

# Francis L. Grant Jr.

## Candidate for Sac and Fox Nation *Business Committee Member*

Greetings! My name is Francis Grant, Jr. and I am offering for your consideration my candidacy for Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee Member, I wish to present myself to you and offer my background and ideas as a way to introduce what I feel are directions we as Sac and Fox people need to explore.

My name is Ke pona thay of the Peace Clan. My mother is Adeline Tonemah from Pawnee, OK and my father is Leroy Francis Grant from Cushing, OK. I have been married for 26 years to Elizabeth Grant and we have three children, Justin, Katie and Joshua. We have lived for many years in Cushing, OK where we make our home. My grandfather was Austin Grant, Sr. whom I miss daily.

I have attended and graduated from schools having made the decision to devote my time to gain educational and work experience to better serve the Sac and Fox Nation:

- Central Area Vo-Tech in Drumright where I earned a diploma and licensure in Practical Nursing.
- Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, OK where I earned a degree in Nursing and gained licensure as an RN.
- Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK where I earned a B.S. in Psychology.
- The University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK where I earned a Masters in Education for Community Counseling.

I also sit as an Advisory Board member for the American Indians Into Psychology program at Oklahoma State University, This program assists Native American college students who wish to study Psychology at the graduate school level with the tools and experience to prepare and enter graduate school.

My work experience includes working as a nursing supervisor overseeing diabetes grants from the Indian Health Service at various tribal agencies such as the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Pawnee Nation, Iowa Nation and with the Sac and Fox Nation. I have also had opportunities in evaluating, writing and researching grant opportunities from other funding agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the USDA. I have made many friends and contacts in these organizations as well as at Oklahoma State University and at the University of Oklahoma. I am also working as a volunteer in organizing a community garden and this work is on-going.

My desires for the Sac and Fox Nation are to continue to expand and grow services for our people. We have many opportunities that need to be evaluated and explore to grow our delivery of services and resources to all tribal members. We can and should have ways to explore ideas worthy of funding from grant opportunities and current programs may also seek out funding to expand the delivery of services to tribal members. I will work with any and all programs seeking out these opportunities to make our current programs even more successful. In doing this, the Sac and Fox Nation could and should be a player in our state political system. We as a people have a voice in the way we are treated and seen on the state level and having a Business Committee responsive to our voice is just one way to express ourselves. I promise to assist in any way to get our voice heard. In closing, I wish to express my thankfulness for the opportunity to express myself in this way. Please feel free to stop me for a visit. Thank you for your support.

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