

Onondagas Receive Italian Sculptor as Tribal Brother



Chief Jesse Lyons of the Onondaga Indian nation, congratulating Renzo Baldi, designer of the Columbus Monument, after the latter had been inducted into the Onondaga tribe at ceremonies in Pirro Hall last night.

Columbus Statue Sculptor Adopted Into Onondagas

Renzo Baldi Becomes Gah-Wah-Ya-Ta, 'New Man,' at Ancient Tribal Ritual

Renzo Baldi, widely known sculptor, of Florence, Italy, is today a full fledged member of the race that greeted his famous compatriot, Christopher Columbus, upon his arrival in America more than four centuries ago.

Mr. Baldi, who designed the Columbus monument in St. Marys Circle, which was unveiled on Columbus Day, was formally inducted into the Onondaga Indian tribe at elaborate ceremonies in Pirro Hall, 533 North State Street, last night.

The distinguished Italian was invested with traditional Onondaga In-

dian regalia and christened with the Indian name of "Gah-Wah-Ya-Ta," which translated into Italian, is "Nuova Homa," and into English, "New Man."

At the conclusion of the age-old ritual, which was carried out by Chief Jesse Lyons of the Onondaga Nation, the Indians performed a tribal dance with Mr. Baldi in the center of the circle.

The adoption ceremonies were attended by members of the Columbus Monument committee and by many other prominent Syracuseans of Italian descent.