

# Red Men

## MAGAZINE



FREEDOM,  
FRIENDSHIP, and  
CHARITY

2023

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Great Council of the United States  
Improved Order of Red Men

47th Session  
National Degree of Pocahontas

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The national charity projects for the Improved Order of Red Men are Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and Home For Our Troops.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge cultivates an understanding of the spirit and philosophy of America's founding documents through student and teacher programs, awards for civic engagement and dedicated volunteer chapters across the country.

Homes For Our Troops mission statement is to build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post -9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

# Greetings From Your Great Incohonee



I would have never thought that one half of my term as your Great Incohonee has passed. Can you believe it? Only the ones who have preceded me in this position can know of the excitement that has been experienced and concerns we have for the continuation of our order.

Though I am encouraged by some of the Great Councils increase in membership, the overall future looks good. To the various states in which I have visited the Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas, thank you for all of your hospitality extended to me. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my many years as a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

To the National Pocahontas, Patti Zimmerman, it has been my pleasure to have you along the trail. You and your National Board have been sharing the news about our Order and your views on increasing memberships. Thank you again for all that you do and for being there.

To the National Committees I want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Without them Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and Red Man's Day at Arlington would not be able to be as successful as it has been. For them and all of their hard work we should make a strong effort to attend these programs as members of the order. I would like for us to continue to work hard to raise money for our two charities, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and Homes For Our Troops. These two charities are a good way for the Red Men to get our name out there in a positive way.

If you have a new or innovative way of bringing in new members or raising money, please share it with other tribes/councils across the Great Reservation. Remember what we do today sets us up for tomorrow. We need new members to keep this Great Council alive and running. All the messages from your Great Incohonees have stressed how important membership is and my message is no different. We are part of the greatest and oldest fraternal organization in America.

Don't forget about our membership contest that is in place, please take advantage of this contest so that the order may be the one who is really winning in this.

Our national office continues to operate very efficiently. Everyone I have spoken with has been pleased with how well and how fast their requests have been handled through the national office. Thank you for making everything easier for me with my duties. I feel that all members should try to visit the Red Men Museum and Library in Waco, TX.

With summer approaching and warm weather arising we should be able to start having outside activities again. I would like to encourage each tribe/council to hold some type of outdoor function and invite the public to attend. At this function you can explain our purpose, our national charities, and our community involvement. You can also ask them if they would like to help by becoming a member of the greatest Fraternal Order in the United States.

In closing I would like to say to every brother and sister, it has been my greatest pleasure serving as your Great Incohonee.

Yours in Freedom, Friendship, and Charity,  
Clarence "Buddy" Swartz

Message  
from your

# National Pocahontas



Happy New Year from your National Pocahontas Patti Zimmerman,

These past couple of years have been challenging to say the least. But I think that we have finally turned the corner. During my traveling this past year, I feel there are much more members in attendance. Please remember that all members are welcome to attend Valley Forge in May and Arlington in July. Please inform all new members about these great events. Both are extremely moving ceremonies. These events we attend bring all our members from across the country together.

At the Great Chief of Records and Great Keeper of Records meeting in Waco, we had visitors from both of our new national charities. I was quite impressed with the presentations and look forward to raising funds for these organizations.

My membership drive has brought in over 100 members. I hope that the men have done as well. We need new members to continue to strengthen our councils and tribes. Also, I have rescinded the time line to send in the paperwork; it is no longer 60 days. Please feel free to send in the information up until September 1st.

If you plan on attending the national convention in North Carolina; I have some new information. It has been agreed upon that the testimonial dinner will have a Hawaiian theme. Please dress accordingly.

I look forward to visiting many more councils in the coming suns. It gives me joy to again connect with my friends and to meet new friends along the way. I look forward to seeing you on the trail.

In F, F, & C,  
Patti Zimmerman, N.P.

# Donations



<u>State</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CT IORM - FFVF		
	CT IORM Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$500.00
	Nonnawauk Tribe #9 Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$500.00
Total CT IORM - FFVF		\$1,000.00
IN DOP - FFVF		
	Starlight Council # 448- FFVF	\$50.00
Total IN DOP - FFVF		\$50.00
IN IORM - FFVF		
	Conawaugh Tribe #518 FFVF	\$5.00
Total IN IORM - FFVF		\$5.00
MD DOP - FFVF		
	Fall Fest-FFVF	\$125.00
	MD DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$5,000.00
	Red Feather Council #59-FFVF	\$500.00
	MD DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$40.00
Total MD DOP - FFVF		\$5,665.00
MD IORM - FFVF		
	Fall Fest-FFVF	\$125.00
	Tony Tank Tribe #149-FFVF	\$1,000.00
	Black Hawk Tribe #131-FFVF	\$16.50
	Conococheague Tribe #84-FFVF	\$36.00
Total MD IORM - FFVF		\$1,177.50
MA DOP - FFVF		
	MA DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$100.00
	PGS Assoc. of Massachusetts - FFVF	\$50.00
	MA DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$350.00

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Total MA DOP - FFVF		\$500.00
MA IORM - FFVF		
	MA IORM Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$350.00
Total MA IORM - FFVF		\$350.00
MN DOP - FFVF		
	MN DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$350.00
Total MN DOP - FFVF		\$350.00
NJ DOP - FFVF		
	NJ DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$12.50
Total NJ DOP - FFVF		\$12.50
NY DOP - FFVF		
	NY DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$25.00
	Karen Meritt Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$10.00
Total NY DOP - FFVF		\$35.00
NY IORM - FFVF		
	NY IORM Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$60.00
Total NY IORM - FFVF		\$60.00
NC DOP - FFVF		
	Matoaca Council #10-FFVF	\$75.00
	NC DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$167.50
Total NC DOP - FFVF		\$242.50
PA DOP - FFVF		
	Uppowoc Council #252 -FFVF	\$500.00
	PA Past Great Pocahontas League-FFVF	\$25.00
	PA DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$172.50
	Tatamy Council #7-FFVF	\$100.00
Total PA DOP - FFVF		\$797.50



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PA IORM - FFVF		
	Wambic Tribe #507-FFVF	\$100.00
	PA IORM Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$112.50
Total PA IORM - FFVF		\$212.50
TX DOP - FFVF		
	TX DOP Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation-FFVF	\$500.00
Total TX DOP - FFVF		\$500.00
VA DOP - FFVF		
	Past Great Pocahontas League of VA - FFVF	\$117.50
Total VA DOP - FFVF		\$117.50
VA IORM - FFVF		
	VA IORM Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$500.00
Total · VA IORM - FFVF		\$500.00
GCR/GKR Seminar Waco - FFVF		
	GCR/GKR Seminar Waco Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Donation	\$797.50
Total GCR/GKR Seminar Waco - FFVF		\$797.50
Freedoms Foundation Comm - FFVF		
	GCUS Freedoms Foundation Committee FFVF Donations	\$150.00
Total Freedoms Foundation Comm - FFVF		\$150.00
RMDAA Committee - FFVF		
	GCUS Red Men's Day at Arlington FFVF Donations - DOP	\$67.50
	GCUS Red Men's Day at Arlington FFVF Donations - IORM	\$67.50
Total RMDAA Committee - FFVF		\$135.00
Total 302.01 · Donations - Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge		\$12,657.50

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CT IORM - HFOT		
	CT IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$500.00
	Nonnawauk Tribe #9 Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$500.00
Total CT IORM - HFOT		\$1,000.00
IN DOP - HFOT		
	Starlight Council #448- HFOT	\$50.00
	Daniel & Kathy Thomas - HFOT Donation	\$50.00
Total IN DOP - HFOT		\$100.00
IN IORM - HFOT		
	Conawaugh Tribe # 518 HFOT	\$5.00
Total IN IORM - HFOT		\$5.00
MD DOP - HFOT		
	Fall Fest-HFOT	\$125.00
	Fall Fest Raffle-HFOT	\$175.00
	MD DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$5,000.00
	Red Feather Council #59-HFOT	\$500.00
	Red Feather Council #59 - HFOT	\$146.00
	MD DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$40.00
Total MD DOP - HFOT		\$5,986.00
MD IORM - HFOT		
	Fall Fest-HFOT	\$125.00
	Jack Wright, PGS Donation-HFOT	\$40.00
	Fall Fest Raffle-HFOT	\$175.00
	Tony Tank Tribe #149-HFOT	\$1,000.00
	Black Hawk Tribe #131-HFOT	\$16.50
	Conococheague Tribe #84-HFOT	\$36.00
Total MD IORM - HFOT		\$1,392.50



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MA DOP - HFOT		
	PGS Assoc. of Massachusetts - HFOT	\$50.00
Total MA DOP - HFOT		\$50.00
MA IORM - HFOT		
	MA IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$350.00
Total MA IORM - HFOT		\$350.00
MN DOP - HFOT		
	MN DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$750.00
Total MN DOP - HFOT		\$750.00
MN IORM - HFOT		
	MN IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$100.00
Total MN IORM - HFOT		\$100.00
NJ DOP - HFOT		
	NJ DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$12.50
Total NJ DOP - HFOT		\$12.50
NY DOP - HFOT		
	NY DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$25.00
	Karen Meritt Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$10.00
Total NY DOP - HFOT		\$35.00
NY IORM - HFOT		
	NY IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$60.00
Total NY IORM - HFOT		\$60.00
NC DOP - HFOT		
	Matoaca Council #10-HFOT	\$75.00
	NC DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$167.50
Total NC DOP - HFOT		\$242.50
PA DOP - HFOT		
	Uppowoc Council # 252 - HFOT	\$500.00
	PA DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$172.50
	Tatamy Council #7-HFOT	\$100.00
Total PA DOP - HFOT		\$772.50

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	Wambic Tribe #507-HFOT	\$100.00
	PA IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$112.50
Total PA IORM - HFOT		\$212.50
TX DOP - HFOT		
	TX DOP Homes for Our Troops Donation-HFOT	\$500.00
Total TX DOP - HFOT		\$500.00
VA DOP - HFOT		
	Past Great Pocahontas League of VA - HFOT	\$117.50
Total VA DOP - HFOT		\$117.50
VA IORM - HFOT		
	VA IORM Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$500.00
	Poquoson Tribe # 124 -HFOT (Thomas B Can- nor)	\$3,000.00
Total VA IORM - HFOT		\$3,500.00
GCR/GKR Seminar Waco - HFOT		
	GCR/GKR Seminar Waco Homes for Our Troops Donation	\$797.50
Total GCR/GKR Seminar Waco - HFOT		\$797.50
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Total Freedoms Foundation Comm - HFOT		\$150.00
RMDAA Committee - HFOT		
	GCUS Red Men's Day at Arlington HFOT Dona- tions - DOP	\$67.50
	GCUS Red Men's Day at Arlington HFOT Dona- tions - IORM	\$67.50
Total RMDAA Committee - HFOT		\$135.00
Total Donations-Homes for Our Troops		\$16,628.50



## **Donations made directly to Homes For Our Troops and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge**

HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS		
AK IORM - HFOT		
	PGS Dennis Collins	\$1,800.00
Total AK IORM - HFOT		\$1,800.00
DE IORM - HFOT		
	Car Show	\$3,500.00
Total DE IORM - HFOT		\$3,500.00
Total Donations-Homes for Our Troops		\$5,300.00
FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE		
DE IORM - FFVF		
	Car Show	\$3,500.00
Total DE IORM - FFVF		\$3,500.00
Total Donations-Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge		\$3,500.00

**Improved Order of Red Men**  
**Fraternal Dead**  
**January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**  
**Past Great Inchoonees**

<u>State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Maryland	PGI George Smith	February 17, 2022
Minnesota	PGS Mike Olson	November 13, 2022
New York	PGS Ronald Warner	December 19, 2022
	PGS Eugene Larrin	December 25, 2022
Pennsylvania	PGS Franklin Hill	Augst 27, 2022
Virginia	PGS Dorman Taylor	March 7, 2022
	PGS Raliegh D. Short	March 30, 2022
	PGS James David Mitchell	August 26, 2022
	PGS John W. Ward	October 29, 2022
	PGS Edward Troy Lewis	December 27, 2022



# NEWS PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

Pictures from the Great Council Pennsylvania  
Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas.



Robert Wright, holding certificate in center, was honored in the fall with his 50-year pin and certificate, along with a lifetime membership to Wambic Tribe #507 in Everett, Pennsylvania. Presenting the award were Travis Wentz, KW, on the left, PGS Howard Barnett, CR, in the middle, and PS Greg Shaffer, Trustee, on the right.



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Pictured to the left is Great Prophet Dave Wasekanes and Great Prophetess Ellen Lerch at the annual picnic.

Pictured to the right is GS Shawn McGrory and Great Pocahontas Erika Bowman at the annual picnic.



Pictured to the left is Great Wenonah Carol Geiger and Great Senior Sagamore Bob McHugh at the annual picnic.



# NEWS PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

Ongwe Ongwe Tribe #260 at the Great Council of Pennsylvania session. The back row from left to right is Glen Segal, Bob McHugh, Mike Niklauski and Joe Niklauski. The front row left to right is Dave Wasekanes and Jerry Williamson.



Ocklokonee Tribe #212 at the Great Council of Pennsylvania session. The back row from left to right is PGI Brad Buchanan, GCR, Michael Clark, Wayne Wilson, PGS, Shawn McGrory GS, PGS Chris Wilson, and Norman Nunn, PGS. The front row left to right is PGP Kathy Clark, GKR, PGP Ina Wilson, PP Virginia Poff, and PGP Pam Beattie.

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Past Chief Cheryl Shank and Great Pocahontas Erika Bowman at annual picnic.

Wambic Tribe's finest including PGS Howard Barnet and PGS Travis Wentz.





## **DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS JANUARY 1, 2024**

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E-mail to [gcusadmin@iorm.online](mailto:gcusadmin@iorm.online)

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3. Pictures taken with digital cameras: set the resolution to the maximum setting. Pictures that are taken at lower resolutions get wormy lines in them and pixelated edges, as well as loss of detail.
4. If scanning professionally printed pictures, set your scanner resolution to at least 300 dpi and save the resulting file as a .jpg or .pdf file.
5. Submitting pictures: digital pictures (scans or digital camera files) can be put on a disk and sent in. A printed copy (laser or inkjet) should be sent with the digital files, marked clearly that these are for reference only, that files are attached and identify the picture to the file name on the disk. Pictures can be e-mailed to [gcusadmin@iorm.online](mailto:gcusadmin@iorm.online).
6. Any copy that accompanies the pictures should be sent with the pictures (stories, photo captions, etc.) and so labeled. Be sure to identify the people in the pictures. You may know who they are, but someone else may not recognize them.
7. Deadlines for submissions to the Red Men Magazine will always be January 1st of each year.