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**Dear Bear Tribe Family and Friends,**

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I greet you this fine day. For Sun Bear the new year began at Winter Solstice. So I also have chosen this day to begin anew.

For eleven years I have carried the Mantle of Medicine Chief of The Bear Tribe. In this eleventh year, (11 being a gateway) I have been guided to step through that gateway, emerging on the other side with a new name for the organization. As spirit led me to the land, so am I being led to a new energy.

I am changing the name of the organization to ***The Medicine Chief of The Panther Lodge Medicine Society and Her Successors, a Corporation Sole.***

I'd like to share with you some of the energies and traits of *Panther* Medicine. **Keynote - Reclaiming One's True Power, Cycle of Power: Dark of the Moon - New Moon - Winter.**

The *panther* is a very powerful and ancient totem. It is a symbol of ferocity and valor. In the case of the black *panther*, there is definitely a lunar significance. Those that align with the *panther* will develop greater depths of vision - of their life, of events, or other people. This is more than just psychic sight. It is an inner knowing. With *panther* comes the ability to develop clairaudience, to hear the communications of other dimensions and other life forms. The *panther* brings healing and often signals a time of rebirth, old issues can be resolved and old wounds healed. The *panther* signals a time of imminent awaking. The *panther* holds the promise of rebirth and guardianship. It is the extra protection we need in these changing times. The *panther* is a symbol of mastery over all dimensions. The roar of the *panther* is the roar of thunder.

Nietzsche once said that "That which does not kill us makes us stronger". It is this same idea that is awakened in the lives of those who open the power of the *panther* totem.

The black *panther* is the symbol of the feminine, the dark of the moon. It is the symbol for the life and power of the night. It is the symbol of the feminine energies manifest upon the earth. It is the feminine gift of creation found in both males and females. That which we can imagine we can manifest, and in that manifestation we CAN create. The creation is up to us. I choose peace, prosperity, health and abundance. I hope you will join me as we move forward reclaiming our True Power with the help of *PANTHER*, (for more information on the medicine of *panther*, please read *Animal Speak* by my friend Ted Andrews). A black *panther* roams the mountains and valleys here at West Winds, the home of The *Panther* Lodge Medicine Society, in the heart of the Ozarks. It has been seen by visitors.

The website [www.thebeartribemedicinesociety.org](http://www.thebeartribemedicinesociety.org) will be maintained as I continue to create a historical collection of Bear Tribe information and pictures. The Medicine Wheels will continue as well as the teachings of the