



I, Chief Storming Elk Son of Young Lightning Elk, Have Talk to Make

My Fellow Tribesman,

I first would like to thank everyone who came to Winter Banquet. It was great seeing so many tribesmen gathering in celebration. Winter Banquet was full of memorable experiences and hopefully all of you that attended had as great of time as I did. I, again, would like to thank all of you that helped out throughout the day, either by cooking and working with the braves or cleaning up afterwards. Without your help, Winter Banquet would not have gone so smoothly. I would also like to congratulate all the new Band of Warriors honorees as well as the newly made Neolin Candidates. You have all received these great honors because you truly deserve them.

As we move past Winter Banquet towards spring, we must begin to look at what needs to be done for camp. As I said in my State of the Tribe address, many projects are underway or planned to be in the next month and we need all tribesman help to accomplish them. I plan to see strong spirits in our upcoming work days as well as Brave Day (March 14) and Spring Conclave (April 3rd and 4th). Remember that work days are on **every second Saturday of the month**. Mark these dates on your calendars. Also, the TEC has decided to implement a new service patch. The new Chief's Council Service Patch will be available to all tribesmen who come down to camp to attend tribal functions. The TEC have decided upon the following guidelines effective January 3, 2009. To earn this award the tribesmen must complete the following: must attend three of the five major events-Fall Conclave, Winter Banquet, Brave Day, Spring Conclave, and Summer Camp; tribesmen must attend five other workdays other than the five major events; and the tribesman's dues must be current. To keep track of who has been to what, the Black Book will be available to sign in, and the Chief's Council will meet prior to Winter Banquet to decide who will qualify for the patch. The patch will be awarded each Winter Banquet and the design promises to be amazing. Again, I emphasize that we need all the tribesmen so we can to prepare for camp, as this is one of our duties as a tribe. We cannot be successful as a Tribe without the participation and help of all Tribesmen.

I cannot express how truly proud I am to lead such a group of people. I consider all who wear the Claws my family, and if there is anything that I can do for you, please contact me. I am excited for the new year and I know with all of you help to make 2009 a year that will be talked about for many years to come.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Koert Huddle, Chief Storming Elk, Son of Young Lightning Elk

"...and now I pray the blessing of the Great Spirit upon you, so long as your feet may trod the trail..."

My fellow tribesmen,

Thanks for those that came to the Winter Banquet and congrats to the Band of Warriors and Neolin honorees. With the Klondike coming and workdays resuming at our heart's reservation do a good turn "monthly" by coming down and helping get camp ready. Before you know it, summer will pop up so we need everyone to do your best to help out. At Perkins restaurant in Burlington I met an Eagle scout that just finished writing a book about scouting. He is retired but he has helped out with the new cooks cabin. Thanks Dan for the wonderful conversation and memories about Eastman and for working on your heart's reservation. The thing I have noticed is that there seems to be an abundance of older scouters and Tribesmen around helping and attending events, it would be great to see more youth than adults though.

Yours in Fellowship,

Brandon Howard, Past Chief Many Feathers

I, Vice Chief Blue and Gold Indian, Have Talk to Make

My Tribesmen,

It was another great turnout at Winter Banquet this year despite the weather. At Banquet the officers introduced the service patch. In order to obtain the service patch you must attend Silver Tomahawk function. Now that the hunters are gone and we are able to get back into camp we need as many people as we can. We have many projects to complete, one of which is cooks cabin. It is coming along very nice but still is not complete. There are many other projects that need to be completed as well before summer camp. So again we need as many people as we can get down/up/over to summer camp in the next few months. SEE YOU THERE.

I, Vice Chief Blue and Gold Indian, have spoken.

Aaron Wonders

My fellow Tribesmen,

I would like to start by giving a big **thank you** to all who attended Winter Banquet and made it the success that it was. You make my job and all Tribal activities a success by your participation and purchases. We still have *new* Silver Tomahawk hats for sale for \$12 along with many patches, acrylic coups, and other merchandise. With that being said, there is still much work to be done at our Heart's Reservation. Please do not let the cold of these winter months discourage you from helping out at camp. In fact, why not keep warm by buying a sweatshirt from the Beaver Den? What better way to support the Tribe than by purchasing merchandise and helping out around camp! I also highly encourage all of you to attend Brave Day and Spring Conclave. They are bound to be fun and exciting for all in attendance. Finally, I would like to congratulate all Neolin nominees and add that I am honored to have been nominated myself. I am sure it will be a memorable experience for me and my brothers in this Great Tribe.

I, Treasurer, Grandson of Big Bull Moose, Nathan "Hippie" Smith, have spoken.

Price List for Beaver's Den:

Acrylic coups...\$10
Headbands...\$8
Tom-tom Beaters...\$12
Key Chains...\$3
Feathers...\$1

Various Patches...\$1,3,&5
Log Chain Kits...\$3
Belt Buckles...\$15
Reduced Price Sweatshirts...\$20
New Silver Tomahawk Hat...\$12

My fellow Tribesmen,

It was great seeing all of you at winter banquet. Some of you may know that many things have changed in the past year. Starting on January 1st, 2009, the Tribal Executive Committee implemented our new service patch to recognize those who selflessly serve our camp throughout the entire year by coming and working on various projects on scheduled workdays. The Membership Committee will be heading up this new path and keeping track of those who participate on each work day. In order to receive credit for the workdays you attend, please sign the black book when you arrive. I hope all of you had a good holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at spring conclave on April 4th and 5th.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe Siefken
Secretary, Brother of the Buffalo

My Fellow Tribesmen

First, I would like to congratulate the new officers on your dedication to the Tribe. It is a great honor to be elected and to serve. May your journey continue along the path that has shone brightly the last four years. We have made a huge turnaround in returning to what the Silver Tomahawk stands for. I want us to strive to make everyone feel welcome in the Tribe. Remember to enhance the ceremonies on Wednesday and Thursday evening so that they shine like a bright light to our newly inducted foxmen so they will always remember the night they were brought into this Tribe. Sometimes, I feel we have strayed from living the resolutions and some put too much stress on achieving promotions and not a means to grow in the Youth. Working the paint is living the resolution and the years alone do not entitle a promotion. The last four chiefs have tried very hard to return us the service of the younger and weaker. Thanks to all who continue to make the Brave Book an instrument of learning to the Braves. Congratulation to the new Neolin candidates named at Winter Banquet.

I, Senior Medicine Mane Great Wild Beaver, have spoken.
Dean Collins

Pictures from Winter Banquet



Band of Warrior Honorees: Joey Siefken, Jim "TT" Thompson, and Lonnie Kinkeade



Neolin Candidates: Nathan Smith, Jeff Goran, Jimmy Cruickshank, Todd Cary, Tony Edmundson, Matt Wilson, Jeff Melton, Aaron Wonders and Mike Polley (absent was Dee Porter)



Officers for 2008-2009

Position	Christian Name	Indian Name
Chief	Koert Huddle	Storming Elk, Son of Young Lightning Elk
Vice Chief	Aaron Wonders	Blue and Gold Indian
Treasurer	Nathan Smith	Grandson of Big Bull Moose
Secretary	Joey Siefken	Brother of the Buffalo
Tribal Coordinator	Jake Vass	Leaping Otter
Past Chief	Brandon Howard	Many Feathers, Son of Soulkeeper

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Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk

Upcoming events

February 13th – 15th , 2009 – Klondike (our help is needed)

TEC meeting and workday on the 14th at Camp Eastman

March 14th, 2009 – Brave Day (TEC meeting and workday) at Camp Eastman

April 3rd-4th , 2009 -- Spring Conclave at Camp Eastman