

# Trail Marker

**PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**

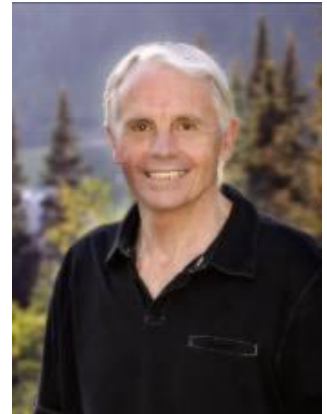
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### The Doctrine of Giving

Why is it that our pioneering is to be much harder than our ancestors? Is one reason because it is harder for us to give up our time, our money and everything we have, than it was for them? Is it because we have more to give up? Brigham Young said that it is easier for the poor to pay tithing than the rich. He also told our pioneer ancestors, "I wish to inform you...who have just arrived in these valleys, that all your trials hitherto are but trifling in comparison to the trials you will now be called to meet and pass through" (DBY, 531). A Jewish scholar visiting BYU was asked, "Chosen for what?," in reference to Israel being a chosen people. He replied, "chosen to suffer."



When my great grandfather, William Decatur Kartchner, was called to help settle San Bernardino, his father-in-law, my great great grandfather, also went with them with his family. When William received this call in the winter of 1850 he at first declined to go, so Elder Amasa Lyman told him that if he refused he would receive a worse mission. William said, "Which scared me as I had not received endowments." So he accepted and was endowed in the endowment house Feb. 8, 1851 with others called to the same mission. Then 6 years later in the Summer of 1857 President Young called all the Saints to come to Utah because of Johnson's Army, and a general rush to sell out resulted in receiving little or nothing for their properties. Many could not endure the sacrifice of property and so remained there, including my great great grandparents, and their two sons.

William's history stated that all who stayed became cool in the Gospel or left the Church. William and family arrived in Beaver March 1, 1858 and set up a new farm, again starting all over. Then in December 1860 William went to San Bernardino to settle up the estate of his father-in-law who had died there. We not only learn much from our faithful ancestors, but also from those who could not endure the sacrifice of their property and goods-- all they have for the covenant. The Prophet Joseph once said that some men set up stakes and say, "I will go this far, and no further."

Then William and his family received a call in 1865 to go strengthen the southern settlements, first to the Muddy, leaving his farm unsold. About every six months they moved to a new town settlement until March 20, 1871 to Panguitch. At a General Conference in St. George in 1877, William, his sons and sons-in-law were called on missions to the Arizona Territory where they spent the rest of their lives in similar manner to their previous ones. Yes, just as President Young said, "all your trials hitherto are but trifling in comparison to the trials you will now be called to meet." It was giving of their goods and life in making their pioneering covenants. And so it is with us, as the prophets have said, our pioneering is to be harder than theirs, if we are to endure to the end, and not give up, in our pioneering covenant making.

When I joined SUP little did I know that not only giving of my time was bringing me to know my ancestors, but giving of my money also. But just like tithing, when I give, it changes me-- I give up my

will and wants to obtain the Lord's will. Sometimes I am to give and sometimes not, when solicitations come. For all things must be done in order, in the covenant (Mosiah 4:27), according to the Lord's will. Not only am I to come to know the "if I should give," but if, then to find out how much and when-- all to teach me to live by the law of consecration in the covenant. How grateful I am that SUP has brought me to know my ancestors more personally and has strengthen me in living the laws of sacrifice and consecration. So True Pioneering is coming unto the covenant. All events in our lives are means to help us give up our will to seek the will of the Lord. May the Lord bless us in seeking.

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## 2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

- April 23     **Free Estate Planning Seminar; Wills, Trusts & Endowments** 10:30-12:30  
                  **Chapter President's Council** 1-3 p.m. **National Board Meeting** 3-4 p.m.
- May 7         **National SUP Symposium**  
May 16-21   **National Trek** (Hole in the Rock, full)
- July           **Brigham's Ball** (Anyone and everyone)  
                  **Pioneer Day Sister Organization Luncheon**
- July 24<sup>th</sup>     **Sunrise Service** 7 a.m. in SL Tabernacle (Anyone & everyone)  
                  **Days' of 47 Parade** (Any chapter, carts will be provided)
- Aug.          **SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park** (All members)  
                  25-27 -- **National Convention** (All members)
- Oct. TBA     **SUP Early Church History Trek, Vermont to Kirtland** (Anyone & everyone)
- Dec. 13      **Executive. Council, AVP Training** 3:30 p.m. (Chapter pres, pres-elect, & Natl Brd)  
                  **National SUP Christmas Social & Installation.** (Same as above)

## NATIONAL NEWS

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### WILLS, TRUSTS, & ENDOWMENTS

**SEMINARS** run through October, 2011. The next seminar is April 23, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., prior to the Chapters President's Council at 1 – 3 p.m. and the National Board Meeting at 3 – 4 p.m. Box lunches are available for \$5 at 11:45 a.m., regardless of whether you are attending the seminar or not. If you would like a box lunch, RSVP by phone, on the web site, or e-mail [sup1847@comcast.net](mailto:sup1847@comcast.net) with your name, chapter, & phone number. (Those who do not RSVP can still get a box lunch for \$15.)

### THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED

**OUT** for dinners, weddings and/or receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Andrea @ 801-484-4441 or 1-800-724-1847.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – Thursdays 9:00 – 4:00  
Closed Fridays

### PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount would be appreciated. And don't forget; its tax deductible! (See flier on page 14)

## NATIONAL SUP PIONEER SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, May 7, 2011

### Exodus from Nauvoo in pursuit of Religious Freedom!

“Though deepening trials throng your way, press on, press on, ye Saints of God”

#### Afternoon Session: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.,

SUP Headquarters Bldg, 3301 East 2920 South (Louise Ave), Salt Lake City, UT 84109

- 1:00 - 1:40     **Registration** (see details below)
- 1:45 - 2:00     **Welcome and Opening Ceremony**
- 2:00 - 2:45     **Brother John M. Beck**, Retired Institute Director  
*Brigham Young & the Nauvoo Exodus*  
*Exodus, River, Montrose, Trek to Winter Quarters, Creating the Mormon Battalion*
- 2:50 - 3:35     **Dr. Matt J. Grow**, Director of Publications, LDS Family History Department  
*Mormon Battalion, Brigham Young, Thomas L Kane*  
*Brigham Young’s Influence and Reasoning, Thomas L Kane’s Efforts*
- 3:35 - 3:50     **Break**
- 3:50 - 4:10     **Larry Nelson, Gina Knighton, Winifred Merritt, Dick Jeffs**  
*“Moods and Music” Medley of Pioneer Music*  
Accompanied by **Helen Roberts**
- 4:10 - 4:55     **Brother Paul Thomas Smith**, Retired CES Faculty  
*Trek West, Leadership, Spirituality of Brigham Young*
- 4:55             **Closing**

#### Banquet Session: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Canyon Rim Stake Center, 3051 South 2900 East, Salt Lake City (3 blocks away)

- 6:00 - 6:55     **Dinner**  
Special Mothers’ Day Music by **Melanie Renstrom** and **Janet Paxman**  
Accompanied by **Helen Roberts**
- 6:55             **Elder D. Todd Christofferson**, Quorum of Twelve Apostles  
Keynote Speaker

**Registration:** Public welcome. Registration required and limited to first 350 RSVPs. Early Registration is available by phone at 801-484-4441 or online at [www.sonsofuthapioneers.org](http://www.sonsofuthapioneers.org). On-site registration is available at the afternoon session. No late registration at the banquet.

By April 23	Afternoon and Banquet Sessions	\$22.00/person
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After April 23	Afternoon and Banquet Sessions	\$25.00/person
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**\$2.00/person discount for payment by cash or check.**

## In Memoriam

### J. Elliot Cameron 1923 - 2011

#### 1996 National SUP President and Life Member



J Elliot Cameron was born in Panguitch, UT on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1923, to Benjamin & Leonia Cameron. His early years were spent in Panguitch until a fire destroyed his father's auto mechanic business when he was 15, and they moved to Springville, UT to find work in road construction. Although Elliot had never seen a football game before, he became an all-state football player both his Junior and Senior years of High School as well as an all-state basketball player. He was recruited to play football at Branch Agricultural College (now SUU) in Cedar City, UT. During his first day on campus, he was introduced to Maxine Petty of Nephi, UT. Elliot was elected Freshman Class President and Maxine was elected Vice President, so they had no choice but to spend quality time together. They were married at age 19, just prior to Elliot being called into active duty in the US Army.

Elliot served as a Master Sergeant during WWII, consigned primarily to the medical corps. After his active duty service was completed, Elliot entered BYU University majoring in Business Administration. He taught classes part time at Lincoln High School in Orem, UT and obtained enough experience to become certified.

A stranger that gave him a ride convinced Elliot that he should enter the field of education, and doing so would allow him to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree at the same time. Elliot did, in fact, graduate from BYU with BS and MS degrees in 1949.

His first job after graduation was principal of Duchesne High School at age 26. After one year he was asked to become Principal of South Sevier High School in Monroe, UT. Once again, after three years, he was asked to assume the position of Superintendent of the Sevier County School District.

Three years later, Elder LeGrand Richards appointed Elliot as President of Snow College in Ephraim, UT. At this time Elliot was 33 years old. Within 2 months, Elder Spencer W Kimball called Elliot as the new stake president of the South Sanpete Stake.

Elliot received an offer to join USU as Dean of Student Services 2 years later, which he was advised to do by David O McKay. While he was there he completed his doctoral dissertation and received a PhD from BYU.

4 years later Elliot went to BYU as Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Services, where he served for 18 years. He also became BYU Ward Bishop and one of the original Regional Representatives of the Twelve. While at BYU he completed a study of formal world-wide educational opportunities available to members of the LDS Church which helped establish the strategy for worldwide Church education.

In 1980, Elder Jeffrey R Holland asked Elliot to assume the presidency of the BYU-Hawaii campus in Laie, HI where he served until 1986. Upon his release from that position, Elliot was appointed as Commissioner of the Church Education System, succeeding Elder Henry G Eyring. After 3 years Elliot and Maxine retired and then were called to serve as President and Matron of the Provo, UT Temple.

While Temple President, he began devoting time and attention to the activities of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He was a member and Past Chapter President of the Brigham Young Chapter in Provo, UT. He was the program speaker at their dinner meeting on February 17, just ten days before his passing. He served as National President in 1996. During his presidency the SUP had many great activities and 200 new members joined, including Eric Dowdle, who's famous paintings are now seen everywhere as puzzles.

Elliot's chapter, Brigham Young, hosted the National Convention which was themed "Wagon Trek to High Tech". There were bus tours of many historical places in Utah County such as Geneva Steel, historic Lehi, Camp Floyd, Fairview Station, and other sites like the Candy Factory in Alpine and the Mt Timpanogos Temple which was having their Open House. The banquet speaker was Mrs. Jon Huntsman.

That year's Historical Symposium was on Winter Quarters. There was a readers theater drawn from the diaries of men and women who found themselves struggling to survive through inclement weather, illnesses and accidents at Winter Quarters. The speakers included Dr Richard E Bennett: author of *Mormons at the Missouri*, Marjorie Conder, curator at the Museum of Church history and Art and J Elliot Cameron.

This Is The Place State Park was re-dedicated. A new Visitor's Center was built, the Old Deseret Village was expanded with new historical buildings relocated there and the This Is The Place Monument was repaired and refurbished.

Six SUP Chapters donated and installed new markers in Parley's Hollow. Elliot Cameron dedicated the markers and the story of the area was presented by Robert S Pratt, a great grandson of Parley P Pratt. Markers were placed at Dudlers Inn, Suicide Rock-Reservoir, Wine Cellar, the Aqueduct sandstone wall, Parley's Tollgate and the railroad.

SUP collected biographies of Utah's pioneer men to go into a volume to be part of the SUP's observance of Utah's Pioneer Sesquicentennial the next year. Elliot helped map out and plan the trek from Nauvoo and Winter Quarters to Immigration Canyon as part of the next year's celebration.

SUP Murray Chapter dedicated the South Cottonwood Temple Granite Rest Camp park at 5600 South and Vine Street which honors a campsite used by stone haulers who transported large granite blocks from quarries in Little cottonwood Canyon to the Salt Lake Temple site during temple construction.

After his Presidency Elliot continued to be active in the SUP up until his death at which time he had just organized the 2011 SUP scholarship competition for the Brigham Young chapter.

J Elliot Cameron was a gentle and nurturing man, an example of Christ-like service and had amazing knowledge of the scriptures, LDS doctrine and great organizational abilities. He is very much missed.

## Max C. Robinson

1921 – 2011

Past President of Brigham Young Chapter, National Board Member, and Life Member



Max C. Robinson passed away on March 19, 2011, following an active life of service to family, church and community. Max was a member of the Brigham Young Chapter of the SUP.

Max was born at the family farm home in Freedom, Wyoming on May 17, 1921, the first child of Carl and Minnie Luthi Robinson. During the first four years of his education, Max rode a horse to attend a two-room school. The family eventually moved to Afton, Wyoming, where Max graduated from high school. He then attended two years at the University of Wyoming, working part-time at a bank.

Max served an LDS mission to New England, after which he was drafted into the Navy during World War II. Following the war he enrolled at Brigham Young University, majoring in business and finance. He met his future wife, Barbara Farnsworth of Beaver, Utah, at a fireside. After graduating together he and Barbara got married in the St. George temple. They made their home in Afton, Wyoming and over the years were blessed with four sons and one daughter.

Max accepted a position at the Star Valley State Bank in Wyoming where he continued until retiring as President and Chairman in 1987. Max and Barbara then moved to Orem, Utah. In 2003 Barbara passed away after a long illness. Until Max's passing, he continued to live in his Orem home.

Max's community service included the BSA Teton Peaks Council, the National SUP board, the board of the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP, the Lions Club and other civic organizations. He was president of the Wyoming Bankers Association and served on the Wyoming Judicial Supervisory Commission.

Max was always active in the LDS Church. His service included faithful home teacher, bishop, counselor in the stake presidency and temple worker.

Max enjoyed gardening, fishing, golfing, and traveling with Barbara and all 37 of their family members. Max's greatest loves were Barbara, his family, his church and the USA.

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### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

#### Justin R. Eccles

Ogden Pioneer

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

#### Centerville

Paul Ervin Anderson

#### Mills

Stephen L. Huff, Jr.

#### Morgan

Ronald Ray

Kenneth M. Bindrup

#### Ogden Pioneer

Ken A. Bischoff

Theo T. Maisey

#### Red Rocks

Charles E. Robinson

#### Snow Horse

Michael Shaw

#### Squaw Peak

Oscar F. Jespersen

#### Twenty Wells

Steven C. Allred

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

Keith L. Burris, 2/16/11, First Capital

Robert Orme, 2/22/11, Upper Snake River

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## CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

**BRIGHAM YOUNG** (Provo, Utah) Past National SUP President and chapter member: **J. Elliot Cameron** was the guest speaker at the February Chapter Meeting. Brother Cameron had a very illustrious career in the field of education and in church callings. In addition to teaching he served as principal of two public schools and as superintendent of a school district. He was **president of Snow College and of BYU, Hawaii**. He was also the **Commissioner of Church Education** succeeding **Henry B. Eyring** in that position. Among church callings he served as a **Regional Representative** and as **President of the Provo Temple**. The subject he addressed was the church education system, from the time of the early church to the time that he himself was involved in church education. In 1964 He served on a committee with several General authorities to evaluate the possibility of building additional junior colleges. This resulted in what is called the **“Cameron Report”** which recommended that no new church institutions of higher education be built and that no new programs be started. Instead, the report advocated the establishment of primary and secondary schools for church members residing in areas where such schools were not readily available. Brother Cameron’s wife, Maxine, participated with him as he gave his remarks. (Note: Ten days after giving his report Brother Cameron passed away on February 27, 2011. He will be sorely missed by both the chapter and National SUP.)

The presenter at the March chapter meeting was **John M Beck**, a descendant of **Martin Handcart pioneers**. His topic was: **“Clusters of Greatness: The Guiding Hand of God on the Early Church”**. He taught that the Lord used

“clusters” of both members and nonmembers to bless the church. He prepared individuals with talents to help the early church progress and to survive the long treks and to continue strong leadership after Joseph Smith was martyred. These clusters included women, or ministering angels who helped nurse the sick back to health on the treks. Also included were guards, clerks, scientists, blacksmiths, tailors, masons, farmers, buglers, ship builders, and hunters. All helped the saints on their migrations and in building settlements. Brother Beck closed his presentation with a quote from **Brigham Young**: *“If you give anything for the building up of the Kingdom of God, give the best you have...”* (Note: Brother Beck will be a presenter at the May 7<sup>th</sup> National SUP Symposium.)

**COTTON MISSION** (Saint George, Utah) On March 12<sup>th</sup> the chapter participated in a trek to visit **Kolob Canyon** (below) and the **Frehner**



**Lodge and Wild Animal Museum** in New Harmony. At the Kolob Canyon **Durant McArthur**, who is a retired botanist, taught the group about the flora and fauna in the National Parks. He was very well versed in his subject. Then **Royce Griffin**, a geologist, taught about the geological forces that created **Zions National Park** and which are still changing the landscape. From the lookout where they were the presenters were able to point out interesting features. The group then traveled to **New Harmony** to visit the



Frehner's private wildlife museum. (above) The detail and beauty of the exhibits and murals were outstanding. The wildlife of various areas of the world was depicted. The group also enjoyed viewing the grounds surrounding the lodge.

**HOLLADAY** (Holladay, Utah) Guest speakers for the March dinner meeting were **Edwin and Karen Fankhauser, Public Affairs Missionaries to Frankfurt, Germany, Central Europe Area**. The area consists of forty seven countries. Their mission was very diverse as to membership in the LDS church. Some areas were strong with four generations of active members and other areas had very few members. Their mission was to be the first contact in fourteen countries and influence public opinion and influential figures. The Fankhausers talked about many of the problems in **Albania** where 92% of the population are **Muslims**. Many of the members felt that their callings were lifetime and they became inactive after being released. Employment is corrupt and is based on

who you know or how much you can pay. **The mafia** has control of all food sales. Theft of vehicles in the area was prevalent. Strong faith and courage are required for future leaders in the area.

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March members of the chapter enjoyed a trek to the **Brigham Young University Museum of Art** to view the "**Carl Bloch**" exhibit (bottom). The exhibit features these five altarpieces:

*Christ Healing the Sick at Bethesda*

*Christ in Gethsemane 1879*

*The Doubting Thomas 1881*

*Christ and the Young Child 1873*

*Christus Consolator 1884*

The Bloch exhibit has an additional thirty pieces of artwork and the museum has four other very informative and entertaining exhibits on display. Those who participated in the trek gave a well deserved "Thanks" to Marvin and Donna Jewell for their efforts in acquiring the tickets and making the arrangements.





**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE** (Southwest Salt Lake Valley, Utah) At the March meeting chapter members were privileged to hear a presentation about the **Martin Handcart Company** from **Brother and Sister Robert Moss**. (below) The company arrived at the end



of the railroad in Iowa City late in the year. There they learned that there were no handcarts waiting for them and no dried wood to make them with. They cut green lumber and made their carts. The green wood soon began to cause breakdowns, delays and other problems. The company started their journey with an allotment of flour and other items which they mistakenly thought they would be able to replenish when they reached Nebraska. Because of the scarceness of food it was necessary to limit the daily food rations. The report went on about the suffering due to cold and weakness. Some have wondered why the Lord would allow or require the suffering of these saints. Others have criticized the church leaders for allowing them to start out on the trek when it was so late in the year. The testimony of an elderly man in Southern Utah was reported. He testified that those who went through the experience came to know the Lord and had their **testimonies bolstered**. Many youth have visited “the Cove” and also had their testimonies strengthened.

**LITTLE SALT LAKE** (Parowan, Utah) At the February chapter meeting members were treated to a fascinating broad look at the **geology of the Grand Canyon**. This was prefaced by a personal adventure story experienced by **Penny Scholton** and three of her friends. Penny had spent considerable time at the canyon growing up while her father was employed there. Because

of her love for the canyon she wanted to show it off to her friends. She therefore scheduled and organized a rim-to-rim hike. The party was ill-prepared and consequently experienced much more of an adventure than they anticipated, including encounters with skunks, a rattlesnake and lack of sufficient drinking water. The evening was very educational and entertaining for those who attended.

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN** (Mapleton, Utah) At the February meeting **Larry Murdock** gave a Pioneer vignette about his ancestor **Jesse Lafayette Hyatt**. The main speaker for the evening was **Buddy Youngren** (below) who



spoke about “**Joseph and Emma, A Love Story**”. Examples of their faith, love, and devotion to the Lord and each other were highlighted with stories about their courtship, the translation of the Book of Mormon and family tragedy and hardships, Perhaps one of the most difficult times came with the loss of children. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed.

**MILLS** (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) At the February meeting **Jay Perry**, a researcher and author of histories of prominent people, was the guest speaker. His subject for the evening was **George Washington**. Jay covered 17 facts about Washington as follows:

1. His birthday was February 12, 1732. It was changed to February 22 when the calendar was changed.
2. His father died young and his older brother, Laurence, served as his “father” figure.
3. At age fourteen he wanted to join the British Royal Navy, but his mother did not support his desire.
4. He caught small pox at age 19. Later when his army had an epidemic of small pox he was immune to it.
5. He studied the book, *The rules of Civility*, which guided his behavior the rest of his life. He was trained as a military officer when serving in the French and Indian war.
6. He married the widow, Martha Curtis.
7. He stood about 6’ 3” and she was only 5’. He had no children but helped raise eight children of his relatives. He was a successful farmer and plantation owner.
8. He served as a local politician for 15 years
9. As the commander of the army he missed the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- 10 He was convinced that **the revolution was the will of God.**
11. He was away at war for eight years.
12. He was an “indispensable” man at a critical time for the nation.
13. His election as president was unanimous.
14. He rejected any royal title.
15. He weathered through sharp criticism.
16. He died just two and a half years after his presidency at age 67.
17. He was a prayerful man who believed **“America was the evidence of divine protection.”**

**MOUNT NEBO** (Payson, Utah) **John Rockwell** (right), a Great, Great Grandson of **Porter Rockwell** as the guest speaker at the March meeting of the chapter. He told many interesting stories about Porter, some that may not have been heard before. Most of these stories have been passed down



from John’s father and grandfather. John has compiled these into a recently published book called **“Stories from the Life of Porter Rockwell”**. John reported that **Joseph Smith** and Porter were boyhood friends and would play together when they were young. Both had injuries to their legs and they often compared their injuries with each other. (One of Porter’s legs was two inches shorter than the other.) John spoke about **Porter’s long hair** and the promise given him that he would be protected if he did not cut it. Porter had many guns some of them he cut off to make them shorter so he could draw faster. He never used a holster. The stories of Porter owning a saloon in Nauvoo and a brewery near the Point of the Mountain were told and that he owned a ranch and a large acreage of land in the West Desert. It was told that he helped the Pony Express successfully get through Utah. It was also reported that Porter was given the gift of healing by Joseph Smith and that he used that gift on many occasions to restore health to someone who was seriously ill.

**ROOSEVELT** (Roosevelt, Utah) Guest speakers at the March meeting of the chapter were **Betty and Chad Evans**, who are long time residents of Roosevelt. Betty shared a number of experiences from the life of her grandmother.

One story she told was about when her grandmother had **President Joseph F. Smith**, the sixth president of the church, as an unexpected overnight guest in her home. Chad related experiences from when they served a couples mission in **New Zealand**

**SALT LAKE CITY** (Salt Lake City, Utah) The guest speaker for February was **Richard E. Turley Jr.** the Assistant Church Historian. He spoke of how we got the current edition of the **Book of Mormon** and helped the attendees gain an appreciation

for the miracles associated with its publication. He told of the 116 pages that were given to **Martin Harris** and how they were lost. Then with **Oliver Cowdrey** as scribe, how Joseph dictated the 590 pages within a period of 60 days in 1829. It was then necessary to copy the original and have a second copy known as the printer's manuscript. There were 5,000 copies printed and bound in 1830. The publication of the Book of Mormon was truly a work done by the hand of the Lord through His prophet Joseph Smith.

A second edition of the Book of Mormon was published in 1837 and the third in 1840 which compared the text of the original manuscript. The first European edition was published while the members of the 12 were in Europe. It did not have the benefit of the corrections published in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. In the 1852 edition **Franklin D. Richards and Brigham Young** had the book divided into paragraphs. **In 1879 Orson Pratt** changed the format to chapter and verse. In 1920 the book was published in a double column format and a pronunciation guide for the names. The 1981 edition was published under the direction of **Elders Monson, Packer and McConkie** with all the helps we enjoy today.

The March meeting featured **William B. Smart** as the speaker. He told of his grandfather, the last of the colonizers of Utah. He reviewed the book he authored, **Mormonism's Last Colonizer, The Life and Times of William H. Smart**. William had a great talent to organize and develop great wealth as he gave total devotion to the building up of the Kingdom of God. He acquired great wealth but lost it all in an effort to build up and establish the Uinta Basin. He did not become bitter with the weaknesses of others because he recognized that he had his own personal struggles. He and his wife spent their final years serving in the **Salt Lake Temple**. They left a great legacy of faith for their family.



**SETTLEMENT CANYON** (Tooele, Utah) the program for the March dinner meeting was presented by **Jack** (below) and **Vauna Powers**.



They serve as docents at the **LDS Church Museum of History and Art** in Salt Lake City. As a craftsman he has used his talents to create replicas of the original **Nauvoo Temple door keys** as well as historical replicas of keys to the **Carthage Jail, Liberty jail, the Manti Temple** and other historical buildings of the early pioneer period. He is currently reconstructing and refinishing school desks for the Hole in the Rock Foundation at Bluff Fort in Bluff, Utah.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> the chapter had a trek to the **Utah Fireman's Museum** located at the Tooele County Deseret Complex. **Dave Hammond**, a museum volunteer, conducted the tour. The museum has a collection of fire trucks and equipment, (bottom) all of which have some connection to Utah communities. It is a wonderful collection that is a **tribute to all firefighters** in the state.

**SEVIER VALLEY** (Richfield, Utah) The presenter at the February dinner meeting was **Ron Watt**. His great grandfather was the first convert in England and was the secretary for **Brigham Young** and other general authorities. The meeting attendees came away with a lot of good information and interesting stories about **George D. Watt** and his varied and interesting history. Chapter leaders are encouraging their members to reflect on one of the many interesting stories from their grandparents or other forbearers and write it down and submit it to the chapter so it can be shared with others. At the March chapter dinner



meeting **Durward Wadsworth**, who is a member of the **Hurricane Valley Chapter**, told of the history of the **Arizona Strip area**. His information was excellent and well presented. The strip is one of the **last frontiers in the United States**. Durward's career was as a school teacher and he used his skills to tell a very interesting story.

**TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION** (Taylorsville, Utah) **Mike Ramsdell** was the guest speaker at the March chapter meeting. He is the author of the book "**A Train to Poteka**" which relates his story. He told of the time he spent as an American Intelligence agent in Russia during a harsh winter when he travelled 6,000 miles on the **Trans-Siberian Railway**. Mike is a native of Northern Utah and a graduate of the U. of U. Law School. His career specialty was in **Russian/Soviet counterintelligence**. His missions took him throughout **Europe, Scandinavia, Russia and Asia**. His story was full of excitement and

action as he spoke of his encounters while working in Russia for the U.S. government.

**UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY** (Rexburg, Idaho) Chapter members and guests enjoyed hearing the history of the **Japanese settlement** in the **Rexburg area** from **Darwin Sakota** (at

left with wife, Wendy). He said that his grandfather was born in Japan in 1882 and came to San Francisco at age 24. He moved to Colorado and from there to Rexburg where he started a farming operation. He wrote to Japan for a wife and a young lady came from there to Seattle. He drove to Seattle where they

were married and returned to Rexburg. Darwin's mother's family came from Japan and settled in Los Angeles. At the start of World War II they were forcibly moved to a **relocation center near Cody, Wyoming**. While at the relocation camp they had to find their own employment. They also grew gardens to provide them with food. Many of these people had thriving businesses in California which they were forced to leave. After the war most of them returned with nothing and had to start all over again. During the war the Sakotas would go to the relocation center in the summers to hire farm helpers. After the war Darwin's mother moved to Rexburg from the relocation camp where she married Darwin's father. Darwin joined the church as a young man, served a mission and married his sweetheart, Wendy, when she came to Rexburg to attend Ricks College.

# the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers **SEMINAR AND MEETING**

## April 23, 2011

- ◆ 10:30am-12:30pm Endowments, Wills & Trusts Seminar
- ◆ 11:40 Lunch
- ◆ 1:00pm-3:00pm Chapter President's Council Meeting
- ◆ 3:00pm-4:00pm National Board Meeting



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO THE SEMINAR, WHETHER SUP MEMBER OR NOT. PLEASE INVITE ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

A BOX LUNCH IS AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 PER LUNCH. RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCH. SOME LUNCH TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR \$15.00 EACH. SEMINAR MEMBERS WILL EAT THEIR LUNCH DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION OF THE SEMINAR. EVERYONE ELSE WILL EAT DOWNSTAIRS BEFORE THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING.



# Sons of Utah Pioneers MUSEUM PROJECT

## *Proposed Sons of Utah Pioneers Museum*

Joe Nardoni, former Executive Director of the Pony Express Trail Association, has spent a lifetime researching and collecting artifacts pertaining to the Pony Express. It is his desire to leave his vast collection to a secure facility close to professional researchers, interested youth, students, and everyday citizens. He has offered his collection to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The collection consists of over 900 books, other publications, and historical artifacts. One of the artifacts is an original 1858 Bible presented to Alexander Majors, one of the Pony Express founders. There are only three of these Bibles known to exist in private hands. The other 15 are in public institutions. He has seven bronze statues of the Pony Express, including a model of one at "This is the Place Heritage Park," in Salt Lake City, as well as numerous works of art. To date he has 32 legal size file drawers full of Pony Express materials. There is also a collection of 1860-1861 microfilm of newspapers from New York City to San Francisco and a set of maps of the entire Pony Express route from St. Joseph Missouri to San Francisco, California.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is proposing to modify their current headquarters facility in Salt Lake City to include an area that will house this collection, to be known as "The Joseph Nardoni Memorial Pony Express Library." The Salt Lake City/Provo population center is the largest population center close to the route between Omaha, Nebraska, and Sacramento, California, near the mid-point of the 1900 mile Pony Express route, and, thus, is the logical site for the Pony Express Collection.

# “Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

In 1997, a Church committee created a marker to be attached to the graves of Pioneers who arrived in the valley prior to the coming of the railroad. These were sold to anyone who wanted to attach one to the grave of his or her ancestor, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847.

For some time the markers have not been available, and we (the SUP) have had frequent requests as to how to get them. The National office of the SUP has made arrangements to have a number of them manufactured and are making them available to members or others who wish to honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

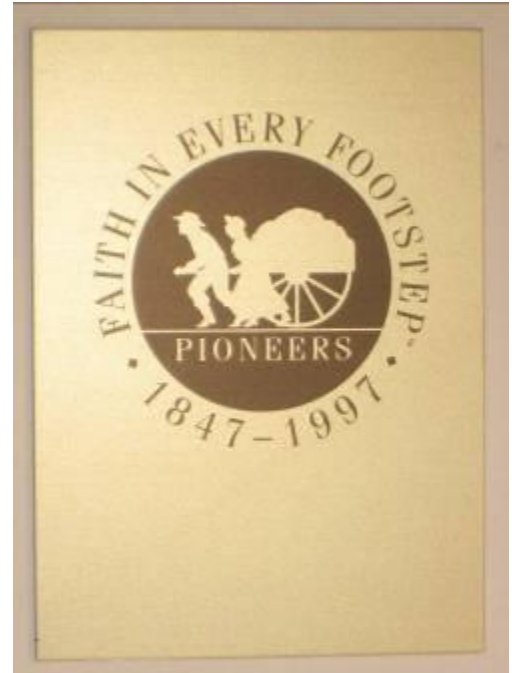
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

The prices are as follows and includes the means of attaching them to a grave marker:

In quantities of 1 to 5, the cost is \$15.00 each, plus shipping (if needed). 6 or more would be \$12.00 each, plus shipping

Order blank is below to reserve yours.

**Actual size >**



## Order Blank for “Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Need shipping? Yes No (circle one) (shipping cost estimated to be \$2.50 each)

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash, check or credit card (or debit) (Circle one)

Include credit card information below.

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# Medallions

## As of 26 April 2010



Design	Year	Metal	Cost Each	Qty	Total Med. Cost	Shipping Cost**		Shipping Cost	Total Cost
						1-3 Med.	4-6 Med.		
Pony Express	2010	Gold	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver, Gold Rider and Horse	\$45		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver	\$35		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Bronze	\$5		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$
Golden Spike	2009	Gold	\$30		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver, Gold Spike	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver	\$27		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Bronze	\$4		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$
Headquarters	2008	Gold	\$30		\$	\$17.00	\$18.00		\$
		Silver	\$20		\$	\$17.00	\$18.00		\$
		Bronze	\$3		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$
Display Case			\$5		\$			\$	
Headquarters Set*			\$50		\$	Qty of 1	\$20.00		\$
Gold Spike Set*			\$100		\$	Qty of 1	\$20.00		\$
Pony Express Set*			\$110		\$	Qty of 1			\$
<b>Necklace Ring</b>			<b>\$15</b>		\$	Qty of 1			\$
			<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$</b>

\*Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

\*\* Call 801-484-4441 for shipping costs for other quantities.

### Payment

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  **Cash** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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