

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 Man:

My name is Gary W. Marmouze, Sr., and
was named your Great Sachem for the Great
Council on November 9. Many thanks to all
that voted and supported me on that day. My
Goals in 2025 are plain and simple but, by
far, not easy. I would like to name it The
Great Hunt of Indiana. The Hunt being for
New Members. Remember that we cannot
survive without them.

Another thing — we can't survive without
members willing to serve on various Boards
and Committees that keep all the Tribes and
The Great Council of Indiana running. I would like to thank
everyone that donates their time unselfishly; that helps keep this
Great Organization alive.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve
as your Great Sachem of Indiana for 2025. I pledge to do my
best. Also, thanks to Don Lohrey for his continued support for
guiding me through This Journey.

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



Great Sachem Marmouze with our charter



A Letter to the Editor from the Great Incohonee, Tim Avery

I'm sorry I was unable to attend your Great Council Session. Congratulations on being recognized as a "Recognize Greatness" member. I was typing a Facebook post just before reading your email to make everyone aware of the four Indiana recipients. The "Following The Hunt" newsletter is the best I've seen within our organization in my 20 years of membership. The articles and history of the order you provide are so interesting. I forwarded your last newsletter to the newly installed GCUS Great Keeper of Records, Ty Rettke of Alaska. Ty is definitely an Improved Order of Red Men historian. He is currently in the process of creating a small museum in his home tribe's lodge in Ketchikan. He collects articles, Red Men and Pocahontas jewelry, or anything associated with our history.. He also serves as editor of the national newsletter and has a section called "Ty's Tidbits" that discusses our history.



I love hearing from our members with suggestions, questions, concerns, and even complaints. Most importantly, thank you for your dedication and service to the Improved Order of Red Men. My goal when elected as Great Incohonee was to make an impact that assisted the Red Men's existence, growth, and stop the declining we've seen for so many years. Each day I worry if I'm doing enough or are there enough dedicated members to reach that goal? Have we implemented changes to continue existing, are we keeping up with society's current trend, technology, or are we still living in historical times? When elected Great Jr. Sagamore of North Carolina I came across a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson. It says "*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path...and leave a trail.*" For many years every talk I made to Red Men ended with that quote and at times still do today. Some have approached me and said, "Well that's the way it's always been done and you just want to get rid of our history." My response is "We create history everyday and in fact the conversation we are having now will be history tomorrow." I never want to forget our history, the Son's of Liberty, Boston Tea Party, and Fort Mifflin where the name "Society of Red Men" was established. But I do believe we should continue making the changes needed for our existence. I have hope and confidence this organization continues to exist, succeeds, and provides to those less in times of need. Dedicated members such as yourself and many other Indiana Improved Order of Red Men cause me to keep that hope alive. Again, thanks for your email, dedication and "Greatness" to the Improved Order of Red Men. Tell the guys I said to keep "Following the Hunt."

Remember - "*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path...and leave a trail.*" - Ralph Waldo Emerson."

P.S. - There are a couple of Haymakers that I know exist. The states of Maryland and Ohio have Haymakers. It's somewhat funny, we just received a call last Monday in the national office asking about starting back Hiawatha.

Founding Forward (formerly Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge)



The Imp'd O. R. M. supported Freedom's Foundation (now known as [Founding Forward](#)) in Valley Forge for many years. Most of its focus has been on the Faith of Our Fathers Chapel, which we (as an organization) built.

Traveling between Massachusetts and Virginia, we decided to stop off at Valley Forge. I had an ancestor (Peleg Willard) who was there during the Revolutionary War. I wanted to make the effort to at least stop by Freedom Forward and see the chapel. As you can see it is very attractive on the outside.



To the Glory of God
Faith of Our Father
Chapel
Cornerstone laid April 30, 1967
General of the Army
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Honorary Chairman
Hon. James A. Farley
Honorary President
Dr. Kenneth D. Wells—President and Co-
Founder
Hon. Don Belding—Chairman Director
and Co-Founder
Hon. Howard H. Callaway—Chairman
Trustees
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Founded 1949

The reason we support them is their efforts to teach civics and patriotism to young adults who visit.

Tribes, reservations, and the GCUS have collected money to help replace the damaged carpeting inside.

**YOU CAN HELP BY
GETTING YOUR TRIBE
TO DONATE MONEY
TO THE CAUSE !**

Every \$10 will “buy” a carpet square. Be sure to bring this up at your next meeting.



Faith of Our Father
Chapel
A Hall of Patriots
A National Patriotic Project by
The Improved Order of Red Men
and the
Degree of Pocahontas
Organized 165
Inspired Donors of the Chapel Nave



A Look Back

Our Charter

A close look at our charter will show that three tribes initiated the effort: Tippecanoe No. 8, Iroquois No. 9, and Kanahwaqa No. 11. The charter was issued on Great Sun Date 377 (A. D. 1868). It speaks well of the Great Council of Indiana that it has retained its charter for so long when so many other reservations surrounding us have surrendered their charters. (The dots are overhead light reflections.)



1925 Great Council of Indiana

Ninety-nine years ago, the 56th Great Council met in Indianapolis. Centrally located, it was the normal meeting place in October.

The number of delegates was 560 and they met at the impressive Knights of Pythias Hall. The hall was the tallest in the city and demolished in 1967.



Red Men Will Form Junior Lodge Order

The golden jubilee convention of the Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men of Indiana has adjourned at Indianapolis after a two days' session in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the order. The council voted to form a junior order of the lodge for boys between 12 and 18 years of age. The late W. B. King, of Lafayette, wrote the ritual for the new organization.

"BRAVES" WHO ATTENDED THE GREAT COUNCIL OF INDIANA RED MEN



When the tom-toms sounded for the annual Great Council of the Indiana Red Men this week in Indianapolis, 795 "braves" responded to the call to gather for the lighting of the great sun fire. The Red Men are shown in this picture gathered on the steps of the U. S. Federal Building. The election of state officers for the Great Council on the first ballot was an unusual feature of this meeting.

Tribal News

Gun and Cash Raffle

Oshawane Tribe No. 220 announced the winners of their annual Ed Kolb Annual Gun and Money Raffle. All 300 tickets were sold. The winners were Daniel Kolb, Brian Bowman, Jeremy Graf, John Dendler, and John Skidmore.

The Tribe will donate \$2800 to the new Franklin County 4-H Expo Hall. This will make their total donations \$5000 over the last three years, which will earn our tribe a spot on the permanent Donation Tree inside the hall.

\$1000 will be earmarked to help pay for next years prizes for the raffle. The tribe will keep the remaining \$860 to help promote membership.

The Brookville Red Men legacies will live on for many, many years thru the Franklin County 4-H Expo Hall and The Brookville Red Men Endowment for the Maple Grove Cemetery at the Franklin County Community Foundation.

Outreach to the Community

The Miami Tribe #633 took part promoting the Imp'd O. R. M. at Richmond's annual 4th Street Fair. The event took place during October 5-6 in the Old Richmond Historical District.



Tribal News

New Members

Miami Tribe No. 633 held a dinner before Kindling the Council fire on September 19. The dinner at Applebee's was attended by Our Great Keeper of Records, Gary McElwaine, and his two grandsons who were elected as members of the Miami Tribe No. 633.



Larry Helmsing, Great Sachem, Damian Clarkson. Gary McElwaine, Great Keeper of Records, David McElwaine, and Malcolm Greene, P.G.I.



Past Sachem Froman Acknowledged

At the Oshawancee Tribe No. 220's August Meeting, P.G.I. Malcolm Greene presented Sachem Michael Froman with a Past Sachem's Certificate. Michael is a 40-year member of Oshawancee Tribe of Brookville.

154th Great Council Meeting, Richmond, Indiana

Our Newly Elected Great Council



Great Sachem
GARY W. MARMOUZE,
SR.

GCUS Representative
MATT FISHER



Great Senior Sagamore
WARREN CUNNINGHAM

Great Sannap
DON LOHREY



Great Junior Sagamore
JOE SELM

Great Mishinewa
RALPH DICKS



Great Prophet
LARRY HELMSING

**Great Guard of the
Forest**
KEN TOLER



Great Chief of Records
GARY M. MCELWAINE

**Great Guard of the
Wigwam**
MIKE ALLEN



**Great Keeper of
Wampum**
ROY JOHNS

Great Trustees
MALCOLM GREENE,
RALPH DICKS (ABOVE),
RICHARD HITCH*

*NOT SHOWN



154th Great Council Meeting, Richmond, Indiana

Our Great Council Meeting was held October 8-9 in Richmond. It started with a banquet at the Old Richmond Inn on 5th Street. About three dozen members and guests attended. Representing the Great Council of the United States (GCUS) and our special guest of honor was Billy Poythress, Great Keeper of Wampum, of North Carolina.



George Ferriell receives the Red Men of the Year Award, which is presented by Great Sachem, Larry Helmsing

The GCUS presented four "Recognize Greatness" awards to four Indiana members. The program is one that recognizes outstanding projects, tribes, councils, members, Pocahontas, and Sachems. Award winners above were Sumner Hunnewell, Roy Johns, Gary McElwaine, and Malcolm Greene. Billy Poythress, GCUS, presented the winners with pins and featured them on their Facebook page.



154th Great Council Meeting, Richmond, Indiana

The Council Fire was lit in ample form by Great Sachem Larry Helmsing. All business was transacted harmoniously.

The 2024 Bullseye “Expert” Award went to the Oshawanee Tribe #220 of Brookville. The Expert Award is an Indiana Award for the tribe that has the largest growth in membership. The tribe gained five members. Shown here with the award are members Gary Marmouze, Sr., PS, Don Lohrey, PGS, Larry Helmsing, GS, and Joe Selm, PS.



The 2024 Bullseye “Marksman” Award went to the Chief Anderson Tribe #2 of Anderson. The Bullseye Award is an Indiana Award for the tribe that has the second largest growth in membership. The tribe gained two members. Shown here with the award are members Mike Allen, PS, and Patrick Griffin, PGS.

Billy Poythress swore in the next Great Council of Indiana. Pictured here are members

standing Stoekel, Dicks, Toler, Cunningham, Hicks, Fisher, Helmsing, Ferriell, Johns, McElwaine, Lohrey, Warren, and Marmouze. Malcolm Greene and Billy Poythress are in the foreground.



154th Great Council Meeting, Richmond, Indiana



*Larry Helmsing displays his
Past Great Sachem certificate*

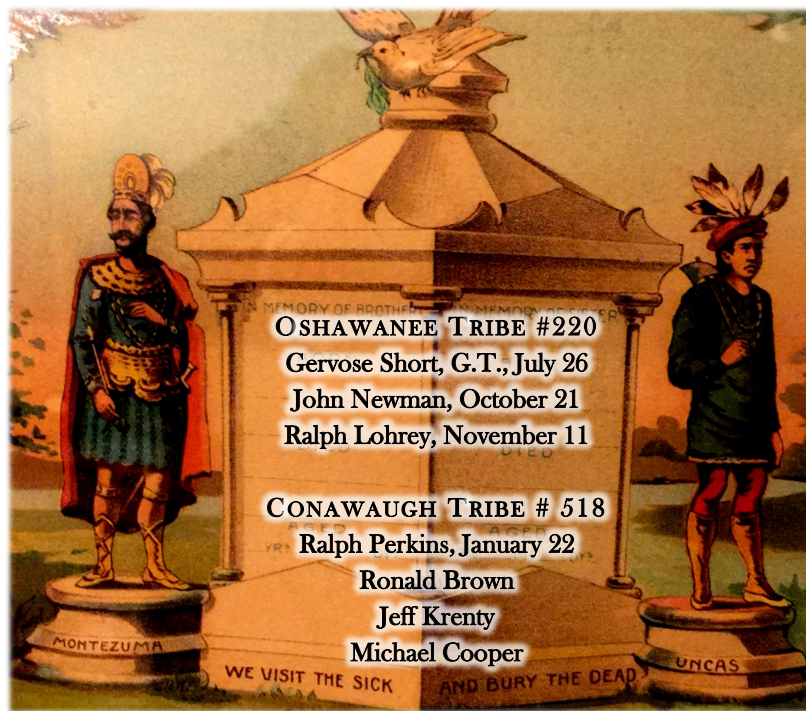
Prayers Read by P. G. I. Malcolm Greene during the Memorial Service

When I am dead
Cry for me a little
Think of me sometimes
But not too much
Think of me now and again
As I was in life
At some moments
It's pleasant to recall
But not for long
Leave me in peace
As I shall leave you in peace.
And while you live
Let your thoughts be with the living

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.



In Memoriam—2023



OSHAWANEE TRIBE #220

Gervose Short, G.T., July 26

John Newman, October 21

Ralph Lohrey, November 11

CONAWAUGH TRIBE # 518

Ralph Perkins, January 22

Ronald Brown

Jeff Krenty

Michael Cooper

Imp'd O. R. M. "Page of Fobs"

Watch fobs are commonly worn with a "single Albert" or "double Albert" and vest. It added a little style, but also let people know your interests. Like rosettes, it could be used to identify you with a particular fraternal organization or school. Often these were mass produced for many fraternal organizations in various styles. So, it would not be uncommon to see the same style of fob sporting, say, an Odd Fellows symbol.

The composition could be a common metal, enamel, stone, mother-of-pearl, and/or gold. And, of course, who could resist the scull and crossbones with the "beady" glass eyes? More can be found on our website!



**Great Council of Indiana
Imp'd O.R.M.
Great Chiefs 2024-25**

Great Sachem

GARY W. MARMOUZE, SR.
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Great Senior Sagamore

WARREN CUNNINGHAM

Great Junior Sagamore

JOE SELM

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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!



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 317-536-6201

Conawaugh Tribe No. 518

(Monticello) - Call 574-583-5947

Miami Tribe No. 633

(Richmond) - Call 765-238-1464

Red Men Postcards

This is an unusual postcard because it shows a scene from one of our original rituals. The card is "colorized." You have to appreciate the costuming, the child, and the dog that tagged along.

The postcard above shows the DeEmber Tribe #9, Weir, Kansas. The tribe looks like it was formed in the mid-1880's. Weir is in Cherokee County, the southeastern-most county of Kansas. At the time the tribe was formed, the population of Weir was about 2000. The 2020 census shows a population of 569.