

GREAT CHIEFS VISIT ARIZONA RED MEN

Reception and Banquet to the Great Incohonee, John W. Cherry, and the Great Chief of Records, Wilson Brooks

John W. Cherry, Great Incohonee of the Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men, and Wilson Brooks, Great Chief of Records of the same organization, arrived here Friday on an official visit with the great chiefs of this reservation. They were greeted on their arrival at the depot from Los Angeles by a large delegation of members of the order, which included prominent chiefs from McCabe, Congress, Jerome and this city. The great chiefs were escorted to the Oddfellows' hall, where a joint council of Zuni Tribe No. 6 and Hiawatha council No. 3 of the Degree of Pocahontas was held, after which all repaired to the Prescott hotel dining room, where an excellent

repast of corn, venison and other delicacies was partaken of. It was after midnight when the feast was in order, and "long talks," as speeches are termed in the vocabulary of the Red Men, were in order. The Great Incohonee was the first to address the gathering, and his speech was timely, thoughtful, encouraging, and full of enthusiasm for the noble order of which he is the head. In part he said:

"The Improved Order of Red Men after an existence of over 140 years, has attained a magnificent membership exceeding 425,000 and statistics prove that its growth today exceeds that of any other similar organization. Its progress in the west has been particularly rapid and the large and flourishing membership in Arizona, California, and neighboring states are sources of pride to all the great chiefs.

"Shortly after January 1, a monster public meeting will be held in Washington at which time President Roosevelt will be presented with the resolutions adopted by the Great Council of the United States at its recent session, commending him for his action in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. The following week the great chiefs will sail for Panama to institute three tribes in the canal zone at Panama, Culabra and Colon, thus making the Improved Order of Red Men the first to be established in this new domain of Uncle Sam's as it was also the first to gain a foothold in Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Philippines. From thence we shall trail to Porto Rico, where tribes are being organized in Poner and San Juan. During the past year the Order paid over \$1,500,000 in benefits to its members, thus proving its right to a front rank among the fraternal beneficiary societies."

In closing Mr. Brooks paid a high tribute to the large attendance of the members of Hiawatha Council of the Degree of Pocahontas, and members of tribes from neighboring cities.

Brother A. J. Charette of Texas then made a short talk, dwelling upon the importance of ritualistic work as a means of creating greater interest in the organization. The uniform worn by great chief Charette is the most elaborate ever seen here, being made of buckskin and beads, requiring 11 1-2 months of actual labor to com-

plete the same. It is valued at \$750, and has 150 elk's teeth in the way of decoration. He stated that great preparations were under way in the hunting grounds of Dallas, in the reservation of Texas, for the entertainment of the Great Council of the United States, which meets there on the 15th of September next. It is expected that at least 10,000 members will be present there to greet the chiefs of the United States and entertain them while in the hunting grounds of Dallas.

P. J. Farley, Great Chief of Records of Arizona, also made a short talk on the state of the order in this reservation, and warmly greeted the visiting great chiefs.

Great Senior Sagamore J. B. Turner of McCabe made a very entertaining talk on the growth of membership of Supai tribe, and wound up by complimenting the ladies of Hiawatha Council for the welcome extended the great chiefs and the entertainment given all present.

Brother J. W. Milnes, editor of the Journal-Miner, who is a past sachem of the California reservation, addressed the members present on the state of the order in that reservation.

Mrs. Annie Henry, one of the enthusiastic and leading spirits of the Degree of Pocahontas here made one of the best addresses of the evening, welcoming the great chiefs on behalf of her sister members, and wound up by paying a high tribute to the principles of the order and its social and beneficial features.

John W. Cherry, Great Incohonee of the United States, was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on December 14, 1854, and has resided in his native city ever since. At the age of 15 he was apprenticed to the printer's trade. He has had all the hard knocks incident to that line of business, and is today one of the leading and prominent printers of Norfolk.

He joined Black Hawk tribe No. 57 of Virginia in 1884, and has been an active member of the order since. In 1887 he became a past sachem, and entered the Great Council of Virginia. He was elected Great Sachem of Virginia in 1891, and entered the Great Council of the United States in 1893. He was appointed Great Minewa of the Great Council in 1894, and in 1896 was made a member of the committee of constitution and laws of the Great Council of the United States. He was unanimously elected Great Junior



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Sagamore in 1902, and in 1904 succeeded to the stump of the Great Senior Sagamore. He became Great Incohonee on March 29, 1905, owing to the death of the Great Incohonee, Thos. H. Watts, of Alabama.

Brother Cherry is of imposing stature, being 6 feet 2 inches in height, and built in proportion. He is a man of pleasing personality and affable manner, which has assisted much in making him one of the most popular members of the Order. He is a good speaker, his talks being endowed with that force and earnestness which always command respect and close attention from his audience.

Wilson Brooks, the Great Chief of Records, was born in Connecticut in 1866. He is the son of Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., Congregational clergyman. He moved with his parents to Austin, Texas, at the age of 14. He entered Yale University in 1883, and graduated from that institution in 1887, since which time he has made Chicago, Illinois, his home. In 1890 at the age of 24 he was elected Republican member of the legislature of Illinois, serving his term with credit to himself and his constituents. He joined the Improved Order of Red Men in

when the membership had reached 10,000, largely due to his great efforts and capacity as an organizer. In 1900 he was elected Great Chief of Records of the Great Council of the United States, since which time he has been unanimously re-elected to the same office. He is considered to have one of the most up-to-date offices of any fraternity in the United States.

Brother A. J. Charette, member of the Great Council of Texas, at present sojourning in these hunting grounds, assisted the local members in greeting and entertaining the great chiefs last evening. He is one of the most enthusiastic members of the order in the southwest. He is credited with having organized 44 tribes of the order in the Lone Star reservation in the year 1904, all of which are still in existence, and experiencing a healthy growth of membership. He is a member of the finance committee of the Great Council of Texas, and enjoys the distinction of being the only Red Man in his state who was ever appointed organizer at large in his reservation.

On account of the washouts on the railroads in southern Arizona at this time, Wiley E. Jones, Great Sachem of this reservation, was unable to

vation, and expressing regrets that the present condition of the roads in the south prevented their representatives from being present.

The Improved Order of Red Men enjoys the distinction of being the oldest order in the United States of purely American origin. It proudly traces its history back to the dark days of revolutionary times, when blood and treasure were alike sacrificed in the cause of freedom. The principles upon which it was founded, freedom, friendship and charity, are still, and will forever, remain dear to every true American heart. It has made magnificent gains in membership in the past few years all over this country, until today it stands fourth in numbers among the fraternal organizations of the United States. Its council fires are weekly kindled in every state in the union, and the sound of its sashem's tomahawks can even be heard in the Philippine islands, where, as in the United States, the flag of our country adorns the stumps of its chieftaincies.

Brothers Cherry and Brooks will continue on their journey east today, stopping at El Paso, where they will meet with the great chiefs of Texas on Wednesday next.



WILSON BROOKS, Great Chief of Records of the Improved Order of Red Men

1889, and in 1892 became a member of the Great Council of Illinois, where he acted successively as Great Sannap and Great Senior Sagamore, succeeding to the chieftaincy of Great Sachem of the State Great Council in 1894. In 1895 he entered the Great Council of the United States. In 1897 he was elected Great Chief of Records of Illinois at a time when the membership in that state was only 2,000. In 1904 he declined re-election to that office

reach here to meet in council with the great chiefs. He will, however, meet them at El Paso next Wednesday on their return east. The Great Council of Arizona was represented in his absence by Great Senior Sagamore, J. B. Turner of McCabe, who is the next in line to the great chieftaincy of this reservation. Telegrams from all tribes in southern Arizona which were not represented here were received welcoming these great chiefs to this reservation.

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In an itinerary through the west which began the 9th of last October, I have found the Improved Order of Red Men generally in splendid condition. Have attended thirty-nine meetings in as many cities, and everywhere found the members thoroughly interested, and performing the work in a most creditable manner. The "Union sleep for work," the special meeting designated for the admission of classes of "palefaces," in the month of November, has been a most successful plan, and during that month from 30,000 to 40,000 members were added to the order. Throughout the United States in all the various reservations, the utmost harmony and prosperity exists, and there are now more than 425,000 members of the Improved Order of Red Men, with every indication that the membership will exceed half a million at the next meeting of the Great Council of the United States.

Besides being a fraternal and social society, the Red Men is the leading and oldest patriotic American organization, it having been organized in its original form among the American colonists prior to the revolutionary war, and as a factor in the success of the American arms, and the formation of great government, it held a high and prominent rank. In all its history and its fortunes, which have been almost unvaryingly successful, the Improved Order of Red Men has had for its leading prin-

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