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Former Millgrove resident Kenneth McVicker stands proudly by the plaque that states he is a 50-year member of the Redman Lodge. He wears a Senate uniform, stating the colors of the Redman uniform determines the office. McVicker also occasionally wears one of 30 sashes made by the late Stella Kegerreis for lodge members at \$1.50 each.

Millgrove Redman Lodge has reached 100-year milestone

BY BERT MONFORT
Staff Writer

Sunday, March 17, 1991, marks the 100-year milestone for the Millgrove Redman Lodge.

But unlike most organizations that would be observing it's centennial, there will be no fanfare tomorrow for the six remaining Redman Lodge members in Hartford City. They are Kenneth McVicker, member of the Millgrove Redman Lodge

since 1941, Eugene Anderson, Frank Anderson, Harry Drake, Gary Flatter and Michael D. Gray.

In lieu of an appropriate celebration for this eventful date, McVicker contacted this writer to write an article, letting people know that at one time the Redman Lodge was very active in this community.

McVicker takes pride in saying the Redman Lodge is the oldest type lodge in the

United States. Legally, the Order of Red Men is a patriotic fraternity chartered by Congress on March 17, 1891

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The fraternity was founded in 1765 and was originally known as the Sons of Liberty. These patriots concealed their identities and worked "underground" to help establish freedom and liberty in the early Colonies. They patterned themselves after the great Iroquois Indian nation and its democratic governing body.

Now retired and having moved from his Millgrove home to East Main Street, McVicker enjoys reminiscing and playing euchre twice a week at the Senior Citizen Center. He worked 19 years for the Millgrove Elevator, later worked for Cullen Feed & Grain and Hartford Concrete.

After the American Revolution the name was changed to The Order of Red Men. They kept the customs and terminology of the Indians as a basic part of the fraternity.

On the cornerstone of the old Redman Lodge facility in Millgrove are names of the trustees O.S. Ford, R.L. Morris and T.H. Curry, as well as names of the building committee, O.U. Holdcroft, and C.F. Kegerreis. The building once housed a grocery, hardware store and the local post office.

Locally, 17 men started the Millgrove Redman Lodge in 1891 in the building, still standing, but which they relinquished in 1975 because of high maintenance costs and vandalism.

The Millgrove lodge was called the Wabasso Tribe No. 120.

The new lodge was built by members and as many as 200 members saw it dedicated July 4, 1908. At the time of its hey-day the Millgrove Redman Lodge was actively involved in the community supporting its own bands and baseball teams. The women were involved with carry-in dinners and other get-togethers. For the lodge's annual Thanksgiving dinner, the men would go rabbit hunting in the morning and the women would prepare

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS' LUNCH MENU

Basic menus for all grades

Monday, March 18 - Pizza, corn, celery sauce, milk

Tuesday, March 19 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, lettuce/pickles, pear halves, milk

Wednesday, March 20 - Taco salad, green bean slices, French bread with butter, milk

Thursday, March 21 - Chicken, baked bean, vegetables, peach halves, cookie, milk

Friday, March 22 - Deli turkey sandwich, vegetable sticks, mixed fruit, milk

SPRING BREAK IS MARCH 25 THROUGH MARCH 29

Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday," today, March 16, to Billy Meredith. "Happy Birthday," Sunday, March 17, to William Copeland on his "25th," to Stephanie Johnson on her "17th," and to Louise Wilson

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