

We, therefore, in this league pledge to continue these fundamental principles in government and conduct the life of its members, that we in this present and modern age may never forget the nobler ideals of our ancient people and to glean from modern civilization all that is good and of interest to the needs of our people.

It is designed to unify all tribes or any members thereof for in unity of purpose, the welfare, rights, treaty guarantees and privileges once awarded to our various tribes may never perish and the blood of a great race might continue to run in the veins of a people that yet can live anew in a land of tolerance, justice and freedom, a land wherein we have a just claim to live unmolested and of which we are innately the first citizens.

In formulating the final rulings of this league from the minutes of previous meetings, we must in retrospect honour Chief Clinton Rickard who founded this league in 1925 on the democratic principles of our forefathers. As the great Sachem of this league Chief Rickard has taught its members the values of justice and equality to all, the principle of democracy, the virtues of our race and character which has long been misrepresented and perverted. Under his leadership this league achieved for the Indians of America the restoration of the unique privilege of free border crossing between Canada and the United States granted by the Jay treaty of 1794, which privilege was constantly challenged and finally jeopardized by congress in a bill designed to guard the United States from certain aliens.

This league therefore celebrates this event on the third Saturday of July commemorating the restoration of these treaty rights and may it perpetually be symbolic that all treaties and laws pertaining thereto for whatever tribe or member within the league will be upheld and sought out by this league.

The Indians of America have and are responding in greater numbers to the ideals of the league and a continual demand by all classes in America for a better understanding of the present and ancient Indian race sanctions the opinion, heretofore upheld, that this league shall be based on the governmental principles of the republic known to the ancient American as founded by Dekanahwideh and Hiawatha and to weave into its ritual those never forgotten ceremonies to the Great Spirit for thanksgiving and condolence.

Christianity in its full is sacredly recognized and upheld by this league.

Dekanahwideh, the law giver appeared unto certain tribes teaching peace, power and equality to all. With Hiawatha, Dekanahwideh founded on these eternal principles the great confederacy of peace known as the Six Nations under the sacred covenant before the Great Spirit and under His seal. This confederacy was purposely constituted with the view, that all tribes might be at some time an important nation within this league and its democratic ideals; "The Great White Tree of Peace" was planted. Its roots reach out in every direction that every tribe whatsoever, regardless of creed or language might follow to the bowl of the Great Tree of Peace, and there bury all weapons of war and sit at the council fire thereof, that the Red races might never rise against each other in deadly enmity and banish forever the evils and horrors of war, dissension and petty strife, that these tribes might honorably call themselves the Red Children of the Great Spirit.

This league therefore pledges to continue this League of Peace and promote this high purpose that its members may in unity and accord work for the welfare of the Indian and that all tribes may gather under the spreading Tree of Peace that the Red Man of America might be a blazing beacon for peace and a glowing escutcheon to the glory of our race, for in the power of peace is courage, faith and humanity, and the all conquering force of justice.

A great light came to our people when Handsome Lake taught our people to live pure and noble lives that our race might grow in stature physically and spiritually. He taught us our duty to the Great Spirit, the just Giver of Life