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Tribes Invite All Former Tribal Council Members to People of Vision Events

(Pablo, Mont.) — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) will honor past leaders at upcoming events in July.

The events called “People of Vision” will include an honoring of all former Tribal Council Members, with special regard to those Members who served during the year 1984, when the activities of the Tribes were focused on gaining ownership of the Kerr Project.

Esyapqeyni Celebration

Arlee, Montana

Friday, July 3, 2015

Begins directly after grand entry, at 3:30pm in the main dance arbor of the Arlee powwow grounds.

Standing Arrow Celebration

Elmo, Montana

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Begins after grand entry, at 4pm in the main dance arbor of the Elmo powwow grounds.

All Tribal Council members who have ever served as an elected official of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are invited to participate. A community dinner will follow each event.

Council members who served during 1984 include Joseph Felsman, James Steele, Sr., Robert McCrea, Al Hewankorn, Michael (Mickey) Pablo, Victor Stinger, Ron Therriault, Elmer (Sonny) Morigeau, Kevin Howlett and Teresa Wall-McDonald.

“We appreciate the dedication and sacrifice that was made during each of these leaders’ time of service on the Tribal Council,” said CSKT Chairman Vernon Finley. “On the eve of acquiring the Kerr Project, we want to express our appreciation for the Council of 1984 whose work has made ownership of the dam possible.”

The Tribes are slated to take ownership of the Kerr Hydroelectric Project on September 5, 2015. “Kerr Dam once exemplified destruction to our way of life,” said Finley. “In the future, we anticipate that this resource will help restore and revitalize our Tribes as we continue the important work of protecting our reserved and aboriginal lands, caring for our people, and preserving our cultural resources.”

The following list includes the names and dates of service of all CSKT Council Members who have served since inception of a tribal constitution and government in 1935, through today.

Louis Adams 1935–1937
Louis W. Adams 1976–1981 / 1986–1995
Joseph Allard 1942–1943
Henry Baylor 1990–1997
Alphe Beauvais 1950–1953
Joseph Blodgett 1935–1939 / 1942–1945
Lorena Burgess 1944–1947
Alexander Clairmont 1935–1937
Ernest Clairmont 1944–1947
Joel Clairmont 2002–2005
Louis Clairmont, Jr. 1938–1941
Eneas Conko 1935–1937 / 1944–1947
Jesse Couture 1946–1953 / 1956–1959
Louis Couture 1935–1937
Steven Demers 1942–1943 / 1948–1949
Darryl A. Dupuis 2000–2001
Donald Dupuis 1994–1999
Edmund L. Dupuis 1944–1951
Edwin Dupuis 1935–1939 / 1942–1943
R. Louis Dupuis 1938–1941
Joe Durglo 2006–2013
Michael Durglo 1996–1999
W. James Ely, Jr. 1962–1973
Rose Dupuis Evans 1985
Joseph J. Felsman 1982–1985 / 1988–1991
Vernon Finley 2014–2015
Everett Fyant 1964–1967
Shelly Fyant 2014–2015
Eli Gingras 1942–1945
William Gingras 1935–1937 / 1940–1941
Margaret Goode 2000–2003
Eneas Granjo 1938–1941 / 1944–1947 / 1952–1955
Leonard W. Gray 2012–2015
Hugh Grenier 1972
Derwin Halvorson 1956–1967
Jami Hamel 1998–2005
Aloysius Hewankorn 1982–1985
Jerome Hewankorn 1948–1961
Morris Houle 1956–1959
S. Kevin Howlett 1984–1986 / 2000–2002
Antoine Incashola 1990–1993
Plassie Incashola 1944
Lloyd D. Irvine 1988–1995 / 1998–2007 / 2012–2015
Laurence Kenmille 1978–1981 / 1986–1993
Michel Kenmille 2004–2011
Carole Depoe Lankford 1994–2015
Nicolai Lassaw 1935–1939 / 1948–1951
Basil Lefthand 1942–1947
Mary Lefthand 1994–2005

Patrick H. Lefthand 1966–1977 / 1986–1993
Louis Lemery 1940–1941
Steve Lozar 2005–2013
John Lozeau 1990–1993
Alfred J. Malatare 2006–2013
John E. Malatare 1972–1977
Reuben Mathias 2006–2013
D. Fred Matt 1986–1989 / 1992–1995 / 1998–2005
Henry Matt 1940–1951
James Matt 2012–2015
Victor Matt, Sr. 1958–1961
Laura Morigeau Matte 1964–1967
John McClure 1980–1983
Robert A. McCrea 1960–1963 / 1968–1975
Robert I. McCrea 1982–1989
Archie McDonald 1968–1970
Duncan Charles McDonald 1935–1939
Joseph F. McDonald 1974–1981
Walter McDonald 1938–1939 / 1942–1965
Clavin McLeod 1940–1941
Harold W. Mitchell, Jr. 1966–1977
Charles Morigeau 2008–2011
E.W. Morigeau 1950–1984
Elmer Morigeau 1976–2007
Octave Morigeau 1942–1943
Walter Morigeau 1938–1941 / 1948–1951 / 1954–1957 / 1960–1963
Norville Morais 1952–1955
E.T. Moran 2008–2011
William J. Moran 1996–1999
Henry Morin 1952–1955
Phillip Moss 1938–1941
Floyd Nicolai 1968–1971 / 1987–1989
Alvin Orr 1948–1951
Charles D. Orr 2002–2003
Michael T. Pablo 1984–1999
Thomas E. Pablo 1970–1983
Noel J. Pichette 1976–1983
Terry Pitts 2008–2015
Walter Radel 1962–1965
Alfred Senecal 1958–1961
M. Leo Sias, Jr. 1952–1955 / 1960–1971
Alexander Sloan 1956–1959
Alvin E. Sloan 1968–1971
Walter Sloan 1952–1955
James H. Steele, Jr. 2004–2011
James H. Steele, Sr. 1982–1987
Gary M. Stevens 1996–1998
Patty Stevens 2014–2015
Victor Stinger 1972–1987

Emory Swaney 1956–1959
Rhonda Swaney 1994–1997
Thomas Swaney 1972–1975 / 1978–1981
Louis Tellier 1935–1937 / 1940–1941
Ron Therriault 1984–1987
Lyman L. Trahan 1960–1967
Ronald Trahan 2000–2007 / 2012–2015
George L. Trospen 1954–1957
Leonard Twoteeth 2014–2015
Andrew Vallee 1942–1943
Teresa Wall-McDonald 1984–1985
Gus White 1946–1949
Fred Whitworth 1962–1965 / 1968–1976

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