

MM — Thanksgiving at the Cabin — 2016



Standing Stone Brewing
Ashland Oregon

Why this picture?

Because it's Thanksgiving..
Because I'm at our cabin
Because I remember...
My grandparents who came 1st
after the native people...
I try to remember them all.
Native people did not go easily.
Nearby wars and treaties...
Native people always lost.
Which reminds me of
"Standing Stone" in Ashland
Which reminds me of
"Standing Rock" N Dakota.
Native people again...
Trying to stand ground
Against white man's acts.
Water and oil don't mix...
There's hell to pay
When earth is violated.
I didn't go to *Standing Rock*
But I got to *Standing Stone*
And remembered.

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THANKSGIVING THINKING

My daily thinking begins before I get up. It starts with NPR, or if early enough, BBC. This morning had an NPR change of policy statement. Instead of referring to Breitbart as a news source or group title, NPR will report it as a White Supremacist or White Nationalist front.

I thought, perfect for Thanksgiving Day. Our national historic myth has a group of religious escapees from persecution landing at Plymouth Rock (not Standing Rock) as white Christians. They invited the native people to dinner (as the myth goes). Then continues a long and sordid history of taking possession of the land...including the land where our cabin is located.

Were the early founders "white supremacists" or "white nationalist" from the very beginning? Some seem to think so.

I looked up some "White Supremacist" websites. It's scary stuff...at least to me. There are many out there who seem to believe this nation should be a white, Christian nation. They have organizations and meetings, some wearing swastikas and giving the Heil Hitler salute. Armed, of course.

These "Christians" don't remember that Jesus was a brown-skinned Jewish young man.

And they don't know that Hitler rose to power playing the white supremacy card of creating an Aryan nation, that led to a horrible holocaust. Christians elected him And we filled acres of cemeteries with American bodies to end that insanity.

I'm thankful for a pluralistic country that is founded on the principle of freedom of religion...or from religion. We may have to pay attention if we wish to keep it that way.

Art Morgan, Thanksgiving Day 2016