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CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS

OF

Naramatta Council, No. 23

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS,

IMPROVED O. R. M.

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PREAMBLE.

The Great Council of New Jersey does ordain the following as the Constitution of all Councils of the Degree of Pocahontas within the reservation over which it has jurisdiction. Councils may make and adopt By-Laws in conformity therewith. They shall in no wise alter the same, fail to work in accord thereto, but it must be taken and used intact by them; the Great Council of New Jersey only having the right to change or modify the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

This body shall be known by such name and number as shall have been given it by the Great Council of New Jersey of the Improved Order of Red Men, in the dispensation or charter which said Great Council shall have granted the same, creating it a Council of the Degree of Pocahontas of the said Order.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

SECTION I. Among the objects of this Degree shall be the moral advancement of the members of the Improved Order of Red men, their families and lady friends, for the promotion of social enjoyment among members of the Degree, and the general welfare and prosperity of the Order.

SEC. 2. A Council may enact By-Laws providing for the payment of sick and funeral benefits.

SEC. 3. The Council shall enjoy the power and possesses the privilege of conferring the Degree of Pocahontas upon any member of the Improved

Order of Red Men who has been exalted to the Chief's Degree, upon his furnishing written proof under seal of the Tribe of which he is a member, that he is in good standing therein, and any white woman over eighteen great suns of age, of good moral character, shall be eligible to membership in a Council.

SEC. 4. Any Beneficial Council shall provide in its By-Laws for the payment and disbursement from the funds of the Council certain sums for the relief of those unable to follow the hunt, the destitute or distressed.

SEC. 5. Beneficial Councils shall not use the wampum derived through membership fees, dues and fines for any purpose except for relief, as specified in Section 4 of this Article.

ARTICLE III.

CHIEFS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

SEC. 1. The elective Chiefs of the Council shall be Pocahontas, Wenonah and Powhattan, who shall be chosen by ballot to serve six moons, and Keeper of Records and Keeper of Wampum, who shall be chosen to serve for one great sun. Councils may elect a Collector of Wampum to act as assistant to the Keeper of Records, and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may require, to serve for one great sun.

SEC. 2. The Prophetess must be a Past Chief. At the institution of the Council, the sister selected

as such chieftainess shall receive, by dispensation granted, the honors of a Past Chief. In no case shall a member of a Council be eligible to such chieftaincy, except so created, or shall have served one term, or the residue thereof, as Pocahontas.

SEC. 3. The appointive Chiefs shall be two Scouts, two Runners, two Counsellors, four Warriors, a Guard of the Wigwam and a Guard of the Forest, all of whom shall be appointed by the Pocahontas.

SEC. 4. No Chief resigning or who may be removed from a position previous to the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected, unless it be to fill a higher position, shall be entitled to the honors; but the incumbent who shall fill the residue of the term shall be entitled to the full honors thereof.

SEC. 5. In the event of the position of Prophetess becoming vacant during the first term, and there being no Past Chiefs identified with the Council, the Great Sachem may, when proper petition is presented therefor, create, by dispensation, a sister selected by the Council as a Past Chief.

SEC. 6. Should a sister who has been created a Past Chief by dispensation, resign, withdraw, remove or otherwise sever her connection with the Council, prior to the end of the term, she shall lose the honors of the chieftaincy.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION AND DUTIES OF CHIEFS.

SEC. 1. The election of Chiefs shall take place on the first stated council of the Hot and Hunting Moons. Nominations shall be made only on the one stated council immediately preceding that of a regular election, except when the nominees for a chieftaincy all decline on the sleep of election.

SEC. 2. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes polled shall be necessary to a choice. In the event of no choice being made on the first ballot, all nominees shall be balloted for again, except in case of withdrawal; if no choice is then made the nominee having received the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on at each subsequent ballot until one of the nominees shall have received the requisite number of votes to elect. Ballots cast for members not placed in nomination shall be counted as blank votes.

SEC. 3. The Chiefs shall perform the duties of similar Chiefs as are laid down in the rules for the government of Tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men, as adopted and promulgated by the Great Council of New Jersey.

SEC. 4. Should the Keeper of Records of the Council be changed during the term and a new incumbent elected to fill the vacancy, such successor shall immediately notify the Great Chief of Re-

ords, and give the address to which communications may be sent to her or him, as the case may be.

SEC. 5. The Pocahontas shall appoint a majority and the Wenonah a minority of all committees, except where charges are preferred against a member, the selection of a committee to hear the same being governed by the Code of Procedure.

SEC. 6. Any Chief who shall be absent for three stated sessions of the Council, without leave of absence, or who may be indebted to the Council for over three moon's dues, may be removed by vote of the Council; *provided*, he or she shall have received at least one seven suns' notice to show cause why he or she should not thus be dealt with. The Chief so removed forfeits the honors of the chieftaincy to which they were elected, appointed or created by dispensation, and their successors shall be entitled to the full honors thereof.

ARTICLE V.

RAISING UP OF CHIEFS.

SEC. 1. The raising up of Chiefs shall take place on the first stated council held in the Cold and Buck Moons, unless a dispensation has been granted to postpone the same. Chiefs-elect or appointed to fill a vacancy may be raised up during the session of any stated council.

SEC. 2. No elective Chief shall enter upon the duties of the chieftaincy to which he or she shall

have been elected until duly raised up. Such Chief shall continue in office until a successor has been elected and raised up, except in case of their being elected to fill a higher stump. Councils may have their Chiefs raised up in public, provided a dispensation has been first obtained.

SEC. 3. In the event that a Chief-elect shall not attend the Council on the sleep of raising up, unless granted leave of absence, or is absent by reason of sickness of self or family, the chieftaincy to which he or she was elected may be declared vacant, by a vote of the Council, and an election to fill the vacancy be held at once.

SEC. 4. All Chiefs shall be in good standing prior to their being raised up.

ARTICLE VI.

VACANCIES.

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

ARTICLE VII.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Charter membership fees shall not be less than one fathom. The adoption fees thereafter shall be such as the Council names in its By-Laws, but in no case shall the fee be less than is herein provided.

SEC. 2. An application for membership by adop-

tion shall not be considered unless the same has endorsed thereon the recommendation of two members of the Council, and accompanied by at least one-half of the adoption fee. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall make strict investigation of the health, character, fitness and qualifications of the applicant, and report at the next stated council. This intervention of time shall in no case be waived or abridged except by dispensation. Application made by a Red Man shall have attached thereto the certificate of the Chief of Records, under seal of the Tribe to which he belongs, that he is in good standingt herein.

SEC. 3. Upon the report of the committee, a ballot shall be taken, and if three black twigs shall not have been cast, the applicant shall be declared elected. If rejected, the application shall not be renewed in any Council for the space of six moons thereafter.

SEC. 4. Applications for membership by card or certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than twenty-five inches of wampum. The application shall be accompanied by the card or certificate, and shall be treated in the same manner and be governed by the same rules as govern an application made for adoption.

SEC. 5. Should an applicant neglect or refuse to present himself or herself for adoption or introduction within six seven suns from the date of his or

her election (unless a satisfactory excuse be given), the proposition fee shall be forfeited to the Council, and such applicant cannot be admitted unless by a new election.

SEC. 6. No application for membership can be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee, except by unanimous consent.

SEC. 7. No application for membership can be received from an applicant residing within the jurisdiction of another Great Council without the consent of the Great Sachem of that reservation.

ARTICLE VIII.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

SEC. 1. An application for a card of withdrawal shall be made in writing, and the member making the application shall receive the same on the payment of twenty-five inches of wampum, and, provided all dues and demands against him or her on the books of the Council shall have been paid, and, provided further, that there be no charges pending against the applicant.

SEC. 2. Dismissal certificates shall be obtained in accordance with the rules laid down by the Great Council for their issuance, and shall be received on deposit in this Council under the same laws as withdrawal cards, but the privilege of visiting shall not be awarded to the holder thereof.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES.

SEC. 1. Every member of this Council shall pay into the wampum belt thereof such sums of dues, in such manner as the By-Laws may prescribe.

SEC. 2. Any member indebted to the Council for over three moons' dues shall not be entitled to the password, to hold office or to vote, and if indebted for twelve moons they shall be suspended, unless otherwise ordered by the Council.

SEC. 3. Dues shall be due and payable on or before the last stated council held in any moon.

SEC. 4. Any brother not in good standing in the Tribe to which he belongs shall be rated likewise in the Council of which he is a member.

ARTICLE X.

SUSPENSIONS.

SEC. 1. Members suspended for non-payment of dues, wishing to be reinstated, shall make application therefor to the Council, when a committee of three shall be appointed, who will investigate their fitness for membership, and on the report of the committee a ballot shall be had, and if less than three black twigs appear, they shall be declared elected.

SEC. 2. Members applying for reinstatement shall pay the regular membership fee for adoption.

SEC. 3. A member suspended for improper con-

duct, shall, at the expiration of the time for which they were suspended, be reinstated, and shall pay all dues and assessments accrued during their suspension. Should they be guilty of improper conduct during their suspension they shall be liable to trial as provided for in the Code of Procedure.

ARTICLE XI.

COUNCILS.

SEC. 1. Each Council shall have a suitable seal, a proof or impression of which must be deposited with the Great Chief of Records, and all of its communications shall be sealed therewith.

SEC. 2. A correct report of each Council must be prepared and forwarded to the Great Chief of Records within two seven suns after the first stated council of each term.

ARTICLE XII.

IMPROPER CONDUCT.

SEC. 1. Any member of a Council violating the obligation, the laws of the Great Council, the Constitution or By-Laws of this Council, or who behaves or acts in a manner which brings odium upon themselves, the Council or the Order, shall be accountable to the Council therefor, and upon satisfactory proof thereof shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled, as the Council may determine, after due trial.

SEC. 2. Should a Council have occasion to pro-

ceed against a member, it shall be governed in the premises by the Code of Procedure adopted by the Great Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS.

No member shall appear in the regalia of the Order at any concert, festival, public assemblage or procession, other than funeral, unless by permission of the Great Council, Great Sachem or Deputy.

ARTICLE XIV.

KINDLING THE COUNCIL FIRE.

The council fire of this Council shall be kindled on such suns or sleeps, and at such runs as the By-Laws may determine, unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances, and provided that Sunday shall not be selected as a regular council sleep. And provided further, that it shall be kindled at least twice each moon. In the event of the Pocahontas and Wenonah being absent, the Senior Past Chief present, who is in good standing (and not an elective Chief), shall preside.

ARTICLE XV.

QUORUM AND DISSOLUTION:

SEC. I. Five members or more, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if a quorum only

be present, no wampum shall be appropriated (except for benefits) without unanimous consent.

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

SEC. 3. Should this Council be dissolved, all the books, wampum, papers, regalia and other private matters, shall be forwarded to the Great Council or delivered to such deputation appointed by the Great Sachem to receive the same.

ARTICLE XVI.

INTERPRETATION OF LAWS.

The provisions of this Constitution shall be interpreted and construed according to their most plain and obvious meaning, and should any doubt arise as to the proper construction of any clause or article thereof, it shall be referred to the Great Sachem, whose decision shall be final until reversed by the Great Council.

ARTICLE XVII.

LAWS.

SEC. 1. Councils may make and adopt By-Laws for their own government, provided they do not contravene these rules, and the laws and usages of the Order, and of the Great Council, but the same shall not go into effect until they receive the approval of the proper authorities under whose jurisdiction they are.

SEC. 3. Councils shall be governed by the laws

relating to Tribes, in premises where this Constitution is silent, whenever applicable.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Councils shall not amend, alter or change this Constitution, such being only within the power of the Great Council of New Jersey, but shall take and use it entire, and be governed strictly by the provisions therein laid down and expressed.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND STATED COUNCILS.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as NARAMATTA COUNCIL, No. 23, Degree of Pocahontas, Improved Order of Red Men.

SEC. 2. The council fire shall be kindled on the sleep of the second sun of every seven suns, at the eighth run from the first sun, Plant Moon, until the first sun, Traveling Moon, and during the remainder of the great sun at the seventh run, thirtieth breath.

SEC. 3. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of the Chief's Degree, of good moral character, can become a member of this Council, if not over fifty great suns of age, by the payment of two fathoms of wampum.

SEC. 2. Any woman over eighteen, and under fifty great suns of age, and of good moral charac-

ter, shall be eligible to membership in this Council upon the payment of two fathoms of wampum.

SEC. 3. Should a member misrepresent his or her age they shall be disqualified from all benefits.

SEC. 4. A petition from a paleface or a Chief must be signed by two members of this Council, and be accompanied by a fee of not less than one-half of the adoption fee; which petition shall be referred to a committee of three, of whom two, at least, shall be ladies, who shall make a strict investigation of her, or his, health, character and fitness, and report thereon at the next stated council. In case of election, a physician's certificate of examination shall accompany the balance of adoption fee.

SEC. 5. Any applicant for membership in this Council who shall fail to be present for adoption for six seven suns after being elected, shall forfeit the proposition fee to the Council (unless a satisfactory excuse be given), and they cannot be admitted except by a new election.

SEC. 6. Upon the rejection of a paleface or a Chief the proposition fee must be returned to her or him, and the applicant cannot be again proposed in any Council for the period of six moons.

SEC. 7. A member of another Council can become a member of this Council by paying the full price of adoption.

ARTICLE III.

DUES.

Every member of this Council shall pay into the wampum belt seven feet five inches of wampum every three moons.

ARTICLE IV.

BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. If a member in good standing, and not more than three moons dues in arrears, should become unable to follow the hunt, they shall receive from the wampum belt, after the first seven suns, three fathoms of wampum every seven suns, but no member shall receive more than eight seven suns benefits in one great sun.

SEC. 2. At the death of a member in good standing their nearest relative shall receive forty fathoms of wampum. At the death of a sister's husband, who is not a member, she shall receive forty fathoms of wampum. At the death of a brother's wife, who is not a member of the Council, he shall receive forty fathoms of wampum, each member to be assessed five feet.

SEC. 3. If a husband and wife are both members and if either should die, eighty fathoms of wampum shall be paid, each member to be taxed five feet.

SEC. 4. No member shall be entitled to receive sick or death benefits until they have been a mem-

ber one great sun, and any member who shall become unable to follow the hunt while more than three moons in arrears for dues cannot, by paying such arrearages, become beneficial during such disability.

SEC. 5. In all cases of accouchement the amount of benefits shall be left to the discretion of the Council.

SEC. 6. Assessments not paid in three moons shall be charged as dues.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF RELIEF CHIEFS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Relief Chiefs to visit a member of this Council who is unable to follow the hunt within two suns after having received notice of the same, and continue their visits at least once every seven suns.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Chief first receiving notice of the sickness of a member to communicate the same to the other Chiefs, whose duty it is to visit the sick.

SEC. 3. If the case require it, the Pocahontas shall employ a competent nurse as long as in her judgment the same shall be required, unless otherwise directed by the Council.

SEC. 4. The Relief Chiefs shall pay a sick member the seven suns' benefits within two suns after the same becomes due.

SEC. 5. The limits for visiting a member of this

Council unable to follow the hunt shall be within three miles of the tepee.

ARTICLE VI.

IMPROPER CONDUCT.

SECTION 1. Any member guilty of improper conduct of any kind in the Council, or who may bring a charge or charges against a sister or brother, evidently of a malicious or spiteful character, or shall propose any person for membership whom he or she may know to be an unworthy character, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Council may determine after due trial, according with Article VI of Constitution of Tribes.

SEC. 2. Any member exposing the name of a member who may think proper to speak or twig against a person proposed for membership, shall, upon conviction, be liable to suspension or expulsion, after due trial, according with Article VI of Constitution of Tribes.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIVE CHIEFS.

SECTION 1. The Elective Chiefs shall be Pocahontas, Wenonah and Powhatan, to be elected every six moons at the regular election in Hot and Hunting moons; Keeper of Records, Assistant Keeper of Records and Keeper of Wampum, to be elected in Hunting moon, and serve for one great sun.

SEC. 2. At the first regular election there shall be three Trustees elected, to serve six, twelve and eighteen moons, respectively; the time of service of each shall be decided by lot, and at each election thereafter there shall be one Trustee elected to serve for eighteen moons.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Trustees shall be to hold the bond of the Keeper of Wampum and have a general supervision over the investments and property of the Council. They shall invest such wampum as may be appropriated for that purpose, and deposit the vouchers with the Keeper of Wampum. They shall give such surety for the faithful performance of their duty as the Council may deem sufficient.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE KEEPER OF RECORDS.

SECTION 1. The Keeper of Records shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Council. She shall make out and countersign all orders, cards and communications, and reports to the Great Council, and perform other duties appertaining to her chieftaincy as are described in the General Laws.

SEC. 2. She shall receive for her services seven feet five inches of wampum every three moons.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF ASSISTANT KEEPER OF RECORDS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Assistant

Keeper of Records to receive all wampum due the Council, and pay over the same to the Keeper of Wampum, taking her receipt for the same; to notify each member two seven suns previous to the expiration of the quarter of their financial standing on the books of the Council. She shall, at the end of every six moons, balance the accounts of each member, and see that all applicants for benefits are in good standing before the orders are drawn for the same. She shall deliver her books, properly posted and balanced, to the Auditing Committee every six moons, attend the meetings of the committee, and give such information as may be necessary.

SEC. 2. She shall receive for her services seven feet five inches of wampum every three moons.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF THE KEEPER OF WAMPUM.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Wampum to keep regular and correct accounts of all wampum received and paid out by her. She shall deliver her books, properly posted and balanced, to the Auditing Committee every six moons. She shall give such surety to the Council as they may deem sufficient for the faithful performance of her duty.

SEC. 2. She shall receive for her services seven feet five inches of wampum every three moons.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES.

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to exercise a general supervision over all the property of the Council; make such investments as the Council may direct; procure from the Keeper of Wampum security for the faithful performance of her duties, and perform such other duties compatible with their chieftaincies as may be required by the Council. They shall keep regular accounts of their transactions in a book, and deliver the same every six moons to the Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

On the last council sleep in Hot and Hunting moons the Pocahontas shall appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Keeper of Records, Assistant Keeper of Records, Keeper of Wampum and Trustees, and report at the next stated council after their appointment.

ARTICLE XIII.

LAWS.

SECTION I. Ignorance shall not be considered a sufficient excuse for any violation of the Constitution or By-Laws, the provisions of which shall

be interpreted and construed according to their most plain and obvious meaning.

SEC. 2. The General Laws and Rules of Order of the Degree of Pocahontas, under the jurisdiction of the Great Council of New Jersey, to govern on all points not provided for in the By-Laws of Nar-amatta Council, No. 23.

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DATES, ETC.

Prior to the year A. D. 1865, the old Jewish style, namely, the year of the world, was observed by Red Men in dating their documents.

At the session of the G. C. U. S., 5626, this system was discontinued, and the style G. S. D., or Great Sun of the Discovery, was adopted, the year 1492 being considered G. S. D. 1.

PREFIXES AND TITLES.

In new Councils great care should be taken to conform to the peculiar phraseology of the Order. The lower branches of the Order are known as Councils, the State organizations as Great Councils, and the Supreme Body as the Great Council of the United States: and hence the term Subordinate as a *prefix* to a Council is improper, as is the prefix *Grand* to the *Great* Council or its Chiefs.

Significance and simplicity of expression in the titles of the Chiefs of the Order are not the least of its beauties.

The initials I. O. should never be used as a prefix to the title of the Order. The word Improved should be written in full, or its abbreviation Imp'd, may be employed. This is to avoid confounding it with another organization, which has appropriated a part of our name. (See printed proceedings G. C. U. S., volume 1, page 56.)

For the convenience of young members we insert the following

CALENDAR.

A Minute is	: a Breath
An Hour is . . . . .	. a Run
A Day is . . . . .	. a Sun
A Night is . . . . .	. a Sleep
Sunday is	the First Sun
Monday is	the Second Sun
Tuesday is	the Third Sun
Wednesday is	the Fourth Sun
Thursday is	the Fifth Sun
Friday is	the Sixth Sun
Saturday is	the Seventh Sun
Morning is	Rising of the Sun
Evening is	Setting of the Sun
Midday is	High Sun
Midnight is	Low Sun
A Week is	Seven Suns
A Month is . . . . .	. a Moon
January is . . . . .	. Cold Moon
February is . . . . .	. Snow Moon
March is . . . . .	. Worm Moon
April is . . . . .	. Plant Moon
May is . . . . .	. Flower Moon
June is . . . . .	. Hot Moon
July is . . . . .	. Buck Moon
August is . . . . .	. Sturgeon Moon
September is . . . . .	. Corn Moon
October is . . . . .	. Traveling Moon
November is . . . . .	. Beaver Moon
December is . . . . .	. Hunting Moon

A Year is a Great Sun
 A Meeting is a Council
 The Place of Meeting is a Council Chamber
 Organizing a Meeting is Kindling a Council Fire
 Closing a Meeting is Quenching the Council Fire
 A Tribe is a Branch of the Order
 A Great Council the Head of the Order in State
 Friends out of the Order are Pale Faces
 The Treasury Purse is the Wampum Belt
 Attending to any business is Following the Hunt
 Wronging one is Crossing one's Path
 Twiggng is Voting
 Money is Wampum
 A Fathom of Wampum is One Dollar
 A Foot of Wampum is Ten Cents
 An Inch of Wampum is One Cent
 G. S. D. signifies Great Sun of Discovery

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