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A letter from Dad: 7 Nov 2011

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Dear Phillip,

Answers to Some questions:

1. Was there a cultural celebration after the dedication of the Boston Temple? There is a Dvd that a lot of members have here about the São Paulo Campinas temple being dedicated, and wanted to know if there was one for Boston as well. Soon the Manaus Temple will be dedicated, my comp is really excited about that!

No. There was no cultural celebration for the Boston Temple. President Monson really likes cultural celebrations. I'm sure you will see them for every temple dedication while he is president.

2. Does sleeping in a Hammock cause problems? I don't feel anything wrong with my back, but I remembered hearing about that. I have been sleeping in a Hammock since Parnaiba. There is a way that you have to sleep in it so you are lying flat.

I did a quick google search and it seems that the general consensus is that sleeping in hammocks is a good thing. If you aren't experiencing any pain or stiffness, I wouldn't worry about it.

3. Is there any way to order English Nametags for missionaries, not being a missionary? I might ask the mission office here about getting an english tag, just as a souvenir.

I don't know. Asking the mission office might be the way to go.

4. Dad, is there anyway you can get a line of priesthood authority? Who gave you your priesthood, and so forth?

LINE OF AUTHORITY

John R. Larsen - Ordained High Priest 14 January 1990 by

Ned Brent Wheeler - Ordained High Priest 13 March 1966 by

Laurence S Burton - Ordained High Priest 16 August 1925 by Joseph Fielding Smith -
Ordained an Apostle 7 April 1910 by

Joseph F. Smith - Ordained an Apostle 1 July 1866 by
Brigham Young - Ordained an Apostle 14 February 1835 by
The Three Witnesses - Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and
Martin Harris, who were called by revelation to choose
the Twelve Apostles, and were "blessed by the laying on
of the hands of the Presidency - Joseph Smith Jr., Sidney
Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams - to ordain the Twelve
Apostles.

Joseph Smith Jr. and Oliver Cowdery - Received Melchizedek
Priesthood in 1829 from
Peter, James, and John - were ordained Apostles by
Jesus Christ (John 15:16)

5. Who finds all the names for the temples? Not counting family names, because I have been there many times and I have always done ordinances, but who is the one who finds the people?

There are members called to Family History missions who do lots extracting work. I believe that is where all the temple file names come from.

6. Is there anywhere online or something to get patches made to attach to bags or something? I am trying to make my own mission symbol because the one we have isn't being used on anything, and I think it would be cool to put it on my mission bag.

I did another google search and found a patch company that could do something like that. I made a long image of a screen capture of the website and attached it to the end of all the images. It looks like it could be about \$10 for a single patch or \$15 if the size is large. You would need to provide artwork somehow.

Okay.... now on to other stuff....

The "Snowtober" storm hit starting the afternoon of Saturday, Oct 29th, and continued into the morning of Sunday, October 30th. I sent you pictures of the aftermath last week. Below are screen captures of the PSNH outage map stretching from Monday,

Oct 31st, through Friday evening, Nov 4th. It's interesting to see the improvement over time. Our own power came back at 5:50 PM on Wednesday, Nov 2nd, ten minutes shy of 4 days. It was a wonderful feeling to have power at the flick of a finger and with no generator noise.

The City of Nashua has announced a special one time pickup of branches and brush. This will start Monday, Nov 7th, and go through the month of November. They will only be going through the city one time, so everyone is supposed to have anything they want picked up on the curb by the morning of Nov 7th. I spend about 5 hours cutting branches into smaller lengths and with Heather's and Julia's help hauled it all down to the street. Pictures of the pile of detritus are after the outage maps. The picture doesn't clearly reflect how much there really was.

This storm was the 3rd worst storm on PSNH record for the amount of damage caused to the power grid. Our power was out for 4 days, which is about the same as after the [2008 ice storm](#). Fortunately, the daytime temperatures were into the 50s, so that helped make it more bearable for people without generators. We ended up using our generator about 4 hours in the morning and then about 4 hours in the evening. We turned it off when we went to bed. I already had two 5 gallon gas bottles full and the 5 gallon tank on the generator was also full at the beginning of the storm. Tuesday morning, Nov 1st, I took the two empty bottles with me to work. The Shell stations we normally use in Nashua didn't have power yet, so I was hoping to find a place to fill up near work. I was able to fill them up at the station on the Concord, MA rotary on Route 2 near the prison. It turns out that we didn't need the fuel after all because our power came back on.

My normal routine kind of got messed up by this storm. I got to work really late on Monday, in part because I had come down with quite a head cold Sunday. I didn't make it back to the gym until Thursday morning. I drove my normal way going on Moe Street over to Rocky Hill Road, then to Nottingham Drive all the way over to Glenn Street. That whole neighborhood was still dark without power Thursday morning. Friday morning they had power back.

On Saturday, Nov 6th, as part of the yard cleanup I also changed the oil in the generator, filled up its gas tank, and filled up all three 5 gallon bottles. I put stabilizer in all 4 containers and put it all in the shed. We are ready for the next power outage whenever it might be.

As you can see in the pictures below, we had the missionaries to dinner on Saturday. Elder Jones has been in Nashua since early March. That's a long time in one city, 8 months already and they just had another transfer day, so he will be here for 6 more weeks. Elder Stephens has also been here since the end of June, coming up on 5 months. They are both really great missionaries.

I went home teaching at the Carls' Sunday evening. It was a good visit. The lesson I gave was based on Elder Ian S Adern's conference talk "A Time To Prepare" from the Saturday afternoon session. That's a topic that I'm stilling pondering, the proper use of time. We also discussed Elder Quentin L Cook's talk "The Songs They Could Not Sing" from the Sunday afternoon session. Those two talks are the ones that addressed questions I had going into conference.

Daylight Saving Time ended Sunday morning at 2:00 AM. That means that you are now 2 hours ahead of us until March when DST comes back. The clock in the gym at church has been about 12 minutes fast for a long time. It was now 72 minutes fast. After our meeting block I decided to fix that so I figured out how to get the huge ladder off the stage by myself and set it up by the clock. Then I got a screwdriver from the stake clerk's office and removed the wire cage so I could get at the clock. Its hands weren't aligned correctly so I fixed that and then set the time and reversed the whole process. Now the clock tells the truth!

Well... it's getting later on Sunday evening and there are still things to get done. I'll send this off and look forward to your email on Monday. Time is flying by. You're soon down to only ten months left, then before you know it it will be single digits. I hope you study chapter 8 of "Preach my Gospel" and apply the lessons there on the proper use of time. It will bring you blessings.

Love you,

Dad

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