

## **Communications Office**

July 18, 2024 ~ Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

In response to the letter circulated throughout the community, an investigation was conducted to ensure the integrity of our staff. Only a select few departments and their teams have access to our member's addresses. It was therefore easy to conduct an audit, through our IT network, to ensure that those with the responsibility of safe guarding our information were beyond approach.

Not all of our members received the letter, which furthered our belief that this letter did not emanate from within our organization. It is important for all our members to understand how much of our personal information is available online; especially to those on social media.

Historically, we celebrated our "changing of the guard," who were chosen based on their honor, bravery, respect and most importantly their vision for the future of our Tiospaye. Members want to hear the vision of our incumbents and future leaders, not how well they can incorporate the worst of modern day politics into one of our most celebrated traditions.

It is important to remember the Oyate will ultimately decide the character and vision of our future. No matter the outcome of the election, we are still friends, relatives, and descendants of those who suffered for the survival of our Tiospaye, Wakpa Ipaksan.

Pidamayaye do.