

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please pardon my euphoria but every time I think back on our recently concluded Annual Convention (Encampment) in Richfield I get a warm & fuzzy feeling. From your responses, at the site, I feel confident that you share my appreciation for the wonderful efforts of our host chapter to make this one of the most memorable and successful of our conventions. Even with record attendance, you could feel the camaraderie resonate through the crowds at each of the activities. More detailed reference is made to the Convention events in the National News within this issue.



We did something a little different this year in that we invited the President-elects for a special training session the first day of the Convention. It was most gratifying to see the number of participants and their response. We plan on continuing this segment each year.

I would like to comment on the election. We were given a most difficult choice between two very qualified and willing candidates. To Dil Strasser I add my congratulations. I'm looking forward to your continued contributions to our great organization. To Richard "Dick" Christiansen, we know that all of us recognize your great potential and know you will be given the opportunity to contribute on the National level.

It was most satisfying that we could announce that we are within \$10,000 of our Diamond Jubilee Fund goal. As I looked over the printout of the individual donations, one in particular caught my eye. A \$1.00 donation immediately reminded of the parable of the "Widow's Mite" and I want that donor to know that that donation means as much to me as any donation we've received. We really appreciate every effort all of you have made and we are confident that we will complete the Fund before the year's end.

While we are on the subject of giving, we certainly are looking forward to your response supporting the Pioneer Magazine. If each member will give just one gift subscription, we could make our wonderful magazine a financial success. We are so grateful for the leadership our Publisher, Kent Lott, has given to the success of our Pioneer Magazine.

As the year's calendar is fast winding to an end, we hope you will take special note of one of our most outstanding activities of the year, our Annual Historical Symposium. Please make plans to attend and bring friends to this educational and entertaining afternoon program, and it's free. See details in the National News.

Again, I thank you for your support, contributions and being my friends.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President

NATIONAL NEWS

DIL STRASSER 2009 PRESIDENT-ELECT. In a close election at the Richfield Convention, 139 voting delegates elected **Dil Strasser** (left) as the National President-Elect for 2009 over Richard “Dick” Christiansen. Dil will be sworn in



to his new position at the December Board meeting. **Congratulations** to both Dil and Dick for their willingness to assist the Sons of Utah Pioneers achieve even greater things. (Include picture of Dil from archives)

DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND PASSES THE \$65,000 MARK. With over **\$10,000** donations from members and chapters in September, the **Diamond Jubilee Fund goal of \$75,000** is now within sight. We would like to reach our goal before the end of this Diamond Jubilee year. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this year very special. We hope you heard **Elder Ballard** refer to the **Eyes Westward** monument in his Conference address. **Grant Barton and Byron “Pete” Riches** both received **SUP Pioneer Service Awards** at the Convention because of their great effort in getting the plaza built on time and in such a beautiful way. We urge you all to plan a visit to **This is the Place Heritage Park** to see “our” contribution to the legacy of the Utah Pioneers.

HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1. Chapter Presidents, be sure and let your members know of the **SUP Historical Symposium** to be held at the National Headquarters Building on November 1 at **1:00 p.m.** The title of this year’s symposium is “**Exodus to Greatness**”, and will feature three afternoon speakers, **Fred Gowans,**

Richard Bennett and Scott Esplin. The evening dinner will feature a talk by the sculptor of the **Eyes Westward** statue, **Dee Jay Bawden,** and a musical number by popular **Artist Clive Romney and his wife.** The afternoon symposium program is free of charge. The 5:30 p.m. dinner cost is \$15 per person. **Advance registrations for the dinner are requested.** Registrations can be made by contacting the SUP Executive Manager, Ron VanLeuven, 801-484-4441 before October 25 or by completing the Registration Form attached to this newsletter. Don’t miss this exciting Diamond Jubilee event.

OVER 350 TREK TO RICHFIELD. The **Sevier Valley Chapter** of the SUP hosted over **350 people** at the 2008 Annual Convention (Encampment). Everything was planned and conducted in a very professional manner. The food was prepared and served by the **Culinary Arts students** at the **Snow College - Richfield campus.** The dinners were all held in the “Great



Room” of the Administrative Building (below). The food was **very tasty** and the **buffet lines** moved very quickly. Each dinner featured outstanding musical presentations by local artists



(such as Jim Cooper, at right).



Two tours were conducted at the Convention. Two busses went to **Fremont State Park**, west to **Cove Fort** and further North to **Fillmore, Utah** with its Provisional State Capitol



Building. Three busses (above) traveled to **Fish Lake** (below) and on to the **Capitol Reef**



National Monument (below). Local members



served as tour guides on the busses, and provided local stories and scenic highlights to those on their bus. The Fall colors around Fish Lake were very spectacular.

A training meeting was held for **Chapter 2008 President-Elects** on **Thursday** afternoon. Over 30 chapters were represented as the Executive Council and the National Program Directors helped prepare the new chapter presidents so they can begin their year in January ready to go full blast (below).



A **National Board Breakfast meeting** was held on Friday morning. The **women attendees** were treated to a wonderful meeting on Saturday



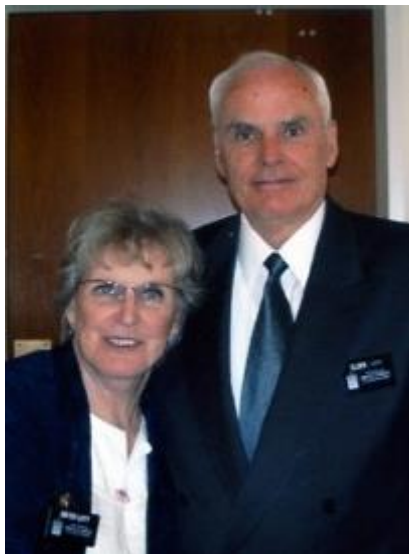
morning where the speakers (shown above with Jena Vee Smith) were Joanne Baird, Kent Parsons, and Jolene Alphin while their husbands attended the **annual business meeting**. These meetings were held in a LDS meeting house located next to the Snow College-Richfield campus. The final awards luncheon featured a talk on the **Blackhawk War** by **Jefferey Johnson** of the LDS Church History Department and a musical program of country western music by the **Durfee Country Western Family Band**. Those who made the effort to attend the Convention were **well rewarded** for their

attendance. The 2009 Convention will be held in Ogden, Utah, **September 17-19, 2009**. We encourage members to put these dates on your calendars now.

GIVE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PIONEER MAGAZINE. Cost is just **\$15 for one year or \$25 for two years**. This is a great **Christmas or Birthday** gift. The Pioneer Magazine Committee needs everyone's help in keeping our subscription numbers up. A special form for submitting gift subscriptions is attached to this newsletter. New chapter presidents are encouraged to appoint a board member to help with the enhanced effort to gain gift subscriptions and otherwise promote the PIONEER magazine.

2009 CHAPTER DUES. We encourage chapters to try and complete their collection and remittance of the annual members' 2009 dues before January 1. Those chapters who have a well organized program to collect the dues retain a higher percentage of their members.

NATIONAL MODERN PIONEER AWARD GIVEN TO KENT V. LOTT, PIONEER MAGAZINE PUBLISHER. Kent (shown here with his wife



Iris) was **honored** at the final conference luncheon at Richfield for his continual efforts to produce a great Pioneer magazine that has won the acclaim of members and subscribers through the

years. He served as **SUP National President** in **1994** and has been the publisher of the PIONEER since **2005**.

Kent V. Lott was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on July 2, 1935. He has pioneer ancestors on both

parent's sides; his mother's family were early settlers of Grantsville, Utah, and his father's family were pioneer settlers of Provo, Lehi, and Nephi.

Kent attended elementary school and high school in Hagerman, Idaho. After high school graduation, he attended the University of Idaho and received a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1957. After graduation, he worked as a chemical engineer for Standard Oil of California in El Segundo, California until he was called on a mission to the North Central States Mission, where he served from 1958 to 1960.

After the mission, Kent worked as a missile engineer for Hercules, Inc. in Magna, Utah. While living in the Salt Lake City he met Iris Simpson of Greensboro, North Carolina and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1964. In 1966 Kent obtained employment with Monsanto Chemical in Soda Springs, Idaho where they lived for the next 31 years and raised their family.

At Monsanto Kent worked as a process engineer, production supervisor, and Technical and Environmental Superintendent. Kent and Iris were active in community, cultural and Church responsibilities in Soda Springs.

In 1997 Kent retired from Monsanto and moved to Salt Lake City, where he joined the Son's of Utah Pioneers. He served as president of the Mills Chapter in 2001 and as National President in 2004. He has served as the publisher of the Pioneer Magazine since 2005. Kent and Iris served in the Salt Lake City Temple Square Mission from 2005 to 2006.

Kent and Iris are the parents of two sons and two daughters and grandparents of 18.

If you lost a Canon 35mm camera at the National Convention, contact C. Ronald VanLeuven at the SUP Headquarters.



CHAPTER NEWS – By Louis Pickett
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BOX ELDER: (Brigham City, Utah) The chapter entered their handcart (above) in the September 6th **Brigham City Peach Day parade**. Those that pulled and walked with the cart were the **Steven and Linda Valentine family, and Mark and Bob Folkman**. Steven and Bob are members of the chapter. The handcart was built in 1967 by two former chapter presidents, **Carlyle Jensen (1984)** and **Conway Parry (1983)**. The handcart will now be exhibited inside the restored Relief Society Granary building.

BRIGHAM YOUNG
 (Provo, Utah) The September program included a report from **Fred Adams** (right), the founder and



executive producer emeritus of the Utah Shakespearean Festival. He spoke about the encouragement given by the early church leaders to include drama and the other arts in their lives, even while traveling as pioneers on the plains and during the early years in the West. He also spoke of the encouragement that he received from President David O. McKay to establish the **Shakespearian Festival** in Cedar City.

The Pioneer Village had a very good season with double or triple the number of visitors from



past years. There have been many improvements made and many members of the chapter have contributed time and money to see this happen. Even though the village is closed now for the season there are still a lot of activities going on. The city is putting up a new fence and there are plans for restoration of the **Turner cabin**, which was built in 1853.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) This year's annual **Wagon Wheel Dinner** held by the chapter was another great success. Many members contributed to the dinner, which was superb. The entertainment for the evening was by the **Old Time Fiddlers** and was a toe tapping delight. (A small group from the "fiddlers" entertained at the National Convention in Richfield so many of us know what a fun performance they give.)

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) **Lamont Crabtree**, who is the historian for the "**Hole in the Rock Foundation**", was the guest speaker for the chapter at the August meeting. He told the fascinating story of the saints who responded to the call of their leaders to settle the **San Juan area**. This was a very challenging feat for the pioneers to make the trip. It is hard for us today to imagine how they cut holes in the sides of the rock crevice and to let their wagons down to the valley and river below.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) In the September *Trail Marker* it was reported that the chapter manages a booth at the **Peach Days** events. It can now be reported that the experience was very successful. Some people said that one reason they come to Peach Days is to taste the wonderful root beet that the chapter makes and sells. Many members of the chapter helped in setting up the booth, making the drink and supporting the project by buying the product.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) **Max Jamison**, a noted authority on the **Mormon Battalion**, was the guest speaker for the September 10th chapter dinner meeting. He is a former member of the Mormon Tracts Association. He was a publicity officer, with the rank of **Lt. Col. in the Mormon Battalion**

Organization and was also the editor of the quarterly News Letter. His presentation included a wealth of information about the contributions of the "Battalion" including the funding of the movement of the "Saints" from the Missouri River to the Salt Lake Valley. He told of the many contributions made in California. Because of his considerable research Mr. Jamison (right) takes pride in discovering **Lewis Dent**, a non-Mormon who was in the original Mormon Battalion, and who happens to be a brother-in-law to **Ulysses S. Grant**.



LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The September meeting of the chapter was a trek taken on the 24th to **Coop Valley**. The tour was conducted by **Alan Adams** who related the history of the tunnel that earlier Parowan people made in an effort to bring water to the valley. The design of the monument to be placed at the southwest corner of the **Old Parowan Fort** has been completed. The contract award to construct the monument has been given to **John Orton**.

TWIN CHAPTERS/ CANYON RIM AND SUGARHOUSE (East Salt Lake Valley and Sugarhouse, Utah) The two chapters enjoyed their summer social as they met in the back yard of **Gary Bowen**, the past president of the Canyon Rim Chapter. The Bowen home is in **Emigration Canyon** and the well-groomed yard made a great setting for the social. The food was wonderful and so was the program. **Clive Romney**, a member of the Canyon Rim chapter, had his band there and played for the group. His band replicates the bands the pioneers enjoyed. Clive has a program that he will be taking into many schools this year so the students will learn of and enjoy the music of the pioneers.



2008 SUP HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM

EXODUS TO GREATNESS

Saturday, November 1, 2008

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

**SUP Headquarters Building
3301 East 2920 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109**

PROGRAM

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Presentations

- 1:15 p.m. **The Intermountain West Before the Pioneers**
 Dr. Fred Gowans, Professor of History, Brigham Young University
- 2:30 p.m. **Brigham Young - His Unfolding and Development as a Prophet**
 Dr. Richard Bennett, Professor of History, Brigham Young University

BREAK

- 3:45 p.m. **Blossoming as a Rose - the Colonization of the Intermountain West**
 Dr. Scott Esplin, Professor of Church History, Brigham Young University

DINNER

- 6:00 p.m. **Story of Creating the "Eyes Westward" Statue in Nauvoo and Salt Lake City**
 Dee Jay Bawden, Sculpture

Registration

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____ SUP Chapter: _____

Symposium Lectures: Free Dinner: \$15.00 each Total: _____

_____ Seating is limited, so register early!!

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