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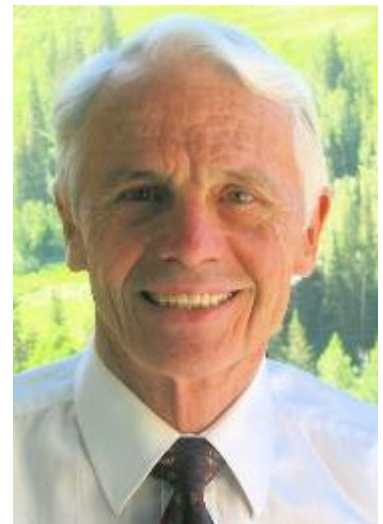
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doctrine of Building Monuments

Elder Ballard at our national symposium last year in September gave us the charge to build monuments. Of course our first response to such charges is to ask why. But in this case I was already aware of the doctrine of monuments and so was enamored with the confirmation of it by a current apostolic event.

Since monuments are to remind us of great events, or people who provided great events, they serve as a memorial of the hand of the Lord in our lives. Sometimes the events brought tragedy and sometimes blessing, but always something we can learn from. Brigham Young said, "Every trial and experience you have passed through is necessary for your salvation" (DBY 530). Monuments serve to help us study the hand of the Lord in their lives so that we may apply it to our life. Thus monuments not only serve to help keep our mind upon the Lord, but also to remind us to give thanks and praises to Him more often, something we tend to not do enough of.

When the Children of Israel passed over Jordan on dry ground, the Lord told Joshua to have them take 12 stones, one per tribe, out of the river bed the Lord had dried up for them, and place them as a monument in Gilgal. The Lord told them, "When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land...as the Lord your God did to the Red sea. That all the people... of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty" (Josh. 4:21-24). Thus, monument building on this occasion, and others, serve as a unique specific commandment for an eternal purpose. Is it any wonder then that we have received an apostolic charge to build monuments?



Last Summer I visited Nauvoo again, and this time located each of the properties where a couple of my great grandparents lived. As I stood in the field of one of them, I had a strong feeling that a monument to them ought to be standing on the corner of that property. Monuments help us connect with our ancestors, like temples help connect with with our God.

SUP Memorialization of our pioneer ancestors is one form of monument making. Both the rewriting of their biographies and the cost of Memorializing serve to turn our hearts from us, and our goods, to them and their feelings towards us. It not only serves to remember our pioneer ancestors and the hand of the Lord in their lives, but it changes us in the making.

In addition, SUP memorializations and monument building take time and money, two of the major elements of mortality that turn us to our fathers-- just as tithing serves as a cardinal sacrifice to bring us to the Lord. May the Lord bless us in our fulfilling the charge given to build monuments and memorialize our pioneer ancestors, that we may more fully see the hand of the Lord upon them and us-- and change us, turning our hearts to them and the Lord.

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2011 National President
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2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

- 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
sup-exmgr@comcast.net

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

PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount would be appreciated.
And don't forget; its tax deductible! (See flier on page 9)

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Sanpete

Mark Thomas Meeks
Barry A. Baker
Richard A. Green
Lenard Stull
Arlo Eugene Moulton

Snow Horse

Mike Burdett

Holladay

Warren L Barnes
Thomas J. Saldivar

Pioneer Heritage

Horatio D. Gregory

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NATIONAL SUP PIONEER SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Exodus from Nauvoo in pursuit of Religious Freedom!

“Though deepening trials throng your way, press on, press on, ye Saints of God”

Afternoon Session: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.,

SUP Headquarters Bldg, 3301 East 2920 South (Louise Ave), Salt Lake City, UT 84109

- 1:00 - 1:40 **Registration** (see details below)
- 1:45 - 2:00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremony**
- 2:00 - 2:45 **Brother John M. Beck**, Retired Institute Director
Brigham Young & the Nauvoo Exodus
Exodus, River, Montrose, Trek to Winter Quarters, Creating the Mormon Battalion
- 2:50 - 3:35 **Dr. Matt J. Grow**, Director of Publications, LDS Family History Department
Mormon Battalion, Brigham Young, Thomas L Kane
Brigham Young’s Influence and Reasoning, Thomas L Kane’s Efforts
- 3:35 - 3:50 **Break**
- 3:50 - 4:10 **Larry Nelson, Gina Knighton, Winifred Merritt, Dick Jeffs**
“Moods and Music” Medley of Pioneer Music
Accompanied by **Helen Roberts**
- 4:10 - 4:55 **Brother Paul Thomas Smith**, Retired CES Faculty
Trek West, Leadership, Spirituality of Brigham Young
- 4:55 **Closing**

Banquet Session: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Canyon Rim Stake Center, 3051 South 2900 East, Salt Lake City (3 blocks away)

- 6:00 - 6:55 **Dinner**
Special Mothers’ Day Music by **Melanie Renstrom** and **Janet Paxman**
Accompanied by **Helen Roberts**
- 6:55 **Elder D. Todd Christofferson**, Quorum of Twelve Apostles
Keynote Speaker

Registration: Public welcome. Registration required and limited to first 350 RSVPs. Early Registration is available by phone at 801-484-4441 or online at www.sonsofuthapioneers.org. On-site registration is available at the afternoon session. No late registration at the banquet.

By April 23	Afternoon and Banquet Sessions	\$22.00/person
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After April 23	Afternoon and Banquet Sessions	\$25.00/person
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\$2.00/person discount for payment by cash or check.

CHAPTER NEWS

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Thanks to Louis Pickett, former National President of the S.U.P., who has been receiving and compiling the Chapter News each month for several years. In addition to serving as Chapter President for the Jordan River Temple Chapter this year, Louis and Willa have a new missionary assignment to a Spanish Branch that will take up much of their remaining free time. We appreciate the time and effort the Picketts have contributed to the development of the *Trail Marker*. Bob Folkman of the Box Elder Chapter has begun compiling the Chapter News for the *Trail Marker*. **Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information and pictures to bfolkman@hotmail.com, or to his address (1485 N 675 W, Brigham City, UT 84302), before the end of each month.**

BOX ELDER CHAPTER (Brigham City, Utah). At the March Dinner Meeting, the Chapter awarded the **Modern Pioneer Award** to former Brigham City Mayor **LouAnn Christensen**. Mrs. Christensen served two terms as the first woman Mayor of Brigham City, after having spent six years on the City Council.



Shown in the photo above are, from left, Chapter President **George Knavel**, Mayor **LouAnn Christensen**, and Modern Pioneer Award Chairman **Ray Reese**.

Mayor Christensen's years of service to Brigham City were noted for her effective administration and forward-looking initiatives to keep Brigham City a great place to live and work. Mrs. Christensen has a B.A. degree from Brigham Young University in Communications. She and her husband, Dr. John Christensen, have nine children in a "yours, mine and ours" family. They have five grandchildren.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER (Cedar City, Utah) **Elder Kent D. Watson** of the Second Quorum of the Seventy of the LDS Church spoke at a fireside sponsored by the chapter on Sunday, March 27th at the Rock Church. The Master Singers furnished music for the program, as well.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah). The April meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held at Staheli's in Washington.

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to **Vanessa Flint of Millcreek High School**. In addition, \$500.00 Scholarship Awards were given to six other graduating seniors from local high schools. Those who received awards were selected from applicants who best exemplified, through specific acts, the ideals and character traits of the pioneers, including faith, courage, endurance, and family values, and by overcoming obstacles and demonstrating adequate scholarly ability for success in college.

Those awarded and their schools are: Andrew Justvig, Desert Hills H.S.; Kyla Mercier, Dixie H.S.; Jandi Hansen, Enterprise H.S.; Peter Heredia, Millcreek; Tyrel Cox, Pine View H.S.; Riley Pearce, Snow Canyon H.S.

In addition to scholarship presentations and acknowledgments from the recipients, **Douglas Alder**, past president of Dixie College and noted area historian, spoke to those in attendance. He told the history of education in the area from the first school at Encampment Mall to the present, and the sacrifices and dedication of both instructors and students in the

early years. In his remarks he stressed the importance of continuous learning throughout our lives to keep abreast of the explosion in technology and other circumstances in the world.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by **Linda Bray**, who sang two songs she composed, "One More Step" and "The Wind is Blowing Through the Sage."

HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah). The Holladay Chapter held their monthly meeting at the National Headquarters building on April 8. **Ninety-one members and guests** attended and enjoyed a roast beef dinner.

The guest speakers were **Loren G. and Annette Burton** (below), public affairs missionaries to the Middle East, who recently returned from a mission to **Egypt**. Prior to their mission to the Middle East, they served as Public Affairs



Missionaries in Nauvoo, as well as Mission President in the Naga Philippines Mission. Brother Burton worked as the Granite School District Superintendent for ten years. The Burton's are the parents of 8 children and 34 grandchildren.

The Burton's presented their program as a team, each covering different aspects of their mission. The subject of their program was "**What are the inroads of the Church in the Middle East?**" Their mission was a non-proselytizing mission. They were not allowed to make any contact or take any action that would appear as if they were trying to convert someone. The LDS Church in

Egypt is not a recognized church or charity by the government. Even Latter-Day Saints Charities had no visas in the years 2009-2011. Much of the Church's efforts must be channeled through organizations that the government recognizes, such as the International Red Cross and Catholic Charities.

The Burtons talked about shopping at the world famous bazaar (Kahn El Khalili) for materials to complete their humanitarian projects. The **local LDS branches**, which are very, and few in numbers, accomplished many projects, including service to a leper colony and the Shubra street-child project where wheel- chairs, dolls and even goats were made available to children in need. **Operation Smile** was another project where surgeons and LDS Church personnel volunteered time and professional talents to help children with cleft palates and lips.

It was also noted that ancient Egyptian history indicates that they believed in eternal life. Today, Egypt has no religious tolerance, as Islam is the state religion. During the recent uprising, there was no freedom of the press or speech. Bro. and Sis. Burton were evacuated from the country at the very last moment by the Church during the recent uprising against the government.

Chapter President Pete Riches presented the Burtons a plaque and a one-year subscription to "**Pioneer Magazine**" in appreciation for their very informative presentation.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley Southwest, Utah). In the April chapter meeting, members and spouses heard from **Chad Orton** (right), who gave a presentation about the wives and families of early missionaries. They included the following: William and Mary Bennion, George and Catharine Stevens, Heber C. and



Vilate Kimball, William and Olive Bean, Brigham and Mary Ann Young, Antone and Sanie Lund, Joseph Smith and Elizabeth Tanner, and Clorinda and John Schmutz. Bro. Orton talked of the financial hardships and difficulty of keeping up the farms. In one case the wife planted her wheat late and was told by others it would not grow, being planted too late. But as it turned out, the crickets destroyed the wheat from the other settlers, while her late crop was the only one that survived. Bro. Orton's presentation included many pictures of the missionary wives.

On April 7th the chapter went on a trek to see the **Carl Bloch art exhibit** on the BYU Campus. This was the first trek for the chapter in quite some time and it was truly enjoyed by those who participated. Other treks are now being planned.

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah). At the March meeting, chapter members enjoyed a fun-filled historical snapshot of Camp Floyd, the official camp of the U.S. Army during the famous Utah War and for some years afterward. A group called the **Friends of Camp Floyd**, represented by **Mike Moon and Russ Felt** (shown in period uniforms in the picture below), explained their



efforts to preserve this piece of Utah history. Efforts are underway to acquire land in the area, to develop full-time historical activities, and to have a museum to keep and show memorabilia of the Camp, mostly now kept at Ft. Douglas.

Among historical information shared by the Friends of Camp Floyd were that 78 officers who served at Camp Floyd became generals in the Civil War, in both the armies of the North and the South, including the Surgeon General of the Confederate Army. More than 400 buildings at one time existed in Camp Floyd in the Cedar Valley area.

MILLS CHAPTER (Southwest Salt Lake City, Utah). Speakers for the March meeting were **Wayne and Janet Chamberlain** (below). They



told a remarkable story of a twenty-month mission traveling through major cities of Europe for the Church to display an exhibit of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. A unique walk-through trailer was constructed for their exhibit with photo samples of the scrolls for the public to view.

Missionaries and members of the Church assisted the Chamberlains in each European city where the displays were set up, usually near LDS chapels or mission facilities.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER (Riverton, Utah). At the April 27 meeting, **Martin S. Tanner**, author, radio commentator, attorney and LDS apologist spoke to the members.

ROOSEVELT CHAPTER (Roosevelt, Utah). The monthly meeting of the Roosevelt chapter of SUP was held on March 17th. **Betty and Chad Evans**, long-time residents of Roosevelt, were our speakers for the evening.

Betty shared a number of experiences from the life of her grandmother. One story she related was about when her grandmother had President Joseph F. Smith, 6th president of the church, as an unexpected overnight guest in her home.

Chad related experiences about when he and Betty served a mission in New Zealand.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah). The Chapter recently presented scholarships to several students from the Stansbury Park area. Here is a letter the Chapter received from one of their recipients:

“I, **Sergio Chavarria**, would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to shine and change my life the way I wanted. I have just started my first semester at Salt Lake Community College, which I will be attending to complete my goals. “The goals I have set for myself are good in many ways, but I have to work hard for them. My goal is to get myself through college and hopefully have a great life with my family. I have always dreamed of having a good life and to help out others just like you have. As a young man in high school, I messed up many times and in many ways. “I would like to stay a couple of years at SLCC and after transfer to a four year degree school. I want to attend either the University of Utah or Utah State University. I want to major in technology engineering. I just wanted to let you know I really admire what you do for your community. You really help people see for what they really want in life. You have opened many doors for all kinds of people, and I can say I’m very grateful for your help. My intentions are what keep me motivated to accomplish every single one of my goals. Since I admire what you do, I will stay motivated in school to prove to you that my intentions in life and school are serious.”

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER (Tooele, Utah) Sixteen people attended the

Chapter Trek to the **Museum of Church History and Art** (below) in Salt Lake City on



April 11. The many exhibits were enjoyed by all. Lunch at Chuck-a-Rama was an additional treat.

At the monthly Chapter meeting, **Sharalyn Howcraft** presented a slide show discussing how the intermingling of finances between the Church’s funds and the personal funds of Joseph and Emma Smith created tension between Emma and some of the Brethren, especially after Joseph’s death. However, Emma consistently explained to the press and to other visitors that she never renounced Joseph or the religion he founded.

The Chapter is preparing the Pioneer Museum for the summer season. A cleaning day is scheduled before the official opening on May 6.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield, Utah) At the March dinner meeting, **Durward Wadsworth** shared the history of the **Arizona Strip area**. The information was excellent and well presented. The Arizona Strip was one of the last frontiers in the United States. Durward, a member of the Hurricane Chapter, was a school teacher and knows how to tell a story.

SUGARHOUSE CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) **Kerry and Lisa Boren**, authors of *Butch Cassidy, The Untold Story* spoke at the chapter’s March meeting. Kerry’s family had personal connections with the infamous outlaw that added

new information to the continuing saga of Butch Cassidy.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah). The March program consisted of a biography of Hiram Dayton presented by **John Simmons**, and ice-breakers by two new members of the Temple Fork Chapter, Robert D. Pyle and Pat Barney.

As presented by Bro. Simmons, Hiram Dayton opened his recollections with the following statement: “I received the Gospel of the Latter Day Saints in the year 1832. Myself and wife were baptized by the Prophet Joseph Smith. I was at that time living at Parkman, Ohio. My persecutions were so heavy that I could not live there long. My friends and neighbors destroyed my property, and twice laid plans to take my life. When I left Parkman with my wife and nine children, I was forced to sell my farm for \$500. It was sold three years later for \$5,000.”

Bro. Simmons commented: “I have made an attempt to compare dollar values of the 1830-40 period to present values. With others, I have concluded that there is no exact conversion but the following may help you put things in perspective. An Internet site that attempts to relate the cost price index at various times calculates that an 1835 dollar had the purchasing power of 31 current U.S. dollars. It might also give you pause to know that a bit more than \$20 in the 1830s would buy an ounce of gold.”

The presentation followed Hiram Dayton and his family through Nauvoo to Utah, where they eventually settled in Cedar Fort. Descendants are found in Cache Valley and throughout Utah.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) At the recent Chapter meeting, **Jerry and Linda Jex** (right) made a presentation about their recent temple mission to the **Manila Philippines Temple**. Both Jerry and Linda shared their time to help us learn more about the Philippines and its people. Their work in the temple involved long and hard work with up to 12-hour shifts. Linda indicated that the Church is the same in the Philippines as it is here. The women there are great seamstresses and make

very beautiful clothes. They also are skilled at making jewelry. Pearls are very common and inexpensive there. Most people speak English as well as one or more of their own 75 languages and dialects. The people of the Philippines are very poor compared to our standards, yet they take advantage of opportunities to learn whenever they can, and they are very well versed in the scriptures. The people love to work and work very hard. They also love to dance and really enjoy sharing their talents and their love for others. Jerry indicated the members of the Church there are very dedicated. Often they would be lined up out to the parking lot to attend the temple. The Manila Temple, built the same time as the Boise Temple, is getting older and the climate conditions as well as the air pollution are taking a toll on it. **They have to white-wash the temple every 6 months to cover up the gray from the pollution.** The Angel Moroni has a grey covering that must be removed every 6 months. Church leaders are trying to decide whether to remodel the temple or to rebuild it.

The city of Manila is very crowded and the air pollution is terrible. You can smell the diesel in the air all the time. Two traffic rules are critical to know: 1) “Yield to the bigger vehicle”, and 2) “Fill in the void” (the space between vehicles). The Philippine people generally have rice at every meal and their diet is very poor. They also have **one of the wonders of the world in the Banaue Rice Terraces**. Jerry showed a map of the trail of the Bataan Death March during World War II. He spent a few minutes to talk about this and its deadly results.





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

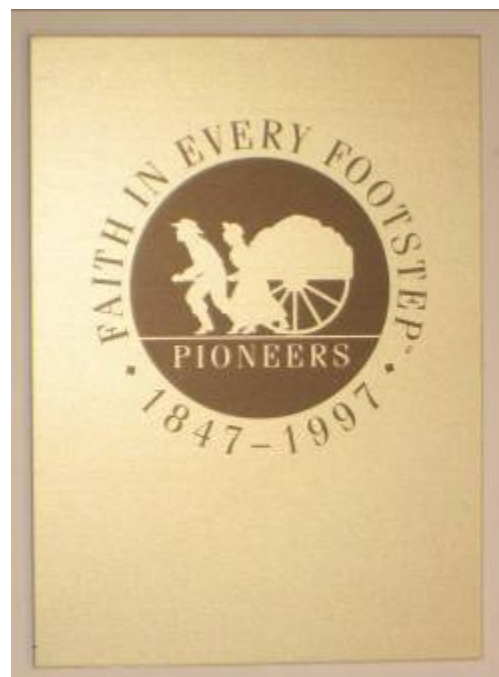
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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.		
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: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

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

Shipping Information (If Different):

Name _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____