

a lot to say about the affairs of tribe or band. If they would see the tribe should move they would say where. If the tribe is suffering for the want of food they send scouts out. If the tribe was in danger they would appoint soldiers to guard the camp. This committee is composed of old men but not chiefs. They are men who are supposed to work with the chief. The Silent Eaters do not come in on this at all. This committee sits in the council after they have called it. They are a sort of executive committee. When the council is called the first thing is that the pipe is lighted. Then someone of these men or the chief himself will tell them what they have come to talk about. The meeting would be held in what was called tipioke. It might be connected or joined lodges. One lodge is not big enough to hold this body of councilmen so they have to have several lodges to make it large enough to hold these councilmen so they gave it this name meaning connected or joined lodges.

Tiotipi is a word used for a lodge set out away from the circle to indicate that a man has a son-in-law and he wants this son-in-law to be known. He occupies this lodge and lives in that. This tiotipi is near the middle of the circle just in front of his father-in-law's tent. It is to honor the son-in-law.

Tipioke was a sort of central organization place put up for the organization. It was put in a conspicuous place easy for everybody to reach.

Anybody can have a voice in a council meeting. If a man wants the floor he calls out the word for chief, who recognizes the man and then he can take the floor. They had soldiers whose duty it was to keep order and they served as sergeants-at-arms. They are there to see that the councils are properly conducted. They have full power to do things to keep order. When the council was over, the chief would announce that it was all over.

When the white men had treaty councils they did not follow the Indian way of conducting councils. It is an understanding that whenever there is anything that comes up that pertains to the tribe and a council was called the party to speak first would be the chief of the band or the chief of a tribe, but the councils that they have had while SB was recognized as the head chief he himself said that although he has the right to speak first he would rather others would speak. When he wanted to