

these boys is all younger men. And they belong to this Clan. Now in a way that's all right, but that's the only reason I did not accept when they were drafting me as their drum keeper. Because above my knowledge to what they were going to go into, I was afraid they were going to accept something else and slip in substitution other than "Star Clan." Which they did. So they inserted this here four-way position of dancing this gourd dance (dancing, in turn, on west, north, east, and south sides of arena, which Jim says elsewhere is connected with the Sun Dance and therefore inappropriate for a social dance). But that's never been noted as that. It's never been known as dancing in four positions. When they initiate a person--any one person they initiate--they'll dance one song to the south side. And after that's finished, they'll move to the west side and they ask for another song. Then after the second song they'll ask for a third song to be sung on the north side. Fourth song was sung to the fourth direction. That's pertaining to this lodge.

(They did that when Alonzo Sankey was initiated, didn't them--at Barefoot?)

Yeah. So, all in all, when people got to studying that position, they got to sizing up individual member of that--who was conducting that initiation--who was the leader of that. They got to thinking about it and they got to figuring out that that was Virgil Franklin. That was his position of Sun Dancing. So I was glad I stepped back:

(I wondered about this name because I'd heard it both ways--"Star" and "Starhawk." I didn't know if there was a way to clarify it.)

Now "star" is h^wo^w'ohu^u -- that's what it means -- h^wo^w'ohu^u

And these swifthawks, that's what they are called -- h^wo^w'ohu^u

(Is it the same word?)

No, the last word. The last word of that. h^wo^w'ohu^u -- "swift hawk". 'ohu^u -- that's that bird's name. That's where Jesse got that "hawk" in there. Instead of calling it a bird, in order to make it sound of covering up for them ... he just put it as "star hawk." But it's never been known as that.

(So the Star Clan is h^wo^w'whu^uh^w ?)

That's right. That means a whole bunch of men. "Star Clan."