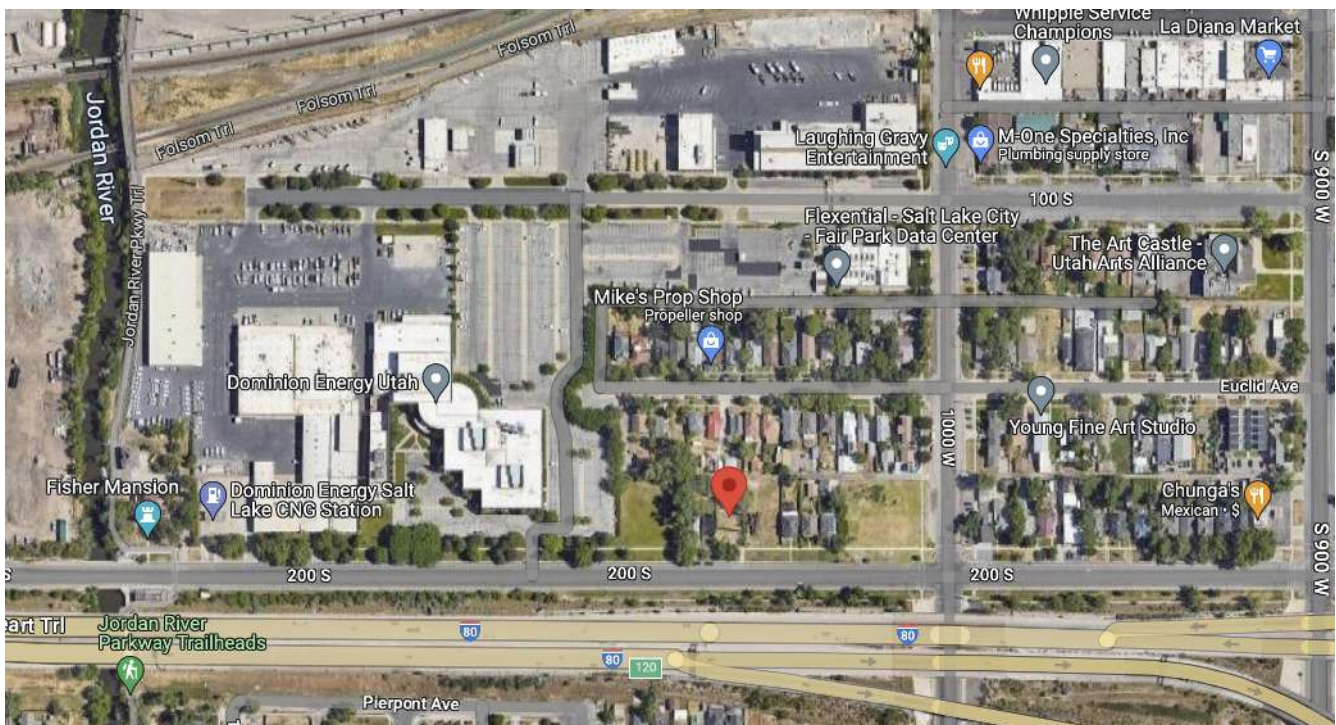


Paul's First Giving of Numbers

SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: Sunday, April 17, 1988, 6:00 PM

Location: 1044 west 200 south, Salt Lake City, UT 84104 (2nd South Church)



Meeting Notes

Opening Prayer: Unknown

Paul Kingston:

At Certain steps the order need to make we don't how much effect our actions have on that. During the last four weeks we have been striving as a group and we indicated tonight to be a special meeting. When we looked to be able to accomplish these things it was going to take a tremendous effort and a certain price had to be paid. We realize it had to be a joint effort. Some of the things we are going over we requested members only to this meeting.

The purpose of that fasting was done so each of us would pit out the striving to lift that weight at the same time. The first fast of that striving consisted of four weeks. Those individuals that chose to do that they could take part and pay that price. All that effort has gone to make these things possible. There are a lot of our people that have had the opportunity of taking part in that striving. The ones that did not take part in that striving, they will never have the opportunity of putting that effort out in that regard again.

From this time on rather fasting each Thursday, we will just fast on the first and third Thursday of each month. The men with numbers are going to be fasting each Thursday. The reason we are enjoying those things because someone else is striving on our behalf. For those that would like to take part in these things will do that as a group on the first and third Thursday.

One of the first things that come in regard to us in our numbers, there were a lot of people that were called and they failed in those responsibilities. Because some of these people failed in those responsibilities some of the responsibilities will have to be taken up by us individuals and the whole plan will be smaller than it could have been. Another thing that is brought regarding here is the opportunity there is for other men to hold those numbers.

We were able today to meet with some of the men with numbers to tell them some of the requirements that were necessary for them to take the responsibilities they should, to live a consecrated life and dedicate their lives in the service of the Lord.

Also the things that were brought in the 1940 meeting by Brother Elden that they may be able to represent the Kingdom of God here upon the earth to all of their fellowmen; have high moral standards and a life of honesty and all those things.

Clyde Gustafson:

Told of his operation for a hernia.

Brother Paul Kingston No.9:

In taking these steps the Lord knows our abilities and qualifications and to what extent we are able to support His work. A lot of us especially the ones that are not able to receive these numbers at a certain time wonder what we need to do to qualify. I am reminded of Brother Wendell before he got his number. He did not receive his number when some of the others his age received their numbers. He wondered what he needed to do to get his number.

When a person takes these responsibilities and steps there is a lot of things that come along with it that we need to do. Several months ago just after Brother Ortell passed away we were anticipating some of these things and we asked some of the different men to pray about it and decide who they felt should receive numbers. Those numbers have to be given by the Lord.

I wish to express my appreciation for that number and I ask the Lord to bless me and give me the strength I need to live up to the requirements of holding that number.

John Daniel Kingston is to speak to us next. No.15

Daniel Kingston No.15:

I am very glad to be here tonight. No one is more shocked than I am go get a number. The feeling at this point is more of a burden of responsibility. I knew the No.9 would be given to Brother Paul for some time. At that time it made me realize he would be under a terrific responsibility and I would not stand in his shoes unless the Lord required that of me. I hope I can shoulder this responsibility. I know it is going to require a lot of help from my family. I will take the number the Lord has for me, or any position.

I appreciate the things that are taking place and I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Carl Kingston No.16:

I am very glad to be here tonight. This number is the most prized possession a person can hold. Several years ago I had a dream about numbers. In the meeting Brother Elden said there was going to be numbers given in this meeting. I was told I would be given a number. I realized the number that was assigned to me had already been given to someone else before. That dream was so real I knew the time would come that the numbers would be given in the order again.

I feel like numbers are very critical at this time in the order. I realize it is going to be a terrific burden for me to make the requirements on that number. I want to bear my testimony this is the work of the Lord and I know the man that is in charge was put there by the Lord. I might also echo the comment Brother Daniel made it is a responsibility to push this work forward and support our leader.

I want to express my appreciation for my family and I realize part of the price for my number has been paid for by them. I ask the blessings of the lord on each of us in the order that we can shoulder the opportunity that is here.

No.19 (Ivan Nielson):

My Thoughts have been on covenants that are associated with the order and the church and any religious organization.

No.21 (Raymond Brown):

I appreciate Brother Paul and all my brothers and sisters here in this work. I often wondered about Brother Cecil. He has just let things go too long. These things have to be accomplished to make things grow.

I hope we can pay the price and start taking the consecration covenant like we did in the beginning. It gives you something to live for and it is to keep growing. I am really glad to hear these numbers come out.

Clyde Elden Kingston No.22:

My brothers and sisters I am truly glad to be here tonight. I heard a story about back in the first part of the order. There was a map that was called and did not get his number. He did not show up to get it. I hope in the future the numbers will mean a lot more than that for the ones that get them. I thought a lot about numbers and I wondered if they were going to be given back to us. I don't know when the last number was given out. It has been more than thirty years. I think the striving and things we have been given in the last while enough of us have done enough right to have some of these things given back to us.

When I was sitting down there and Paul got up and got No.9 I have been more or less shown that would be his number. When he announced that number the feeling of joy came over me and I felt if the fasting and striving we did and he was the only one that got a number it was well worth it. In my prayers every day the Lord would show me the things I would need to do in order to be worthy to be one of the numbered men in the order and be worthy to receive these things. I asked him to show me the things to do so I would earn this number.

When you look back in your life you can see all the mistakes you made. You can see how much farther you would be ahead if you had done things different. You wonder what kind of grade you would get. It isn't the individual that does the grading. I like Brother Carl and Daniel when Brother Paul talked about all the numbered men fasting every Thursday. I thought I am going to fast on every Thursday whether I get my number or not. I would like to say to each and everyone of the order how I appreciate all the members of the order and the striving everyone has done.

Every person that is here are here because they are supposed to be here. This is the few people that have been brought here in the last days to build the Kingdom of God. I hope I can take the responsibility that comes along with this number and I know it is a big responsibility.

Hyrum Peterson:

I am thankful to be here today to this wonderful meeting. I am glad for everyone that is getting a number. I got my number in 1937. I left the Co-op. I was gone for seven years. When I came back I asked Brother Elden about my number. Brother Elden said you lost that number. We went to Emery. We prayed about getting my number back. All of a sudden it came to me I wasn't to pray about that number any more. I hope my sons all get a number. I hope I can do my part in the building of this work.

In order to advance you must have your secret prayers. I am thankful to be here and be a part of it. I was really sick and could not get my breath. I help my hands to the square and gave the distress signal and I prayed three times to the Lord. I don't know what to do. The next morning I was over to the town. They said I had less than a year to live. I could not get my blood pressure down. Sister Ardous called me on the phone and she said for me to come down and go on a fast. I thought what have I got to lose. I did not want to go. I wanted to go over and see this other doctor.

I called the nurse and told her I wasn't coming. I am thankful for Brother Paul and all he has done for us. Brother Elden and Brother Ortell are prophets of the Lord.

John Gustafson No.27:

He is away taking care of his responsibility in the Billings market and is not able to be here.

Deward Peterson:

We have to have enough men that qualify for the Celestial Kingdom and these numbers. Through that we will get that power. These numbers that have been given out tonight are numbers of individuals that did not live up to their numbers and lost them.

Ellery Kingston No.32:

This is really a privilege after hearing the things Brother Paul brought out of what it requires to hold a number. The main thing I would really like is to gain my salvation and have as many people in this work as it is possible to do the same. It would be a shame for a person to work their whole life through and strive and not endure to the end. I hope I can keep this number so no one else will have to take it. This morning when I got up I thought I would take a glass of juice then I thought no I better fast.

I appreciate the privilege of still being able to be here and I ask the blessings of the lord on us in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

No.34 (Wendell Owen):

It is a wonderful privilege to be able to take part in these things. I notice there is some of these other numbers that haven't been given out yet. I have been thinking about what it does take to get a number. A lot of times we do not know what it takes in the eyes of the Lord. Sometimes the Lord has given those to us for payments to be made. Also to get to qualify that number we had to have ten qualifications to get it. Only the Lord knows where we stand and he is ready and anxious to give us those things as soon as we qualify.

No.35 (Carlos Owen):

I surely appreciate the spirit that is here. I feel so good for those that got these numbers. I believe anyone that might feel discouraged when they feel they should have a number should keep encouraged. Getting a number is a wonderful thing, but it does not put us into a category where we do not need to worry. If a person doesn't keep a certain level you stand endanger of losing it. It is a lot harder to get the second time around.

I believe with all my heart this is the stone that Daniel saw and I believe this is leading us to the time when this is going to fill the earth.

Paul Kingston:

No. 40 is John Marion Brown

No.45 (Gerald Hansen):

I am really glad to be here tonight and take part in this meeting. These numbers being given out shows how much power working together has. This is what we get in four weeks. I had a dream this morning the numbers were going to be given out again. By being able to come to this meeting tonight I found out that dream was right. Actually we are a big family and we should appreciate each other. We can see how much power this has been working together.

Brother Fred's little boy was hurt and he is in the hospital. If we can all get together and say our prayers and work on this for him maybe he can get out of the hospital and go home. Adam, he is about eight or nine or ten years old. They were all riding the bikes. He went over the ski jump and landed on his chest and stomach. His stomach and bowels and kidneys don't function like they should. If we can all think about that and remember him in our prayers we will accomplish a great thing today.

Bill Stoddard:

I am glad for these men. I know how it feels to get a number and I know how much striving goes on. I appreciate being here to all the meetings we have had. Some of the things said this morning were pretty wonderful to think about. Several years ago I was reading this comic strip Popo. They were living in the swamp. They discovered they had an enemy that raved j and came back. He called them together and said we finally found the enemy. It is us.

We heard today some of the laws we need to live. When you think if all these things we have hears, there is a lot more to think about. We are the creator of our own testimony. Brother Ortell said gaining is not all the sacrifices we go through, not in all the mistakes, not all the joy and all the happiness or successes. Eternal life is gained by the attitude we take toward all those things. One of the biggest crimes we can commit is the lack of appreciation. I hope we can learn our lessons. I hope we are not our own enemy.

Arnold Pratt:

I feel proud and humble to be here tonight. Thinking about the time I was thinking of leaving the order I could have lost my number and it would have been assigned to someone else. I feel tonight we are being endowed with power from on high. I feel that the work has renewed strength. I am truly grateful to be part of it.

Charles Leon Kingston No.51:

My brothers and sisters I think I can say I have striven for a number longer than any man that has been in the order. I think I am the only man that was in the order in the beginning. As time went on I heard different people say they are not going to give numbers any more. Now they are going to be discontinued. In my mind through the years there was two or three numbers went through my mind I thought would be the one but I never did come to a definite conclusion of which it would be. There was

several numbers I hoped would not be mine for one reason or another. All through those years I always had in the back of my mind numbers were going to continue to be given and when that came I would get the one that was meant for me that I had earned.

Four weeks ago when we were asked to begin to strive for these things and do the best you can, if you are doing as good as you can, you can't do any better. You better not slack off just because you have been given a raise. Like others have said we have made the down payment. I appreciate this night. I don't think anyone can appreciate it any more than I do.

Joseph Fred Kingston No.55:

I am glad to be here tonight to be able to participate in these things. I was talking to Brother Nathan and I did not feel I would come. I guess I have to take this on time payment and pay as I go. I was looking for kind of a pattern. I hope I can live up to these things the way I should. It talks about the 144,000 High Priests. One individual came to me and said would you humbly do this for me. That is one thing I will have to work on.

I truly appreciate this evening and I truly appreciate the number I have received.

Alan Walton Jenkins No.58:

I know the reason I get this number because Brother Ortell wanted me to get it. The last couple of years I have known how things are lined up in the order. I know these numbers represent that posterity's place and the responsibility of individuals who had that number. If everyone will be honest with themselves they will see the value of these things they will see the value of their lives.

I do appreciate the privilege of working with Brother Paul. I know the hand of the Lord is upon him and it is the will of the Lord that these things have taken place here.

Carroll David Stoddard No.67:

Like Brother Daniel I can hardly talk. I feel like I am finally a member of the Lord's Kingdom. I have earned the right to become a member. I hope I can do the things that are necessary so I can keep my membership and be a help to the ones above me and I will be able to teach the things that are necessary to my family and whatever anyone might need at this time. I appreciate anyone that has helped me in time of need. We should be able to do the same for others. It is a very wonderful privilege and we should all cherish, we should all be thankful for these meetings this day.

Joseph Ortell Kingston No.14:

I would like to say I am very glad to be here tonight and to this meeting. I appreciate very much being numbered among men of the Lord's work. It is a real privilege to take part in these things.

I would like to ask the blessings of the Lord on each of us and I do it in his name, amen.

Paul Kingston:

That will be all that will be given out tonight. I want to bring out a few things and I want to say. The ones that have received those numbers have taken a big step in taking some of those responsibilities. On the down payment they can make that down payment and for whatever reason if they are not able to keep those payment up they lose that house. If each person will strive with the Lord they will find that number that what given to them by the Lord.

I want to mention it was 1953 since the last numbers were given out and it was New Years meeting.

If everyone had fit in as they were supposed to do they would have still had their numbers. These numbers are like pillars in the work, and if the Lord would build a building and on top of that pillar that building has to remain firm and it has to wait for these men to take those responsibilities. The Lord has waited on us for those things. There were numbers before those were coming that had not been given out and I wondered what the situation was.

For the ones that haven't received their numbers there are individuals who are more qualified then you who have not received their numbers.

There are individuals who are more qualified that have not received their numbers today. I want to encourage everyone to strive for these things.

It isn't going to be a one person or one family work and the ones that are still striving for those things there isn't anyone that has waited as long as he has. We need to acknowledge the hand of the Lord.

The Lord has been merciful and patient with us and waited for the time to come where the individuals to wait until those things could be given out.

The numbered men will be striving each Thursday. I appreciate very much the things that have taken place tonight. It seems very good to have some of these responsibilities shared.

Ronald Mattingly:

I have been hoping for the privilege of having a number.

Kevin Peterson:

I would like to tell a dream I had after Brother Ortell died I dreamed I called Brother Paul on the phone and asked what number are you? I said are you Brother Nine.

Glenna Stoddard:

I was at the wedding reception. People were dancing and Carroll and I were sitting across the room in the chairs. Brother Paul was walking across the room. When he got within eight feet of us I got this heavenly feeling I felt this feeling the day Brother Ren died.

Kim Mangum:

The impression came to me of the wonderful things that were going to happen in the order. I have been here the least amount of time of anyone to be here. I am grateful for these men who have received their numbers.

I wish the blessings of the Lord upon us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Elden Stevens:

I hope I can do my part in supporting these men and it is a real privilege to be a part of this work and help build the order.

LaDonna Kingston:

I feel we as a people have the privilege of being here. There are a lot of people that don't understand our laws. Make sure the words that come from your lips do not hurt the order.

Gordon Peterson:

I would like to say I am glad to be here tonight. I know these numbers that were given out to these men were deserving of them. It made me extra happy when this happened. I hope some day I can be worthy of a number. Whatever it takes I am going to do it.

Patrick Peterson:

I thank the Lord for my parent more than anyone. I have tried to have my secret prayers every day. To get a number you have to prove yourself so much like perfecting meditations that came/ He recited perfecting meditations.

Ethel Kingston:

I was proud to have two sons and one son in law that got their numbers:

Nateleene Johnson:

I have been enveloped with the strength of the spirit that came to my mind. What Sister LaDonna said is very important. We must all be aware of how truly valuable what has been placed here is very sacred. In my six and one half years I still can't understand these numbers but I can understand the spirit that has been here. It is so easy to feel the wonderful feeling that is here.

Mark Peterson:

I feel happy about my sisters wedding. I feel it is a privilege for her. I am really happy for the people that got their numbers tonight and if we do what is right we will be with each other on the other side too.

Annette Morgan:

I feel I am very privileged to be in this meeting. As each man got their number I felt a thrill go through me for the men and their wives. Through my life my father has a number and my husband has a number.

Neal Weaver:

I am glad to be here tonight and especially for the felling that has been here and the spirit. It has been here really strong. I would like to thank my parents for the teachings they have given me and the things that I have learned. Brother Ray Brown has really helped me out quite a bit also.

Rachel Ann Kingston:

I really appreciate the things that have happened and you can really feel the worthiness of this day. I would like to express my love for each member of this work. We have striven together for a month and it has really done a lot of good. I would like to express my appreciation for the family we have. The family I was brought into and also the family I married into.

Marjorie Freeman:

I appreciate the spirit of the Lord that has been here. As soon as we sang the first song I knew it was going to be a very special meeting.

Eric Stoddard:

I am very thankful for the privilege of being here tonight. I feel very humble in the things that have taken place tonight. I appreciate the privilege of being here and the spirit that has been here tonight. I hope I can do everything the Lord requires of me to earn a number some day. I am very happy for the men that got their numbers tonight.

Janiel Jenkins:

I wish to express my appreciation for the number our family received. I know the spirit of the Lord has been working with our family. My younger son has been fasting right along with the rest of us. I certainly appreciate the privilege of being here tonight and taking part in these things.

Kathleen Tucker:

I would like to express my appreciation for the things that have gone along tonight. The path that Brother Elden set out and Brother Ortell was following. It is very hard for anyone to hate you if you love them. One of my boys was in an apartment one night. He said mom the strangest thing happened that lady loves me. It is our responsibility to love.

Lamonda Frandsen:

I know this is the work of the Lord. I know there is no other place on the face of the earth where I would rather be.

Meeting adjourned.