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Welcome to the latest edition of National Longhouse Drum Beats, the national newsletter of Native Sons & Daughters Programs. The purpose of this newsletter is to broadcast news and information, both fun and important, to the membership in all Longhouses across this great program of ours. Be proud in knowing that you belong to a growing program that is coast-to-coast across our great country.

From the Teepee of your National Chief

Yá'át'ééh Native Sons and Daughters!

Spring has sprung, Native Sons and Daughters! Every spring for the last 51 years (Minus The Great Pandemic of 2020), the tribes, Nations, Federations and Longhouses of the state of Florida have come together for the annual Sunshine State Powwow: A four day event of camping, entertainment, education, guest presentations, shows, raffles and fun for the whole family. I made the trek this year and like last year, spent a day meeting with National Elders, visiting campsites of programs from all over Florida & chatting with the leaders of not only the Native Sons and Daughters Longhouses; but of our brother and sister clubs, also modeled after Keltner & Friday's original 1926 program. It's always an excellent event, and these last couple of years, has also been a great window into the states of the Longhouses as we recover from COVID. I'm pleased to say that at the powwow in Florida, as well as in conversations with Longhouses in parts of the country with more severe and longer lasting COVID restrictions, I have generally heard of a similar arc toward programs getting back to meetings and back to events, even if starting from positions of lower participation numbers. We all knew that these and the next few years would be years of rebuilding, so this has been great news!

A recurring theme that I have noticed this year though, is that many of the local leaders are the same volunteers who were leading the groups when the pandemic started 2 years ago. Your Local Longhouse is always looking for fresh new ideas and motivated parents who want to shape the program and make a difference for their little ones. Opportunities are available for you and your child to be a larger part of the organization and its direction. Remember: Native Sons and Daughters is a 100% all-volunteer, non-profit program - planned, paid for and produced by members like you.

So, as we enjoy the springtime & march toward the end of the schoolyear, and as we reflect on the quality time we've had with our kids this program season (both in and outside of NSD), ask yourself: "How can we create more of those precious moments and priceless memories?" If it were up to you, what would you do to bring more value and more fun to your Native Sons and Daughters program? Because it is up to you! Your help is always needed. Please reach out to your Local Longhouse leadership and ask how you can contribute to the program in your area. If you are unsure who to ask, email me directly and we'll find the right person. And if you are one of these leaders who has served your term, you're passing the reigns on to new leadership and you want to do more? Contact me about how you can help at the National Longhouse level. In closing, Native Sons and Daughters, I have heard it said for many years and I stand by this long-held mantra: "You will get out of the program what you put into it." Find out what you can do.

Happy Easter Everyone!

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**In Service,
Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk
NS&D National Chief**
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*"At the end of the day, the
most overwhelming key to a
child's success is the positive
involvement of parents."*



National Longhouse

National Council of Officers



These are your 2022-24 National Council of Officers.

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Volunteer Needed! National Talley Keeper

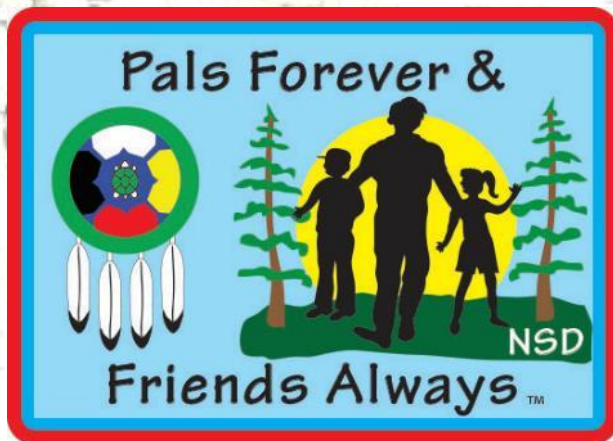
The National Talley Keeper position is currently open. The primary responsibilities of this national officer position are to attend National Council of Officers meetings (the annual in-person national meeting and other virtual meetings) and take the minutes of the meetings. The Talley Keeper also has charge over the National Drumbeats Newsletter with the goal of 4 editions per program year. The newsletter is certainly a place to let your creativity shine. National Longhouse is looking for an energetic and creative volunteer to fill this position.

If you have potential interest in this position and would like more detailed information, please contact National Chief Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk at nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org



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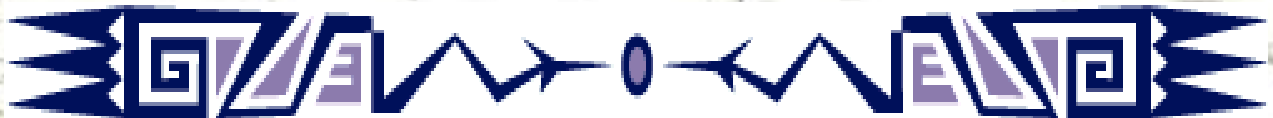
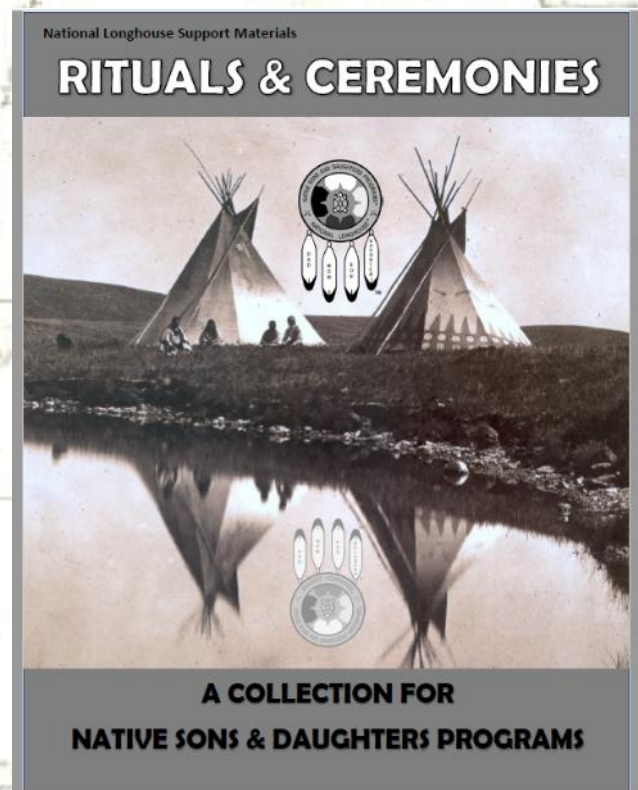
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National Longhouse invites all Longhouses and tribes to participate in this worthy program-wide project. We are certain that many Longhouses are performing various service works in their communities.

Report on your service works and be recognized!



Highlights of the NBE-NCO Meeting 3/19/2022 at the Florida Statewide Powwow

The National Board of Elders and the National Council of Chiefs met for a day meeting on March 19, 2022 during the Florida Statewide Powwow. A majority of the Elders and Chiefs were present. This outdoor meeting took the place of the usual National Longhouse Annual meeting.

Highlights of the meeting discussions included:

- Anticipating a return to the full annual meeting format in 2023 that will include all RAL delegates & Longhouse representatives. Meeting location selection to begin ASAP.
- Due to the pandemic resulting in cancellation of the 2021 and 2022 National Annual Meetings, a normal NCO election could not be held this year. All the current NCO Chiefs agreed to serve another 2-year term. A great round of thanks goes to these Chiefs for stepping up again.
- Regional reports on the status of all NSD Longhouses and discussion of where support is most needed.



NBE & NCO

The Talking Stick Legend

(A Ritual for NSD Tribes)

There are legends about how the Talking Feather - Talking Stick came to be, and many tribes take credit for these stories, so there are several versions. Traditionally, the American Indians used the Talking Feather or Talking Stick as a method to insure organization during important council meetings among the tribes. The materials used for both Feather and Stick were important. The Sacred Feather was usually from an Eagle representing truth, freedom, wisdom, and keen insight. Some tribes believed in using the Feather from an Owl which represented protection,



When Grandfather Speaks-By Artist Alfredo Rodriguez

wisdom, and strong insight into truth. The Sacred Stick was made from the bark of trees such as the Oak (strength) the Elm (wisdom) and others. There were also decorations and adornments made from the skins or hides from animals such as Elk (physical ability), Deer (gentleness), Buffalo (abundance) and the rabbit (ears for listening) and

several other animals the various tribes felt were sacred. Color played an important role in the creations. Certain tribes held different meanings for each color. For example, red symbolizes blood of life, white symbolizes truth, purity, blue is for healing and so forth. Each member was guaranteed a chance to speak their thoughts. The Feather or Stick was passed to each person, and while the speaker held this object, they could not be interrupted. Each member listened carefully to what was being said. Indian children were taught to listen carefully when someone speaks. In many historical photographs we can see the Talking Stick represented. One of the most important skills we can teach our young children is that of listening to others.

If you do not already have this tradition in your tribal ceremony, consider adopting it. Have the tribe create the feather with materials that are meaningful to the members of the tribe.

Longhouse Special Events

Crooked River Longhouse(NE Ohio)

Monsters VS Crunch Hockey Game

Submitted by: Matt "Skylander" Rebraca, Events Chief

The Crooked River Local Longhouse (CRL) attended the Monsters vs Crunch hockey game on November 19th. The longhouse reserved 100 seats for the Crooked River and Cuyahoga Valley longhouses. Our fans enjoyed \$1-\$2-\$3 night (\$1 soft drinks, \$2 hot dogs & \$3 beers). They also enjoyed AWESOME seats in section 105 between rows 4 & 10. The home team took the victory with a 5-1 defeat of the Crunch.



CRL partnered with the Monsters to sell 50/50 Raffle tickets to raise funds for the Longhouse! THANK YOU to those that volunteered to sell tickets before & during the game, we appreciate your effort & sacrifices! A special SHOUT OUT to Max "Soaring Eagle" Limpert, who's a senior in high school and volunteered to sell tickets for the 50/50 raffle. He came up with a great strategy. He encouraged fans to participate in a game of chance while they were enjoying their adult beverages. We raised \$1,500 for the longhouse!! Money that will be reinvested back into the program to ensure we can continue to make Memories that last Two Lifetimes!!!

The longhouse also raffled off 4 premium seats to a future game and an autographed hockey stick. The raffle raised an additional \$170 to go back into the program! Everyone I talked to after the game had a wonderful time & would love to go again. Some even suggested we do a Cavs game or one of the Cavs G league games. I love it when a plan comes together!



CRL raised \$1,500 from the 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Longhouse!

Longhouse Special Events

Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL) Icemen VS Everblades Hockey

Submitted by: Rick "Storm Cloud" Murphy, Timucuan Longhouse Medicine Man

On a boisterous Saturday evening, the Jacksonville Icemen once again skated onto the ice at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena to take on the Florida Everblades. These two teams out of the Sunshine State were fighting for some precious late season points in a tight race to make the 2022 ECHL Kelly Cup Playoffs. Some members of the Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville showed up to cheer on the home team.



A few families started the evening early by "pre-gaming" at the Intuition Ale Works downtown. Scrumptious microbrews were for the dads and tasty burgers, cheese curds, or waffle fries were for the little braves and princesses. Then it was just a short meander over to the arena to section 117, low in the northeast corner but not too low where you can't see all the action.

The game started slowly, giving our members time to enjoy their giant pretzels, soda, popcorn, chili fries, Italian ice, and ultimate nachos. Through the first two periods, the Icemen and Everblades remained scoreless. Despite the decent number of shots on goal, the task of winning the game seemed

too great and some of our fellow fans were losing hope and departing early. Those "giver-uppers" missed Travis Howe's fisticuffs late in the second period. Alas he was awarded a 5-minute penalty for fighting as was his co-conspirator. But as soon as our group joined in on the "LET'S GO ICEMEN" chant, the home team's puck luck started to change. An Icemen goal early in the third period immediately brought our group back to life! Our illustrious Medicine Man may have even been heard encouraging one of the other team's forwards to seek better male grooming standards.

With most of the third period left to play, we were on pins and needles waiting to see the outcome of this frozen back-and-forth. And just when we were feeling pretty good, the Everblades scored right off the heels of an Icemen powerplay. The Timucuan braves and princesses were not happy. A few more minutes of lively play made us think we could pull ahead, but then...Devastation! The enemy scored again. And once we pulled our goalie Charles Williams out of the net with just under 2 minutes left, we held out hope we could tie the game. But it was not meant to be this night. Our Icemen fell to the dreaded Everblades 3-1, and with that dropped in the ECHL Eastern Conference standings to 5th place.

After the game, as somewhat of a consolation, we were escorted us down onto the ice to take a group photo and slide around for fun. Sadly the referees heard the Medicine Man's cries of "get a haircut" aimed at the other team and put him in the penalty box. But our little braves and princesses made the best of it for a group photo (above). You will see some happy (and one not so happy) faces. Although a loss for the home team, it was still a night to remember as parents made lasting memories with their kids.



Longhouse Special Events



Tanasi Longhouse (Nashville, TN) & Alabama Longhouse-Koasati Nation



Early Spring Camp 3/25-27/2022

Submitted by: Brandon "Big Bear" Dixon, Tanasi Longhouse Chief

The Apache tribe from the Tanasi Longhouse just returned from spring camp out with the Koasati Nation in northern Alabama. The two large groups teamed up together at Lake Gunterville, YMCA camp Cha La Kee. The two night festivities began with the Induction Ceremony for new families, and a skit by all six tribes. The Apache tribe taught the Koasati Nation the story of their 3 Star patch replicating the great state of Tennessee, and the story of the Tanasi Indians villages between Tennessee and Alabama.



Saturday festivities included Daddy/Daughter competitions and tribe excursions such as target practice at the rifle range, giant swing, zip line, canoe, archery, and arrowhead hunting along the lake shore. The evening concluded with a gift from the Great Spirit, a Pow Wow uniting the tribes and welcoming in the future Chief's and their princess.



This was Chief Big Bear's third and final year as Chief along with his princesses Singing Bear and Little Bear, passing the head dress to Steel Stud and Little Pony. Tanasi Longhouse continues to grow and share the NSD mission for families in the Nashville area. This was the Apache's largest outing yet, and are very grateful to share the ceremony and camp event with our southern neighbors, Chief Fire Water of the Koasati Nation of Alabama.



Longhouse Special Events

Talwa Longhouse (Melbourne, FL)

Early Spring Campout Event

Submitted by: Matt "Funky Fox" Resetar, Longhouse Talley Keeper

Our early spring campout was held February 18th-20th at Wickham Park, Melbourne FL. We had some beautiful 80 degree February weather. Friday evening was kicked off with a chili cook-off at the Mohican tribe camp.

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day and shortly after breakfast everyone got together to show off their creativity and create tie dye t-shirts. One of Creek Tribes Trailblazers Katie demonstrated different techniques and was extremely helpful and patient with helping the younger kids. Everyone had a great time and created some amazing looking shirts.

The rest of the day was spent enjoying the Park. A dodge ball tournament was put on by the Mohicans. Nothing brings joy to a kids face as much as pegging their parent with a dodge ball. Fun times were had by all. Some groups



went exploring the park hiking several miles Geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. Some other family's explored a classic car show that was being held at the park.



Saturday evening was concluded with campfires stories. Chief Standing Bear's dad story was one to remember it even included prop actors. We made some great memories, shared awesome times with new friends and old.



FLRAL Special Event

Florida Sunshine State Powwow

3/17-20/2022, Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL

Submitted by: Brian 'Flaming Arrow' Quirk, FLRAL Sachem, NLL NBE Elder

Native Sons and Daughters tribes from all over Florida gathered at Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL to celebrate the 51st edition of the Sunshine State Pow Wow. Groups representing Nations from Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Hollywood, Miami, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Winter Garden, Ponte Vedra Beach, Cape Canaveral, Ft. Myers, Port St. Lucie and Jacksonville were in attendance. Held annually, each of the member groups gather to demonstrate crafts, banners, Native American regalia, coup sticks, drums, tribal shirts and a host of individual items that specific children have assisted in creating. As one father stated, "I can't believe how many different types of crafts other tribes have come up with. This gives our tribe a host of options moving forward. Thanks for sharing".



This year's event was hosted by the Seminole Nation located in Broward County, FL. More than 400 members from around the state joined us for the event. The NSD Board of Elders were represented by Chairman, Don Bittala (Brave Eagle), Secretary, Brian Quirk (Flaming Arrow), Brian Jemmi, Stewart Morris and the National Chief, Ray Junk (Creaking Oak) were all in attendance to celebrate this year's festivities.

The campers were granted beautiful weather by the Great Spirit and were even given an opportunity to witness a live rocket launch, courtesy of Elon Musk and his Space X Program. Some of the entertainment at this year's Pow Wow included: Jimmy Sawgrass and Native Story Telling, Chief Rawley's Snake Show and The Treasure Coast Astronomy Club. Activities for the children included bouncy houses, rock climbing walls, train rides, sand volleyball, a petting zoo, zip lines, various food trucks, a Snow Cone vendor and Trailwalkers Crafts.

State Pow Wow Chief, Stephen Engasser (Chief Buffalo Burger) served as this year's Pow Wow host and his Seminole Nation crew was able to create memories for a lifetime for the children in attendance.



NSD CRAFT TENT

Florida Sunshine State Powwow (cont.)



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NSD Heritage-The Six Aims

Compiled and Transcribed by Dave "Buckeye" Garberson, NLL Great Elder

Regarding the Six Aims of the Native Sons and Daughters Programs, when National Longhouse (NLL) was formed in 2002, June Friday MacInnes, Ojibwa Indian and eldest neice of the great Joe "Ahtik" Friday, gifted to NLL, 3 parts of Ojibway traditon. These traditions, in the forms of documents, teachings and recollections, have historical significance surrounding the Six Aims. Some might say that these are directions of life, as we aim ourselves in our hunt for survivial just as Ojibway Indian and founder Joe Friday did. Joe Friday gave these aims to the Indian Guide program all those years ago in the 1920's

The **First**, written by June Friday MacInnes, explains each of the Aims as to how the Ojibway people would teach their heritage within their tribal peoples. This document of the Six Aims and their Ojibway traditional meanings is contained in the Native Sons and Daughters Member's Handbook, but also reprinted here.



The Six Aims; By June Friday MacInnis and Joseph "Ahtik" Friday

Always Be Friends With Your Father/Son: (color Black)

Joe's lost relationship with his father, and then his new found one with Chief White Bear was the basic foundation of that Aim. (Chief White Bear took in Joe's family when Joe's father died, when Joe was the age of 10.

Clean in Body, Pure in Heart: (color White)

Here the traditional ways of Ojibway people, with their Purification Ceremonies, the use of Sweat Lodges, and the understanding of the Medicine Wheel are involved. The cleansing and purification of self in the body and heart are proposed.

Love the Sacred Circle of Your Family: (color Red)

We are all a part of the Great Circle of Life. Nothing comes between the extended family relations, as when Joe Friday and family were taken in by Chief White Bear.

Love My Neighbor As Yourself: (color Blue)

Being good and kind to neighbors has always been an Ojibway way among its people. They share their wealth in food, jobs, and basic needs in housing and clothing. No one would go hungry or ever be cold or unloved within the Ojibway people.

Be Attentive (Listen) While Others Speak: (color Yellow)

Basic rule of Respect for Elders and those who are trusted with knowledge and experience prevails with this Aim. The basic means of discipline of the children, in paying attention, not just listening stated here too. The Talking Stick was part of that tradition in the Ojibway ways.

Seek and Preserve the Beauty of the Great Spirit's Work, in Forest, Field and Stream: (color Green)

Seemingly the most obvious for the Ojibway values as their territory was full of forests, fields and waterways. All were needed for survival. Reverence and thanks to God, the Creator. The Great Spirit has always been most important in giving Thanks to God for what they have been given (food, clothing, and shelter) by Him. The offer of tobacco was always left when their needs were satisfied by the gifts from the Great Spirit, as with a successful hunt, planting season, or bountiful harvest. To preserve them is thought to be giving back to the Creator what was given to us.

The **Second**, more of a recollection or teaching that describes The Six Aims (directions), in each of these we understand the important ways the One Ojibway Nation people, including the Cree, Chippewa and Algonquin peoples gave thanks and honor to the Creator, the Great Spirit, The Great One, our God. This was done through honor and tradition that bind this One Ojibwa Nation, God and His gifts to His people.

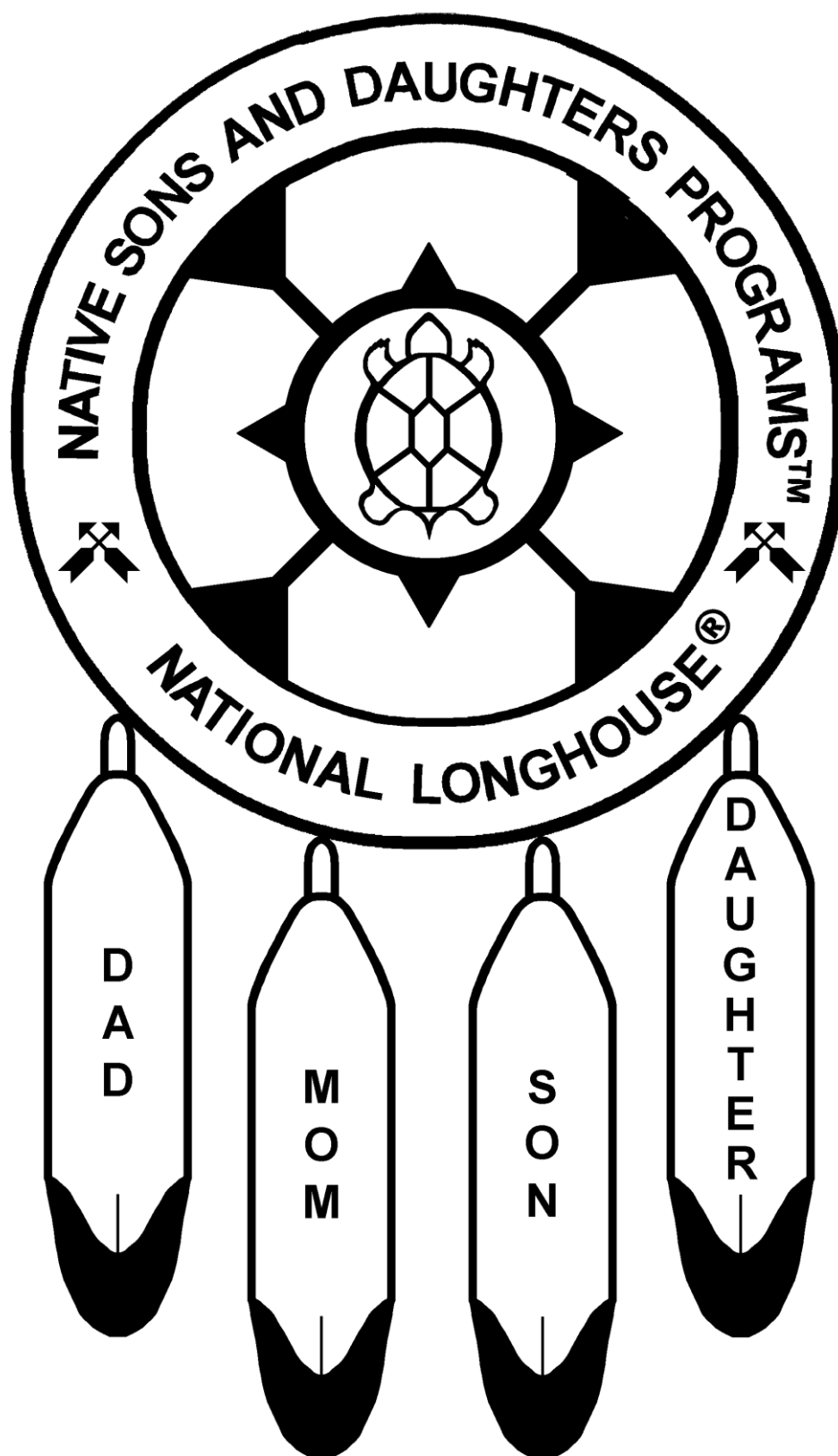
As the Elders stood in a circle, the ceremonial pipe was lit. Each took turns, taking a puff then holding the tobacco bowl in the left hand and holding the other end in the right hand, pointing the stem to each of the directions one at a time, turning their body to each direction as they call out each direction like (i.e) "Father Sky-Listen while he speaks" and so on. It was a great honor to be a part of that group, to perform this honor ceremony to the Six Aims (directions).

The **Third**, based in traditions, indicates that in addition to the meanings of The Six Aims there are also colors for each as well. Traditional uses may be a color feather given for display or the color bead for decoration, or a color to paint on your wigwam or tipi or vest to honor the spirited message of each Aim. Some decorate their walking stick, honor staff, or coup stick for each Aim. Some would place special colors near their dwelling or on their pony before a hunt. Some women would add color to their dresses as honors. The color are listed with the Six Aims above.

Mrs. MacInnis reminded us when she told of the Ojibway honors and traditions, that they are realized through their use of prayers, songs, dances, art and ceremonies. Their understandings would be read to to the people in a circle near the campfire so all adults and children together would grow up with this tradition and honor. These Six Aims are a guide for living each day.



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The Great Eagle Feather Award Program

Presented By: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk



A New Tribe Chiefs ask me all the time, "What can I do to add excitement to our tribal meetings?" I respond to them the same way I do to New Tribe Sponsors as well. Schedule a quick meeting with the Big Braves only and explain to them the Great Eagle Feather Award Program.

I realize that the number of patches on the older member's vests can be intimidating to a first year tribe. The Eagle Feather Award program is a great way to begin to adorn your vest. The program has been established to provide new tribes a way to organize 17 separate joint activities that upon completion, a different "feather" is awarded to the Big Brave and child.

Some examples: A feather can be earned when the brave or princess can recite all of their tribemates Native names. Another can be earned when a piece of tribal property has been completed (tribal drum, tribal banner, and tribal totem). To aid in recruitment, a feather can be earned by having a new member register for the program. To encourage participation, a feather can be earned when the brave or princess has attended three Nation events. When a Big Brave serves as a tribal officer, their child earns a specific feather for that. Giving back to our local community is a tribal virtue and when you participate in any form of Community Service, there is a specific feather for that as well.

As you can see, multiple activities count towards earning each of the 17 feathers awarded in the program. This program is an excellent way to organize planned outings, meetings, craft building and overall bonding within the tribe. There are no rules as to the sequencing of earning the feathers so pick a feather, energize the tribe and make a big deal about earning each of them.

Once the tribe members have earned all the feathers, we alert the Nation Chief and he presents the ceremonial Eagle Feather patch at the Spring Longhouse in front of the entire Nation. Only ones acting skills limit the theatrics of this very special recognition of our children.

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