

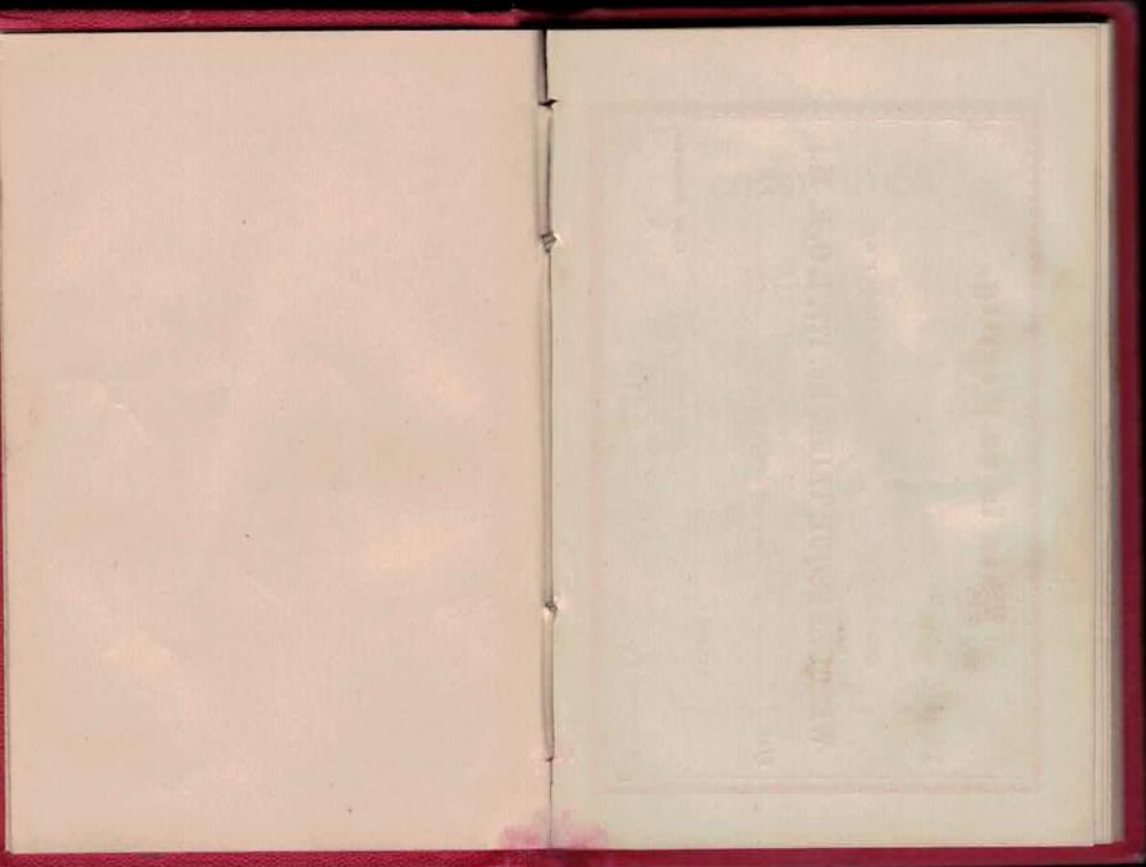
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CONSTITUTION

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Wesquenesque Tribe,

No. 177.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

OF

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name, Title, Composition and Powers.

This body shall be known as "WESQUENES-QUE TRIBE, No. 177," of the Improved Order of Red Men of Pennsylvania.

It shall be composed of duly qualified and legally admitted Brothers, and possess such power and authority as its Charter, the Constitution, and Laws of the Order define as belonging to a Tribe.

ARTICLE II.

Chiefs.

SEC. 1. The elective chiefs of this Tribe shall consist of a Sachem, Senior Sagamore, Junior Sagamore, Chief of Records, and Keeper of Wampum.

SEC. 2. The retiring Sachem shall fill the position of Prophet, during the six moons next ensuing his term as Sachem.

SEC. 3. The appointed chiefs shall consist of a First and Second Sanap, Guard of the Wigwam, Guard of the Forest, and such others as the Charge Books define.

ARTICLE III.

Qualification of Chiefs.

SEC. 1. No Brother shall be eligible for the position of K. of W., C. of R., or J. S., unless he shall have received the Chief's degree; for S. S., unless he shall have served one term as J. S.; nor for Sachem, unless he has served one term in the capacity of S. S.

SEC. 2. No Brother resigning, or who may be removed from a position previous to the expiration of the term for which he was elected, unless it be to fill a higher position, shall be entitled to the honors; but the incumbent who shall fill the residue of the term, shall be entitled to the full honors thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Election of Chiefs.

SEC. 1. The election of Chiefs shall take place at the last stated council in the Hot

and Hunting Moons; and the nominations may be made two seven suns previous to the election.

SEC. 2. The C. of R. and K. of W. shall be elected for one great sun; and if the Tribe deem it expedient, an assistant C. of R. may be chosen, by election or appointment for the same period, to perform such duties as the By-Laws may prescribe.

SEC. 3. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes polled shall be necessary to a choice.

ARTICLE V.

Raising and Appointing Chiefs.

SEC. 1. The raising up of Chiefs shall take place on the first council sleep of the Cold and Buck Moons.

SEC. 2. The Sachem shall appoint the various subordinate chiefs named in the Constitution and Charge Books.

ARTICLE VI.

Duties of Sachem.

The Sachem shall act as presiding chief of the Tribe; enforce a rigid adherence to the Constitution, Laws and Ritual of the Order; give the casting vote whenever the

Tribe may be equally divided upon any question before it; sign all orders for wampum that may be ordered by the Tribe; appoint a majority of all committees not otherwise provided for; convene special councils of the Tribe whenever requested in writing by five brothers, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by his office, the By-Laws, or by a vote of the Tribe.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of Senior Sagamore.

The Senior Sagamore shall see that the Brothers demean themselves in an orderly manner; preside in the absence of the Sachem; appoint a minority of all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the By-laws, or required of him by a resolution of the Tribe.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Junior Sagamore.

The Junior Sagamore shall aid the Senior in preserving order and decorum; in the absence of the Senior take his seat, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the By-laws, or a resolution of the Tribe.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of Chief of Records.

SEC. 1. The Chief of Records shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Tribe; keep correct accounts between the Tribe and its members; receive all wampum due the Tribe, and pay the same over to the K. of W., taking his receipt for the same.

SEC. 2. He shall at the end of each six moons' term, draw up and furnish the Great Chief of Records a report containing the whole number of members; the number over three, six, and nine moons in arrears; the amount of wampum received by the Tribe; the amount expended for benefits, funerals, and other purposes, and the amount invested, the number and names of those adopted, admitted by card re-instated, suspended, expelled, deceased and rejected, together with the names of the chiefs elect, and forward the same with the percentage due the Great Council, within three suns after the first council sleep of the term.

SEC. 3. At the expiration of his term, he shall deliver to his successor all books and papers, or other matters belonging to his office.

ARTICLE X.

Duties of the Keeper of Wampum.

SEC. 1. The Keeper of Wampum shall attend each council of the Tribe; receive all wampum due the Tribe, giving his receipt therefor; keep regular and correct accounts of all wampum received and paid by him, and report the condition of the Belt at the end of each term; pay all orders authorized by a vote of the Tribe, attested by the Sachem and Chief of Records.

SEC. 2. He shall have his accounts ready for settlement on the sleep of the election, and attend the committee for that purpose whenever requested. He shall deliver to his successor (or to a committee appointed to receive the same,) at the expiration of his term, resignation or removal, all wampum remaining in the Belt, and all books, papers, or other matters appertaining to his office. He shall, before entering upon his duties, give such security as the Tribe may require.

ARTICLE XI.

Appointed Chiefs.

The appointed Chiefs shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Tribe, Charge Books, and Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XII.

Vacancies.

Vacancies shall be filled by election or appointment, according to the nature of the position.

ARTICLE XIII.

Membership.

SEC. 1. No pale face shall be adopted into this Tribe, unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one great suns. He must believe in the existence of a Great Spirit, the creator and preserver of the universe, and be of good moral character; free from all infirmity that might render him burdensome to the Tribe, and possessed of some known reputable means of support.

SEC. 2. No pale face can be admitted for a less sum than three fathoms.

SEC. 3. Any brother wishing to become a member of this Tribe must present his card, which shall be referred to a committee of investigation, who shall report at the next council as to his character and fitness. If the report be favorable he shall be ballotted for, and if not more than three black twigs appear against him he shall be declared elected.

SEC. 4. The dues of any Brother admitted by card shall be charged from the sleep of his election and on the deposit of his card he shall pay a fee of not less than one fathom five feet.

SEC. 5. A petition from a pale face for adoption must be signed by two Brothers, stating his name, age, residence and occupation, and accompanied with a fee of not less than one fathom; which petition shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall make strict investigation of his health, character, and fitness, and report thereon at the next stated council. [This intervention of time shall in no case be dispensed with, except by dispensation.]

SEC. 6. Upon the report of the committee a ballot shall be had, and if one or more black twigs shall have been deposited against him the case shall be deferred until the next stated council of the Tribe, when a second ballot shall be had, and if not more than three of the twigs cast are black, he shall be declared elected.

SEC. 7. Should a pale face neglect or refuse to present himself for adoption within six seven suns from the date of his election, (unless satisfactory excuse be given,) the proposition fee shall be forfeited to the

Tribe, and he cannot be admitted, unless by a new election.

SEC. 8. No application for membership can be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee.

SEC. 9. Upon the rejection of a pale face the proposition fee must be returned to him, and he cannot be again proposed in any Tribe for the period of six moons.

SEC. 10. No application for membership can be received from a pale face residing out of the state of Pennsylvania, or within the jurisdiction of another Great Council.

ARTICLE XIV.

Application for Card

SEC. 1. Any brother may withdraw from this Tribe by paying all dues and demands against him on the books, together with the fee for his card, provided there be no charges pending against him.

SEC. 2. A brother applying for his traveling card shall pay all dues and demands against him, the fee for the card, and his dues for the period of which the card is granted. But no card shall be granted for a longer period than one great sun.

ARTICLE XV.

Degrees.

SEC. 1. Any brother in good standing, who has been a member of this Tribe for one moon, may apply for the Hunter's degree; and one moon after he shall have received that degree he may apply for the Warrior's degree; and one moon after he shall have received that degree he may apply for the Chief's degree. In cases of necessity, on application, with the requisite fee, the Great Sachem, or his deputy, may grant dispensations to confer degrees in less time than required by the foregoing clause.

SEC. 2. Applications for degrees must be made at a stated council of the Tribe, and be accompanied with the fees therefor, when a ballot shall be had, at which only those brothers who have received the degree applied for shall vote, and if not more than three black twigs appear, it shall be granted. If refused, the application cannot be renewed within three moons thereafter.

SEC. 3. The fees to be paid on application for the Hunter's degree shall not be less than one fathom; Warrior's degree not less than two fathoms; Chief's degree not less than three fathoms.

SEC. 4. The elective chiefs shall see that the degrees are properly conferred, in the presence of such brothers only as may have received the same.

ARTICLE XVI.

Dues.

Every member of this Tribe shall pay into the Wampum Belt thereof such sums as the By-laws may prescribe, which shall not be less than six inches every seven suns.

ARTICLE XVII.

Benefits.

SEC. 1. Any brother qualified as required by this Constitution, and the By laws of the Tribe, if unable to follow the hunt, (his usual occupation,) and to such an extent as to disqualify him from following some other occupation, he shall be entitled to receive from the wampum Belt such sum (not less than one fathom five feet) per seven suns, as the By-laws may prescribe, provided his disability does not result from his own improper conduct; and provided further, that the Tribe may enact a By-law that no benefits shall be allowed for the first seven suns' disability.

SEC. 2. This Tribe may enact a By-law providing that Brothers who may become unable to follow the hunt while in arrears to the Tribe more than three moons for seven suns' dues cannot by payment of arrearages become beneficial during such disability, and shall not be entitled to benefits for any known infirmity that may have occurred previous to their admission into the Tribe.

SEC. 3. In case the Wampum in the Belt shall at any time be reduced to less than sixty fathoms, the Tribe, after giving two seven sun's notice of its intended action, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, make application to the Great Sachem for a dispensation to suspend the payment of benefits, or to reduce the same below the amount fixed in their By-laws. And the Great Sachem upon being satisfied of the inability of the Tribe, may grant such dispensation.

SEC. 4. In the event of the Great Spirit calling a Brother from the hunting grounds of his fathers, a funeral benefit of not less than fifteen fathoms shall be appropriated to his wife, or other near relative.

SEC. 5. In the absence of a competent relative, the Sachem shall apply sufficient of

the amount to the above purpose; and if any remain, it shall be returned to the Tribe, together with the receipts for the expenses.

SEC. 6. In the event of the Great Spirit calling the wife of a Brother from the hunting grounds of her fathers, a funeral benefit of not less than ten fathoms five feet shall be appropriated to the Brother.

SEC. 7. No Brother shall be entitled to the benefits of the foregoing provisions, unless he shall have been a member of the Tribe, in good standing, for the period of six moons.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Of Improper Conduct, Charges, and Appeals.

SEC. 1. A Brother violating any of his obligations, the Constitution or Laws of his Tribe, or the recognized usages of the Order; or who shall behave improperly whilst the council fire is burning; feign inability to follow the hunt for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining benefits; be guilty of intoxication whilst receiving benefits, or who shall embezzle the property or wampum of the Tribe, or of any member thereof; or who may be addicted to habits tending to

draw odium upon himself or the Order, shall be accountable to the Tribe therefor, and upon satisfactory proof thereof shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

SEC. 2. No Brother shall be placed upon trial until a charge has been made in writing, duly signed by the accuser, stating the cause or causes of complaint, and particularly specifying the date of the offence, and the place where committed, a copy of which shall be furnished to him by the C. of R. before the next council sleep. At the first council sleep after the charge shall have been preferred, a committee of five shall be selected to investigate the charge, of whom one shall be appointed by the Sachem, one by the Senior Sagamore, and the remaining three shall be drawn by lot from among the members present, in the manner following, to wit; the twig box shall be placed immediately in front of the Sachem, and a number of ballots equal to all the members present, (less the two members of the committee previously designated, such members as may be witnesses, and the accuser and accused,) shall be placed therein. Three of said ballots shall have written upon them the word "committee," the rest shall be

blank. The C. of R. shall then call over the names of the Brothers present (a list of whom shall be entered upon the record, as also of those excused by reason of being witnesses,) and each as his name is called, shall draw a ballot from the twig box, and hand the same to the Sachem, who shall announce the number of the ballot, whether blank or otherwise, retaining the ballots until the drawing is over. The three Brothers drawing the ballot with the word "Committee" thereon, shall, with the Brothers before chosen, constitute the committee.

SEC. 3. The committee having been chosen, it shall organize on the sleep of its appointment, immediately after the quenching of the council fire, by the election of a chairman and secretary; after which, with as little delay as possible, the Secretary shall notify the accused, and the Brother or Brothers by whom the charge has been brought, of the time and place appointed for investigating the charges. At the time so appointed, the committee may proceed with the investigation, even though one of the parties be absent, unless a written notice be received, stating his or their inability to attend, by reason of sickness or absence from the city, no other reason being ad-

missible. In the event of such notice being received, the committee shall adjourn to another fixed time, of which both parties shall have notice. Each side shall have the right to be represented before the committee by council, who must be members of the Order.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee to investigate the charges, by an impartial examination of the parties, their proof, and witnesses. It shall keep an accurate journal of its proceedings, reduce all the testimony to writing, and procure the signature of the witnesses to the facts testified to by each one, at the end of his or her examination, the same being first carefully read over to them. After all the evidence and proof shall have been adduced, the committee shall submit its opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused on each charge, (but no resolution fixing a penalty—that being a matter reserved to the Tribe,) together with the journal and the testimony, to the Tribe without delay; all of which shall be carefully filed. The accused shall then be notified by the C. of R. that the committee has made its report, and request him to be present at the next succeeding council sleep, when it shall be

considered, whether he be present or not; though, at his request, the Tribe, may postpone further action for one seven suns, but no longer. If the report be approved by a majority of the members voting, it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Tribe. The Tribe shall then, by resolution, determine the punishment to be inflicted. The vote thereon shall in all cases be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall decide, except for expulsion, when the assent of two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary.

SEC. 5. A Brother, feeling that injustice has been done him by the Tribe, may appeal to the Great Council through the Great Sachem any time within three moons from the date of the action of the Tribe, stating the matter of grievance, and the reason he may have for believing that wrong has been done him. He shall first, however, be required to serve a copy of the appeal upon the Tribe, and furnish proof to the Great Sachem that he has done so, along with his appeal. The Tribe shall forthwith, upon receipt of the notice of appeal from the appellant, cause to be delivered to the Great Sachem the journal of the committee by whom the case was tried, together with the

testimony taken before it, and copies of the records of all the council sleeps containing matter relating to the subject, and all other papers connected therewith, certified to by the Sachem and C. of R. Should the Tribe neglect or refuse to comply herewith, it shall be sufficient cause for its suspension.

SEC. 6. When a member has been suspended, expelled, or restored to membership, the C. of R. shall at once inform the G. C. of R. thereof.

SEC. 7. No member who has been expelled shall be restored to membership, except by permission of the Great Council.

SEC. 8. A member over three moons in arrears for fines or dues shall not be entitled to the pass-word.

SEC. 9. Any Brother who shall refuse or neglect to pay his fines or dues, as prescribed by the laws, for one great sun, shall be suspended, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribe.

ARTICLE XIX.

Public Displays.

No concert, festival, or other public assemblage shall be allowed without permission, except funerals; nor shall any Brother appear in the regalia of the Order, at any

concert, festival, public assemblage, or procession, unless by permission of the Great Council, Great Sachem, or his Deputy.

ARTICLE XX.

Kindling the Council Fire.

The council fire of this Tribe shall be kindled on such sleeps, and at such runs, as the By-Laws may determine.

ARTICLE XXI.

Quorum and Dissolution.

SEC. 1. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. This Tribe shall not be dissolved as long as five members are willing to continue it.

SEC. 3. Should this Tribe be dissolved, all the books, wampum, papers, regalia, and other private matters shall be forwarded to the Great Council.

ARTICLE XXII.

Interpretation of Laws.

The provisions of this Constitution shall be interpreted and construed according to their most plain and obvious meaning; and should any doubt arise as to the proper

construction of any clause or article thereof, it shall be referred to the Great Sachem, whose decision shall be final, until reversed by the Great Council.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Regalia.

No Brother shall be permitted to wear any regalia, except that belonging to his rank and station in the Tribe.

ARTICLE XXIV.

By-Laws—Amendments and Alterations.

SEC. 1. By-Laws may be made for the special government of this Tribe, provided they do not contravene this Constitution, and receive the approval of the Committee on Law and Usage.

SEC. 2. No alteration or amendment can be made to this Constitution for five great suns, and not then unless the same be offered in writing at a regular stated session of the Great Council, when notice thereof shall be given to the Tribes, and if two-thirds of the members present at the next stated session vote in favor thereof, it shall become a part of the Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Sachem having taken his seat, the chiefs and brothers shall clothe themselves with appropriate regalia, take their respective seats, and at the sound of the tomahawk there shall be general silence.

2. The business shall be proceeded with in the manner prescribed in the Charge Book.

3. The Sachem shall preserve order, and pronounce the decision of the Tribe on all subjects; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Tribe by any three brothers—on which appeal no brother shall speak more than once, when the question before the Tribe shall be: "Shall the decision of the Sachem stand as the judgment of the Tribe?" which question shall be taken by the Senior Sagamore.

4. During the reading of the records, communications, or other papers, and when a brother is addressing the Sachem or Tribe, silence shall be observed in the Wigwam.

5. Any brother who shall misbehave himself in the council of the Tribe; disturb the order or harmony thereof, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the Sachem, shall be admonished of his offence by him; and if he offend again, he shall be excluded from the Wigwam for the sleep, and afterwards dealt with as the By-Laws prescribe.

6. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, except it be to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

7. If a brother, while speaking, be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Sachem, take his seat until the question of order is determined, and permission given him to proceed.

8. Every brother, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Sachem. Brothers speaking shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personality and indecorous language.

9. If two or more brothers rise to speak at the same time, the Sachem shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

10. No brother shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the brothers wishing to speak shall have had an

opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without the permission of the Sachem. Each brother, while speaking, shall designate the chief or brother spoken of by his proper rank or title, according to his standing in the Order.

11. No motion shall be subject to debate, until it shall have been seconded and stated from the chair. It shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

12. When a question is before the Tribe, no motion shall be in order, except to quench the council fire; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone for a certain time; to divide; to commit; or to amend—which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged.

13. No brother, except a chief of the Great Council, or a member of the Tribe, shall be allowed to speak without the permission of the Sachem.

14. On the call of five brothers, a majority of the Tribe may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all further amendments and debate.

15. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken upon the highest sum or number, and the longest and latest time proposed.

16. Any brother may call for a division of the question, when the sense will admit of it; but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover.

17. Before putting the question, the Sachem shall ask: "Is the Tribe ready for the question?" If no brother rise to speak, he shall rise and put it; and after he has risen no brother shall be permitted to speak.

18. All communications, petitions and memorials shall be presented through a brother of this Tribe, or by the Sachem. A brief statement of their contents shall be entered on the records.

19. Any brother may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment he is a member of two other committees. No brother can be appointed on a committee when absent from the Tribe.

20. The brother first named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the brothers of the committee. The mover of a resolution referred to a special committee is usually the first named thereon.

21. No committee can be finally discharged, until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

22. A motion to quench the council fire is always in order after the regular business has been gone through; which motion shall be decided without debate. If decided in the affirmative, it is not quenched until the Tribe is closed in due form.

23. A motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

24. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on during that or the next succeeding stated council.

25. No motion for a reconsideration shall be received, unless made by a brother who voted with the majority in the first instance.

26. No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia according to his rank or station in the Tribe.

27. On the call of five brothers, the yeas and nays shall be ordered; when every brother shall vote, and the names and manner of voting shall be entered on the records.

(EXTRACT FROM CONSTITUTION G. C. U. S.)

ART. VI.—Membership and its Privileges.

SECTION 1. No person shall be entitled to adoption in the Order, except free white males of good moral character and standing, of the full age of twenty-one great suns, who believe in the existence of a Great Spirit, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and possessed of some known reputable means of support.

SEC. 2. A brother in good standing, upon the payment of all dues and charges against him, shall, on application to his Tribe, receive therefrom a card, which will entitle him to admission to membership in any Tribe in the Order.

SEC. 3. A pale face whose application for membership has been rejected, shall not be adopted into any Tribe until at least six moons after his last rejection.

SEC. 4. A brother shall at all times be allowed to visit and attend the council of any Tribe under the jurisdiction of his Great Council, in conformity with such regulations as the Laws and Private Work of the Order prescribes.

SEC. 5. A brother shall be admitted a visitor at the council of any Tribe out of the

jurisdiction of his Great Council, upon presenting a duly authorized traveling card, signed by the Sachem and Chief of Records, and attested by the seal of his Tribe, and countersigned by his own signature, and proves himself in the traveling pass-word. A Chief of, or Representative to, the Great Council of the United States, or a Chief of any great Council, can at all times introduce brothers known to them to be in good standing, into any Tribe within their own jurisdiction, without the above requirements.

SEC. 6. No brother can hold membership in more than one Great Council or Tribe at the same time.





BY-LAWS.

ART. I.—Stated Councils.

SEC. 1. The stated Councils of this Tribe shall be held on the sleep of every Friday. The Council fire shall be kindled at the eighth run, from the first sleep of Plant Moon to the first sleep of Corn Moon, and from the first sleep of Corn Moon to the first sleep of Plant Moon, at the seventh run and thirty breaths.

SEC. 2. The chiefs shall kindle the Council fire at the time specified in the preceding section: *Provided*, There be a quorum present. Should both S. and S. S. be absent, the senior P. S. shall preside.

ART. II.—Membership.

One-half of the admission fee, whether by card, adoption, or re-instatement, must, in all cases, accompany the application for membership.

ART. III.—Adoption Fee.

SEC. 1. The adoption fee of this Tribe shall be, for every pale face between the age of twenty-one and twenty-five great suns, seven

fathoms; between twenty-five and thirty, eight fathoms; between thirty and thirty-five, nine fathoms; between thirty-five and forty, ten fathoms; and for every additional great sun, five feet, from forty to forty-five; and for every additional great sun, one fathom from forty-five to fifty; and no person over the age of fifty great suns shall be proposed, without the consent of the members present.

SEC. 2. Any Brother suspended by this Tribe for non-payment of dues, on being reinstated, shall pay the amount of one great sun's dues, and shall not be entitled to benefits for six moons thereafter.

ART. IV.—Dues.

SEC. 1. Each member of this Tribe shall pay eleven inches every seven suns into the funds of this Tribe: and one inch of which shall be set aside, which shall constitute the widows and orphans fund.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Brother becomes indebted to the amount of two fathoms eight feet six inches he shall be notified, for which notice he shall be charged one foot; and when indebted to the amount of five fathoms seven feet two inches, another notice shall be served on him, for which he shall be charged one foot, and if he does not pay within one

moon thereafter, he shall be reported to the Tribe by the C. of R., whereupon he shall be dealt with as Sec. 7, Art. XVIII of the Constitution directs.

ART. V.—Benefits.

SEC. 1. Any Brother of this Tribe who has been a member for six moons, shall, during sickness or disability, be entitled to receive four fathoms for every seven suns, previous to having taken the Chief's Degree; after having taken his Chief's degree, five fathoms: *Provided always*, That such sickness or disability is not produced by intemperance or immoral conduct: *And provided always*, That such sick or disabled Brother shall not be in arrears for seven suns' dues for a period exceeding three moons.

SEC. 2. Any Brother residing within the limits of the Relief Committee, entitled to and desiring the benefits allowed by this Tribe, shall make application to either of the Relief Committee, or to the Tribe while the Council fire is burning, and the benefits shall commence from the time such application is received: *Provided*, He is over one seven suns sick or disabled, then he is entitled to benefits from date of application; but no benefits shall be granted for fractional parts of seven suns.

SEC. 3. Any Brother residing out of the limits of the Relief Committee, entitled to and desiring the benefits allowed by this Tribe, shall receive the same, upon his transmitting to this Tribe a certificate signed by a physician, or a certificate from a Tribe of this Order, signed by the S., and attested by the C. of R., with the seal of the Tribe attached: *Provided*, That said certificate is not from a Tribe located within three miles of this Wigwam—stating the nature of the disease, and the number of seven suns he has been unable to follow the hunt, which must not exceed seven suns, and shall be repeated at least every two seven suns, if he remains so long unable to follow the hunt, or in default thereof he shall forfeit his claims to benefits.

SEC. 4. A Brother shall be considered in good standing who is not over three moons in arrears, and free from all charges against him.

SEC. 5. In the event of the Great Spirit calling a brother in good standing from the hunting grounds of his father a funeral benefit of seventy-five fathoms shall be paid, without delay, to the wife or near relatives of the deceased. Should the Brother leave no near relatives, it shall be the duty of the

S. to receive the benefits, and attend to the decent interment of the deceased.

SEC. 6. In the event of the Great Spirit calling the wife of a Brother in good standing from the hunting grounds of her fathers, he shall receive from the wampum belt of this Tribe the sum of forty fathoms to assist in defraying the funeral expenses.

SEC. 7. Upon the death of a Brother of this Tribe, each member shall pay his pro rata share of the expenses of said death, and upon the death of a brother's wife, each member shall pay his pro rata share of the funeral benefits.

ART. VI.—*Relief Committee.*

SEC. 1. The S., and S. S., and J. S. shall be a standing Committee of Relief; each of whom shall visit Brothers unable to follow the hunt, within twenty-four runs after they have been reported; and if they be confined to bed, they shall continue to visit them at least once every twenty-four runs, and twice every seven suns after he shall be able to sit up, until his recovery; *Provided*, The Brother resides within three miles of the wigwam: *Provided also*, That the disease is not of a dangerous or contagious nature, of which a physician shall be the judge.

SEC. 2. Should a sick Brother need the assistance of Brothers to sit up with him, the Committee of Relief shall receive from the C. of R. a roll of all the members of this Tribe, and the Sachem shall detail two Brothers for each sleep, in rotation, as their names appear on the roll. Any Brother refusing or neglecting this duty, or failing to furnish a substitute, who must be a member of this Order, shall be fined three fathoms, unless he offers a reasonable excuse, or the sick Brother be affected with some infectious disease, of which a physician shall be the judge.

ART. VII.—Funerals.

SEC. 1. In case of the death of a resident member, the S. shall immediately ascertain whether the family or friends of the deceased desire that he should be buried by the Tribe; and if so, he shall direct the C. of R. to call a meeting of the Tribe, by posting, in the most conspicuous places, notices, either printed or written, in order that all necessary arrangements may be made.

SEC. 2. The members shall assemble at the wigwam thirty breaths previous to the time appointed for the funeral, and proceed from thence to the house of the deceased.

SEC. 3. The S. shall appoint a marshal for

the occasion, who shall form and have charge of the procession.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the C. of R. to call the roll of members prior to and after the funeral; and any Brother absenting himself without a reasonable excuse, shall be fined one fathom.

ART. VIII.—Nominations and Elections.

SEC. 1. Nominations shall be made two seven suns previous to election.

SEC. 2. The C. of R., K. of W., and Representative to the Great Council, shall be elected annually, at the election in the Worm Moon.

SEC. 3. The twig box shall be placed in full view of the S., and each Brother shall vote in rotation.

SEC. 4. The S. shall act as judge of the election. He shall appoint two tellers and one clerk, to assist in conducting the same; but no Brother on nomination shall be appointed as either teller or clerk.

SEC. 5. In case of more than two candidates running for the same office, and neither receiving a majority of the votes polled, the balloting shall be repeated, dropping the candidate having the lowest number of votes, after each ballot, until an election is effected.

ART. IX.—Duties of Sachem.

SEC. 1. He shall pay all wampum appropriated for benefits of sick and deceased Brothers, within twenty-four runs after the same is due, under a penalty of five feet; and in case of the death of a Brother, he shall inform the C. of R. of the same, and it shall be his duty to notify the members to attend the funeral of the deceased Brother. For neglect to notify, he shall pay five feet.

SEC. 2. He shall, on the sleep of the last stated council of the term, appoint a committee of three to audit the books of the C. of R. and K. of W.

ART. X.—Duties of C. of R.

SEC. 1. He shall, at the kindling of the council fire, call the roll of chiefs, and mark thereon those who are present.

SEC. 2. He shall keep in a book provided for that purpose, and account of all fines against the chiefs and Brothers of this Tribe, and at the end of each term, charge the same to their account.

SEC. 3. He shall notify all Brothers when in arrears, as specified in Art. IV, Sec. 2, of these By-Laws.

SEC. 4. He shall fill up all notices for pale faces who are elected to membership of this

Tribe, and deliver the same to the Brother presenting the petition.

SEC. 5. He shall forward the six moons' report, and pay the tax due the Great Council, and procure the P. W., and furnish the Tribe therewith at the first stated council thereafter.

SEC. 6. He shall fill up all cards granted by this Tribe, and if a Brother receiving a visiting card is not entitled to benefits at the time the card is granted, he shall certify on the margin thereof when he will be entitled.

SEC. 7. He shall procure all books, papers, &c., belonging to this Tribe not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as may by vote of the Tribe be required of him. For neglect of these duties he shall be fined five feet. For neglecting, in his absence, to have the necessary books of the Council and the keys of the Tribe present, he shall be fined one fathom; and as compensation for his services, he shall be allowed fifty-two fathoms per great sun. Further, that an assistant be appointed by the Tribe.

ART. XI.—Duties of K. of W.

SEC. 1. The K. of W. shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give to the Trustees a bond, with sufficient security, in

the sum of one thousand fathoms, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 2. He shall always be allowed to keep in the belt not less than one hundred and fifty fathoms, unless the wampum be reduced below that sum by the ordinary expenses of the Tribe.

ART. XII.—Trustees.

SEC. 1. Three Brothers of this Tribe shall constitute a Board of Trustees, to serve for eighteen moons each. They shall be elected in such manner that the term of one Trustee shall expire at the end of each six moons.

SEC. 2. They shall invest the wampum of this Tribe, when authorized to do so, in some safe and profitable loan or stock, as may be approved by this Tribe, and deposit their vouchers with the K. of W., taking his receipt therefor. They shall collect all interests due on investments, and pay the same over to the C. of R., taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 3. They shall receive from the K. of W. a bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 4. They shall report in writing, at the end of each term, the whole amount of investments held by this Tribe, and perform such other duties as may, by a vote of the Tribe, be required of them.

SEC. 5. They shall sign all bills before being accepted by this Tribe.

SEC. 6. Neither of the said Trustees shall, in any case, be taken for security, where funds are loaned out; and no part of the funds to be loaned to any person, without giving one good and sufficient endorser.

ART. XIII.—Duties of Representative to G. C.

It shall be the duty of the Representative to attend all sessions of the G. C. of Pennsylvania, and therein faithfully represent the views and interests of this Tribe. He shall obey such instructions as may be given him, and report to this Tribe all proceedings of interests. He shall receive three fathoms five feet per sun while attending G. C.

ART. XIV.—Duties of the G. of F.

It shall be the duty of the G. of F. to place at the kindling of the council fire, and replace at the quenching of the same, the regalia, &c., belonging to this Tribe. For neglect of this duty, he shall be fined five feet. He shall receive, for his services, one fathom forty-three inches per every three moons.

ART. XV.—Fines.

SEC. 1. The S., S. S., J. S., P., C. of R., and G. of F., for absence at the kindling of

each council fire, shall be fined five feet each, unless a reasonable excuse be given.

SEC. 2. Should the S. or any of the Chiefs having keys in their possession, neglect to send them, they shall be fined one fathom, unless a reasonable excuse be given, or by sickness or absence from the town.

SEC. 3. The K. of W., for absence at the quenching of the council fire, shall be fined five feet, unless a reasonable excuse be given.

SEC. 4. The G. of F. and G. of W., for admitting a Brother, in violation of the Rules of the Order, shall be fined one fathom for each offence; for permitting a pale face to enter the wigwam, by leaving their wicket or otherwise, shall be fined one fathom, and, on default of payment, they shall be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 4. Any Brother appointed on a committee, and neglecting to attend to the duties thereof, without a reasonable excuse, shall be fined five feet.

ART. XVI.—Improper Conduct.

SEC. 1. Should any Brother maliciously cross the path of a Brother, without evidence to sustain the charge, or should he propose for membership in this Tribe any pale face, knowing him to be an unworthy character,

he shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

SEC. 2. Should any member of this Tribe at any time become intoxicated, and brawl through the streets, using indecent language, or be guilty of rowdyism, or any breach of the public peace, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined, for the first offence, in the sum of two fathoms, and for the second offence, in the sum of four fathoms, and for the third offence he shall be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

SEC. 3. Should any Brother feign himself sick or disabled, in order fraudulently to obtain the benefits of this Tribe, thereby abusing the beneficial features of the Order, he shall be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

SEC. 4. Should any Brother become intoxicated while receiving benefits, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled; and if any Brother enters the wigwam in a state of intoxication, he shall be expelled from the wigwam for the sleep, and be fined one fathom. Any Brother using profane language in the wigwam while the council fire is burning, shall be fined one fathom.

SEC. 5. Any Brother of this Tribe receiving benefits from this Tribe, who shall be

proven to have been out at an unreasonable hour of the night, or in disagreeable weather, or be detected in gambling, intoxication, or frequenting tippling houses or taverns, or work at his usual occupation, or any other business for gain, (except giving orders or directions for his business,) his benefits shall be withheld at the option of the Tribe.

SEC. 6. Any Brother exposing the name of another, who may think proper to vote against a pale face proposed for membership, shall, upon conviction, be suspended for six moons or one great sun, as the Tribe may determine.

SEC. 7. Should any of the elective Chiefs of this Tribe, who occupy positions of honor, be convicted of intemperance, gambling, or any immoral conduct, they shall be suspended from holding any office whatever in this Tribe for six moons, and be dealt with as prescribed in Sec. 2, Art. XVI of these By-Laws.

SEC. 8. Any Brother suspended for improper conduct, shall, at the expiration of his term of suspension, be restored to membership on payment of his dues.

ART. XVII.—Committees.

SEC. 1. All committees not otherwise provided for, the S. shall appoint the majority, and the S. S. the minority.

SEC. 2. All committees (the Relief Committee excepted) shall report in writing, which report shall be signed by a majority of the committee.

SEC. 3. No Brother shall be required to serve on more than two committees at the same time.

SEC. 4. No committee shall be discharged unless all debts contracted by them have been paid.

ART. XVIII.—Officers.

SEC. 1. All officers having duty to perform in part or parts of the opening, closing, or adoption ceremonies, will be required to commit to memory such part or parts within six seven suns after the night of raising of chiefs.

SEC. 2. Six seven suns after the raising of chiefs, the Sachem shall call a rehearsal of the ceremonies, which shall take place under the head of the good of the Order. They shall recite to a P. S. The Tribe shall then decide whether the ceremonies have been properly committed.

SEC. 3. All officers neglecting to commit their part or parts of the ceremonies, shall be fined five feet, unless a reasonable excuse be given.

SEC. 4. All chiefs having part or parts of

the ceremonies to commit to memory, who shall be absent on the sleep of rehearsal, shall perform their part of the rehearsal the first sleep at which they may be present thereafter, and the Tribe shall decide as in the foregoing section of this Article.

ART. XIX.—Application for Card.

The fee to be paid on application for a card shall be two feet five inches.

ART. XX.—Degrees.

The fees to be paid for application for the Hunter's degree, shall be one fathom; Warrior's degree, two fathoms; Chief's degree, three fathoms.

ART. XXI.—Entering and Leaving the Tribe.

SEC. 1. No Brother shall enter, remain in, or leave the wigwam, unless clothed in regalia suitable to his rank or station.

SEC. 2. Any Brother wearing a regalia in this Tribe he is not entitled to wear, shall be fined three feet.

ART. XXII.—Speaking and Voting.

No Brother shall be permitted to vote upon any question before this Tribe, nor be eligible to any office, nor vote at any election, who is in arrears over three moons

ART. XXIII.—Deciding by the Majority.

Upon all questions decided by this Tribe, a majority shall govern unless otherwise provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.

ART. XXIV.—Construction.

The By-Laws of this Tribe shall always be construed, explained, and understood in their most plain, simple, and obvious meaning.

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CALENDAR

OF THE

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

A Minute is.....	A Breath.
An Hour is.....	A Run.
A Day is.....	A Sun.
A Night is.....	A Sleep.
A Week is.....	Seven Suns.
A Month is.....	A Moon.
January is.....	The Cold Moon.
February is.....	The Snow Moon.
March is.....	The Worm Moon.
April is.....	The Plant Moon.
May is.....	The Flower Moon.
June is.....	The Hot Moon.
July is.....	The Buck Moon.
August is.....	The Sturgeon Moon.
September is.....	The Corn Moon.
October is.....	The Traveling Moon.
November is.....	The Beaver Moon.
December is.....	The Hunting Moon.
A Year is.....	A Great Sun.
Morning is.....	The Rising of the Sun.
Evening is.....	The Setting of the Sun.

Midday is.....	The High Sun.
Midnight is.....	The Low Sun.
Our friends out of the order are	The Pale Faces
The treasury purse is.....	The Wampum Belt.
The place of meeting is.....	The Wigwam.
Organizing a meeting is.....	Kindling a Council-fire.
A meeting is.....	A Council.
Closing a meeting is.....	Quenching a Council fire.
A Tribe is.....	A branch of the Order.
A Great Council is.....	The head of the Order in a State.
Fo' win one's usual business	Following the Hunt.
Wronging one is.....	Crossing the path of each other.
Money is.....	Wampum.
A fathom of Wampum is.....	One dollar.
A foot of Wampum is.....	Ten cents.
One inch of Wampum is.....	One cent.



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