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The Chief's Corner:

Osiyo, Brothers and Sisters,

This year of 2012 is more than half over. Seems like yesterday that I awoke on New Year's Day and it was a fresh new year to contemplate. At my age there's not a lot of time left to do what needs to be done.

I have done a lot of soul searching and come to the conclusion that I "Have Not" accomplished all I have wanted to do to forward the progress of the SECCI. I am grateful for all the help I have received from Tribal members, but it just hasn't been enough. Somehow, life just gets in the way and impedes progress. I can only pray that I have done the best I can with what I have had to work with and will continue to work for the people to the best of my ability.

The next annual membership meeting is set for October the second and there will be a couple of

appointments that have to be filled on the Council. (Since it is mid-term and the next election is not until 2014, I will make appointments to fill in the un-expired terms of three Council members).

There are so many areas that need improvement, but it won't be accomplished if more members don't get involved. There are TOO many Council members who have to wear TOO many hats to see that the work gets done and it's frustrating. The biggest problem is lack of attendance at the meetings and lack of interest where the Tribe is concerned. We need you, the people, to have some input in what the SECCI stands for and what it will accomplish over the next few years. And that will only happen if enough of you become involved.

We have over 6,000 members and I pray that more of you will make an honest effort to attend the meetings and inject some fresh blood into the accomplishments of YOUR Tribe. The majority of the Council members are 50 or older and new blood is needed to keep the SECCI going. Isn't that more important than just holding an ID card ?

May the Creator be with you always.

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