

Improved Order of Red Men

The Laredo "tribe" was instrumental in sponsoring the George Washington Birthday Celebration in 1898. The first Texas chapter of the Improved Order of Red Men was organized at Marshall in 1866. The councils in Texas collected \$300 which was sent to California to aid the victims of the Great Earthquake of 1906. During World War I, the councils in Texas engaged in many activities to help the war effort. A great deal of money was contributed for the purchase of ambulances to be used in France. The membership declined during the Great Depression.