

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

Americas's Oldest Fraternal Organization Chartered by Congress

Our fraternity traces its origin to 1765 and was originally known as the Sons of Liberty. The group was made up of patriots who concealed their identities and created an underground to establish freedom and liberty in the early Colonies. They patterned themselves after the great Iroquois Confederacy with its democratic governing body. Their system, with elected representatives to governing tribal councils had been in existence for several centuries. After the War of 1812 the name was changed to the Society of Red Fraternal Organizations and after that to our name today, The Improved Order of Red Men. The customs and terminology of Native Americans are a basic part of the fraternity. Some of the words may sound strange but soon become familiar to every member.

**The Improved order of Red Men is a national fraternal organization
whose beliefs are:**

Love of and Respect for the American Flag

***Preserving Our Nation by defending and upholding the
principle of free government***

America and the democratic way of life

Preserving the Traditions and history of this great Country

Creating and Inspiring a greater love for the United States of America

Helping our Fellow Men through organized charitable programs

***Linking our Members together in a common bond
of Brotherhood and Friendship***

**Please note that our Sequoia Tribe No. 140 of San Pedro raises
money to support *Alzheimers Research* and *Camp Good Times
for Children with Cancer***

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