

REPORT OF THE BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL COUNCIL

January, 1990

-- HOMECOMING ...Our last correspondence to you was the announcement of the Homecoming held on October 21, 1989 at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, WI. The Homecoming was a great success for those attending as the food and sociability were great as usual. One sad statistic out of a voting membership of 902, there were only 22 voting on a Resolution at the Genral Meeting, which was .02%. The attendance was 53 signing in against last year of 82 attending. The Associate Membership seems as loyal as the members.

-- NARF and DR. CAMPISI'S Report ... After three years of exhausting research from coast to coast; Repository to National; Local; and area Archival collections, we have about depleted our resources for proving that we had a trust relationship with the Federal government.

There appears to be only a few stones left to be overturned and if they prove to be unproductive, we will have to undertake recognition by legislation rather than litigation. We have asked NARF to request an opinion from the solicitor of the Department of Interior for an opinion as to the government's interpretation of Brothertown status.

-- MEMBERSHIP ROLLS ...We expect to open the rolls in the near future, and this will be as soon as we have completed the descendency documentation for the present membership. This is in the process now. Each member will be required to have certified documents of birth and/or death certificates to prove your descendency from your ancestor on the 1839 and/or the 1901 roll. This means from child to parent, to grandparent, to G.G. to G.G.G. to your ancestor on the rolls, plus filling in the necessary forms for the enrollment and having them filled out completely and properly. There have been incidents where letters have been mailed requesting documents for your enrollment and have never received a response; (this is time and money wasted.)

-- SCHOLARSHIPS ... The Tribal Chairperson has been helping our membership to obtain through the Higher Financial Aids Office in Madison, WI. scholarship money. As of this year, we have been able to assist 47 members, \$800 per semester to \$1,800 depending on your family's financial status.

-- FINANCES ... I guess we could say that we are at the stage of bankruptcy or have just passed that point. It seems to have become almost standard procedure to 'pass the hat' at monthly Council meetings in order to meet current expenses. This is in addition to Enrollment Review, expenses to attend meetings, time donated, etc., that the nine Council members do. The rent alone on the Labor Union Hall for the morning meeting is \$20. The rent for the Homecoming at the Hamilton Building has risen to \$75 per meeting. Postoffice deposit for a year, for just being able to use the mail at a bulk rate is \$60. Any mailing to the membership is \$60 to \$80 depending on the size, and copying is around \$50 if needed. The repair of the copying machine was \$103 and insurance on documents at the Archives at Marian College was \$125. Cost of phone calls, printing of forms and correspondence with membership adds up to a sizable amount.

None of the above expenses are covered in Grant money but need to be paid by the tribe itself. We have over 160 documents at the present time that have to be copied and put in individual files to prove your descendency. As of today, we have only processed up to the name 'Clark' alphabetically and we have 200 copies to make for the first 230 names out of 1,360 members. This is probably incidental to most of you but we just want you to understand our position financially. Our bank balance as of 1/20/90 for tribal expense is \$20.99. We believe that you all understand that to belong to any group today, you have to support it financially and physically for it to be successful. We are counting on you to help us succeed in this process of Federal recognition and it cannot be done without your support.

120/ Union Hall
50 E. Bank St.

-- UPCOMING ELECTION ...February 17, 1990 at 1:30 P.M. there will be a General Meeting of the membership at the Fond du Lac Labor Hall where any and all questions left unanswered at this time will be addressed. There will be an election of a Nominating Committee for the upcoming May election. A Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and two Councilperson offices are up for election in May.

A corresponding secretary is needed by your tribe to be able to help keep you all informed on time. We elect a recording secretary and what we need is a corresponding secretary to help the Tribal Chairperson accomplish the work required for the Brothertown Tribe.

THE BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO:

Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
c/o Leo Tousey, Treasurer
2248 E. Sandy Acres Road,
West Bend, WI 53095

**Please make checks payable to Brothertown Nation, Inc.

-- QUOTE... Following is a quote from a speech made at a meeting in Wisconsin on 3/28/87 by James A. Clifton, Ph.D. Univ. Wisconsin-Green Bay. He was scheduled to be the speaker at the recent County Board Association meeting in Salt Lake City, of which we are sure you were all aware of:

"The past twenty years have been particularly remarkable, so far as the successes of the Indian Rights lobby are concerned. As Charles Wilkinson notes in his recent book, AMERICAN INDIANS, TIME, AND THE LAW, during this period no legislation opposed by the Indian lobby has been adopted by Congress, and most of the legislation they have advocated has been approved. In the same years, several Presidents have issued proclamations supportive of increased Indian rights, and the Supreme Court has written decision after decision affirming special treaty rights. The federal bureaucracy, of course, moves in step with such directives. This new policy has grown like topsy and does not yet have a name. Indeed, most Americans are unaware of its features and prospects. Yet its major aims are clear, Indians are to have the rights of independent states within their homelands, however large or small the population, whether two dozen so-called Morongo Indians on a few acres in California, or 175,000 Navajo on their huge tract sprawling across four states in the southwest. The United States is to guarantee that these small Indian states remain viable homelands forever, each with its own government, judiciary, law enforcement agencies, and bureaucracies. Each such Indian homeland is also to be guaranteed the economic means of achieving political autonomy. These are the goals which Charles Wilkinson, one of the most able of the many highly qualified attorneys has outlined. His book, I think, is the Indian policy agenda for the next generation. As I mentioned, the newest federal experiment in social policy has no single name by which it can be clearly identified. I will try to characterize it in social science terms, just as I have looked behind the surface appearances of the Indian Factory system, the Civilization, and the Removal policies.

What the Indian lobby is on the way of achieving under this policy involves, I believe, an experiment in ethnic balkanization. In some of the fifty states, called "Indian nations" are being carved out of states' original territories and jurisdictions, which were established under the provisions of the United States Constitution. Thus, Washington and California, South Dakota and Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin are finding that miniature Monte Carlos and Lichensteins are appearing in their original territories. If long existing Indian reservations were not enough for this development, new "Indian Nations" are, under federal auspices, being invented annually. In Wisconsin today, two such are in the works. One of those recently rediscovered Indian "nations" is the Brothertown, a small community of emigrant Christian farmers of composite ancestry who, in 1839, voluntarily disbanded and became citizens. Another involves a move to create an Indian reservation in Milwaukee's north side."

* * * * *

Were you aware of the fact that some people believe we were just 'invented' and this propaganda is being taught in our State University System? Really 'rattles your feathers' doesn't it?

May 21, 1990

Dear Brothertowners:

The results of the Brothertown Indian Nation election held May 19, 1990 are as follows:

Maynard Thompson, Vice President

Leo Tousey, Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Platt Welch

Bernard Sampson

Congratulations to you all!! I know we are all looking forward to working together. We want to thank Ted Stephenson and Irene Shady for their interest and taking the time to have their name put on the ballot. Thank you both.

The resolution passed last year is now in effect, voted by the general membership, that in order of one to run for Council or as an officer, one must attend 3 meetings a year, be 21 years of age and be a resident of Wisconsin. It was also voted by the general membership in attendance to have the rolls open for enrollment beginning July 1, 1990 and to be closed December 31, 1990, a six month period. Spread the word. All who have sent in completed documentation since 1986, we have those documentation on hand and their applications will be reviewed. Any one else interested in being enrolled and can prove their ancestry by tracing their ancestry to the 1839 or 1901-1905 certified Brothertown rolls, can do so by furnishing the tribe with all necessary documentation. If you need any assistance as to what to do or where to go for these documentations contact Maynard Thompson and he will be glad to give you that information.

BROTHERTOWN CONTACT LISTING

CHAIRPERSON

June Ezold
AV 2848 Witches Lake Rd
Woodruff, Wi 54568
(715) 542-3913

VICE CHAIRMAN

Maynard Thompson
P.O. Box 64
Waukau, Wi 54980
(414) 685-5438

SECRETARY

Bonnie Hauman
Box 34
Leopolis, Wi 54948
(715) 787-3287

TREASURER

Leo Tousey
2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd.
West Bend, Wi. 53095
(414) 338-8645

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Platt Welch
W4634 Cty. H.
Chilton, Wi 53014
(414) 849-4875

Bernard Sampson
17 N. Hickory St
Fond du Lac, Wi 54935
(414) 921-2000

Phyllis Mattern
1093 Cecil St.
Neenah, Wi. 54956
(414) 722-0311

Robert Moon
5425 S. 9th St
Milwaukee, Wi 53221
(414) 481-6671

Cyrus Welch
4909 Twin Oaks Circ.
Madison, Wi. 53713
(608) 222-4077

ENROLLMENT

Maynard Thompson
P.O. Box 64
Waukau, Wi 54980
(414) 685-5438

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION PICNIC

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

WHEN Sat. July 21, 1990
10 A. M. --to 5 P.M. or supper

REGISTRATION: Starts at 10 A.M.

FEES \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for family of five or more
(must be immediate family)

WHAT TO BRING Utensils, plates, cups

FOOD: Beer soda, sandwich

DISH TO PASS: SUGGESTIONS

Casseroles, meatloaf, ham, chicken, fruit, vegetables, dip, Salads (fruit, vegetable, potato); baked beans, pie, cake, desserts

OUT OF TOWNERS: SUGGESTIONS: pickles, olives, dinner rolls, cookies, cake, snack crackers, watermelon, cheese. GRILLS NOT AVAILABLE.
YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN.

COFFEE AND MILK TO BE PROVIDED

CAMPING FACILITIES: Calumet County Park--FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
NO RESERVATIONS.

MOTELS May be a bit difficult, as the Elkhart Lake races are that weekend. (Motel 6, Friendly Inn, Traveler's Inn)

ACTIVITIES

GENERAL MEETING 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon (approximately)

LUNCH 12:30 p.m.

CRAFT SALE If you have made any handicrafts and wish to donate them to the Brothertown nation for sale, please feel free to donate.

RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT Elephant Bingo (Everyone in attendance is to bring something they have around the house, old, new, something no longer wanted or needed, serious--foolish). A boy bring 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 with BOY, GIRL, MAN or WOMAN. These will be the prizes for bingo

CARD GAMES Cards will be available

CHILDREN a SURPRISE! FUN FOR ALL!!

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN TRIBAL QUARTERLY REPORT

August 31, 1990

Dear Brothertowners:

The Brothertown Council would like to publicly thank all the volunteers who helped with the research needed by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Attorney, Faith Roessel. It seems there is never an end for research needed to help us in the goal of becoming re-recognized by the Federal government. One of the new items of interest to be researched is in regard to the Lots in Brothertown. One item of research shows up another item to be researched in depth. It is like looking for a needle in a haystack! We still need any of your information that you might have if you had received any help from the Federal government dating way back. Just send me a copy if you have that kind of information. We need everyones help in these situations.

Maynard reported there are about 175 applications waiting to be enrolled. All of the Committees working on documentation have completed their assignments and we are in the process of copying the necessary documents to be placed in your folders to prove to the B.I.A. you are descendants of the 1901 or 1839 Rolls. We will have about 4,000 copies to re-copy and place in your folders at the Archives. Reminder: Enrollment for membership closes December 31, 1990.

At the Tribal General Meeting on August 19, 1990 at Gresham, WI the members voted unanimously a \$10.00 donation. This will be used for General Operating costs, (mailing, copying costs, hall rental costs, insurance costs, telephone bills, etc.) which are incurred in our process of becoming Federally re-recognized. If we do not receive a \$10.00 donation from your mailing address, we will not be able to send you the information that goes to each member.

Please mail your donation for the General Expenses to the Brothertown Indian Nation, c/o Leo Tousey, Treasurer, whose address is:

Leo Tousey
2248 E. Sandy Acres Road,
West Bend, WI 53095

Everyone must help.

We will be coming out in our next quarterly report, hopefully, with procedures to be followed along our legislative endeavor, contacting politicians, friends, organizations, and the news media that is pro-Indian to help us toward our goal of becoming re-recognized. We will be calling on everyone to help with this endeavor and we mean everyone. Give it some thought for the future.

The Homecoming will be October 20th at the Hamilton Building, Forest and Sophia Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI. There will be a pot-lock at noon with a short meeting at 10:00 A.M. There will be a program after lunch. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 20th! Bring your own table settings. Milk and coffee will be furnished. See you there!

Our June Council meeting was cancelled due to health reasons.

Our July General Meeting was our annual picnic. The weather was beautiful, picnic area was very nice and all had a terrific time. The 80 members in attendance enjoyed the food, fun and social visiting for the day. It would be nice if we had more support from all members at these doings that have been planned for you.

Irene Shady, Mable Pownell, and Dawn Webster with the help of their families did a super job of working out the entertainment and games for all in attendance to have a good time. A sincere thank you goes out to them for a job well done!

Remember, our Picnic is the 3rd Saturday of July and our Homecoming is the 3rd Saturday of October. Put those dates on your calendar and join us. There are the same dates each year.

In regard to our meeting, remember we send the quarterly report third class so if you move and do not inform us, the postoffice will not forward your third class mail. We must have your correct address. When you are informing your magazine subscriptions of your change of address, remember to include the Brotherton Indian Nation.

BROTHERTOWN CONTACT LISTING

Chairperson

June Ezold
AV 2848 Witches Lake Rd.,
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 542-3913

Secretary

Bonnie Hauman
Box 34,
Leopolis, WI 54948
(715) 787-3287

Vice Chairperson

Maynard Thompson
7395 Mechanic Street, P.O. Box 64,
Waukau, WI 54980
(414) 685-5438

Treasurer

Leo Tousey
2248 E. Sandy acres Rd.,
West Bend, WI 53095
(414) 338-8645

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Platt Welch
W4634 Cty. H.,
Chilton, WI 53014
(414) 849-4875

Robert Moon
5425 S. 9th Street,
Milwaukee, WI 53221
(414) 481-6671

Bernard Sampson
17 N.Hickory Street,
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(414) 921-2000

Cyrus Welch
4909 Twin Oaks Cir.
Madison, WI 53713
(608) 222-4077

Phyllis Mattern
1093 Cecil Street,
Neanah, WI 54956
(414) 722-0311

Enrollment Advisor
Maynard Thompson
7395 Mechanic Street, P.O. 34
Waukau, WI 54980
(414) 685-5438

DECEMBER REPORT

Dear Brothertowners:

Happy Holiday Season! to you and your family from all your Council members of the Brothertown Nation. And we pray that 1991 find you all in the best of health and will make a New Year's resolution from you all to give support to the Brothertown Tribe.

This will be the last free report mailed to your address unless you have made the \$10.00 donation requested to Leo Tousey, treasurer, that was voted on by the general membership at the August meeting held at Gresham. The \$10.00 should be paid for the year 1991 and is due by Dec. 31, 1990 and will be yearly. This donation is to cover Administrative expenses (ie: phone, mailings, copying, rentals and insurance for Archives, to name a few). This does not pay any expenses for your Tribal Council members for travel, lodging or meals, ONLY for administrative costs, listed above, towards re-recognition. We need 200 letters or reports to be mailed at once in order to take advantage of the bulk rate at the Post Office, so please, do your part. If you have not mailed your \$10.00 donation to Leo Tousey, do so now and help keep your tribe solvent. Remember, no donation, no report next year mailed to your address

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment committee has been meeting these past few months and to date 150 new applications have been documented to be eligible to be put on the rolls. There may be more added after all documentations have been checked. Documentations have been checked and re-checked in trying to help listed members trace their ancestry. As you all know it is a painstaking project and takes many hours of concentrated work.

45 listed members have been removed from the rolls because the necessary documentation is missing (ie: birth certificates; applications tracing ancestry back to 1842 or 1901 rolls, or copy of your own birth certificate (no hospital announcement) or other documentation is missing. All have been notified, some as far back as 1985, but answers have not been received so your name must be removed from the rolls. The Tribe and the government can not accept members who have not traced their ancestry back one or the other of the necessary rolls or pertinent government documentation. We are sorry but we have no other course to take. Also, remember the rolls are being closed again as of December 31, 1990. It may be a good number of years before they are reopened.

RESTORATION OF FEDERAL STATUS

Faith Roessel, NARF lawyer, and her co-workers, along with Dr. Campisi have been working many long hours and very diligently these past 12 months trying to find in their research the answers for us to become federally re-recognized. The Federal Acknowledgement Project will not be the way for us to become federally re-recognized as was voted on at an earlier date by the general membership; nor litigation for past deeds put upon the tribe in the 1800's. NARF has suggested that restoration of Brothertown federal status through legislation is a better avenue to follow. This means the tribe must get the political support in the Congressional District and in the state, if possible. Following are some suggestions from Faith in "How to" work towards restoration legislation. First we must all have the same historical story to make known to the legislature, which we are working on.

The most effective voice in Congress is one that has the local political support in the Congressional district and in the state, if possible. The undertaking by the Brothertown Nation will be complicated with the "spear" fishing issue in northern Wisconsin and great care will be needed to ensure the proper development of the issue and solidifying support. The following are brief summaries of what I believe should be considered as the council meets to discuss how to get organized in educating Congress as to their unique circumstances.

First, the Brothertown should establish a lobbying (or education, depending on ANA requirements) committee. It could be called a restoration committee, as well. This committee would be responsible for meeting with local, state, and federal officials regarding the tribe's effort to become federally restored. These individuals should be Brothertown members. Support work for the lobbying effort may be filled by supportive non-members and non-member spouses. The committee should expect to make recommendations to the tribal council on any lobbying strategies and expect alot of travel and work. The committee would work closely with NARF.

Second, once the lobbying committee has been selected, the members should educate themselves about lobbying for restoration legislation. Ada Deer, former Menominee chairwoman, would be an excellent resource for the Brothertown. She serves as the NARF chairperson of our Board of Directors and I believe would give great insight to the practical problems and realities of lobbying. She would also have experience working with the Wisconsin government and legislature and could be tapped for her insights in those political arenas. Any other resources that the tribe could utilize should be approached. The purpose would be to get acclimated to the concepts of lobbying. I am in the process of looking for books that focus on grass roots lobbying which if useful I will share with the tribe.

Third, the Brothertown should make a list of all the friends they have in state positions or who have held state positions. For example, former governor Drefuss who proclaimed 1982 as the year of the Brothertown may be a contact and one who may be willing to urge his political friends to support the Brothertown.

Fourth, Brothertown should compile a list of any current state legislators they may know and see which state committees may have jurisdiction over any Indian bills or resolutions. It would be ideal if a state resolution were passed on behalf of the tribe supporting their restoration efforts. At the federal level, this year is an election year and Congressional seats are up in November. Perhaps, Brothertown members could plan on setting-up meetings with the candidates in their districts and ask for support for restoration legislation. Again, this would first require a break-down of where tribal members live and in which districts.

Fifth, the Brothertown should compile a list of all the Wisconsin Indian tribes and determine who has contacts with each. What would be best is if the tribe made a presentation before that tribal council. It is absolutely crucial that other Wisconsin Indian tribes be informed of the tribes efforts and at a minimum stay neutral on the issue, if they can't support the tribe. I have a client who is paying the price of not solidifying the state tribal support and much misunderstanding has developed that has hindered their legislative issue from moving forward. I would hate to see the Brothertown face the same problem. Also, some of these Wisconsin tribes are members of larger organizations and if politically feasible it may be an opportunity to gain Indian organization support.

Six, the tribe should begin cultivating the press. When Indian stories appear in local papers or state-wide papers, keep those articles because it will name the reporter who wrote it and it will give us a feel for whether that reporter will fairly report an Indian issue.

Finally, as soon as I get the final report from Marcella Giles and carry out any necessary follow-up research, I will be able to determine whether the tribe has a claim to the mill property. I had hoped to have an outline of a briefing document for the Brothertown Council's consideration but because I do not know whether we have a land issue to incorporate, I would prefer to defer any briefing document on the substance until I have resolved the land issue. Any findings or legal conclusions regarding the land will of course be conveyed to the tribe and only incorporated or pursued with the tribe's permission. Therefore, the restoration legislation only deals with restoring the tribe to former federal status.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Tribes young people are still receiving financial assistance for their education from the State of Wisconsin Higher Financial Aids office, Madison. You ask the student's Counselor at the high school they attend for an Indian Scholarship application, complete the form and mail all 4 pages to my address and we will get the wheels moving to see if they will qualify for assistance. It is not guaranteed that money will be coming to the student but it certainly does not hurt to try. Take advantage of the opportunity. Assistance has been given to students in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. This includes technical schools as well as college.

SUGGESTION

If you are interested in receiving Indian news that is up to date I suggest you subscribe to an Indian newspaper that will let you know what is going on in Indian Country, very complete. 1 year subscription is \$18/year, 3rd class or \$32/year mailed 1st class. Send order and check or money order to:
Indian Country Communications, Rt.2, Box 2900-A, Hayward, Wi.54843.
You will not be disappointed and you will be well informed.

CALENDAR FOR 1991 MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS -3rd SAT. 10 a.m.

Jan. April, June, September and Nov.--University of Wi-Fond du Lac
Administration building-Library
Feb. March May--Labor Hall-Fond du Lac, Bank St.

GENERAL MEETINGS 1:30 p.m. FDL Labor Hall

February--Nominating Committee election
March--Nominations from Floor
May--Election officers-President, Secretary, and 3 Council members
July Picnic--Calumet County Park
August--Gresham--American Legion Hall, Gresham
October--Homecoming--Hamilton Building--Fond du Lac.

ENROLLMENT

As an after thought, those members enrolled by December 31, 1990 will receive their first mailing in March. This will be their first mailing and will be free for the month of March but will ask for a \$10.00 donation after that.

BROTHERTOWN CONTACT LISTING

CHAIRPERSON

June Ezold
AV2848 Witches Lake Rd
Woodruff, Wi., 54568
(715) 548-3913

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Maynard Thompson
P.O. Box 64
Waukau, Wi., 54980
(414) 685-5438

SECRETARY

Bonnie Hauman
Box 34
Leopolis, WI, 54948
(715) 787-3287

TREASURER

Leo Tousey
2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd
West Bend, WI., 53095
(414) 338-8645

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Platt Welch
W4634 Cty. H
Chilton, Wi., 53014
(414) 849-4875

Bernard Sampson
17 N. Hickory St
Fond du Lac, Wi, 54935
(414) 921-2000

Phyllis Mattern
1093 Cecil St
Neenah, Wi. 54956
(414) 722-0311

Robert Moon
5425 S. 9th St
Milwaukee, Wi., 53221
(414) 481-6671

Cyrus Welch
4909 Twin Oaks Cir.
Madison, Wi., 53713
(608) 222-4077

ENROLLMENT

Maynard Thompson
P.O. Box 64
Waukau, Wi. 54980
(414) 685-5438

REMEMBER THE MEETINGS. ALWAYS 3rd Sat of February, March, May, July, August and October. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL COUNCIL