

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

January 2016



Council News

At last month's meeting, we held our annual Nikoma, Christmas party and gift gathering for St Joseph's Indian School. As in years past; our people came together to help the children of St Joes. We shipped out assorted school supplies, winter hats, scarfs, gloves, tee shirts, HBA products, toys and other needed items. Thank you to everyone for remembering the children of St Joes.

On Sat Dec 12 we held our Winter Social at the FOP. It was a fun time for all. We thank all that attended. Good food, good fun and a big amount of raffle items. Thanks to Kevin & Terri for joining us at the drum. Hope to see all our friends at the next 2 Socials.

On Sat Dec 13 we took a bus trip to support our friends of the Metis Wolf Clan at their Native Arts & Crafts Fair. After that, we headed north to see the Holiday Light extravaganza at Our Lady of La Sallette Shrine. It was good to go as a group. I hope the experience put all in the festive mood.

On Sat Dec 19 we were asked to drum at the American Indian Federation's Nikoma & Holiday Social. We had a great time giving away our "medicine" and our Native styled Christmas songs. We thank the AIF for the invite and hospitality. We also thank Kevin & Terri for sitting at our drum and sharing some of their songs.

* Note: This month's meeting will also be our "Annual" (yearly) meeting. All reports for 2015 will be read and plans will be discussed for 2016. Plan to attend and let your voice be heard. We also have an application to be read.

** On Sat Jan 9th 12:00 – 5:00 we will be hosting another "Winter Potluck Lunch and Dance Social Gathering" at the FOP. (See page 6 for info). The floor is open to dance and enjoy yourselves. If there are any Native entertainers who would like to join us, please contact us. There is no admission fee, we just ask that you please bring a dish to share and come join us for a fun filled afternoon.

Drum practices have been every Thursday at 6:00.

** Due to the holidays, there will be no drum till Jan 7th.

If you know of a member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

See you at the next meeting: Sunday Jan 3

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"Happy New Year"



As Mother Earth pours out the blessings given to us from Wakan Tanka, let us all remember, we all drink from the same river of life.

Let us all come together in peace and unity and work towards another good year.

On the lighter side:



"That's not a smoke signal. That's your father lighting up one of his cheap cigars"!!



Spiritually Speaking

"Bright days and dark days were both expressions of the Great Mystery, and the Indian reveled in being close to the Great Holiness."

Luther Standing Bear, Sioux

The Great Spirit created a world of harmony, a world of justice, a world that is interconnected, a balanced world that has positive and negative, this way and that way, up and down, man and woman, boy and girl, honest and dishonest, responsible and irresponsible, day and night. In other words, He created a polarity system. Both sides are to be respected. Both sides of anything are sacred. We need to do good and we need to learn from our mistakes. We need to honor what takes place in the daytime and we need to honor what takes place in the nighttime. We learn that we need to learn and we see what we are supposed to see by staying close to the Great Spirit. We need to be talking to Him all the time, saying "Grandfather, what is it you want me to learn?"

Great Spirit, let me learn today that all things are sacred. Help me stay close to You, my Creator.

"If people are going to get back into balance, one of the things they have to do is seek the truth. They have to start really speaking the truth themselves, and that's a difficult thing to do. The way it is now in the world, we don't mind lying."

John Peters (Slow Turtle), Wampanoag

Well everybody's doing it. Do unto others before they do unto you. If it wasn't for bad luck I would have no luck at all. These are excuses and rationalizations for giving up accountability. Be true to yourself. Seek the truth, the Great Spirit is the truth. The truth shall set you free. This is the truth. We cannot be free if we are dishonest nor can we live a balanced life if we are dishonest. As we grow, we need to start taking stands. All warriors take stands. The warrior's belief is constantly being aligned to truth. The warrior will always know where he/she stands.

Great Spirit, help me today to seek Your truth, not my truth.



Dues time:



Dues for 2016 can be paid at the 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 2016 card upon payment.

Upcoming Events:

Sun Jan 3
Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly
and Annual Meeting
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

Sat Jan 9
Winter Pot Luck Lunch & Dance Social
Middletown FOP Lodge #21,
464 Mitchell's Lane, Middletown RI
401-683-4589 12:00 - 5:00

Sun Feb 7
Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589 1:00 - ?

** 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.



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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

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Editorial:

New Year's wishes

by *Dreams of Wolves*



Well, here we are, another year has come and gone. Think of all the things that have happened in 2015. Some things were great, others; not so good.

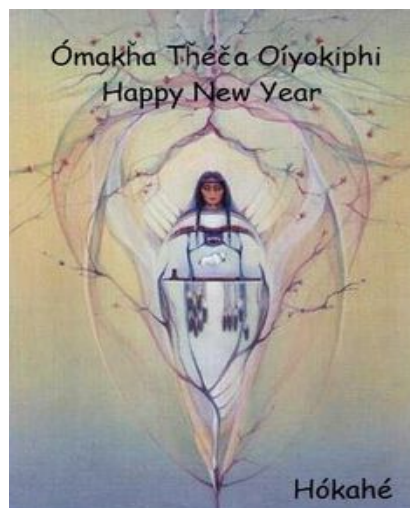
So now we are in a new year and it is time to start over. This year we need to work on improving our Council and also our attitudes. The first thing we need to do is; if we want this Council to succeed, we all need to take part in working together. People do have lives, outside this Council, but when there is something that the Council is obligated to do, we as a family should pull together and work as a team. Hopefully this year will be much better than the past. Let's support each other and not judge each other. We should be loving and understanding. None of us are perfect. I am far from perfect and I thank Creator that I am not, it makes me human. Sometimes it seems that life is not fair, but we are a family and if there is something that you need to talk about, we as a family should support you.

Maybe this year we will get more members that really want to be here and want the family atmosphere; that is where you as members of the Council will help by finding Native Americans that don't have a haven, or a Council family to belong to, because their Nation is not in this area.

Our attitudes are an important part of this Council. When people come to meetings and/or anything we are doing; we should be positive, not negative. If we always have a negative look on our faces, it makes others feel bad, and that is not fair to those who are always happy. So let's all work on ourselves and hopefully we will have a great new year with no negativity and no politics, just love and understanding. Remember; we are family and let's keep it that way.

So my wish is that all of us have a blessed year and a positive outlook, and let's start pulling together and start being here when needed. If you are part of this Council: let's work together and be here for each other.

Happy New Year. "Love you all".



Editorial:

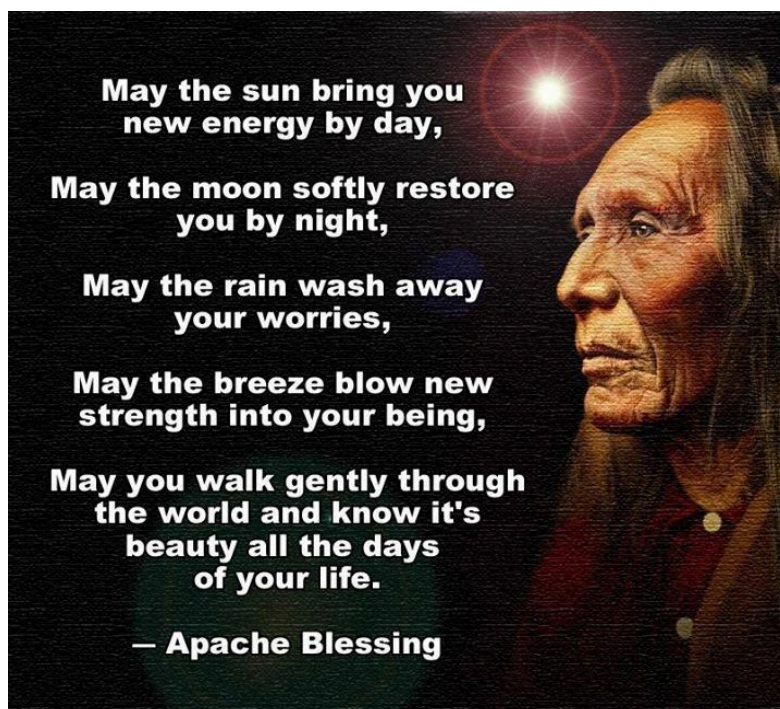
A Message of Peace

by Ashley Painted Sky



With every battle blood and tears are always shed. With every hurt that we have endured as natives and non-natives, we are still here and like Father Sky; when He cries His raindrop tears, we are to wash away the painful past of our ancestors but we will never forget. We need to learn to not let history repeat itself like it has time and time again. When the storms pass Grandfather Sun will smile and the clouds will part to reveal a beautifully painted blue sky. Our world has suffered many tragedies both big and small yet Grandfather Sun still shines down to embrace us all. The warmth of his golden rays dries our tears and we remember once again that We Are Still Here.

Only when we come together to unite as one, no matter the color of skin or race of man, then true peace will be found. This is Creator and Mothers message to live and love and embrace one another as brothers, sisters, friends, for WE are all one human race.





The

AQUIDNECK INDIAN COUNCIL



Invites you to attend

our Winter Potluck - Lunch, Dance Social Gathering

Sat Jan 9th 12:00 – 5:00

@ Middletown FOP Lodge #21, 464 Mitchell's Lane, Middletown, 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.

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

Directions to: FOP Lodge

From Fall River, Providence, and points north, take Route 195 east to Route 24S. Follow 24S to 138S East Main Rd in Portsmouth. Follow Route 138 approx. 6 miles past the State Police barracks, use Sarge's Autobody as a focus point. Mitchell's Lane is next left at Portsmouth & Middletown line. Spruce Acres tree farm is directly across from Mitchell's Ln. If you see Slate Farm, you passed it.

From southern RI, take the Jamestown and Newport bridges and continue through Middletown on Route 114 (West Main Road) to Route 138N East Main Rd. Follow East Main approx. 4 miles. Mitchell's Lane is next right after Boulevard Nurseries.

For more info contact us at

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Native Recipe

Stuffed Squash

(yes, I have used this recipe in previous newsletter, but it's sooo good, had to repeat)



Ingredients:

2 acorn squash, split & seeded
½ lb ground pork or veal
¼ cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 small onion, chopped

½ lb ground beef
½ cup uncooked oats or bread crumbs
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon mace

Instructions:

Bake squash, cut side up for 45 minutes at 325*.

Meanwhile, in a bowl combine beef, pork (or veal), oats (or bread crumbs), milk, onion, mace and salt. Sauté until meat is thoroughly cooked.

Remove squash from oven and fill cavities with meat mixture, and sprinkle each half with brown sugar.

Bake 15 minutes more and serve.

Serves 4

Next meeting:



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

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(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



Inspirational:

"You will only get back what you give out."

Joe Coyhis, Stockbridge-Munsee

From 3 Horses:

Another year has come and gone. A new calendar is beginning. A lot of things have happened within our Tiyosopae (extended family). We have had many happy times and new experiences; we have also had some sad times. I guess you could say we have balance: negative and positive. I'd like to think the positive outweighs the negative. There is a lot of learning, teaching and healing still to be done in this upcoming year. I ask everyone to lend their support and add their input. We are a family and families cannot grow unless we share ideas and support each other.

Honor the Sacred. Honor the Earth - our Mother. Honor the Elders. Honor all with whom we share the Earth: the Four-legged, two-legged, winged ones, swimmers, crawlers, plant & rock people. *Walk in balance & beauty. May the Great One Above bless each and every one of us... Aho*

Happy New Year.....

See you along the Good Red Road. *Peace*.....

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves



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