

JOSEPH F. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

YEAR 2000

Dear Family:

We are pleased to invite you to the celebration of the 162nd birthday anniversary of our Grandpapa, Joseph F. Smith, Monday, November 13, 2000, at our traditional location, Monument Park Stake Center, 1320 South Wasatch Drive (13th South and 2400 East, above Foothill Boulevard). Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Our program will commence at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the traditional business and birthday festivities, Richard Neitzel Holzapfel will make a presentation. Brother Holzapfel is co-author of *Joseph F. Smith: Portrait of a Prophet*. He is an associate professor of church history and doctrine at Brigham Young University. Many of Brother Holzapfel's published works are in the nature of photographic essays. We are hoping that his presentation at our family reunion likewise will include a slide show with rare photographs of Grandpapa.

There will be a children's program for youngsters, ages three to seven, under the direction of Bonnie Sorenson. Please take your children within this age range directly to the room set apart for this purpose. We will have ushers and/or signs giving directions in this regard. We will recognize those children who have turned eight and twelve since our last reunion as part of the program in the chapel. As always, in order to maintain order and cleanliness in the Lord's house, we expect parents to collect and escort children, of whatever age, from the children's program and the chapel program to the cultural hall for the birthday feast and socializing.

Please bring your favorite finger food arranged on trays and ready to serve. Home-made items are greatly appreciated. Remember to mark your dishes and plates and take them home with you. It is rare, but occasionally we run out of food, so we encourage each of you to bring something. The family association will furnish ice cream for dessert and water to drink.

We have enclosed an addressed envelope to Andrew Smith, our family treasurer, for your convenience in remitting family dues and contributions. Please make checks payable to the "Joseph F. Smith Family Association." Andrew also will be available the night of the reunion to accept your contributions. These funds help us significantly in our mailings, genealogical research, reunion expenses, special projects, and the like. We thank you in advance for your help.

As usual, there will be items (books, photographs, and the like) for sale at the reunion. Many of these items also may be purchased via the family association website.

Speaking of websites, we hope you all have explored Grandpapa's. It is located at www.josephsmith.com. Our family's site was created by Jared Glade. Jared also has been unstinting in developing as well as maintaining the site. He deserves everybody's heartfelt appreciation.

You may have noted that the site contains archival materials, such as old photographs of Grandpapa and others, as well as stories, inventories of documents, and the like. We would like to continue to build on this start. Everyone with old photos, memories, or artifacts respecting Grandpapa's life or the lives of his wives and children should contact Jared. He is eager to scan the photos, get the stories reduced to writing, digitalize old documents, such as letters and diaries, and take photos of artifacts such as items of clothing, furniture, and so forth. These then can be

placed on the website, preserved for all to enjoy, while the owner of the photo, letter, clothing, or chair in question still can keep that treasure for their own personal enjoyment. Please contact Jared at me@jaredglade.com or by telephone at 775-8215 or 547-5989 or by letter to 2222 South Allison Way, Syracuse, Utah 84075.

Another "Thank You" goes out to Jackie Smith Cook. Jackie spearheaded our family's drive for donations to build the Mary Fielding Smith and Joseph F. Smith Memorial Grove at Pioneer State Park at the base of Immigration Canyon. She worked tireless all Spring and Summer to raise enough money to finance this memorial. After Herculean effort, she met our goal of contributing over \$120,000.

Of course, Jackie would be the first to admit that she could not have done this without help from many, many family members giving both time and money to the cause. We express gratitude to all of you, everyone who bent their oars in this worthy endeavor. We encourage all to visit this memorial grove and enjoy the peace and serenity that is there.

This year we mourn the passing of Elaine Cannon Nichols, our wonderful genealogist and keeper of names extraordinaire. She has been the mainstay of our family association for decades. Some of us come and go, serving a while on the board of trustees or in various offices. But Elaine came and stayed for the duration. She worked quietly, modestly, without fanfare or congratulation, but lovingly and effectively, for a lifetime. She was tireless, faithful, and attentive to every detail under her charge. She never needed to be asked twice for anything. Indeed, she never had to be asked once! Elaine just volunteered and got the job done. Her service was taken for granted by all of us, and, now that she is gone, we are hard-pressed to replace her -- not only for her considerable talent -- but also because she did the work of a hundred all by herself. She truly will be missed in our family, but is at rest, reunited with Grandpapa and all other family members who preceded her in passing over to the other side.

One of the many tasks performed by Elaine was maintenance of our family mailing list. Marriages, missions, newborns, re-locations, and other circumstances require constant revisions and updating to the list -- and so that we can keep track of one another. To aid in this ongoing work, we have enclosed an information sheet with this mailing. Please take the time, especially if you are the head of a family, to fill this in and send it back. Please don't assume that we already have the information; we may not. And even if we do have it, double-checks and cross-checks always are useful in assuring the accuracy of our list.

We look forward to celebrating with you this coming November 13th. See you all at the reunion!

With love and affection,

Your Board of Trustees and Officers of the Joseph F. Smith Family Association