

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Sons of Utah Pioneers

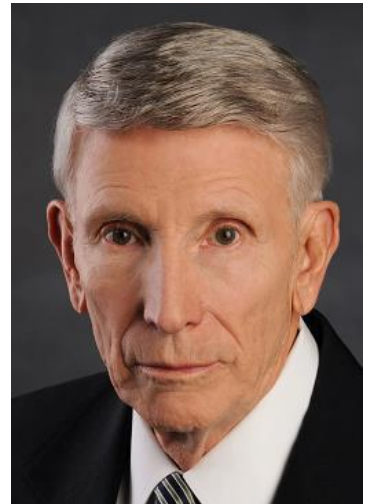
Mother Nature is certainly giving us a taste of good old pioneer weather this year with the snow and cold temperatures we are having throughout Utah and Idaho. The pioneers had winters like this every year. The winter of 1847 was especially hard on those faithful saints entering the valley. Not only was the weather difficult, but also they ran short of food by March and had to resort to eating sego lily bulbs, and in some cases cooking cowhides for soup. I think of them and what they endured for us as I come into a warm house with automatic temperature control, ample food in the refrigerator, and when I do go out, to have a warm car that makes travel so easy.

In today's world our challenges are not the physical challenges, which the pioneers faced, but our challenges are facing and overcoming the trends of self-indulgence, and living righteous lives in a world that largely mocks gospel principles. Our Chapters can be a bulwark to withstand these modern day trends by constantly reminding our communities to honor the principles for which the pioneers lived and died and to give us a heritage that must never be forgotten.

On February 9th, we will hold our annual **Chapter Presidents Training** session at 10:00 AM at National's Headquarters. All chapter board members are invited but we especially need to have past presidents, presidents, treasurers, and membership directors attend if at all possible. Please send in to Tess the numbers you expect to attend so we can have a count for lunch. We will be discussing important plans for 2013.

I am pleased to announce a **new board member** who will give our keynote remarks at the Training Session. He is **Elder Sheldon Childs** and he has agreed to fill the position of Area Vice President at Large. He is an Emeritus General Authority and past President of the Salt Lake Temple. He and his brother Bill built RC Willey Furniture stores into what they are today.

David B. Wirthlin
National President, 2013
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Feb. 9 – Chapter Presidents Annual Meeting – 10 a.m. to noon with lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. and
National Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m. at National Headquarters

May 11 – SUP Annual Symposium – 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to SUP1847@gmail.com.

WHEN IN DOUBT ... DON'T BE IN DOUBT!

By Tom Powell, Membership Director

In life, sometimes we question our own ability to accomplish a task or do something we think may be hard for us to do. It is such moments when we need to take careful analysis of the talents, attributes, abilities and experience we have so we can judge correctly whether or not the thing proposed can become a reality. We need to ask the question, "Who am I?" Then we need to answer that question and couple it with all the skills, abilities and expertise that we have to make a firm decision whether we can accomplish the task at hand.

As members of Sons of Utah Pioneers, there is one test which can be proposed that we all have in common. Do I have the courage to involve someone to join Sons of Utah Pioneers? For some individuals, this may be a challenging circumstance. Some individuals are much more outgoing than others. Some may feel there is no one to ask. Others may simply not have the desire or inclination to ask anyone to do anything. Some may be in doubt as to their ability to bring a new member in to Sons of Utah Pioneers.

In examining this scenario, there are two things we should....well....examine. First. Is Sons of Utah Pioneers a worthwhile, noble, uplifting, educational, spiritually enhancing organization in which to belong? The answer is obvious and easy. Yes! Definitely! That being the case, we move on to the second question, which is "What attributes do I have to accomplish the task?" In answer, we all have the ability to communicate. We can verbally or through a written note, or through a loved one helping us invite someone to join Sons of Utah Pioneers. A second consideration is the desire to actually ask someone to join. If we were all polled, we

would have close if not 100% of our members say they would like to see others join with us.

So if we have the ability and desire, what would it be that would hold us back? What causes the hesitation? Could the answer be fear or doubt of the unknown? Would it be the thought of rejection or offending someone? Any of these are possibilities, but none of them are realities. They all fit into a category of doubt. Doubting one's self or doubting an outcome. But doubt is not a real conclusion. It is a preliminary phantom which thwarts a positive action. So in order to accomplish the task or do something of noble outcome, we must replace the phantom with reality.

This is reality. We are all children of God. We are all equal in the sense of heavenly heritage. The Sons of Utah Pioneers is an organization of children of God remembering, respecting and revering other children of God...our ancestors. As such, our strength within comes from influences without. Those influences are spiritual, eternal and heavenly in nature. Thus, there can be no room for doubt. And, hence, we ask our friends, our neighbors and even the stranger on the street to join with us to join the Sons of Utah Pioneers and take part in binding one child of God to another.

CONVERTED TO LIFE MEMBER

Stephen L. Richey – Ogden Pioneer

NEW MEMBERS

Allan Schmidt – Jordan River Temple

Sterling Ottesen – Maple Mountain

Russell Young – Maple Mountain

Merrill Gappmayer – Maple Mountain

Leonidas R Mecham – At Large

Dwayne E Larsen – Mesa

Hart Bullock – Centerville

Allan P Hall – Squaw Peak

Philip Taylor – Brigham Young

J Clair Layton – Pocatello

Richard A Tolman – Pocatello

Dr. Paul L Child, Sr – Ogden Pioneer

CHAPTER ETERNAL

LaMar Buckner – Ogden Pioneer – 12/26/12
Kenneth P Rasmussen – Jordan River Temple,
Former National President – 12/28/12
Kenneth Ellett – At Large – 9/23/11
David W Lyon – At Large – 12/18/12
Wilden W Moffett – Ogden Pioneer – 1/8/13
Stanley M Smoot – Bountiful – 1/15/12
Merrill Sessions – Snow Horse – 10/24/12
Don C Call – Box Elder – 1/4/13
Lawrence L Epperson – Brigham Young –
9/16/11
Gary W Hansen – Upper Snake River Valley –
11/29/12

We are pleased (and a little embarrassed) to say that the announcements of the reported passings of **J. Neale Jensen** of the Centerville Chapter and **Adrian Gale** of the Temple Fork Chapter in recent issues of the *Trail Marker* newsletter and/or *Pioneer* magazine were premature. Neil and Adrian are both still with us and doing well. We apologize for this error.

SUP PAPERWEIGHTS are now available at the National Office for \$20.



CONQUERORS OF THE WEST by Florence Youngberg are available for ordering. Full set of four books is \$220. Individual books are \$60 each. Call Tess at National to order.

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Don Lee, donlee0938@gmail.com

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 one week before the end of each month.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) – The Christmas meeting and dinner of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held December 18th at Staheli's in Washington.

A moment in history was provided by **Thad Stewart** who told of his ancestors from Scotland, **William Stewart and Elizabeth Murdock**, who came to the Salt Lake Valley in 1856, and some of their descendants.

Following dinner those in attendance were entertained by **Dr. Robert Briggs**, Director of the Dixie State Young Men's Chorus, who sang a number of traditional Christmas songs as well as some written by Dr. Briggs to music composed by his wife Kathleen Briggs. **Kathleen Briggs** accompanied Dr. Briggs.

The meeting concluded with the installation of 2013 Officers. The chapter officers were sworn in by area VP Stan Fisher.

Executive Committee:

President – **Don Burton**,
Pres Elect – **Durant McArthur**
Past Pres. – **John Matthews**,
Secretary – **Kevin Jenkins**,
Treasurer – **Don Beus**.

Officers::

Director of Technology – **Russ Bateman**
Communications – **David Summerhays**,
Community Involvement – **Ernie Maes**,
Member Services – **Royce Griffin**,
Pioneer History – **Robin Davis**,
Trails/Landmarks – **David Rogers**,
Development – **Dean Terry**

HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah) – The Holladay Chapter of the Sons of the Pioneers held their monthly meeting on 8 December at the National Headquarter Building. Seventy-Four members and guest attended and enjoyed an evening of good food and entertainment.

Chapter President **Lynn Barnes** summarized the activities of the chapter for the past year and introduced **John Elggren** as the Chapter President for next year.

The evening entertainment was provided by the Fabulous Warner Family and **Lea Anderson**



(above). **Janice Warner** and her daughter **Missy** provided the music with chapter member **Wendell Miller** as the narrator. Janice and Missy work in music and theatre, with Missy attending Utah State University.

Wendell introduced each number with the history of the music and insight prior to the music being performed. Lea Anderson accompanied them on the piano. The program included:

- Missy Warner "Mary did you Know?"
- Janice Warner "Winter Wonderland"
- Missy Warner "The Christmas Son"
- Janice Warner " I Wonder as I Wander"

The evening was concluded by all in attendance singing Silent Night, with **Byron "Pete" Riches** conducting.

JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – Our Speaker At Our January 2, 2013 Meeting was **Heidi Swinton** (below, with husband **Jeffrey**). President



Monson commissioned her to write his biography entitled *To the Rescue*. At the time, she was assisting her husband in his calling as president of the England London South Mission of the Church. Sister Swinton and her husband, Jeffrey (below), came to our meeting where she spoke of her experiences working with President Monson and having the opportunity to learn more of him and his life through daily contact.

Three pioneering quotes from President Monson:

- "A pioneer is one who goes before, showing the way for others to follow."
 - "Greatest pioneering effort was made by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."
- And another quote from President Monson:
- "Make time in our lives and room in our hearts."

THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED OUT for dinners, weddings, receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Tess @ 801-484-4441 or 1-866-724-1847.

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.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Utah) – The Maple Mountain Chapter had another great dinner meeting on January 24, 2013. Forty people listened raptly to **Lance Merrill** (below) dressed in buckskin as he told



the story of Ephraim Hanks an early pioneer. Several faith promoting incidents were especially made real by the telling in “first person”, and the firing of a black powder rifle. Ephraim responded to a prompting to go and help the stranded Martin Hand Cart Company.

Lance is a local contractor who has told this story some sixty times since first asked to prepare it for a trek.

MESA CHAPTER (Mesa, Arizona) – The Mesa Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has been greatly blessed by those who have gone before us as leaders of this Great Organization. Our recent Past President **Byron Rasmussen** is an outstanding example of this. The Chapter will miss him greatly and I feel a great load upon my shoulders in trying to do so. We have had an outstanding Board of Directors and the challenge to keep that Board strong will resonate through the coming year. Our Pioneer Heritage has given us the direction and we should keep our sights on the future in order that we might maintain our

strength and build the organization even further. We have had great foresight and example set for us in the Program Management provided us by our Brother **Jesse Selvoy Jarvis** and we express our gratitude to him for his thoughtfulness.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah) – Our January Speaker was **Tom Burton** (below) who has climbed the highest mountain in six of the seven continents. The only continent he has missed is Antarctica. Tom’s wife, **Gaylen**, climbs with him and has climbed most of the mountains he has, but she opted out on Everest.



To climb this mountain takes a year of training and preparation and then two months to do the actual climb. Much of that time was spent in acclimatizing his body to the high altitude.

The climb starts at the city of Kathmandu at the base of the range and proceeds up from there. They picked up their porters and loaded their climbing equipment on Yaks which took their supplies to the “Base Camp” which was at 17,000 feet. When they reached the base camp, they met their Sherpa’s who were experienced climbers, many of who had climbed Mt. Everest over fifty times.

The base camp was on a glacier and at night they could feel the glacier moving. From the base camp they hiked the Lhotse trail which had crevasses and shifting blocks of ice making the icfall the most dangerous section of the climb. They were served food which consisted of Tang and Top Raman noodles. The trail wound up over 21,000 feet through an area called the Western Cwm. As they crossed this part of the trail they had to cross crevasses where ladders were lashed together to form bridges and ropes were attached to the climbers for security.

At Camp III they reached an altitude of 24,000 feet. When they arrived at Camp IV they found hundreds of people already camped there due to the shortness of the climbing season that year. When they finally went to bed that night they had a serious decision to make, whether to arise earlier than the rest and get on the trail or get up when everyone else got up and face long lines and a lot of waiting. They went early, so with only three hours of sleep that night they started up the “Hillary Step” which is a forty foot rock at 28,740 feet and was very imposing. This was the last part of their climb and the most spectacular. From here all that was left was to get too the top of Mount Everest, which height was 29, 038. He had made it to the top of the world.

It took Tom a lifetime of dreaming to climb Mt. Everest, two months on the mountain climbing and 12 minutes on the top of the world. The question sometimes crosses his mind, “Was it worth it?” Every time he asks this question the answer come back with a resounding “YES!”

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) – Officers for 2013 are:

President – **Lorimer Christensen**,
 President-elect – **Michael Reed**,
 Past President – **Larry Stucki**
 Chaplain – **Brent Nilsen**,
 Dinner Coordinator – **Lavon Day**,
 Historian – **Ron DeWaal**,
 Membership Chairman – **Alonzo Cook**,
 Program Chairman and Newsletter Editor – **William Tanner**,
 Secretary – **David Horne**,
 Treasurer – **David Smith Sr**,
 Treks Manager – **Lavon Day**,
 Board members at large – **Robert Pollei** and **Steve Sorenson**.

With a vote of thanks, we recognize the 10 years plus that **Bill Kettley** has held us together as a past president and many years as the Treasurer of our chapter.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield, Utah) – December 12th we met at the Quality Center for a wonderful evening of entertainment provided by the youth musical group “One Voice” (below) who shared several numbers with



a Christmas theme. We also had a great meal provided by **Doug Jensen**'s daughter and her husband through their catering services. We had a great turnout and a fun time sharing the Spirit with our fellow SUP members their wives and guests

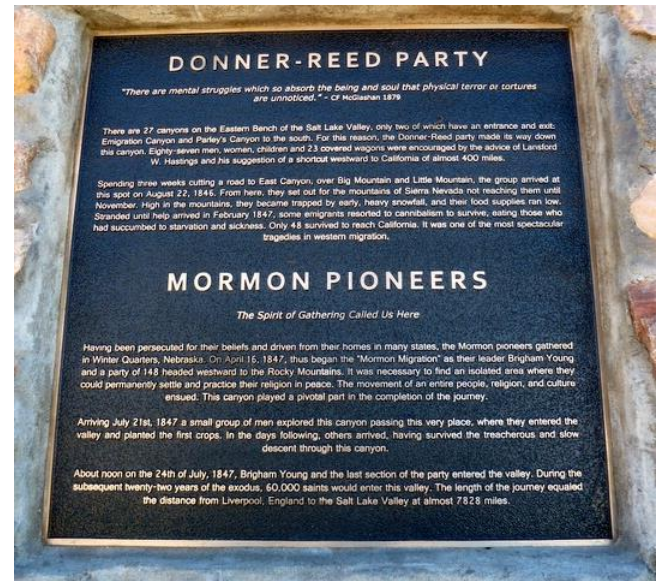
SUGARHOUSE CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) – The Sugarhouse Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers with Rob Race acting as Project Manager, and the Emigration Canyon Historical Society, with Stan Fishler acting as Co-Project Manager, have labored 12 years in the planning, fundraising, and construction of "The Historic Emigration Canyon Monument & First Monument Dedicated to the Ute Nation"



dedicated November 3, 2012. The monument is located at Rotary Glen Park at 2850 East Sunnyside (840 South) at the mouth of Emigration Canyon, just east of Hogle Zoo. The monument is a tribute to the Ute "Native People" who once inhabited the canyon and to the historical significance of all others, through present day, who lived and passed through this "Gateway to the West".



A bronze eagle with an 11 foot wingspan caps the 23 foot tall, \$172,865 monument. The outside is built of red sandstone and round river rocks. The four plaques on each of the four sides of the monument tell the history of the canyon including: The Native Peoples, Explorers, Trappers & Traders, The Donner-Reed & Mormons (below), and The Modern Day Uses of the canyon.



In tribute to the Ute Nation, this is the first monument dedicated to them in the Salt Lake Valley. The Ute lived in this canyon, hunted, fished and raised their families and young. For this reason this monument will stand in memory of those times. Its location was chosen to pay tribute to the history of a tremendous people as well as to those "Ancient Ones" who lay at rest at the Native Indian Repository, near where the monument is located. A Ute blessing ceremony took place at the unveiling and a tribal speaker spoke on past & present Ute. The drum group "Red Spirit" also took part. A proclamation was read Mayor Ralph Becker of Salt Lake. Many others also took part.

2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK MEDALLIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE -- Silver medallions are \$60. Shiny brass medallions are \$10. There is still a limited supply of 2010 PONY EXPRESS & 2011 TELEGRAPH medallions available.



Noted Master Sculptor Stan Watts (above) from Kearns, Utah, has a deep respect for the Ute, and requested to take part and prepare this memorable piece of sculpture, his tribute to a great people. The eagle faces west standing in its rightful place overseeing the homelands of the Ute, where it roamed the sky and now will stand as a sentinel over the canyon and valley.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah) – The December program of songs and stories was presented by **Katie Francis** and **MarKaye Hassan** with, Katie’s mother, **Melody Francis**, as accompanist (below). Katie and MarKaye have been singing together since they were three-year olds in the Cache Children’s Choir.



Both are current BFA Acting Majors in Utah State University’s Caine College of the Arts. They have performed roles with the Utah Festival Opera, Music Theater West, and Cache Regional Theater companies, to name a few. Recently, their talent has brought them to work professionally as full company members with the Old Lyric Repertory Company. Between the two, MarKaye and Katie have performed in 42 shows-20 of them alongside each other.

Katie and MarKaye began their Christmas program of music and story by singing a duet of “The Christmas Waltz.” Then MarKaye sang “Little Bambino” while Katie played the violin. They alternately sang solos of traditional Christmas songs and humorous ones. Katie sang “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” “The 12 Days After Christmas,” and “In the Bleak Mid-winter.” MarKaye sang “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire,” and read the story “The Happy Prince.” They ended singing duets of “The Fruitcake That Ate New Jersey” and “Sleigh Ride.”

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

(Rexburg, Idaho) –

Dee Risenmay (right) gave some interesting historical background on Joseph Smith’s ancestry from his ancestor John Howland of the Mayflower up to Joseph Smith’s time. Both Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack tie back to this common ancestor. Also, Emma Hale, Joseph’s wife, ties back into these lines.



Both Joseph Smith, Sr.’s and Lucy Mack’s families and ancestors were very religious. Some were well-to-do and others struggled in poverty. He recounted how they came over from England and the struggles they had as well as the successes in their lives. He also told of how Lucy Mack and Joseph Smith Sr. met at Lucy’s brother’s store and of their migrations that eventually landed them in Palmyra, New York.

Joseph Smith had a great heritage which paved the way for him to become the prophet of the Lord and restore the Priesthood of the Lord to the earth and recover the truths that have become lost over time.

SUP MONUMENTS, MasterList with Pictures on DVD's including Hi-Res pictures Isr 12-1-12

There have been requests for copies of the now-published list of Monuments erected over the years by the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association.

Due to the expense of print copies, only a limited number have been printed for use by the National Board and the SUP Library.

However, DVD copies can be reproduced inexpensively, and are now available to those who want them.

Monuments on DVD's are listed by geographical location with pictures and narrative explaining the historical significance of each monument, with High-Resolution pictures suitable for copying or printing. Currently there are 391 such markers listed.

Since new monuments are being created frequently, only small quantities of the DVD's are produced at a time so that the latest version of the list is always available as they are ordered. Each DVD is in a clear plastic case.

The cost is a \$10.00 donation to the SUP Library for each DVD (plus \$2.00 shipping if needed)

If you desire a DVD, complete the order blank below.

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Make checks to Sons of Utah Pioneers.

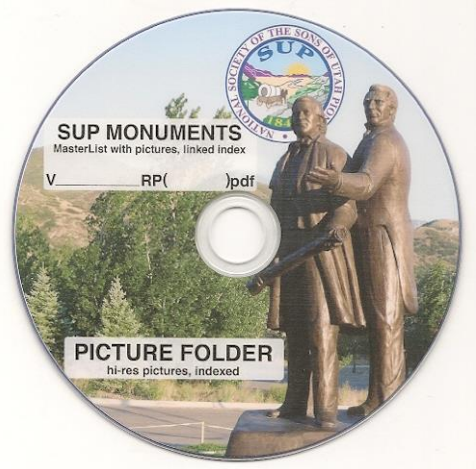
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“Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

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.

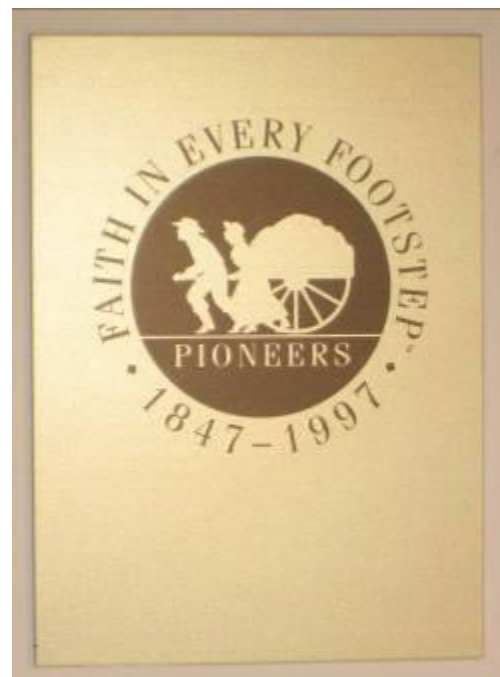
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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

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Address _____

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E-mail (optional) _____

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Need shipping? Yes No (circle one) (shipping cost estimated to be \$3.00 each)

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Make check to Sons of Utah Pioneers

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Medallions

As of August 28, 2012



Design	Year	Metal	Cost Each	Qty	Total Medallion Cost	Shipping Cost**		Shipping Cost	Total Cost
						1-3 Med.	4-6 Med.		
Hole In The Rock	2012	Brass (Shiny)	\$10			\$4.00	\$6.00		
		Silver	\$60			\$10.00	\$15.00		
Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$60			\$10.00	\$15.00		
		Silver, Gold telegraph Key	\$70			\$10.00	\$15.00		
		Silver	\$50			\$10.00	\$15.00		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$5			\$4.00	\$6.00		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$5			\$4.00	\$6.00		
Telegraph Set*	2011		\$190			\$13.00	\$19.00		
Pony Express	2010	Brass (Shiny)	\$4			\$4.00	\$6.00		
		Bronze	\$5			\$4.00	\$6.00		
Display Case		Not Available							
TOTAL									

*Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

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

Payment

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Amount \$ _____

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9/6/2012

2013 National Convention

August 22-24
at Rexburg, Idaho, on the beautiful
BYU-Idaho Campus



Pioneering in Idaho

*Sponsored by the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter, assisted by
the Eagle Rock, Grove City and Pocatello Chapters*

Friday tours you may choose from:

- Tour EBR-1, the first nuclear reactor to generate electricity by nuclear power; guided by one of our SUP members who worked at EBR-1 in the early days of atomic research.
- Visit the community of Chesterfield, Idaho, an early pioneer settlement that has been preserved and restored, guided by one who lived the first 18 years of his life there.
- Visit the Teton Flood museum and dam site, along with the historic Teton Valley, guided by one who has spent much time learning of the history of this area.
- Other interesting sites in Rexburg and the Upper Snake River Valley will be available for self-guided tours.

There will be plenty of great meals, great entertainment, and great speakers, along with the valuable business of the convention. Get acquainted with the campus of one of the more innovative universities in the country.

Want to make a vacation of your trip here? Rexburg is within two hour's drive of Yellowstone and Teton National Parks as well as Craters of the Moon National Monument. There are miles of great trails and forest roads for the ATV enthusiast. The area also offers great fishing, scenic drives and other outdoor activities that everyone can enjoy.