

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doctrine of Pioneering Covenant Making, Part II

In last month's message we observed that great pioneering sacrifices were in actuality a performance of covenant making with the Lord. We observed how He called upon them to offer up their all to the end of their lives, and in their doing so they performed an ordinance of covenant making in fulfillment of the laws of sacrifice and consecration. Then we concluded with the realization that prophets have recently informed us that our future pioneering will be harder than that for our ancestors.



Yet, it is the same covenant, laws, and principles involved for all who are to obtain their rest in the Eternal Land of Promise. It is from the Prophet Joseph Smith that we learn that:

“Having the assurance that they were pursuing a course which was agreeable to the will of God, they were enabled to take, not only the spoiling of their goods, and the wasting of their substance, joyfully, but also to suffer death in its most horrid forms; knowing (not merely believing) that when this earthly house of their tabernacle was dissolved, they had a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1.” (Lectures on Faith, 6:3.)

Thus the pioneer trek for us today, as well as for our ancestors, is that of “pursuing a course” we are “enabled to take” ...knowing, not merely believing, we would have “a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” The Prophet added, “Such was, and always will be, the situation of the saints of God, that unless they have an actual knowledge that the course they are pursuing is according to the will of God they will grow weary in their minds, and faint; for such has been, and always will be, the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God...that they will persecute to the uttermost all that worship God according to His revelations... Nothing short of an actual knowledge of...their having embraced the order of things which God has established for the redemption of man, will enable them to exercise that confidence in Him necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtain that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God.”

So we may ask, what is our suffering, afflictions, and tests on our path to eternal rest and the glory of God? But more important is that we know the purpose in it all so that we might seek the Lord's will and purpose while going through the trials. To what extent are we joyfully passing through our suffering, and to what extent are we passing our tests? The prophecies are clear that the opposition to the Church and covenant people will be greater in the future than what it has ever been since the days of Adam. Thus the message in the doctrine of Pioneering Covenant Making is: “For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation, his honor, and applause, his good name among men, his houses, his lands, his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, and even his own life also — counting all things but filth and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ — requires more than mere belief or supposition that he is doing the will of God; but actual knowledge, realizing that, when those sufferings are ended, he will enter into eternal rest, and be a partaker of the glory of God.” (Lecture Sixth)

I rejoice in the fact that coming to a personal knowledge of our ancestors prepares us to come to a knowledge of the Savior to the extent that He and they together can say at that day, "I know you, enter into your rest." May the Lord bless us in not only enduring our pioneering to the Covenant, but enduring it well and joyfully in making and fulfilling our Pioneering Covenant.

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2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

- April 23 **Free Estate Planning Seminar; Wills, Trusts & Endowments** 10:30-12:30
 Chapter President's Council 1-4 p.m. Banquet at 5 p.m.
- May 7 **National SUP Symposium**
May 16-21 **National Trek** (Hole in the Rock, full)
- 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)

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to Ron VanLeuven at
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WILLS, TRUSTS, & ENDOWMENTS

SEMINARS run through October, 2011. The next seminar is April 23, from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm prior to the Chapters President's Council 1:00 – 4:00 and a banquet at 5:00. If attending, please e-mail HQ @ sup1847@comcast.net with your Name, Chapter, & Phone Contact. Box lunch will be available for \$5.

THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED

OUT for dinners, weddings and/or receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Andrea @ 801-484-4441 or 1-800-724-1847.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – Thursdays 9:00 – 4:00
Closed Fridays
Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st for Presidents Day.

PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount would be appreciated. And don't forget; its tax deductible! (See flier on page 10)

UTAH FLASH BASKETBALL HERITAGE

NIGHT March 19, 2011. Located at the UCCU Building on the UVU Campus @ 800 West University Pkwy. Orem. Doors open @ 6:00 pm and game starts at 7:00 pm

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Robert Clair Pearson

Sugarhouse, #3117, converted

G. Lael Carter

Sugarhouse, #3118, converted

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Cotton Mission

Don Beus

Earl Brent Udy

Holladay

Gerald Lee Little

G. Stan Tanner

Little Salt Lake

Douglas Gardner Vincent

Mount Nebo

William R Wright

Settlement Canyon

LeRoy G Rose

Darrell Smith

Snow Horse

Frank Robins

Timpanogos

Paul Peterson

CHAPTER ETERNAL

J. Elliot Cameron, 2/27/11, Brigham Young

Reed L. Walker, 1/27/11, Holladay

CHAPTER NEWS

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BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) During the January dinner meeting of the chapter **Elsbeth C. Young**, (right)

a local studio artist, spoke to the chapter. Early during her training her interest was toward children's illustrations but she was invited by a professor to consider painting the lesser-known women of the scriptures. This



resulted in her research and painting of the **Women of the Bible**. Elspeth shared with the audience how her skills as an artist developed. She has been drawing ever since she could hold a crayon and showed power point photos of her work since she was quite young to the remarkable work of the present. Elspeth talked about many of the themes of her paintings, including courage, doing well and "crucial acts of faith." She stressed that her paintings are fed by inspiration that she receives. Concerning acts of courage depicted in her paintings, she reminded her audience that they can be inspired by tales of courage also, whether depicted in her paintings or in their own pioneer stories.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) At the January dinner meeting chapter members were



privileged to hear a pioneer Vignette given by **David Humphrey**. Another part on the program was vocalist **Fred Fagergren**, (left) president of the **Southern Utah Heritage Choir** who sang "You're Still You" and "But

She Loves Me." The speaker for the evening was **Robert Perry**, (below) **Director of Trails and Landmarks**

for the chapter. He spoke of the mandate we have to identify sites and participate with public agencies and others in identification, establishment and maintenance of historic sites. At the February dinner meeting





Carolyn Matthews,(left) accompanied by **Mavis Hill**, provided the entertainment. She sang three numbers. Certificates from the National Office were awarded to members who had served in the military. The

guest speaker for the evening was **Mayor Daniel D. McArthur** (right) who explained the plans for the **St. George Sesquicentennial Pioneer Festival**.



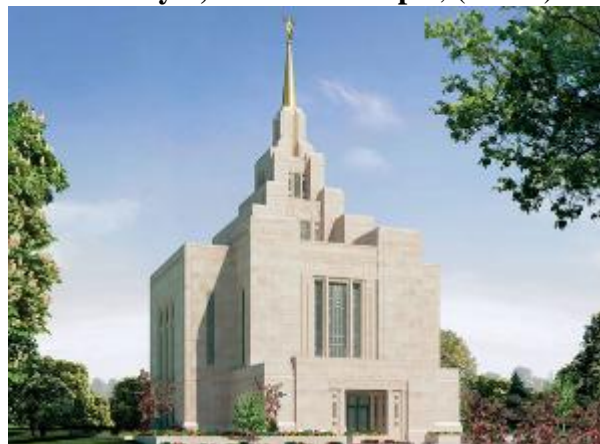
The first Heritage Week was held in 1994 with Dixie Leavitt as chairman. The mayor reported that St. George was the 13th city in Utah to obtain a city charter. There are plans for the city to have monthly events for the Sesquicentennial. The big event for the year will be the **Heritage Festival in October**. It will be a **pioneer trek from either Fillmore or Cove Fort to St. George** to commemorate the arrival of the 309 families from the Salt Lake area in 1861.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) President Byron “Pete” Riches presented plaques to and honored Alan C. Jacobson and Kenneth L. Long, two lifelong members of the chapter. They had each served on the chapter board and had contributed much to the success of the chapter. He also reported that the chapter had donated \$500.00 dollars to the Utah Food Bank.



HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) Chapter member **Jay Evans**, (left) a professional singer, provided the program for the January meeting. He brought to those

The guest speaker was John Lunt who spoke about the **Kyiv, Ukraine Temple**, (below) the



people of that land and a prophecy by Boyd K. Packer. John first visited the former Soviet Union (including Ukraine) in 1990 as an exchange student. He then was called as a missionary to the Ukraine. He said that on September 12th, 1991, then Elder Boyd K. Packer stood with Elder Dallin H. Oakes on a hillside near the center of Kyiv, Ukraine and offered a prayer of dedication and blessing upon Ukraine. In the prayer he said: “We see the day when there will be scattered in the villages here and there a member and yet another member and then a gathering and then a branch and, in due time, stakes of Zion set firmly and permanently upon the fertile soil of the Ukraine. And in due time the spires of temples will be seen”.

John spoke of the people of the Ukraine and much about the Jewish heritage, of the members who translated the Book of Mormon into the Ukrainian language in one week. He told of a member who was baptized after only one week of instruction from the missionaries and who attended the Freiburg Germany temple one year later. He is now a stake president in the Ukraine. It was just 19 years from the time of Elder Packer’s prophecy that the temple was dedicated.

attending an evening of **Western music** that will long be remembered. His voice is clear and easy to listen to. He brought with him some new equipment to help him and as he began to sing all present wondered where he had his back-up singers. It sounded like he had at least three others singing with him. The voices blended in so well with his. Jay sang many popular western songs and several of his own. The program was truly enjoyed by all present.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) The special guest performers at the February meeting were **Duane and Sharon Hiatt**. (below) They presented a musical



dramatization featuring Duane's song from the Children's hymn book: "**Follow the Prophet**". This began with the creation of the world and of Adam and Eve in the garden and being driven out. It continued with Enoch, Noah building the ark, Moses, Samuel, Jonah, and Daniel. Between each segment they sang "Follow the Prophet". They went from the Old Testament Prophets to dramatization of all the modern day prophets and the things they were known for. Duane then told of a pioneer ancestor, Stillman Pond, and how he, in spite of hardships always followed the Prophet.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) **Brent and Margaret Yorgason** (below) are recent new citizens of



Lehi. They were the guest speakers at the January chapter dinner meeting. Margaret began her message by telling some family history stories. She brought a saying that applies to all of us: "**If we are not tied to our past, we are not linked to our future.**" The message of that saying is so profound and applies in today's busy world. We need to be reminded how important it is to know our ancestors and their history and contributions. Brent spoke of his life's efforts and some of his achievements. A book called "**Chester, I Love you**" was coauthored with his brother Blain and was made into a **movie**. Stipulations were made to the movie makers about language, sexual innuendo and cleavage. It required much fasting and prayer but ultimately agreement was received which resulted in a wholesome movie to be enjoyed by all ages. Brent told the group how important it is to **keep journals and write our histories**.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) Following dinner at the January chapter meeting **Niles Bayle** gave a presentation about the "**United Order**" and the town of **Orderville**. **Brigham Young** established the United Order in a number of towns in Utah. Most of them lasted only one or two years. President Young suggested that a group of members settle in Long Valley and the United Order was established there and it was followed successfully for about ten years. Under "the order" there was no personal property, everything was held in common. The group assembled for meals,

everyone had a job including the children. The pay was the same for everyone regardless of what their skill level was. The men were paid (in stock or script) \$3.00 per day. The women were paid \$1.75 and the children \$12.5 cents. They made their own clothing and grew their own food. The group was happy and the order was very successful until the leaders decided to set up payment based on skill levels. This caused contention within the group and led to the demise of the order. There is a humorous story about an enterprising young man who acquired wool and sold it so he could purchase a pair of pants from a store. When he wore the new pants they were the envy of all the young men. He was allowed to wear the pants on condition that they would be used as a pattern and all the young men could have a pair.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) At the February gathering of the chapter those present were

blessed to enjoy music by **Joan Johnson**. (left) She is a very accomplished pianist and entertained with some lively classical pieces and a soothing religious number.



John and MaryAlice Biven (top-right) reported their experience of a year ago planting olive trees on Palestinian farms. They were joined by eight others from the U.S. and 35 more **Olive Tree Planters** from several European countries. The Olive Tree Planting program was sponsored by the YMCA of Jerusalem. While there the Biven's were saddened to see the destruction and harassment that the **Israeli soldiers** put upon the **Palestinians**. Evidence of various forms of harassment was everywhere. The soldiers had destroyed many of the Olive trees in the past and it was hoped that they would not destroy those



being planted. Each day that the Bivens planted trees lunch was provided by the farmers' families or fellow villagers. On occasions when the Israeli soldiers denied access to a field where trees were to be planted the workers moved on to other fields and continued the work until all the trees were planted. While it was gratifying to see the work accomplished it was sad to see the cruel treatment that the Palestinians received from the Israeli soldiers.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) **Brigham Young and the gold rush** was the subject addressed by **Ronald Walker** at the January chapter meeting. He said that the years 1847 – 1849 were survival years for the Saints. Some questioned if they should stay in the valley. Brigham Young was insistent that this was the place because of a vision of a hill that was recognized as **Ensign Peak**. Some went on to California because of the difficulties in a barren land. Others left when it was reported that gold was found in California. As winter came food supplies ran short and some Saints began to panic. It was necessary to ration the food they had. President Young encouraged the Saints to not give up, and helped them get through the crisis. He told them that if they went to

California they may find gold, but they would lose their souls. **Heber C. Kimball** promised the Saints that if they endured the crisis they would be able to obtain provisions at eastern prices. Soon gold seekers on their way to the gold fields of California flooded into the valley. These people traded with the Saints for supplies and exchanged food. Elder Kimball's promise was fulfilled. Brother Walker expressed his faith that the Lord raised up a man in 1849 to match the crisis and that man was Brigham Young.

MOUNT NEBO (Payson, Utah) The program for the January meeting was presented by **Ivan Haskell**. He has been at the **Hole in the Rock** area a couple of times and was able to give interesting information about the subject. He showed a short film that discussed the pioneers who traveled through that area. He gave an update on the National Office sponsored **Hole in the Rock Trek** and reported that the trek is full. At the board meeting several subjects were discussed and challenges given. Each member was asked to place one subscription to the **Pioneer Magazine**. Heritage chairman, **Wes Morgan** reminded members that we have agreed to present our personal history and the history of our roots to be sent to the national office. Program Chairman, David **Moore** suggested having members present the programs. A list will be presented with suggested programs/subjects and members will sign up for the one they would like to present.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) At the February dinner meeting the group was entertained with **cowboy poetry** presented by poet **David Durtschi**. On February 9th twenty two members of the chapter participated in a trek to the **Harris Fine Arts Museum at BYU**. It included a tour of "**The Master's Hand**" exhibit showing the art work of **Carl Bloch**. After enjoying the display of art the party went to lunch together at a restaurant in Orem. A group from the **LDS Church Museum** recently toured the chapter's museum and was very complimentary of the work that has been done.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) Following an enjoyable potato bar dinner a very interesting program was enjoyed by the chapter on the subject of **The Spanish Trail and Jedediah Smith**. The presentation was given by **Leo Lyman**. He covered both Jedediah Smith's trip through the Sevier Valley and more information about the Old Spanish Trail. Jedediah wrote in his journal that after he had traveled south through what is now known as the **Sevier Valley** and reaching what we now call **Marysville Canyon** where the Sevier River and Clear Creek joined, "the canyon south was choked off by vegetation so I traveled up a canyon that joined from the west." It was a very informative evening.

TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) Following a "Valentines Welcome" by President Paul Bambrough and dinner, **Dr. George Snell** spoke to the group about his experiences while serving the church on the **Missionary Health Committee**. He told experiences while working with missionaries in South America and in the Philippines. When missionaries are called to some countries extra attention and training is needed to protect their health. Members of his committee conduct health and safety lectures at the Missionary Training Center. He gave a bookmark to each member entitled "**Ten Commandments of Health**" This is taught to the missionaries.

The commandments are:

1. Keep hands and bodies clean
2. Use pure water
3. Eat foods prepared sanitarily
4. Eat a balanced diet daily
5. Keep your living quarters clean
6. Protect yourselves from animals and insects
7. Exercise regularly
8. Get adequate rest and learn to manage stress
9. Prevent accidents - don't do anything stupid
10. Get proper care when you need it

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) The **History of Water in Cache Valley** was the subject of the



January meeting of the chapter. **Robert Fotheringham** (left), an employee of the State of Utah, Division of Water Rights was the speaker. He projected pictures from the historical library and made comments about each one. He told

about the **Welon Dam** which was constructed on the Bear River in 1889. It was 30-40 feet high. It provided an irrigation system for use by Box Elder County. In 1927 the Utah Power and Light Company put in the **Cutler Dam** which replaced the **Welon Dam** and formed the **Cutler Reservoir**. The dam was 144 feet tall with a base of 111 feet. **Elwood Mead** was the engineer on the project. In his writings Mr. Mead said that it was because individuals made some sacrifices to what they considered their rights that the water program in the area was possible. Utah passed a code to require appropriation of water rights. The **Newton Dam** was built in 1871 and was the first major dam in the valley. It was rebuilt in 1937. There are several bills in the current legislative session concerning water. Robert said that the valley needs to continually have a plan concerning water.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) **Dr. Ralph B. Montgomery, DDS**, was the guest speaker at the chapter meeting in February. He is the author of a book called "**Heber Valley Roots**". It is a compilation of articles that he wrote for the **Wasatch Wave Newspaper** over a five year period. The book contains over 78 personal accounts of Heber Valley pioneers. He has found that many of those pioneers are related to the **Kings of England, France, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Turkey and the Roman Empire**. His love of pioneer history started in 1939 as an 11 year old boy growing up in the Heber Valley.

Since that time he has always loved keeping records and has found ties, either directly or through marriage, to over 250 Wasatch County families and over a million names that are related to him.

Dr. Montgomery has served in the U.S. Air Force, practiced dentistry in the Salt Lake Valley, served as the **Utah Dental Association President and Chairman of the Committee for Mentally Handicapped Children**. He has been a member of the Rotary club for 53 years. He has traveled to **India and the Philippines** to deliver medical equipment and raise funds. He is the recipient of many awards, including **President George W. Bush's National Points of Light Award**. The meeting was open to the public and his report was most interesting to those present at the meeting.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) The guest speaker at the January chapter



meeting was **Bonnie Jackman** (left) who spoke of her ancestors who helped settle the Boise area. She supplemented her remarks with pictures of the individuals involved. Two of her grandparents were **Albert Ouranda and**

Lizzie Moore who lived near the **Stack Rock area in Boise**. Their daughter was Bonnie's mother. Her father was Edward Zimmer. Her mother loved to garden. She lost her right arm in an automobile accident when she was older. When Bonnie was young she lived with a family named Thornock who introduced her to the gospel and she became a member of the LDS Church. Bonnie and her husband, Harvey Jackman, adopted several children, including two from the **Nez Perce Indian Tribe**. One of these they were required to return at the request of the child's grandfather.



Sons of Utah Pioneers MUSEUM PROJECT

Proposed Sons of Utah Pioneers Museum

Joe Nardoni, former Executive Director of the Pony Express Trail Association, has spent a lifetime researching and collecting artifacts pertaining to the Pony Express. It is his desire to leave his vast collection to a secure facility close to professional researchers, interested youth, students, and everyday citizens. He has offered his collection to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The collection consists of over 900 books, other publications, and historical artifacts. One of the artifacts is an original 1858 Bible presented to Alexander Majors, one of the Pony Express founders. There are only three of these Bibles known to exist in private hands. The other 15 are in public institutions. He has seven bronze statues of the Pony Express, including a model of one at "This is the Place Heritage Park," in Salt Lake City, as well as numerous works of art. To date he has 32 legal size file drawers full of Pony Express materials. There is also a collection of 1860-1861 microfilm of newspapers from New York City to San Francisco and a set of maps of the entire Pony Express route from St. Joseph Missouri to San Francisco, California.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is proposing to modify their current headquarters facility in Salt Lake City to include an area that will house this collection, to be known as "The Joseph Nardoni Memorial Pony Express Library." The Salt Lake City/Provo population center is the largest population center close to the route between Omaha, Nebraska, and Sacramento, California, near the mid-point of the 1900 mile Pony Express route, and, thus, is the logical site for the Pony Express Collection.

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

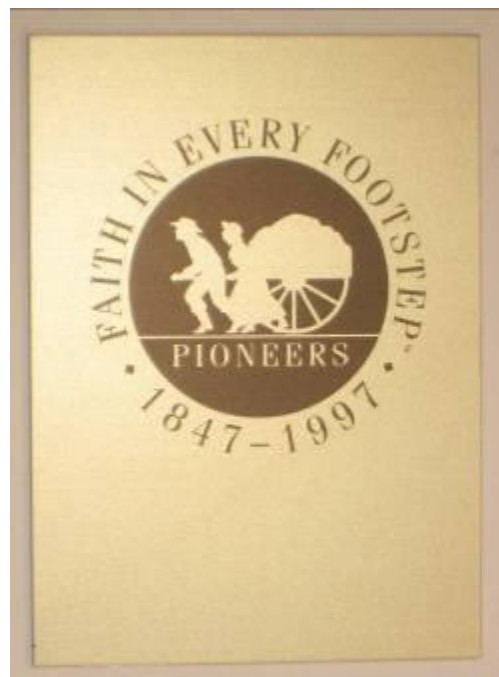
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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.		
Pony Express	2010	Gold	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		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			\$
			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: _____

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City State Zip: _____

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

Shipping Information (If Different):

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