

# Second Transition of Power Discussion Following Ortell's Death

MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD AT DIXON BUILDING

Meeting Date: Sep 5 (Saturday), 1987

Location: 159 W Broadway, SLC, UT 84101



## Governing Board Members Present

- No. 10 (Merlin Kingston)
- No. 19 (Ivan Nielson)
- No. 21 (Ray Brown)
- No. 34 (Wendell Owen)
- No. 2 (Clyde Gustafson)

## *Also present*

Dean Stoddard,  
Elden Kingston (Gustafson),  
Ardous Gustafson,

Paul Kingston,  
J. Daniel Kingston

## Meeting Notes

### **Ivan Nielsen (19):**

I want to be informed on every issue and hear from everyone that has something to contribute for the benefit of this meeting. I would like to turn the meeting over to anyone that has something to present.

### **Clyde Gustafson (2):**

I am the oldest man in the order. I never dreamed I would live to be the oldest man in the order.

I might add I am very proud the Lord chose me to be one of the members of this board. I hope I will be able to do some good to help in the building up of the Lord's purposes while I am still here upon the earth. I would like to pay a compliment to you brothers and Sister Ardous. I feel the Lord is pleased with what is going on.

There has been a few things on my mind and I have often wondered about it. In the last few days I have been able to pour a little oil in different places. The people I have talked to have felt a lot better. As far as the governing board is concerned I think that is one of our responsibilities. I have been contacted by a number of young folks about what was going on and they wanted to know everything was going in the proper direction.

I told one party we have the best and most humble men in the order on this board. I let them know this governing board was performing a very good thing. I felt the spirit of the Lord here in a great abundance in this governing board meeting and I rejoice in the fact the Lord was ok-ing everything we were doing. I appreciate every one of you brothers.

I hope and pray I will be able to do something in the good cause. These blessings I pray for in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

### **Ivan Nielsen (19):**

I have had contact with various members, ones that have been interested in what is going on and what decisions can be made and I have tried to contact as many as I could to find out the feelings on these things. Some are pulled one way and some are pulled another with their ideas and feelings they have for the different people. You always find that no matter what situation comes up. It takes a lot of effort and striving for a group like we are to be one right off the bat.

Most people are open minded and they say they can go either way as long as they have a testimony. Some are quite strong one way and some have had some experiences the other way. This is the way the Lord has of testing people and giving them the understanding to follow the way. We always have the negative to not make it go smooth.

It might take another week to get it ironed out between people. We maybe should get up and make our declaration now or it might be better to talk to other people and see if we could make this transition in a way that everyone will accept.

I feel the Lord has his guiding hand here and that everything will come out the way the Lord wants it. Unless something very vivid comes up in my experience in the next coming days I feel I will make my views at a future time.

**Merlin Kingston (10):**

Since last Sunday I haven't had a chance to speak to anyone. I left here last Monday and I just got back last night. Since I have been away from work up there, there have been problems and it is going to take a lot of time to get squared away.

I am not prepared at this time to make a final decision.

I will continue to make it a matter of fasting and prayer to find out what the Lord wants. I hope we will be able to find out just what the Lord wants.

Brother Ortell and Brother Elden are instruments in the Lord's hands and I think the Lord is able to make it known to us as a body. The important thing for us is to find out the Lords' mind and will to help us carry on.

**Raymond Brown (21):**

I just got home last night from Idaho. The time I was up in Idaho I did a lot of striving with the Lord to know the truth. Every time I went to the Lord on different things I would get the answer around the real thing. That indicated to me there was still indecision among all the members as one. I thing we should all do a little studying.

Brother Elden gave us laws so we could be one. That Law in 1940, if we live that right we will know what it is.

He put a clause in the governing board, no one on that board, not even excluding himself, if anything that was wrong, it should be brought up on that board and made it settled, it all had to be thrashed out.

I think we would search those things out and we should get those things by Brother Elden to solve all these problems. Brother Elden put in this clause in the governing board. I heard this from my father and others. If there was something done that was wrong and wasn't agreeable they had to come to the governing board and bring it in front of the board and make it right. Brother Owen had something he thought was wrong and he brought it up before the board. Those things are all in this work to settle all kinds of problems.

Right now we have critical times in this work. I have had several people approach me on different things. This work is too important to let it fall apart. Brother Elden when he was here these things came from the Lord to him. This work has to go forth in the earth and have power and strength for peace and be a light for people to look up to. I thought I would bring these things to all of us.

I would like to hear from Brother Paul and Daniel on these things that have come up. I ask the Lord to be with us so we can follow the spirit of the Lord so we can come up with the right answer so we can go forth in peace and be as one. If we are not one we are not his. We have seen organizations and works that have come up with discord with each other and they have all gone down. We don't want that kind of condition in this work.

I ask the blessings of the Lord upon all of us and I do it in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

**Wendell Owen (34):**

I appreciate very much the privilege of being here and being a part of this board.

I would like to play something I have on a tape of Brother Ortell's talk.

When the men were up on the bee crew Brother Allen Frandsen went to brother Burton and said, "the Lord did not need Brother Elden, he could have taken Brother Burke. He could do everything with Brother Burke that he did with Brother Elden."

He said, "isn't that right Brother Burton he could do all these things with Brother Burke."

Brother Burton said he really did not know.

He [Allen] went to the next man and said the same thing, and to the next man, and the next one. I was sitting a ways down the line and I began to be afraid of what to say. Brother Allen was quite forceful. Brother Ivan was in charge of the beet crew. When he came to me I did not know any answer.

Brother Allen said, "the Lord did not need Brother Elden he could have done the same things with Brother Burke."

I said, "the Lord, when he made this plan and made his choice, he did it in his divine wisdom and when he made his choice it was our responsibility to answer to that man in that position the Lord had chosen."

No one said anything else after I gave him that answer. Later on I thought that over again and it was true the Lord in his wisdom and power could have chosen anyone he wanted to choose. Just like when God chose Jesus Christ it was his responsibility to make that choice.

It was our responsibility to accept that choice.

When the second time came to renew that commitment, when it was our responsibility to accept that choice none other could fill that place. That is the way it will be each time a new leader comes into power and position in the kingdom of God here upon the earth. Each time there will be others that will feel they should have that position. Each time it is the responsibility of the leadership and members to follow that path. If we can follow that path we have a good chance of gaining our salvation here upon the earth. If we can't we will be a part of a lost cause.

No man will have the power to gain the power for their salvation without that. That is something each person should consider very seriously. If we are going to gain our salvation we will do that by following the man the Lord has destined for us to get our guidance from.

There are people that say they won't take second place to anyone. People with those ideas and that teaching are headed straight for hell, because that is the place where there is no one that is above another. They are all leaders and they are all the top and there is no progress because they have already reached the peak of their potential.

In the plan of salvation it is the plan of one above another where people fit in line and work in harmony and the only way they can be in harmony [is] where people are submissive to those above them.

This tape shows me Joseph Smith was chosen, Brother Ortell was chosen, and that is something we are going to continue to have.

I feel what we as the governing board want to decide who is our next leader to strive to be in harmony.

As far as the rest of the people I feel we should seriously consider whether anyone feels this should be put to a vote of the people in general to see what their ideas or feelings are [or] whether an accord should be reached in this body and an announcement made.

Some of you feel like we are not yet at a time to make that decision.

I want to express my opinion that the vote of the people has nothing to do with the choice of the Lord.

At a vote of the people, we feel like it is necessary for our people to get in a condition of strivings.

One of the tapes I listened to said a lot of our young people have grown up without the knowledge of other things besides the things here. If we don't teach our children we will be like other times of the Lord, after other generations it will start to fade out. I feel it is important that our young people are better instructed on the principles and foundation this work rests.

The Lord backs the leader of this work and expects us as individuals to get our testimony of that leader and fit into our place.

Brother Ortell talked to me after Brother Wayne made that statement he did not want to take second place to anyone.

Our Lord looks up to someone the same as anyone else does.

There is always someone over every one of us. How we are able to fit in and be a part of that determines our success. There is way more responsibility ahead for anyone that fits into that line because there is so much expected of us in the future that that is no reason at all for any one to have less responsibility than what they want.

I feel we should be considering whether that decision should come to here. We should have some kind of discussion as to what ideas and opinions on that point.

I would like to ask the blessings of the Lord upon all of us in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

**Clyde Gustafson (2):**

I think we are in a serious time. It reminds me of the time when Brother Elden came to us and there was six men at the time. We had questions and problems come up and Brother Elden said we had to strive with the Lord to get answers on these problems.

**Dean Stoddard:**

I appreciate very much the spirit that has been here. Some of those things that Brother Clyde talked about have been on my mind for the last while. You study and try to be humble and do what Brother Charles entreated us to do. He said you need to get a light of your own. I think all of us who were down there at that time our whole lives have been influenced for the good to help build this work and to try and have the Lord use us to help other people. In all cases we do not conduct ourselves as men being guided of God.

I realized from the start of each we have the responsibility of who did the Lord choose. I thought about the beginning of the Co-op. This is the Lord's work. When Brother Ortell took over it is the Lord's work. The Lord said, "we was establishing His kingdom on the earth." We felt that was what we were endeavoring to do. We come against a crucial time and an opportunity for Satan to spoil things that we have.

There hasn't been a man of the order I haven't worked with. Brother Wendell and I worked together in the trucks. I helped Brother Raymond in the ice plant and I helped him on his farm. During that time we created love for other people. We trust them and value the things that are the things they are doing.

If this is the Savior's work, then we have to find out what he wants done. I have seen the people are confused. We need something like Brother Wendell mentioned. I feel I wish we knew who our God wants as the individual the Lord wants.

When I came into the Co-op we were all kids. We were young. It is a new guard coming up. Who does the Lord want? It is our responsibility to find who the Lord has chosen. These are some of the things that have been on my mind. I am getting in the last part of my life and I never put forth the effort I should have done.

May the Lord bless us to seek his counsel to do what he wants us to do I pray in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

**Paul Kingston:**

When all of us started out in life there was a blue print and a certain pattern each one of us were supposed to follow. Each thing that comes up in our life and each thing that comes up in the order, there is a certain time for those things to happen. For the very best those things have to happen when that time is appointed. Some have said it doesn't matter if a young couple gets married a certain year or not.

Every day we pass that time when those things are supposed to take place we miss something.

The order is going to face a lot of challenges in the near future. A lot of those challenges will come from the outside. More critical are those pressures that will come from the pressures of our own people.

The key to resolving this matter is about like solving a problem. The first step has to come to we may have a question as to who is to be in the leadership position. Before the Lord can really build a foundation as a testimony for any of us, the leader that the Lord has placed here is absolutely innocent in our mind.

I can say Brother Ortell is absolutely innocent before the Lord and he is absolutely with Brother Elden or the Lord. Whether we realize it or not if we cut the link between Brother Ortell or Brother Elden we have cut our link with the Lord.

I think it is critical we understand there are responsibilities that are to be taken at this very minute. There are responsibilities that have passed during the last week. It would be impossible for the order to face the future if there is a division between myself or Brother Merlin or any of the men that are sitting around this table. It is important enough there be a unity between all of us.

I think it is really important that we realize the time is passing. That we realize the members of the governing board have been placed in a position of trust. The Lord needs to count on you and we have to get to a point that we realize that Brother Ortell was absolutely innocent before the Lord.

I realize I have a lot of short comings.

There is going to be a schooling period and that person will need all of the help and support of all the men in this room.

I think it is important we realize we are not in a position to choose who the Lord will pick for his leader.

We don't have the right or any say in this. The Lord chooses.

We have no right to reject that choice.

If the men in this room are not able to work together as one, the pressure from the outside will break us.

In closing I want to say I want to say these things are very urgent.

There are things that could have and should have been already and it is important we move ahead in whatever we are going to do.

I wish to ask the blessings of the Lord on every one of us in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

I think it would be up to the governing board to decide tonight what we are to do.

**Wendell Owen (34):**

Do you think we should go ahead?

**Raymond Brown (21):**

I know how things worked the beginning with Brother Elden and I know how Brother Ortell was appointed. Those laws brother Elden has given to us. The way Brother Ortell has given in this tape on this subject. What we need to know who was with him at the end of his life and what he did if anyone was there. I think we should abide by that.

I would like to hear what his last words were.

**Elden Kingston (Gustafson):**

I don't know whether I can answer that question completely or not because a lot of things you just know.

First I want to say I am really happy to be here tonight. There has been a wonderful spirit here tonight. The talk that Brother Dean gave tonight was the best I have ever heard. I appreciate the things that Brother Merlin brought out tonight. I know that is the same with every man here on the governing



board. I know you are the men that were designated to be on the governing board. The thing that is the most important [is] that the governing board is united.

The thing that would hurt me in these things [is] that there would be any division between myself and any one on the board. It is my whole desire in my life to build the Kingdom of God and gain my salvation. I had the opportunity of spending some time with Brother Merlin, Brother Daniel, and Paul. We were interested in doing every thing we could to keep brother Ortell with us. The thing that bothered me the most was that I wasn't able to make right some of the things straightened out that I had done in my life. During that time I made up my mind that if I had another chance to make sure everything I did in my life I was going to take advantage of it. I am going to make sure that whoever the Lords puts in that position I am going to serve them with all my mind might and strength.

I had the opportunity of working with Brother Ortell and the opportunity of working with him in a lot of the spiritual things. In a lot of those cases in those talks with him he would tell me things I should be doing. One of the things he stressed during the last two years, [if we succeed] it is going to be the result of us working together and getting along. That is the thing that worried him so much.

Brother Ortell for the last quite some time has known he wasn't going to be with us much longer. In the meetings you could tell it. He has just been frantic trying to get those things done. He said I want them done by this time. One of the problems for some of us [is that we] have drug our feet. We haven't done what he wanted us to do.

He told a lot of while he was sick it was time for him to go.

He said, "my time is up."

His time would not have been up if we could not have carried on without him.

He told mother and I in the same meeting that he had progressed far enough and had the blessings of the Lord and the Lord had told him he would be able to choose his successor, and the things that he has been working towards, and the changes that have been made, and the time he has spent with Brother Paul, I think he has made that choice.

If I had that same feeling about any other individual here I would fall in behind them the same way. Another thing too we have to consider the reason we have been successful both spiritually and financially we have had the one on the watch tower and he has related on down to us. That is the reason this decision is so important. It is more important that everyone here should come together as one unit.

Brother Merlin, Brother Paul, and Brother Ellery were there working as a team with brother Ortell. Everyone was working for a common goal. I know everyone has to get that inside them so they know those things are right. I want to make a comment on the tape that Brother Wendell played. That was just

about the same as Brother Ortell being here with us. The Lord is running this order. I think he figures we would be able to carry on and progress enough for everyone of us to carry on.

I would like to ask the blessings of the Lord upon us and I say it in his name Amen.

**J. Daniel Kingston:**

I would like to say I am very glad to have the privilege of attending this meeting today and I feel like the spirit of the Lord has been with each one of these speakers. I appreciate the fact that Brother Merlin, Brother Ellery and Elden was there with us. I know everyone of us felt the spirit of the Lord and I hope at this time we can keep that spirit with us.

I have been blessed with a good sized family at this point and whenever there is a problem with me or my family and they come to me for help it makes me feel humble to think the Lord has trusted me to be the head of my family and it worries [me] that I might not direct my family in the way He wants me to direct them. I think we should all feel real humble with the responsibility we have at this time because, the decision we make, there is going to be many people that will be affected by it.

Like Brother Paul mentioned time is going by and there has been a lot of decisions made and I feel like things are going to progress like they should. I feel whatever does happen if there is a vote called by the governing board I feel like the men here and the Lord's choice will be voted on. In all of these things that have come up since Brother Ortell left us I think everyone here has desired to find out what choice the Lord wants. I know if Brother Ortell wanted to he could appear to us and tell us who his choice is and who the Lord's choice is and all of us would accept it.

There have been several things happened that shows how everything should go. I know for a fact that Brother Ortell said he had lived long enough. I know the successor he would choose was Brother Elden's choice and the Lord's choice. I am confident that the Lord's choice will be chosen and the people of the Lord will accept the choice.

I would like to say these things in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

**Raymond Brown (21):**

I would like to say when I went up to Idaho this last week my son Dan came to me and he said he had a dream he wanted to tell me. He dreamed brother Ortell had a bible and he went to open the bible and he handed it to Brother Paul and Brother Paul found the part he wanted to read. When Brother Elden was talking the spirit of the Lord was over him. I feel like these things should be done in harmony and all of us should work for that purpose here in the Lord's work.

**Wendell Owen (34):**

Maybe I should mention the dream one of the men down to the mine had.

The phone rang and someone said, "Brother Paul has a number."

They said, "I heard you had a number and your number was No.9."

That was the dream that individual told me on those thing.

One thing I do want to stress, regardless of which way it goes if some of these things are leaning toward Brother Paul, one thing we do realize we talked about the three sons. One thing the Lord had in mind about those three sons and we don't want to forget we only have one of those sons here with us now. Not only that brother Merlin represents himself as one of them, and his family represents another, and that is Brother Elden, and a good portion of that represents Brother Merlin.

These other lines the Lord is working in with these roots. Brother Ortell said there was kings and they are royal blood, he said one of them is my father and he said one of them was Soren Peterson. Soren did not do anything else but to carry that line and give it to his sons.

He has taken those royal lines and grafter them into the root.

That root is just one individual.

Even in this parable that was explained to Joseph Smith when he spoke of the rod he spoke of an individual. When he spoke of the root he spoke of that branch and that branch is that root of Jesse and it is of Jesus Christ's blood. Brother Merlin is in that position if those prophecies and those things are being carried out. I can't think of a more glorious calling than what sets on Brother Merlin at the present time.

If the Lord has chosen Brother Paul to take this position that the Lord can bring to pass his wonderful prophecies on the earth.

**Elden Kingston (Gustafson):**

Brother Ortell has told me the same things concerning Soren Peterson. There is no question in any of our minds that marriage between brother Ortell and Sister Ladonna was directed by the Lord and that marriage was right. Brother Ortell has done the things the Lord has wanted him to do all his life. If his whole mission is good something has to come out of that.

I think in regard to what brother Wendell brought out the three men Sister Vesta and Brother Charles, it is important how that lines up.

The fact that some of his posterity would come back and save the Order.

It is important for Brother Elden, Ortell and Merlin's children to line up right. I realize that is important and everyone has to do their part and be in their place.

I want to verify the things brother Wendell said.

**Paul Kingston:**

Brother Ortell said there were individuals in the order that would try to break up those three sons. The thing we need to realize when the scriptures talks about the olive tree. There was one root. Those three loaves were from one measure of meal. There were certain royal families that were brought to the Order. When the Order was brought together and in order to even qualify to be eligible they had to meet a certain standard. Some of those people that met that requirement are sitting at this table today.

Part of the gathering and part of the plan and he went out through the vineyard and he brought those true branches to be grafted into that tree. The men that sit around this table were some of those true branches the Lord went out and got to graft in. Every one of those three sons have posterity. If they were married in the wrong way, they would destroy that tree. There is going to be individuals that bring those branches of that tree back into the vineyard.

Whatever happens we have to be united.

There is one root and one tree and that is made up of those three sons.

If things go as they are supposed to go there will be a time in the future where a leader will qualify that is a descendant of all three of those sons.

When that individual comes it will be a descendant of all three of those three sons.

Brother Merlin would you go over the things that happened in the room prior to the death of Brother Elden?

**Merlin Kingston (10):**

This happened but I am not sure about the date. Brother Elden (1) still had strength to get out of bed and walk into the next room. The four of us were in his room and he requested us to go into the next room.

He asked Brother Charles to lay his hands on his head and he conferred the Melchizedek priesthood on his head.

Then Brother Elden conferred the Melchizedek priesthood on Brother Charles' head.

Then Brother Ortell sat down and Brother Elden conferred it upon Brother Ortell's head.

Brother Ortell conferred the priesthood on me and it went in that order.

I likened it to the time when the Savior came down to start his work. He went down and asked John the Baptist to baptize him. He felt he wasn't worthy to baptize the Savior. Then in turn the Savior baptized John the Baptist. When Brother Elden requested father to ordain him to the Melchizedek priesthood he was recognizing the authority of the priesthood that came down to Brother Charles. When he ordained Brother Charles and put his hands upon his head he was ordaining him to the priesthood and it tells in the 11th chapter of Isaiah unto who rightfully belongs the priesthood.

The priesthood was given to Joseph Smith. When it talks of the last servant it says that servant to whom the priesthood rightfully belongs. I thought why that happened in that order, when I was on one of my long fasts, that was why it took place in that manner.

I have a great respect for every man that is here and Sister Ardous. I have a lot of respect for Brother Daniel and Brother Paul.

As of this time I haven't still got the testimony that Brother Paul is the man to take Brother Ortell's place, but if you men of the governing board choose him I will stand behind him.

As yet I still do not have it.

It makes me feel bad Brother Elden gave us one answer and Brother Ortell gave us another.

The only way I would ever consider accepting it was because of Brother Elden's instructions if and when anything happened that Brother Ortell left I was to take his place. He said it would be my responsibility to take his place.

I feel I will surely be relieved of that responsibility if you men of the governing board feel that Paul should take that place.

I will back Brother Paul to the hilt in everything he does under the direction of the spirit of the Lord.

Any time you men want to come up with that decision I will back you and feel good about it. I will feel relieved also.

When Brother Paul was talking about the olive tree it weakened the roots and the fruit was wild. It would grow too fast and it drew strength from the roots and the fruit that it bore was wild, so we hope that is not in our day and age.

Brother Elden told me when he was instructing me he said that some of his girls would be a part of my family he said that in the future will save the Order.

**Elden Kingston (Gustafson):**

I know everything you do, you feel like that is the way the Lord wants you to do.

**Merlin Kingston (10):**

I won't stand and tell you something different than what is in my heart. I know the important thing is for this work to continue to grow and hold together and I have spent fifty-two years of hard work for it. The last year or two I don't think I have had over two or three Sundays off. I should have been on the job for this last week but I felt it was more important to help Brother Ortell.

To catch up the things that were wrong for not being there; one herd of sheep got left alone without a herder. The herd of sheep got mixed and the fog came in and the herder went to town and quit. If we had been there to prevent that it would have helped out quite a bit. After we went ten miles up in the mountains and got some of the sheep that had been in the neighbor's herd. We drove those sheep through that rough country to get them back into our herd. It has been a full time job. We spent a day looking for the sheep.

When the sheep were bought Brother Ortell and I went to see Mr. Olsen about them. He said come in and talk about it. He said at 12:00 the bank is taking over and this herd will be split up. Brother Ortell told him we would take the whole herd. I did not know whether I was hearing right. After that I did not want to let him down and let that go to pieces. I did the best I could with the strength I had.

The last two years I told Brother Lionel every day is a miracle that we meet it through the day. Never once did I burden Brother Ortell with those troubles. I knew his burdens were already so heavy that he could not carry any more. I tried to get Brother Ortell to come and see the operation several times. A lot of times he made arrangements to go with me. At the last minute something came up and he wasn't able to go and see that stewardship. I am sure where he is at now he has seen it and he will be there to help us in it.

All those times I have may my own children and two people that belonged to the order to help me out there. If it had not been for my family I would not have made it. The two men were Brother Afton Olsen and Jerry Johnson. Sister Joyce has worked out on the farm like a man. She was doing it for the Lord. While she hasn't been around to associate much or to the meetings, that is the reason she has been out working.

I ask the blessings of the Lord on everyone here and the order.

I will never misrepresent anything or tell you something I do not know from my heart or from the Lord. I ask these blessings on everyone here and I do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

**Paul Kingston:**

If each of us in this room are successful in living up to the Lord's expectations as loyal as all the men in this room were loyal to brother Ortell and there is not one of us that were as loyal to Brother Ortell as he is to us. In my life I am going to need schooling and help from every person in this room and it is a job I can't do without the help of the Lord and with the help of the people in the order. But if we are successful we will be one in the decisions we make and we will be completely united in these things.

*Brother Paul and Brother Merlin and Daniel left the room.*

**Brother Ivan (19):**

The question before us is that we have a vote tonight on the way we would like to support Brother Paul or brother Merlin.

**Dean Stoddard:**

I realize Brother Merlin is sincere. Merlin said he would stand behind Brother Paul 100% when he was directed by the spirit of the Lord. We still have to decide as time goes on.

**Wendell Owen (34):**

It is leaving a reservation. Elden? Merlin hasn't got that direction he is absolutely sure that is the way things are supposed to be. I think Merlin was sincere in saying that.

**Wendell Owen (34):**

The main question we are going to decide here tonight is where to make that dividing line as to what harm is being done to dragging it on tonight.

My opinion as far as a decision at this time to give it another week in courtesy to Brother Merlin I feel we should give it another week.

**Elden Kingston (Gustafson):**

The spirit of the Lord has been here tonight over every person. It really thrills me to feel the spirit we have here tonight.

*Paul, Daniel, and Merlin returned.*

**Elden Kingston (Gustafson):**

Ivan Nielsen of the board has come to a decision to support Brother Paul as the director of the Order. The proper thing I guess would be to announce it in church tomorrow.

**Paul Kingston:**

The proper thing would be for Brother Wendell to put that to the people. In the meeting they should call on all the numbered men then we can call for a vote to sustain.

**Merlin Kingston (10):**

Brother Clyde brought Brother Ortell up to present to the people to stand up and sustain Brother Ortell.

**Paul Kingston:**

It is important we meet after that was taken care of in meeting.

*Meeting adjourned.*