



Mi'kmaq Elder Clyde Twin Hyslop (left) Elder Kathleen Lorraine Osborne (centre) and the Captain of the Grand Council, Mi'kmaq Elder Noel Raymond Knockwood (right) on the occasion of Elder Kathleen being granted her Mi'kmaq Name, Pe'kuneskwe (Feather Woman / Keeper of the Feathers) on January 31, 2000 from her Traditional Aboriginal Teacher, Elder Knockwood. Ceremony was held at the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Elder Noel R. Knockwood – Grand Captain, Mi'kmaq Nation

Native Elder Noel Raymond Knockwood, was born July 13, 1932 on Shubenacadie First Nation to John and Theresa (née Simon) Knockwood, was the last of five children, two girls and three boys. Noel had two half-brothers and a half-sister from John's first marriage, which ended when his wife died. Through previous relationships, he is the father of nine children and the grandfather of eleven.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's University in May 1984 as well as attending Coady International Institute at St. Francis Xavier University from which he received a diploma in Community Development.

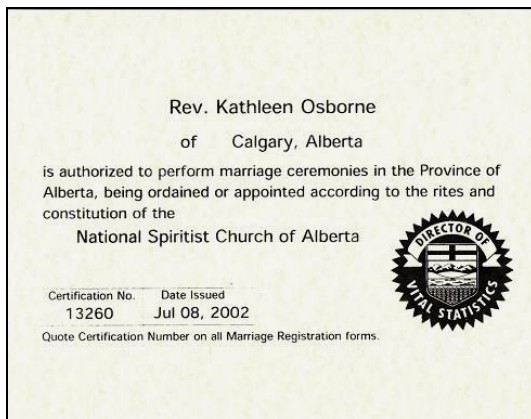
In 1975, Noel was appointed to the Mi'kmaq Grand Council as the Spiritual Leader of the Mi'kmaq People. Over the decades, Knockwood has been heavily involved in teaching activities - sharing his knowledge with students at Dalhousie University and other universities, the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre, Federal and Provincial Government Departments, etc. On March 27, 2000, Elder Knockwood was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms to the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Elder Kathleen Lorraine Osborne

Elder Kathleen's grandfather came from the Fox Bay (Eastern Cree) Settlement in the Province of Québec and she was born on February 2, 1953 on Harrington Harbour, also in the Province of Québec.

Her father was a Lighthouse Keeper on St. Mary's Island (St. Lawrence River) for 7 years and then, for 19 years in Souris, Prince Edward Island, and it was here that Elder Kathleen went to school. He holds a number of World War II medals including one awarded from National Aboriginal Veterans Association.

At an early age she recognized the ability to see into the Spirit World and has, over her lifetime, been amazingly successful in the cure of many patients who were at a stage of having otherwise-incurable illnesses (including prostate cancer, kidney cancer, inoperable brain tumour, etc.).



In the 1900's Kathleen went through intensive training in the Mi'kmaq Spiritual Tradition under the instruction of Elder Noel Knockwood. She was

granted the right to carry a Sacred Pipe and was granted formal recognition as a Native Spirituality Elder.

In 2002, Elder Kathleen moved for a time to Calgary, Alberta and on July 8, 2002 she was granted a Clergy License from Department of Vital Statistics, Government of Alberta. Currently (2013), Kathleen serves as President of The National Spiritist Church of Alberta as well as of The National Spiritist Church, Archdiocese of Nova Scotia.