



# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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## Newsletter

March 2013



### Council News.

#### **\*\*Reminders:**

1) We have been asked to attend and provide song and Native education at the Melville Park Winter Walk on Sat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 - 3:00.

2) We will be drumming at the Pocasset Wampanoag indoor Pow-wow Sun Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Events Calendar for info.

At last month's meeting we covered a lot of issues. Sometimes there is not enough time in one meeting. At this month's meeting we will be having final thoughts/final discussion on preparedness for our upcoming pow-wow. We have discussed, in the past, but can talk more about other Council functions to include; day trips, visiting local Native Sacred Places, a possible outdoor pow-wow. Many possibilities, remember your ideas and opinions matter.

Other News: We have been talking with the Melville Parks Committee, in conjunction with local Boy Scouts, as to having a Sacred Circle in Melville Woods. More on that as it comes into fruition.

#### **\*\*Spotlight > upcoming event ----->**

Invitations have been sent out to vendors and artisans, the Drums and other Native Entertainment have been lined up, the notices have been placed on the Pow-wow schedule, on TV and Radio Calendars of Events. We are anticipating another big turnout. Remind/invite all your friends and family to come and enjoy the day with us.

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.

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

**\*\*The March meeting has been rescheduled to: Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Due to the reason that we will be drumming at the Pocasset Pow-wow on Sun Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> (which would be our regular meeting day). Hope to see you at both events.**

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### *6th Annual Indoor Pow-Wow*



**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 – 5:00**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
7 Valley Road, Middletown RI**

Grand Entry: noon

Drumming, Dancing, Flute music & more.

Native American (and some not-so-native) items for sale

Drums: The Soaring Eagle Singers,  
Turtle Moon & Eagle Sings

Refreshments: Then & Now Native Foods

Open to the public. Free Admission  
This is an "Alcohol & Drug Free" event

Proceeds to help support:  
St Joseph's Indian School and  
The Aquidneck Indian Council's charities

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@ 401-683-4589



On the lighter side:



"See, here's where you screwed up."

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## *Spiritually Speaking*

Standards of conduct were just as rigid as the laws of any other people, but force seldom was used to enforce good conduct. Each person was his own judge. Deceitfulness was a crime. We lived according to our own standards and principles, not for what others might think.

*Wildcat Alford, Shawnee*

When this pipe touches your lips, may it operate as a blessing upon all my people. May the smoke rise like a cloud and carry away with it all the animosities which have arisen between us.

*Black Thunder, Fox*

Practice Optimism:

It is easy to live within the shadow of fear, procrastination and pessimism. But these are bad habits and stumbling blocks that keep you from experiencing life, the Red Road, and the Great Spirit. It is well known to the Native people that optimism is the key to good health. Worry makes you sick – as do bad thoughts. Replace them with happiness and optimism and you shall live a long healthy life.

Oh hear me Grandfather, and help us, that our generation in the future will live and walk the good road with the flowering stick of success. Also, the pipe of peace, we will offer it as we walk the good road to success. Hear me, and hear our plea...

*Black Elk, Oglala*



Upcoming Events:

Sat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Portsmouth 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Melville Park Winter Walk  
Melville Park/Ponds off Bradford St near Melville School,  
Portsmouth RI  
1:00 – 3:00

Sat Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

Aquidneck Council: March meeting  
222 Middle Rd Portsmouth RI  
1:00 - ?

Sun Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pocasasset Wampanoag Indoor PW  
Fall River Boys & Girls Club  
Bedford St Fall River MA

Sat Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

Aquidneck Indian Council's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor PW  
KofC Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown RI  
401-683-4589

The northern journey of winter:

White covers much of the earth during winter's harsh, cold months, representing the nourishing blanket that secures all of nature while it lies sleeping. Winter also represents elders and their final walks along the Red Road. Our grandparents are wise and the winter is silent. Therefore the time of the North is a special time for storytelling. In olden times, children and adults would gather around a fire and hear the storyteller narrate legends and myths of their people. Storytellers orally teach the traditions of their people and keep alive the history of their tribe. The Chippewa call North "Waboose" which is depicted as a strong, powerful buffalo withstanding the effects of winter.



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## Editorial:

Love...

by, *Raven Speak (Robin Riley)*



As I sat in public places the other day, and closed my eyes, I listened to my surroundings. Whether it was far away or close by, I knew what form the noise was taking shape. But one certain thing that I found interesting is the feelings that one can speak. I listen to people around speak harsh words but hardly anyone speaks with love. Today as the world turns from night to day we all lose sense of what we need to grow. I myself believe this is because society is so busy trying to impress the next with material things they give all their energy to the negative till the positive can't be seen in the eye of the beholder.

Love is the most powerful growth of the life force of creation, and the primary function of the Universe, which I call the Supreme Vibration. The Supreme Vibration exists, no matter what name you give it: God, Yahweh, Allah, the Clear Light, or even the Big Bang. I personally feel this Supreme Vibration every day, and I use it as the basis for my journey of my daily steps in life.

No matter what area of life we're talking about, whether it's your private life, your family, your social life, your work, or your contacts with other people, always be benevolent in thought, word and deed. In life we all reap what we sow. When you sow the seeds of dispute, discord, envy or jealousy, other people may suffer, but that won't make you a happier person. And you could eventually end up experiencing what I call the boomerang effect; when you throw a boomerang, it can come back to you with more force than it had originally. Beware those who aren't careful to avoid it!

If you think, speak and act with negative intentions, negative things will eventually happen to you. Your thoughts, words and deeds will come back to haunt you, sometimes producing harmful consequences that are far worse than what you originally did. Always try to think, speak and act in positive ways. Even if the person facing you is filled with aggression or hatred, don't react in the same way, or you'll only fuel the strength of the negativity.

So my message today is that Love can perform miracles in your day-to-day life. Even if you can't summon Love the first time you try, the fact of thinking, speaking and acting with Love will finally enable it to surround your life, and change the way other people behave towards you.

Tell the ones in your life you love them. Those 3 words can go a long ways in one's life.

PEACE & LOVE TO ALL

# Next meeting:



Saturday Mar 2, 1:00  
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

*Guests Always Welcome*

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## St Joseph's Indian School

### Constant Needs:

- Men's deodorant
- Hair gel
- Little girls full slippers in sizes 8-14
- Children's robes
- Dish cloths
- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Running shoes - men's & women's sizes
- Children's tennis shoes (sizes 1-4)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Chewable vitamins
- Twin, extra long twin & queen comforters/spreads

### Remember to save:

“General Mills” + “Betty Crocker” products box tops.  
&  
“Campbell’s” products labels.

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



### Inspirational:

*"Too much of a Good Thing, is not always Good."*

*3Horses Sly Fox, Comanche*

### From 3 Horses:

I want to relate a story to you. I know most of you receive and read the daily Meditations, that I send out. Sometimes they touch one person, sometimes they touch a lot of people, sometimes they don't touch/meet/heal anyone's needs, woes or situations. I made a friend on Facebook, she lives in seclusion in Tennessee. No TV, no electric, no running water, no oil/gas heat. Outside of a cell phone (which she charges off her truck battery & uses to log on to FB), she lives a very simple life. She gathers firewood for her stove, which both heats her home and cooks her meals. I know this sounds like a "rabbit trail", but the reason for that is to lead to this: She waits daily to receive the Meditations. She lives by them. She is walking a true Red Road. She loves life, she loves Creator, she loves the animals, she harms no one. She says that it makes her day to hear from me.

Have you reached out to someone like this? It gives me great pleasure to touch a person and make them happy, just by words and intent alone. Creator put us on the earth to take care of each other. Take time out of your busy life, reach out to someone less fortunate than yourself; or, maybe they are gifted and more fortunate in other means or ways. *Creator help me remember the reason I am here, smile upon me and those I reach out to... A-ho!*

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



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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