

David Warren GoodKnife



David is an experienced Lodge leader, Fire keeper and Lodge builder, with over 25 years of practice in the Ceremonial Realm. He is a Veteran Sun dancer and Fire Chief. David brings his teaching and visions he has received at the Sundance and from many Elders he has worked with, to each ceremony.

“David’s ability to translate the ancient wisdom and ceremonies of the Lakota people into the modern western world is a gift that few people possess.” Steve Moore MFT

“The most striking attributes are his humility, dedication, sincerity and ability to motivate others to seek a higher consciousness”. Sharon Manuelito, LMSW, Dine’

The experiential Purification and Renewal Ceremony David leads have been nurtured with over 500 actual sweat lodges that he has lead. His commitment to the ceremonial path goes beyond dedication, and is reflected in the detail he attends to during ceremony. These gifts of ceremonial understandings were passed down from generation to generation that he has graciously received and is willing to share with all who are willing to benefit from this modality regardless of one’s ethnic or religious background.



David currently lives with his wife of 25 years, three daughters, two dogs (one half blind), one snake, one bird and a couple of fish in the pond, in sunny San Diego Ca. He enjoys tradition crafts and woodworking. The drums he makes are finding global homes as far away Australia, Germany, Japan, Spain and here on Turtle Island.

David Warren GoodKnife is second-generation in recovery, with twenty-nine years of continuous sober living.

