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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Doctrine of Remembering our Forefathers-

The first of the year reminds me of the Bright and Morning Star and the newness of life-- an appropriate proceeding from having just celebrated the birth of the Savior. In turning our hearts to others we are determined to improve our relationship with God, man and our callings in life. Thus it is also appropriate that we may first turn our hearts to our pioneer ancestors for the heritage wrought out for us. It is a happy warm feeling to always be sharing with others. I have enjoyed making sure that each month I invite someone new to join with us, and it has yielded great fruit over the years-- plus, great joy. So it is again one of my goals this year. May we all enjoy the same.

In September we had a great SUP symposium. One of the purposes of it was to expand the purposes of SUP, introducing the theme: "Know ye that ye must come to a knowledge of your fathers." Thus, it is not enough just to remember our pioneer ancestors; we must come to know them personally. Why? Without them, that is, without knowing them, how can we expect to live with them in the eternities?

President Joseph Fielding Smith taught, "It remains the responsibility of each individual to know his kindred dead... Even if the work is done, then it is still each person's responsibility to study and become acquainted with his ancestors." (Ensign 9/2009 p. 35) SUP provides several avenues for us to study and become acquainted with them. So it is that each time we read and re-read their pioneer stories, and also the stories of other pioneers, their sacrificing, suffering, trials and afflictions, we are drawn closer to them and our own. Especially when we stop to study and feel are we changed, and become more one with them. That in turns draws us closer to our Maker.

Elder LeGrand Richards, after great afflictions, said, "I am happy because I know where I stand with God." Knowing the affliction and deliverance of our fathers helps us to use our afflictions to turn our hearts to them and to the Lord as well. Alma asked his people "Have you sufficiently retained in remembrance the captivity" and deliverance "of your fathers." And added, "he changed their hearts; yea, he awakened them out of a deep sleep, and they awoke unto God." (Al. 5:6-7)

SUP is a vehicle to bring us to The Father by turning our hearts to our fathers. Just as we do not want the Savior at the last day to say to us, "I never knew you. Depart from me." (Matt. 7:23), we likewise do not want our fathers to tell us that they never knew us. One of the best ways we come to know them is by memorializing our pioneer ancestors, writing or rewriting their histories, submitting those short histories to the SUP libraries and putting their names on plaques. This is offering up at least 4 types of sacrifices: 1) our time, 2) our talents & skills, 3) our hearts and 4) our love, which we gain by turning our hearts to them. "Do it and you will see."

When I heard about memorializing our pioneer ancestors I asked myself, “Why, what good does it do, or what is the need.” I did not receive an answer, but a feeling that I was to do it anyway. It was not until after writing 36 histories for 36 pioneer ancestors and their families that I realized the answer. I was beginning to have spiritual experiences with these ancestors which were above and beyond that gained from their temple work. It was in the fulfilling of this further commandment to come to know them, by studying them, their histories, their sacrifices, their suffering and afflictions that drew me to them and brought spiritual experiences with them not otherwise obtained. It was line upon line, precept upon precept; but also, event upon event. “Oh, glorious from the Light above, are the words of truth and life and love,” as the hymn goes.

May this year bring from our diligent efforts, greater knowledge, sensitivity and love for our own and others-- and especially for our Savior.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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2011 OFFICERS SWORN IN AT NATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The National Christmas Party and 2011 Officers Installation Dinner (left) was held December 14. There were approximately 60 people, including nine Past Presidents in attendance. After the speakers, **Dil Strasser** thanked all the National staff for their hard work and service (below).



Special awards were given to **Susan Lofgren** and **Linda Hunter Adams** for their work on the Pioneer Magazine (right).



All new and currently serving officers took or re-affirmed the Oath of Office for 2011 (below).

Thanks to everyone in the SUP for making 2010 a great year! – Dil



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8TH

All chapter presidents, presidents-elect, and National board members are cordially requested to come to the first Chapter Presidents Council Meeting and Board Meeting of 2011 on Saturday, January 8th, at 11 am. Lunch will be offered for \$5.00 per person. **Please RSVP to 801-484-4441 ASAP.**

2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

Jan. 8 **Presidents Council Meeting** (Chapter presidents, elects & Nat. Board)

Jan.- Feb. **Area Training Meetings** (Chapter boards)

March **Endowment Seminars** (All members invited)

April 23 **Chapter President's Council** 1-4 p.m. Banquet at 5 p.m.

May 16-21 **National Trek** (Hole in the Rock, full)

May 21 **National SUP Symposium**

July **Brigham's Ball** (Anyone and everyone)

Pioneer Day Sister Organization Luncheon

- July 24th **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)

Discounts on materials from BYU Studies and BYU Press to SUP members expires January 31, 2011. See page 7 for details!

CHAPTER NEWS

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BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The dinner program for the chapter featured **Buddy Youngren** who spoke of the **love story of Joseph and Emma**. He said that the couple was married for 17 years and despite all the trials that Emma went through because of being married to the prophet she endured and was always supportive to Joseph. Some of the trials included the loss of many of their children as infants. Emma, herself nearly died because of persecution and illnesses. Within a five year period **the couple lost four children**. They **moved seven times** within that time frame. After moving to Fayette, New York, Emma never saw her parents again. **“Joseph was my crown,”** Emma stated. She also stated at one point that she would go through all her trials again if she had to because she supported Joseph in bringing about Zion. On her lips when she was on her death bed thirty-five years after Joseph’s death were the words: **“Joseph, Joseph, Joseph.”** Brother Youngren suggested that Joseph’s and Emma’s love story should touch all of us.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) Entertainment for the November dinner meeting was provided by a group composed of **Jim Thorley, Nolan and Ann Lowe and Abe Young**. Their performance of Western songs delighted the attendees. The numbers included: **“Cool Clear Water”, “Ghost Riders in the Sky”, and “They Call the Wind Mariah”**. The



speaker for the evening was **H. Bruce Stucki**, (left) a native born resident of St. George and a descendent of **John S. Stucki** who crossed the plains with the **Martin Handcart Company** as a young boy. Church positions Bro. Bruce

Stucki has held include: **President of the England Manchester Mission, member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy and President of the Las Vegas Temple**. His message included the many experiences he has had relating to the growth and expansion of the church throughout the world. He indicated that in this growth the pioneer spirit continues providing inspiration and direction to countless numbers in many countries just as the pioneers who crossed the plains have left for us.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) **Brother Ronald Walker** was the featured speaker at the November meeting. He spoke about **President Brigham Young** and the early days of the **Saints in the Salt Lake Valley**. Some of those attending the meeting said that they learned more about the early days of the pioneers in this valley

than they had ever before known. Perhaps the most memorable fact for the ladies was the information given about the mice in the forts.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) The **West Jordan High School Madrigal Choir** (below) entertained and put



those present in the holiday spirit. They are an outstanding choir and they perform under the very capable direction of **Mr. Kelly DeHaun**. The choir sang many of the fun Christmas season songs and they seemed to be enjoying the experience as much as the audience enjoyed their talents. At one point the male members of the choir stepped aside and the young ladies captured **Ken Rasmussen** out of the audience and put a Santa suit and whiskers on him then



sang to him. (above) It was a fun evening and all enjoyed themselves.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) The November meeting was held at the historic Lehi Hotel where the members enjoyed a wonderful meal and delightful musical entertainment. A group called



“Four More Men” (above) performed many old time favorite songs. They were dressed in colorful shirts and ties and interspersed jokes and fun in their act. The recipients of the entertainment felt the beauties of life by the gift of music. **Carl Mellor** had found some very interesting pioneer history about the Sunday School and how the **North Utah County area**, particularly the Lehi area, influenced the meetings and methods of the current Sunday School program and the beginning of regular testimony meetings.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) On the first of December the chapter took a trek to the **Hale Theater** (below) where they



participated in a guided **“back stage”** tour of the facility. The group was privileged to visit the stage, rehearsal rooms, dressing rooms, costume and set shops and the mechanical features of the theater. (below) Fifteen persons attended the tour



and were impressed with how much is involved in producing the variety of shows that are performed there. Groups desiring to take the tour can make appointments by calling the box office.

TEMPLE QUARRY (Southeast Salt Lake Valley) In spite of recent health problems requiring multiple surgeries, **Utah's Attorney General, Mark Shurtleff**, (below, left) with



chapter member **Maitland Spencer**, (above, right) kept his commitment to attend and speak at the chapter dinner meeting. His message covered his experiences writing a book titled **"AM I NOT A MAN?"** It is the story of **Dred Scott, a black slave and his family**. It tells of the trials he went through being a slave and how he used the laws of America to gain freedom for himself and his family before slavery ended in America. It was an enlightening and enjoyable evening.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) At the November chapter meeting members who are **military veterans** were given a certificate of appreciations from the National SUP. The program for the evening was presented by **Vance and Diane Hendricks**. (below) They have made a DVD presentation

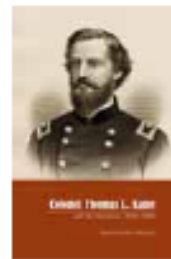
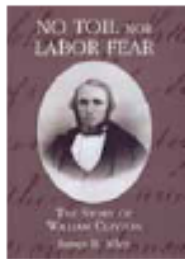


on their ancestors: **Amos and Ann Clarke**. Amos and Ann came to Utah from Wales in 1866. He was a blacksmith and was called to help settle the town of **Newton in Cache County**. Along with blacksmithing and farming, Amos had a love for music including singing. He was instrumental in maintaining a choir in the area. He wrote the hymn **"Hark! The Children Sing"**, which was published in the Sunday School Song Book. He also served as **Justice of the Peace**. Ann kept very busy keeping house and preparing meals for the many workers they had on their ranch. The couple made homemade braided carpets which were placed over clean straw for padding. Two of their sons served missions in Wales and one of them passed away while there.

During the December meeting the 2011 officers were installed. They are shown left to right in the picture: **Ron Gibbs - President, Lynn Smith - Past President, Dan Porter - President Elect, F. Martel Grover - Treasurer and Dwayne Seeley - Secretary**



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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 honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

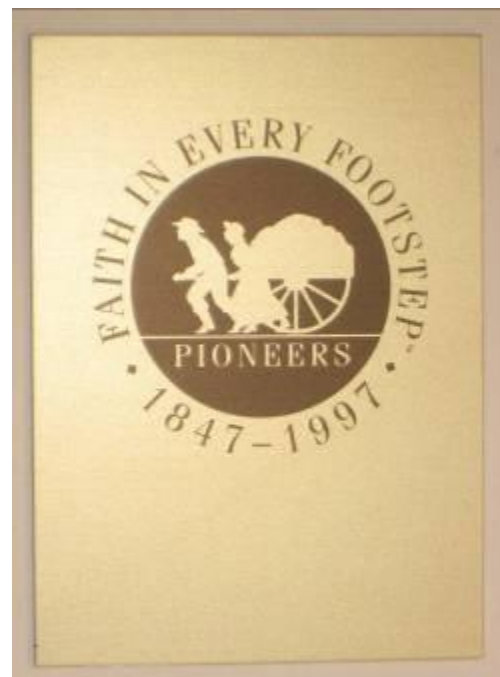
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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.

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

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As of 26 April 2010



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						1-3 Med.	4-6 Med.		
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		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			\$
Necklace Ring			\$15		\$	Qty of 1			\$
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