

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Right now, it is Friday, 6 January 2012, and I am a week late in the submission of my message to the team involved in the *Trail Marker*. I apologize to you, our readers, and to those awaiting the writing. Tomorrow, we will hold a two hour meeting at our National Headquarters Building. As of this minute, i.e., noon on Friday, we have had responses from 36 chapters, with word that at least 46 chapter presidents and/or other officers will be in attendance at our meeting tomorrow. What this means to all of us is the prospect of a super beginning to the new year. By the time you read this next week each one will be back home and starting to plan for the year. Rest assured that we shall discuss some of these points tomorrow.



In our home the past week we have received more than 100 emails from new chapter presidents, supplying us with names, email addresses and names of other chapter officers in the leadership of every chapter. As a result of your magnificent support we begin this year with an accurate and complete list of all new, or continuing chapter presidents. Think of what that means to all of us. As pertains to the *Trail Marker*, it means that each month the *Trail Marker* will be sent to the virtual (or actual) president, who will then be able to dispatch it to the chapter membership, via email. Now, we all agree that this presupposes that chapters have created their own lists of emails for the chapter members. Yes, in our household we know what that means, as we did the same in 2008 while serving as president of the chapter. It takes time and effort, but the rewards are conclusively in your favor.

During my lifetime I have always been heavily involved in positions or jobs which required good communication, i.e., the military and at the U of U. That's why I esteem the *Trail Marker* so highly. It conveys information that is helpful, timely, accurate, and from multiple producers, to multiple receiving stations. Please, make your chapter one which processes and uses the information contained in the *Trail Marker*, using means not only as a receiver, but also as a contributor.

This means that for every chapter meeting speaker event, or trek event, etc., someone in the chapter writes a report, including the insertion of photographs, which is sent to the *Trail Marker*. We have a number of chapters who do not have the resources of a college or university next door as sources for speakers. The *TRAIL MARKER* can help alleviate that situation by conveying the information of the experiences of many other chapters---IF WE WILL ALL DO OUR PART IN PROVIDING INFORMATION OF OUR CHAPTERS' SUCCESSES.

THANK YOU. UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

May 14-19 2012 Hole-In-The-Rock Adventure Trek. Register online at the SUP Website.

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to Ron VanLeuven at sup-exmgr@comcast.net

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND INAUGURATION

The national SUP Christmas Social held Dec. 13 was enjoyed by about 90 leaders and wives in attendance this year at the SUP headquarters. In addition to the regular invitees from the National Board and Past President's Council, Chapter Presidents were also invited. In addition to a lovely dinner, presentations of special awards, a message from national SUP President L. La Mar Adams and installation of all 2012 national officers, those present were entertained by the talented Mountain Jubilee Chorus with a delightful series of beautiful choral numbers.



The installation of officers (above) was conducted by the national SUP Past President, Dil Strasser, with all officers being installed in the same pledge ceremony as a group. The 2012 executive council consisted of Richard Christiansen, president; L. La Mar Adams, past president, and David Wirthlin, president-elect.



Other officers sworn in included Area Vice Presidents, National Program Directors, and other officers. The new and past officers are anticipating a wonderful new year in fulfilling the SUP mission of turning our hearts to our fathers by coming to know our ancestors.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT COUNCIL HELD

A Chapter President's Council (CPC) Meeting was held in the SUP Headquarter Building on January 7 for all Chapter Presidents. Upon arising that morning, we were thankfully surprised to find from three to five inches of snow on the ground. This did not thwart or change the plans for the day as our chapter presidents began the trip to Salt Lake City from all corners of the state of Utah and also from areas of Idaho. Imagine that, we end up with 65 attending the meeting, representing some 28 chapters.

National President Dick Christiansen, conducted the meeting. At least one half of the two hour meeting time was in the form of a presentation



by **Dave Wirthlin** (left), followed by an open discussion in which nearly 100 percent of the attendees participated. Topic of discussion was centered on the need for and proposed

methods of achieving a fund raising program for SUP. Many, many different thoughts were expressed and we were singularly impressed by the willingness and openness of the leaders of our many chapters. It was a wonderful experience to hear the many ideas and proposals suggested for consideration.



The remainder of the time was used with presentation by **David Day** (left) of ideas for creating a directory of chapter members for use in a chapter. A presentation of the contents of a

welcome packet used for new and prospective members of the Sanpete County Chapter was



next. We then heard a presentation by **Lynn Smith** (left) from Upper Snake River Valley Chapter, concerning things to consider in taking care of members, both in finding and motivating. It was a great meeting, well attended, with great opportunity to

hear of new ideas. We are indebted to the presenters and to the attendees. The giant cookies and apples (below) helped us make



it through to wherever lunch was to be obtained.

My grateful thanks I give to all of you. Bless you all – Dick Christiansen



NEW LIFE MEMBER

Bryant L. Adams - At Large

CONVERTED LIFE MEMBERS

Ronald J Ford-Red Rocks

Verd J Erickson-Cotton Mission

Dan L Greenland, Jr-Taylorsville/Bennion

NEW MEMBERS

Dan L Greenland-Taylorsville/Bennion

Keith Carrigan-Morgan

Calvin R Stephens- Morgan

Kenneth R Richey-Ogden Pioneer

David E Bott- Ogden Pioneer

Stephen Crosland-Sanpete

James R McAllister-At Large

Mark E Walker- Ogden Pioneer

Charles W Watson- Ogden Pioneer

Ted Stagg-Porter Rockwell

David M Corn- Porter Rockwell

Roger O Burke-Eagle Rock

Don Payne-Twenty Wells

MEMBER DEATHS

Charles L Wright-Temple Quarry

Cal Reynolds-Murray

Robert Munson-Hole in the Rock

Blair Dahl- Ogden Pioneer

Lawrence L Epperson-Brigham Young

Kenneth Madsen-Centerville

Keith Wilcox- Ogden Pioneer

John D Adams-Jordan River Temple

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled By Bob Folkman

Please send chapter newsletters and other chapter news, awards, information, pictures and upcoming events to Bob Folkman at bfolkman@hotmail.com, or 1485 N 675 W, Brigham City, UT 84302, **ONE WEEK before the end of each month.**

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) The Christmas meeting and dinner of the Cotton Mission Chapter was held December 18th at Staheli's in Washington. Following dinner those in attendance were entertained by the **Hurricane Valley Choir**. Under the direction of

Shaun McCausland, the group sang a collection of Old English and other traditional Christmas songs. At the conclusion, they received a standing ovation for their performance, harmony, and presentation of difficult arrangements.



HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah) **Scott P. Trotter** was the speaker at the monthly chapter meeting in November, at which 89 members and guests were in attendance. Scott Trotter has been a media spokesman for the LDS Church since 2006. From 1999 to 2004, he served as the Director of the LDS Church's New York City Public Affairs Office, where he was involved with the Manhattan Temple press activities, and directed the Church's outreach program to many nation's ambassadors to the United Nations. He also helped create a media relations program for the Hill Cumorah Pageant, and much more.

Brother Trotter talked about how the LDS Public Affairs department is organized with thirty-five members and five departments. Every state has a missionary called to public affairs service.

He explained that all events that attract attention to the Church require attention from the Public Affairs Department and from all members, to make sure that positive aspects of the news are pointed out, and to counter negative comments in the media. Trotter also used the example of **LaVell Edwards** when he and his wife served as missionaries in Harlem to emphasize the need for service missionaries to influence local communities in a positive way.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah)

October 13, 2011, The Sons of the Utah Pioneers, Morgan Chapter added two names to the Pioneers of Morgan County Monument located at the Morgan City Park. Doris Sanders spoke of her great-great-grandfather Sanford Porter. He had come west with the pioneers in 1847 and lived in Centerville. He moved to Morgan in 1860 and established Porterville.

Dale Thurston spoke of his great-great-grandfather Thomas Jefferson Thurston who also lived in Centerville. After seeing the Morgan Valley while logging in the area decided that Morgan would be a great place to live. He settled in Milton. Both of these pioneers were instrumental in developing the infrastructure within the community allowing future generations a beautiful place to live. Attendees were DeOrr Peterson representing Morgan City, Linda Smith and Deann Fresh from the Morgan Historical Society, Robert DeBoer Area Vice President of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and local and family members.



Shown above, left to right, are: Robert Poll, Doris Sanders, Fred Thurston, Ann McMillian, Nel Nickerson, Barbara Thurston, Dale Thurston, Jim Hurst and Richard Wiscomb.

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 load off of her back. Please call the office to schedule some time!

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah)

On December 21, the Chapter held a trek to the "Hoopernacle" in Hooper, Utah. This building is located at the home of **Hal and Joyce Stoddard**. They had dedicated a great amount of time in building a pipe organ, originally in their garage, but when the organ outgrew the garage, they built a barn-like building to hold the console, pipes and air ducts required. The barn was designed for great acoustics, and to hold an audience of up to 70 people. Before Hal Stoddard explained and performed on the organ, the Beasley family performed Christmas music for the SUP audience that created a special spirit in the meeting.

The unique home-made organ is actually built from four different organs brought from around the country. It continues to be a work in progress. A recent addition is a harp that came from the Tabernacle in Salt lake City. This project is truly a labor of love for the Stoddards. 105 were in attendance for all or part of the performance that day.

SALT LAKE CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) The December meeting included entertainment by the **Woods Cross Madrigal Singers** (below). They were wonderful and filled



the audience with joy. **Bill Tanner**, Chapter President, commented, "It reminds me how God fights his battles. He sends a boy who grows up and makes a difference in the world. When you see these wonderful young people, you can't help but feel hope."

MEDALLIONS The only medallions left for sale are the 2010 PONY EXPRESS (limited assortment) & 2011 TELEGRAPH.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah)

The speaker at the November meeting was Riverton, Utah professional photographer **Michael Slade** (right). Slade is a native of Cache Valley, and graduated from Utah State University with a degree in photography. Presently he is on the faculty at both UVU and BYU.

He gave advice on outdoor photography to the audience, expressing his feeling that a few minutes before sunset or after sunrise are great times for scenic photos. He said that the trick in getting great pictures is seeing unique features in unique or interesting backgrounds.

Slade showed a series of photographs he has taken of the Great Salt Lake over many years. Among the many interesting photos, some taken with an antique bellows camera on black and white film, were pictures of tumbleweeds that have blown into the mud flats around the lake and become encrusted with salt until they form very unique shapes around the lake edge.

The Chapter's December meeting consisted of a wonderful presentation by well-known Logan vocal artist and USU professor **Michael Ballam**. In response to the audience's selection of favorite Christmas carols, Michael accompanied himself on the piano to sing many of them, and explained the less-well known histories of the carols to the enjoyment of all in attendance.

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.



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 1-800-724-1847.

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.

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 2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK ADVENTURE TREK

(This trek is planned with the cooperation of the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation.)

- Day 1 **Mon.** We will meet the bus at the National Headquarters Building in Salt Lake City, where we may leave vehicles if desired. We will make a stop at historical **Cove Fort**, then travel to Parowan
May 14 and visit the **Parowan Meeting House/Museum**. We will also be treated to a **dutch oven dinner** there. Overnight in Cedar City.
- Day 2 **Tue.** Our first stop this morning will be a visit to the **Iron Mission Museum**, then we will drive through northern Arizona and southern Utah on our way to Page, AZ. On the way we will
May 15 stop at **Pipe Spring National Monument**. As we travel we will learn more of the history of this area, and of the Hole-In-The-Rock expedition so we can be prepared for our visit there. **After arriving in Page you will have the option of making an excursion into one of the fascinating slot canyons, (extra cost - @\$30) or you may choose to go to the visitor center at Glen Canyon Dam and make the short hike to the spectacular overlook at Horseshoe Bend.** (If the weather and roads allow, we will have another option. That is to skip the museum and slot canyons and make a trip the the North Rim of the Grand Canyon on our way to Page.) Overnight in Page.
- Day 3 **Wed.** An early morning **flight** in smaller planes, where everyone will have a window seat, will take us over the Lake Powell area to **Rainbow Bridge** and the **Hole-in-the-Rock**. We should
May 16 be able to see not only these two impressive sites, but also much of the trail leading to and from the Hole-in-the-Rock so we have a good perspective of the country these hardy pioneers traversed in filling their mission to the San Juan. After returning to Page, and getting some lunch, we will have a relaxing afternoon taking a **float trip** (smooth water!) from just below the dam to Lee's Ferry. This will take us through breathtaking scenery. We will return to Page for the night.
- Day 4 **Thur.** This will be a another enjoyable day, as we drive from Page to Bluff, Utah, looping down through some of the Navajo Reservation. On the way we will visit **Monument Valley**, where
May 17 we will visit a historical museum and enjoy a Navajo Taco **lunch**. We will also see and learn about some of the historical landmarks and history of Monument Valley. We will then drive through Bluff and on to **Salvation Knoll**, which was significant in the Hole-in-the-Rock experience. Those who desire to may climb the bluff and see what some of those early pioneers saw as they searched for the goal they were seeking. We will also enjoy another **Dutch Oven Dinner** while in the area. We will then return to Bluff, and spend two nights there.
- Day 5 **Fri.** Our group will be divided today, with half the group visiting **San Juan Hill** and **River House**
May 18 **Ruin**, while the other half tours the **Bluff Fort**, historic homes, and the cemetery. In the afternoon the groups will switch. **Those visiting San Juan Hill, etc. will be riding in SUV's and on ATV's. (Four Wheelers.) We will need to have at least three couples in each group who feel comfortable driving and riding a four-wheeler!** In the evening we will be treated to a **group meal** and fireside in the Bluff log meetinghouse, then return to our motel for the night.

Day 6 Our trip home will take us through Moab, Green River, and Price as we make our way back
Sat. to Salt Lake City, and on to our own individual destinations. We will have a new under-
May 19 standing and deeper appreciation of the price paid by these early pioneers to settle this part
of Utah, as they filled their mission calls.

Cost (Based on two people per room.) **These are 2011 costs, 2012 cost may vary some, but should not be very far from this price. We will not be able to determine final costs until we get information later in the year.**

If 40 go = \$910 per person.

**If you choose to not go on the flight
\$250 will be deducted from your cost.**

If 50 go = \$870 per person.

Cost includes motor coach, including tip for the driver, motel rooms, breakfast at each motel (excepting Bluff), sightseeing flight, float trip, outfitter fees, and any entrance fees. It also includes two dutch oven dinners, lunch at Monument Valley, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday at Fort Bluff. The only other costs for the tour will be the balance of meals, the slot canyon excursion, if you choose that option, and any personal items you wish to purchase.

Brigham Young Chapter
SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

will host

**2012 NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT**

“Today’s Pioneers on New Frontiers”

August 23 – 25, 2012

PROVO MARRIOTT HOTEL

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Downtown Provo

Outstanding Speakers and Activities:

- Provo Pioneer Village
- Guided history and scenic tours
- Captivating women’s programs
- Elder Marlin K. Jensen, 1st Quorum of Seventy and Church Historian
- Dr. Ronald W. Walker, Biographer of Brigham Young
- Terry Oakes, Managing Director, Church Welfare and Humanitarian Services
- Dr. Sandra Rogers, BYU International Vice President (See tour #2)
- Other outstanding speakers, music and meals

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Bus Tour- 1

Nine Mile Canyon

Lee Nelson, leading expert on Nine Mile Canyon will lead you through “the worlds most spectacular art gallery” with many thousands of pictographs and petroglyphs left by ancient Native Americans. It will be a spectacular show.

Bus Tour – 2

Brigham Young University

Join us as we explore outstanding attractions on the BYU Campus, including the new broadcast center, BYU Museum of Art, athletic facilities and lunch on campus with lecture on BYU International Outreach.

Bus Tour – 3

West Desert Historic Sites

John M. Beck, a local historian, will share insights as we visit Camp Floyd, Clover, Johnson Springs, Skull Valley, Iosepa, Pony Express stations and other fascinating but forgotten historical sites with local guides interpreting for us.

You are welcome to stay in downtown Provo and enjoy:

- A symposium of outstanding speakers sharing important historical insights
- Historic museums including: Crandall Printing Museum, DUP Museum, Mexican Mormon History Museum, Provo Pioneer Village and historic homes and buildings
- Provo LDS Temple

“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.

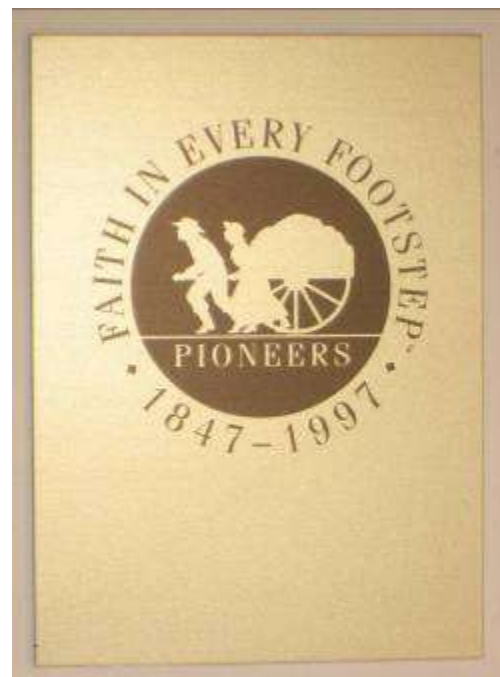
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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.

Card Company and number _____

Expiration _____

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.		
Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$60			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Silver, Gold telegraph Key	\$70			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Silver	\$50			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Bronze	\$5			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Pony Express	2010	Gold	\$40			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Bronze	\$5			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Tabernacle	2007	Bronze	\$3			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Display Case			\$5						
Headquarters Set*			\$45			Qty of 1	\$20.00		
Gold Spike Set*			\$100			Qty of 1	\$20.00		
Pony Express Set*			\$110			Qty of 1			
Telegraph Set*			Call						
			TOTAL						

*Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

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

Payment

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash \$ _____

Discover Card MasterCard Visa Billing Zip Code _____

Card Number: _____ Exp ____/____
3 digit Security Code _____ [on back of card]

Name on Card: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____ [If we have questions]

Shipping Information (If Different):

Name _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____