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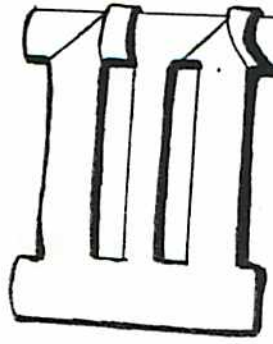
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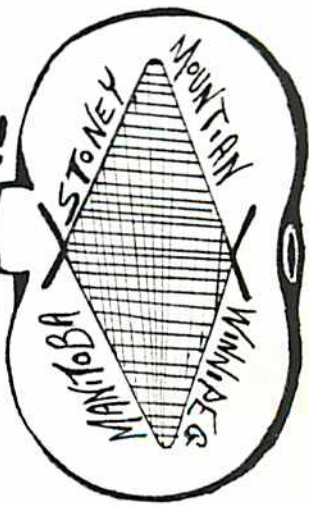
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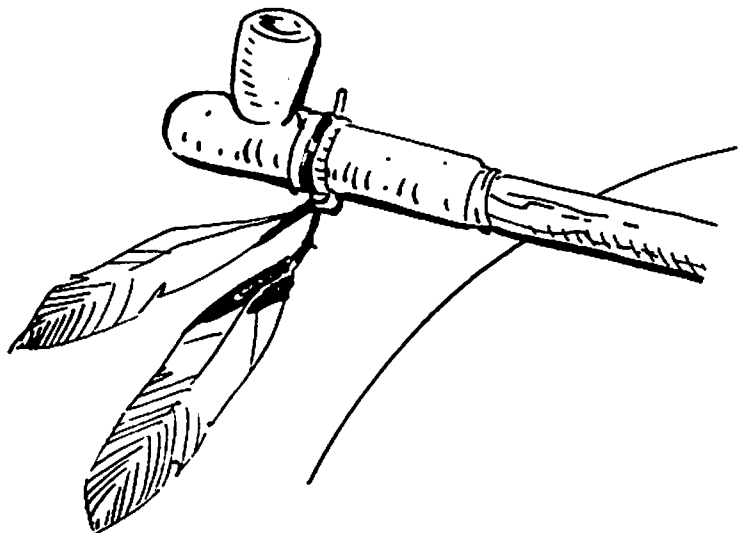
Brothers. The purpose of this talking paper is to keep you posted on the happenings of the N.B.O. and its programs. And to keep the business portion of our meetings to a minimum, which otherwise, take up most of the time at our meetings. I have realized that the general membership is more or less interested in seeing programs, rather than to sit around and listen to the executive members shoot the shit and come up short when it comes down to providing programs. So... most business will be made available to you through this paper. For now, I have included some executive reports, a program schedule for May, and some information concerning the Speakers Bank program and the Hobby program, and for the fastball tournament. Finally, some information about the N.B.O. This I hope will give you an insight of the Brotherhood.

In closing, I want to say MEE - GWETCH to all the Brothers who make up the membership. In the next few pages I hope that somehow the information you come across enables you to come out and check out the meetings. We would hope to expand in the future months, so if you wish to contribute some material such as poems, opinions, drawings, or just anything, please keep them around, we will be around to ask. We will print anything that concerns you and the situation we as Native people face within these walls.

Again MEE - GWETCH....

In Brotherhood,

RANDY THOMAS - N.B.O. PRESIDENT

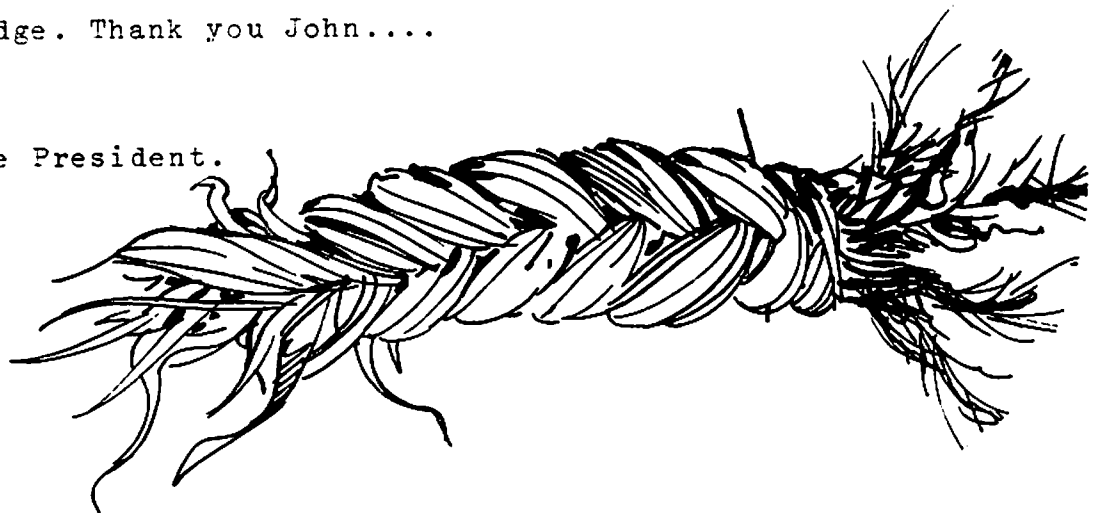


# NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

Vice President Report: With this being our first newsletter I hope that you as the reader will muse over the views and comments within the N.B.O. executive reports. The ever changing times have forced us to adapt to the whitemans tools for better education, homes and the appliances we use. We can no longer live the primitive life that once was so peaceful and respectful. With this thought in mind, the Native Brotherhoods all across Canada, act as spokesman and promote Native Culture. The essential need for better N.B.O.s are now just as importantly as ever. Due to high rate of Native incarceration, the changing of time and the fierless firewater. We must never lay our tools of trade down, but continue to strive for a better tomorrow as Aboriginal people on this land of ours....

Pow wow club report: Upon entering the Institution a Native inmate feels deprived of his Cultural beliefs. With this idea in mind, we formed many worthwhile Native programs that tries to create a Brotherly attitude. We here at STONY MT. are proud to have a fulltime Elder, this I feel is one step closer to our Aboriginal rights as Native people. The STONY MT. Native singers pow wow club extend a welcoming blessing to all Brothers and sisters that are in need of good news. We encourage that all our Aboriginal people continually to strive for a better tomorrow. At this time we give a big bannock hug to our Elder John Stonechild for his time and support and knowledge. Thank you John....

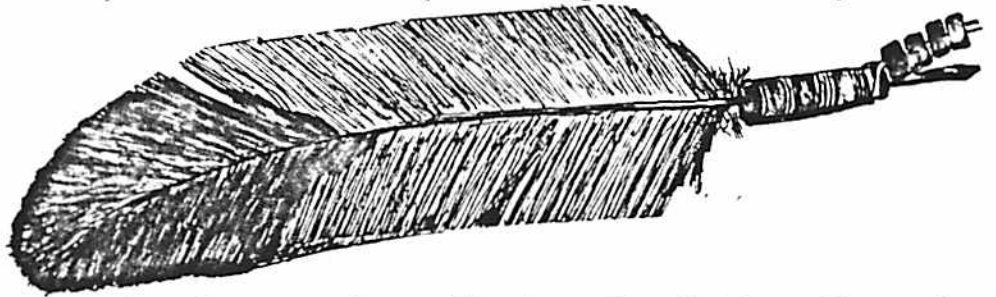
JASON FLEURY - Vice President.



# NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

Hi. My name is Albert Blackbird and my position in the N.B.O. is Program Co-ordinator for the next six months. The duties of my work is to contact resource people for educational purposes that would benefit the Native upon his incarceration and his release. I am just beginning, so have patience it involves in alot of ground work. Letters, waiting for the contacts to respond, etc... So in the mean time any suggestions from the Brothers, it is your organization, we have the support from H.S.D. and the Native Clan Organization. In the mean time, I ll await for your response. Thank you.

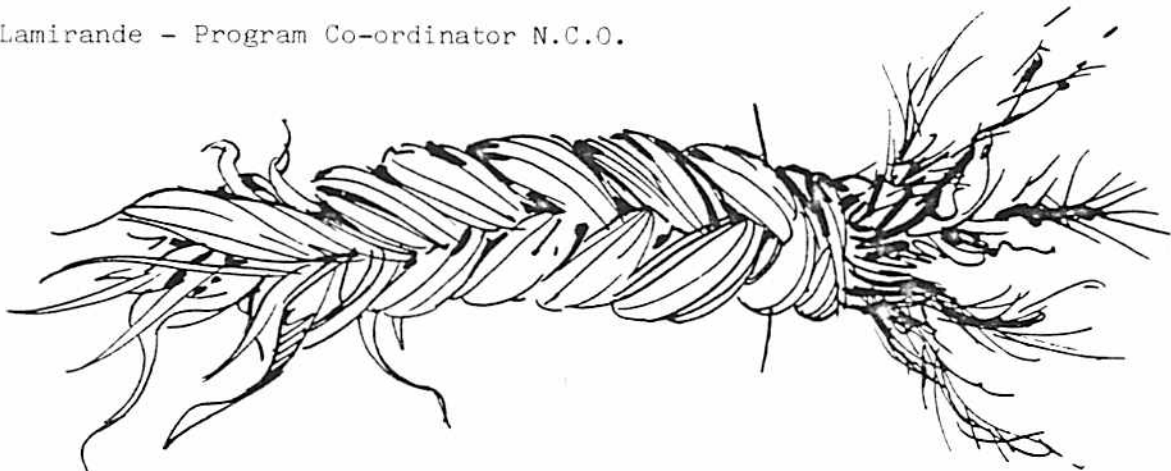
Program Co-ordinator,  
Albert Blackbird.



Hi. My name is Brian Lamirande, Program Co-ordinator for Native Clan. My job is to work with the N.B.O. in areas of organizing and implementing Native programs, that meet the needs of the inmates and the Institution. I also help the N.B.O. in becoming a self-supporting cultural group. The Program Co-ordinator also supervises the Sacred Circle meetings, which are held in the chapel by Elder John Stonechild. These meetings are held every Tuesday evenings from 19:00 - 21:00 hrs. I also supervise the N.B.O. meetings on Wednesday evenings from 19:00 - 21:00 hrs, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you.

Brian Lamirande - Program Co-ordinator N.C.O.





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A BIT OF THE HISTORY, AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE N.B.O.

The Native Brotherhood Organization was formed within the walls of Stony Mountain Institution, in the year of 1958. The founder of this Organization, was an inmate by the name of Jimmy Elk, who was a Sioux Indian from the Brandon area.

During his stay at Stony Mountain the Native population was very low at that time, within the confines of this Penitentiary. This created a communication gap, due to the existing language barrier. In light of this fate, the Native inmates were allowed to form a group to act as a medium to bridge the communication problem. Thus, the N.B.O. came into existence, and has been in existence since.

The ideals of this non-profit charitable organization have not changed, for it is still the Aims & Objectives to help our fellow man, through the medium and voice of the Native Brotherhood Organization.

Some of the areas in which changes occurred within the structure of the N.B.O. took place by reason, that the Native population increased within this Institution.

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## 2...Aims & Objectives con'd

These changes were necessary if the N.B.O. was to be of any support to its members. These specific changes came about as a result of the changing of times, in our present day society.

A few of the changes which occurred, were that the name of the Native Brotherhood Organization changed to the "Indian-Metis Brotherhood Organization" in the year of 1971. This specific change came about as a result of the memberships feelings, that the term "Native" did not describe them as Indian & Metis people.

During this time, and not only in the Institution, but all across the country our people were going through a change where our identity was very important. Thus, the membership of the N.B.O. were not to be excluded "or" deemed an exception to that rule, therefore the name changed to the "Indian & Metis Brotherhood Organization".

The same year another change came about when the membership felt they were being forgotten, when it came to the Temporary Absence Program. A program considered to be one of the few successful tools in meeting the needs of community adjustment prior to the individuals' re-integration to society.

This came about when the Native inmate failed to qualify for this privilege on an even scale, simply because the majority of the Native inmates came from rural areas and had no place to go in the immediate area of Winnipeg, if they were released on a Temporary Absence. Therefore, curtailing our endeavours to utilize this privilege to the fullest degree.

### 3...Aims & Objectives con'd

Henceforth, a proposal was submitted by the Native Brotherhood voicing their concern for the need of a Halfway House to be situated in Winnipeg, that would be geared to assist the Native inmate presently confined at Stony Mountain Institute.

Not long after this proposal was submitted, the Native Clan Organization came into being, which is geared to assist those in both, Federal and Provincial Institutions. As a result, this assisted in alleviating some of the hardships, that we as Native inmates were experiencing.

Another area in which we have progressed over the years, is that we have and still are being allowed to hold Social gatherings on a quarterly month basis, three times per year. This helps the Native individual in maintaining a part of his Culture and Heritage during incarceration. Further to this, the N.B.O. Executive invites various dignitaries from the community such as; Judges, executive members of various organizations, Elders, pow-wow troupes, etc. Not to mention that each member of the N.B.O. is permitted to invite any three persons, who are on their approved visiting list such as, family, friends, girlfriends, etc...etc.

In closing, the elected body has made several attempts to restore our state of mind through Cultural revival and Spiritual survival, with contemporary means.

Due to the difference of values and beliefs the Native offender has found it difficult to relate to the Euro-Canadian content applied in the rehabilitative programs. In light of this fate the Sacred Circle was implemented just recently, as a means of reducing a large portion of the day to day living problems which we encounter, living in this kind of environment.



#### 4...Aims & Objectives con'd

This Sacred Circle plays a significant role in the Indian Culture, which was utilized by our ancestors, who abided by the laws of Nature. Therefore, making it our governmental law to open the ceremony with the burning of the sweet grass. This is done to purify ourselves, so that we may communicate effectively and efficiently with the CREATOR.

In this circle there is no speaking of violence or revenge, for the fact remains that a person finds understanding and awareness within themselves. This, breeds off self-respect the guidance acquired in maintaining the Ideal Spiritual Foundation.

With this on behalf of the N.B.O., we would like to take this opportunity to "THANK ALL PARTIES INVOLVED" who are assisting with the Preparation of a better Tomorrow.

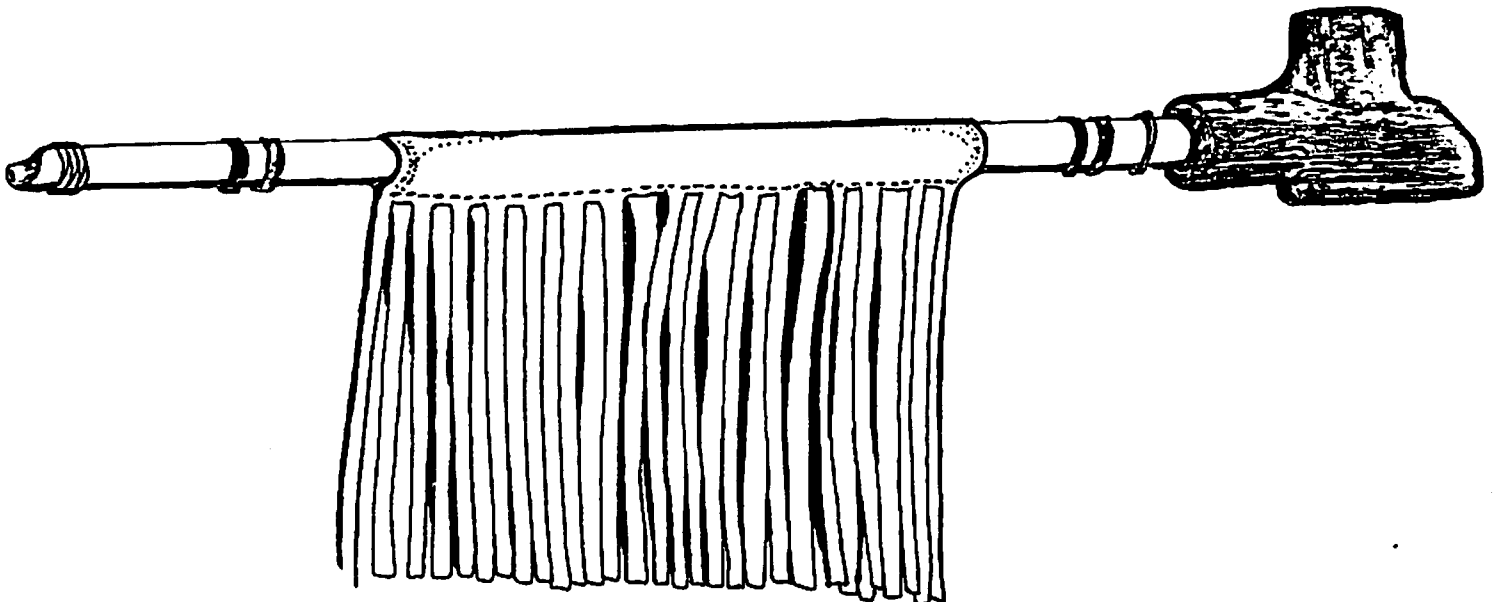
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N.B.O. President

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N.B.O. Vice-President



To: Whom it may concern

April/85

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Re: Speakers Bank Program

The Speakers Bank Program provides N.B.O. speakers to various schools and community groups in surrounding communities. The presentations covered by the speakers include: experiences related to incarceration, the prison environment, and the negative factors of anti-social behavior. The Target groups include the Core Area schools, youth detention centres, youth group homes, and surrounding reserves.

The objective of the Speakers Bank Program is to provide youth with realistic exposure of the Criminal Justice System, through related experiences by inmates. And to serve as a deterrence towards a lifestyle of incarceration.


Dates, time frames, and locations of speaking engagements can be established by contacting: Mr. Brian Lamirande at the above address or by phoning: 453 - 5541 ext. 331. For further information please feel free to contact us.

We feel that this program will be a beneficial and successful endeavor, as we are interested in providing support to our younger people, so that they may not take the same route that many of us have.

In closing, we wish to request a letter of support from your group, should you be interested in having the program in your community. We sincerely hope that this will be to your interest and support.

Thank you for your time and co-operation.

  
N.B.O. President - Randy Thomas

  
N.B.O. Prg. Co-ord. - Albert Blackbird

  
N.B.O. Liasion Officer - Brian Lamirande

## PROPOSAL

Re: The possibility of implementing a hobby craft program here in Stony Mountain Institution.

To whom it may concern,

### Proposal:

We, the Native Brotherhood Organization, are requesting your approval and support to implement a hobby craft program within the institution. The objective of this program is to provide raw materials to an inmate who wishes to do hobby work; who in turn will manufacture a saleable product. Once this product has been completed, it will then be subsequently turned over to the N.B.O. for selling. The N.B.O. will endeavor to solicit these goods in stores or places of public congregations on the street. We are currently in the process of mailing letters of request to solicit goods to or in various places of business. We have already received tentative approval to sell goods at a local Friendship Centre here in Winnipeg. We will be taking reasonable precaution to ensure that we do not produce in excess of what we are able to sell.

### Funding:

Recently, we had a meeting with Al Chartrand and Curtis Fontaine of the Native Clan Organization. They informed us that they have allocated \$1 000 for N.B.O. purposes. We anticipate that we'll require approximately \$300 - \$400 to supply the 10 - 15 inmates who'll initiate the program with raw materials. Approximately 15% of the raw materials purchased will be held in reserve.

### Benefits:

This program would be immensely beneficial to the individual inmate because it provides raw materials for hobby producing when the inmate could not otherwise afford it. The benefits of this program would be very significant in assisting the newly arrived inmate to produce the much needed extra income. This program is intended for the use of all of the population. This program would also be conducive to dissipating the sometimes highly volatile emotions which a recidivist or new inmate may be experiencing by directing those energies to constructive hobby producing. The N.B.O. would benefit because we expect the program to provide a return of our investment as well as a margin of profit.

It is also fair to mention that although he supports the concept, our hobby officer, Bruce Cambell, will have a fair portion of his time infringed upon. We have had two very constructive and mutually satisfactory meetings with Bruce pertaining to this project. Other groups such as the I.W.C., Native Clan, N.B.O. membership, and also a number of inmates have expressed their support of the program.

