

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUP Brethren.

This is the month we enjoy Thanksgiving, when we turn our thoughts to all we have to be thankful for. Looking ahead, we are presenting a tribute to SUP Veterans on November 11, Veterans' Day, at National Headquarters, 2:00 p.m. for all SUP members, family, and friends. We will have a nice program which will include President Larry V. Lunt, 1st Counselor in the Salt Lake Temple Presidency, retired Air Force Brigadier General, Utah Air National Guard, and life member of SUP. Music will be presented by Clive Romney. Please join us in this special program to honor our own veterans.

Let's take a look back at October to the National Convention in St. George. Those (300 plus) who attended had a wonderful time. I would like to ask our SUP members five questions, and I would like an answer from you to me:

- 1. If you didn't attend the convention, why not?
- 2. What can we do to help you attend in the future?
- 3. Should the National Convention be done away with?
- 4. Would you be more likely to attend a Regional Convention?
- 5. Would an alternating convention (Regional and National) be appealing?

We also discussed at the Convention if the SUP should add a museum to its organization:

- 1. Would you support the addition of a museum to the National SUP?
- 2. Would you be willing to help with a financial donation?
- 3. Would you be willing to support with a physical donation, such as pioneer memorabilia?

We also presented the possibility of four new types of chapters at the Convention:

- 1. Family Chapters
- 2. Hybrid Chapters
- 3. Family Association Chapters
- 4. Specialized Chapters

We have organized the Sanpete County Chapter, our third new chapter this year. New chapters we will finish organizing this year are: Stansbury Park; Pocatello, Idaho; and Glendora, California.

Hope to see all of you at the Veterans' Day program.

Happy SUP-ing!

Dil Strasser 2010 SUP National President thesassers@hotmail.com



NATIONAL NEWS

Send national news to: rogerflick@comcast.net

Don't forget the Veteran's Day Program at the National Headquarters on Nov. 11, 2 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

John Lynn Edrington,

Ogden Pioneer Chapter (new)

Daniel C Green,

at large (new)

Dave A. Reed,

Twenty Wells Chapter (new)

Albert Gerrit Bottema, Jr.,

Settlement Canyon Chapter (was annual)

John W. Smith,

Canyon Rim Chapter (was annual)

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Jeffrey H. Barnes,

Temple Fork Chapter

Richard Brown Best,

Ogden Pioneer Chapter

Philip B Johnson,

Roosevelt Chapter

Sidney J. Atkin,

Cotton Mission Chapter

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Donald J. Rosenberg,

Settlement Canyon, 10/19/10

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 11, Veterans Day Program, 2:00 p.m. at HQ Building.
- December 14, National Executive Board Christmas Dinner Program at HQ Building. Details forthcoming.

Conventional Reflections

The 2010 Sons of Utah Pioneers National Convention held in St George Utah, October 21-23, 2010

By C. Ronald VanLeuven, SUP Executive Manager

Convention conjures different thoughts to different people. As the Executive Manager of the Sons of Utah Pioneers I have a unique position and have leveraged that position to give my thoughts and activities and still attempt to give a report of the convention activities.

I loaded up our car with all kinds of SUP and convention handouts, forms, etc, and then we left. We dreaded the thought of the Utah County Core project, as did all those who needed to go through that gauntlet. Our president, Dil Strasser, uniquely solved the problem by taking Redwood Road from Saratoga Springs down the west side of Utah Lake and saw maybe 12 cars. Those of the non-enlightened rest of us saw that many cars every second of the hour plus drive on the east side of the Lake. We all knew we couldn't expect anything on the east side and we got it.. Very reminiscent of the experience Hyrum Smith related in our closing meeting of joining a reenactment group in wagons and handcarts. Hyrum and his wife enjoyed the activities of the evening: eating, dancing, and singing. The next morning they heard someone ringing a bell. Who would ring a bell at 4:00 AM?!! This was serious bell ringing; it was time to arise! They were routed out of bed, rounded up cattle, put away their sleeping gear, hitched the horses, fixed breakfast, ate, and cleaned up. They were on their way at 7:00 AM. They crossed streams, fought flies, trudged along, and finally at 4:00 PM they stopped. Hyrum asked the wagon

master how far they'd gone, expecting a good distance: 11 miles!! Only 11 miles! Other days provided more distance. Later he flew over the trail at 640 MPH. How quickly those ten days travel passed by at 30,000 feet.

The Utah County experience, we live in Lehi, wearied us after a day of work so we stopped in Beaver for the night. The next morning we ate breakfast, traveled to St George, and my wife deposited me at the St George East Stake Center for a meeting of the board.

Prior to the convention and at the time of inception we had not considered it or the generated ideas as part of the convention; we had set up a strategic committee under the guidance of Wayne Pace to look at the future of the SUP. We sent out a questionnaire and learned some interesting things, some I'll cover here; others will pop up in other ways and forms of communication.

During the board meeting, the liveliest and most animated I'd seen. We talked about the Dixie Encampment Chapter who has some 30-40 year olds and some 60-90 year olds, some of the regular type of members with some that were not regular: the patriarchs and the kids.. How to serve? The regular members like meetings, gets you out of the house and into a social experience with good food and a good speaker. The nonregular members had more outing opportunities than they could handle. Meeting? How about 9:30 AM? If we have to have one, why can't we do it by email? Now what? After calming everyone down we decided and passed a new concept: Wayne Pace as Chapter President would seek out ways to engage this non-regular group of young men as an associative venture. What he does will minimally impact our regular members. They will still have their meetings with dinner, a speaker, and social involvement. The non-regular members will try various things to find out what works with them.

Now that we had the juices warmed up we went into our training session and Dil broke the group up into smaller groups asking for their views on many topics that we had gathered or that the questionnaire generated. I'll give an example or two: should we take on the role of a museum, we had already accepted a major Pony Express donation. Immediately a brother jumped up and said he had a collection he wanted in the SUP Museum! Well, that got us off to a rousing discussion of museums and other matters, conventions, membership. We'll have wait for a more formal report on the meeting before we can make any further comments.

While the men had a lively time with business, Clive Romney entertained the women with his pioneer music and tales. They also listened to Roland Lee, Julie Rogers, and Jolene Allphin.

Dinner at the Dixie Center that evening turned out more sedate. We ate we enjoyed. Mayor Daniel D. McArthur gave us a fascinating verbal tour of St George, its people and culture. Then Dr Douglas D. Alder, former Dixie College president and former St George Temple president spoke on history around St George. During dinner we enjoyed some Old Time music from Abe Young, Clay Benos, Ann and Nolan Lowe, Jim Thorley, and Emil Whitney.

After heavy rain during the night (Dil claimed we had Camelot: rained at night and not during the day), we had a cloudy but, for the most part, a non-rainy tour schedule. We all boarded buses and went around the area visiting historical sites with commentary from local people who knew



the area well. (The pictures show the inside of the Tabernacle, above, as we awaited a historical

performance and the uncovered foundation of Fort Harmony, below.)



Our bus driver on our tour left us all in awe. He took us places where some cars fear to tread. He turned on a dime. What a driver. We don't know if the other tours had such a great experience. That evening we enjoyed a Dutch oven dinner in the St George Cultural Arts building, with a Dutch oven dinner I envision an under the stars meal but fortunately we had it in our of the rain and cold, with a great performance by the Southern Utah Heritage Choir in the nearby tabernacle.

Saturday we renewed our discussions on where the SUP should go. We had a lot of discussion in the strategic committee and in the business meeting. We did transaction some business during the business meeting: We elected Dick Christianson as our new president elect. He was opposed by a capable 30-40 year old. I guess the old timers weren't quite ready for a young whippersnapper yet. The time will come and we must change. Eric the other contender missed his grandfathers funeral to attend, what dedication, we'll see great things from this young man surpassing what he has already done.

While the meen discussed the women enjoyed a great meeting our host had prepared for them.

Dinner. The Mormon Battalion presented the colors at this meeting and the Opening meeting. Hyrum Smith addressed us as we mentioned earlier. Then he clarified how we spend our time.

"Choice" will direct what we do. The Pioneers had few choices and they had a lot of time. Now we have many choices; we don't have much discretionary time. I thought I'd have a lot of time after I retired, wrong, too many choices suddenly crowded in upon me. Let's go forward making the proper choices and enjoy life; we won't get another chance in this life.



On the way home we enjoyed a good trip, saw a lovely double rainbow and cruised easily through Utah County.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES OF THE CONVENTION



Ladies Breakout Session



Slide presentation by Glenn Price



Registration (Ernie Maes, Nellie Roland, Shauna Niederhauser)



Dil & Diane Strasser, St. George Mayor Daniel D. McArthur at the Opening Ceremonies Dinner



A family band playing at the Opening Ceremonies Dinner



A variety of art work displayed at convention



Fascinating artwork



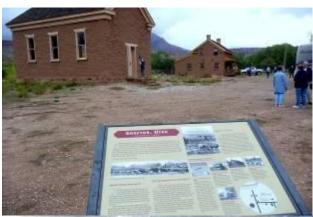
A group at one of the tours



Opening Ceremony Dinner



Toquerville Marker



In Honor of Chief Toques

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How Toquerville got its name.



Night-time view of St. George Square



All the Past Presidents in attendance. Roger Flick, Booth Maycock, Jay Smith, Kent Lott, Louis Pickett, Alan Luke, and William Critchlow, III



Hyrum Smith giving his presentation at the closing ceremony luncheon



Dil Strasser presenting our new President Elect for 2011, Dick Christiansen with his wife Marcia.

CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BEAR RIVER (Tremonton, Utah) At the last chapter dinner meeting **Lamont Richards** (below) spoke about and performed on a



collection of harmonicas. He said that he was given one by his parents as a Christmas present when he was a child. He had no instructions so all he ever did with it was make sounds. Later, when he was in the army, he purchased a harmonica and a book from the PX and with the instruction book he learned to play by covering some of the holes with his tongue and to either push air out or to suck it in. Soon he was making real music. He has performed many programs and has acquired a large variety of harmonicas. He showed the group how to play as he demonstrated many of his instruments. His smallest one is only one inch long but he played beautifully with it. The group enjoyed singing along with him as he played some fun old time favorites.

(Announcement: Bear River is a new chapter with new SUP members. Some wish to collect medallions and ask that any individual or chapter having any extra from 2007 and earlier to please let Chapter Pres. Steve Pickett know. steve.pickett@besd.net)

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The September 16th chapter meeting featured **Duane** and Sharon Hiatt (below) who shared a



program of music and stories of the LDS pioneers and the old west. Duane has been Director of Communications for the Division of Continuing Education at BYU, a writer for the "The Spoken Word", author of the book Overcoming Personal Loss, composer of the Primary song "Follow the Prophet" and for 16 years a professional entertainer in the musical and comedy group: "The Three D's". Sharon has a degree in music education from the BYU, was a member of the university's renowned A cappella Choir and has performed in musical theater. For the program the Hiatts performed vocal music as well as keyboard, guitar, and harmonica. (Many of the songs were about Brigham Young as well as about Duane's great grandparents.) They related how the song "Follow the Prophet" came about. Duane told several stories about the pioneers and the old west.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The chapter learned some of the story of **Torleif S. Knaphus** as told by his grandson, **David Humphrey**. David related the story of his grandfather's birth in Norway, of his baptism and moving to Utah. His name may not be known by many but his work is recognized by many. He was the sculptor who made the

Handcart Monument located on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. He created the statue of the Angel Moroni that is on the Hill Cumorah. One of his art works can be seen on the grounds of the City and County Building in Salt Lake City. It depicts two children looking at the flag. He also created many other church and community art works. As David related the story it was recognized that Torleif was an amazing man and that as his work is viewed by chapter members in the future it will be with added respect for the artist.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) On September 11th volunteers from "St. George Live" gave the chapter a special tour. To begin the tour Jacob Hamblin (Bob Thornley) talked about his conversion to the church. He told about the saints being expelled from Nauvoo and the trip west to SLC. He settled in Tooele before moving to Santa Clara in 1854. He spoke of his relationship with the Indians and the trust they developed with him.

The next stop on the tour was at the Tabernacle where the group was met by two early leaders of St. George. Orson Pratt (Leonard Stevenson) talked about the trek west and the difficulty determining the distance traveled each day. He designed an odometer that was mounted on a wagon wheel. He was also given the responsibility from Brigham Young to lay out the streets of Salt Lake City and St. George. Erastus Snow (Jay Page) talked about the beginning of the Cotton Mission and the 309 families that were sent to St. George in 1861. He

then told about the building of the tabernacle.

The group then went to the court house where Judge
John Menzies Macfarlane
(Kay Brinkerhoff) presided
(right). He told the group of his varied background which included surveyor, director of the local choir, and judge. He also wrote
"Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains". The judge then

called the court to order. After a short trial, the jury found **Ernie Maes** guilty of water theft and the judge passed sentence.

The last stop was the Brigham Young home where **Brigham Young** (**Jay Beacham**) gave some of his background. He talked about the building of the tabernacle and temple and finished with a report of the coming of the **telegraph** which helped him keep in touch with Salt Lake City while he was in St. George.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The chapter again set up their famous **root beer booth** (below) and had a brisk business at this



year's **Peach Day Celebration.** This is an annual event and gives participants a chance to renew acquaintances and stir up fond memories. It also adds to the chapter bank account. The customers are pleased with the portions and with the low cost so they come to the celebration year after year if for no other reason than to enjoy the



root beer. A number of chapter members help out and, even though it is a lot of work, they enjoy the project. **DeVon Armstrong** chairs the booth and does a good job of putting it all together and seeing that it all runs well.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt



Lake Valley)
Buddy Youngren
(left) was the guest
speaker at the
October dinner
meeting. His
subject was the
love story of
Joseph and Emma
Smith. Joseph met
Emma Hale when
he arrived in

Harmony to work for Josiah Stowell, an acquaintance of the Hale family. They fell in love and Joseph twice asked Isaac Hale for permission to marry Emma, but he refused. They went away to South Bainbridge and were married without her father's permission. Her father refused to accept Joseph and denied the couple entry into his home. Emma never again saw her parents. Buddy's message was mostly about the trials and hardships that Emma suffered as she followed Joseph and as they had children, most of who died in infancy. Hard times were seen by the couple as they were living at the **John Johnson** home. There Joseph was dragged out of the home and tarred and feathered. Due to exposure that night one of their children became ill and died. While Joseph was held in the Liberty jail, Emma, with two babies in her arms and two at her skirts, walked across Missouri, finally crossing the frozen Mississippi to refuge in Quincy, Illinois. She was not only a great support to Joseph, but also gave much to the church and to its members. Her love for Joseph was demonstrated by what she suffered for him and the church.

A large percent of the chapter members participated in the annual "Pumpkin Walk" service project sponsored by the West Jordan Museum. This was held on October 16th and was a very popular family activity.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The chapter was joined by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers at the September dinner meeting and together they enjoyed a message about the journey of the Mormon Battalion given by Bob Welti. Mr. Welti was passionate about the subject and expressed his opinion about future media coverage of that epic journey. He told how the saints were destitute after being driven out of Nauvoo and without means to make the trek to the Rocky Mountains. When an officer from the U.S. Army came to enlist men to participate in the war against Mexico Brigham Young encouraged eligible men to accept the call and promised them that they would not be required to fire their weapons against any enemy. A majority of the money received by the men was given to the main body of the saints to make it possible for them to proceed on their migration to the West. The Battalion walked to Santa Fe and then on to San Diego where most were mustered out of the army. Some of the men worked their way north and obtained work at **Sutter's Mill** where gold was discovered. They eventually made their way to the Salt Lake valley after a very long walk. In addition to his report on the Mormon Battalion, Mr. Welti entertained the group with humorous stories about the early days of television.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) Pianist Jason Call delighted those attending the October chapter meeting as he played a program of soothing music. Dr. Stanley Beus was then introduced as the guest speaker who gave an interesting report about the Honeymoon Trail. Dr. Beus is enthusiastic and well acquainted with the Grand Canyon, as he taught at the Northern Arizona **University** for 35 years. The Grand Canyon was an extension of the university and served as a "marvelous outdoor laboratory". He said he has walked most of the Honeymoon Trail. The trail was used by couples who lived in Northern Arizona who traveled to **St. George, Utah** to be married in the temple. These saints traveled from water hole to water hole with stops at such places as Moenkopi, Hopi Village, Bitter Springs, past Rachel's Pool, Johnson, Page Spring, Buckskin Mountain, Kanab, Pipe Springs and on to St. George. This is a very interesting story

of life in the early days of Mormon settlement in Northern Arizona and Southern Utah.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) The guest speaker at the September dinner meeting was Dean C. Jessee. He gave an update and summary of the Church's program of gathering and publishing the vast historical documentation on the life and ministry of the **Prophet Joseph** Smith. He said that some historical figures are "abused" by historians because the full accounts of their lives are not available. To avoid the same treatment of Joseph Smith it was decided to collect and publish all of the worthy documents available from his writings and his life. An enormous effort has been and is underway to collect from institutional and private sources a huge amount of papers in the project known as the **Joseph Smith Papers.** As of this date two volumes have been published and the work continues. Mr. Jessee said that "without records there isn't any history; and without history there isn't any memory; and without memory there isn't any motivation."

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) In September members of the chapter traveled to Cove Fort and enjoyed a tour of the fort and surrounding buildings. They particularly enjoyed touring the large barn which is a replica of the original one. It has 13 stalls which could accommodate 26 horses. Many of the horses stalled there when the fort was in use belonged to the stage coach company. The company used 8 to 12 per day depending on the condition of the roads. The fresh horses replaced the tired ones when the stage coach arrived two times each day. Ira Hinckley was an accomplished blacksmith and the group enjoyed seeing the replica of the shop (below) he used as he fitted shoes for



horses and to make and repair various implements. It is believed that the bellows in the blacksmith shop are the original ones.

From Cove Fort the group traveled to the **Fremont Indian State Park** located east of Cove Fort just off from Interstate 70. They toured the museum and walked on several of the trails that led to the **Indian rock art panels.** The park has 697 rock art panels and the museum houses Utah's largest Fremont site excavation artifact collection.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah)
Participants at the September dinner meeting learned about the **Mountain Men** from **Tim**

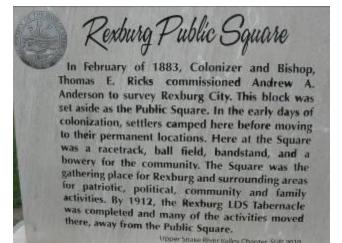


Hoper. Tim came dressed in his deer skin outfit, coon hat and many of the tools and supplies used by those hardy men who lived in the West before the great migration of civilization. Tim had a small ax which was used by the mountain men. He also had his black powder rifle. He said that he made his own black powder. Tim spoke of the era of these men and of the interaction they had with the early pioneers who came to the Utah Territory.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) At a recent meeting of the chapter Stuart Howell spoke about the Civil War and more specifically about the Battle of Gettysburg. Stuart taught history in the secondary schools for 23 years. He said that the Civil War was the great turning point in American history and defined us as a people. It was the first war ever photographed. He presented a ten minute video of the war called "Images of the Civil War." It was a chronology

of Civil War photos with narration. He also displayed maps which laid out the battle strategies. There were 10 million participants in the war with the southern soldiers out numbering the northern four to one. He gave an account of the battle of Gettysburg including the names of the generals involved and their positions and arms. He described the battle engagements and movements of armies, the famous Pickett's Charge, the bayonet charge, and their casualties and losses. The Confederate soldiers had elephant guns with 59 caliber mini-balls. The Federals had repeating rifles and cannons, which added to the death and din. A major advantage for the North was the fact that they were defending from high ground and the Confederates were being destroyed piecemeal as they drove multiple attacks.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Utah) On September 16th the chapter held both a dinner meeting and a dedication service for the "Rexburg Public Square Monument", which is located at Porter Park in Rexburg. Those participating in the dedication are shown left to right (below): Harvy Jackman, Ron Gibb, Richard Woodland (Rexburg Mayor), Dil Strasser (National SUP President), Mark Ricks, Bill Eckersell, Lynn Smith (Chapter President) and Gordon Timothy.



The inscription on the monument (above) tells of the significance of the location. The dedication service included a welcome by **Chapter President Lynn Smith**, **presentation of the colors by Ron Gibb and Color Guard**, **Opening Prayer by Harvy Jackman**, a **Brief History of the square by Bill Eckersell and the Dedication by Mark Ricks**.

President Dill Strasser was a special guest and spoke at the dinner meeting. He said we need to work at bringing in younger members. We need to pass on the pioneer heritage to future generations. He invited suggestions on how we can move the organization foreword. He suggested that one positive movement would be to encourage regional SUP activities.



"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.

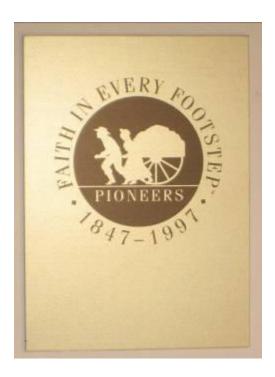
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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

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		Silver	\$35		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Bronze	\$5		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		
	2009	Gold	\$30		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
Golden Spike		Silver, Gold	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
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		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		\$				\$
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^{*}Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

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