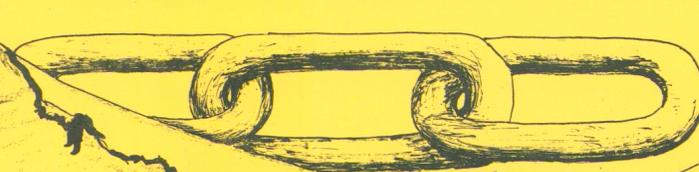


## THE COVENANT CHAIN BETWEEN THE OHKWEHONWEH AND THE WHITEMAN



The whiteman learned many things from the Ohkwehonweh so they became friends and respected each others rights and beliefs. The whiteman put his agreement in writing and the Ohkwehonweh put his in wampum and symbols to be passed on to the next generation. The Ohkwehonweh said, "We must thank the Creator for all his creations, and greet one another by holding hands to share the covenant chain that binds our friendship so that we may walk upon this earth in peace, trust, love, and friendship; and we may smoke the sacred tobacco in a pipe which is a symbol of peace."...



"The symbol of this covenant is a three link chain,... the first link shall stand for friendship, the second link will stand for our good minds, and the third link shall mean there will always be peace between us."

"We will go by these symbols. When the Creator made Mother Earth and created man to walk upon this earth to enjoy all nature's fruits saying no one shall claim Mother Earth except the rising faces which are to be born; as long as the sun shines upon this earth that is how long our agreement will stand; as long as the water still flows; and as long as the grass grows green....."