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**To:** <waltrobbins@earthlink.net>  
**Senr:** Monday, July 07, 2003 1:42 PM  
**Subject:** Grandfather

Walt:

Thank you for your recent email inquiry.

Unfortunately, we do have records here of individuals unless they held national office. ,.l

have listings of some state officers, but not Indiana.

Most of the time records for tribes and even state councils get tossed out when they cease to exist. Sometimes one has luck looking at local libraries or the local historical society where the tribe was located.

If you send a scan of the pin I might be able to give you a little more information.

TOTE is supposed to be secret, but most think it stands for Totem of the Eagle.

Good luck in your further research.

David Lintz, Director  
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I sent an image of the pin and the following email is his reply:

**From:** "David Lintz" <dlintz@redmen.org>  
**To:** "Walt Robbins" <waltrobbins@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2003 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Grandfather's pin

Walt:  
These were emblems from the late 1800s and early 1900s used as pins and watch charms. They could have been used for other things, depending upon the state or tribe.

Once (1884) they were given as awards in a contest for those who signed up subscribers to the IORM newsletter - Council Brand.

Freedom, Friendship, and Charity - are the precepts or motto of the Improved Order of Red Men.

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