

# CONSTITUTION

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## GENERAL LAWS

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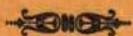
### **GREAT COUNCIL OF INDIANA**

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

Together with the

## CODE OF LAWS

For the Government of Tribes in the  
State of Indiana



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## GREAT COUNCIL OF INDIANA IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

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Section 1. The Great Council of Indiana shall be composed of the following members, who are Past Sachems, in good standing.

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# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### Name, Powers of Government, How Divided

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Great Council of Indiana of the Improved Order of Red Men, and by such title and name shall have succession subject to a charter granted by the Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Sec. 2. It possesses the power of granting charters for Tribes, of suspending or taking away the same, upon proper cause, of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Tribes under its jurisdiction and of doing all other acts promotive of the interests of the Order, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Great Council of the United States.

Sec. 3. The powers of the Great Council of Indiana shall be divided into three separate and distinct departments, to wit: The Legislative, Executive and Judicial, no one of which departments shall exercise any powers properly attached to either of the other, except as herein expressly permitted.

## ARTICLE II

### Legislative Department

Section 1. The Legislative powers of this Great Council shall be vested in the councils or meetings of the Great Council of Indiana Improved Order of Red Men, properly assembled.

## ARTICLE III

### How Composed and Membership Obtained

Section 1. The Great Council of Indiana shall be composed of duly elected Representatives who are Past Sachems, in good standing.



Sec. 2. No Past Sachem shall be entitled to a seat in the Great Council, unless he is a member in good standing of some Tribe, and in possession of the U.P.W., nor to a vote unless his Tribe has discharged all its indebtedness to the Great Council and has made its regular semi-annual report.

Sec. 3. A Past Sachem wishing to become a member of the Great Council must be provided with a certificate from his Tribe, showing that he is qualified to receive such honor before he can be admitted.

Sec. 4. All Tribes shall furnish each brother who has been elected to and filled the office of Sachem to the end of his term, or to a brother who has been elected the first Prophet and served to the end of his term, or to a Chief of Records, Collector or Keeper of Wampum for three consecutive years a certificate under seal showing these facts.

Sec. 5. Any Past Sachem who has been a member of any Great Council, working under the Great Council of the United States, upon satisfactory proof of such membership and also that he is a member in good standing of some Tribe in the State, shall if there is no objection be admitted as a member of the Great Council of Indiana.

Sec. 6. If any member desires to object to the admission of a Past Sachem to membership, he shall submit his objection in writing, and the Great Council shall forthwith proceed to determine the sufficiency of such charges and take action thereon, and if two-thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, he shall be admitted as a member of such Great Council.

Sec. 7. Every Tribe at its regular election in June of each year, shall from among its Past Sachems elect, one representative and one alternate for a membership of 50 or less, one for the next 50 or fractional part thereof, one for the next 100 or major fraction thereof, and one for each 100 members over 200, whose special duty it shall be to attend every meeting of the Great Council. Nothing herein shall deprive any Past Sachem of any rights and privileges of this Great Council.

Sec. 8. When Tribes are entitled to two or more representatives, the members may vote at the same time on the same ballot, for as many Representatives as needed, and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The alternates to be selected in the same way. In case of vacancy among the Representatives, the alternates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as such Representatives. Provided, that in the event the Tribe does not have sufficient number of Past Sachems in good standing to fill the quota, it may at any time prior to the meeting of the Great Council, if then having additional Past Sachems eligible to election proceed to elect same to fill such vacancies. Providing further, that a new Tribe not having any Past Sachems may be represented by the first Prophet, and if the Tribe has sent in its semi-annual report and paid the per capita for one term, such Representative will be entitled to receive mileage and per diem. The names of the Representatives and alternates shall be placed on the semi-annual report.

Sec. 9. A Tribe under the jurisdiction of the Great Council of Indiana shall be entitled to the same rights as a Tribe in the State of Indiana, with those entitled to mileage being paid from nearest point in Indiana to their Tribe.

## ARTICLE IV

### Council Fires

Section 1. The Great Council of Indiana shall hold its sessions on the Saturday preceeding the third (3rd) Monday of October of each Great Sun, at 9 AM in the place determined by the previous Great Council.

Special Councils shall be held on the written call of twenty (20) Past Sachems, or when ordered by the Great Sachem.

## ARTICLE V

### Great Chiefs

Section 1. The elective Chiefs of the Great Council of Indiana shall be, Great Sachem,



Great Senior Sagamore, Great Junior Sagamore, Great Chief of Records, Great Keeper of Wampum and Great Representatives, all of whom shall be elected on the first day's session at 2 o'clock P. M., and the raising of same shall be the last business of the Great Council.

The appointive chiefs shall be, Great Sannap, Great Mishinewa, Great Guard of the Wigwam, Great Guard of the Forest, all of whom shall be named by the Great Sachem immediately after his raising.

Sec. 2. There shall be elected at the time of the annual election one Trustee to serve for a period of three years, or until his successor is elected and qualified, whose duties and qualifications shall be determined by law. Provided, that at the Great Council session adopting this amendment, but at no other time thereafter, three Trustees shall be elected, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Trustee, a qualified brother shall be elected to fill out the unexpired term at the succeeding Great Council.

Sec. 3. No brother shall be eligible to the chieftaincy of Great Sachem unless he has served one term as an elective chief of a Great Council; nor as Great Prophet unless he has served one term as Great Sachem.

Sec. 4. No brother shall be eligible to any chieftaincy unless he has been a member of the Great Council for at least two years.

## ARTICLE VI

### Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Any candidate for a chieftaincy may send to the Chief of Records of each Tribe and to each Representative, a simple announcement containing his name, business and the office for which he is a candidate, and nothing more.

Sec. 2. Should a brother violate the above rule he shall be ineligible to be a candidate for any office in this Great Council, and it shall be the duty of the Great Sachem to appoint a committee of three members at the

opening of each Great Council, the duty of which shall be to determine whether these rules have been violated and the eligibility of each candidate, and the decision of the committee shall be conclusive unless overruled by a majority vote of the Great Council.

Sec. 3. All elective officers of the Great Council shall be chosen by printed ballot in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and such election shall be held at 2 o'clock P. M. of the first day of the Great Council session.

Sec. 4. Any eligible Past Sachem desiring to become a candidate for any elective office of the Great Council, shall have his name, together with the office for which he is a candidate, certified to the Great Chief of Records at least 60 days before the first session of the Great Council. Said certificate shall be signed by the candidate and attested by three members of the Great Council.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Great Chief of Records to have printed a list of all candidates, the name and number of his Tribe, his residence, and the office for which he is a candidate, and mail to the Chief of Records of each Tribe a copy of said list, at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the Great Council.

Sec. 6. No ballot shall be valid, or counted unless it is given for a candidate who shall have been nominated in the manner provided herein. Provided, that in event no nomination shall have been made for some office in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the nominations may be made for such office by any member of the Great Council by presenting in open session the name of some eligible Past Sachem as a candidate therefor, said nomination to be made prior to 11 o'clock A. M. of the first day's session.

Sec. 7. The Great Chief of Records shall cause a sufficient number of official ballots to be printed, each containing the names of all candidates nominated as in this Article provided, the name of each person so nominated shall be placed under the title of the office for which he is a candidate. The ballots shall be uniform in size and printed upon a good quality

of opaque paper.

No other ballot than those provided herein shall be cast, and if cast shall not be counted as a part of the vote taken.

Sec. 8. Each member present, and entitled to vote, shall indicate upon his ballot the candidate for whom he desires to vote for each office by making a cross (thus X) with a pen or pencil immediately preceding the name of such candidate.

Sec. 9. The Great Sachem shall appoint a sufficient number of Tellers to distribute, take up and count the ballots, and all members of the Great Council shall remain seated while the ballots are being distributed and collected. After the ballots have been collected the Tellers shall retire to a room apart from the Great Council, and proceed to count the same and report the result to the Great Sachem in writing.

Sec. 10. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall be necessary to constitute a choice of candidates, and the balloting shall continue until, a candidate for each office shall have received a majority of all the valid votes cast. Provided, that in the election of Great Representatives, when two or more are to be chosen, the election shall be determined on the first ballot by a plurality vote.

After the second ballot the name of the candidate for any office receiving the lowest number of votes on any ballot shall be withdrawn before another ballot is taken.

Sec. 11. The names of the candidates shall be placed upon the official ballot in the following order: Great Sachem, Great Senior Sagamore, Great Junior Sagamore, Great Prophet, Great Chief of Records, Great Keeper of Wampum, Great Trustee, Great Representative.

Sec. 12. No member shall at any election be a candidate for more than one office; and in the event of either of the elected chiefs fail to appear for installation, the office shall be declared vacant, and the Great Council shall proceed to elect a qualified brother to fill the vacancy. Provided, that should any Great Chief who is in line for promotion or the Great Chief of Records or Great Keeper of Wampum, be

absent on account of sickness, then the Great Council shall excuse said absent chief and the Great Sachem shall appoint some qualified brother to raise such Chief.

Sec. 13. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any of the Great Chiefs, the Board of Control shall appoint some qualified Past Sachem to fill out the unexpired term, except that should a vacancy occur in the office of Great Sachem the Great Senior Sagamore shall advance to that position and the Great Junior Sagamore shall advance to that of Great Senior Sagamore.

Sec. 14. Great Representatives must be residents of the reservation during the entire term for which they were elected, and a removal therefrom shall operate as a forfeiture of their chieftaincy. Provided, there shall be no forfeiture if the Representative be absent on business of the government of the United States or engaged in military service, or if a clergyman who may be sent to a charge in another reservation.

Sec. 15. The terms of all elected one year officers whose terms are not defined by the constitution of the Great Council of Indiana or code of laws, elected at a regular Great Council Session shall commence upon being raised to their Chieftancy and terminate when their successor is duly raised.

The term of all elected one year officers, whose terms are not defined by the Constitution of the Great Council of Indiana or the code of laws, elected at the 87th session of the Great Council of Indiana, and all further sessions of the Great Council of Indiana, shall commence on the first Sun of Cold Moon, after the election and terminate on the 31st Sun of Hunting Moon of the same Great Sun.

This is not to be construed to apply to the terms of any one year officer whose term is specifically determined by the Constitution and code of laws of the Great Council of Indiana.



## ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The revenue of the Great Council shall consist of one hundred (\$100.00) for each charter granted, and such per capita tax upon each member as may be fixed by the Great Council each year and from the sale of supplies, which supplies Tribes are hereby prohibited from reproducing.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Duties of Tribes

Section 1. Each Tribe working under a charter from this Great Council shall transmit regular semi-annual reports to the G. C. of Records setting forth the number of adoptions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, death, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for funeral benefits, amount expended for relief of widows and orphans; and the amount received for adoptions, depositing of cards, for regular dues and fines, together with such other matters as the Great Council may prescribe by its general laws, blanks for which shall be furnished by the Great Council. Before transmitting a semi-annual report it shall be submitted to an auditing committee of three members for their approval which shall be endorsed on the report.

Sec. 2. In event a Tribe fails to remit its semi-annual report, and being in arrears for dues to the Great Council for six months, no Past Sachem of such Tribe shall be allowed to vote or hold any office in the Great Council; and if a Tribe shall be in arrears for one year it shall forfeit its charter.

## ARTICLE IX

### Charters

Section 1. Applications for charters must be made by not less than thirty brothers or palefaces, accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars for which the Great Council shall fur-

nish 1 charter, 1 seal, 4 degree rituals, 1 funeral book, 24 odes, 1 copy State General Laws, 2 copies of forms for raising elected chiefs, 50 proposition blanks, 100 blank dues receipts, and 100 Keeper of Wampum orders. They in all cases to be returned if charter is not granted.

Sec. 2. No petition will be considered coming from palefaces where a Tribe is already established unless endorsed by the Tribe or Tribes located in such jurisdiction. Provided, that in cities of 5000 or over inhabitants, the Great Council, or the Great Sachem, may, after investigation of the facts and circumstances grant or refuse to grant said charter. Provided, further, that in cities having more than 25,000 inhabitants, there shall be no requirement of endorsement of petition for a second or additional Tribe.

Sec. 3. All expenses incurred in the institution of a Tribe shall be paid by said Tribe at its institution.

Sec. 4. Immediately after a dispensation is issued authorizing a new Tribe, the brothers or palefaces who are to constitute the same must procure a wigwam and have the same properly arranged for the use of the order, and make necessary arrangements to secure a full outfit for the conferring of the degrees.

Sec. 5. Upon the petition of not less than thirty applicants for a Tribe of the Order, the Great Sachem or the Deputy thereof, shall designate a time and place for the organizing and instituting of such Tribe, due notice of which shall be given to all parties concerned. Upon the convening of the applicants at the time and place selected, the instituting Chief shall exhibit his written authority, and after satisfying himself that the laws of the Order have been fully complied with, he shall proceed with the preliminary work of organization:

(a) Examine and inspect the hall, see that it is a proper place for secret work, and permit no one to remain not entitled to do so.

(b) Read the application and the names of the applicants, and collect the fees from each applicant.

(c) Require each applicant to twig upon the



whole list of applicants. If three or more black twigs are cast, then twiggung upon each name, beginning with the first, shall be had; and whenever an applicant is rejected, he shall have his fees returned to him and be excused from the hall.

(d) Confer the degrees upon those accepted, either by regular exemplification, or oral explanation.

(e) Supervise the election of Chiefs, and duly raise them to their respective stumps or stations, after which the instituting Chief shall declare the tribe legally instituted.

(f) The instituting Chief shall then turn over to the Keeper of Wampum whatever portion of the funds is not the property of the Great Council of Indiana.

(g) The instituting Chief shall make such returns and reports upon the institution of tribes as may be required by the Great Sachem, or the laws of the Great Council.

Sec. 6. The charter of a Tribe can not be surrendered by a majority of its members, but remains in force so long as seven members are willing to work under it.

Sec. 7. When a charter of a Tribe has been surrendered or reclaimed, its books and effects must be placed in keeping of the Great C. of R.; and its charter, name, number and property can not be restored to any but a sufficient number of the original members. After the lapse of ten years its name may be taken by a new Tribe, but not its number.

Sec. 8. Any brother who was a member of an extinct Tribe, and in good standing at the time of the surrender of its charter or dispensation, may, on application to the Great Chief of Records, obtain a card, paying the fee therefor, which shall be one fathom, stating the rank the brother has attained, and qualifying him for admission to membership in any Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men within the hunting grounds of the Great Council of Indiana.

Sec. 9. In case of a Tribe being instituted before the expiration of a term, if thirteen seven suns remain, it shall be deemed a full

term; if less, then the Chiefs shall serve for the ensuing term to the close thereof.

## ARTICLE X

### Expenses of Chiefs

Section 1. The Chiefs of this Great Council and Representatives from Tribes attending the Great Council fires shall receive such mileage and per diem as the Great Council may determine upon.

## ARTICLE XI

### Paraphernalia, Regalia, Etc.

Section 1. The paraphernalia, regalia, costumes, jewels and emblems for the use of members and Chiefs of this Order shall be such as may be described in the Rituals, or from time to time prescribed by resolution of and approved by the Great Councils of the United States.

Sec. 2. Tribes, Councils, other subordinate branches and members of the Order are hereafter strictly prohibited from purchasing or using any paraphernalia, regalia, costumes, jewels or emblems purporting to be those of this Order, not approved by the Great Council of the United States.

Sec. 3. All dealers in paraphernalia, etc., before being authorized to sell the same to Tribes, Councils, other subordinate branches or members of this Order, shall first have approved by the Great Inchoonee and the Great Chief of Records of the Great Council of the United States all cuts, drawings, plates and descriptive matter in relation thereto, and in their catalogues and circulars they shall show or print such certificate from such Great Chiefs.

Sec. 4. Any Tribe, Council, other subordinate branch or member of this Order knowingly or wilfully purchasing paraphernalia from a dealer who is not so authorized to sell, may have its

dispensation or charter revoked, or upon trial and conviction may be suspended or expelled from the Order.

Sec. 5. Nothing is herein intended to prohibit Tribes, Councils, Degree of Pocahontas, other subordinate branches and members of this Order from manufacturing such paraphernalia for their own use.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments

Section 1. No alteration or amendment of this constitution or code of laws shall be made, unless copy of such proposed alteration or amendment shall be first sent to the Great Chief of Records of Indiana, and be in his hands at least forty-five days prior to the next session of the Great Council thereafter, and it shall be the duty of said Great Chief of Records to have said proposed amendment or alteration printed, and distribute copies thereof to each Tribe in the Great Reservation of Indiana at least 30 days prior to the next session of the Great Council; Provided, That by a unanimous vote of the Great Council any measure may be introduced and passed without the above provisions being complied with.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Executive Department

Section 1. The executive powers of the Great Council shall be vested and lodged in the Great Sachem, and the Great Chiefs, of whom the Great Sachem shall be the chief head and director.

### Duties of Great Sachem

Sec. 2. The Great Sachem shall preside at the Council fires of the Great Council when present, enforce the laws, and preserve order therein. He shall have the right to cast the deciding vote in all cases of equal division, except in the election of Great Chiefs, but shall not vote on any other occasion. He shall

not be entitled to participate in any discussion in the Great Council, except in Committee of the Whole, or upon questions of order, and appeals from his decisions. His action upon all points not provided for the Constitution and General Laws, shall be conclusive, unless reversed by the Great Council, or the Great Council of the United States, upon appeal thereto. He shall sign all orders drawn upon the Great Keeper of Wampum, and all documents requiring his signature, fill all official vacancies not otherwise provided for. He shall have power to grant dispensations for the establishment of new Tribes throughout the reservation. He shall by himself or Special Deputy, make or cause to be made, such visits to the Tribes as the work of the Order may require; and for such services he shall be paid. Provided, that he shall submit to the G. C. of R. itemized statements of expenses necessary while engaged in such duties, upon receipt of which the G. C. of R. is authorized to draw orders upon the G. K. of W. for such amounts. He shall appoint District Deputy Great Sachems for such districts as may from time to time be established, with the consent of the Great Council. Upon the Great Sachem being satisfied that any District Deputy has failed to enforce the provisions of Section 1, Article II, Code of Laws, he shall declare his office vacant, and appoint another Deputy for said district. He shall exercise general supervision over the Order throughout the state according to the laws and customs; keep a record of his official acts in relation thereto; and at the expiration of his term make a written report to the Great Council of the state of the Order, during the preceding year, which report shall be printed previous to the meeting of the Great Council, and copies thereof shall be distributed to all members present. The compensation of the Great Sachem shall be at the rate of ten (10) cents per mile for each and every mile traveled, in the transaction of the business of this Great Council. Not to exceed the sum of Nine Hundred Fathoms (\$900.00) in one Great Sun.



Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Great Sachem to appoint a District Deputy Great Sachem for each Tribe, whose duty it shall be to look after the interests of the Order and represent the Great Sachem therein. Each retiring Great Sachem shall suspend all Tribes under his jurisdiction that are delinquent at the close of his term for one or two years.

#### **Duties of Great Senior Sagamore**

Sec. 4. The Great Senior Sagamore shall assist the Great Sachem in kindling and quenching the Great Council Fire, in preserving order during the burning of the Council Fire, and occupy his seat in the absence of the Great Sachem, and in the event of the death or removal from office of the Great Sachem, he shall become Great Sachem, and all the honors, powers, duties and other responsibilities of the office shall devolve upon him. He may at the ensuing Great Council after his election submit a report embodying recommendations and suggestions for the coming year, which report shall be printed in connection with the long talks of the other Great Chiefs. He shall receive for travel such mileage as the Great Council may determine.

#### **Duties of Great Junior Sagamore**

Sec. 5. The Great Junior Sagamore shall assist the Great Senior Sagamore in the performance of his duties, and perform such other duties as may be provided by the General Laws, and in case of death or removal of the Senior Sagamore he shall be advanced to that station. He shall receive for travel such mileage as the Great Council may determine.

#### **Duties of Great Chief of Records**

Sec. 6. The Great Chief of Records shall take his office on the 1st day of December, following his election. He shall attend every Council Fire of the Great Council, with the books and papers; he shall keep a correct record of the proceedings

of the Great Council; preserve all books and records, and file all documents relating thereto; draw up and attest all orders on the Great Keeper of Wampum for such amounts as shall have been voted by the majority at any council fire, or that may be necessary to meet the expenses of his office accruing between the Great Council sessions; keep accurate accounts with each Tribe, and report all delinquents; collect all wampum due the Great Council, and pay the same immediately to the G. K. of W., taking his receipt therefor, receive all communications for the Great Council, and make proper disposition of the same; conduct the correspondence of the Great Council; forward to the Tribes of the U.P.W. as received from the Great Inchoonee; transmit a regular report of the state of the Order in Indiana, up to the 31st day of December of each year, to the Great Council of the U. S.; notify every Tribe in the State of the sessions of the Great Council, and affix the seal thereto; attend to all printing ordered and required by the Great Council; examine all semi-annual reports from Tribes, and if incorrect return the same for correction; attend to all other duties that may be required by the laws of the Order. He shall give such bond as may be required by the Great Council, and shall receive for his services such compensation as may be fixed by the Great Council from time to time. He shall after four consecutive years service receive the honors of a Past Great Sachem.

#### **Duties of Great Keeper of Wampum**

Sec. 7. The Great Keeper of Wampum shall receive from the Great Chief of Records all wampum collected, give his receipt therefor, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Great Board of Control; he shall pay all orders drawn by the Great Sachem and attested by the Great Chief of Records he shall account to the Great Council annually for all monies he may have received together with the interest thereon, and for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall give bond, before being installed, and for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive such compensation as the Great



Council may direct from time to time. He shall after four consecutive years service receive the honors of a Past Great Sachem.

#### **Duties of the Great Prophet**

Sec. 8. The Great Prophet shall kindle and quench the Council fires, with an appeal to the Great Spirit, administer the forms in the admission of Chiefs and raising up of Great Chiefs, and perform all other duties which the nature of the office requires.

#### **Duties of Appointed Chiefs**

Sec. 9. The appointed Great Chiefs shall perform such duties as may be required by the Great Council, or enjoined upon them by the laws and usages of the Order.

#### **Duties of Great Trustees**

Sec. 10. The duties of the Great Trustees of this Great Council shall be to hold in Trust such Wampum or other property of the Great Council as may be committed to them by the Great Council and transfer or dispose of such property only when ordered to do so by the Great Council. And in the case of trust funds, withdrawal of the same shall be as provided in Section 9-4.06 of the General Laws of the Great Council of the United States.

#### **Board of Control**

Sec. 11. The Great Sachem, Great Senior Sagamore, Great Junior Sagamore, Great Chief of Records, Great Keeper of Wampum, Great Prophet and Great Trustees shall constitute a Board of Control, which shall have power, and must within thirty days after a vacancy exists fill all vacancies that may occur among the Great Chiefs and to remove from office any Great Chief who by reason of sickness, inability or any other cause is unable to perform the duties of his office; they shall also have power to suspend the charter of any Tribe when it appears that said Tribe is not complying with the laws of the Order.

### **ARTTICLE XIV**

#### **Committees**

Section 1. The Great Sachem shall, on or before the annual meeting of the Great Council, appoint the following standing committees, which shall consist of not more than seven members each: Credentials, Auditing, State of the Order, Charters, Semi-annual Reports, Mileage and Per Diem, Legislation, Distribution, Memorials, Press, and such other committees as may be provided for by the general laws of the order.

#### **Duties**

Sec. 2. The committee on Credentials shall examine and report on the certificates of Past Sachem and Representatives, and on all other matters that may be referred to it.

Sec. 3. The committee on Finance shall audit the books and accounts of the Great Chiefs and Trustees, for which purpose it shall meet one or more days before the kindling of the Great Council fire, superintend the wampum affairs of the Great Council, and recommend such appropriations for the expenses of the Great Council as may be deemed proper. All bills and claims of whatsoever nature shall be referred to this committee. It shall make a full report in writing of all its proceedings to the Great Council. It shall visit the bank or banks or depositories or safe deposit box or vaults where funds and securities of the Great Council are deposited and check all moneys, funds or securities, and know that the same are on hand and intact and shall also obtain a written statement from an official of said bank or depository that all moneys, funds and securities are on deposit and intact. And a personal inspection and check of the securities in the safe deposit box, before signing or approving any audit of the books and accounts of any Great Chief, and shall make a detailed report to the Great Council.

Sec. 4. The committee on State of the Order

shall report on all matters referred to it.

Sec. 5. The committee on Charters shall have charge of all petitions for Charters for Tribes, and shall report to the Great Council on the advisability of granting any applications for charters.

Sec. 6. The committee on Semi-annual Reports shall carefully examine the reports of all Tribes, and make report thereon in writing specifying which of said reports are correct and which are not, designating in what particular any of them are incorrect.

Sec. 7. The committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall compute the mileage and per diem of all Great Chiefs and Representatives, hear all excuses for non-attendance, and report the findings at the first session of the Great Council.

Sec. 8. To the committee on Legislation shall be referred all propositions for changes in the constitution and general laws, and report same to the Great Council.

Sec. 9. To the committee on Distribution shall be referred the reports of all Great Chiefs for proper distribution, and it shall report the Great Council on any and all matters that might be referred to it.

Sec. 10. The committee on Memorials shall prepare fitting tributes of respect to the memory of brothers who have answered the call of the Great Spirit during the past year.

Sec. 11. The Committee on the Press shall prepare such information for publication as shall be proper, and see that the same is distributed to the newspapers at each session of the Great Council.

Sec. 12. The Great Sachem shall appoint a member to the Committee on By-Laws to serve for a period of three years. The Committee terms to be set to expire one each year. Vacancies to be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. All Tribes within this Reservation are required to send to the chairman of such committee a certified copy of the By-Laws adopted for their government and all new Tribes shall send to said chairman a copy of such laws as may be adopted; such committee shall examine and pass upon the legality of such laws, and after doing

so shall return same to the Tribe from which they came calling attention to the errors, if any.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Tribes, when errors in by-laws are pointed out, to correct the same, and again submit them to said committee, and when they are found to be in proper form, they shall be approved and returned to the Tribes. No such by-laws shall be in force until approved by said committee, and should the tribe desire to amend said by-laws such proposed amendment shall be first submitted to such committee and when approved by the same they will be in force and effect. Such committee shall make annual report to the Great Council.

Sec. 14. The Great Sachem shall appoint a Committee on Promotional Development. The Committee of three to be appointed so that one 3 year term expires each year. Vacancies to be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

The Great Sachem shall appoint a Committee for American Indian Development and such other Committees as shall be directed by the Great Council of the United States.

Each of the above Committees to work in conjunction with the respective National Committees.

## ARTICLE XV

### Board of Appeals

Section 1. The judicial powers of this Great Council shall be vested in a Board of Appeals, which shall consist of three members, two of whom shall constitute a quorum, and no two of them shall be from the same tribe. The members shall be appointed by the Great Sachem and each shall serve for a term of three years. The first appointments under these laws shall be for one, two and three years, respectively, and thereafter one member shall be appointed each year. The appointments must be confirmed by the Great Council while in session should such appointments be not confirmed, then other appointments shall be made until a confirmation has been had. Each member must be a member of the Great Council and in good standing in



his tribe, and must not hold any other chieftancy in the Great Council while serving as a member of said Board of Appeals.

Sec. 2. The Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction as follows:

1. It shall have original jurisdiction of all controversies arising between tribes.

2. It shall have appellate jurisdiction as to laws and facts in all causes arising between members and tribes or councils.

Sec. 3. The right of appeal to the Great Board of Appeals of the Great Council of the United States shall extend to all causes with such exceptions and limitations and under such regulations as the laws of the Great Council of the United States may provide.

Sec. 4. The Board of Appeals shall adopt and enforce rules of practice and procedure for the conduct of the business before it, not in conflict with the laws of the Great Council of the United States and this Great Council.

Sec. 5. A member of the Board of Appeals shall not participate as such in a cause in which he may have a personal interest, or in which any of the parties are related to him by affinity or consanguinity, or wherein he may have participated in a subordinate tribunal.

Sec. 6. Every opinion and decision of the Board of Appeals shall be reduced to writing and concurred in by two members thereof. The decisions and opinions of the Board of Appeals shall be final, subject to an appeal, in accordance with the law, to the Great Board of Appeals of the G. C. U. S. All decisions of the Board shall be published and promulgated in the records of the Great Council of Indiana.

Sec. 7. The members of the Board of Appeals shall have the right to select the chairman thereof.

#### Official Oath

Sec. 8. Before entering upon their duties, each member shall assume the following obligation, to-wit:

"I do solemnly promise and declare that I will, to the best of my ability and understanding, support the Supreme Laws of the Great

Council of the United States, and the Laws of the Great Council of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties devolving upon me as a member of the Board of Appeals, so help me, the Great Spirit."

This obligation shall be administered in the first instance by the Great Prophet, and thereafter by one of the members of the Board.

#### Official Recorder

Sec. 9. The Great Chief of Records shall be the Official Recorder of the Board of Appeals. He shall attend all its sessions, when so requested by the Chairman; provided, that if it be impracticable for him to do so, some other person may be appointed by the Great Sachem to attend to the duties thereof for the time being.

The recorder shall issue all processes, orders and mandates; keep a true and correct record of all its proceedings; collect and preserve all orders, judgments, decrees and its other official acts, and shall, under its direction, have printed and published the decisions, orders, judgments and rulings, for distribution, as the Great Council may authorize.

Sec. 10. Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Appeals by reason of death, resignation or other cause, the Great Sachem shall, within thirty days, fill such vacancy by appointment, such appointment to be effective until the succeeding session of the Great Council.

Sec. 11. The Board of Appeals shall convene in regular session in the same hunting grounds, and at the same time when the Great Council of Indiana shall hold its session. With the advice and consent of the Great Sachem, the Board of Appeals may hold special sessions at such times and places as the business may require. The Recorder shall mail notices of such special sessions ten days in advance thereof to all parties interested in the business before it. In selecting the hunting grounds for special sessions, it shall be with a view to the convenience of the parties concerned.

Sec. 12. The members of the Board of Appeals (including the Official Recorder) shall



receive for such attendance mileage and per diem at the rate allowed attendants at the Great Council of Indiana.

Sec. 13. If any person or party to any order, judgment, or decree of the Board of Appeals, shall fail, neglect or refuse to abide and perform the same according to its true intent and meaning, or if any Chief or member, not a party to the judgment, order or decree of the Board of Appeals, shall assist, aid or abet another in interfering with the execution or compliance with the judgments, orders and decrees of the Board of Appeals, such person or party shall be held guilty of insubordination, and shall be punished therefor by reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the Order or the revoking of their dispensation or charter, as the case may be.

Sec. 14. An appeal may be taken from the action or decision of the Great Council by any member or person who thinks his rights have been denied by such action or decision upon giving written notice to and filing said appeal with the Great Sachem, within one month from the date of said action or decision, and provided that two copies of the appeal be placed in the hands of the Great Sachem.

Sec. 15. When the Great Sachem has received an appeal, in accordance with Section 1 of this Article, he shall at once transmit the appeal and all the papers connected therewith to the Board of Appeals, whose duty it shall be to investigate and determine the case.

Sec. 16. Members or Tribes may appeal from the action of the Board of Appeals, provided two copies of the appeal have been presented, mailed or sent to the Great C. of R. not less than twenty suns prior to the kindling of the Great Council fire of the United States; and the Great C. of R. shall certify, under seal of the Great Council (on each of the copies) the date that he received the appeal and forthwith send one to the appellee, and one copy to the Great Incohonee, whose duty it shall be to forward it to the Great Board of Appeals of the G. C. U. S. All appeals from the action of a Board of Appeals must be made so that they

can be acted upon prior to the next Council of the G. C. U. S. following the decision or action taken, and a failure to do so shall be a bar to all further proceedings.

Sec. 17. All appeals taken from the action of the Great Council to the Board of Appeals, or from the Board of Appeals to the Great Board of Appeals of the G. C. U. S., as heretofore provided, shall be received and passed upon as a last resort, but in all cases the action or decision appealed from shall be final and conclusive and shall be adhered to and obeyed until reversed by the Board appealed to.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Orphan's Fund

#### Amount of Tax—How Collected

Section 1. There is hereby created an Orphans Fund and set aside therefor the sum of money that may be received from the Orphans Fund Per Capita tax, which fund shall be held and used for no other purpose than the care and education of dependent orphans of deceased members of Tribes under the jurisdiction of the Great Council of Indiana, under such rules and regulations as may be hereinafter be provided. This fund shall be held by the Great Keeper of Wampum separate from all other funds, and shall be paid out only in the manner as provided by law.

#### State Orphans' Board—How Appointed

Sec. 2. There is hereby created a State Orphans Board, to be composed of the Great Sachem, Great Chief of Records, and three members of this Great Council. The members now serving on the present Board, and whose terms still run for one and two years, shall continue as members of said Board during the continuation of the terms for which they were originally appointed. On the passage of this act, the incoming Great Sachem shall appoint one member of this Great Council as the third

member of the Board. He shall be appointed for a term of three years. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation of this Great Council. Thereafter at each Great Sun session of the Great Council, one member of the Board shall be appointed to serve three years. Should a vacancy occur during the time the Great Council fire is quenched, the Great Sachem may appoint to fill such vacancy; such appointment, however, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Great Chiefs.

### **Suspension or Removal**

Sec. 3. The State Orphans Board, or any member thereof, may be suspended or removed for cause, by the Great Sachem, upon a written statement of facts submitted to the Great Council, prior notice of removal and a true copy of said statement having been served upon said member or members at least thirty days prior to the meeting of said Great Council, to the end that the member or members so removed may have had notice and be given ample time in which to make answer in writing: Provided, however, That such action of the Great Sachem is first approved by the Great Council by a majority vote of the members present. A member so removed shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Appeals, provided that such appeal shall not operate as a stay or supersede pending the action upon appeal by the Board of Appeals or Great Board of Appeals.

### **Meeting of Board**

Sec. 4. The Great Sachem shall be the Chairman of the State Orphans' Board, and the Great Chief of Records shall be the Secretary. The Board shall meet at the call of the Great Sachem, and for attendance on such meetings the appointive members of the Board shall be paid as other Committees are paid, from the General Fund, on the same basis as representatives to the Great Council.

### **Authority to Pass on Applications**

Sec. 5. The Orphans' Board, or a majority thereof, shall have authority to pass upon all applications for benefits from the Orphans' Fund, and promulgate such rules and regulations for the disbursement of the fund as may seem for the best interest of the Order, subject to the approval of this Great Council, and shall prescribe such blanks as may be necessary to carry out the work, and any expenses connected with the proper administration of the business, such as postage, inspections, etc., shall be paid for from the general funds.

### **Secretary's Duties**

Sec. 6. - The Secretary of the State Orphans' Board shall make out and submit to the Great Council at its annual session each great sun a report of the number of applications for benefits received; the number granted; the number rejected and for what cause; the number of orphans being cared for, with name of each orphan; the amount of weekly benefits allowed each orphan, together with the name and number of the Tribe to which the deceased member belonged, and the total amount received and expended during the great sun.

### **Limitations of Appropriations**

Sec. 7. No appropriations shall be authorized by the Orphans' Board in excess of two fathoms (dollars) and fifty inches (cents) for seven suns' (one week's) benefits for each child, or for more than three months, at any time, and the total amount appropriated for all cases shall not exceed the income to the Orphans' Fund for the year.

### **General Provision as to Governing Laws**

Sec. 8. Any provision for the conduct of the business pertaining to the State Orphans' Board or fund not provided for herein shall be governed by the General Laws of the Great Council of the United States.



### Orphans' Benefits—How Obtained and How Long

Sec. 9. Any Tribe under the jurisdiction of this Great Council of Indiana, having been made acquainted with the fact that a member of such Tribe has died, leaving a child or children, such member being in good standing in this Tribe at the time of his death, and for six months previous thereto, may, if circumstances warrant such action, and if said orphan or orphans are indigent and worthy and in need thereof, and if under the age of sixteen years, apply to the State Orphans' Board for participation in the Orphans' Fund.

Such application shall be made upon the form furnished and prescribed by such Board, and in every case shall show whether such child is a full or half orphan. Said application shall be forwarded by the Tribe after the same has been acted upon and approved at a regular Council meeting thereof, to the Great Chief of Records, and be acted upon by the Great Sachem and Great Chief of Records; if they approve such application, it shall be sent to the appointive members of the State Orphans' Board, who shall consider said application and by a majority vote in writing, authorize or refuse such appropriation, as may be by them deemed right. If an appropriation be authorized each member of said Board shall attest in writing the amount to be appropriated and period of appropriation. Such appropriation shall be wholly voluntary and in the discretion of the State Orphans' Board, and not a contract or matter of right. In case of entire disagreement upon any question, the application must be referred by the Secretary of the State Orphans' Board to the Board of Great Chiefs.

### Disposition of Appropriation

Section 10. When a decision of the State Orphans' Board is obtained, it shall be communicated by the Secretary to the Tribe. Appropriations authorized shall be forwarded to the Recording Chief of the Tribe making ap-

plication therefor, and he shall immediately report same to such Tribe, and place said amount in the custody of the Keeper of Wampum, to be retained as a separate and distinct fund, never to be used for any other purpose than the support and education of the orphan for whom said appropriation was made.

### Special Guardianship and Duties

Section 11. A special committee of three members, or a special guardian, for each orphan or set of orphans shall be appointed by the Tribal Sachem, and shall have charge of said orphan or set of orphans for whose relief appropriations have been made, secure for said orphan a proper home, care and education, and be especially charged to pay watchful attention to the moral and physical needs of said orphan, making reports as often as once each moon (month) to the Tribe of every circumstance in this connection which should be so reported. Said committee or special guardian, by direction of the Tribe, may contract to the extent of the appropriation, for the full support and education of the orphan with the surviving mother, if she be worthy as a proper custodian of the child or children, or with any competent and worthy person, as may be by them determined, and pay therefor the full amount of the appropriation obtained from the Orphans' Fund, or as much thereof as may be required, but no wampum shall be drawn from the appropriation except upon twig (vote) of the Tribe and upon special order drawn on the K. of W., and in all cases receipts shall be taken for all sums paid from the appropriation to any person whomsoever, which receipts shall be filed with the Tribe and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Orphans' Board as part of its report to said Board. The names of each committee or special guardian shall be reported to said Secretary. Members of such committee or the special guardian may be removed by a vote of the Tribe or by a majority of the State Board; and no further appropriation shall be made in any such case until the order of removal is complied with; Provided, that in



lieu of such special guardian or special committee the Tribe may designate the Board of Trustees of the Tribe to perform such duties.

### **Tribal Reports—How and When Made**

Sec. 12. Any Tribe having charge of an orphan to whom appropriation has been made as aforesaid, shall make quarterly reports upon a blank provided by the State Board, two copies of which shall be sent to the G. C. of R., as Secretary of said Board, and one copy to be retained by the Tribe.

Sec. 13. On or within ten days after the 1st day of January, April, July and October, each Tribe having an appropriation shall report to the Secretary, showing the amount of wampum on hand to the credit of each orphan, and where kept, together with such other data as may be required by said State Board, and until the report is received by the Secretary, no further appropriation for such orphan shall be made.

### **General Rules and Regulations**

Sec. 14. The Orphans' Fund shall be administered in accordance with the following rules:

(a) Benefits from said Fund shall cease when the surviving parent of a half-orphan remarries or when such orphan shall arrive at the age of 16 years, except in worthy and extreme cases, to be approved by the State Board.

(b) When a member of the Order, as hereinbefore provided, is dead and the mother is insane, the child or children may be rated as full orphans.

(c) Any unexpended balance of wampum from the Orphans' Fund which may be in the possession of a Tribe when payments of benefits to an orphan shall cease must be at once returned to the Fund from which received.

(d) It shall be contrary to the intention of the general law, and therefore not permissible, that children receiving benefits from the Orphans' Fund shall become inmates of a public or private institution during such time, and

the placing of a child or children in such institution shall operate to discontinue the benefits. It is the intention of the law to provide maintenance for the child in the home of its nearest relative or in a private family, preferably with a member of the Order.

(e) If a child receiving benefits as herein provided, shall be legally adopted it shall no longer be entitled to benefits from said Fund.

(f) It shall not be permissible for any of the wampum from said Fund that is sent to a Tribe for the care and education of orphans be spent for life insurance or other expenses, than for the orphans themselves, nor shall any portion be retained, beyond the child or children's present reasonable needs. The State Board shall have power to recall, through the Secretary, any unreasonable and unexpended balance.

(g) In all cases where the father was in good standing in his Tribe, for a period of six months, previous to his death, and said Tribe afterwards becomes defunct, it shall be permissible for the child or children of such deceased member, or some responsible person acting in their behalf, to apply for benefits through another Tribe in good standing; Provided, that such application must be filed within three years after the Tribe became defunct, and if approved by the Board shall be allowed.

(h) The father who was a member of the Order, as hereinbefore provided, having died and the mother having deserted the child or children, they shall be considered full orphans.

(i) Where the surviving parent of a child or children receiving benefits from said Fund, removes to a foreign country, taking said child or children, the benefits as herein provided shall cease.

(j) Where a member dies after a Tribe to which he belonged, becomes defunct, and he has not retained his membership in the Order, his child or children are not entitled to benefits.

(k) When a member is in good standing at the time of his death, and had been for six months prior thereto and his children are placed on the benefit list, they shall not lose their

rights to benefits if the Tribe then becomes defunct, but shall be placed under the care and protection of the nearest Tribe or Council.

(l) When a member who has been in good standing for more than one year preceding, becomes wholly incapacitated from doing any work, and is unable to provide for his children, and the mother is dead or unable to provide for them, such children shall be rated as orphans, and if in need, shall be entitled to participate in the Orphans' Fund under such rules and regulations as may be provided by the State Board.

(m) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Committee to make a report to the State Board on or before the 10th day of September each year, giving the financial standing of each family in its jurisdiction receiving benefits, as to the amount and source of income, and a detailed statement of the necessary expenses.

(n) It shall be the duty of a Tribe before making application for benefits to appoint a committee of three members whose duty it shall be to investigate individually into the case of each applicant to ascertain the financial, moral and intellectual well-being of said applicant. Each member of the committee shall make a written report to the Tribe before the latter presents said matter to the State Board.

(o) When an orphan or orphans live in the jurisdiction of another tribe other than the one to which the deceased brother was a member, it shall be the duty of the latter tribe to care for said orphans the same as if the deceased had been a member of that tribe. Monthly and quarterly reports shall be made out and forwarded to the Tribe of which the deceased was a member, on or before the 10th day of January, April, July and October, of each year.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. The Great Sachem having taken his chair, the Great Chiefs shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the tomahawk there shall be general silence.

2. At the run appointed for the kindling of the council fire, the guards shall be posted, and the Great Sannap, Great Mishinewa, and their assistants, shall prove every brother and report; if correct, the Great Council fire shall be kindled in the usual form.

3. Representatives from one-third of the Tribes of the State shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except the admission of new members, and to kindle and quench the Great Council Fire from time to time, for which purpose alone less than a quorum may act.

4. Should less than a quorum be present no Legislation may be passed.

5. Should there be less than a quorum present, not previously qualified as Past Sachems, but who, by virtue of their certificates, are entitled to be qualified as such, the Great Sachem shall direct the proper Chiefs to present them for the purpose of conferring the Great Council degree.

6. The Great Chief of Records shall call the roll of Great Chiefs' and present the certificates of the Past Sachems, which shall be referred to the proper committee.

7. Report of Committee on Credentials.

8. New members admitted and instructed.

9. The records of the last Council read and acted upon.

10. Presentation of the long talks of the Great Chiefs.

11. Reports of Committees.

12. Communications and resolutions presented and referred.

13. Deferred business.

14. New business.



15. The Great Sachem shall preserve order and decorum and pronounce the decision of the Great Council on all subjects; he may speak to points of order in preference to other brothers; decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Great Council by any two brothers, on which appeal no brother shall speak more than once.

16. No brother shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order, nor stand up to interrupt him, nor when a brother is speaking pass between him and the Great Sachem.

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

18. No brother shall speak unless he has been recognized by the Great Sachem.

19. No brother shall speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all the brothers wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the Great Sachem.

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

21. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the Great Sachem, and it shall be reduced to writing.

22. When a question is before the Great Council, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged.

23. On the call of five members the previous question shall be put, when all further amendments that have been previously offered shall be voted upon in their order, before the main question.

24. Every brother present shall, if required, vote on any question before the Great Council, unless for special reasons he be excused.

25. No motion to reconsider shall be received unless moved by a brother who voted in the majority in the first instance.

26. Any brother may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of one other committee.

27. The brother first named on a committee shall act as chairman thereof, until another is chosen by themselves.

28. While the Great Sachem is putting a question nor addressing the Great Council, or while any other brother is speaking, no member shall walk about, or retire, or entertain private discourse.

29. No motion can be made by one brother while another is speaking, and no motion can be made without rising and addressing the Great Sachem.

30. The Great Sachem or any brother doubting the decision of any question may call for a division of the Great Council, and a count of the affirmative and negative votes.

31. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

32. Any committee appointed at one council fire of the Great Council to report at the next succeeding, shall make such report in writing.

33. Any brother has the right to protest and have the same spread upon the records.

34. Motion for adjournment, the previous question, to lie on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, should be put without debate.

35. Any of these rules may be dispensed with by a vote of two-thirds of the brothers present.

# CODE OF LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF TRIBES

## ARTICLE I

### Kindling of Council Fires

Section 1. Each Tribe shall hold councils at such stated times as it may determine upon, and the council fire shall be kindled promptly. Provided, That regular councils must be held at least twice each month.

Sec. 2. Special councils of any Tribe shall be called by the Sachem when requested in writing, by seven members of the Tribe, or by the Sachem when deemed necessary. Such request and call shall state the object of the council, and no other business shall be transacted at such council than that for which it is called.

Sec. 3. At any stated or special council, if the Sachem and Sagamores be absent, a Past Sachem present shall, on motion, be chosen to preside.

Sec. 4. Five or more members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if a quorum only be present, no wampum shall be appropriated (except for benefits).

Sec. 5. When special councils are called, the members of the Tribe shall be notified by verbal or written notice, or by publication in some newspaper.

## ARTICLE II

### Election and Appointment of Chiefs

Section 1. The elective Chiefs of a Tribe shall be a Sachem, Senior Sagamore, Junior Sagamore, Prophet, Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum (if desired) and Keeper of Wampum, who shall be elected at the first regular councils of June and December; provided, a Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum, or Keeper of Wampum, may, if deemed necessary

by a Tribe, be elected at the first regular council in December, to serve for the ensuing great sun. No elected Chief shall be raised up, except at the institution of new Tribes, until he shall have proven by examination to the satisfaction of the Chief raising up such officer that he has committed to memory his respective part in the opening, closing and adoption ceremonies, and having failed to do so, his Chieftaincy shall be declared vacant by the Raising Chief and the Tribe shall proceed to fill the same as per Section 8 of this Article. Tribes may, by changing their By-Laws, elect all Chiefs for a period of 1 year.

Sec. 2. The appointed Chiefs of a Tribe shall be two Sannaps, four Warriors, a Guard of the Wigwam, Guard of the Forest and four Braves.

Sec. 3. The nomination of candidates for elective chieftaincies shall be made at a stated council immediately preceding the council for election, and no vote shall be counted for any candidate who was not then nominated; provided, That should a Tribe fail to nominate on the stated council, or should all candidates regularly nominated for any chieftaincy decline, then nominations may be made on the council of election, but not otherwise.

Sec. 4. All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to a choice. When there are more than two candidates for the same office, the one receiving the least number of votes at each ballot, shall be dropped; and all votes that may be given for such candidate thereafter shall not be counted. When there is but one candidate for any office, the election shall be by motion and vote in the usual manner.

Sec. 5. The raising up of Chiefs shall take place on the first council sleep of the term, unless a dispensation has been granted to postpone the same. Tribes may have their Chiefs raised up in public, whenever such Tribe desires to do so.

Sec. 6. Elected Chiefs are required to be in good standing in the Tribe to be raised to their Chieftancies.



Sec. 7. When any elective or appointive Chief shall have absented himself for three successive stated councils, written notice shall at once be sent to him, under the seal of the Tribe, signed by the Chief of Records (or in his absence, by the Sachem), to appear at the next stated council of the Tribe and show cause why his station should not be declared vacant, and at said next stated council, unless it should appear that said absent Chief has been and is unable to attend on account of sickness or unless absence be otherwise satisfactorily accounted for, his office shall be declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be filled as hereafter provided.

Sec. 8. When a vacancy shall have occurred in any of the elective chieftaincies of a Tribe, a nomination shall immediately be made, and at the next stated council an election shall be had to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 9. A vacancy in any appointed office shall be filled immediately by the Sachem, by appointment.

Sec. 10. Any brother who may be elected or appointed to fill a vacancy, and shall serve under such election or appointment, shall receive all the honors of the station, provided he has served to the end of the term during which he was raised up.

Sec. 11. For the first term after a Tribe shall have been instituted, any Chief Degree member shall be eligible to any office in the Tribe, except that of Prophet.

Sec. 12. All financial chieftaincies in all tribes shall be bonded in such amounts as may be fixed by the Great Council of the United States, under the blanket bond provided by the Great Council of the United States, and any Tribe wilfully disobeying the provisions of this act shall be amenable for insubordination to supreme authority.

### ARTICLE III

#### Qualification and Duties of Chiefs— Prophet

Section 1. No member shall be eligible to the chieftaincy of Prophet, unless he be a Past

Sachem. At the institution of new Tribes the brother raised up as Prophet shall be, if not a Past Sachem (admitted by card) at the time, commissioned as such by the Great Sachem. The duties of the Prophet are such as are defined by the ritual.

#### Sachem

Sec. 2. No member shall be eligible for the office of Sachem who can neither read nor write and who has not served as Senior Sagamore or Junior Sagamore, except during the first term immediately succeeding the institution of a new Tribe, during which time any Chief Degree member is eligible to said office.

It shall be the duty of the Sachem—

1st. To preside at all council fires of the Tribe at which he may be present, and kindle and quench the same in due form; to preserve strict order and decorum, and enforce the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

2d. To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by two members from his decision to the Tribe.

3d. To give the casting vote on all questions before the Tribe in which there may be an equal division of members, except in the election of Chiefs and appeals from his decisions.

4th. To inspect all ballots on applications for membership or certificates, and report thereon to the Tribe.

5th. To sign all orders drawn on the Keeper of Wampum which may be voted by the Tribe, and also such cards, certificates, or notices as may require his signature to authenticate them.

6th. To appoint the Chiefs hereinbefore specified, at the time of his raising up, and to fill vacancy in the same whenever they may occur.

7th. To appoint, at the same council, the first two members of such standing committees as the Tribe may prescribe, and such other committees, from time to time, as may be required by the Constitution and Laws, or directed by the Tribe. On the last meeting of each term to appoint an auditing committee of three

members, whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of the C. of R., C. of W. and K. of W., and attest their correctness on the semi-annual report.

8th. To visit a brother immediately after being advised of his inability to follow the hunt, and continue to do so at least once every week during his disability, if the residence of such brother be within the hunting grounds of the Tribe, and if he is entitled thereto cause the benefits to be paid.

9th. To perform such other duties as may be required of him by the laws and usages of the Order.

### Senior Sagamore

Sec. 3. No member shall be eligible for the office of Senior Sagamore who has not been a Chief Degree member in good standing for six months immediately preceding the election, except as provided for in Section 2, of this Article.

It shall be the duty of the Senior Sagamore—

1st. To assist the Sachem in preserving order and decorum in the Council, and to inspect all ballots.

2nd. To appoint the third member of every committee, except such as it is made the duty of the Sachem to appoint.

3rd. To preside over the Council in the absence of the Sachem.

4th. To give the same attention to a brother unable to follow the hunt which is required of the Sachem.

5th. To perform such other duties as may be required by the charges and regulations of the Order.

### Junior Sagamore

Sec. 4. No member shall be eligible to the office of Junior Sagamore unless he shall have been a Chief Degree member in good standing for six months immediately preceding an election, except as provided for in Section 2 of this Article.

It shall be the duty of the Junior Sagamore—

1st. To assist the Senior Sagamore in preserving order.

2d. To preside over the Council when both the Sachem and the Senior Sagamore are absent.

3d. To perform such other duties as may be required by the charges and regulations of the Order, including the visitation of the sick, as is required of the Sachem and Senior Sagamore.

### Chief of Records

Sec. 5. To be eligible to the office of Chief of Records, a member must have taken the Chief's Degree.

The duties of the Chief of Records shall be—  
1st. To keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the Tribe.

2d. To read all reports, petitions and other communications to the Tribe at the first Council after their receipt.

3d. To draw and attest all orders upon the Keeper of Wampum, which may be allowed by the Tribe.

4th. To sign all cards, certificates and reports which may require his signature.

5th. To keep in suitable book, the accounts of the Tribe and its members; to receive all wampum due the Tribe; pay the same to the Keeper of Wampum at each regular Council, and take his receipt therefor.

6th. To make out all notices that may be required for special Councils, attendance upon the sick, or other purposes.

7th. To furnish the Tribe, at the regular councils immediately preceding the expiration of each term, a list of the brothers who are in arrears, with the amount due from each.

8th. To make out at the expiration of each term a report to the Great Council, in such form as said Great Council may direct, which report he shall read in open Council and record in book to be kept for that purpose, and when said report is approved by the Tribe and signed by the proper Chiefs, previous to the raising up of Chiefs for the ensuing term, he shall forward a true copy of said report to the



first Great Council within ten suns after the expiration of each term.

9th. To enroll in a book, provided for that purpose, the names of the members of the Tribe, age, occupation and residence thereof, and the degrees taken by each; noting from time to time in proper marginal column, the fact of death, suspension, expulsion or withdrawal by card, as the same may occur.

10th. To attend the committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Tribe, and render such assistance as may be necessary.

11th. To deliver up to his successor in office all books and papers pertaining to his office.

12th. Generally to do and perform such other acts as may be required of him by the Tribe and by the laws and usages of the Order.

13th. Any Chief of Record serving his Tribe in said office for three consecutive years shall be granted by his Tribe so served a Past Sachem's Certificate, entitling him to all the honors and priviledges of such chieftancy.

### Collector of Wampum

Sec. 6. Tribes may elect, at the regular election in June and December, a collector of wampum, who must be a chief degree member of the Tribe. It shall be the duty of the Collector of Wampum to keep true and correct account of all wampum collected from the members of the Tribe, pay the same to the K. of W. each regular meeting night, take a receipt therefor, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

### Keeper of Wampum

Sec. 7. To be eligible to the office of Keeper of Wampum, the candidate must have received the Chief's Degree.

It is the duty of the K. of W.—

1st. To receive from the C. of R. and C. of W. all wampum received for and on behalf of the Tribe, and render receipt therefor.

2nd. To pay all orders drawn upon the Wampum Belt, when the same are signed by

the Sachem and attested by the Chief of Records.

3rd. To have his books and accounts ready for settlement at the expiration of each term, and meet with the Auditing Committee for that purpose whenever so required.

4th. To deliver to his successor, all wampum remaining in the belt, and all books and papers and other property of the Tribe that may be in his possession.

5th. Any Keeper of Wampum serving as such for a period of three consecutive years, shall be granted by his Tribe a Past Sachems certificate, entitling him to all the rights and honors of such chieftancy.

### Appointed Chiefs

Sec. 8. The appointed chiefs of a Tribe shall perform such duties as may be required by the Tribe, or enjoined upon them by the laws of the Order.

### Trustees

Sec. 9. On the first regular meeting in December of each year, the Tribe shall elect one Trustee to serve for a period of three years; Provided that at the first election held by new Tribes there shall be elected three Trustees, one to serve for a period of three years, one for two years and one to serve for one year.

Sec. 10. Said Board of Trustees shall have control and management of all investments of any funds of the Tribe that may be set aside for that purpose.

Sec. 11. Said Board shall keep the tribal property insured in some reliable insurance company.

Sec. 12. Should a resolution be introduced providing for a change of investment or depository of any funds of the Tribe it shall not be acted upon at that time but shall lie over until the next regular meeting, unless the rule is suspended by the unanimous consent of all members present. The Trustees shall keep true and correct account of all transactions and shall have the care and safe keeping of all

notes, stocks, etc., and shall deliver the same to their successors in office.

Sec. 13. Said Board of Trustees shall report to the Tribe whenever it deposits, invests or withdraws any funds of the Tribe, and shall make full, true and correct account of its transaction at the regular meeting in July and December of each year.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Compensation of Chiefs

Section 1. The C. of R., C. of W. and G. of F., shall receive such compensation as the Tribe may designate, which shall be paid quarterly on the presentation of their respective accounts for services rendered, at the last stated meeting in March, June, September and December, of each year.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Membership

Section 1. The conditions upon which a person may become a member of this Order are as follows:

(a) He must be a male person, a citizen of the United States and be able to speak and understand the English language.

(b) And of good moral character.

(c) And, not under 16 or more than 50 years of age; Provided, that a dispensation may be granted to permit the admission of a person over 50 years of age; Provided, further, that Tribes may provide by its by-laws for the admission of an applicant over 50 years of age when his application is accompanied by a waiver of benefits duly signed by said applicant. The payment of sick and funeral benefits shall not apply to non-beneficial members.

(d) The applicant must be a believer in the Supreme Being or Great Spirit.

(e) He must be of sound mind and body, except that a disabled person may be admitted by dispensation

(f) He must not have been rejected, or suspended for non-payment of dues, or resigned

from any Tribe within six months next preceding his application.

(g) He must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Tribe for 6 months before his admission.

(h) He must have a known reputable means of support.

(i) No Communist shall be eligible to become a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and requiring that all question books shall have a question substantially on the following form "Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

##### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

....., 19.....

To.....Tribe No. ....

Believing in the principles and objects of your Order, I hereby respectfully apply for admission

in your Tribe by.....

In consideration of admission thereto, I agree that if elected to membership, I will obey the laws and usages of the Order as they now exist or may be hereafter enacted. I am a citizen of the United States; have been a resident of this reservation for the last six months; I speak the English language; I believe in a Supreme Being; I am sound in mind and body, have not been rejected or suspended for non-payment of dues, or resigned therefrom in any Tribe within six months and have a reputable means of support.

My residence is.....

My telephone number is.....

My age is.....

My occupation is.....



I was born at.....

(If foreign born) was naturalized at

on.....day of....., 19.....

Fee accompanying this application, \$.....

....., APPLICANT

Recommended by .....

This Application is referred to.....

We the Committee report.....favorable.....

Sec. 2. A person may become a member in a reservation other than that in which he lives only upon the written consent of the Great Sachem of the Great Council of his own residence. This rule also applies to transfer, or change of jurisdiction, without change of residence.

Sec. 3. An application for membership by card must contain the commendation of two members in good standing, and accompanied by one-half the fee. Such application shall be referred to a committee of three, which committee shall make a strict investigation of the health, character and general qualifications of the applicant, and report at the next meeting, unless a dispensation shall have been received

from the Great Sachem, authorizing the Committee on Investigation to report at the same meeting on which the application is received.

Sec. 4. Upon report of the committee a ballot shall be taken, and if three or more black twigs have been deposited, the candidate shall be rejected, and his application shall not be renewed in any Tribe for a period of six months thereafter; Provided, that if only three black twigs shall have been deposited, before declaring his rejection, another ballot shall be ordered by the presiding chief, and no discussion or explanation shall be allowed, except an admonition to the brethren by the presiding chief to be careful in voting. Provided, further, that where there are two or more candidates to be voted upon at any one meeting, the vote may be spread and taken upon all of said candidates at the same time, if there is no objection. Should the collective vote show three or more black twigs, then each candidate shall be voted upon separately.

Sec. 5. After the election of an applicant, and before his adoption, should the members of the Tribe learn that the applicant is not desirable for membership, the Tribe may annul such election and declare the same void; Provided, that a motion for such annulment shall lay over until the next regular meeting, at which time a vote shall be taken, and if said motion is carried by at least a two-thirds vote of all members present, the ballot shall again be spread on his admission, and if three black twigs are cast the applicant shall be rejected.

Sec. 6. No proposition for membership shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee, except by unanimous consent, and in all cases a ballot shall be had whether the report be favorable or unfavorable.

Sec. 7. No candidate shall be subjected to any discourteous treatment, or to any indignity whatsoever. Should any Tribe permit anything of this kind to be done, or use anything else than the plain instruction provided for in the Ritual, its charter may be revoked at the will of the Board of Control.

## ARTICLE VI

### Degrees

Section 1. Any brother who has been duly adopted, and not indebted to the Tribe, is entitled to the Warrior's Degree at the next regular meeting thereafter, and then at the following regular meeting to the Chief's Degree, unless a dispensation shall have been granted by the Great Sachem to confer the degrees in less time.

Sec. 2. Applications for degrees shall be presented at regular meetings, accompanied with the fee or a portion thereof, as may be provided by the by-laws.

Sec. 3. No Tribe can confer degrees upon a member of another Tribe, without the written consent of the tribe to which such member belongs.

Sec. 4. Each Tribe shall have the privilege of selecting a Degree Master, who shall have power to appoint or remove his assistants.

## ARTICLE VII

### Fees and Dues

Section 1. Each charter member shall pay to his Tribe the sum of (\$10.00) ten dollars. Age 16 to 50.

Sec. 2. The fee for membership in any Tribe shall not be less than \$10.00. Tribes may provide for larger sums by enacting their By-Laws.

Sec. 3. Each Tribe shall have the right to the charge for admission by card, provided, that can not be less than \$2.50.

Sec. 4. Every beneficial member of the Order shall pay not less than \$2.50 per quarter or \$10.00 per year. Non-beneficial members shall pay not less than \$1.50 per quarter or \$6.00 per year. Dues are payable at least 1 quarter in advance.

Sec. 5. No part of the amount received by a Tribe for adoption, degrees, or deposit of card, shall be returned to the brother either directly or indirectly by donation, rebate, gift, or credited on the books of the Tribe as dues paid.

Sec. 6. Tribes may provide by law, subject to the approval of the Great Council, for the imposition of fines and the collection thereof. Fines may be imposed only for improper conduct in, around or about the Council chamber, and for failure or refusal to perform the duties devolving upon a member, or for insubordination to constituted authority; Provided, that no fine or any punishment shall be imposed upon any member without a properly written charge and trial as provided for in Article XVI.

Sec. 7. Assessments on members may be provided for by law, for the purpose of paying sick or funeral benefits.

Sec. 8. A member in arrears for five months shall be notified that, unless such arrearages or a portion thereof shall be discharged within thirty days, he shall be suspended. Notice shall be mailed to the last and usual place of residence or such delinquent member. One in arrears for six months, who has been properly notified for a period of 30 days, may upon a majority of all members present, be suspended, and a minute thereof made upon the record of the Tribe.

Sec. 9. Any Tribe may provide for Life Membership for non-beneficial members, and shall fix the fee at not less than \$50.00, all of which shall be handled and controlled under and according to the general laws as passed by the G. C. U. S.

(a) A brother who has been a member of the Order continuously for fifty years, and in good standing at that time, shall automatically become a life member and shall be exempt from all dues and assessments, and shall receive all the rights and benefits provided by law, for the remainder of his life, and upon his death funeral benefits shall be paid as then provided by law.

(b) Tribes shall pay only the same amount of Per Capita Tax on 50 year members to the Great Council of Indiana as the Great Council of Indiana pays to the Great Council of the United States, and each Tribe must list the names of their 50 year members on the back page of every six moons report sent to the Great Chief of Records.



## ARTICLE VIII

### Funds

Section 1. All funds of a Tribe are trust funds of the Order, created for the advancement and best interests thereof as a whole, and shall never be expended for any other object or purpose than the following, to-wit:

(a) The necessary expenses of the Tribe economically administered, and as determined by the Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Order.

(b) The payment of per capita tax, sick and funeral benefits, and for such other purposes as may be provided by the general laws of the order. A Tribe may expend not to exceed ten per cent of its income, in any one year, for social purposes.

(c) A Tribe may loan its surplus funds, but no loans shall be made except first mortgage security, and it shall have the right to buy government, state or municipal bonds, or deposit same in some reliable bank, Trust company, or loan association, all of which acts shall be approved by the Tribe before being made, by not less than a two-thirds vote of members present.

Sec. 2. The dues and revenue may be deposited in separate accounts and accounted for in the same manner.

Sec. 3. Upon a Tribe becoming defunct or desiring to surrender its charter, all property, both real and personal, effects and money in its possession or belonging to it, shall thereupon vest in and become the property of the Great Council of Indiana, and all deeds, abstracts, contracts, and all personal property of whatsoever kind and description, shall be delivered to the Great Sachem at once.

Sec. 4. No donations or the payment of any funds shall be made to any member of the Order under the guise of charity, nor shall any of the funds of the Tribe be divided among any members, nor paid on charitable or social purposes, for and with the intention of depleting the funds of the Tribe, except that

the Tribe shall have the right by majority vote to pay the ordinary legitimate expenses.

Sec. 5. If the Great Sachem shall acquire reliable information that a Tribe is about to, or has unlawfully disposed of its property, real or personal, or any part thereof, by division or distribution among or to its members, or to any other object, purpose or use other than that authorized by the laws of this Order, he shall suspend the charter of said tribe, pending a hearing and the determination of the truth or falsity of such information, of which hearing notice shall be given by the Great Chief of Records. If after such hearing the Great Sachem is satisfied as to the truth of such information and facts, he shall revoke the charter of such Tribe, effective immediately, without further notice or hearing.

Sec. 6. In the event of a tribe owning real estate, and desires to sell or mortgage a building or buildings, notification must be forwarded to each and every member of such tribe. A similar notification must also be forwarded to the Great Sachem and the Great Chief of Records, at least 30 days in advance of such contemplated action, designating the specific date, place and time of contemplated sale or Mortgage. If in the opinion of the respective Great Chiefs, as set forth above, such sale or mortgage is deemed to be in the best interest of the membership, the Great Sachem may immediately suspend the charter of such tribe and take the necessary steps to freeze its assets, pending the achievement of a suitable agreement.

## ARTICLE IX

### Benefits

Section 1. Each Tribe may provide for the payment of sick benefits to all its Chiefs' Degree beneficial members, or it may provide that such payment shall be made, only when the circumstances warrant, to the worthy and needy, in which case the amount and duration of such payments shall be in the discretion of the Tribe, and not a matter of contract. Provided:

In no case shall such beneficial member be entitled by law or contract to more than thirteen weeks' benefits in any one year. Tribes may provide that no benefits shall be paid for the first weeks' illness or disability.

Sec. 2. A member of the Order in good standing and entitled to benefits, who may be unable to follow one hunt while absent from home and in the hunting grounds of another Tribe, shall report or cause his illness to be reported to the Tribe in the hunting grounds in which he may be located. It shall be the duty of said tribe, to at once, through its Relief Chiefs, take full charge of the brother and pay him such amounts as he may be entitled to under the by-laws of his own Tribe. His home Tribe shall be notified at once of his condition and shall promptly reimburse the Tribe extending relief, for the sum expended. Provided: That the Tribe extending the relief shall be the sole judge of the sickness or disability of the brother. If any brother becomes unable to follow the hunt while in the hunting grounds where a General Relief Committee has been established, such Committee shall act for the tribes as above provided.

Sec. 3. A member entitled to benefits who may become sick while absent from home, and not in the hunting grounds of another Tribe, shall be entitled to receive benefits upon presenting, or causing to be presented to his Tribe, a certificate of a physician as to the duration, cause and extent of such sickness or disability, which certificate shall be signed and attested before a Notary Public or some officer having a seal.

Sec. 4. Any member becoming sick or unable to follow the hunt, shall, within one week from the commencement of such sickness or disability, notify the relief committee of the Tribe to which he belongs, or in which reservation he may be, of such sickness, and failing to do so, he shall not receive benefits for more than one week prior to such notification.

Sec. 5. The Tribe may provide for funeral benefits for each and every beneficial member and the sum so fixed shall immediately be paid

over to some person authorized to receive the same. If there is not sufficient wampum in the belt to pay such funeral expenses, the Tribe shall make an assessment upon each member of not to exceed the sum of \$1.00 in any given case, and such assessments shall be charged to the account of the members of the Tribe.. Should the deceased brother leave no relative or friend authorized to receive said amount the Sachem shall take charge of his funeral, pay the expenses thereof from such appropriation, and make report of his proceedings to the Tribe.

Sec. 6. No amount of wampum fixed by any by-law of any Tribe in this reservation as death benefits shall be paid to any executor, administrator, or become assets of the estate of a deceased brother, or be used in the payment of his debts or costs of administration, and the balance, if any, after the payment of the necessary funeral expenses, shall remain in the wampum belt and become the property of the Tribe.

Sec. 7. If a brother, not in arrears, should be taken sick, he can not become delinquent while sick, or deprived of his benefits, and the Relief Chiefs are directed to pay his dues from any benefits allowed him by the Tribe.

Sec. 8. A brother shall be considered in "good standing" in the meaning of the laws, when clear from all penal charges on the books of the Tribe, and not in arrears for fines and quarterly dues and assessments.

Sec. 9. No Tribe shall suspend its sick or funeral benefits without first submitting to the Tribe an amendment to the By-Laws, which shall lay over to a date fixed and each and every member shall have written notice thereof, and a right to vote thereon.

## ARTICLE X

### Sojourning Members and Relief Committees

Section 1. Each member, on taking up his residence outside the hunting grounds of his Tribe, shall report himself to the nearest Tribe to his residence, or where it is equally near to



two or more Tribes, he may report to any one of same, within thirty days after taking up his residence within such hunting grounds, and, in making such report, shall give the name, number and location of his Tribe, which shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose by the Chief of Records of the Tribe, and the brother so reporting shall be entitled to the same care and attention from such Tribe equally with its own members. Provided, that such member shall be entitled to benefits as prescribed by the By-laws of the Tribe to which he belongs, and such member failing to report as above provided shall not be entitled to attention of any Tribe. But failure to report and register shall not affect the rights of a member to receive weekly sick and funeral benefits by his Tribe.

Sec. 2. The Sachem, Senior Sagamore and Junior Sagamore shall constitute the relief committee of the Tribe. A Tribe may enact a law to place the C. of R. upon the relief committee. The Senior Sagamore shall call on any brother within twenty-four hours after he shall be reported unable to follow the hunt, and each member of the committee shall call upon him at least once each week during his disability. If entitled to benefits they shall recommend that an order be drawn on the Keeper of Wampum for the regular weekly allowance, and report their doings at the next regular Council of the Tribe. For neglect to perform any of their prescribed duties the Tribe may by a two-thirds vote impose a fine of one fathom of wampum upon any member of the committee for each offense; provided, that no such fine shall be imposed without a trial and conviction in all things as provided in Article XVI of these By-Laws.

Sec. 3. Whenever any member of the relief committee shall neglect to give proper attention to a sick brother, who may be reported to him, unless such neglect be occasioned by sickness or absence, he may be suspended, fined, or reprimanded, as the Tribe may determine; the trial to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI. of these laws.

## ARTICLE XI

### Widows' and Orphans' Fund

Section 1. Each Tribe in this reservation, at the first stated council of the Cold and Buck moons, may set apart not less than five per cent of all wampum received for adoption, degrees, fines and dues, and especially appropriate the same for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased members belonging to such Tribe.

## ARTICLE XII

### Per Capita Tax

Section 1. Each Tribe shall pay such per capita tax to the Great Council of Indiana, as designated by said Great Council, which per capita shall be paid at the close of each term and accompany the report.

Sec. 2. Tribes may provide for raising funds or donations to the Support of Retarded and Crippled Children. The Great Council of Indiana or the Great Council of the United States must not be held liable in such action.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Cards, Transfer, Withdrawal, Etc.

Section 1. Any member in good standing may transfer his membership to any other Tribe in the hunting grounds of his residence, or those nearest to his residence, by paying all debts and dues which he may owe to his Tribe, including one moon in advance, and making application for a Transfer Card. Such application shall give the name and number of the Tribe to which transfer is desired, and the law being complied with by such applicant, it shall be the imperative duty of such Tribe to issue such Transfer Card at the next regular Council thereof, unless charges or complaint in writing be filed against such applicant. Any member who may file complaint against such applicant otherwise than in good faith shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a Red Man, and shall be punished by suspension or expulsion from the

Order, upon conviction as provided for in Article XVI of these By-Laws.

Sec. 2. A member holding a Transfer Card shall deposit the same with the Tribe to which it is directed before the expiration of thirty days, together with the fee for membership by affiliations, as by its by-laws required. If elected to membership therein, his former Tribe shall be at once notified, and his membership therein at once determine and cease, and it shall begin in said Tribe which thus elected him to membership by Transfer Card. If rejected, his membership shall continue as before and the Transfer Card shall become thereby null and void.

Sec. 3. A member suspended for non-payment of dues desirous of joining a tribe in the same Reservation after one year's suspension may apply to his Tribe for a Dismissal Certificate, and the same shall be granted upon the payment of one fathom.

Sec. 4. A member suspended for the non-payment of dues wishing to regain membership in another Reservation may apply to his Tribe for a Dismissal Certificate, and the same shall be granted upon the payment of one fathom.

Sec. 5. In all cases where a Tribe has refused to reinstate a member suspended for non-payment of dues, he may make application for a Dismissal Certificate, and upon a majority vote in favor of said application, the same shall be granted upon the payment of one fathom.

Sec. 6. Dismissal Certificates may be received upon deposit in any Tribe under the same laws as govern reinstatement of suspended members, provided that such Dismissal Certificate shall not be deposited in the Tribe that issued it.

Sec. 7. An official receipt shall be prima facie evidence of the payment of dues by the brother to whom it is issued.

Sec. 8. Any member in good standing and not indebted to his Tribe, upon payment and application therefor, shall have issued to him a Withdrawal Card. A member accepting a Withdrawal Card shall not be entitled to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Order

whatsoever.

Sec. 9. Should any brother object to the granting of a card, he shall be required to reduce his objections to writing. The Sachem shall thereupon appoint a committee of three brothers to investigate such objections, who shall report thereon to the Tribe as early as practicable. A ballot vote of the Tribe shall then be taken upon the granting of such card, and a majority of the brothers present shall decide.

Sec. 10. Upon the granting of a withdrawal card, the membership of the applicant therefor, in the Tribe granting the same shall cease. A tribe granting a withdraw card has power to recall or annul the same for good cause.

Sec. 11. Tribal receipts for dues presented in connection with the universal P. W. entitle brothers to visit Tribes, while traveling or sojourning in places beyond the limits of the reservation to which they belong. They also entitle the holder to all the courtesies of the brotherhood, as well as the benevolent usages of the Order, if they should meet with accident or misfortune.

Sec. 12. The vote of a Tribe granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with the Tribe and releases the Tribe granting it from all liabilities for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not.

Sec. 13. Every withdrawal card must bear the signature of the Great Chief of Records of the Great Council of the United States, or a facsimile thereof. It must be signed by the Sachem and attested by the Chief of Records, under the seal of the Tribe granting it. The name of the holder must also be written on the margin in his own handwriting.

Sec. 14. A Tribe may charge a fee not exceeding fifty cents for each withdrawal card, which shall be paid at the time of applying therefor.

Sec. 15. Any withdrawal card may be revoked for cause by the Tribe granting the same, and, when revoked, the person holding said card shall be subject to the Tribe which



issued the same. A withdrawal card may be renewed if lost or destroyed.

Sec. 16. Tribes granting a Transfer Card may charge the applicant not more than one fathom for such card, in addition to the payment of one moons dues n iadvance.

Sec. 17. Each Tribe shall regulate its own charge for admission by Transfer Card, provided the amount in no case be less than two dollars and fifty cents.

Sec. 18. Any member of a Tribe of the Order which has become defunct may apply to the Great Chief of Records of the Great Council for a Great Council Card, such application to be accompanied with the fee therefor, as required by the laws, which shall be one fathom, and thereupon, if such member is otherwise in good standing, such Great Council Card shall be issued to him.

Sec. 19. Should any Card become lost or destroyed, the same may, upon proof thereof, be duplicated. All Cards shall be valid until they expire by limitation are annulled, revoked or repositied as by law provided.

Sec. 20. Whenever a member in good standing has lost his membership by reason of the dissolution of his Tribe, and is refused membership in any Tribe, by reason of age, then said member within six months after said dissolution may make application to the Great Chief of Records for admission nito the Indiana Great Council Tribe No. 630, and shall be subject to the laws of said Great Council Tribe.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Traveling Brothers

Section 1. A brother shall at all times be allowed to visit and attend the council of any Tribe under the jurisdiction of any Great Council, in conformity with the Ritual, provided, he is in possession of the Universal Password.

Sec. 2. When a brother in good standing, and entitled to benefits, applies for and obtains such from a Tribe of which he is not a member, the amount of such benefits granted must

be paid by the Tribe to which he is attached, upon due notice over the seal of the Tribe which granted such relief: provided, Such relief does not exceed the amount as specified by his Tribe as benefits due or to be paid.

## ARTICLE XV

### Improper Conduct of Members

Section 1. A member of the Order who shall divulge to an applicant for membership the names of the members who reported unfavorably upon such application or otherwise oppose such applicant becoming a member of the Tribe, or who shall divulge to a paleface the name of an applicant before he is voted for or after he is rejected, shall, upon conviction thereof, for the first offense be fined a sum not exceeding three dollars for the second offense he shall be expelled.

Sec. 2. Any brother who shall make use of profane, vulgar, or indecent language in the wigwam while the council fire is burning, shall be immediately ejected therefrom and not readmitted during the burning of the council fire on that sleep, and in addition shall, for the first offense, be fined not less than one or more than three dollars, and for the second offense he shall be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 3. Any brother who shall be guilty of an immoral practice or conduct, violative of his duties and unbecoming his profession as a member of the Order, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 4. Any brother who shall enter the wigwam when the council fire is burning under the influence of intoxicants, shall be immediately excluded from the wigwam and not be readmitted during the burning of the council fire on that sleep, and in addition shall be fined suspended or expelled as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 5. Any brother who shall reveal any of the secrets of the Order, shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled. All things apper-

taining to the Order, the mode of procedure to gain admission to a council, its signs, tokens, grips, passwords (past and present), business transacted in the council, etc., are secrets to be kept inviolable.

Sec. 6. Any brother making use of improper means to obtain benefits from his Tribe shall, upon conviction thereof, be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine, under the provisions of the next succeeding article of these laws.

Sec. 7. Should any chief or brother appropriate any of the wampum or other property of the Tribe to his own or their use, contrary to the Constitution or Laws, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled or suspended, at the option of the Tribe.

Sec. 8. Any brother who shall intentionally by misstatements or otherwise wrong or defraud another brother out of anything of value may, upon conviction thereof, be fined, suspended or expelled from his Tribe.

Sec. 9. Any Brother who shall hereafter engage in the business as a professional gambler shall be expelled. Admission into Tribes by professional gamblers shall be prohibited.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Trials and Punishments

Section 1. Any member guilty of the following or foregoing offenses would be amenable to the Tribe and should be tried and punished by reprimand, fine, suspension or expulsion:

First, Violation of the obligation he has taken on assuming any chieftaincy, or violating the laws of the Order.

Second, Revealing or making known to a person or persons who are not at the time members of the Order, any of the secrets or workings of the Order, or any business of the Tribe that should be kept secret.

Third, Making false statements, in order to gain admission into the Order, knowing the same to be false, or who shall knowingly con-

ceal any infirmity or disease, either of body or mind.

Fourth, Using improper means to obtain benefits.

Fifth, Appropriating any of the funds, property or benefits of a Tribe to his own use, or wrongfully diverting or misappropriating the funds of the Tribe.

Sixth, Wilfully refusing to appear and testify or give his depositions after being notified by the authority of the Tribe.

Seventh, Violating the criminal laws of the country.

Eighth, Bringing suit in any of the courts of his State against his Tribe for the redress of any grievances, the adjudication of which is provided for by the laws of the Order, until his redress in the Order has been exhausted.

Ninth, Using any of the emblems, mottoes, titles or initials of the Order, either as a Chief or member, directly or indirectly, for the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

The violation of any obligation or pledge taken in the Degrees of the Order; defrauding or attempting to defraud the Great Council of the United States or any subordinate branch of the Order; disobedience to the laws, or the mandates; judgments or decrees of the Judicial Department of the Order; denouncing the Order; originating or wilfully circulating scandalous reports about a Great Chief, or Chief of a branch, shall be deemed an offense against the Order, and for which the offender, upon conviction, shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 2. The violation of the rules of society as established by the moral code of the nation; the violation of the laws of the country, shall be considered conduct unbecoming a Red Man, the offender, upon conviction by his branch, shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 3. Wilful neglect or refusal to obey any legal mandate or command of the Great Sachem, or the wilful disobedience to the final judgments, orders and decrees of the Judicial Department of the Order, and from which no appeal has been taken, or writ of error applied



for, shall be deemed an act of insubordination, and the offender subject to the further judgment of suspension for a stated period, or expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 4. The use of any of the regalia, paraphernalia, flags, colors, mottoes, names, sign words, devices or any other thing used in this Order as part of its work or property, is hereby forbidden by any member for any private or individual purpose, gain or advertisement, and any member making such use shall be deemed guilty of committing an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 5. The use of vinous, spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage in the Council Chamber of a Tribe by its members shall be strictly prohibited. Club Rooms adjoining the Council Chamber, or in other parts of the Wigwam may be maintained by Tribes. Members clothed in regalia of the order shall not be permitted to enter a bar-room where intoxicating liquors are sold. Provided that such Club Room shall remain closed during the burning of the Council Fire, except where the building is owned by more than one Tribe. Any member violating this Section shall upon conviction be suspended or expelled. Any Tribe violating this Section shall have its Charter suspended or revoked.

Sec. 6. The offenses named in the Code of Laws shall be the only ones for which a brother may be expelled.

Sec. 7. Where a certified copy of the records of a properly constituted court, showing that a member of a Tribe has been convicted of a crime, has been duly submitted to the Tribe, then the Tribe or any member of the Tribe may prefer charges against such member on account of such conviction, and such certified copy shall be prima facie evidence of his guilt. But such member against whom charges may be preferred is entitled to a fair and impartial trial, in the same manner and under the rules governing other offenses.

In any trial where a member has been found guilty by the Tribe and the Tribe has failed to affix a penalty, then the member shall stand

convicted and the Sachem shall declare such member suspended for the period of one great sun, during which time he shall be liable to the regular dues and assessments.

Sec. 8. No great Council or other branch of the Order shall at any time, either in the name of the Order or under any guise, promote, conduct, or assist in the promotion or conduct of any raffle, lottery, gift enterprise or game of chance, except at a fair, bazaar or trading post held by a Tribe or branch of the Order in disposing of articles donated to such Tribe or branch of the Order, for such fair, bazaar or trading post; nor in the name of the Order hold, promote or conduct any ball, picnic, entertainment or excursion on the first day of the week, usually called Sunday; nor allow or permit the sale or gift of any intoxicating beverages at any council, excursion, picnic or other gathering under the auspices of any branch of the Order. The dispensation or charter of any Great Council or branch of the Order guilty of such conduct may be revoked, and any member guilty of such conduct may be suspended or expelled.

Sec. 9. No member can be put on trial for any offense unless the charge or charges be reduced to writing, signed by the accuser and distinctly specifying the cause or causes of complaint, and the time and place of occurrence, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the accused by the C. of R. before the next council sleep. At the first council sleep after the charges shall have been preferred, a committee of five shall be selected to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused, 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 good standing), 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 entitled to serve (less the two members of the committee previously appointed, such members as may be named as witnesses or excused by the Tribe, the Sachem of the Tribe, and the accused and

accuser) shall be placed therein. Three of said ballots shall have written on them the word "Committee"; the rest shall be blanks. The Chief of Records shall then call over the names of the members present (a list of whom shall be entered on the records, as also of those excused as herein provided), 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 nature of the ballot, whether blank or otherwise, retaining the ballot until the drawing is over. The three members drawing the ballot with the word "Committee" thereon shall, with the brothers before chosen, constitute the committee, and no excuse from service shall be received.

Sec. 10. The committee shall organize on the sleep of its selection, by the election of a chairman and secretary, and shall at that time determine the time and place of investigating the charges, of which time and place it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify the accused, and the accuser or accusers, in writing at least one seven suns prior thereto. At the time so appointed the committee, or a majority thereof, must proceed with the investigation, even though one of the parties be absent, unless written notice be received stating his inability to attend by reason of sickness, no other reason being admissible. In the event of such notice being received the committee shall adjourn to another fixed time, of which both parties shall be notified. These adjournments shall not extend beyond two seven suns, at which time the committee shall proceed with the investigation, unless on account of sickness the accused is not physically able to attend. Each side shall have the right to be represented before the committee by counsel, who must be members of the Order in good standing. Before proceeding with the examination of witnesses, the committee shall consider the charges submitted and determine their sufficiency under the laws of the Order, and if they do not allege an offense against the laws of the Order, then, or by amendment, it shall dismiss the complaint and report its findings to the Tribe; otherwise it

shall proceed with the investigation.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the parties, their proof and witnesses. The committee shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, and shall also reduce the testimony taken to writing, to be signed by the witness at the end of his or her examination. After having heard the evidence the committee shall reduce its opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, on each charge and specification, to writing (to be plainly written in ink or typewritten), and report the same, together with the journal and original testimony, to the Tribe at its earliest stated council after the work of the committee is completed.

Sec. 12. When the committee submits its report the accused must be notified thereof by the Chief of Records, under seal, and direct him to be present at the next stated council, at which time the report must be considered. If the report is approved by a majority of the members voting, it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Tribe. The Tribe must then prescribe the degree of punishment to be imposed in accordance with the laws; the vote thereon must be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall decide, except for expulsion or suspension for a period exceeding five years when the assent of two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary.

Sec. 13. When a motion prescribing the punishment is before the Tribe, the same shall be considered as any other motion and be subject to the same rules; provided, the motions and amendments relative to the degree of punishment shall be treated as a blank, and the blank shall be filed by voting upon the most severe punishment first. If that be lost, a less severe punishment shall be voted upon, until the judgment of the Tribe is declared. As soon as the Tribe has fixed the penalty, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Records to notify the member interested of the action of the Tribe, such notification to be in writing and under the seal of the Tribe.



A Tribe can not reconsider its own action where a trial has been had on charges against a brother, and the brother acquitted. A new trial may be granted in case of conviction for the following causes only: 1—When the penalty assessed is excessive. 2—When the finding is not sustained by the evidence. 3—When after the trial new evidence is discovered favorable to the defendant, which evidence is material and likely to change the decision.

A ballot vote can not be reconsidered.

Sec. 14. Any member of the Order feeling that injustice has been done him by his Tribe, may appeal from the decision of said Tribe to the Board of Appeals in the following manner:

The member aggrieved shall, within thirty days from the date of the notice from the Tribe of its action, make out his appeal, stating distinctly the grounds thereof. Said appeal shall be in writing, made out in duplicate, and signed by the aggrieved party. It shall be addressed to the Board of Appeals. One copy of said appeal shall be served upon the Tribe by delivering the same to the Sachem thereof. The other copy shall be sent to the Great Chief of Records of the Reservation Great Council in which the Tribe is located, together with a certificate that service has been made upon the Tribe, which certificate shall show the time of such service.

As soon as the Great Chief of Records has received the appeal, he shall immediately notify the Tribe of the filing of said appeal. Within ten days after the receipt of such notice from the Great Chief of Records, the Tribe shall, through its Chief of Records, transmit to the Great Chief of Records the journal of the committee by which the case was tried, together with all testimony taken before it, and copies of all records of all the council sleeps connected therewith, signed by the Sachem and Chief of Records under seal.

Should a member of the Order, or any Tribe, fail or refuse to comply with the foregoing provisions, it shall be sufficient cause for its suspension or expulsion, and the Board of

Appeals may proceed as justice may demand.

When all papers have been received by the Great Chief of Records he shall immediately transmit the same to the Board of Appeals, and the Board of Appeals shall consider and determine the case as provided by law. The Great Chief of Records shall indorse on all appeals the time when they are received in his office, which shall be considered the time of the filing of appeal. Upon appeal being filed it shall stay the execution of any judgment, order or decree complained of.

After an appeal has been determined and decided by the Board of Appeals, it shall transmit its decision, together with the papers connected therewith, to the Great Chief of Records, who shall immediately notify the Tribe and appellant of such decision, giving each a copy thereof. When the decision of the Board of Appeals is thus promulgated it becomes of effect, and is binding and conclusive. Provided, however, that an appeal may be taken from the decision of the Board of Appeals to the Great Board of Appeals of the Great Council of the United States as provided by the law of the Order.

Should any Tribe or member fail or refuse to comply with the judgment, order or decrees of the Board of Appeals, it shall be sufficient cause for their immediate suspension, forfeiture of charter, or expulsion from the Order as the same may be.

The judgment, orders or decrees issued by the judicial department of the Great Council shall in no case be modified, increased, diminished or annulled by a Tribe, without first obtaining written consent of the tribunal rendering the final decrees therein. Any Tribe violating this section of the law shall be deemed guilty of insubordination and revocation of its dispensation of charter, and enabling the party so appealing to perfect said appeal he shall have the right upon demand made upon the Chief of Records of the Tribe to an inspection and examination of all records, evidence and documents pertaining to his said conviction, and refusal to permit such inspection and

examination shall be a proper excuse for not filing his appeal in time.

Sec. 15. When a member of one Tribe desires to prefer a charge or charges against a member of another Tribe, he shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Tribe of which he (the accuser) is a member. Said Tribe shall forthwith forward to the Tribe to which the accused belongs a certified copy of the charge or charges over the signature of the Sachem and Chief of Records, and attested by the seal of the Tribe; and the Tribe to whom such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body.

Sec. 16. A Tribe, upon due investigation and trial, having decided that a charge or charges made against a brother have not been sustained, its decision is final. The brother who preferred the charges can not appeal from the decision of the Tribe.

Sec. 17. A member expelled from the Order can not be restored to membership in the Tribe, except after application to the Tribe, and by permission of the Great Council or the Great Sachem, during the interim, and the vote necessary to reinstate him is the same vote which elected him to membership.

### Appeals and Benefits

Sec. 18. Should any person feel aggrieved at the action of a Tribe for failing to pay benefits that may be claimed to be due, such person must appeal from said action by giving the Tribe written notice thereof within sixty days after said action, whereupon the Sachem shall, without delay, appoint a suitable member of the Order as a Commissioner to take such testimony as either party may offer in relation to the case.

Sec. 19. The Commissioner, shall within twenty days, proceed to take the testimony, giving each party ten days' notice of the time and place of meeting for that purpose. The Sachem shall represent the Tribe, and may also be rep-

resented by counsel. The aggrieved party may appear in person, and may also be represented by counsel. All testimony must be taken down fully by the Commissioner and signed by the witnesses after being fully read to them, and should objections be made to the examination of any witness, or to any question, or to any testimony offered, he shall note the same, and he shall give ample time and opportunity to both parties to present their witnesses, and for them to testify. All testimony shall be written in ink or typewritten.

Sec. 20. After taking all the testimony the parties may offer, the Commissioner shall immediately report to the Tribe, whereupon the Chief of Records shall notify the aggrieved party in writing, under seal, that the subject will be considered at the next council of the Tribe, at which time the Tribe shall consider it, when the evidence in the case shall be read and the claim finally determined.

Sec. 21. After final action shall have been had by the Tribe, the Chief of Records shall immediately notify the aggrieved party in writing, under seal of the action of the Tribe. If the Tribe should still refuse to pay the benefits claimed, then the aggrieved party must appeal to the Board of Appeals at any time within thirty days from the date of the notice, by filing an appeal with the Tribe, as provided by law, otherwise the action of the Tribe, at the expiration of the time, will be final and conclusive.

Sec. 22. Should the Tribe neglect or refuse to appoint a Commissioner within two seven days after receiving notice of an appeal, or shall neglect to send the appeal and papers to the Great Chief of Records within one month after the filing of the appeal, it shall be sufficient cause for the Board of Appeals to reverse the action of the Tribe and direct them to pay the benefits. Provided, That the Tribe would have the right to appeal to the Great Board of Appeals from the action of the Board of Appeals. Provided, further, That the amount of wampum claimed shall be placed in the hands of the Great Keeper of Wampum until the



case is finally settled.

Sec. 23. An appeal of a Tribe from the action of a Board of Appeals can not be entertained unless the amount of wampum involved has been placed in the hands of the Great Keeper of Wampum, the same to be held until the case has been finally settled by the laws of the Order.

#### **General Instructions for Commissioners Appointed by Tribes to Take Testimony**

Rule 1. A Commissioner is only a ministerial officer. He has no power to make a ruling. His duty is to enter in his journal what is offered and leave to the Tribe and to the authorized committee to pass upon the relevancy or the irrelevancy of what is offered.

Rule 2. The Commissioner must give the party presenting the appeal at least ten suns' notice in writing of the time and place of the meeting.

Rule 3. The party presenting the appeal shall, at the time and place appointed by the Commissioner, present his witnesses. There shall be no one present at the time of the hearing except the parties and the one witness under examination while the testimony is being taken.

Rule 4. Counsel representing either party must be a member of the Order, in good standing, and shall present a certificate to that effect.

Rule 5. After the applicant is through with his witnesses the witnesses for the Tribe shall be presented.

Rule 6. All objections made to the testimony of witnesses by either party must be noted on the records of the Commissioner, and then proceed to take down the testimony as if no objections were made.

Rule 7. New evidence may be introduced after the case has been closed on either side, if there be reasons for so doing. Such new evidence need not be confined to that which is merely rebuttal. The tribunal that decides the case finally must exercise its discretion as to the evidence thus presented.

### **ARTICLE XVIII**

#### **NonPayment of Dues**

Section 1. Any brother of the Tribe who shall become in arrears for dues shall thereby forfeit all rights to benefits, and shall stand suspended from all benefits of whatsoever kind during the continuance of any sickness that may intervene while such brother is in arrears and for three months after the arrearages shall have been paid; nor shall funeral benefits be paid to the heirs of a deceased brother who died while non-beneficiary.

Sec. 2. In the event of the death of a brother, who, because of arrears, was not entitled to funeral benefits, such appropriation may be made as may be required for the decent interment of such brother, if he was otherwise in good standing, and his own property of the support of his family, if any, and it shall means are insufficient for it, without impairing be the duty of the Sachem upon full inquiry to determine such cases; Provided, That no such appropriation shall exceed the amount provided for funeral benefits under the by-laws of the Tribe.

Sec. 3. Payment of arrearages for dues, made during the sickness or disability of a brother, shall not entitle him to benefits during such sickness or disability; but the time he shall be entitled to benefits shall date from his recovery.

Sec. 4. A brother who is in arrears for dues, assessments or fines shall not be eligible to any office of the Tribe, or entitled to the password, nor to any other benefits that may be prescribed under and virtue of the laws of the order.

Sec. 5. The Chief of Records or Collector, shall, one week before the last stated meeting in each quarter, notify each member to appear at the succeeding meeting for the payment of dues, and on the first stated meeting in each quarter he shall report the names of each brother who is in arrears for one year's dues, at which time they may be suspended by a

majority vote of the Tribe.

Sec. 6. Any brother who has been suspended from the Order for non-payment of any arrearages, who desires to be reinstated and restored to membership shall make written application to the Tribe. The application to be accompanied by the required fee.

Sec. 7. A member expelled, or suspended for a definite or indefinite time, desiring to be reinstated, may petition the Great Sachem, stating all the facts in connection with his suspension. If such application be granted, he shall thereupon apply to his Tribe, showing his authority therefor, and same shall be read in open council. After a hearing thereon, the Tribe may reduce such suspension and reinstate such member, or it may refuse so to do.

## ARTICLE XIX

### Committees

Section 1. The Sachem shall, on the last council of his term, appoint a committee of three to audit the accounts and books of any Chief or Trustee having the disbursement of any wampum belonging to the Tribe, and report the same at the next regular council thereafter.

Sec. 2. A member of any committee who shall neglect his duties as such, at the expiration of two councils may be fined, at the option of the Tribe.

## ARTICLE XX

### Appeals

Section 1. From all decisions of the Sachem, members shall have the right of appeal to the Tribe, and a majority only shall be required to reverse the decision.

## ARTICLE XXI

### Expulsions

Section 1. Whenever a brother shall be expelled from any Tribe, it shall be the duty of

the Chief of Records to communicate the same to the Great Chief of Records, stating the name of the brother expelled, the date of the expulsion and the cause thereof.

## ARTICLE XXII

### Consolidation of Tribes

Section 1. In localities where two or more Tribes desire to consolidate, they may do so by the permission of the Great Council or the Great Sachem: Provided, That the proposition for such consolidation shall be presented at a regular council of such Tribes interested, and not be acted upon until some subsequent regular council, of which all resident members (living within five miles of the respective Tribes) shall be duly notified in writing, or by personal notice; and Provided, further, That so long as twenty members of a Tribe desire to retain its charter and work thereunder, said charter can not be taken from them by a vote of said Tribe in favor of consolidation.

Sec. 2. When two or more Tribes shall be consolidated by permission of the Great Council or the Great Sachem, all members in good standing of each of said Tribes shall thereupon become members of such consolidated Tribe, which shall also have jurisdiction over all suspended, dropped and expelled members of said Tribes. All funds, property and records, books and other effects belonging to each of said Tribes must be turned over to it by the other Tribe or Tribes, but all of the Degree Rituals except one set of five shall be returned to the Great Chief of Records.

Sec. 3. The Tribe when consolidated shall take the name and number of such one of the Tribes consolidated as shall be determined upon by a majority vote of all the members present at the first regular council after such consolidation has been perfected.

Sec. 4. Any suspended member of either of the Tribes consolidating shall have the same rights and privileges in the consolidated Tribe as though no consolidation had taken place and his original Tribe still existed.



**ARTICLE XXIII****Construction of the Law**

Section 1. Whenever a question shall arise in a Tribe as to the construction of any provision of the General Laws of the Order, the same shall be referred to the District Deputy Great Sachem, subject to appeal to the Great Sachem or Great Council of Indiana.

Sec. 2. No Tribe shall enact any By-Laws to conflict with the foregoing Code of Laws and all By-Laws and amendments thereto, hereafter enacted by Tribes, shall be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws for examination of such committee, and there shall be attached to such proposed By-Laws or amendments a statement showing when the same was adopted by the Tribe, which statement shall be signed by the Sachem and attested by the Chief of Records, who shall affix thereto the seal of the Tribe. Such committee shall examine and pass upon such By-Laws, or amendments thereto, and after doing so shall return such By-Laws to the Tribe forwarding them, calling attention to errors, if any there be, which conflict with the Code of Laws adopted by the Great Council for the government of Tribes. Such errors shall at once be corrected by said Tribe, and notice of such correction made sent to the Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, and until such By-Laws are approved by the Committee on By-Laws they shall not be legal and of any force or effect.

Sec. 3. No Tribe in the Reservation of Indiana be allowed to reproduce the General Laws of this Great Council.

**ARTICLE XXIV****Miscellaneous**

Section 1. All vacancies by removal, death, suspension, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be, to serve the residue of the term, and the Chiefs so serving shall be entitled to the honors of the chieftaincy.

Sec. 2. A Tribe shall have its Collector of Wampum, Keeper of Wampum, and such other of its Chiefs as the Tribe may determine, bonded for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 3. The flag of the United States shall be displayed from the stump of the Sachem during the burning of the council fire of each Tribe.

Sec. 4. If a Guard of the Forest or Wigwam by neglect shall permit a brother or paleface to enter the wigwam when the council fire is burning, in violation of the general rules of the Order, he shall be reprimanded, fined or suspended, as the Tribe may determine.

**Entering and Leaving the Wigwam**

Sec. 5. No brother shall be allowed to enter or leave the wigwam during adoption, and at no other time, without permission from the Sachem or other Chiefs in charge of the wigwam.

**Chiefs May Be Fined**

Sec. 6. Every elected and appointed Chief shall attend the councils at the time of kindling the council fires, or be fined, at the option of the Tribe, as may be determined by a vote of two-thirds of the brothers present and voting. All committees shall be subject to the same rule, and shall report at the next regular council after their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribe.

**Regalia and Emblems**

Sec. 7. Every Chief and member while in the council shall wear the regalia suitable to his rank: in default of which he shall not be permitted to take part in any discussion or business of the Tribe.

Any brother assuming or wearing any badge of distinction or color, to which he is not entitled, shall be fined at the option of the Tribe.

Should a brother visit a Tribe in regalia of a degree lower than he has taken or is entitled to, he can only be recognized as a member of the degree that his regalia may indicate.

### Six Months' Report

Sec. 8. Each Tribe is required to forward the six months' report to the Great Chief of Records within ten days after the expiration of each term, and each Tribe neglecting to forward the six months' report at the time specified shall forfeit four per cent upon their gross receipts and all Tribes working under a special dispensation are required to make a note in their six moons' report of the amount charged for initiatory work done while working under said dispensation.

### Suspended Members to Pay Dues

Sec. 9. Members suspended for misconduct shall be subject to the regular payment of dues, though deprived of benefits. If they fail to pay dues regularly they shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6, Article XVIII, for non-payment of dues.

### Relief

Sec. 10. A Tribe can ask for relief only through the Great Council or Great Sachem, and it must obtain the prescribed certificate from such authority.

### Prohibited Entertainments

Sec. 11. The giving, holding, getting up or advertising any gift enterprise, lottery, or any thing in the nature thereof, in the name of any Tribe or of the Order, or of giving any entertainment, excursion or picnic on the sun known as the Sabbath, is prohibited under penalty of suspension of the charter of the Tribe.

### Business

Sec. 12. The order of business contained in the printed work of Tribes is to be considered in the light of recommendation only. Tribes may regulate the order of business to suit their particular necessities; Provided, That the provisions of the ritual are complied with.

### Religious Belief

Sec. 13. The laws and regulations of the Improved Order of Red Men require nothing of candidates in the way of religious belief, except a belief in the Supreme Being.

### Rights of Members

Sec. 14. A member under suspension or in arrears for dues or fines for three moons is not entitled to the password, and if suspended shall be denied admission to his seat in the council until such disability is removed. The suspension or expulsion of a member will not invalidate any claim of his for benefits to which he may have been entitled prior to his suspension or expulsion.

### Use of Rituals

Sec. 15. Every Chief of a Tribe is required to dispense with the use of books and notes during adoption, under penalty of removal from office, and disqualification of being re-elected.

### Dues

Sec. 17. No Chief or member can be exempt from the payment of dues.

### Instruction in the Work

Sec. 18. It is required that the Sachem give all instructions in the work of the Order, or appoint to do so in his place a qualified Past Sachem. This applies alike to adopting candidates and conferring degrees, except in giving the password. Some other member, when authorized and directed to do so, may give that.

### Conferring Degrees

Sec. 19. When conferring degrees it is required of all members entering the wigwam to give the password of the degree that the council may be opened in or about conferring.



### Absence of Law

Sec. 20. In the absence of any law of the Order touching a given case, a Tribe is governed in its proceedings by the rule of parliamentary usage.

### Non-Attendance of a Member Elected on Card

Sec. 21. If a brother applies for membership on card, and is balloted for and elected, but does not come forward to be received and proven in the work of the Order, the Chief of Records is not authorized to open an account with him, and he is not entitled to benefits in case of sickness.

### Honors of Office

Sec. 22. A Sachem is entitled on the expiration of his full term to the name and honor of a Past Sachem.

### New Tribes

Sec. 23. Brothers or palefaces desirous of instituting a new Tribe should, subsequent to receipts of their dispensation or charter, and previous to their institution, procure a wigwam and properly arrange the same, or the authority for institution will be reclaimed.

### Processions

Sec. 24. No procession except for funeral purposes, memorial occasions or in connection with other organizations, when invited to do so by civil authorities, shall be had without the permission of the Great Council, the Great Sachem or District Deputy Great Sachem of the District. No member shall be admitted into a procession unless he be in good standing and in proper regalia.

Sec. 25. No Tribe, association of Tribes or degree staff shall hold any anniversary, powwow or other celebration, ball or party or excursion, where the name of the Order or the regalia is used, without a dispensation from the Great Sachem being first obtained in writing:

and such permission being predicated upon the direct promise through the Chiefs of the Tribe or Tribes asking such dispensation that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered to the members or guests present on the occasion. Nor shall any Tribe, association of Tribes or degree staff be a party to or a beneficiary of such event not duly authorized by the Great Sachem.

### Dispensations

Sec. 26. Applications for dispensations from Tribes must be made in writing, setting forth the cause why such application is made, and attested by the proper Chiefs and seal of the Tribe. Dispensations must also be given in writing and the application therefor, and the granted dispensation must be recorded in full upon the records of the Tribe.

Sec. 27. Tribes appearing on parade or at funerals shall not carry implements or paraphernalia of the Order, except tomahawks by the Sachem and Mishinewa.

### Care of Rituals

Sec. 28. All the rituals of each Tribe are imperatively required to be in the wigwam on each regular council sleep. The Sachem of each Tribe shall be held responsible for the safe keeping of all Tribe rituals. When the council fire is being quenched on each sleep he shall require the First Warrior to collect and deliver to the Sachem the full set of rituals, and the Sachem shall at the time announced, and the Chief of Records shall enter the statement upon the records of the Tribe for that sleep, that all tribal rituals are in the wigwam. Provided, That if any rituals are missing, the fact shall be announced and entered upon the record and it shall be the duty of the Sachem to recover and take possession of such missing ritual or rituals before the next council sleep, of which action on his part he shall duly report to the Tribe.

Sec. 29. At the raising up of the Chiefs of a Tribe the retiring Sachem shall turn over to the Great Sachem's Deputy or raising-up Chief

all the rituals of the Tribe. If, for any cause, all of said rituals are not then turned over, the Great Sachem's Deputy or raising-up Chief shall not proceed with the raising up, nor shall the raising up be had until a dispensation from the Great Sachem be had authorizing the same.

Sec. 30. No Tribe shall be permitted to own more than one full set of degree rituals and that upon securing new rituals from the G. C. of R. it shall be the duty of each Tribe to return to that Chief their old set.

### Innovations and Side Degrees

Sec. 31. Innovations during the conferring of the Adoption and degrees are strictly prohibited. As the Improved Order of Red Men recognizes no so-called "Side Degrees" and disclaims all connection with such, Tribes are hereby prohibited from allowing any such to be given in the wigwam on the sleep of the regular council, nor shall any such be given in the wigwam at any time which are of a nature to shock the sensibilities of a brother or to jeopardize the life or person of a candidate. Any Tribe violating this section shall be liable to the suspension of its charter.

## RULES OF THE ORDER

Section 1. When the Sachem takes the chair, the chiefs and members shall take their respective seats and at the sounds of the tomahawk there shall be a general silence.

Sec. 2. The Sachem shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the Tribe on all subjects; he may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; he shall decide questions of order without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, subject to an appeal to the Tribe by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

Sec. 3. No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order, nor when a member is speaking pass between him and the Sachem.

Sec. 4. Every member, when he speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the Sachem. Members speaking shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personality, indecorous and sarcastic language, as well as any reflection on the Tribe or its members.

Sec. 5. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Sachem shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

Sec. 6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the Sachem.

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

Sec. 8. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the Sachem, and it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member.



Sec. 9. Any member may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends two or more distinct propositions.

Sec. 10. When a question is before the Tribe, no motion shall be received except for the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to divide, to commit, or amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein named.

Sec. 11. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon during the current term.

Sec. 12. On the call of five members, the Tribe may demand that the previous question may be put, and until it is decided all further amendments to the main question and all debate are precluded.

Sec. 13. The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?"

Sec. 14. When a blank is to be filled, and different sums, numbers or times shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number, and the longest and latest time.

Sec. 15. Every member present shall, if required, vote on any question before the Tribe, unless for special reasons the Tribe shall excuse him.

Sec. 16. No motion for reconsideration shall be received unless moved by a member who voted in the majority in the first instance, and is made within two regular councils after taking a vote upon any motion.

Sec. 17. The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman thereof until another is chosen by themselves.

Sec. 18. The consequences of a measure may be reprobated in strong terms, but to arraign the motives of those who propose or advocate it is a personality, and against order.

Sec. 19. When the Sachem is putting a question or addressing the Tribe, no member shall walk about or leave the wigwam, or entertain any private discourse.

Sec. 20. No motion can be made by one member while another is speaking, and no motion can be made without rising and addressing the Sachem.

Sec. 21. No brother shall rise to speak until the one occupying the floor shall have taken his seat and if the member wishing to follow has spoken on the subject twice, he shall not be recognized by the Sachem until others have had an opportunity to speak.

Sec. 22. No brother shall commence speaking on a question until recognized by the Sachem.

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We your committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Great Council beg to make the following report:

We have carefully studied the proceedings of this Great Council Sessions since the last By-Laws were approved and printed and herewith submit the following changes in our Constitution and General Laws of the Great Council of Indiana.

Fraternally submitted in F. F. & C.,

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The report accepted and the By-Laws approved as read, October 14, 1976.

GEO. I. KRAUSE  
Great Sachem

Attest:

THERON DULL  
Great Chief of Records

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