

Friday Evening, October 9, 1925.

# ONONDAGAS TO HELP INSTALL ONEIDA CHIEFS

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Chanting the sacred installation ritual originated by Hiawatha and Chief Degannawida more than six hundred years ago, Chief George Van Avery, law giver of the Onondaga Indian nation, will raise to chiefhood at Oneida tomorrow eighteen Oneida descendants of ancient chiefs at what promises to be one of the greatest and most picturesque Indian ceremonies held in Wisconsin since the days when Indian law was supreme.

Elaborate preparations, seeking to make the scene as realistic as possible, have been made. The installation will be held in a sloping meadow, partially enclosed by wooded lands. Principals in the ritual, attired in full Indian regalia, will enter the circle of sacred fires from the wooded part, and in the presence of the approximately 1000 Indians who are expected to attend, confer chiefdom upon the 18 candidates with the age old wampum by which the first chiefs were made.

Leaders of the Onondaga nation from New York, will perform the installation ceremony, assisted by chiefs from the other five nations that, with the Oneidas, make up the Iroquois confederacy.

### Nine Chiefs

The eighteen candidates who will be installed as Oneida chiefs of the Wolf, the Bear and the Turtle clans, and who were selected after months of deliberation by the clan mothers, are direct descendants of early chieftains. Nine of them will be chiefs and the other nine vice chiefs.

The nine chiefs are:

Turtle clan: C. P. Cornelius, Ekl Sheenandah, Emerson Metzger.  
Bear clan: Nelson Metzger, Richard Summers, Gilbert Parkhurst.  
Wolf clan: John Pashco, Phillip Cornelius, Alfred Pawley.

The nine vice-chiefs are: Henry Smith, Peter Danforth, Packenato Sheenandah, Nicholas Elm, Wallace Cooper, Solomon Sheenandah, Jonas Schuyler, Fred Cornelius, Alfred Pawley.

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IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR CLAN AND YOUR ANCESTORS WERE SISTERS TO THESE NINE CHIEFS LISTED IN THIS ARTICLE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO TRACE YOUR CLAN AS THE ONEIDAS LIKE ALL IROQUOIS NATIONS TRACE THEIR CLANS LINAGE THROUGH YOUR MOTHERS LINAGE.

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Because of the magnitude of the ceremonies, it was decided to permit the public to view them, and seating accommodations have been made for a large crowd, Mrs. O.J. Kellogg, in charge of arrangements announced.

Following the ceremony, scheduled to begin at 11 O'Clock, corn soup, made from the same receipt used in the early days, will be served. Festivities include Indian dances in