

Charles A. Callis

Ordination

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Ordination of Elder Charles A. Callis as one of the Council of Twelve, under the hands of Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, J. Reuben Clark Jr., and Rudger Clawson, and Elders Reed Smoot, George Albert Smith, George F. Richards, David O. McKay, and Joseph Fielding Smith, President Grant being voice.

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Brother Charles Albert Callis, we the servants of the Living God, holding the holy Melchizedek Priesthood, and in the authority of that priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior, lay our hands upon your head, and we ordain you an Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to be a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles; and we seal upon you every key, right, privilege, and authority pertaining to this high and holy calling in the Melchizedek Priesthood, which priesthood and which calling entitle you to officiate in every office in the Church of Christ -- the rights that attend a High Priest, a Seventy, an Elder, or any of the offices in the lesser Priesthood belong to you. You have a perfect right to officiate as a patriarch and to perform every duty and responsibility that pertains to this high and holy calling.

We bless you with the spirit and inspiration of the Apostleship, that it may be and abide with you from this very moment, that you may realize and appreciate the wonderful blessing that has come to you from God and utilize all of your ability and strength and power in laboring to magnify this calling, and to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.

We bless you, dear brother, for your past integrity and devotion to the Lord, for your services as a missionary; and we say unto you that every desire of your heart in righteousness and every gift, grace, and endowment that may be necessary for you to possess to fully fulfil the duties and the obligations of this high and holy calling, the apostleship of the Lord Jesus Christ, shall be given to you, through your faith and your faithfulness; and we bless you that you may be strengthened in body and in mind, and that you may be renewed, figuratively speaking, in your youth, that you may, although advanced in years, have such health and vigor of body and of mind that you shall enjoy these labors, even as much as though you were a younger man.

These blessings, together with every other blessing that it is necessary for you to receive, we bestow upon you, not in our own name or authority, but in the name of Jesus Christ and in the authority of God which we hold — the holy Melchizedek Priesthood — even so, Amen.