

started the music and then they initiated the officers. One got me on the right hand and one on the left side, and we started off. They initiated me. I have to give the Blackfoot Dance, and after two or three other rituals, then it's over with, and I belong. And another thing--I got to have a brother in the lodge. So they picked out the man to be your brother, too. And they picked out Frank Audlty (W'dliti) for me. That was Bert Geikoumah's brother. Frank Audlty. He was my Blackfoot brother. ~~We were supposed to be one.~~ Just like brothers. (Did you have to have any special ceremony as far as being made his brother?)

Yes--right in the organization, going through the regular clan there. I forgot what all we did do, but they made us--they took us together and brought us in to dance. And we all officers had to dance together. And after they got through initiating us, then all of them joined in with the ceremony. And we were full fledged members.

(Did you continue to be brothers with this Frank Audlty from then on?)
Yeah, we were just recognized as blood brothers, and they set aside a special song for me and him. When that song is sung in the Blackfoot Lodge, we don't have to be told. It's our place to get up and dance. When they start on that song, that means my song and Frank's song. We get up and lead this dance, and others follow. And when they sing our song, then we got to give a present. Give away. Give away presents. Right now that special song that any of those organizations belong to, the song that they sung, they have to get up and dance what their organization's dance was. And they have to give a present. Because they have to do it. They're just compelled to. And then the families or relatives can help, too--help give presents. And we're supposed to pick out somebody that really needs something. We give to the needy. Some poor persons in the bunch. We have money to give. If there's some old lady or old man or some cripple, we have to give it to them.