



~ HONOURING THE GOOD ROAD ~

AN INDIGENOUS GALA EVENT TO CELEBRATE THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO LIVE BY THE SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS, ARE ROLE MODELS TO OUR YOUTH, AND WHO WALK THE GOOD ROAD

Nomination Criteria

- Nominees for any of the Seven Sacred Teaching honours must be at least 18 years of age.
- Nominees for the Youth honour must be between the ages of 14 and 18 before May 1, 2019.
- Nominees for the Elder/Knowledge Keeper honour must be 60 years of age or older
- Nominees for the Ally honour must be at least 18 years of age.
- Be residents of, or employed in, the City of Brandon since at least January 1, 2018.
- Consent to the nomination by signing the nomination form.
- Be in attendance the evening of the gala.

Submission Requirements

1. Fully complete nomination forms submitted before deadline of April 1, 2019. Must include full consent of the nominee. Two nominators required for each nominee submission.
2. One photograph of the nominee.

~ Award Categories ~

- Seven (7) Adult nominees will be honoured, one for each of the Seven Sacred Teachings. Please identify which of the Seven Sacred Teachings you would like this nominee honoured for.
- One (1) Youth nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the youth lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.
- One (1) Elder/Knowledge Keeper nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the Elder/Knowledge Keeper lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.
- One (1) Ally nominee will be honoured. Please identify how the Ally lives and works in a way that shows respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings.

*Please note that a nominee may only be nominated in one category.
Should a nominee be nominated in more than one category, the Selection Committee reserves the right to choose the most appropriate category.*

Applications will be accepted via e-mail at bdnramsays@yahoo.ca

LOVE - EAGLE



To feel true love is to know the Creator. It is expected that one's first love is to be the Great Spirit. He is considered the father of all children, and the giver of human life. Love given to the Great Spirit is expressed through love of oneself; it is understood that if one cannot love oneself, it is impossible to love anyone else.

The Eagle was chosen by the Great Spirit to represent this Teaching. The Eagle can reach the highest of all creatures and bring pure vision to the seeker. Love depends upon a world that acknowledges the importance of spirituality.

RESPECT - BUFFALO

The Buffalo, through giving its life and sharing every part of its being, showed the deep respect it had for the people. No animal was more important to the existence of Indigenous families. Its gift provided for daily living. Indigenous people believed themselves to be true caretakers of the great herds, and developed a sustainable relationship with the Buffalo resulting in a true expression of respect.



COURAGE - BEAR



The Bear provides many lessons in the way it lives, but courage is the most important teaching it offers. Though gentle by nature, the ferociousness of a mother Bear when one of her cubs is approached is the true definition of courage. To have the mental and moral strength to overcome fears that prevent us from living our true spirit is a great challenge. Living of the heart and living of the spirit is difficult, but the Bear shows us how to face any danger with courage.

HONESTY – SABE

Long ago, there was a giant called Kitch-Sabe. Kitch-Sabe walked among the people to remind them to be honest to the Teaching of the creator and honest to each other. The highest honour that could be bestowed upon an individual was the saying "There walks an honest man. He can be trusted." To be truly honest was to keep the promises one made to the Creator, to others and to oneself. The Elders would say, "Never try to be someone else; live true to your spirit, be honest to yourself and accept who you are the way the Creator made you."



WISDOM - BEAVER

The Creator gave each community member gifts to use. The Beaver uses his sharp teeth for cutting trees and branches to build his dams and lodges. If he did not use his teeth, the teeth would continue to grow until they became useless, ultimately making it impossible for him to sustain himself. The same can be said for human beings. One's spirit will grow weak if it is not fulfilling its use. When used properly however, these gifts contribute to the development of a peaceful and healthy community.



HUMILITY - WOLF



To truly know humility is to recognize and acknowledge that there is a higher power, and it is known as the Creator. To capture the spirit of humility is to accept that all beings are equal. The expression of this humility is manifested through the consideration of others before ourselves. In this way, the Wolf became the teacher of this lesson. He bows his head in the presence of others out of deference, and once hunted, will not take the food until it can be shared with the pack.

TRUTH – TURTLE

To know truth is to know and understand all of the original Teachings as given by the Creator and to be faithful to them. In the beginning, when the Creator made man and gave him the Seven Sacred Teachings, the Grandmother Turtle was present to ensure that the laws would never be lost or forgotten. On the back of a Turtle are the 13 moons, each representing the truth of one cycle of the Earth's rotations around the sun. The 28 markings on her back represent the cycle of the moon and of a woman's body.



Teachings shared by Knowledge Keeper Frank Tacan

Each nominee requires a separate nomination package to be completed by two nominators.

Nominators will be responsible for the cost of the nominee ticket to the event. (Tickets are \$75/each)

Please check only one box.

Adult

Love/Eagle

Respect/Buffalo

Courage/Bear

Honesty/Sabe

Wisdom/Beaver

Humility/Wolf

Truth/Turtle

Youth / Elder/Knowledge Keeper / Ally (*Please check one*) – One who shows their respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings in the way that they live, work and carry themselves in community.

Nominee's Full Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

I have read the information contained herein, certify it to be true and correct in the entirety and hereby allow my name to stand for nomination. I agree to have my story shared at the event and with any media related activities.

Nominee's Signature of Consent

Date

1.) Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

I have read the information contained herein and certify it to be true and correct in its entirety.

Signature

2.) Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

I have read the information contained herein and certify it to be true and correct in its entirety.

Signature

Statement of Nomination

Please use additional space as needed.

The Good Road, according to our Indigenous values, means that one consistently demonstrates respect, love, humility, honour, wisdom, courage and truth in how they conduct themselves in their lives. Being on The Good Road, means one takes responsibility not only for themselves but for their role as a community member. This way of walking is reflected in how one lives and works in our community, with and for our people.

How does the nominee walk the good road?

How does the Nominee demonstrate and show their respect for the Seven Sacred Teachings in the way that they live, work and carry themselves in community.

How is the nominee an excellent role model to our youth?

Honoured recipients are those who contribute to our collective wellbeing by doing their work in a way that reflects Indigenous values. How does your nominee contribute to our community wellbeing?