

# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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## Newsletter

December 2017

*10 years; we're still here*



### Council News

At last month's meeting we discussed our upcoming Socials and several other issues.

Being that Nov is/was National Native American Awareness & History Month – we've had several occasions to promote mixed Native culture: NUWC (Naval Underwater System Center), Shining Star School, and Pennfield School.

On Sat Nov 11<sup>th</sup> we were happy to host our Fall Social at the Tiverton Rod & Gun Club. The food was plenty, the friendship was great and the drum was loud and happy. Thank you Gene, for arranging the use of the hall. We look forward to Dec, Jan & Feb Socials.

On Sat Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> we have been asked to drum for the Tiverton Rod & Gun Club's black powder shoot and "Toys For Tots and RI Food Bank" drive. Let's pray/hope for good weather.

At this month's meeting we will discuss our annual donation to St Joseph's Indian School. Plan to attend and let your voice be heard.

\*\* Note: This month's meeting will be our Annual Christmas Party, pot-luck social, Nikomo and gift gathering for St Joe's. see ----->

If you have any friends who might be interested in our ways, or are interested to see what we are about, feel free to bring them along, but, explain to them the idea of the Nikomo, that way no one is left without a gift. The more the merrier, guests are always welcome to any/all of our events.

Our prayers go out to all of our extended family members who are sick, ill, or injured. If you know of a member, or friend, of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

Drum practices have been every Thursday at 6:00. If anyone wishes to come and join us at the drum, or even just to enjoy the friendship, the door is always open..

*See you at the next meeting: Sunday Dec 3*

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### Annual Council Christmas party, pot-luck social, Nikomo and gift gathering for St Joseph's Indian School

The Council meeting on December 3rd will be short so that we may have a pot-luck social, a Nikomo (gift sharing) & Christmas party. It is asked that everyone bring a dish to share.

The Nikomo is a form of giving a gift to others. You bring an unwrapped gift, not for anyone specific, whether bought or handmade. You place it on the blanket with other gifts. After the meeting at some time during the social, the members will line up, "eldest" first, and you will take your turn and choose any gift from the blanket that you would like.

Also in keeping with the season, and as a gesture of the heart, we ask you to please bring a small unwrapped item/gift, which will be added with others, that we will be sending to St Joseph's Indian School. The Sioux children that attend the school are very poor and need OUR help. The gifts don't have to be expensive. You can find many nice things at stores like, Dollar Tree, Job Lot etc. The school asked for girls & boy's underwear, (all sizes) as well as socks, health & beauty aids (soaps, deodorants, shampoos, etc.), and all types of school supplies, not to mention toys (see page 8 for more needed things).

*Contact me for details.*



*Dreams of Wolves*

On the lighter side:



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*Spiritually Speaking*

MADE TO RULE

*Robert Soto, Lipan Apache*

I remember when I was a little boy, I had a vision. In this vision I was a brave Apache warrior who had obtained great victories over the United States government. I rode a horse from village to village warning our Native community of the invasion of those from the other side of the big water. With each vision, I stood alone but it seemed no matter what I did, I was victorious. In my vision, friend, family and foe did their best to bring me down. But for some reason I kept going and I kept on attacking. I remember once asking a friend, "Have you ever seen a real Apache?" He said, "No and I never will." Since I was not wearing moccasins and feathers he did not see me as Indian. So I looked at him and said, "One day you will." I was not sure what that meant but I did know one thing, I was destined to be an Apache leader.

That is the destiny of the human race. We cannot all be chiefs but we are all destined to be leaders; leaders of big groups or leaders of small groups. The size does not matter as long as we are doing what we are supposed to be doing, leading. That is the way God the Creator meant us to be. David wrote, "You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor." God the Creator reminded us that in the progression of His creation, He created his angelic forces and then He created mankind. Yet as great as His angelic creation is, we are the only ones who are crowned with glory and honor. We were created to lead and be leaders among our communities. It is just the way life is. When we fail to take the reins and lead others, we fail one of the greatest responsibilities given to us by God the Creator.



## Dues time:



Dues for 2018 can be paid at the December or January meeting, or checks can be mailed or dropped off to the Secretary at 222 Middle Rd. Portsmouth, RI 02871

*\$10 yearly dues help defray the cost of newsletters, snail mail, birthday, get well and/or sympathy cards. It also helps us support our charity, St Joseph's Indian School. Members & Assoc members, in good standing, will receive a 2018 card upon payment.*

### Upcoming Events:

Sat Dec 2

Tiverton Rod & Gun Club Black Powder Shoot & Toys for Tots & RI Food Bank drive  
Primitive area, 1529 Fish Rd Tiverton RI  
401-266-8436 8:00 – 4:00

Sun Dec 3

Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly Meeting  
Nikomo & Christmas Social  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

Sat Dec 9

Winter Pot Luck Lunch & Dance Social  
Tiverton Rod & Gun Club, 1529 Fish Rd Tiverton RI  
401-683-4589 12:00 – 5:00

Sun Jan 7

Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly/Annual Meeting,  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

Sat Jan 13

Winter Pot Luck Lunch & Dance Social  
Tiverton Rod & Gun Club, 1529 Fish Rd Tiverton RI  
401-683-4589 12:00 – 5:00

\*\* Above is not a complete list of all events happening in our area, just a highlight. For a full list of Native happenings, check the pow-wow schedule on the Wandering Bull's website.

If any doubt, call before you head out to an event to verify location and dates/times.

### Election Time

In accordance with our "Rules and Regulations" (By-laws); the following offices, which are 5 year positions, are open for nominations and elections:

Chairman (Chief), Clan Mother, Spiritual Leader,  
Head Elder and Secretary

To be considered for any of these positions; one must have "Native Blood" (except for Secretary) and be a "Member" in "Good Standing".

Nominations will be accepted during the regular stated meeting on Dec 3. Elections will be held at the Annual meeting on Jan 7.

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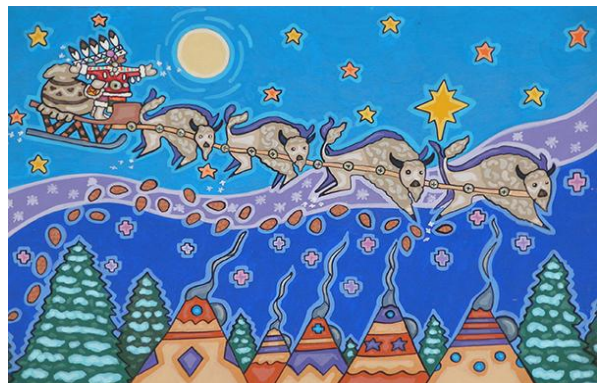
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### *First Spiritualist Church of Brockton*

243 Winthrop St. Rehoboth, MA (Grange Bldg. Rte 118 & 44)  
Sunday Services: June thru August – 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Sept. thru May - 10:00 AM to 11:30 with fellowship to follow.  
Check out their FB page: First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

For info on either the Wig Wam or Church of Brockton,

Contact: Rev Patti Craig  
1-508-436-3105 [evrotty@aol.com](mailto:evrotty@aol.com)



## NATIVE TEACHINGS: Wampanoag Tribe Facts

*by Bev Morningstar*

Introduction: With all of us just getting through the Thanksgiving season I thought it would be great to share some true facts about the Wampanoag Tribe who were the very first to celebrate the holiday in the New World as it was called back then.

The Wampanoag Native American People are known as the “People of the Light” or the “People of the First Light”. The First Light was their gift from the Creator to Wampanoag people as their land has one of the earliest sunrises in the east coast. Wampanoag land was from the Southeastern part of Mass. to the eastern part of Rhode Island. Without the aid of the tribe, the English settlement would have perished during their first harsh winter in New England. The Tribe were excellent hunters, fisherman/whalers, and cultivated the land to survive and supply food to their village. They were taught to use many resources; giving thanks always to the Creator, and to show respect for everything they took for their use. Their mind set was always to preserve some for the next seven generations of the unborn and not to waste anything. The tribe is well known for as the tribe that shared a harvest celebration with the Pilgrims from the Ship the Mayflower. These settlers arrived at Plymouth in the middle of winter of 1620 totally unprepared for it; as we all know, following a long difficult voyage at sea. They were unable to plant any food for themselves and found themselves lost in the new world. The Wampanoag were very kind to them shared food, and a friendly cooperative relationship it is said of ten years more or less. However, as more and more Colonist arrived they tried to convert the tribe to their faith and thus the troubles began. Imagine what this must have been like for the tribe after expressing compassion and support to these people now they were making demands on them. They themselves had moved from their beloved homeland because of religious persecution only to try to force it on the tribe. Well, it was only to be a matter of time before things were to change as they did and relationships turned bad, and that is another story.

America was not the “new world” to the Wampanoag, but rather the homeland of many Indigenous nations of many diverse cultures. As caretakers of the land; life centered on providing food and shelter for their families and maintaining a peaceful village. They had summer homes, as well winter homes, and would migrate between the seasons.



Massasoit was the leader of the Wampanoag Tribe and a very wise man, to say the least. Wampanoag leaders were known as sachems, and the title was passed down through family lines, including women if no male could claim the title. The leaders had the respect of others in the tribe, but worked with the rest of the community and did not have special privileges attached to their title, and did not command others. The Wampanoag also had a Grand Sachem, who provided leadership over the entire tribe.

In the early 1600s, before many European settlers began colonizing, there was an estimated number of 12,000 people belonging to this community of Native Americans. From 1614-1620, diseases that arrived with the early European colonist swept through the region, and destroyed villages. By 1620, there were only about an estimated 5,000 Wampanoag people left. Another outbreak of disease had spread in the year 1855 and caused more deaths on the island of Nantucket.

Conclusion: Our Creator blessed the Colonist with the gift of the Wampanoag Tribe, who live on today, after going through so many trials and hardships. They are and should be an inspiration to all of us no matter what back ground we are from to always give thanks to our Creator for our Blessings and His helping hands.

## *Editorial: Christmas – Then and now*

*by Dreams of Wolves*



Remember when you were little, how excited we would be that Christmas was coming?

Christmas was nothing like it is today. The feast of St Nicholas was just as exciting. We would hang our stockings wherever we could. I remember hanging mine on the old fashion stove that was in Grandma's kitchen. The next morning I would run down to see what he left me. Well, there were little trinkets, different kind of nuts and if bad; a real piece of coal.

Christmas morning was the day you knelt by the Nativity under the tree and wish the baby Jesus a Happy Birthday, and that is what I still do. Remember it is His birthday, not ours, we give gifts to Him; love, song & happiness.

That is what we should be doing; Think of Him first and then we should go out and take care of our brothers and sisters that have nothing.

It's nice to have presents under the tree, but what about those that have; no home, no tree, no gifts, nothing to eat. Children today don't think of any of this, all they want is all the electronics and toys they can get, not a thought about those who have nothing.

As a child I had nothing, but, was happy for anything that I might have gotten. Life was a lot better then. There was love shared among people, you took care of one another.

So, for this Christmas season, before opening gifts, wish Jesus a Happy Birthday and see what kind of things you have to give to someone less fortunate. That is what Christmas is; love and sharing. We all need happiness and the love of others.

May your Christmas be blessed and happy, because you did something for someone else first.

May God/Creator bless all of you, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.





*The*  
**AQUIDNECK INDIAN COUNCIL**



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*Invites you to attend*

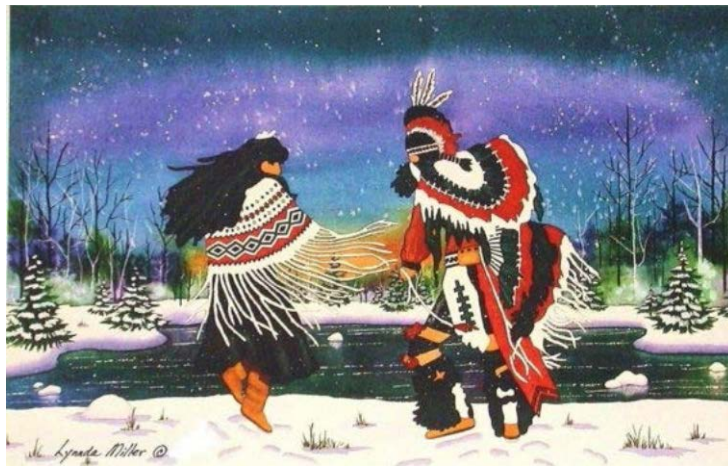
our Winter Potluck - Lunch, Dance Social Gathering

Sat Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00

@ Tiverton Rod & Gun Club, 1529 Fish Rd, Tiverton, RI

Raffles, Dancing and afternoon fun.

Open to the public - all are welcome.



Please bring something to share.

(Coffee, water & soda will be provided by the Council)

Drumming by: the Soaring Eagle Singers

All Native entertainers welcome.

Please contact us.

**\*\*This is an Alcohol & Drug Free Event\*\***

Directions to: Tiverton Rod & Gun Club

From Fall River, Providence, and points north, take Route 195 east to Route 24S. Follow 24S to Fish Rd exit in Tiverton. Take left off the ramp and follow Fish Rd approx. 2 miles past the Tiverton Police station. Tiverton Rod & Gun Club is on your right. If you see Bulgarmarsh RD, you passed it.

From southern RI, take the Jamestown and Newport bridges and continue through Middletown & Portsmouth on Route 114 (West Main Road) to Route 24N. Once across the Sakonnet River Bridge, take Fish Rd exit. Bear to right at Police station and follow approx. 2 miles.

For more info contact us at

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# Native Recipe

*\*\* I know we used this last year, but it's so good.*

## Gingerbread



### Ingredients:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 eggs              | ½ cup sour cream        |
| ¾ cup molasses      | ¼ cup brown sugar       |
| 1 ½ cups flour      | 1 teaspoon baking soda  |
| 1 ½ teaspoon ginger | ½ teaspoon ground clove |
| ¼ teaspoon salt     | ½ cup melted butter     |

Beat the eggs and add the sour cream, molasses and sugar and beat again.

In a separate bowl, sift together the dry ingredients; flour, baking soda, ginger, clove and salt.

Stir into sour cream mixture and add melted butter.

Pour into greased and floured 9" square pan.

Bake 35 minutes at 350\*

Serve warm with whipped cream or light lemon sauce.

# Next meeting:



**\*\* Sunday Dec 3, 1:00  
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth**

*Guests Always Welcome*



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For St Joseph’s Indian School  
(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



### Inspirational:

Children are gifts of the Creator and of ourselves. By raising them to the best of our ability, we are reciprocating that gift and showing our thankfulness for life and for the blessings of the Great Spirit. This requires much time, love, forgiveness and understanding on the part of the parents and grandparents – but the rewards for the child (and for the community as a whole) are immeasurable.

Also, it is not enough to raise your own children and grandchildren. You should bestow what you can to all the children of the earth.

{*Robert Higheagle, Teton Sioux*}

### From 3 Horses:

As we enter this holy season, I want to ask the Creator/Great One Above, to look upon all the members of our “Council family” and all our “relations” and our “friends”, and pour out Your blessings upon us all. Show Your love and compassion to all Your people *Wakan Tanka Kici Un, Mitakuye Oyasin - God Bless You, all my relations.*

**To hi ge se s di** – Cherokee for “Peace on Earth”



**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Holidays to all..**



See you along the Good Red Road.

*Peace*.....

*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*



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