookville Red Men and what we do" by Don Lohrey, dated Feb 04, 2026. The article text begins with "The Improved Order of Red Men is the oldest Fraternal Organization of American origin. They started as the Sons of Liberty in 1765 and in 1813, became The Red Men Society. Later in 1847, Red Men Societies formed the Great Council of the United States." A sidebar on the right lists "MOST POPULAR" articles, including "Track/field competes at EIAC" and "Public given forum on data centers".



Save the Date!

Our Great Council Session will be held on November 13-14 this year in Richmond, Indiana. There will be no room block, so everyone will have to make their own lodging arrangements.



A Look Back

William L. Powell Memorial Chapel, Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ind.



Postcard of the Chapel

The *Indianapolis News* reported on July 20, 1929, "Ground has been broken for the William L. Powell Memorial Chapel at Oak Hill cemetery. The structure is to be of the rural Gothic church type architecture of England, thirty-six feet wide by seventy-one feet long, one story, with basement, and entrances from each of the four sides."

The chapel was provided for in the will of William L. Powell, a Lebanon philanthropist. A member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias, he wanted it to be a memorial to both fraternal organizations. The cost was around \$35,000 (well over \$600,000 today). It was dedicated on September 28, 1930.

After years of neglect, the chapel was torn down in 2022.

The Kokomo Tribune (September 16, 1930), 5

WATSON TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION OF CEMETERY CHAPEL AT LEBANON

Lebanon, Ind., Sept. 16.—Senator James E. Watson will deliver the principal address at the dedication of the William L. Powell Memorial Chapel here Sept. 28, it was announced today by Thomas L. Neal, who received a wire of acceptance from Senator Watson.

Provision for the erection of the chapel, a stone building which cost approximately \$35,000, were contained in the will of Mr. Powell, Lebanon philanthropist who died in 1923. He asked that it be built as a memorial to the Red Men and

Knights of Pythias orders in which he long held membership. Work on the chapel, located at Oak Hill cemetery, is virtually completed.

Other speakers on the dedicatory program will be Charles Loy of Swayzee, grand chancellor of Indiana Knights of Pythias; Arch Hobbs of Indianapolis, great keeper of records, Indiana council, I. O. R. M.; James C. Darnall, a member of the building committee, and Albert E. Witt of Indianapolis, president of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association. William S. Smith of Lebanon will preside.

INJUN SUMMER

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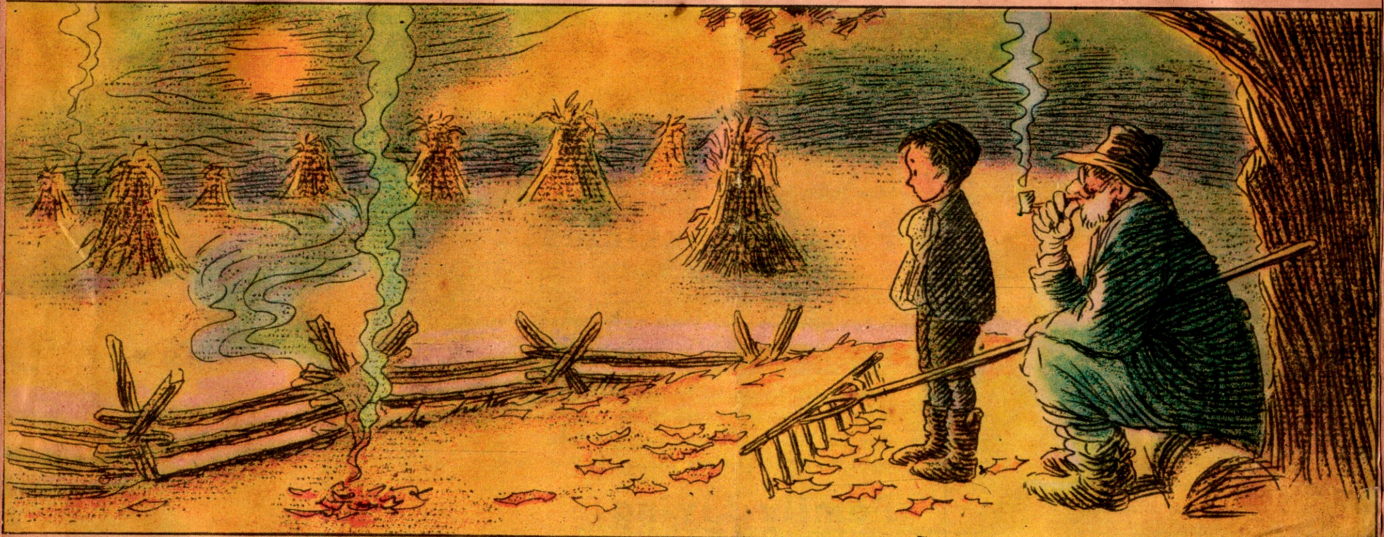
Yep, sonny, this is sure enough Injun summer. Don't know what that is, I reckon, do you?

Well, that's when all the homesick Injuns come back to play. You know, a long time ago, long afore yer granddaddy was born even, there used to

be heaps of Injuns around here—thousands—millions, I reckon, far as that's concerned. Reg'lar sure 'nough Injuns—none o' yer cigar store Injuns, not much. They wuz all around here—right here where you're standin'.

Don't be skeered—hain't none around here now, leastways no live ones. They been gone this many a year.

They all went away and died, so they ain't no more left.



But every year, 'long about now, they all come back, leastways their sperrits do. They're here now. You can see 'em off across the fields. Look real hard. See that kind o' hazy, misty look out yonder? Well, them's Injuns—Injun sperrits marchin' along an' dancin' in the sunlight. That's what makes that

kind o' haze that's everywhere—it's just the sperrits of the Injuns all come back. They're all around us now.

'See off yonder; see them tepees? They kind o' look like corn shocks from here, but them's Injun tents, sure as you're a foot high. See 'em now?

Sure, I knowed you could. Smell that smoky sort o' smell in the air? That's the campfires a-burnin' and their pipes a-goin'.

Lots o' people say it's just leaves burnin', but it ain't. It's the campfires, an' th' Injuns are hoppin' 'round 'em t' beat the old Harry.

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You jest come out here tonight when the moon is hangin' over the hill off yonder an' the harvest fields is all swimmin' in the moonlight, an' you can see the Injuns and the tepees jest as plain as kin be. You can, eh? I knowed you would after a little while.

Jever notice how the leaves turn read 'about this time o' year? That's jest another sign o' redskins. That's when an old Injun sperrit gits tired dancin' an' goes up an' squats on a leaf t' rest. Why, I kin hear 'em rustlin' and whisperin' an' creepin' 'round among the leaves all the time; an' ever' once'n a while a leaf gives way under some fat old Injun ghost and comes floatin' down to the ground. See—here's one now. See how read it is? That's the war paint rubbed off'n an Injun ghost, sure's you're born.

Purty soon al the Injuns'll go marchin' away agin, back to the happy huntin' ground, but next year you'll see 'em troopin' back—th' sky jest hazy with 'em and their campfires smolderin' away jest like they are now.



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Thanks to Ken Toler for sending this along.



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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!



Another postcard for you. This one from 1909 and made by the Ullman Manufacturing Company out of New York.

It took me a minute to figure out that the doll is missing some hair.

Archive.org

Your editor has placed a lot of material on Archive.org (click [HERE TO SEE](#)). You will find magazines, pamphlet, and other printed material from the Order. Some items go back to the 1880s and more material is added monthly.