

RED MEN SHOW RAPID GROWTH SINCE FOUNDING

Order Has 52,000 Members in Indiana, Property Worth \$181,000.

From the first Indianapolis tribe formed with a few members May 2, 1869, the Improved Order of Red Men has grown to an organization of fourteen tribes in Indianapolis with 52,000 members and property valued at \$181,000.

The group in Indianapolis originally was patriotic and political in nature.

John A. McGaw, cigar stand proprietor of the old Bates House, was one of the leading members, and he gathered around him the prominent politicians of the day. But soon after, in the Indiana organization, politics was dropped, completely.

Farmed in State in 1869

No record is available on the date of the organization of the first Indiana tribe at Patriot, Ind.

The Great Council of Indiana was organized Dec. 19, 1869, and the first great sachem was F. A. Jester, Patriot, Ind.

The national history of the Red Men order is the outgrowth of American history making and is traced by members back to Colony days in 1760 before the Revolution.

In 1760 when British oppression of colonists was becoming particularly distasteful, societies were organized to resist. These secret societies were called the Sons of St. Tamina and the Liberty Boys, and were known by other names. All generally were known as Sons of Liberty. All adopted the Indian drees.

Fostered in Army

"The Boston Massacre" and "The Boston Tea Party" were clashes between Sons of Liberty and the English. After the tea party the name "Red Men" was applied to various sections of the Sons of Liberty, all of which were united by bonds of patriotism. All wore the Indian dress.

During the revolution, the Sons of Liberty or the Red Men, with freedom as their object, organized groups within the Continental Army. The name "Sons of St. Tamina" was adopted during the war with the motto of "Freedom and friendship." Washington, Lafayette, and other leaders were taken in. After peace was established little was heard of the Sons of St. Tamina.

In 1783, General Steuben called a meeting of officers, and with the approval of Washington, organized the Society of Cincinnati.

Absorbed by Red Men

Membership was limited to officers and passed on to their oldest sons. The aristocratic idea back of the organization was denounced by the rank and file of the Army, who mostly were members of the Sons of St. Tamina.

The Sons of St. Tamina was revived and the Tammany Society or Columbian Order was founded. While these groups were political, they had their social features and paid benefits to sick members as early as 1784.

Aside from the New York Tammany societies, most of the others eventually were absorbed by the Improved Order of Red Men. During the war of 1812, St. Tamina members reorganized the order into the Red Men. In 1835, at a meeting in Hartland, politics was eliminated, with a motto of "Freedom, Friendship and Charity," and the name Improved Order of Red Men adopted. The old ritual of the Saint Tamina societies and the societies of Red Men was revised. In 1847 the Great Council of the United States was formed.

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ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Forty-Fifth Natal Day Celebrated by Woodmen Camps.

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America in Marion County celebrated their forty-fifth anniversary Thursday night with special programs in the twelve camps in the county.

M. T. Wright, district deputy, was the speaker at Maple Camp, 322 E. New York St. Joseph Heath, camp deputy, spoke at Capital City camp, 116 E. Maryland St., and Thomas E. Ross, camp deputy, spoke at Ironwood Camp, Tenth and Rural Sts.

Odd Fellows to Celebrate

TERRE HAUTE, Jan. 7.—Terre Haute Lodge No. 51 of the Odd Fellows will celebrate its seventy-ninth anniversary Jan. 21. A committee has been appointed to have charge of the reception of old members who return for the meeting of the parent lodge, the first I. O. O. F. lodge in this city.

Lodge News

Advance notices of meetings and other lodge activities should be mailed to The Fraternal Editor to reach The Indianapolis Times not later than Thursday afternoon. In case of late events, however, which cannot be covered by that time, important news items will be accepted in writing or by telephone (MA 3500) as late as 4 p.m. Thursday.

Secretaries of lodges and fraternal organizations are asked to mail all items of general interest to the membership and the public. Photographs of newly elected lodge officers, state officials active in lodge work and others are solicited. Photos will be returned immediately.

Red Men Sachems Prepare for Lodge Work of 1928



MASONIC GAVEL OF HOLY WOOD

Former Portland Man Makes Present to Lodge.

By Times Special
PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Meeting of Jay Lodge No. 87, F. and A. M., will be called to order in the future with a gavel made of wood from the Holy Land.

Charles N. Headington, New York, formerly of this city, obtained the wood while on a recent tour of the Near East. Judge E. E. McGriff gave the presentation address in behalf of Headington at a recent joint installation of officers of the Masonic lodge and the Eastern Star chapter.

At the same meeting twenty-one past worthy matrons of the Star were given gold pins by Mrs. Ward Stone, worthy matron. Those receiving the pins were Mrs. George McCarty, Mrs. Nettie Current, Mrs. Susanna Dicks, Mrs. J. J. Moran, Mrs. S. C. Culbert, Mrs. E. E. McGriff, Mrs. George Elliott, Mrs. William Skinner, Mrs. Idora Holmes, Mrs. Eva Stewart, Mrs. Molle Higgins Strahm, now of Bluffton, Mrs. A. L. Alshaus, Mrs. Sue Price, Mrs. Horace Antoin, Mrs. H. C. Eastlake, Mrs. Wesley Miley, Misses Nellie and Mabel Craig, Mrs. Opal Barr, Mrs. H. T. Reed and Mrs. Ward Stone.

KNIGHTS WILL INSTALL

Sacred Heart Church Group to Meet Monday Night.

Knights of St. George of the Sacred Heart Church will install officers at 8 p.m. Monday at the monthly meeting at the St. Cecilia club rooms, 1502 Union St.

Pupils of St. John school, under the direction of Brother Hubert, athletic director, will stage a boxing exhibition as one of the entertainment features.

A. J. Voight and Guy Dearth are members of the entertainment committee.

New officers: A. J. Wichman, president; E. A. Steffen, secretary; Alfred Koors, assistant secretary, and Louis G. Koerner, treasurer. Directors: Frank Slupesky, Voight, Koerner, E. L. Etter.

GUN CLUB PICKS RILEY

Ralph Moore Named Vice President at Annual Election.

Ike Riley insurance man, was elected president of the Gatling Gun Club. Other officers are: Ralph Moore, first vice president; Paul Middleton, second vice president; Harry S. Swanson, third vice president; G. L. Girard, secretary, and Frank A. Richards, treasurer. C. O. Buehner was named trustee for two years and Dan V. Goodman for three years.

Riley is active in the Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and Hoosier Athletic Club.

QUIT AFTER 28 YEARS

Kokomo Lodge Exchequer Master to Retire Soon.

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 7.—Alonzo W. Moore of Kokomo is retiring after twenty-eight consecutive years as master of exchequer of Good Intent Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Moore's resignation was accepted by Roy Maxwell, lodge officer. The old ritual of the Saint Tamina societies and the societies of Red Men was revised. In 1847 the Great Council of the United States was formed.

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ODD FELLOWS INSTALL

Northwestern Lodge Chooses Grover T. Brown.

New officers were installed this week by Northwestern Lodge of Odd Fellows, Twenty-Ninth and Clinton Sts.

They are Grover T. Brown, Chester Davis, Elmer Chappell, E. O. Franklin, Austin Terrell and R. F. Exline.

Members are planning for a class of candidates to be initiated under the direction of Louis Scherer.

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Pythian Lodge Plans for Anniversary Class in February.

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Capital City Lodge of the Knights of Pythias will install officers Monday night with George Sundling, deputy grand chancellor, in charge.

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