

was little and I know it and my mother said, "In the morning I'll wake her up real daylight and then I'll dress her up, get her ready and get her water ready and midnight a man could get the water and take it in because I can't wake her up at midnight." And that's a rule, you know, they have. And the first meeting I know was in the morning and they woke me up daylight and I got up, oh, must be about 8 or 9 years old and I started that way. Just like a church member, you know, it's a christian was like because they pray and sing and pray for me. And all of us, so they woke me up and my mother took me to the tipi. I didn't know what I was going but they told me to come in and stand at the door toward the sunshine where the sun going to come up, so I did and my mother stood with me and the head chief, you know, was my father inside. He start praying for me. He prayed for me almost two hours which I was standing there holding my water to take it in. So when he got through praying he said, "Well, tell her to come in. You could come in with her if you want to. So my mother carried the water for me and set it by the door and they tried to tell me how to go about it. He said, "Go around on this other side and then sit down and make a cross mark. So I did. They just tell me cause I didn't know. I was little. So I made a cross mark, you know and set the water down. And then he began to pray again. He prayed long time. Peyote chief they call him. He got his feathers and he come over there where I was and he put feather over me and prayed for me a long time. And he said, "Since she's too young to smoke cigarette," he said, "I want the one that's making fire smoke for her, pray for her," So they give the smoke to me--they call him the fireman, you know--sit at the door and make fire all night. They gave it to him. It was my cousin, Jack Sankidoti. So he prayed for me for long time and every time he puff he prayed. He was praying for me, you know, to grow up and have a family and enjoy life and become old age and all