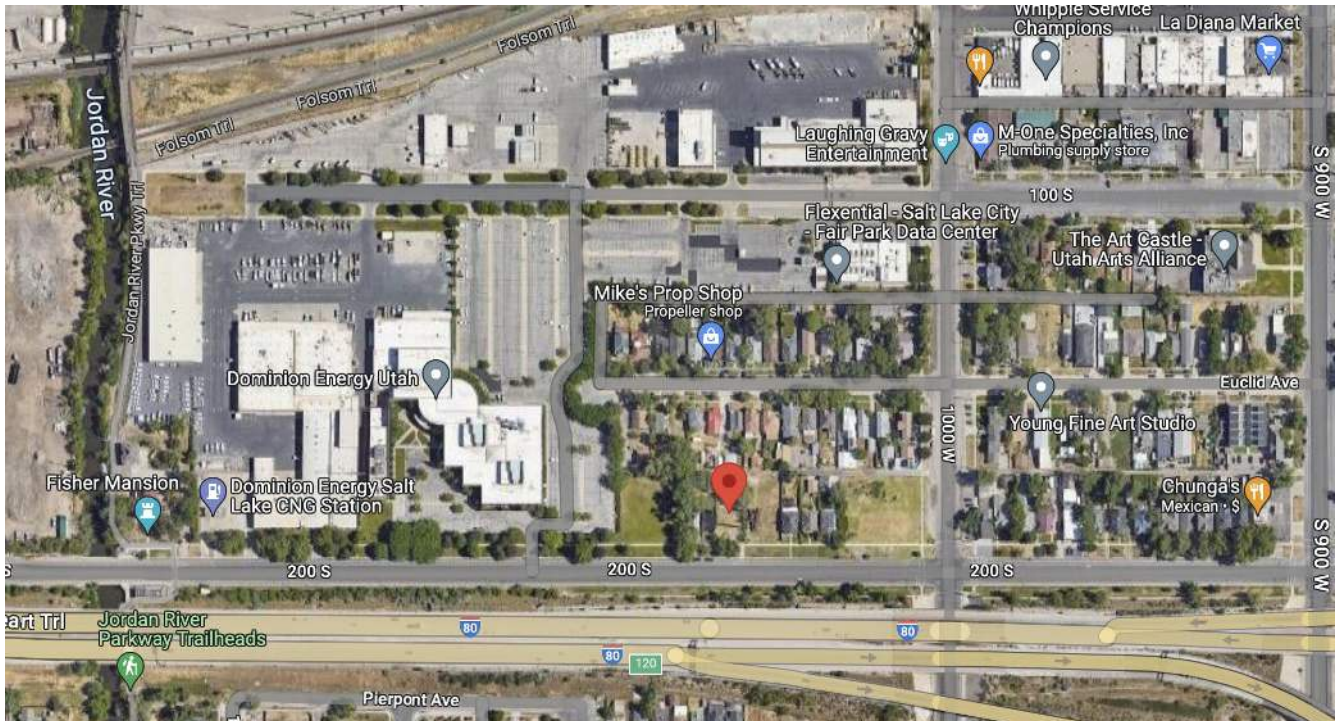


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Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: Sunday, Sept 23, 1990, 4:00 PM

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



Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Merlin Kingston, Ivan Nielsen, Raymond Brown, Wendell Owen, Earl W. Stoddard, Elden Kingston, Paul Kingston, Ardous Gustafson.

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Prayer: Earl Stoddard (46?)

Paul Kingston (9):

There are several things I felt like it would be important for us to go over in our meeting today. The first one has to go with the meeting I had with Lamar Jenkins yesterday. There are several things we need to be aware of and everyone needs to be informed about.

Some time ago Lamar talked with Rachel about meeting with me to have his property put in his name so it wasn't available to the order. Some of the ideas and goals he had on those things so it would not be able to be used on any loans or encumbrances. Brother Lamar several years ago stopped turning in his money.

There was a time before Brother Ortell passed away Lamar had some where about \$40,000 he had saved. There was a short period of time where he drew that out. Since that time the activity of his account has been reduced.

Angela about a week or so ago called up and said they would like to have a meeting. I asked Sister Ardous and Brother Ray to ride out with me to meet with them yesterday. It would be good if Brother Ray would talk about the things that took place and tell any thoughts you had about our meeting yesterday.

Raymond Brown (21):

I can say I am really glad to be a member of this work and I really appreciate my member brothers and sisters here in this work and the chance the Lord has given me to work out my own salvation and my families.

In the meeting there yesterday the thing I could see happening with Brother Lamar he had set his mind solid against obeying the rules of the order and also cooperating with the order. It reminded me of when Brother Wayne had his problems. I think all we can do with a man of that type is to do what Brother Paul decided to do is give him that property under those conditions.

Paul Kingston (9):

The thing Lamar asked me what I thought about him having his property in his name. I told him I felt like each person ought to be able to decide what they were going to do with their time and life and I told him I would see if we could comply with the wishes he expressed. I mentioned he ought to be able to decide what he was going to do.

Raymond Brown (21):

From what I saw there I feel he will go forward with the things he has in mind. I have always thought a lot of brother, Lamar and Sister Angela. If they continue that route it is almost certain they will lose out. I imagine it will be up to you Brother Paul what will happen with his standing in the order and his account and what happens him.

Another thing that came up in my mind the condition that all of us as board members and all of us as order members that we would work out a condition in our lives we can be of one heart and one mind in the Lord's work I know in my life when I got to a certain point in my life and striving I began to think about the Savior's life. When a trial came he went to His father and asked if that could not be stopped before he was put on the cross. He found out that was the will of His father. In this work the Lord has been good enough to us to give us the privilege of doing the same thing as the Savior did.

As I strove for these things I came to the conclusion if I strove with the Lord I could put myself in the same condition as the Savior was. I tried to make that decision myself and when I made up my mind to do that there was a peace and calm that came over me you can't imagine, in this life and that did not bother me that much any more. That is the thing I have found to be true if we can become completely consecrated leaving nothing out.

Father told me a lot of times he had to give up his wife and Sister Afton and all those things to become one in the order. If we could as a governing board accomplish all those things to be of one mind together it could have quite an effect on the order as a whole. I would like to see all of these young people get in and strive and take hold of their own character, set some goals and make these things happen. They are going to have to struggle for a long time to reach those goals.

I ask the blessings of the Lord on the order that we can follow the example of the Savior and come to this condition. I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Paul Kingston (9):

Lamar said he had enough on his statement to make the down payment on the property when it was purchased. One of the main things we need to decide is whether we should comply with Lamar's requests. We have had some discussion whether the order put out money to buy the place. We have talked about what he should take out with him when he goes.

All those things don't make any difference when a person has consecrated their life to the order. All they have and all they produce belongs to the Lord's work. Taking that from the store house is like stealing that which belongs to the Lord.

Each person is involved. Each person is to consecrate their property to the order. Each person has the freedom of choice of how they are going to do with their live and what comes into their hands. But they don't have the right to choose to do one thing and gain another result. A person is either an order member or he isn't. They can't choose to live outside of the order and receive the blessings of living those requirements. The only way a person can get the blessings of being consecrated.

If you were given a lesser law you would not gain the same blessings as a consecrated person. The request has been made and the thing we need to decide and talk about and see what everyone's thoughts are of complying with that request.

Ivan Nielsen (19):

It seems to me that if the person doesn't live up to the requirements of the order that they can't live in the Co-op. They just take themselves out. Like Brother Elden mentioned on Kimball's place. We have to make a stand on this condition. We have to decide what rules that he would be breaking and to what extent. I can see on the surface he would be breaking some serious rules. Maybe we could make suggestions if there is any serious rules that have been broken and mull them around a little bit.

Merlin Kingston (10):

Before I talk I would like to have explained to me what he is asking for.

Paul Kingston (9):

The first thing we should be aware of at least five years he hasn't turned in his money on his statement. That part of his life has been inactive as far as the order is concerned. The demands he made yesterday, the specific request he made the house should be in his name and he wanted to do something about splitting the difference of that condemnation of that property. The order got half and he got half of the order project. He felt he should get all the profit from that sale. Another thing he felt like that things that come in his possession are not available for the order to use.

Merlin Kingston (10):

It is regrettable it has led up to this part. Brother Lamar has been like a brother and son to me during the last forty years. During the time of the LeBaron crisis he has been loyal to the order for a lot of years. I believe in the principles of the order and the rules and regulations the order set forth. I believe we should abide by those articles Brother Elden set up that half of the profit from a sale should go to a steward. I feel he should be willing to abide by that part of it.

As far as turning the title over to him if that is his wishes and demands I feel like it is in a safe place. If that is his demands I would go along with transferring that to his name and let him do what he sees fit with it. I would rather it should stay where it was.

In the past people have been granted their demands within reason.

I believe Brother Lamar has not been responsible for this condition himself. I feel he wasn't 100% justly been dealt with. There was three men left the order because of the things Brother Kimball did. The end result they received, the excuse did not change the end result. No matter what he is doing if it is 100% his fault or 50 % his fault that will not change the results.

During the LeBaron crisis Lamar was 100% with us in the things we were doing. There was well over a month neither one of us undressed. Our first purpose was to guard the Life of the prophet of the order and the order itself, and the biggest worry on my head at that time I had to leave my family alone at Woods Cross while I was doing that.

Brother Ortell said, "where have you and Lamar been sleeping at nights."

I said, "we haven't undressed ever since we have been here. We have been going twenty four hours a day and been sitting on the couch and taken a nap."

He told Sister LaDonna to clean out a bedroom so these boys get some rest at night. Every time we could we laid down and rested and got some sleep. We were running that two-way radio from the back room and I am going to mention something that might have been the start of the course that Brother Lamar started on.

After we had been there all that time Sister LaDonna suggested to us that we leave. We talked it over and figured Brother Ortell was in no condition to have us leave. We stayed a couple of days and we came back at night and she informed us that we were not welcome there any longer and it was too much of a strain on her and everyone else.

I told Brother Lamar I felt Brother Ortell will get by we can stay outside and do the best we can. I told Brother Lamar let us forget this and watch outside of the house and see that Brother Ortell is all right.

Brother Lamar spent a lot of hours on this computer work for the order. I feel there is things that come up on that experience that Hurt Lamar very deep. I think Brother Lamar has been tested very severely. I feel very bad he has not been able to pass all the hurdles that have been heaped upon him.

The things Brother Elden set up was all just and that was a just system for us to live by. I do not feel like there should be any exemptions to that. I feel those articles of Incorporation should be lived by. I am surprised Brother Lamar took that attitude.

Paul Kingston (9):

The only thing we can come to some understanding on was his request to have his house put in his name. His only request was that the house be put in his name. I had not agreed to anything on the profit. That was still left open when we left.

One thing I should mention when he talked about getting the house in his name he said that he felt like Brother Ortell had mistreated him that it was a unique treatment because of the condemnation of the property and he had been led to believe that had been unjustly placed on him.

He said, "my objective here today is to get the house in my name and resolve the question of the split."

I asked him about the order and he said if it costs me my membership to do that I am going to do that because that is my objective.

Ray Brown (21):

That is what I believe.

Merlin Kingston (10):

I do not think that is a just case for him losing his membership in the order if that is all by getting the house in his name.

Earl W. Stoddard (46):

I appreciate what we have heard and these different things about Brother Lamar and what he has accomplished and it is scary when a decision has to be made. Lamar said if he has to lose his membership he wants it that way. You have an individual that has been loyal a lot of years and put a lot of years in the order and done a lot of good and when it comes to a point where it can do the order harm it is quite a decision for a person to make.

When Brother Evan Hansen was making certain statements he said if things continued in the order as they were the order would not be here in ten years. I told him I felt like it would be here in ten years. He said I will put up enough on my statement and if the order is still here in ten years I will give you my money and if it is not here you will give me your money.

I mentioned this to brother Ortell and he said we can't do that. He said if we do things to make it worse we will make things worse for the order and for Brother Evan too. With this in deciding I feel bad for Lamar. He has been a good friend to me but I feel definitely to vote for the order and the way things are set up and the way they were written. If it comes to where a decision has to be made I would vote for the Order.

Merlin Kingston (10):

I don't feel how it was bought should make a difference. We know that half goes to the order and half goes to the stewardship.

Paul Kingston (9):

Whether a Person bought that or however it came into their possession it is consecrated to the order and when it is sold a certain way it doesn't make any difference whether that is on their own statement or whether it is paid for on his statement.

Wendell Owen (34):

When I was out in Woods Cross working for Merlin Lamar was there too. I could go farther and say that about Brother Wayne Jenkins. I lived in his home in Circleville with Brother Wayne. Brother Lamar felt like obtaining his goal was worth more than his membership. We should all see we do not do things ourselves of driving people out.

We have to realize like Brother Elden brought out there has to be so much waste.

We all when it comes right down the line we all have to make that choice ourselves. I also think the world of Brother Alan. I have worked with him at Woods Cross and down to the mine. I remember one incident when I worked out to Woods Cross I was running the Silo. Brother Alan had a flat tire on the truck and he set the jack on the back of the truck. During that time I was sitting on the tractor with my foot on the truck

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ready to go. We pulled that load in and the jack went in the blower and tore it to pieces. It took a few days to get the parts for it.

Someone said you should not ever let Alan get close to that machinery. I said I have never had anyone that lived that law more perfectly than Brother Alan. That is the way it was too. Alan is enthusiastic and ambitious.

I am sure on those things when I worked for Brother Lamar I have never had a complaint about him the same way. We all have the same free agency. I am sure there is no one that has made those decisions so and so did this and so and so did that. Maybe there are things that came up in Alan's life that turned things in that direction. We should all be careful not do things to each other that would harm them.

I think we should do everything we possibly can to help Brother Lamar and do everything we can do to do what he wants without going to[o] far from the order regulations.

Meeting adjourned