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BROTHERTOWN

Quarterly Report Spring 1997

Tribal Chairman Report

In the North Woods we had one inch of snow on May 9th and two inches of snow on May 12, 1997. Wait 'til the 4th of July, it will warm up then, we are told.

Greg Smith, our Attorney, is meeting to assist in reviewing our Constitution and By-Laws. Will keep you posted on that step. Mr. Smith is also sending his assistant to check into local cemetery records in attempt to find out if any of them belong to the Tribe.

The Board of Commissioners, who will handle the land acquisition and economic development plan, have met and came up with their mission and some of the long range goals and challenges. They met April 15th and again May 17 with a consultant and Greg Smith, our Attorney. The five members are James Ottery, President; Laura Pawlacyk, Vice President; Dick Welch, Secretary; Mike Pelkey, Treasurer; and Marck Schreiner. They will report their progress quarterly also. The newly adopted Board of Commissioners Mission Statement: The purpose of the Brothertown Land Commission is to establish and implement policies and procedures for present and future Brothertown Tribal land acquisition and usage; To protect and preserve tribal lands for economic, cultural and social initiatives; To perform our mission with integrity and spirituality in accordance with the Brothertown mission.

Grace Wills is writing a grant to assist the Tribe, enabling us to hire a tribal planner and administrator, and to possibly set up an office. Hopefully it will be accepted and funded. Mark Baldwin will also assist as much as he can by grant writing and advice.

The Council is meeting with the Fond du Lac County executive, members of the Historical Society, and members of the Audubon Society on June 21 at a former Boy Scout Camp. The Camp, located in Fond du Lac County, was recently purchased by the City of Fond du Lac to be used as acreage for hiking, snowmobiling and nature trails. There is a lodge on the property and we will be meeting with these groups in an attempt to determine the possibility of using the space in conjunction with the organizations. Should prove very interesting.

Newly elected council members are: June Ezold, Tribal Chairman; Ann Walters, Council Member; Cy Welch, Council Member; Caroline Andler, Council Member. Congratulations to the elected members of the Council! Thank you all for your interest in participating on the Council and thank you to all enrolled members who exercised their right to vote!

Enclosed in this report is information about the Brothertown annual picnic on July 19, 1997—hope to see you all there! A group of people have decided to camp at Calumet County park for the weekend. Hope others will join in—please contact the park for camping reservations.

Attorney's Report by Gregory A. Smith, Esq.

Federal Recognition

Brothertown remains sixth (6th) on the Bureau of Acknowledgment and Research's (BAR) list of tribes awaiting active consideration for federal recognition. With its limited resources, BAR is slowly working its way through the petitions of the Indian groups ahead of Brothertown. If any are rejected, the ensuing litigation will further slow BAR's efforts. All in all, it still appears that it may be two or more years before a final determination is reached on the Brothertown petition.

H.R. 1154: Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1997

On March 20, 1997 Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (D. Amer. Samoa) introduced H.R. 1154 which would remove the Federal acknowledgment process from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to an independent Commission on Indian Recognition. This bill is essentially identical to two previous bills introduced over the last three years. We will track this legislation and evaluate it for its possible impact on the Brothertown petition.

Brothertown Cemeteries

On May 28, 1997, June Ezold, Phyllis Mattern, Grace Wills and I visited Brothertown cemeteries located in the Town of Brothertown and the Town of Stockbridge. Afterwards, we researched the deeds at the Chilton County Court-

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house to determine who are the current owners of the cemeteries. This is part of an ongoing effort by the Tribe to research tribal history and culture in general, and to re-assume authority over Brothertown burial grounds, as appropriate, in particular.

Tribal Elections

I was honored to be able to be present to witness the Tribal elections on Saturday, May 17, 1997. The excellent turnout was a sign of the vitality of the Brothertown Tribe and the democratic process you have established for choosing your leaders. Needless to say, one of the things BAR will be looking for in evaluating your recognition petition will be how much tribal members participate in tribal activities, including the election process. I encourage you all to stay very involved.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Brothertown Members:

After reading the letter to the editor in the Winter report regarding the "naming ceremony" I was very disturbed. It troubled me that current members of our nation would refer to our ancestral traditions and cultures as "pagan ceremonies." I am as traditional as a Native American can be in this modern world. I truly do not believe that any part of our ancestors ways is a "problem that needs to be rectified."

I do not condemn anyone for their personal beliefs and feel very saddened that certain members of our nation feel that it is prevalent to condemn the ones of us who do not follow the "white way." It is that kind of thinking that takes native people back to the early 1800's - when Native Americans were made to cut their hair, speak only English, leave behind their families and (most importantly) they were made to worship the Christian God. Our peoples ways were practiced here for thousands of years without one single Christian.

What saddens me most is the fact that white society has ALMOST done what it set out to do—completely annihilate us. I say almost because I will always practice my tribal traditions and I am passing them on to my children. I hope the council continues all of the ceremonies that they have during the meetings. It is one way that Native Americans can continue our traditions. After all, it was good enough for my ancestors, so that makes it good enough for me.

Sincerely,

G. Lightfoot Fay
Angela Fay
700 Green Acres Rd.
Atmore, AL 36502

Letters to the Editor, Continued

Boozhoo (Hello),

Most Native First Nations (tribes) across this Great Turtle Island of America have memberships made up of Christians/Catholics, and Traditional Indian/Native American religions. In Tribal communities/reservations throughout the states of Rhode Island, Long Island, Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin, where our ancestors came from these religions have co-existed from the 1600's to today. Tribal people living and working together, side by side in harmony.

Most reservations have both churches and special places for ceremonies. I believe that when our tribe acquires land, there will be a special place set aside for ceremonial use. Until that time comes, let us work together and find a solution that will be RESPECTFUL TO ALL, NO MATTER WHAT RELIGION!

I pray to the Creator every day. I ask Him to watch over and guide our Tribal Council, members and especially our Elders and our children.

From the Heart, Mi-gwetch (thank you).

A Brothertown Member,

Jerry Musolf
A descendent of Simon Shelley, Pequot

Letter to the Editor:

I am saddened to read Jackie Wilson and Kelly Baetz's letter about our native religion and their use of the word "pagan." The one thing I do not want is for our Brothertown Nation to become a social club. Meet on Friday and have coffee, meet on Thursday and go bowling. I am a member of the great Brothertown Nation because I want to learn, respect, and participate.

If you read The Narragansett Diary of Joseph Fish or other books on our history, you will learn that our ancestors took on European ways and religion because they thought the Europeans would then respect them and leave them alone. Stop killing us. Stop taking our land. When the lack of tolerance continued even after we turned Christian, our ancestors left their homeland for "praying communities." From there, as we all know, we were driven even further from our ancestors grave sites and traveled to Wisconsin.



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Letters to the Editor, Continued

Having been raised Christian and having participated in native religion with the Ojibwe people as an adult, I can tell you there is no conflict between beliefs. Both believe there is a God, both are heavy into beautiful rituals, and both use rituals to help them communicate with God. When my two children were named by a wonderful medicine man from the Fond Du Lac Reservation, it was a beautiful and life changing ceremony. The name which they were given will give them spiritual assistance throughout their life. When they were baptized, did their first confession, and received their first communion in the Catholic Church, those rituals were equally beautiful and important.

Please respect and continue the practice of our native customs at our great Brothertown gatherings.

Marilyn Marthaler (Skeesuck)

Congratulations to the following Graduates:

Amy Tousey:
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Masters Degree in Social Work

Noah Brushell:
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Gianina Contin:
Minneapolis South High



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Brothertown ID Cards

by Ann Walters

Procedure to obtain a Tribal Membership Card:

Please send the following list of items to Ms. Ann Walters, 6996 Forseth Court, West Bend, WI 53095:

- a written request for an ID card
- two copies of a recent (within 6 months) picture of yourself
- self-addressed stamped envelope
- a check for \$10.00 made out to "Brothertown Indian Nation, Inc."
- your social security number

When received, I will mail you a membership card to be filled out. If you do not know your enrollment # I can fill that in for you. Mail it back to me for completion. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks for the complete process. If for any reason you are in need of the card immediately. I can process it right away for you. Thanks for your support!

ATTENTION BROTHERTOWN MEMBERS:

Fundraiser for Land Acquisition!

Your Brothertown Council recently voted that all members who donate \$100 or more to the Land Acquisition fund will receive a one year free subscription to the Brothertown quarterly report. Please send your check made out to "Brothertown Indian Nation Inc." to:

Leo Tousey, Treasurer

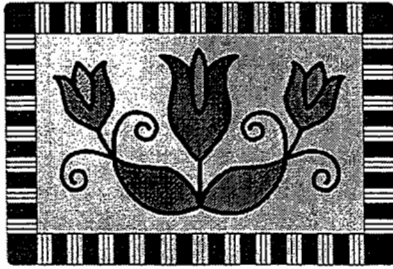
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Don't forget to indicate what the money is to be used for
with your check.

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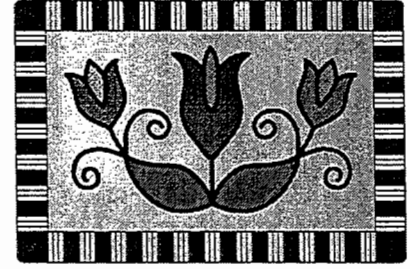
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A Wooden Box

An article in the Sheboygan Press was forwarded to me, which I will summarize for you here. A wooden box was returned to American Indians in New England. On the box is carved the end of a trail that members of several tribes took in the 18th Century to Wisconsin. It was sent from Wisconsin to Lucy Occum, a member of the Mohegan Tribe in Connecticut. The box is elm and carved with a design that documents the migration of Indians West, to Oneida, NY, and then to what was called "Brotherton," in Wisconsin in 1831. The round picture box represents one of the few surviving documented records in an ancient design language of East Woodland Indians. Among the design on the box are a trail covered by dots which represent people, and plants which represent each tribe. A spiral with seven pipe spokes is carved on the lid, representing the seven tribes which joined in a circle of unity. This came from our "Brotherton" ancestry.

A letter has been written to the Tribal Chair of the Mohegan Tribe in Montville, CT, suggesting this box can be a bridge between our two peoples. They have already gone through the federal recognition process three years ago, so we feel they could realize how important the box could be in our pursuit of federal recognition, arising as it does so directly from our experience of migration to Wisconsin.

We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Grant Reports

We have not received any response from the grants that were submitted. Two grants were recently written, one to help us with the Sesquicentennial celebration in 1998 and one to help us with establishing an office and for professional assistance.

Sesquicentennial Plans

Your tribal council is working with the Historical Society of Fond du Lac to help with the 150 year celebration of Wisconsin's statehood. There will be a wagon train leaving from Prairie du Chien traveling on to Beaver Dam and to Fond du Lac, where they will have a parade down Main Street ending at the Galloway Village. At the Village, they will be served a meal, have a bonfire, storytelling and entertainment for the evening. They will leave Fond du Lac to go up highways 151 and 55 through Brothertown, and on to Green Bay. We want to be involved in their stay at Fond du Lac and hopefully have a Historical Marker approved and set up at the intersection of Highways 151 and 55, which is on the border of the original reservation. Nothing is concrete yet, but we are planning to be involved.

The Sesquicentennial staff are developing a comprehensive calendar. 1998 dates and activities include:

- Mid January 1998 (tentative): The Wisconsin Legislature convenes in Belmont, the state's first capital.
- May 29, 1998: Statehood day, marking the signing of the Statehood document. Activities at and around the State Capital to include a special issue first day stamp ceremony, a civil war encampment by re-enactors at Camp Randall; birthday cakes of Wisconsin; Military Dress Ball at Monona Terrace and a casual street ball; around the state bell ringing, flag raising, stamp ceremony and other activities will mark the historic day and weekend. Wagon trains will roll from Racine to Green Bay; Prairies du Chien to Green Bay.
- June 24-July 5: On the National Mall in Washington, DC, Wisconsin is the featured state of the Smithsonian Institutions' Festival of American Folklife, activities, projects on the Mall, reception at the Castle.
- August 2: Milwaukee Circus Parade, the National Governors' Conference, the launching of the Lake Schooner and other ceremonies.
- August 20-23: Wisconsin folk life Festival, Madison. Re-staging of the Washington festival and more; Pow-Wow by Wisconsin Tribes.

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LETTERS

In regards to our plans for 1998, Caroline Andler and several of our members will be meeting to study the dress of our ancestors during that era. If you have any ideas and want to help your tribe, you may contact Caroline Andler or June Ezold. Addresses and phone numbers are listed under Council Addresses in this report.

**Brothertown Traditional and Contemporary Dress
Adam's House in Galloway Village
Fond du Lac, WI
1:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997**

Caroline Andler has very graciously accepted the responsibility of learning about our Tribe's traditional and contemporary dress and will hold an informational get together. She has a videotape entitled "Elegant Visions" about modeling authentic tribal dress (traditional and contemporary). Join us and help by adding your ideas. We want to get this started for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1998. This celebration is the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin's statehood. Come with your ideas. We'll have fun working and thinking together for our tribe. We are looking for a strong turnout.



We will meet at the Adam's House on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 1:00 PM. Call Caroline Andler at 414-965-3994 with questions or to confirm your attendance—she's looking to hear from you! Her address can be found with the list of council members in this report. If you have ideas, but cannot attend, please be sure to contact her in advance to share them!



Brothertown Members and Associate Members:

I recently resigned from the Tribal Council due to health reasons. I had one full year to go to finish my seventh term, or 14 years. I felt as though I would not be able to fulfill my obligation as a Council Member any longer and I feel if one cannot do what the job calls for, he or she should step down. This is what I have done. I did not want to jeopardize the rest of the Council or the tribe in any way. Caroline Andler will fill in to complete my term. I believe she will do a very good job.

I enjoyed being on the Council and would like to thank everyone who had confidence in me and voted for me all of these years.

My wife, Irma, who took care of putting out the food and making the coffee at all the Council meetings, picnics and homecomings for the past 13 years is also resigning. Martha Stephenson has volunteered to take this over. Irma would like to thank Martha for doing this. Irma appreciates and wants to thank all those who have helped her at the picnics and Homecoming's all these years.

Thanks again from the both of us!

Boots and Irma Sampson

1997 Brothertown Picnic Report

The Picnic Committee would like to thank all who attended the Picnic. We had approximately 100 adults and children in attendance. We would also like to thank those who helped with the tent, brought food, sold crafts, and helped clean up. Also, thank you to Mr. Blanc and his son who showed members of the tribe how to carve wood and play the flute.

While the regular Council Meeting was being held, we took the children and showed them how to make drums, pouches, and necklaces. We also gave them each a booklet which had hidden pictures, tree facts, animal masks and other fun things. After we broke a pinata, everybody played elephant bingo.

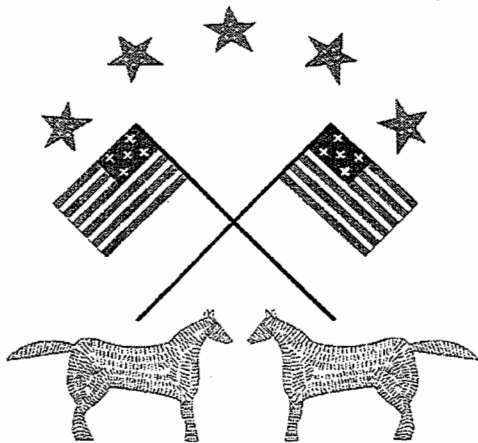
Thanks for coming and hope to see everybody again next year!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Wentz Family

Articles or letters must be submitted to Tribal Chairman, June Ezold, by November 21, 1997 for publication in the next Quarterly Report.

Brothertown "FLAG DESIGN CONTEST"



While at the Mohican pow wow recently, Mike Pelky noticed that several tribes attending had tribal flags that they carried into the arena during the Grand Entry. Council decided that we should also have a tribal flag to represent us at pow wow's.

Therefore, the Brothertown Council has decided to hold a "FLAG DESIGN CONTEST."

Prize for the best design: \$25.00

All entries:

- should be in **color** (marker, colored pencil)
- should be on 8 1/2 by 11" paper
- should utilize your creativity or utilize existing Brothertown designs
- must be designed by an enrolled Brothertown member
- should include the artists name and address
- must be **postmarked by Saturday, October 11, 1997**
- must be sent to: Mike Pelky, 244 Bishop Ave, Plymouth WI 53073

(Entries may also be hand delivered to the Council at the Fond du Lac Lakeside Pavilion by 10:00 am on Saturday, October 18, 1997).

The Council will display all entries at the Homecoming, including the winning entry. We look forward to seeing you entries!

Brothertown ID Cards

The laminating machine is now repaired. I am working on getting caught up with ID cards that were requested previously. If you hear nothing from me within the next two weeks, please contact me or a Council Member so we can check to see if something is missing. Thank you for your patience. Ann's address and phone can be found on the back page, in the Council Members column.

Ann Walter
Council Member

1997 ENROLLMENT REPORT

I have enrolled about 32 members this quarter. Enrollment applications continue to come in. People call about scholarships and medical assistance from other tribes. If you are enrolled in an Indian tribe, some of the other tribes will accept your roll number and medically treat you, but you have to have an enrollment number.

To show support for your tribe, why don't you request an enrollment card and carry that with you? You can use it any time you need a photo ID. The enrollment ID card lists your name, photo and your enrollment number. It cost \$10.00, which helps to pay for the expense, and also helps the tribe. You can request an enrollment card from Ann Walters—please see "Enrollment Cards" in this report.

Remember to keep me informed if you get married, change your name, have a child or change your address. Keep us informed so we don't lose track of you!

Waagoosh Equay
(Phyllis Mattern)
Enrollment Chairman

FUND RAISING FOR THE TRIBE!!

Your tribe is having another raffle this year. The drawing is to be held at the Homecoming Celebration on October 18, 1997 (see insert). Donations were made, including:

- Queen size wedding ring patterned quilt
- Wooden rocking horse
- Dream catcher
- Pair of dolls in Native dress
- Afghan
- Other items

The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact the Tribal Chairman or Mike Pelky and they will be happy to serve you. Tickets will also be sold at the Homecoming. Need not be present to win!

CODE FOR LONG LIFE AND WISDOM

Thank Gitche Manitou for all His gifts.
Honor the aged; in honoring them you honor life and wisdom.
Honor life in all its forms; your own will be sustained.
Honor women; in honoring women, you honor the gift of life & love.
Honor promises; by keeping your word, you will be true.
Honor kindness; by sharing the gifts you will be kind.
Be peaceful; though peace, all will find the great peace.
Be courageous; through courage, all will grow in strength.
Be moderate in all things; watch and listen, listen and consider, your deeds will be prudent.

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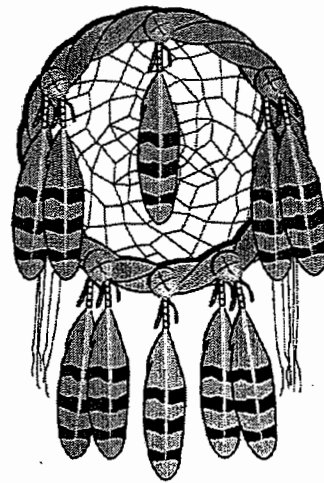
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NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY

Sandy Pawlacyk,
Council Secretary

If you were at the Brothertown Picnic held at Calumet County Park in July, you probably heard some of this explained to you. If not, the following is what I presented.

I attended a week long class held at The Clearing in Door County in June, called "Native American Spirituality" given by Gladyce A. Nahbenayash, an Ojibwe educator from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Gladyce talked about many topics, and I'll share a few of them with you here.

Gladyce taught us that the number "4" is a sacred number to Native people because there are 4 sacred directions (East, South, West, and North), there are 4 sacred plants (sage, cedar, sweet grass, and tobacco), there are 4 races of people in the world (red, yellow, black and white), and there are 4 seasons to the year (Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter). There are colors for the directions, also. East is yellow because that is the direction that the sun rises and where you come from when you are born. South is red because that is where the summer and the heat come from. West is black, as that is where the thunder comes from and where you go when you die. North is white, as that is where the snow and cold come from. There is also blue for the sky, and green for the earth and all living things. Gladyce taught us how to make several Spiritual items and how to conduct a "Spirit Calling Ceremony." The item that I showed and spoke about at the Picnic is called a "Prayer Stick." It is made out of a stick from the woods, some feathers, yarn, a crystal, a piece of a cedar tree, and 7 tobacco ties. I will bring the Prayer Stick with me to the Homecoming at Lakeside Pavilion in Fond du Lac on October 18, 1997.

If anyone is interested in making a Prayer Stick, please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to me and I will send you the directions. My address is listed on the list of Brothertown Council Members.



Treasurer's Suggestion:

If anyone knows of a family that is finding it difficult to pay the \$10 subscription for this Quarterly Report, and they are truly interested in receiving the Report, please contact Leo Tousey or any Council Member to see if something can be done to assist them.

Leo Tousey
Treasurer

WEB PAGE

Yes, we now have a web page! Thanks to the work of AJ Stephenson, the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin are on the World Wide Web! Please check out our home page at:

<http://www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~astephen/bro.html>

BROTHERTOWN HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 18, 1997

10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

WHERE: LAKESIDE PARK PAVILION: LAKESIDE PARK, FOND DU LAC, WI
The park is located end of North Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI

REGISTRATION: Starts at 10:00 AM

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

WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, plates, cups, soda (NO ALCOHOL), sandwich if you wish

DISH TO PASS: **SUGGESTIONS:** Native American food, wild rice, wild game, Cole slaw, hot or cold potato salad, raw vegetables, sloppy joes and buns, your favorite pot luck dish

OUT OF TOWNER'S: Pickles, olives, dinner rolls, chips, mustard, desserts

ONLY REFRIGERATOR AND SINK AVAILABLE, NO STOVE: Hot dishes should be in electric casserole dishes or some other way to keep hot. Would like some Native American dishes.

COFFEE AND MILK PROVIDED

CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN (15) BRING A HALLOWEEN COSTUME. A PARADE WILL BE HELD. PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS

ELEPHANT BINGO: Everyone in attendance should bring a prize, serious or foolish. A boy for a boy, a girl for a girl, woman for woman, man for man. **WRAP THEM IN NEWSPAPER AND MARK WITH 'BOY,' 'GIRL,' 'WOMAN,' 'MAN.'** These will be the bingo prizes.

ENTERTAINMENT: Music and historical information about Calumet County and Brothertown.

A SHORT AFTERNOON MEETING, INFORMATIONAL AND QUESTIONS

DETACH AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION BY OCTOBER 15, 1997

NAME: _____ **NUMBER OF ADULTS:** _____

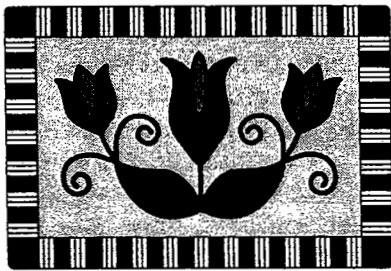
ADDRESS: _____ **NUMBER OF CHILDREN:** _____

CITY: _____ **DISH I WILL BRING:** _____

RETURN TO: Barbara Roloff
W3354 Walnut Rd.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

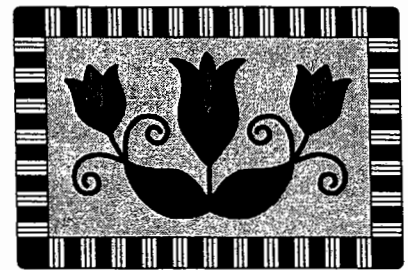
Any questions, call a Tribal Council Member.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BROTHERTOWN INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
WEAR YOUR INDIAN REGALIA!

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Tribal Chairman Report

June Ezold
Migizi Manitou Equay

SAD NEWS

Greetings! We have has some sad news to tell you. Leo Tousey, the Brothertown Financial Agent and Treasurer, passed away Thursday, November 6, 1997, of a sudden heart attack. We, among many others, have a void in our life with his passing away. Leo had been with the Tribal Council since 1978, being one of the organizers for our re-recognition process. He is sadly missed.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Ann Walters, Council Member, was appointed to replace Leo as Treasurer until the next elections in May, 1998. Ann is Leo's daughter and has all of the Tribal financial records close at hand. According to the Bi-Laws, when a Council Member passes away, the Chairman is responsible for appointing someone to hold office until the next election. I understand a couple of the Council Members are disappointed they were not appointed to the position, however, this is really the best way to handle the situation at this time.

INJURY

I was leaving for the funeral from my home on Saturday, November 8 at 4:45 AM. My boot got stuck on something and I fell and broke my hip. I laid by the house until 9 AM when a neighbor heard my calls. I am now on the road to recovery and will be moving at full speed in a month or so. Phyllis Mattern and the other Council Members met on November 15 and are handling business as usual.

AMERICAN RIVER HERITAGE PROGRAM

President Clinton included the American River Heritage Program in his State of the Union message last winter. Fox River Forward of Appleton immediately picked up on the idea and proceeded to do all the work to nominate the Fox River. They had already done much work related to the Locks prior to the announcement. Fox River Forward wants to be inclusive of the entire community, past and present. The Native American Nations and their respective relationships to the Fox are very important to the chronology of the river. Those Nations that have an immediate relevancy are the Ho-Chunk, Menomonie, Stockbridge-Munsee, Brothertown and Oneida. Some others have a more remote relationship. I wrote a separate letter to the organization toward nominating the Fox River Area Heritage River through the American River Heritage Program.

GREAT LAKES INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Great Lakes Intertribal Council met with me on Wednesday, November 5th to write captions for our photos for the traveling exhibit. This panel exhibit will be presented in Washington, D.C. in early July of 1998. We are to be included in the traveling exhibit with the other 11 Federally Recognized Tribes for the Sesquicentennial Wisconsin program. The program will be held on the Mall in Washington, D.C., in celebration of the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Celebration. A Pow wow will be held at the same time. The entire program will be presented in Madison, WI, around August 22, 1998, so one can attend at either or both.

THANKS

Thank you all for your get well cards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Seasons Greetings to you and your families.

Leo E. Tousey

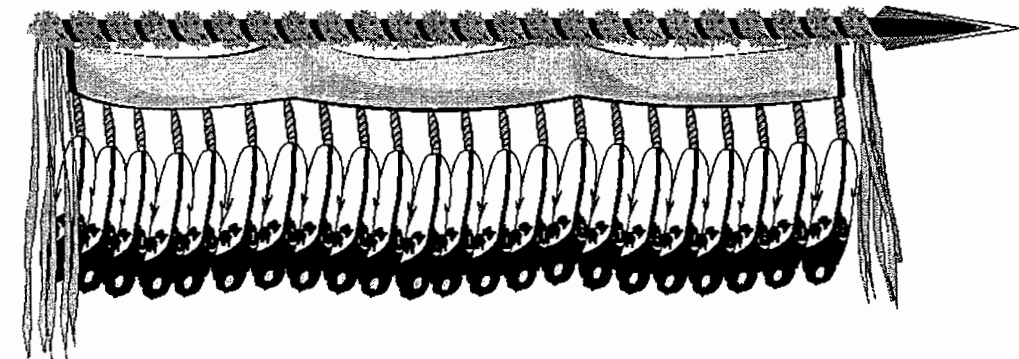
Leo E. Tousey passed away very unexpectedly on November 6, 1997 in West Bend, WI. He was born March 30, 1934 in Jamesville, WI. He was employed by Regal Ware in Kewaskum, WI. as a Computer Operation Supervisor until his retirement in 1994. He was honorably discharged after serving three years in U.S Army in Germany. On May 20, 1961 he married Barbara A. McCullen. At the time of his death Leo was employed by Envirotest System's in West Bend, WI. Leo had five children Jackie, Michael, Ann, and Amy. Leo was a member of the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin for whom he served as Treasurer for 13 years. He will be sadly missed. Go With the Wind.

Waagoosh Equay
Phyllis I. Mattern
Enrollment and Vice Chairman

Leo Tousey

When Leo Tousey's stepmother, Rose, called to say Leo had died suddenly of a heart attack, I could not believe it. I had never heard him complained about his heart or of being sick all the years I knew him on the Council. His death was like losing one of my relatives. Leo was a well liked person. You could tell that when we went to the church in West Bend for his memorial service. The church was FULL of his friends, family and relatives. Leo wasn't only a friend, but he was a good Treasurer for the Brothertown Indian Tribe for many years. He was a quiet, easy going, and easy to get along with person who had a good sense of humor. He did a superb job as the Brothertown Treasurer and was able to get along well with everyone. He is greatly missed. It will be hard to replace him as the Treasurer because he had so many years of experience and knowledge of how things were done. I know it will take me a while to get over not seeing him at the meetings after all those years of working together. May he rest in peace.

"Boots" Sampson



Enrollment Report

December, 1997

by Waagoosh Equay
(Phyllis Mattern)

We have enrolled 24 members since our last Quarterly Report. I'm still receiving enrollment applications. You can request enrolment forms from me and Enrollment cards from Ann Walters (see below).

Keep us informed if you get married, change your name, have a child, change your address or graduate from high school, college or beyond!

Brothertown ID Cards

by Ann Walters

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- self-addressed stamped envelope
- a check for \$10.00 made out to "Brothertown Indian Nation, Inc."
- your social security number

When received, I will mail you a membership card to be filled out. If you do not know your enrollment # I can fill that in for you. Mail it back to me for completion. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks for the complete process. If for any reason you are in need of the card immediately. I can process it right away for you. Thanks for your support!



OBITUARIES

Go with the winds!

Ervin A. Miller

b. 01-23-32

d. 09-22-97

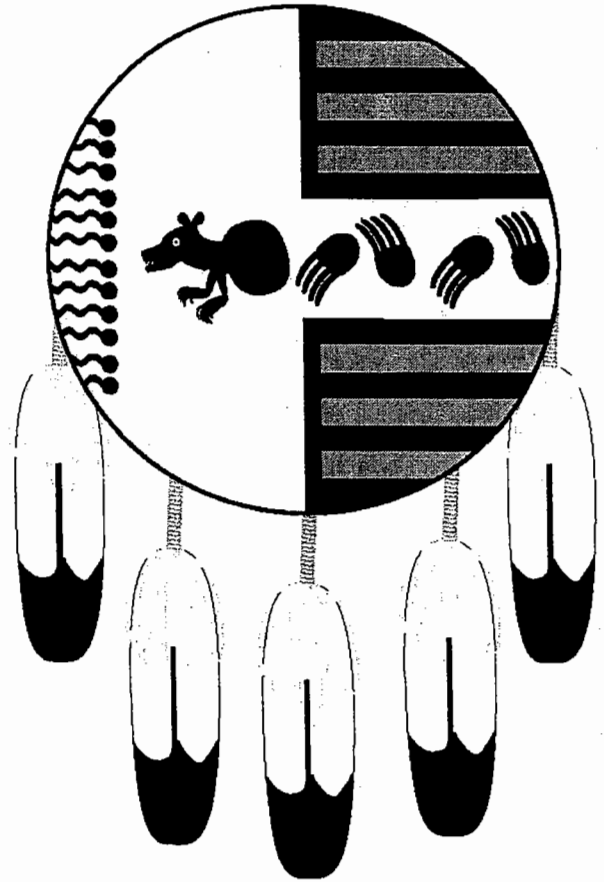
Ancestor: Arthur A. Potter
1901 Roll

Leo E. Tousey

b. 03-31-34

d. 11-12-97

Ancestor: Melissa M. Coyhis
1901 Roll



EDITORS COMMENTS:

Thank you to those who submit articles to be published in the **EOYAMQUITOOWAUCOMUCK Brothertown Quarterly Report**. Articles for the next Quarterly Report must be received by the Editor by February 27, 1998. Those who choose to send their article to the Tribal Chairman first please keep in mind that she needs to receive your article with enough time to read it and send it to me by the date above. If articles are not received by the date above, they will be held until the following Quarterly Report. The Editor can be reached by U.S mail at: 4028 Longfellow Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407, or by fax at: 612-625-0704, or by e-mail at: pawla002@maroon.tc.umn.edu

As always, please send any comments, suggestions or articles for submission!

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Please join us at the Crafts workshop! We plan to get together at the end of January in Fond du Lac, WI, and tentatively in Plymouth, WI, in March. We always need extra hands and it's a good way to either learn a skill or share you skill with other tribal members. The crafts that we make are sold at future pow wow's to raise money for the tribe. Please call Mike Pelky if you are interested at (920) 892-2556.

We are still selling T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats with the Brothertown logo. Soon we will be able to add an embroidered Brothertown logo on the back of the jackets. The jackets have an embroidered logo and your name in the front.

Support your tribe! Send a donation, make a purchase, or help us make crafts. Be an active member of our community!

WEB PAGE

We have a web page! Thanks to the work of AJ Stephenson, the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin are on the World Wide Web! Please check out our home page at:

<http://www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~astephen/bro.html>

EOYAMQUITOOWAUCOMUCK

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION, INC.

Annual Report Winter 1997



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

by June Ezold, Tribal Chairman

Strategic Long Range Planning Training:

A workshop was held on March 1-2, 1997 to discuss strategic long range planning for the tribe, which was conducted by The Falmouth Institute, Inc., of Fairfax, Virginia. The training was paid for from the grant that ended Feb. 28, 1997. At this workshop, Council members wrote goals, or accomplishments, that we wanted for the Tribe. The goal of the workshop was to begin to write a mission statement for the Brothertown Indian Nation. To date, the mission statement is strong, and receiving it's final touches. It is expected to be published in the Spring Quarterly Report.

Tribal Attorney:

The Council has contracted with Attorney At Law, Gregory A. Smith, Esq., 1790 Lanier Place NW, Washington, DC 20009-2118, to work for the Brothertown Indian Nation. He has been hired out of our current grant funds. Mr. Smith has experience working with both federally and non-federally recognized tribes and can provide a wide range of assistance as we approach federal recognition. Services offered by his Law Firm include: General Indian Law; General Legal Matters; Training; Legislative Affairs and Washington Representation. His services also include non-legal research, being available to provide a range of research services for the Tribe using the many resources available in Washington. Mr. Smith can also assist the Tribe in: reviewing and/or developing its governing documents including the Constitution, membership ordinance, civic, criminal and judicial codes, etc.; developing its governmental agencies; establishing an economic development plan; educating officers and members in Indian law; and working with the Federal, State and local governments. He lead us in the cultural and political aspects of a Tribe.

Mr. Smith has been in his own office since October, 1992, and was an associate with other law firms since 1986. He graduated from Cornell Law School, Yale University and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association

and New York State Bar Association. Mr. Smith was contracted as the Tribal lawyer.

When we become federally recognized we are going to need a lot of direction and guidance while dealing with the government as a sovereign nation. For this reason Greg Smith was hired.

Upcoming Grants and Location:

The Tribal Council is going to write another grant in order to set up an office, but we do not have money to pay for the office after the grant ends. Our next step will be to get an office and get involved in economic development. We are presently located in the Adam's House in Galloway Village, 336 Old Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac, WI. The Fond du Lac Historical Society is being very generous to allow us to use their facilities at this time, at no cost to us. This is greatly appreciated!

We Have Been Busy!

Several workshops have been conducted to help us in the transition to becoming federally recognized. The first was held January 4th for assistance with grant writing, conducted by Colin Krodel from The Falmouth Institute from Fairfax, VA. On January 11th council met with the grant writing committee to decide how to prioritize our goals and how to ask for monetary assistance. Mark Baldwin, who has worked with us for many years before moving to California, is also willing to assist us in any way he can.

On February 10-11 a workshop was conducted by Greg Smith, Esq. for Council members and the Board of Commissioners. This workshop focused on what is expected of the Council and tribe once we are federally recognized. We learned about: the three chief branches of government which are Executive, Judicial and Legislative; Constitutional forms of government; lawmaking procedures; internal and external development; and Sovereign Immunity. During this workshop we reviewed our Constitution and discussed the strategic planning process. At the workshop we also became acquainted with him, gave him an idea as to what our plans and goals are, and identified how he can assist us.

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March 1-2 a workshop was held on Strategic Action Planning where we identified and wrote a mission statement for the Tribe again conducted by The Falmouth Institute.

One of the items we learned through the workshops was that as enrolled members we are considered citizens of the Brothertown Indian Nation. We would like to have more of our Tribal citizens involved and may make an attempt to conduct similar training for citizens in the future.

Do You Receive the Quarterly Report?

The **EOYAMQUITOOWAUCOMUCK** (formerly the Brothertown Quarterly Report) is a publication sent four times a year to those who subscribe. Important information about what your council and tribal members are doing is transmitted through this report. If you do not receive the Quarterly Report and would like to, please send \$10 to the address listed below. Your \$10 is good for a one year subscription (i.e. 4 issues). The cost covers copying, postage and helps pay for supplies the tribe needs to operate. The writers, editor and publisher are all volunteers, no one is paid for article submission.

Please make checks payable to:

Brothertown Indian Nation, Inc.
c/o Leo Tousey
2248 East Sandy Acres Road
West Bend, WI 53095

Please state on a separate sheet what the money is for, so it is used for the purpose you intended. The same with any money you send to the treasurer, if it is a donation toward the purchase of land, or to the quarterly report, or some other fund make sure to indicate where you want your donation to be spent. Thank you in advance for your support! Bernard "Boots" Sampson

Annual Enrollment Report

March 1997
Waagoosh Equay (Phyllis Mattern)

I have enrolled roughly 95 new member's from March 1996 to March 1997. The Enrollment keeps coming. We have about 2215 member's. People call about Scholarship's for their children and I refer them to our Chairperson June Ezold. When applying for membership cards, please have two (2) Passport size photo's that are 1 1/2" by 1 1/2" for your I.D. Card. Photo's to be taken within six (6) months. Not a group picture. Be sure and let us know your change of address.



Attorney's Report

Gregory A. Smith, Esq.

The Tribal Council has graciously allowed me to introduce myself to tribal members through this column and to talk about some of the legal issues affecting the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin. The Tribal Council recently retained my law firm to assist, as needed, on legal and related matters. My firm is located in Washington, DC and specializes in American Indian law. I serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the Native American Law Digest and conduct many seminars in Indian Country on Indian law issues, including an intensive two and one-half day session with your Tribal Council and other tribal members this past February. At this session, we reviewed the major principles of Federal law which affect tribal governments, discussed the differences between federally recognized and unrecognized tribal governments, analyzed your current governing documents, and talked about your goals for the future. I was deeply impressed by your Councils commitment to build the best possible tribal organization and to maintaining an open and active dialogue with the Tribe's membership. I look forward to being a part of that process.

Federal Recognition

As of February 13, 1997, Brothertown was sixth (6th), on the Bureau of Acknowledgment and Research's (BAR) list of tribes awaiting active consideration for federal recognition. Generally, tribes are taking off that list in groups of three. It is very likely that sometime this year the Brothertown's petition will be taken under active consideration. Most petitions are under active consideration for about a year, at the end of which time the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs will publish a notice of proposed findings in the Federal Register. There, there is an additional period for comment and review before a final determination is made. Brothertown can expect that it will be close to two years until a final determination is made on its petition. That may seem like a long time, but it will fly by, and in the intervening period it will be important for Brothertown to continue to build upon and develop its current government. You should know that your petition was the first one that was ever accepted for review upon its first submission; all other petitions were initially rejected because they had what are called "obvious deficiencies." While this means that you have made a good first impression, it does not guarantee ultimate success, so it will be important that you remain vigilant and be fully prepared to address any possible concerns the BAR may have.

1997 Calendar of Events:

All meetings will be held at the John Adam's House, Galloway Village, in Fond du Lac, WI unless otherwise noted.

January 4	Council Meeting, 10:00 am
February 15	Council Meeting, 10:00 am General Meeting, 1:00 pm Nominations for ballot committee will be accepted at that time
March 15	Council Meeting, 10:00 am General Meeting, 1:00 pm Nominations for council members will be accepted at that time
April 19	Council Meeting, 10:00 am
April 26	Minnesota Meeting 11:30 am Grace Covenant Church, Little Falls, MN (see page 8)
May 17	* Council Meeting, 10:00 am General Meeting, 1:00 pm Election of council members will be held at that time (Please make sure you vote!!)
June 21	Council Meeting, 10:00 am
July 19	Annual Picnic at Calumet Co. Park Council Meeting, 9:00 am Potluck meal, Noon General Meeting, 1:00 pm Games and fun for all to follow—see you there!
August 16	***Meetings held at the American Legion Hall, Gresham, WI Council Meeting, 10:00 am General Meeting 1:00 pm
September 20	Council Meeting, 10:00 am
October 18	Homecoming at Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fon du Lac Council Meeting, 9:30 am Potluck meal, Noon General meeting, 1:00 pm Games and fun to follow—see you there!
November 15	Council Meeting, 10:00 am
December	No meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
January 17, 1998	Council Meeting, 10:00 am

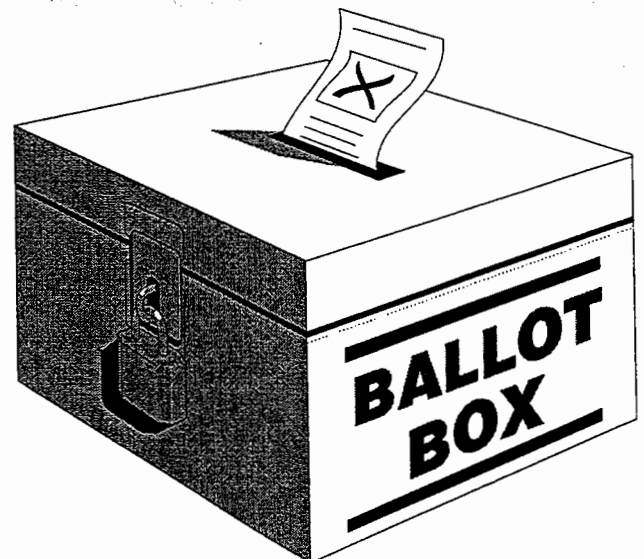
EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

At the February meeting the election of the Nomination Committee was held. Mike Pelky, John Roulette and Dick Welch were elected to the nominating committee. The offices that will be open for election are: Chairman and two Council members. At the March meeting nominations from the floor were received to add to the names brought in by the nominating committee. In May, elections will be held to fill these offices.

If you wish to vote and are unable to attend the May meeting, please send a written request for an absentee ballot. Each member **MUST REQUEST IN WRITING**, his or her own ballot, one request per envelope. Send your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Tribal Secretary:

Sandy Pawlacyk
308 Parkwood Drive
Neenah, WI 54965

DO NOT send all family member requests in one envelope. You must be listed on the current Brothertown Tribal roll. Once a request is received, Sandy will check your enrollment and send a ballot to you. Return the ballot to Sandy in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** inside of the envelope you mail it in (so the mailing envelope can be opened to find a sealed envelope inside which contains your ballot). Your ballot must be received by May 14, 1997, to be counted at the May 17th meeting. When your ballot is received, it will be added to the ballot box to be opened at the May 17th meeting. **DO NOT SIGN** the ballot or the envelope containing the ballot. **EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!!** June Ezold, Tribal Chairman



* **NOTICE**

MAY 17 GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT THE UNION LABOR HALL IN FOND DU LAC WI. 50 EAST BANK ST.

To All Adult Brothertown Tribal Members:

I would like to put something to you and after you have read it, would you PLEASE send written reply to me or one of the other council members with your opinions, suggestions and feelings in this matter. The Tribe needs your input in these issues.

As you know, we want to purchase land in or around Brothertown, WI, so we can establish an office and have all of our meetings and possessions there, and to hold all of our functions such as the picnics, Homecomings, and any other activities we hold. In the future we could have a motel and/or other businesses. All of this takes money. You might ask "What about the grants we receive from the US Government?" The US Government specifies what we can and cannot use that money for. Purchasing land and a building is NOT allowed from the grant funds. We, *as members of the Brothertown Indians, have to do things for ourselves if we want to obtain things like land, etc., instead of relying on someone else.*

If each adult member would donate \$25 or more a year to help towards our goals, we can continue a history of pride and self preservation, instead of relying on others for everything. After all, it is for our own good. These contributions and donations would help pay for expenses of the tribe, such as the renting of places to have our meetings, picnics and Homecomings, supplies to operate the tribe, etc. The rest of the money would be placed in the interest bearing land and building account, until we have raised enough to make a purchase.

I believe in making a contribution we would all feel good about it because our children and grandchildren could say that land is our Tribal Land and we helped purchase it. Some day we will be like some of the other tribes and make enough money from a business so we won't need a lot of contributions or donations. We will be able to support ourselves. Meanwhile, if we expect anything from the Tribe, we have to expect to help support the Tribe. As I indicated at the beginning, please write a reply to me or one of the council members with your opinions, suggestions, and feelings about this issue. The Tribe really needs your input on this matter as well as others to operate at it's best. Thank you, Bernard "Boots" Sampson.

We would like to thank those of you who have already made contributions to the Tribe!



Brothertown Members:

I would like to express an opinion that most would agree with, but few would act upon. Maybe you will. We should all be very grateful to our past and present Tribal Council members for all of their hard work all of these past years. I am very grateful to have them to assist me in the many tasks that I do for the Tribe. Knowing the amount of time my wife and I spend on Tribal business, I appreciate all of the time spent by the Council. This being said, I feel it's time to think about who will take their places when they are no longer there to advise us. We should learn from our Elders and honor them by learning all that they can teach us.

If you would ever consider being in any Tribal office, now is the time to learn what it is all about. Attend meetings, training sessions, volunteer for committees and learn who does what. We must prepare now for our future. Please don't stand back and let someone who you think is more qualified than you do the job, because with preparation and training YOU are the one most qualified! Step up and help shape the future of the Brothertown Indian Nation. There will be sacrifices of time and money, but the returns will make it all worth while. Contact any of the Council members if you want to become a working part of something good! PLEASE, don't forget to vote for Council Members!

Mike Pelky
Nominating Committee
Craft Committee Chair
Board of Commissioners

Brothertown ID Cards

by Ann Walters

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Pow wow Committee Report

We would like to thank the following people for all of the time and help they have volunteered in making crafts and staffing pow wow booths:

- Cathy McArthur, who worked at the winter pow wow and whose girl scout troop made beaded bracelets
- Gerry Andrews, Linda Flutner, Ilene Loppnon, John Roulette, Boots & Irma Sampson, Martha Stephenson.
- Mark Schreiner, a special thanks for working the booth from 11 am to 10 pm—and he's not enrolled yet!
- Rosé Pelky, for all the hours she puts toward crafts and for putting up with everything in the basement!

As well as many others who have helped throughout the year! Thank you to one and all!

Current fund-raisers include Brothertown T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. Please call 414-892-2556 to order. We always welcome those who volunteer. If you want to help the Tribe, you can make crafts at home or at a workshop, or help at a booth, type, donate money, or attend meetings. These are all fun ways to meet new friends while doing something important which will make the Brothertown Nation bigger and stronger.

***Craft workshop at John and Pattie Roulette's in Hartford, Wisconsin, on May 3rd, 1997, 9 am to 3 pm. Bring food to share for lunch. Come with your talents, or be ready to learn new ones! Call for directions! MikePelky

1-414-892-2556

Page Five

Please refer to page 3 for important VOTING information! The following individuals are currently running for election or re-election for the Brothertown Nation Tribal Council:

Ann Walters

My name is Ann Walters and I have served as a council member for the past two years. I hope to be re-elected for another two year term. I feel I have fulfilled my position to the best of my ability with the help of my fellow council members and citizens of the tribe. I will continue, with the other council members, to help achieve the goals of our Tribal Nation that we have set out so long ago to do.

Caroline Andler

I am a decendant of John Johnson, Mohegan and John Skeesuck, Narragansett. I have been married for 38 years with 6 children and 10 grandchildren. I am a member of the enrollment committee and a genealogist for the Tribe. I make crafts and help at pow wow's. I ma retiring this summer and with all of my new "free time" am planning on once again being a more active member of the Brothertown Indian Nation.

Cy Welch

I was born in Redwood Falls, Minnesota in 1918. I graduated from Redwood Falls High School, and Minnesota Bible College with a Bachelors of Arts in 1943, and from Butlor University, Chrn, Theological Semminary with a B.D. degree in 1951. I am a Ministor and have lived in Wisconsin since 1951. I've been a member of the Tribal Council for the past 12 years.

June Ezold (Migizi Manitou Equay)

I would appreciate your vote of confidence to re-elect me as your Tribal Chairman. I will do the best that I know how in assisting with the necessary steps in becoming federally recognized as a sovereign nation.

Martha Stephenson

My Great-grandmother was Lillian Welch, on the 1901 roll. I have been making crafts and working at our booth at pow wow's. I attend the picnic and Homecoming regularly. Recently I received two Master's Degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and am looking for work as an academic librarian. I would like to help our tribe work together to receive federal funds.

Obituaries

Marie M. (Porter) Aldrich
Roll # 40012
b.02-13-1919
d.02-07-1997

Letters to the Editor:

Letter to the Brothertown Membership:

We're writing this letter because we're concerned about some ceremonies that have been taking place, namely the "Naming Ceremony" and most recently "smudging." We do not believe in these ceremonies, therefore, we do not want to be a part of them.

We believe in Jesus Christ and God the Father. We do not want to see our tribe go back to the pagan ceremonies or beliefs of our ancestors. Especially since, after time, they chose to leave those pagan beliefs and become Christians. Although, because it is a part of our history, we would not be opposed to learning how they practiced their old beliefs. However, we do not want to be a part of the actual spiritual practice of these pagan ceremonies.

After speaking with the people who directed the "Naming Ceremony" last year, we learned that this is a religious ceremony. They do not call on only God the Father, but also on spirits. This is offensive to us and we do not wish to be involved in it. If these ceremonies are going to be held, we think it's only fair to us, and others that may feel this way to have them in private sessions. This way we may still participate in our tribe's functions without compromising our own beliefs. We truly enjoy being a part of the Brothertown Indians and participating in social gatherings, but we need to rectify this problem.

We hope this letter will initiate some feedback from fellow members and a decision can be made regarding the agenda of future meetings.

Respectfully,

Jackie Wilson (nee Tousey)
Kelly Baetz (nee Tousey)

Dear Brothertown Indian Members,

I am writing this in response to the letter to you that is also printed in this issue of the Quarterly Report. I feel that there are many parallels between the Christian/Catholic Church and the Native American Church. Some of them that I see are: in the Christian/Catholic Church the belief is that Angels are special helpers here on Earth, in the Native American Church the belief is that everyone has a Spirit Helper which is seen in an animal form; in the Christian/Catholic Church the belief is that God is our Creator, in the Native American Church the belief is the Great Spirit is the Creator; the Christian/Catholic Church incense is used to bless people and objects, in the Native American Church sage is used to bless people and objects. As I see it we have the same beliefs, we just have different names for them.

I have been a Catholic all of my life. I have gone to a Catholic school from first through twelfth grade. In fact, I am a member of the first graduating class of Lourdes High School in Oshkosh, WI. The Nuns and Brothers there taught us to be free thinkers, that is to be open to new concepts and ideas and at the same time keeping to the old. I feel that we can successfully merge these two beliefs. Several other Indian Tribes in the West have already done this, are we any better or worse than they are?

A suggestion I have for you is to read a new book: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, The Triumph of the Native American Church, by Huston Smith & Reuben Snake (1996). I have been reading this book and have learned a great deal from it about the Native American Church that I didn't know before. I think it will be a real eye opener for some of you, but you must be able to read it with an open mind, or you won't get much out of it!

The last paragraph in this book reads as follows: "The (Native American) Church has no professionals, paid clergy. Members are free to interpret Bible passages according to their own understanding. Morality is basically Christian and stresses the need to abstain from alcohol and be faithful to one's spouse. Other prominent values include truthfulness, fulfilling one's family obligations, economic self-sufficiency, praying for the sick, and praying for peace." [Smith, H. & Snake, R. (1996). ONE NATION UNDER GOD, The Triumph of the Native American Church (pp. 173). Santa Fe, NM: Clear Light Publishers.]

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Yours in Brotherly & Sisterly Love,

Sandy (Kindness) Pawlacyk
Secretary



***Please send any letters to the editor to Tribal Chairman, June Ezold, AV2848 Witches Lake Rd, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568 or to the Editor, Laura Pawlacyk, E-mail address: pawla002@maroon.tc.umn.edu (earth mail address to change soon.)

Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin, Inc.

-committed to research and education about the social, economic and environmental impacts of metallic sulfide mining

January/February 1997

Dear Great Lakes Residents and supporters,

We're writing to alert you to a new threat to the Great Lakes and to ask for your help in fighting it.

As you know, the EXXON Corporation, along with Rio Algom, Ltd., a Canadian-based mining multi-national, are proposing to divert between 1 and 2 million gallons of water per day out of the Great Lakes basin. Over the life of the 30 year mining development, almost 10 billion gallons of water would be withdrawn from the Great lakes watershed and diverted into the Mississippi River watershed.

Exxon and Rio Algom, partners forming the Crandon Mining Company(CMC), plan to develop an underground zinc and copper mine in northeastern Wisconsin, one mile from the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Indian Reservation. This highly controversial mining proposal has met with international opposition. CMC wants to divert the water so it can make more money and skirt existing rigid environmental protection of a Great Lakes tributary, the Wolf River, a state Outstanding Resource Water and protected National Wild and Scenic River.

Federal law, however, in the form of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA), 42 U.S.C. 1962d-20: Prohibition on Great Lakes Diversion, requires unanimous consent from all eight Great Lakes States' Governors to allow any diversion and use of Great Lakes water outside the Great Lakes watershed. A model for regional cooperation and management of a trans-boundary natural resource, the WRDA was created by Congress as a protective response to numerous proposals by thirsty municipal and industrial interests to divert and use Great Lakes water outside the basin.

In Crandon mining Company's proposal, CMC claims that because it is withdrawing ground water instead of surface water, Great Lakes water is not being diverted. Hence, it says, the WRDA does not apply and the State of Wisconsin has complete jurisdiction over the diversion. The WRDA, however, makes no such artificial distinction between ground water and surface water. Wisconsin, through its Department of Natural Resources, supports CMC's unique interpretation of the WRDA and claims that Wisconsin has sole decision-making authority regarding this international issue.

The precedent-selling nature of Crandon Mining Company's claim is unsettling. If its proposal is not forced to comply with the WRDA, in the future, any corporation

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or individual interested in using Great Lakes water for any purpose can simply drill a well, or a series of wells, anywhere in the watershed, and pipe out ground water otherwise destined for the Great Lakes. Even though Great Lakes water (both surface and ground water) is an international resource, states, tribes and provinces other than Wisconsin will have no say in the use and diversion of Great Lakes ground water if such proposals are exempted from the WRDA>

The Mining Impact Coalition believes the WRDA should be enforced, which means that CMC would have to receive "active" approval from all eight Great Lakes States Governors. Further, we believe that by requiring such approval from all eight Great Lakes States Governors. CMC's intended diversion will likely be vetoed because of political pressure and the precedent-setting nature of the proposal. The Great Lakes States Governors and citizens like you have a vested interest in stopping this proposed withdrawal of Great Lakes water for private corporate profit-making and environmentally destructive metallic sulfide mining.

We do not stand alone in our opposition to CMC's and the State of Wisconsin's position on WRDA. Numerous grassroots and national environmental groups, conservation groups, recreationists, and Native American tribes throughout the Great Lakes watershed support applying the WRDA to CMC's proposal. Importantly, in an August 2, 1996, preliminary review of CMC's mining application, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encouraged enforcing the WRDA, thus requiring the consent of all Great Lakes States' Governors for this proposed inter basin transfer. Carl Levin, United States Senator from Michigan, also concurs with this interpretation of the WRDA. The Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin strongly supports EPA's and Senator Levin's assessment. We are asking you to do the same!

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General Brothertown meeting with enrolled tribal citizens living in Minnesota

Saturday, April 26, 1997
Grace Covenant Church
1201 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

11:30 am-noon

Set up

noon-1:00 pm

Pot luck lunch—**please bring your favorite dish to share!**

1:00-4:00 pm

Tribal meeting: June Ezold, Tribal Chairman and other council members will be in attendance to inform Brothertown citizens of council activities.

????? Please call Laura Pawlacyk at 612-827-4114 or Rose Kramer at 218-829-8136 ?????

We look forward to seeing you there!

Brothertown Nation Annual Picnic July 19, 1997

Calumet County Park Ski Lodge

Registration and Council Meeting begin at 10:00 am

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

Bring food to share!!

More details in the next quarterly report!

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