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*Akwesasne Members at grave of Kaniatario,
the prophet, Onondaga Reservation*

DEGANAWIDAH

A Huron by birth, a Mohawk by adoption, founder of the Five Nations (The Iroquois Confederacy) was born near here some time during the early fifteenth century. He devoted his life to the cause of international peace. At Onondaga he planted the Tree of Peace, which he hoped would one day give shelter to all mankind. He gave his people the Great Peace-Law which unites them to this day.

"Our strength shall be in union, and our way the way of reason, righteousness, and peace."

"I am Deganawidah and with the Five Nations' Confederate Lords I plant the Tree of the Great Peace... Roots have spread out from the Tree of the Great Peace... and the name of these roots is The Great White Roots of Peace. If any man or any nation outside of the Five Nations shall show a desire to obey the laws of The Great Peace... they may trace the roots to their source... and they shall be welcome to take shelter beneath the Tree."

(Inscription on memorial erected near Ka-ka-ha-na-yenh on the Thayendanega Mohawk Reservation by the Akwesasne Mohawk Counselor Organization.)

May Sat-gon-se-ri-io, the Good Spirit, cause the sun to shine strong in your heart this Christmas Day and may He fill your lodge with plenty this coming year.

Akwesasne Mohawk Counselor Organ.

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