

Yeah. There's quite a few of them. I guess you seen them go in that Rabbit Lodge.

(Yes, we saw people go in and come out.)

And then they got them "hired hands" that runs the errands.

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(These "hired hands", will they ever move up to become priests?)

Um-hum. Yeah, they go through certain ceremonies and then they go through that Sun Dance so many times. They become ordained. And then new ones are moving in. These younger ones, going up. They go through that Sun Dance so many times and then they become "hired hands". They got steps. Every ceremony you go through, you gain a step, you know, till you get your degree.

(When they finally get what you're calling a degree, do they ever announce it in public or anything?)

Yes, right there during the Sun Dance. See, they give away. Then they talk. That boy, now, he's got a big degree. He put up that Sun Dance.

(Who, Crawford?)

Maybe he'll put up about four or five Sun Dances. Then he'll be up there. He gradually builds himself up till he's finished. They tell you when you're finished how many times it takes to finish. You earned your degree. The only way is Sun Dances--you go so many times. Then they earn their degree and then they got right to paint--be a grandpa.

(You know, Freeman Pawnee was up there painting so he must have been through the Sun Dance--)

Eight times.

(Here in Oklahoma or up there?)

Up in Wyoming.