

## Jon Brady NACNA President

Jon “Poncho” Brady is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Ft. Berthold Reservation of New Town, ND. He was given the nickname “**Poncho**” when he was about 4 years old by one of his uncles. To get the story, you will have to ask him.

He is a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and son of the Knife Clan of the Hidatsa Tribe. His Indian name is Ushu xoo bah – “Holy Rope” which was given to him by his Grandmother Carrie (Driver) Brady.

Poncho 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 Glenn and Carrie (Driver) Brady. He has 3 siblings - Damon, Bryon, Jr., and Kelli all living in New Town, ND.

Poncho and his wife, Rebecca “Tooky” Brady and their children, Cheyenne, Jonna Grace, ToiRee Anne and grandsons Javian “Holy Rope” and Taivyn “Holy Arrow” Runs Above reside in New Town, ND where he is employed with MHA TERO as the North Segment Compliance Officer. Their sons, Rylan and Skush Brady and grandchildren, Leo and Sahiyela live in Oklahoma.

Poncho 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 be brought into this beautiful prayer and dance circle at a young age. He was fortunate to travel to many celebrations, prayer meetings and ceremonies across the United States, Canada and overseas to perform his best and to be creative in his own dance style with many championships and also to be called upon to conduct prayer meetings for loved ones near and far.

Poncho has been the President for the Ft. Berthold Native American Church Chapter since 2008. In addition, as an Affiliated Church of the Native American Church of North America. He was elected as Treasurer for the Native American Church of North America and served for 6 years (2015-2021) and has recently been elected as the President of the Native American Church of North America in June of 2021. He appreciates the kind gesture of being nominated and elected and will do his humble best to accomplish all things possible through our Creator and protect our Holy Sacrament to the best of his ability through love, faith, charity and honesty.

Thank you and God Bless you all, your homes, tribes and clans you represent with good health and happiness!

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