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ANB CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE IN TLINGIT

Woocht gatudasheeyéet áyá, woosh toot wutudi.át, ka a shukaadéi wooch tunaxtooltsínkw, ch'áagu kusteeyéedáx a shukaadéi, yóot awu.aadí ku.óo xoodéi, lingit'aani káx'. A géidei yan gatoonáak guna.aa káa shak'aan, dikéex' ku.aa gaaxtulasháat, daa sá yángaa dunoogún haa kusteeyi tóox', has du data sh kalnéek yá ch'áagu sh kalneegí yéi gaxtusaneix, has du tlaagú tsú, has du at.óowu tsú. Daa sá a yáx siteeyi át, yak'éiyi at shakawusnook, at wooskú, haa kusteeyéet uxdisheeyi át, áan aadéi wooch kéit yagaxdusxeex yé, wooch gunayáadei néekw a kinx naxsateet, áa yéi jiduneyi yé a yáx áa at nagateet, ka wooch yáa ayagaxtudanéit, yá Lingítx haa sateeyi, ka haa xooni káa teen. Ch'a aadéi yan shoowatáni yé, yá aant~~k~~eení a káa yaa na.at kawdujixídi yoo x'atánk.

ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

GRAND CAMP CONSTITUTION

Article 1

The purpose of this organization shall be to assist and encourage the Native in his advancement from his native state to his place among the cultivated races of the World, to oppose, to discourage, and to overcome the narrow injustices of race prejudice, to commemorate the fine qualities of the Native Races of North America, to preserve their history, lore, art, and virtues, to cultivate the morality, education, commerce, and Civil Government of Alaska, to improve individual and municipal health and laboring conditions, and to create a true respect in Natives and in other persons with whom they deal for the letter and spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

Article II

ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1 Those eligible for full membership with voting privileges shall be the descendants of the aboriginal races of North America who have attained the age of 16 years, provided that in order to vote and hold an elected office in the local camp such members would have to pay full dues. Persons not such descendants but married into such races are eligible for full membership and all its rights and duties except that of holding a Grand Office.

Sec. 2 Persons not eligible to full membership under Sec. 1 may become Associate Members upon receiving the unanimous vote of a Subordinate Camp, provided that his application must have been submitted in writing with a render of dues at least one regular meeting prior thereto.

Sec. 3 Persons may be elected Honorary Members of the Grand Camp at any Annual Convention or at a meeting of the Executive Committee on the motion of a member thereof, provided the vote shall be by ballot and shall be unanimous. The annual dues of such a member shall be Ten Dollars per year which shall be paid into the Grand Treasury.

Sec. 4 Persons reaching the age of 65 years with 25 years of good standing may become Life Members and have full privilege to vote. Each local Camp will be responsible for their dues.

Sec. 5 Grade and High School students may be eligible to membership in a subordinate Camp on a Student Rate of One Dollar a year, the Student paying Fifty Cents and the Camp absorbing the balance, privileges may include attendance at Meetings, privileges of the floor, chairing a committee, excepting holding an elective office and voting.

Article III

DUES: SUPPORTING GRAND CAMP

Sec. 1 The Annual Dues shall not be less than \$12.00. \$6.00 shall be considered Grand Camp Dues and shall be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer without delay. All dues shall be payable one year in advance on or before October 31st. Members may be exempt from payment of Dues while receiving State Assistance or while physically incapacitated. No Local Camp shall be in good standing while its financial report or its payment of Grand Camp dues is delinquent after the second day of the Convention.

Sec. 2 No person shall be allowed under any condition whatever to take part in any meeting of any Subordinate Camp of Grand Camp except under the Title "For the Good of the Order;" nor shall any member receive any benefits from the Treasury for any disability arising during a delinquent period; nor shall any person be elected to Office while delinquent. If any Officer becomes delinquent, his Office shall be declared vacant by the Grand President on notice or by the Subordinate Camp itself if the point of order is raised. No receipt or other evidence of membership shall be issued until actual cash in full has been received, or valid assignment (order on Account) made by member and accepted by employer of good financial responsibility.

Sec. 3 Any member delinquent for more than two years and not participating in any meetings may be reinstated upon offering his or her written application for reinstatement together with the sum of one year's dues in advance, except those in the Armed Forces.

Sec. 4 No person shall be a member of more than one Camp at a time, but members may transfer to another Camp without additional charge.

Article IV

THE GRAND CAMP

The Grand Camp shall be composed of the Executive Committee of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood. The Grand Officers of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, the Grand Officers of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, the Chairman of each Subordinate Camp, and two special elected Delegates (three specially elected Delegates if the Chairman does not attend the Convention) from the Alaska Native Brotherhood and also from the Alaska Native Sisterhood. The Grand Camp shall have power to formulate policies within this Constitution for the year following its meeting, and to appropriate money for the execution of such policies. No member of the Grand Camp absent from the Convention shall be permitted to vote.

Article V

OFFICERS

The Officers of the Grand Camp shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Past Grand Presidents.

Article VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The Grand President shall preside at the sessions of the Convention, at Executive Committee meetings, and shall exercise a general supervision over the Grand Officers, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

Sec. 2 The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the Grand President in his absence or during his disability, or at his special request shall perform duties as district organizer. In case of death or disability of the Grand President, the Second Vice President shall assume the duties of the First Vice President.

Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep the records of the Grand Camp, its Conventions, and Executive Committee meetings and conduct all necessary correspondence of those bodies. He may appoint one or more assistants and assign them secretarial duties. He shall remind the subordinate camps of their obligations to the Grand Camp. In case of his absence or disability the Grand President may appoint an Acting Secretary.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Grand Camp and shall file a report with the Secretary at each Convention or at the direction of the President. He shall keep the collection and expenditure of funds up to date to carry out the directions of the Convention and Executive Committee and shall make monthly reports to each subordinate camp and members of the Executive Committee with the assistance of the Secretary. He shall make monthly reports between conventions to all locals and Grand Camp members.

Sec. 5 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform such duties as are usual to his office or by direction of the Grand President. The Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall be the person who is Sergeant-at-Arms at the local camp at which the Convention meets.

Sec. 6 The Executive Committee shall consist of all Past Grand Presidents, and also of all the other Grand Officers of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Grand President of the Sisterhood duly elected for the ensuing year, serving as members until their successors qualify. It shall act for the Grand Camp when the Convention is not in session, but shall have no power to set aside the expressed will of the Convention, and at all times shall, when the Convention is not in session, be governed by the resolutions and motions passed by the Convention and such other instructions as they may receive from the Grand Camp; PROVIDED, however, that the committee shall have the power to act for the best interests of the Alaska Native Brotherhood in any clear emergency. The Grand President shall be the Chairman. A quorum of the Committee to do business shall be five of its members. After reasonable notice the Committee shall meet in person every three months or more often; but in case a quorum cannot be secured, the entire committee may meet by letter or telegraphic communication.

Sec. 7 The Grand Officers shall serve for one year and shall be elected annually at each Convention, but shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified, except that assistant secretaries shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Secretary. In case the Convention does not meet, the Executive Committee at a regular meeting thereof may elect successors.

Sec. 8 The Grand President and Grand Officers of the Alaska Native Sisterhood shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the Executive officers of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Article VII

When Office may be declared vacant—

Whenever any officer shall absent himself or herself from four consecutive meetings of the Subordinate Camp without good cause, his office shall be declared vacant by the Chairman. The Subordinate Camp shall then proceed to fill the office by election the same as at the Annual election. The new officer shall then secure all books, money and other property from the vacating officer. "Good Cause" shall be determined by the ballot of the camp. When the question is put, it shall be in this form, "Resolved that . . . has been absent from four consecutive meetings without good cause." The fact of such four consecutive absences shall be determined from the Record of Attendance. A short statement of the Officer's excuse shall be spread on the minutes.

Article VIII

Bonds of Treasurers: Certain Loans Forbidden—

Sec. 1 The Grand Treasurer shall give satisfactory bond in a sum to be determined by the Executive Committee, the premium of which shall be paid by the Grand Treasury.

Sec. 2 The Subordinate Camps shall determine the matter of bonds for their local Treasurers, first whether to require a bond, second, the amount.

Sec. 3 No local Camp, the Grand Camp; or any Officer of either shall make any loan of money or property under any circumstances whatsoever upon penalty of the Treasurer's becoming personally liable immediately. But a Local Camp may loan money or other property to the Grand Camp.

Article IX

CONVENTIONS—

The annual Convention shall be held on the second Monday in November or at such other time and place as may be determined by the preceding annual Convention. The Convention year shall end on the following Saturday. The fiscal year of each Local Camp shall end on October 31st preceding the Convention. Each delegate from each Camp shall pay \$10.00 registration fee to the Local Camp holding the Convention.

Article X

COMMITTEES—

The following shall be the standing Committees of the Grand Camp to be appointed by the Committee on Committees: Auditing and Finance; Constitution; Ritual and Grand Ball; Benefits, Gifts and Grants; Citizenship; and Health and Education. The Committee on Committees, Committee on Credentials, the Special Committees, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Fisheries Committee shall be appointed by the Grand President. The Scholarship Fund Committee shall consist of three members residing in the same community. It shall have full control of the scholarship fund. This committee shall be bonded and shall give a written report at each convention. Scholarships shall be awarded upon the basis of scholarship, character, health, and promising indication of leadership.

Article XI

CHARTERS

Seven applicants shall be necessary to secure a charter for a Subordinate Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and a number equal to a quorum shall be necessary to retain such charter. When a petition is presented and the proper dues tendered, the Grand Secretary shall issue a charter upon securing the signature of the Grand President.

Article XII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Grand Camp by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment is submitted to the Subordinate Camp at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the said Convention. Or such amendment may be adopted by the majority vote of the Convention without previous notice to the local camps, if 2/3 of the Local Camps shall thereafter ratify such action of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

(1) Robert's Rule of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary law in both the Grand and Subordinate Camps.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(2) All standing committees shall make their reports at the annual Convention of the Grand Camp.

Written and verbal reports from each Subordinate Camp shall be made to the Grand Camp at each annual Convention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (3)
1. Meetings shall be called to order by the Grand President.
 2. Invocation.
 3. Roll Call.
 4. Reading of Minutes of Preceding Meeting or Convention.
 5. Election of Officers for Ensuing Year.
 6. Unfinished Business.
 7. Reports of Committees.
 8. New Business.
 9. Good of Grand and Subordinate Camps.

SUBORDINATE CAMP CONSTITUTION

ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

Sec. 1. This Camp shall be known as . . . (Name of Town, Subordinate Camp, Alaska Native Brotherhood).

Sec. 2. This Camp is subordinate to the Grand Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and all laws made by it are binding on this Camp.

Sec. 3. No applicant shall be admitted to membership except at a regular meeting by a majority vote, and then only when the application has been received at a previous meeting.

Sec. 4. Any member guilty of misconduct may be expelled by a majority vote of the members. If the offense takes place in a meeting of the Camp, the member may be suspended or expelled at the meeting where the offense occurs; but if the offense is committed otherwise, the member shall be given a trial after a week's notice. A member expelled cannot again become a member except by unanimous consent.

Sec. 5. The officers of this Camp shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and a Camp Council composed of three members.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the chairman to preside at all meetings. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence or disability. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Camp under its directions; the Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings; Financial Secretary shall receive the dues of members, giving his receipt thereof. He shall turn all monies over to the Treasurer who shall keep the accounts of the members of the Camp. The Financial Secretary shall, at each meeting make a written report of all monies at that meeting. The Council shall have the general care and custody of the property of the Camp and shall have all the powers of the Camp in matters requiring immediate attention when the Camp is not in session. All officers shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected. The annual election shall be held at the first regular meeting between the month of October and January 1.

Sec. 7. Any member failing to pay his dues for the year by October 31st, by the first regular meeting shall stand suspended and shall be deprived of all rights of membership while so suspended. He shall be reinstated on the receipt of his dues and by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. 8. The following benefits shall be paid only to a member in good standing:

(a) Nothing for any sickness or injury that does not disable the member for two weeks or more.

(b) At the rate of \$30.00 per month for any sickness or injury that lasts two weeks or more, but such payments shall not be made for a longer period than six months.

(c) The Local Camp shall not contribute more than \$75.00 toward the funeral expense of any member.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Local Camp from going to the relief of a needy brother before the end of two weeks, or at a greater rate than \$30.00 per month, or from buying a coffin costing more than \$75.00, but such deviation from this Constitution must be at the personal contribution of the members.

Sec. 9. It shall be unlawful for any Camp to lend money on any pretense or for any excuse whatever to any member of the Local Camp; but money paid out under Section 8 above shall be considered a loan.

Sec. 10. Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Sec. 11. The Subordinate Camp Constitution shall not be amended except by a majority vote of the Grand Camp. By-laws may be adopted not inconsistent herewith, if the same are approved by the Grand President and Grand Secretary.

Sec. 12. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman.
2. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Collection of dues. (five minute recess)
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. New Business.
7. For the Good of the Camp.

Sec. 13. The following standing committees composed of three members each shall be elected at the annual meeting each year. Finance and Auditing Committee whose duty shall be to audit the report of the officers and recommend plans for the raising of money and the care of the Camp funds, a Lecture Committee who shall endeavor to secure lectures at intervals on various subjects, a Benefit Committee who shall look after the interests of all members as may be required of the Camp, Citizenship Committee who shall endeavor to get as many members as possible to exercise their privilege of voting.

Sec. 14. Local Scholarship Committee shall raise funds for the Grand Camp Scholarship Committee Fund.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE SISTERS OF THE ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD

Article I

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to complete the organization of the ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD and thus aid in the fight for the progress of better citizenship, pure lives, a complete education for our children, and for business independence.

Article II

NAME

The name of this organization shall be ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD.

Article III

WHO MAY JOIN

Any female person may become a member by applying to a Local Camp and receiving the unanimous vote of that Local Camp the meeting following receipt of her application; providing that the right to vote and hold office shall be restricted only to those of Indian descent and members of the Local Camp in good standing.

Article III A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is established an Executive Committee of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, which will be comprised of all past Grand Presidents of the Sisterhood, and the incumbent Grand Officers. The Grand Officers shall serve on this Committee as long as they continue in office. All past Grand Presidents of the Alaska Native Sisterhood shall serve on this Committee indefinitely. (The Committee shall function in an advisory capacity to its Grand Presidents and Officers.) They shall act in case of an emergency on matters that may affect the Sisterhood membership. They, however, shall not alter, in any way, actions or orders of the Annual Convention. The Executive Committee of the Alaska Native Sisterhood shall also participate in the Annual Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Conventions. They shall have the privilege of the floor and exercise the right to vote.

Article IV

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

The delegates to the annual Convention shall elect the following officers who shall thereafter constitute the Grand Camp Auxiliary to the Grand Camp of the ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD, to-wit: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The President of the Local Camp shall also be the local member of the Grand Camp Council.

Article V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers shall be the usual duties as designated by the office itself and further explained by Robert's Rules of Order except that the Grand Treasurer shall file a report with the Grand Secretary at least two weeks before the Annual Convention.

All officers shall serve for one year or until their successors qualify.

Article VI

REVENUES

The admission fee shall be two dollars, which money shall be sent to the Grand Treasurer for Grand Camp expenses.

The membership dues shall be six dollars per year, of which three dollars shall be sent to the Grand Treasurer for the above uses.

Article VII

CHARTERS

(AMENDED JUNEAU CONVENTION NOVEMBER 1968)

Seven applicants shall be necessary to secure a charter for a Local Camp of this organization.

Article VIII

(NO SUCH ARTICLE)

Article IX

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held regularly but need not be weekly. SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the President or at the written request of three active members.

Article X

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a majority vote of all the delegates at the Annual Convention or by the Grand Council; providing, however, that the amendment has been submitted to all the Local Camps at a regular meeting at least thirty days prior to the vote.

BYLAWS OF THE LOCAL CAMP ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary law.
2. (Amended Juneau Convention November 1968) The officers of the Local Camp shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. Financial Secretary shall be identical to that of the ANB Financial Secretary.
3. The officers shall be elected from members in good standing eligible to vote, except that the Critic may be any person selected by the Local Camp.
4. The duties of the local officers shall be prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order, except that the Critic shall be required to criticize favorably or unfavorably any person and in any manner for the good of the order, and the person criticized shall submit gracefully.
5. Each Local Camp shall appoint the following committees: Citizenship, Auditing, School, Improved home life, Social. The CITIZEN COMMITTEE shall study ways of advancing the cause of good citizenship among the members. The AUDITING COMMITTEE shall go over the books of the treasurer every month and shall actually count the cash. The SCHOOL COMMITTEE shall see that every child of school age attends school during the entire year and if any child is taken away from school, this Committee shall go to the school teacher and demand that the action prescribed by Chapter 44 of the Session Laws Annotated of Alaska for 1913 or any changes or amendments to it. The IMPROVED HOME LIFE COMMITTEE shall make a report to the Local Camp of each home that needs improvement in matters of health, cleanliness, orderliness, etc. The person criticized shall accept the criticism without comment and in a friendly way and shall be required to report at the next meeting that she has made the improvement recommended. The SOCIAL COMMITTEE shall work under the instructions of the Local Camp.
6. NO BENEFITS shall be paid by the Local Camp, but this shall not prevent the members from assisting the needy or unfortunate.
7. It shall be unlawful to lend any member any money from the Treasury.
8. The OFFICIAL RIBBON of this organization shall be WHITE and ROYAL BLUE.
9. Each Local Camp may add to these by-laws by a majority vote of the Local Camp, but the above by-laws shall not be changed except in the manner provided under Article X.

10. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Meeting called to order by the President.
- (2) Invocation.
- (3) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- (4) Unfinished business.
- (5) Reports of the Treasurer,
 - Auditing Committee
 - Improved Home Life Committee.
 - School Committee.
 - Social Committee.
 - Special Committees.
- (6) New Business.
- (7) For the good of the Order.

The order of business may be changed at the will of the President, providing, however, that no regular meeting shall be held without the reading of the minutes and the report from the Treasurer.

OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP

The oath may be administered by any person authorized to do so by the Convention or assembly or appointed by the President.

(hold up your right hand)

“Do you solemnly promise and swear that you will support the Constitution and laws of the United States; and that you will support and abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD, and that you will set an example for the members of the ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD, walking before them in all humility and love, and subordinating yourself to the wishes and welfare of this organization?”

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(The new officer or officers must now answer “I do.”)

“Do you take this obligation promising to look to your Heavenly Father for wisdom and strength to keep you steadfast?”

(The new officer or officers must again answer “I do.”)

The taking of the above oath of office may be followed by prayer which shall be offered by the person administering the oath or by someone else at his request.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ the royal Master, Leads against the foe,
Forward into battle, See His banner go!

CHORUS

Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!
At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then Christian Soldiers, On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver, At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise;

(Chorus, everyone)

(Women's voices only)

Like a mighty army, Moves the Church of God
Brothers we are treading, Where the Saints have trod;
We are not divided; All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.

(Chorus, everyone)

Onward then ye people, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices, In the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor, Unto Christ the King;
This thru' countless ages, Men and angels sing.

(Chorus, everyone)