

I testify that it is by these same keys and these same powers that this marvelous work goes forward throughout all of the earth, in the sacred name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Marion G. Romney

We have just listened to Elder James E. Faust, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

The congregation and choir will now join in singing, "Now Let Us Rejoice."

After the singing, Elder Charles A. Didier, a new member of the First Quorum of Seventy, will address us.

The Choir and congregation sang the hymn "Now Let Us Rejoice."

President Romney

Elder Charles A. Didier, who was sustained yesterday as a new member of the First Quorum of Seventy, will now address us.

He will be followed by Elder William R. Bradford, who also was sustained yesterday as a new member of the First Quorum of Seventy.

Elder Charles A. Didier

of the First Quorum of the Seventy

My dear brothers and sisters, I suppose that everybody knows, even if it is not yet Church doctrine, that French is the language of heaven. Yes. And if you didn't know it, I think there is still time to repent before the next conference.

My dear brothers and sisters, if I am here today, I owe it to hundreds of hands which pushed me, pulled me, helped me, sustained me to be here today; in fact, to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Message of gratitude

And what I want to share today with you is simply a message of gratitude: First to thank my wife, my dear wife, for what she has done for me, for the faith that she had in me and her constant effort to be a loving mother to two boys.

To my mother, now deceased, but who had the courage to lead the family to the Church, to see that the children of the family were taught in the principles of the gospel.

To my father, still not a member,

but for what he taught me—to always select quality in life.

To the missionaries, the missionaries who came knocking on my door to bring me the message of the restoration of the gospel, to those who taught me, who baptized me, to those with whom I had the great pleasure to work in the France-Switzerland Mission, missionaries whom I respect for their dedication, their sacrifice, and their example.

Thank you to you great people of America, for you, your fathers, and your grandfathers who gave your lives to give freedom to my country two times in forty years.

Thank you to the leaders of the Church, to the managers who have helped me to be a constant practitioner of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you also to the prophet of the Lord, President Kimball, whom I love and admire because he's here to lead us, to guide us in very difficult times.

Thank you to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for his sacrifice. Thank you to my Father in heaven who gave me the possibility to learn about the beauty of his gospel.

Testimony

I would like to share with you my testimony, that I know that God lives, that I know that Jesus is the Christ, as well as I know that the Holy Ghost can murmur and whisper in your ear the same testimony that I have today about the veracity of the Book of Mormon and all the principles that exist in the church of Jesus Christ on earth today.

And this I bear solemn witness to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Marion G. Romney

We have just listened to Elder Charles A. Didier, a new member of the First Quorum of Seventy.

We shall now be pleased to hear from Elder William R. Bradford, who also was sustained yesterday as a member of the First Quorum of Seventy, and he will be followed by Elder David B. Haight, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Elder William R. Bradford

of the First Quorum of the Seventy

My dear brothers and sisters, I'm overwhelmed by this occasion and the circumstances that bring me here. A few nights ago my wife and I stood together over a telephone in Santiago, Chile. We were holding each other and weeping openly after having received a call from President Kimball to serve in this sacred quorum.

I confess my weakness before you. I know, however, that the Lord will build a strength of armor and power around those who seek his Spirit. Throughout my life, my decisions have been influenced by a whispering voice saying, "Come, follow me." It is a great honor and privilege to obey as the Spirit directs. I assure you that the channel is open that this might happen.

Homage to family

I pay homage to my family and forefathers for their devotion in caring for the gospel in its infancy, from the Restoration until now, and for their struggle to preserve Zion in some of its tender moments. I pray that I might always honor their sacred and holy names. My father and mother will leave in just a few days to start their third full-time mission. Their love and example have had profound influence on my life. My father taught me not to be a

toe-dipper, but to plunge into the good things of life, to bathe all over in the sea of the gospel. My mother has taken me to that seashore every day of my life.

How can a man put into words the love in his heart for his eternal wife and sweetheart and for the priceless joy that the children she gives him bring. This is a sacred joy. It's the joy the scriptures tell us about when they say, "And men are, that they might have joy." (2 Ne. 2:25.) Our companionship brings great tenderness to this mortality.

A time for reaping

During the new mission presidents' seminar which was held in June, my wife and I had the privilege to be taught by President Kimball and many of the other General Authorities. President Kimball penetrated our minds with the fact that this is a time for reaping: the harvest is upon us. The hour has come to gather the wheat from among the tares. Most of my life I have been closely associated with planting and harvesting. I know the anxiety in the heart of the planter when the tares are overtaking the wheat.

The Lord has said, "Therefore, let the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest is fully ripe; then ye shall first gather out the wheat from