

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow SUPers,

2013 is upon us and as your new president, succeeding Dick Christiansen, we look to another exciting year. The mission we have of preserving our pioneer heritage in our communities is a sacred responsibility. Please participate with your chapters in this goal and others they have, to make lasting impressions upon our youth, our church and our communities. In this sense, we are modern day pioneers preserving and expanding the Pioneers' examples in our own and others' lives.

David B. Wirthlin
National President, 2013
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Jan. 12 – Memorial Service for Steve Rezendes, husband of our National Managing Director Tess Clark Rezendes, from 1-3 p.m. at National Headquarters

Feb. 9 (Note date change):

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

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to SUP1847@gmail.com.

During the brief meeting we were able to present "Modern Pioneer" statue awards to retiring

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

by Dick Christiansen with photos by Gerald Haycock

Six p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012, was the time set aside for the final meeting of the National Governing Board (Executive Council and the Area Vice Presidents) for the year. The meeting was completed after a delicious dinner had been consumed.





Program Director **Grant Barton** (above) for Public Relations, and to **Larry LaMar Adams**, (below) retiring at the completion of his three



years of leadership in the Executive Council as President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. This gave us the opportunity to recognize their outstanding devotion and service to the National Society of the SUP.



group member, who is a grandson of 2013 SUP President Dave Wirthlin, arranged for the group and was their spokesman. We have a great appreciation for their talents and willingness to present a series of Christmas songs.



A certificate was presented recognizing **Robert (Bob) Folkman** (above) for his two years of leadership and service as an Area Vice President. Bob now becomes a member of the Executive Council as President Elect.

Certificates of recognition for dedicated service were mentioned and shown that had been prepared for the following individuals:

- **Reed Farnsworth**, for service as editor of the *Trail Marker* for eight years, and continues in that very important job.
- **Ralph Jones**, for service as Area Vice President of chapters in the center part of the state for three years.
- **Jerry Glenn**, for service as Area Vice President of 5 chapters in northern Idaho for four years.

These three brethren were unable to attend the ceremony and their certificates have been sent to them with a letter acknowledging their great service.

Musical entertainment was presented by a small group from Mt. Olympus High School (left). A



One of the major features of every chapter meeting at the beginning of a new year, as well as in this annual Christmas social, is swearing in new officers at the beginning of the year (above). All officers of the National organization at any level that were present, about 25 in all, stood together as LaMar Adams, outgoing immediate past president, administered the oath of office, with all participants reciting it in unison. This always heightens the atmosphere of togetherness, harmony, and unity among us.

Our dinner party/meeting ended with some final comments offered by Dick Christiansen, outgoing president. These thoughts touched on some of the recent statements of President Monson, and feelings of Christmas, family love, with focus on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior!

Thanks to all, and a Happy New Year to everyone.

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.

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.

WHAT DID YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS?

By Tom Powell, Membership Director

When we were children, on Christmas afternoon and perhaps the next day, we many times would ask our friends, what did you get for Christmas? Then the dialogue would center on the various presents received and how happy (or sometimes disappointed) we were. Of course, the next step would be to wear the apparel received or wear out the toys we were given.

As we grew older, we started to understand that the giving part was much more important than the getting part. Our thoughts turned to selecting just the right item to match our loved ones joy upon receiving the gift. In maturity, we also understood the importance of going further as to help those in need, assist those without, and support those that were down trodden in spirit and finances. We understood the true meaning of giving. Giving the way the Savior would have us do so.

While the giving part is of most importance, we should perhaps not forget the “getting” part of the season, not in the material sense of items, articles and things, but what we actually receive in true Godly joy in making the gift. Someone once said, “Don't give until it hurts. Give until it feels real good.” There is a lot of wisdom in that statement. For instance, when we quietly, without fanfare, help an ailing neighbor, we get a righteous satisfaction in our mind and hearts. When we fulfill an assignment at the cannery or

the church farm, we again feel a comfortable spirit of a job well done for someone we will never meet. In essence, the “getting” we receive is a Godly satisfaction that we have truly made a difference in the life of someone. The “getting” part comes to us as a spiritual reassurance from God that we are doing what he wants us to do. It is not something we seek, but rather something automatically received.

So it is with those whom we introduce to Sons of Utah Pioneers. When we invite an individual to join Sons of Utah Pioneers, when we see the individual become active and then productive in the organization, then something happens within ourselves that coincides with feelings of eternal value. We know the thing we have done will be for the benefit of the individual, not only in historical education, fun fellowship with friends, perhaps wonderful meals, but most importantly in the process of turning ones heart to his forefathers, creating a firmer bond with fathers and sons, mothers, family and relatives. We know that as the Spirit of Elijah imbues in our new member, that the lessons learned in examining the pioneer lives will translate into the better person today. We literally witness hearts turning, minds pondering and lives being influenced. That is the giving part, our invitation to an individual who has yet to experience the purpose and mission of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Then comes the “getting” part to us. What do we get? Well, let’s start with satisfaction that we have accomplished a righteous deed. Let’s continue with the knowledge that we are within our free agency of what God wants us to do. Let’s add that new or old friendships are solidified. Further, our confidence waxes stronger as the organization becomes stronger. We know we belong to a good, noble and righteous work. Most importantly, we “get” the right feeling in our minds and heart. We get the warm reassurance that we have helped bind humanity together the way a loving Father in Heaven would want it for His children.

So yes, let’s not only give in December, but also in January, February, March, and beyond. By doing so, let’s get love in our hearts, satisfaction

in our souls, joy in our spirits and peace in our minds. And let’s not forget to “get” the spirit of God’s work in bringing families together through Sons of Utah Pioneers.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Ray H. Linford, MD – Brigham Young

NEW MEMBERS

Gordon Hansen – Mills

Harold Rogers – Timpanogos

William G. Rydalch – Twenty Wells

Dale L. Shumway – Brigham Young

Jack A. Clarke – Brigham Young

Robert Lawton – Brigham Young

Kyle R. Rees – Ogden Pioneer

Dean Jones – Grove City

Gerald V. Bush – Ogden Pioneer

Michael P. Morelli – Ogden Pioneer

Robert E. Wallentine – Ogden Pioneer

Darrell Moench – Salt Lake Pioneer

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Lynn J Christensen – Canyon Rim – 12/4/12

John D Zentner – Settlement Canyon – 12/9/12

Russell P Hammond – Settlement Canyon – 9/13/12

Bernard M. Tanner – At Large – 5/25/12

Jacob D. Bowers – Jordan River Temple – 12/5/12

Steve M. Rezendes – Mills – 12/29/12

Note – Steve Rezendes was the husband of our National Managing Director, **Tess**

Rezendes. A memorial open house for him will be held at the SUP National

Headquarters on January 12 from 1-3 p.m.

All who knew him or Tess are invited to attend.

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!

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 one week before the end of each month.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo, Utah) – **Dr. Neal Lambert** (below) was the



speaker for their December Chapter meeting held on December 13.

Neal came to BYU in 1966, teaching courses in American literature. At BYU he worked with **Tom Alexander** and others to help begin the

American Studies program. He and **Richard Cracroft** developed their first-of-a-kind anthology, *A Believing People: Literature of the Later-day Saints*, and built courses and serious consideration of Mormon literature.

Besides teaching, Neal served as chair of the Faculty Advisory Council, as Academic Adviser to the BYU Bookstore, as English Department Chairman, and, during the Holland Administration, as Associate Academic Vice-president.

Together, Neal and his wife Anne presided over the North Carolina Raleigh Mission of the LDS Church, 1986-89. They also served together in the Provo Temple presidency, 2005-2008, she as assistant to the matron and Neal as Counselor to the President.

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.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) – The November meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held at Staheli's barn on November 20, 2012.



The featured speaker of the evening was **Dr. Ron Esplin** (left) who is currently the Director of the Joseph Smith Papers Project. He detailed some of his background which included his being brought to the

History Department at BYU by President Jeffrey R. Holland in 1980. He talked about the sources of information for the Joseph Smith Project. They include revelations, Joseph Smith's personal writings, histories by church historians such as Willard Richards, journals, and many other documents. He explained that when the Saints were driven west, many documents were boxed up and brought to Salt Lake. At this time they have done about one-fourth of the total work.

He spoke about the Church being attacked historically and on the defensive. He explained that we are, "not afraid of our history". We do want to understand our history and the personality of Joseph Smith. He pointed out that today we are not in the mode of defending our history, but understanding it.

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.

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.



JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – For our December meeting, we enjoyed the most beautiful music of the season presented by the wonderful youth of the West Jordan High School Madrigals (above). Their musical program was a gift to us and a tribute to themselves. What a group of marvelous youth! Their director and accompanist is Mr. **Kelly DeHaan**.

members. What a privilege it is to associate with all of these people.

A special thanks is extended to Valgardson and Sons, house movers, for their contribution. They charged us less than half what they normally charge for such a move.

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah) – Our November Dinner Meeting was so much fun. We got the exciting news about the SUP Pioneer Cabin resting in its new honored home. **Melvin Anderson** gave us a detailed report of the movements and companies it took to move this cabin. It was almost amusing to hear that by “sucking up” the cabin walls with cables to move it we ended up with a smaller size than the pad and boards that were prepared for. We will definitely be able to make it work! We have been able through the miraculous efforts of Mel to host 2 fundraisers, collect contributions from businesses and individuals who believe in our efforts as well as our SUP



Now that the cabin has been placed we need to think about such things as chinking between the logs, etc. We will have to replace the door and will work on getting an authentic style look for the 1880s. We are going to put in two windows and use the “wavy” glass. The hardware will be period pieces also. We want this to be a masterpiece of historical restoration.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Utah) – The Maple Mountain Chapter met on Thursday November 29 for another great dinner meeting. As usual most members brought their wives to enjoy the meal and our great speaker **Dallas Merrell** (with his wife below). Dallas is a



former member of the Seventy and gave a talk similar to the one he gave to the National Society in 2010, titled *Pioneering Relations with the Vatican*. The 50+ people in attendance thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the little-known early meetings with Catholic leaders in the Vatican. The feelings were of strong support recognizing another people coming under the concern of the Lord. Dallas has a wonderful people friendly way of speaking and kept rapt attention from his audience. His wife Karen was helpful occasionally quietly helpful rounding out points as Dallas requested. Altogether, this was a wonderful evening for our Chapter.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah) – Twenty-seven members of the Ogden Pioneer chapter of SUP, wives and guests toured the DUP Pioneer Memorial Museum and the Utah State Capitol Building November 28. The tours included a lunch at the Utah Senate Building.

Some of our group were perhaps expecting the DUP Museum to be a large, one-room building

housing many artifacts. When we were told that the building consisted of four large rooms with many adjoining rooms we were astounded. Thousands of artifacts are on display including a vintage fire engine in pristine condition, the original eagle which hung above the main intersection next to the temple, many Native American artifacts, the wooden leg of John Row Moyle featured in the film “The Stone Cutter,” a bed carved over a period of 38 years, large pianos that had been buried on the Mormon trail and retrieved at a later date, many of the early prophets’ belongings, the original key of the Nauvoo Temple, etc. etc. One could spend hours or days viewing and studying the history of the displayed items.

The Ogden SUP group then toured the recently refurbished capitol building with its stately columns, gorgeous murals, and the statue of Brigham Young. One point of interest about the recent remodel was the efforts taken to earthquake the building. The capitol now sits on 265 rubber “casters.” These casters are about three feet in diameter and weigh 5 tons each.

Mr. Robert K. Wilson was our speaker on 10 December. His subject was “Worlds Without Number”. He explained that there are four observatories in the unmanned space program, one was the Hubble which produced pictures in ordinary light, another was Chandra which took pictures from x-rays, the Compton took pictures with gamma rays, and then the Spitzer telescope that took pictures with infrared rays. Brother Wilson worked on the Spitzer and told us about it and showed pictures from it.

The “Spitzer” probe space craft that housed the infrared camera that would take pictures of outer space is about the size of a Volkswagen. Robert showed a diagram of a prism with light going through the prism and showing colors from red, yellow, orange, and then purple, and then he explained that these are colors that we can see with our eyes. We only see five percent of what is actually there. He then flashed another picture on the screen, showed where a diagram which showed where gamma rays, ultraviolet rays,

microwave rays, X-rays and infrareds rays fit into the picture.



He showed us pictures of the Pillars of Creation, the Andromeda nebula and other areas of space, all of the photos were taken by the Spitzer camera. Focusing in on some of these, he showed us where there were thousands of new stars with the possibility of having solar systems like ours. He then turned to the scriptures where we are told that the Lord has created worlds without number.

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



SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield, Utah) – On Monday October 22th we met at the LDS ward House in Glenwood where we had a informative presentation by **Kaye Bybee**. Kaye covered the history of Glenwood and the experienced success of the United Order practiced there. She shared some pictures of many of the buildings and businesses that were built in the early period of Glenwood, then we gathered in the cultural hall to enjoy a Milk Can Dinner prepared by Dave, Jerry and their spouses. This was followed by **Clive Romney** who entertained us with folklore, storied and music from and about our pioneer heritage.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah) – The November speaker, **Michael Monson**

(right), has been an educator for 34 years. He has multiple degrees and is currently the principal of the Mt. Logan Middle School and a Bishop of a singles ward. Michael works daily with less fortunate children. They have lots of challenges. Many come from poor family situations. Teachers try to build close relationships with them. They want the students to become engaged in school and build trust in teachers, peers, and other adults. Michael considers these children modern day pioneer-immigrants.



The middle school has about 1,400 of these energetic students. Two hundred of them are learning English and come from 29 different countries. Their parents are students at USU or came to this area to find work. Some of the families are from refugee camps, having escaped from Burma, currently named Myramar. They did not come to school with good backgrounds. There are usually no books in the home and they have never been on vacations where they have seen new things. While at home, the children spend about 7½ hours a day using media and

electronic devices, while mothers spend about 10-12 percent of the time with them, and fathers spend about 7 percent of the time with them, but 4 percent of that is giving them directions.

A special program began about 10 years ago at the middle school to help provide experiences for these children that most children have as they are growing up. Many of the children are very bright, but they need help to learn to learn. The children must be helped before they are 13 or 14 years of age to be most effective. The intervention program takes children outside. He quoted from some studies that have been done. While 59 percent of parents remember playing outside, only 31 percent of their children play outside. In one study, in San Diego, California, 90 percent of the students had never been to the beach. The Cache Valley environment is excellent for outdoor learning as it includes mountains, streams, rivers and lakes from which the children can learn.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER (Rexburg, Idaho) – The Chapter met on November 15, 2012. In conjunction with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers our Chapter received the Mayor's Choice award for our float in the Rexburg 4th of July Parade. **Harvy and Bonnie Jackman** put in many hours on the float. Shown in the photo are Harvy and Bonnie Jackman, and **Dan Porter** (Chapter President) holding parade award.

In this meeting we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Chapter. It was founded on

November 12, 1992. **Jerry Glenn** gave a historical background of the Chapter and how it came to be. Harvy Jackman gave some history on the early years of the Chapter and some of the early treks organized by **Dee Risenmay**. The anniversary cake was enjoyed by all.



Dee Risenmay gave an update on the 2013 National Convention sponsored by our Chapter. It will be August 22-24, 2013. Preparations for this event are well underway.



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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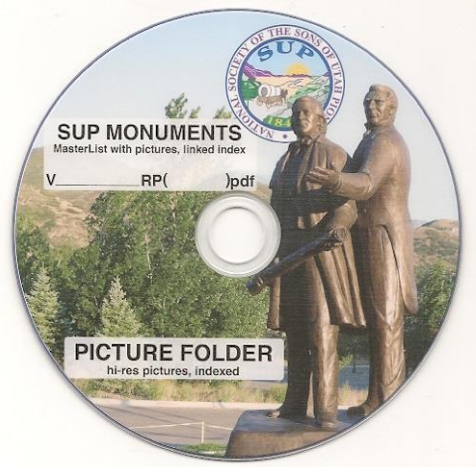
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“Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

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.

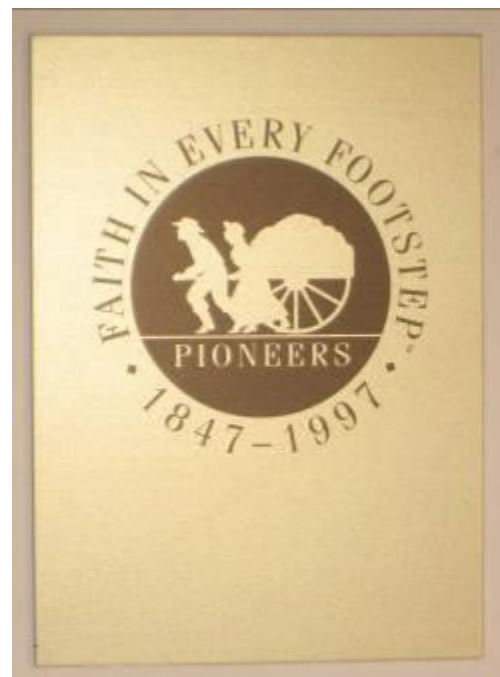
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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 >



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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.

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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.

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 hours 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.