CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER Friday, December 24, 2010 New York City, New York

Brent J. and Lorinda G. Belnap and their children David, Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, Rebecca, and Nathan; Elder Hong, Elder Huang, Elder Vuyk, Elder Wilkins, Elder Zwahlen

Hymn #203, "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Blessing on the Food and Family Prayer



Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvres

Assortment of Fresh and Dried Fruits and Nuts

Holiday Cookies, Chocolates, Candies, and Quick Breads

Specialty Cheeses, Crackers, and Dips

Bread Bowl with Spinach and Water Chestnut Dip

Salads and Bread

Spring Mix Salad with Slivered Almonds, Dried Cranberries, Mandarin Orange Wedges and Poppyseed Vinaigrette

Holiday Cranberry Jello Salad with Whole Cranberries, Chopped Pecans, Celery, and Golden Delicious Apples

Crescent Rolls

Main Dishes

Spiral-cut Smoked Ham with Honey-Maple-Mustard Glaze, Whole Cloves, and Other Spices

Swedish Meatballs with Cardamom Cream Sauce and Carmelized Onions

Vegetable Dishes

Au Gratin Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli Spears and Buttery Cooked Carrots

Beverages

Chilled Cranberry Juice with Sparkling Water

Steaming Mulled Wassail

Desserts

Homemade Pumpkin Pie topped with Whipped Cream

Risgryngröt (Rice Pudding) with Hidden Almond



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- 1. Light Christmas candles; Turn off all lights except Christmas Tree lights
- 2. Sing several favorite Christmas carols
- 3. Brent and Lorinda: Share a favorite Christmas memory
- 4. Children: Share a favorite Christmas memory
- 5. Exchange "Gifts From the Manger" (The 20th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1991)
- 6. Children: Open <u>one</u> present (Belnap Family tradition since early 1960s; gift: new pajamas)
- 7. Christmas Program: David – "Blue Christmas" on guitar Caroline – "You Are Special" and Testimony Christopher – Testimony Spencer – "Interesting Christmas Facts" Rebecca and Nathan – "Jingle Bells"



- 8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story: David – Wiseman Caroline – Angel Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper Spencer – Joseph Rebecca – Mary Nathan – Baby Jesus
- Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger (The 15th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1996; assigned to the youngest capable child; Nativity Set purchased in 1984) Sing "Away In A Manger" (Hymn #206)
- Light "Shepherds' Field" candle; Pass light to family members (The 27th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1984; begun at "Mormon Shepherds' Field" near Bethlehem on April 5, 1984; candle should be lit on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. Utah time where feasible;)
- 11. Sing "Silent Night" (Hymn #204) and "I Wonder When He Comes Again" (Children's Songbook p. 82)
- 12. Listen to Christmas carols around Christmas Tree; Watch "Polar Express"; Tuck children into bed and say prayers

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT!