

Jon "Poncho" Brady

Jon is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Ft. Berthold Reservation. He is a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and son of the Knife Clan. His Indian name is Ushoo xoo bah – "Holy Rope" which was given to him by his grandmother Carrie (Driver) Brady of the Hidatsa.

Jon is also a proud member of the Dead Grass Society of the Arikara and belongs to the Awahu Band. He is the son of the late Bryon Brady and Florence (Gillette) Brady. His maternal grandparents are Rev. George and Evelyn (Wilkinson) Gillette. His paternal grandparents are the late Glen and Carrie (Driver) Brady.

Jon and his wife, Rebecca Brady and their children, Cheyenne, Jonna Grace, Toiree Anne, Skush and grandchildren reside in New Town, ND where he is employed with MHA Tero as the North Segment Compliance Officer. Their sons, Rylan Brady and grandchildren, Leo and Sahiyela live in Colorado.

Jon is very proud and honored of the tribes, clans, church and family he represents. He enjoys his spiritual and cultural ways of life and very thankful to have a spiritual foundation. Jon is the president for the Ft. Berthold Native American Church Chapter since 2008 and has been elected as the Native American Church of North America, Canada & Mexico President in June of 2021. He appreciates the kind gesture and faith in him to have been nominated, elected and has done his humble best to accomplish and to remember that all things are possible through our Creator God. He has been advocating and representing his Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation for protection of our Holy sacrament and our Native way of life the best of his ability through love, faith, charity and honesty.