

February 21, 1987

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

—**ANA GRANT AWARD:** The tribe has received "unofficial" notification that we will be receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Administration for Native Americans. This award differs dramatically from the grant application which was submitted. The grant will support only one of the original six objectives--the legal and historical research the Native American Rights Fund is doing on our behalf. The grant is for a one year period and it begins April 1, 1989. The tribe has estimated its in-kind or volunteer contribution to this project at \$29,000. We need a variety of volunteers to help us meet this obligation. Please contact June Ezold if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about the project. (715) 542-3913.

—**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** The next general tribal meeting will be held Saturday, March 18, 1989 at the Labor Hall in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. A Social Hour will follow business. It is especially important for members to attend, as the Nominating Committee will be presenting its slate of candidates for the May tribal elections. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting. The next general tribal meeting will be held May 20, 1989, also at the Labor Hall in Fond du Lac. The annual elections will be held and the tribe's nonprofit corporation will hold its annual meeting. There are three Council seats which will be filled through this election.

—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH TRIPS:** As part of the ANA grant award, money has been budgeted to cover expenses of a team of volunteer researchers who will conduct research at the Federal Archives in Chicago, and at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The Council is looking for individuals who have research experience and who would be available to spend five days in April conducting this research as part of a Brothertown Research Team. The Council will be selecting six individuals to conduct the research at the Federal Archives in Chicago, and three individuals to conduct the research at the State Historical society. The research in Chicago will include examining general land records, Record group 49, and other bureau records for Brothertown Indian references and to determine whether any individual Brothertown Indians received federal services. The research at the State Historical Society will include locating and photocopying the transcripts, briefs, and documentation of any and all court cases which dealt with the Brothertown tribe and the disposition of its land.

The Council has decided to open up this opportunity to any tribal member or Associate member who feels they are qualified to conduct this research.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ONE OF THE BROTHERTOWN RESEARCH TEAMS YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY.

1. Send a letter of interest to June Ezold stating which of the research trips you are interested in volunteering for.
2. Include a resume or a description of your research experience, education, or relevant volunteer service to the tribe.

3. These must be received by March 17, 1989. Send them to...June Ezold, Tribal Chairman, Brothertown Indian Nation, AV2848 Witches Lake Road, Woodruff, WI 54568.

4. Individuals will be selected by the Tribal Council at their March 18, 1989 meeting. Those selected will be notified shortly thereafter.

The grant will cover meals, lodging, and shared transportation from Wisconsin to Chicago. Meals and lodging will also be covered for those conducting the research at the State Historical Society.

—**NOMINATING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED:** A Nominating Committee was established at the February 18th tribal meeting. It is chaired by Bonnie Hauman, and if you want to recommend a candidate for one of the three vacant Council seats, please contact her prior to the March 18th meeting. Bonnie Hauman, P.O. Box 34, Leopolis, WI 54948 (715) 787-3287. The Committee will be presenting its slate of candidates at the March 18, 1989 general meeting. Nominations will then be taken from the floor.

—**NEWSPAPER RESEARCHERS NEEDED:** Territorial and state newspapers need to be researched for information surrounding the 1839 Citizenship Act and the 1878 Congressional Act. A good number of people have conducted newspaper research in the past, and we again need their expertise to complete a very time specific search of territorial and state newspapers. Please contact June Ezold if you can help with this project. (715) 542-3913.

—**CONTRACT WITH NARF:** A draft contract of the Native American Rights Fund's work under the ANA grant was presented to the Tribal Council at its February 18th meeting. After reviewing the contract, it was decided to consult with Wisconsin Judicare to make sure we have a complete understanding of each of its provisions. The Council is expected to make any needed changes and vote on the contract at its March 18, 1989 meeting.

—**GRANT PROPOSAL SENT TO WISCONSIN COMMUNITY FUND:** A grant application requesting \$2,550 in operational support was submitted to the Wisconsin Community Fund. If awarded, it will help offset postage, photocopying, telephone, rent, and travel costs. A final decision on the request should be made during the month of May. The support would cover a one year period beginning in June 1989.

—**NARF QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE COMPLETED:** It is vitally important for all tribal members to complete the Questionnaire included in the last report from the Tribal Council. This information is critical in determining which of the three options NARF will recommend the tribe pursue in order to achieve federal recognition. PLEASE take five minutes to complete the Questionnaire and send it to...Bernard (Boots) Sampson, 17 N. Hickory, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. He will compile the information and forward the questionnaires to NARF. Thank you for your cooperation.

—**GENERAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STEERING COMMITTEE:** The Steering Committee is a group of tribal members, associate members, and other volunteers who are actively assisting the tribe toward its goal of federal recognition. They provide a variety of support service including research, clerical assistance, archive maintenance, and fundraising activity. If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee contact...Lucille Baldwin, Steering Committee Chairman, 320 Center Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. 53081, (414) 452-7442.

—**FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM REFORM:** The "Indian Federal Acknowledgement Administrative Procedures Act" has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. The bill is in response to complaints that the federal acknowledgement procedures are too slow, the criteria inappropriate, and that regulations did not take due account of treaty rights. The purpose of the Act is to legislatively establish clear, just, and consistent standards for the acknowledgement of relationships with Indian tribes. The Act would establish a more independent administrative process to make acknowledgement decisions.

Specifically, the Act creates a new independent office in the Department of the Interior to review acknowledgement petitions. The Director of the office will be a direct Presidential appointee, and the professional staff will consist of anthropologists and historians with appropriate expertise. This would replace the BIA Central Office staff unit presently assigned to review petitions, which also must deal with a variety of other BIA research needs.

An important new feature of the administrative process will be an independent Federal Acknowledgement Appeals Panel consisting of experienced scholars with national reputations in the fields of anthropology and history. Appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, members of the Panel would serve in three member teams to review decisions made by the office. This procedure will help ensure that the final administrative decisions reflect the highest standards of scholarship.

The Act sets out two sets of criteria for acknowledgement. The first, (which would apply to the Brothertowns) would require the tribe to show that they have signed a treaty with the federal government, or they were acknowledged as a tribe by an Executive Order. That established, the petition would have to show that the contemporary group is composed chiefly of descendants of the previously acknowledged tribe, and that it is currently organized with established membership criteria. If these criteria are met, the office MUST acknowledge the petitioner unless it can produce evidence to contradict the petitioners submission, or to show that the petitioner no longer forms a contemporary community. In other words, if the U.S. signed a treaty with you, the burden of proof falls to the federal government. Instead of the tribe proving its existence, it would be up to the federal government to prove that the tribe doesn't exist.

In addition, the Act establishes strict timetables for processing petitions. A major problem addressed by the Act is the existing backlog of nearly 30 petitions, which are ready for consideration, but could take 10 years or more to review under existing procedures. The Act will require the Director of the new office to prepare a plan and timetable for the review of all of pending petitions within five years, and procedures for prioritizing the consideration of all remaining petitions.

This is an extremely important piece of legislation and it could have a profound effect on the Brothertowns' ability to achieve federal recognition. Submitting a federal acknowledgement petition remains one the tribe's three options for achieving recognition, and if this legislation passes, it will directly affect the option the tribe chooses. We encourage all Brothertown Indians to communicate your support of this Act to your Congressional Representatives. The Council will try to keep you updated as to the Bill's progress.

—**THANK YOU:** The Brothertown Tribal Council would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to those individuals who recently made donations to the tribe. However, we continue to need donations as we prepare for another mass mailing to announce candidates for the tribal elections and instructions about absentee ballots. To those who have contributed, we say thanks, and for those who haven't we once again ask for your support. Send whatever you can to...

Leo Tousey
Treasurer, Brotherton Nation, Inc.
2248 East Sandy Acres Road
West Bend, WI 53095

*Please makes checks payable to the Brotherton Nation, Inc.

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE MAY 20, 1989 TRIBAL ELECTIONS!!!

REPORT TO BROTHERTOWN MEMBERS

May 1989

The May 1989 election is now over. The elected Council members are Phyllis Mattern, Cyrus Welch and Robert Moon. Congratulation to the newly elected Council members and a big thank you for the members that were interested in becoming a part of the Council by submitting their name on the ballot.

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ENROLLMENT

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As of this date we have not received any money from the grant awarded by ANA but, according to their office as of May 25th, we will be receiving some information and help within 2 weeks. Some of the volunteers from the steering committee and council members researched the files at Marian College and the information has been forwarded to NARF for their review to see if it will be pertinent towards our goal of becoming re-recognized. We must go the Federal Repository in Chicagoto spend time researching the Great Lakes Agency records for more information regarding our tribe.

The Council is planning on reviewing the rolls by checking to see if all the information we have on the members is enough to make certain members are legitimate enrolled members and to be certain we have all the pertinent and necessary documentation on hand. This is to be done at our June Council meeting. At that time the Council will be deciding if the rolls are to be opened again. The feeling at the May general meeting by the members in attendance felt that the rolls should be reopened for those who have all their information turned in. Remember, it was decided we would review that decision in June of this year. You will be hearing more of their decision at a later date.

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION PICNIC

WHERE: Calumet County Park-(Lower Level House) Approximately 5 miles north of Stockbridge, Wi. (Not Stockbridge Reservation) WATCH FOR SIGNS. Hy. 55

WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1989
10:00 AM until 5 P.M.

REGISTRATION: Starts at 10:00 A.M.

FEES: \$1.00 per person
\$5.00 for a family of five (5) or more (immediate family)

WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, plates, glasses or cups
FOOD: Beer, soda sandwich
DISH TO PASS: Suggestions below;
Casseroles, meatloaf, ham, chicken, fruit, vegetables, dip, fruit salad, vegetable salad, potato salad, baked beans, pies, cakes, desserts.

OUT OF TOWNERS: Pickles, olives, dinner rolls, cookies, cakes, snack crackers, watermelon, cheese

NO GRILLS AVAILABLE: Bring your own if you wish.

COFFEE AND MILK WILL BE PROVIDED:

CAMPING FACILITIES: Calumet County Park. First come, first serve basis. NO RESERVATIONS

MOTELS: Lake View Motel Hy. 55 and Gountry S (414) 439-1130 or motels in Fond du Lac. (Motel 6, Executive Motel, Traveler's Inn)

ACTIVITIES

GENERAL MEETING - 10:30 A.M. til noon

LUNCH - 12:30 P.M.

CEMETERY TOURS - For all intersted people

CRAFT & RUMMAGE SALES - Any item you wish to donate for these sales will be greatly appreciated. Also, please price your donation. NO CLOTHING

RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT - Elephant Bingo, which means everyone in attendance please bring something they have around the house, old or new, that no longer is wanted or needed, serious or foolish. "One person's junk may be another's treasure." A boy brings something for a boy, a girl for a girl, a man for a man, a woman for a woman. WRAP THEM IN NEWSPAPER AND MARK WITHBOY, GIRL, MAN OR WOMAN. These will be prizes for bingo.

CARD GAMES - Decks of cards available.

CHILDRENS GAMES- Fun for all ages.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JUNE 30, 1989

NAME _____ NUMBER OF ADULTS _____
ADDRESS _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____
CITY _____ DISH I WILL BRING _____

Return to: Irene Shady
497 S. Hickory St.
Fond du Lac, Wi, 54935

FOR INFORMATION (414) 922-8132

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BROTHERTOWN INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

As noted in the last quarterly report, the Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin, was patiently waiting to receive the grant money from Administration for Native Americans organization to aid the Tribe, Native American Rights Fund organization and Dr. Campisi, History Consultant, in our quest for re-recognition by the Federal Government. We finally received all the forms to be completed to start us with some funds to work with. As of this date we do not have the bills incurred by NARF or Dr. Campisi, but they have been working and researching for the past couple of months, and they have come up with some interesting information such as the plot of land the grist mill was located on during the 1820's. The grant money is budgeted to go to specific places and for specific duties. It cannot be used towards the administration of the Tribe.

A group of our members have consented to make a trip to Chicago and visit the Federal Archives the second week in October to do some research requested by NARF and Dr. Campisi. Will keep you informed of our progress.

The Council has delayed the opening of the rolls at this time. We are waiting for the actual documentation from our genealogist that she has on the already listed members. We feel before we can open the rolls, the now listed members should have all necessary documentation in their files that we have on hand in the Archives. All this information and documentation must all be on hand and in order when we submit all research and listed enrolled members to the government for recognition. None on the opening date later.

The Council is reviewing a suggestion that was put before them in regard to election of Council members. Read the following resolution and give us your opinion.

WHEREAS: . The Brothertown Tribal Council is the governing body of the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS: It is the goal of the Tribal Council to effectively represent and inform the members of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS: IT IS VITAL TO FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY provide members with an opportunity to participate in tribal government, and

WHEREAS: it is imperative to provide and equal and unbiased opportunity for those eligible to serve in tribal government to communicate their interest and qualifications to serve in that capacity, and

WHEREAS: The ability of candidates to communicate that interest should not be dependent on an individual's financial ability to solicit support,

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED that each eligible candidate for tribal office must attend at least three (3) of the five (5) general meetings during the year before submitting name to nominating committee,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above mentioned notice shall constitute the only official communication concerning eligible candidate's additional qualification.

Give us your opinion. Let us hear from you.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING--OCTOBER 21, 1989

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 1989

TIME: 10:30 A.M.-5 P.M.

LOCATION: HAMILTON BUILDING
97 Forest Ave. (Corner Sophia and Forest Streets)
Fond du Lac, Wi.

REGISTRATION: 10:30 A.M.
Short informational Tribal meeting to follow

REGISTRATION FEE: \$1.00 per person or
\$5.00 for immediate family of
5 or more

12:00 NOON: LUNCH (POTLUCK)
Bring your favorite food or dish to pass to be
shared and enjoyed by all.
Bring; YOUR OWN UTENSILS (cup, dish, silver or plastic)

BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED. COFFEE AND MILK

PROGRAM: Costume parade for children, being so close to Halloween
Bring your costume for the parade after lunch.
Traditional Indian Culture--Eleanor Soto
A few surprises.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND MEET OTHER BROTHERTOWN BROTHERS AND SISTERS!!
Please detach and return as soon as possible!!!

NAME _____	NO. OF ADULTS _____
ADDRESS _____	NO. OF CHILDREN _____
CITY _____	DISH I WILL BRING _____

Return to: Irene Shady or Mabel Pannell
497 S. Hickory St 502 Morris St.
Fond du Lac, Wi. 54935 Waupun, Wi., 53963
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SEE YOU OCTOBER 21 at the HAMILTON BUILDING, FOND DU LAC, WI.