

Constitution of the Republic of Iroquois Ongwehonweh (R.I.O)

Lord(s) mentioned in this constitution may refer to lord or lady. Chief(s) mentioned in this constitution may refer to Chief or Chieftainess. The name of the Republic shall be the Republic of Iroquois Ongwehonweh. The Republic may be acknowledged as the Republic of Iroquois Ongwehonweh or just (R.I.O) in this constitution.

Preamble

We, the People of the Republic of Iroquois Ongwehonweh, in order to establish justice, promote self-determination, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our future generations, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

THE GREAT BINDING LAW, THE GREAT TREE OF LIFE

Article 1:

I am Lord Amarakhan Flying Eagle Ra Elohim and with the (R.I.O) Council Lords, plant the Great Tree of Life. We plant it in all territories of our great American ancestral motherland(s).

We name the tree the Great tree of life. Under the shade of the Great Tree of Life we spread the soft white and purple feathery down of the globe thistle as seats I and the Council cousin Lords.

We place our Council upon those seats, spread soft with the feathery down of the globe thistle, there beneath the shade of the spreading branches of the Great Tree of Life. There shall the Council sit and watch the Council Fire for (R.I.O), and all the affairs of the Republic shall be transacted at this place before we the people.

Article 2:

Roots have spread out from the Great Tree of Life, one to the north, one to the east, one to the south and one to the west of our American motherland(s). The name of these roots is The Great White and Purple Roots and their nature is Peace Love, Harmony, Light and Strength.

If any man or any nation outside (R.I.O) shall obey the laws of the Great Tree of Life and make known their disposition to the Lords of the Council, they may trace the Roots to the Tree and if their minds are clean and they are obedient and promise to obey the wishes of (R.I.O) Council, they shall be welcomed to take shelter beneath the leaves of the Great Tree of Life.

We place at the top of the Great Tree of Life an Eagle who is able to see afar. If he sees in the distance any evil approaching or any danger threatening he will at once warn the people of the Republic of the Iroquois Ongwehonweh.

Article 3:

To you Lord Amarakhan Flying Eagle Ra Elohim (Principal Chief Lord), and the Council Lords for the Republic of the Iroquois Ongwehonweh, we the people have entrusted the care taking and the watching of the Republics' Council.

When there is any business to be transacted and the Council is not in session, a messenger shall be dispatched either to the Fire Keepers, or to the Head War Chief with a full statement of the case desired to be considered. Then shall the Head War Chief call his (associate) War Chiefs together and consider whether or not the case is of sufficient importance to demand the attention of the Council. If so, the War Chief(s) shall dispatch messengers to summon all the Council Lords to assemble beneath the Great Tree of Life Leaves.

When the Lords are assembled the Council Fire shall be kindled, but not with chestnut wood, and a War Chief shall formally open the Council. Then shall the War Chief and the Fire Keepers Council Lords, announce the subject for discussion. The Smoke of the Council Fire shall ever ascend and pierce the sky so that nations who may be allies may see the Council Fire of the Great Tree of Life.

There shall be twenty four (24) Council Lords. We shall faithfully keep the space above the Council Fire clean and allow neither dust nor dirt to accumulate. We lay a Long Wing before us as a broom. As a weapon against a crawling creature we lay a staff so that we may thrust it away from the Council Fire. If we fail to cast it out then call the rest of the associated Lords of the Republic to your aid. The Council Lords, alongside the Head War Chief are entrusted with the Keeping of the Council Fire.

The Council Lords shall represent the Trinity (Thought, Words and Action) within (R.I.O). There shall be thirteen (13) bodies governing the Republic. Six (6) Council Lords known as the West Wing Lords (Thought), shall be one body. Six (6) Council Lords known as the East Wing Lords (Words) shall be another body, which constitutes 12 bodies combined. The thirteenth (13th) body shall be known as (Action), which constitutes twelve Council of Lords manifesting as one action. This makes up the thirteen bodies of (R.I.O) Council of Lords.

Article 3 (b):

The Council Lords position is a lifetime position, except when a Council Lord is in dishonor, misconduct, voluntary resignation and or violation of the laws and this Constitution.

Article 3 (c):

The Council of Lords shall assign seven (7) Cabinet positions and must be confirmed by the Principal Chief Lord and the Head War Chief. The seven Cabinet positions are as follows; Secretary of the Republic, Chief of Staff, Treasurer, Head Provost Marshal, Attorney General, Secretary of Natural Resources and Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Duties and assignment of the Cabinet will be outlined.

Article 4: Duties of the Thirteen (13) Council Lords with the leadership of Lord Amarakhan Flying Eagle Ra Elohim as the Principle Lord Chief

1. Leadership and Governance

- The Council of Lords shall serve as the head of the tribal government, responsible for upholding the nation's constitution, laws, and traditions.
- Represent the Republic in negotiations, agreements, and collaborations with federal, state, and local governments, as well as other tribal nations.
- Oversee the implementation of tribal policies, programs, and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for citizens.

2. Advocacy and Representation

- Act as the voice of the Republic, advocating for the rights, sovereignty, and interests of the tribe at local, national, and international levels.
- Engage in public relations efforts to promote the tribe’s culture, heritage, and goals.
- Represent the tribe in legal matters, ensuring the protection of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

3. Cultural Preservation

- Champion the preservation and revitalization of the tribe's language, customs, ceremonies, and traditions.
- Foster cultural education programs to ensure the transmission of heritage to future generations.
- Serve as symbolic and spiritual leaders, maintaining the cultural integrity of the Republic.

4. Economic Development

- Oversee economic initiatives to create sustainable opportunities for tribal citizens, such as the development of businesses, enterprises, and partnerships.
- Ensure responsible management of tribal resources, including natural, cultural, and financial assets.
- Seek funding opportunities, such as federal grants or private investments, to support the tribe's growth.

5. Administration and Oversight

- Appoint or work with council members, administrators, and other officials to manage various tribal departments.
- Supervise the allocation of tribal budgets, ensuring financial transparency and accountability.
- Monitor the progress and effectiveness of tribal programs, addressing areas of need or concern.

6. Conflict Resolution

- Mediate disputes among tribal members, councils, or neighboring entities, ensuring peaceful and fair outcomes.
- Uphold justice and equity within the community, often collaborating with tribal judicial systems.

7. Protection of Sovereignty

- Defend the tribe's sovereignty by asserting independence in decision-making and governance.
- Resist external pressures or encroachments that may undermine tribal autonomy.

8. Building Community

- Engage with tribal citizens regularly to hear their needs, concerns, and aspirations.
- Foster unity and cooperation within the community to ensure collective progress.
- Lead ceremonies, gatherings, and other cultural events that bring the Republic together.