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PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Sons of Utah Pioneers,

Have you noticed how fast this year has gone by? I can't believe that December is already upon us and that Thanksgiving has come and gone. I believe that this phenomenon of the rapid passage of days and weeks holds for us an important lesson; that we take the time to smell the roses along the way.

I marvel at the Pioneers and how they did just that. Through their journals we read of their joys and their gratitude for just the simple things of life. The joy of having a new pair of shoes or a new dress even hand me downs, were important to write about. The gatherings of family for birthdays and holidays were significant events. Yes, and their gratefulness for a bounteous crop that would sustain them for another year was an important dairy entry.



I came across the diary of Orley Wright Bliss and took one page from his journal that described a typical week of his, in the dead of winter in Salt Lake City.

"Thursday 19 hauled brick, went to a dance this evening, Friday 20, at home, went to writing school this evening, Saturday 21, worked on ditch, Sunday 22, at home, Monday 23, hauled brick went to a dance this evening, Tuesday 24 Hauled wood, went to writing school this evening, Wednesday 25, worked on ditch went to a dance this evening, Thursday 26, at home, went to writing school this evening."

Brother Bliss describes a very simple life and yet, he still desired to advance academically by improving his writing skills. He didn't mind dancing either. He simply did his best with what he had, week after week, and year after year.

As we think about our weeks they are totally different from his, much busier and diversified. Our challenge is to keep a balance somewhere between Brother Bliss' life and the hectic pace that modern day living thrusts upon us.

May you all have a full and joyous Holiday Season, and give constant thanks for the wonderful lives we lead because of the sacrifices of our Pioneer Forefathers.

Best Wishes,

David B. Wirthlin
National President, 2013
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

- Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m. **Annual Christmas Dinner**, National Headquarters, \$15 per person. RSVP by Dec. 6 by calling 801-484-4441.

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to
SUP1847@gmail.com.

AREA TRAINING MEETINGS HELD

Five area training meetings were held in November from Blackfoot, Idaho, to St. George, Utah.

The large group of SUP officers and chapter members shown below, from the four chapters in Idaho, met in one of the Blackfoot chapels for a ½ hour SUP training session, followed by a delicious lunch.

Brother **Lynn Smith**, Area Vice President for Idaho, conducted, supervised and gave much of the training, supported by several instructions by other chapter officers and members.

Dick Christiansen, National Past President, represented the National officers and participated in the instruction. Dick labeled the preparation, and training instruction from those in Idaho as being outstanding, comprehensive, and superbly presented and accepted.

The event was well attended, well presented and important for the attendees. Thank you, brethren, for a great day.

HQ CLEANUP CONTINUES

Shortly after our Headquarters Clean-up Day in late October, **Gerald Haycock**, president of the Temple Quarry Chapter in Salt Lake City, came over to the building and spent most of one day cleaning the hard water marks off the entrance sign to the SUP parking lot (shown on right). It now looks much brighter and almost as good as new. In addition, he made improvements to the cement cap on top of the marker and generally cleaned up the well-weathered sign. We are very appreciative of his effort.



We expect to have a couple of new lights around the parking lot before the end of the year, as well. The HQ building continues to be improved and made more useful for our members and guests as a result of the generosity of our SUP Legacy Fund donors.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS

Allen Roberts – At Large
Richard Heywood – Mesa
Aaron Nelson – Ogden Pioneer
Richard Tucker – At Large
Frank South – At Large
Joe Kuchenmeister – Sanpete County
Roger Baker – Sanpete County
Jay Critchfield – Pocatello
Bill Green – The Mountain Valley
David W Toone – Ogden Pioneer

ANNUAL MEMBER

CONVERTED TO LIFE MEMBER

Barry A Baker – Sanpete County

NEW MEMBERS OF FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jay L Ostler – South Jordan, UT
Dennis G Hansen – Cedar City, UT
David V Fawson – Grantsville, UT
Jay Weyland – Grantsville, UT
Russel G Lee – Cedar City, UT
Richard M Walker – St George, UT
John W Jeffress – St George, UT
Garth N Jones – Salt Lake City, UT
J James Hitchcock – Washington, UT
Gene Knutti – Montpelier, ID
Doug Steeneck – Lehi, UT
Larry Fowler – Highland, UT
Gordon Creer – Orem, UT
Nathan Harmon – Pleasant Grove, UT
Frank Byers – Salt Lake City, UT
Alton G Wilde – Rexburg, ID

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Robert L Wursten – Jordan River Temple – 7/5/13
Reed Kener – Taylorsville/Bennion – 10/2/13
Patrick Dalton – At Large – 4/19/13
Gary Berglund – Cotton Mission – 3/12/13
Francis Spendlove – Hurricane Valley – 10/17/13
Kendall Gurr – Little Salt Lake – 3/26/13
Mark A Robinson – Cedar City – 8/12/13
Keith Gregory – Canyon Rim – 6/4/12

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting and Swearing in of New Officers

Date: Tuesday, Dec 10, 2013
Time: 6:00 p. m.

Place: National HQ Building
Dinner: \$15.00 each
or \$30.00 a couple

Please RSVP by Dec. 6
801-484-4441



CHAPTER NEWS

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Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information, pictures and upcoming events to Don Lee at donlee0938@gmail.com or to his address at 6830 E 450 N, Huntsville, UT 84317 before the end of each month.

Box Elder Chapter (Brigham City, UT) – At the annual Veterans Day Program in the Box Elder Chapter, Chairman Ray Reese presented the chapter's 2013 Modern Pioneer Award to Sons of Utah Pioneers member **Norman Nelson and his wife Willetta** (below). Norm is the Commander



of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter, which among other activities, provides uniformed veterans for military burial services throughout northern Utah. He is also president of the Golden Spike Foundation that conducts the annual Golden

Spike Celebration in May at the National Historic Site near Brigham City. Norm and Willie are active in numerous other volunteer organizations in Box Elder County and exemplify most of the pioneer values the award is intended to recognize.

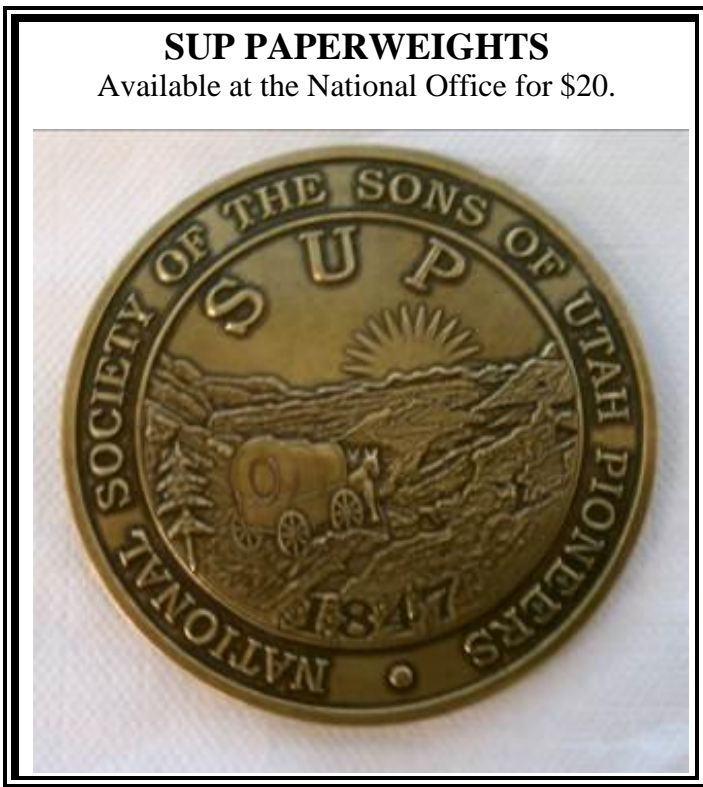
past and present general authorities whom he worked with while employed by the LDS Church.

Bishop was the founding director of the Lamanite Student Placement Program. He reported directly to Spencer W. Kimball, who was passionate in his love for the Lamanites. He told of times when he received counsel from Elder Kimball that was timely in helping students and resolving problems.

Other General Authorities he had close associations with while working with the Lamanites and Church Welfare Services were Le Grande Richards, Mark E. Peterson and A. Theodore Tuttle. His remembrances of them were interesting and inspiring. In addition to Bishop's remembrances of the above four who have all passed on, he told of his associations with Elder Boyd K. Packer, current president of the Quorum of the Twelve. He shared examples of how Elder Packer quickly and efficiently resolved problems that arose.

It was an enjoyable and uplifting evening for SUP members and their wives.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah) – At the November dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter, **Dr. Sheldon B. Johnson** (shown below with his wife and chapter officers) was honored as a modern day pioneer for his long time civic service to the community and



CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah)
– At the closing dinner meeting for 2013 of the Centerville Chapter standing president, **Clarence R. Bishop** (below), shared insights about some



especially his philanthropic service to the disabled and disadvantaged in the St George area.

The primary speaker for the evening, **David Garner**, of the LDS church educational system, recounted the impact Orson Hyde's dedicating the Holy land for the return of the Jews has had with Israel's leaders. He spoke of bible prophecies about the Holy Land and recounted the fascinating history of establishing the Orson Hyde Memorial Park and the LDS Jerusalem Center. Today the Park and Center is a beautiful place in Jerusalem preserving the olive orchards of Gethsemane.

JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – **Gray Wright** (below) was their speaker for the evening on the subject of record preservation. Gary recently retired from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the director of the Preservation of Records division. He told us that the Church is far ahead of many other international entities when it comes to record preservation.



He emphasized the importance of having adequate digital record preservation. That is, a storage that will allow the record to be preserved over a period of time without the problem of losing data after a few years. Such data loses can be with pictures or data typed into a record.

Gray suggested a good source of record preservation is with familysearch.org. He said this web site offers digital preservation of photos and family stories using Family Tree. However, remember, this is only used for those individuals who are deceased. He also showed us an Archival Storage Media Solution called an "M Disc".

Whereas his presentation was very technical, it was also very timely and interesting.

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah) – Our October Dinner Meeting was full of information and photographs of our local American Fork Canyon. **Allen Walker** from American Fork presented "The Tapestry of History" which included the individual lives of many in our area that contributed to the settling of Utah Valley.

Allen's dad was the superintendent of Timpanogos National Park for many years. One of his discoveries was the cave used by the Fremont Indians and archaic Indians (and on down the generations) for cold storage and preparation of the meat they harvested for their families and tribes. This cave was used to smoke and dry the meat for over 3,000 years. Now, these Indians did not want to meet up with the Plains Indians in the Utah Valley. They avoided them by using separate routes to American Fork Canyon. Remnants of their trails can be found on the mountain sides and foothills to this day.

Found in American Fork Canyon are several pictographs. These represent many different items or beliefs. The pictograph depicted below is



thought to be a woman with hands and feet cut off. This may represent someone stationary, staying in place and guarding. These pictographs found in American Fork Canyon are thought to show that the Lamanites were definitely here in our area.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are able to give a few hours anytime on Wednesday's and Thursday's when Marilyn is available, it would be a great relief to her. Please call the office to schedule some time!

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Utah) – The Maple Mountain Chapter had their monthly dinner meeting on October 24th.

The evening was highlighted with a presentation by **Ronald K. Esplin**. Ronald is a general editor, along with Dean Jessee, Richard Bushman, and Matthew Grow of the Joseph Smith Papers. His topic was: “Joseph and our Foundational History: New Insights, Millions shall know Brother Joseph again.”

The members listened with rapt attention to Brother Esplin's message and asked a number of questions. All in attendance went home with humble gratitude for our Savior's love for us, demonstrated by His calling and directing of the Prophet Joseph to restore the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

OFFICE HOURS:

- Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Closed Fridays
- The library is open by appointment only due to staff shortage.

SUP WEBSITE UPDATED

Check out the updated SUP website at www.sonsofutahpioneers.org. It has been substantially updated over the last few weeks to include current information about the SUP organization and upcoming events of interest to SUP members.

2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK MEDALLIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE -- Silver medallions are \$60. Shiny brass medallions are \$5. There is still a limited supply of 2010 PONY EXPRESS & 2011 TELEGRAPH medallions available.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah) – The keynote speaker for our November meeting was



David Marsh (left) of the Church Curriculum Department. His topic was: How the Curriculum of the Church is Developed, Correlated, Translated and Disseminated throughout the world.

This program began with Elder Harold B. Lee, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, under the leadership of President David O. McKay. Somewhere around 1962 Elder Lee put forth a proposal to the Twelve that a closer scrutiny of the printed materials of the Church was needed.

In the late nineteen sixties it took 66 manuals to run a ward. These had been written and developed largely by the Auxiliaries, without much scrutiny by the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve. Translating these manuals for use in a worldwide Church became a difficult problem. They contained many local stories and quotations from largely past general authorities. As the Church grew, it became apparent that the system needed to be streamlined and closely shepherded.

The number of manuals was pared down to about twenty-two, and translation of core gospel principles was interjected. Concentration on topics such as The Godhead, The Atonement, The Purpose of Life, etc. became the focus of all gospel teaching. Translation was pushed forward from about 50 languages to well over 100. Today, ten key languages cover about 98 percent of the Church's people.

This is the mission of the Curriculum and Correlation Departments. Brother Marsh and a host of other workers are busy writing, correlating, and translating the gospel manuals we all use every day.

THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED for dinners, weddings, receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Tess @ 801-484-4441 or 866-724-1847.

OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER, (Huntsville, Utah) – The Ogden Valley Chapter met on Thursday, 21 November. They began with a stirring rendition of “Come, Come, Ye Saints” sung by **Preston and Jenny Cox** accompanied by **Lisa McKay** (below).



The speaker for the evening was **Cord Pack** (right) who lives in Eden and teaches Seminary at Snowcrest Jr. High School. He spoke to us on the theme of the Legacy and Blessings of our Pioneer forefathers.



During the years 1847 through 1868 there were over 70,000 pioneers crossed the plains in 250 companies, 10 of which were handcart companies.

The pioneers received help building the temple from an unexpected source. Ground was broken for the Salt Lake Temple on February 14, 1853 and trenches were dug for the footings and foundations. The stone for these was taken from Red Butte Canyon and was sandstone. In 1858

when Johnson’s army came into the city, the footings and foundations were covered with dirt. In 1861 Johnson’s army was recalled to fight in the Civil War and the foundations were uncovered and found to be cracked. If Johnson’s army had not come into the valley, the problem with the foundations might not have been discovered until much later. Johnson provided even more help – when they came into the valley it was with 60 large heavy duty wagons to carry their supplies. When they left, these wagons, which had been purchased for \$150 to \$175 each were sold to the Church for \$6.50 each. These wagons were then used to haul the stone from the quarry to the temple. Each wagon carried one stone weighting up to 2000 lbs. and took 2 days to reach the temple. When the rail line was completed from the quarry to the temple, three flat cars were used, each holding up to 20,000 lbs. of stone and the trip took 1 hour and 15 minutes!

Br. Pack asked us to look at success vs. failure. Often we look and see failure when later we can look back and see that there were elements of success in it.

He left us with the thought from Vilate Railey:

They cut desire into short lengths
And fed it to the hungry fires of courage.
Long after when the fires had died,
Molten gold gleamed in the ashes.
They gathered it in bruised palms
And handed it to their children
And their children’s children forever.

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- Closed Fridays
- The library is open by appointment only due to staff shortage.

SUP MEDALLIONS WANTED If you have SUP Medallions from previous years that you would like to sell, especially in sets, please contact Scott Hardman at 801-557-6881.



TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER, (Logan, Utah) – On October 9, a group of 36 traveled to Brigham City on a trek. **Adrian Gale** planned the trip, and arranged for **Reese** (in inset, above) and **Nancy Beeton** from the Box Elder Chapter to make arrangements in Brigham City and to act as our guides.

William Davis was the first settler in the Brigham City area. He arrived in 1851 and the area was called Box Elder. The name of the town was soon changed to Brigham City to honor Brigham Young. Lorenzo Snow was called in 1853 to preside over the Brigham City area. He moved there with fifty others families. In 1865 he organized the people according to the law of consecration.

We visited the old train depot. The station was built in May 1907. The station had separate waiting rooms for men and women. There was no smoking, cussing or spitting in the women's section; those practices were relegated to the men's waiting room. In 1971 the regular passenger train service came to an end. The building fell into disrepair, and in 1994 the building was deeded to

the Golden Spike Association. It is under renovation and is used currently as a railroad museum.

The Courthouse was built in about 1876. It was used for government but was also used as a theater and a school. It was built with tithing money. It is one of the oldest buildings in Utah that has been continuously used as a courthouse.

The Brigham City Tabernacle was designed by Truman Angell. A site had been chosen, but when Brigham Young came to visit in 1865 he said the site should be moved to the present location. Work began on the building in 1876, but men were taken from work there to help build the railroad. The tabernacle was completed and was dedicated on October 27, 1890 by Wilford Woodruff. In 1896 the interior of the building was completely destroyed by fire caused by a faulty furnace. It was rebuilt in 13 months with the addition of a new tower, steam heat, and electric lights. The pulpit was moved from the east end to the west end where it now is.

**For
NEW
Members!**



“S.U.P. Family and Friends” New Membership Application

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SUP Family and Friends Membership: Men of all ages, of good moral character, principles and ideals, and desirous of perpetuating the goals of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, may become NEW members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for a special promotional term ending December 31, 2014 upon payment of \$25 dues.

This new membership includes the quarterly “Pioneer Magazine,” the monthly electronic publication “Trail Marker” and all other privileges to participate fully in the activities of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Please enroll me in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers: _____

Name: _____ Wife’s Name: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____

Tel: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

I may affiliate with this SUP Chapter (optional): _____

Please send your application with your check or credit card information to:

**Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 E. Louise Ave. (2920 South)
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109
Email: sup1847@gmail.com**

If you have questions, please call us at: (801) 484-4441

July 5, 2013

Medallions

As of October 1, 2013



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Manti Temple	2013	Silver/Gold Select	\$ 80			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Hole in the Rock	2012	Silver	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver/Gold Select	\$ 70			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver	\$ 50			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Pony Express	2010	Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		

** Call 801-484-4441 for shipping costs for larger quantities.

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Head of Family _____

Children

Spouse # 1 (Name)	

Spouse # 2 (Name)	

Spouse # 3 (Name)	

Others:

Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:
Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:
Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:

Keep all memorials for this head of family attached to this form. Use multiple copies of this form if necessary.

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Head of Family.....\$35	Each spouse.....\$15	Each child.....\$15

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