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Onraka

Title:

House of Unity

Power:

Togetherness, Willpower, Peace

Sister House:

Isibindi

Heritage:

India

Language:

Tamil

Symbolic Animal:

Bengal Tiger and Emerald Dove



HOUSE HISTORY Onraka traces its origins to the land beyond the Himalayan mountains, where a group of powerful Indians were given the name because of the Tamil meaning behind it: the House of Unity.

This group of very special individuals is known for the way that they stick together through any and all challenges. They always behave as a team — like a family — that knows that any obstacle in front of them will not be able to hold them back if they deal with it together. If they all work together to lift each other up, then the whole team will be able to rise to new heights as one.

The House does not believe, however, that being unified means being the same as everyone around them. Instead, the history of the land of their heritage, India, reminds them that unity in diversity is the true strength of the House. Each member is unique and different, and these

differences are appreciated and even celebrated. They choose unity over everything, even with differences put aside.

The bengal tiger is the symbolic animal of the house, which is a quiet and consistent strength. It exercises great restraint in using its power until the time is right. Much like the tiger, Onraka earns its stripes by showing self-control in everything they do. This is balanced by the emerald dove, who reminds them that peace is a great strength as well.

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Our House Crest

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The most important visual representation of each House is its House Crest. This is a specially designed Coat of Arms filled with

symbols that speak to the values of the House. The crests should never be changed or altered. Preserving them builds House heritage!

The Top

The ancient chain mail helmet, called a "top," is worn by brave Indian warriors.

The Bengal Tiger

Symbolizing willpower and personal strength, the bengal tiger is the spirit of our fierceness.

The Emerald Dove

Native to the land of our heritage, India, the emerald dove symbolizes a pure spirit and deep peace.



The Scales

The scales which weigh our actions and values represents perfect balance and unity.

Orange

Our House color, Orange, represents enthusiasm, energy, and happiness.

Onraka's Hand Signal

House hand signals are used in meetings or gatherings, to rally around the House, encourage and support one another, or just for fun to show pride and spirit.

Onraka has two hand signals. The first is **The Onraka "O"**. To make this, the forefinger and thumb of each hand are pressed together to form an "O" shape, and held high above our heads, making a larger "O" shape with our arms as well. Joining our hands and arms together to form the Onraka "O" is a reminder of how we join together in unity to rise above!

The second is **The Tiger Claw**. We raise up both hands, curling the fingertips in slightly, like a pouncing tiger!

