

(How would they decide who won?)

Well, always the elders always sit--and most points was decided --that would win--according to my observation. And not only in that lodge but for the rest of their lives they would always think, "Now I'm a 'Stalwart' man." Whenever they get together. Even though they belong to the same company. And the other would say, "I'm a 'Short' man. I'm a 'Runt'." And anytime they can start an argument. But that would be just sometimes, personal. (You mean even after they left that company?)

Yeah, for the rest of their lives. They were known by that distinction--Stalwart men or Short men--all through their lives.

(How would they get to be a Stalwart man or a Short man in the first place?)

I think I already told you--it's if my friends are in the Stalwart men, then maybe I would go and sit with them. Or if I thought the majority of my friends were on the Short men, then I'd go to them. It's just by choice.

(Did you have this kind of division in the Starhawks?)

No. No. Starhawks is just a young man's social society. When they're considered in their prime. That's when they're brave and they're taught and trained to be patient, to endure hunger and cold. Active and take care of horses, homes, hunting, trapping, or even in warfare. All those things.

(When would a man have to make up his mind whether he was going to be a Stalwart or a Short man--what age would he be?)

Oh, before he passes on to this Girdled Spearmen. He's still a Tomahawk man. And especially if they're going to have a lodge--that regular lodge ceremony--that's when they take their positions,