

JENNY'S NEWSLETTER

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*"When the people fear the government, that's tyranny
When the government fears the people, that's liberty."*

Thomas Jefferson



GOOD GRIEF!

Some of our people still can't wrap their heads around the fact that we have to have educated, experienced people running this government and continue to suggest that the cultural and spiritual concepts of the Osage will get us through. Because of this way of thinking which will surely be the demise of our future; perhaps we should look at changing the title of "Chief" to "Governor" and "Assistant Chief" to "Lieutenant Governor." Maybe this would help clarify the meaning of the positions.

Once that happens, perhaps we should take a look at creating the position of a Cultural/Spiritual Chief and Assistant to meet these needs. In the mean time, I hope those of you reading this understand that the future of our tribe is in danger. We have major hurdles to jump and we need people in the Executive offices who are capable of carrying out these major tasks.

Churches across the country have Ministers or Priests and many have assistants but these folks don't keep the books, make administrative decisions or run the church in any other manner other than offer guidance and preach the word. It would be unwise for us to assume that those schooled, experienced and knowledgeable in the culture and spiritual aspects of the Osage are capable of running a multi-million dollar government.

POINTS TO PONDER

Tim Tallchief teaches, therefore is an expert in *Conflict Resolution*. If we don't need a person in office with that expertise, I'll eat my hat! Would it not be common to assume that Mr. Tallchief is the perfect candidate to represent us when discussing the Housing and Urban Development problems? Would it not be common to assume that he would be the person we need to smooth out the Oklahoma Tax Commission case involving our reservation status? Would it not be common to assume that with this expertise, Mr. Tallchief has the wherewithal to move this government forward not only by resolving conflicts but by relying on his administrative education and experiences?

Ms. Proctor, considered an expert in the field of Federal Grant and Contract Compliance in Indian Housing, would be a valuable asset to our government; Considering once again the Housing and Urban Development mess (to include fraud) that this Administration has left us with.

Her law degree would prove to be valuable to any chief or governor or for that matter the citizens of any government.

Frankly, we should be thankful that these two people are willing to take on the difficult tasks ahead. This will be by no means a cake walk for either of them but I have no doubt they have the

ability and experience to get us where we need to go.

REMEMBER

Insofar as hard fast decisions and changes in any government, keep in mind, our days of tyranny are over. Look to your Congress and Minerals Council to initiate laws, changes and improvements. These people initiate or make the laws, the Chief carries them out and the Judicial interprets them. Any issues you have should be addressed to these two entities and today, we have made positive changes in both groups.

BE AWARE

Some folks aren't willing to give up whatever power they may have enjoyed or hope to enjoy. Putting educated, experienced people in the Executive offices could put a damper on those people's hopes and dreams. Consider this when listening to elected officials. Use your own judgment.

ATTACHMENTS

- Housing & Urban Development debacle
- Oklahoma Tax Commission debacle
- Example of how people think (OSA Posts)

UNTIL NEXT TIME

Thanks for being interest enough to stay up on the issues.

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