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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“We are doing a great work and cannot come down!” (adapted from Neh. 6:3)

At our last convention business meetings the question again came up as to what National SUP does for us. Answering it again here may not put it to rest, but at least we can put it in its eternal perspective and provide a place of reference for others who may ask again. Those familiar with the many facets of SUP can readily come up with an extensive and very impressive list-- and doing so serves to magnify our appreciation for SUP, its mission and its great work.



SUP Mission But before providing a long list of what SUP provides, one of greater consideration ought to be extensively heralded. Perhaps the most important thing SUP does for us is to teach and provide means to accomplish the SUP mission: **to turn our hearts to our fathers.** Remembering and honoring our pioneer ancestors is only fully accomplished when our hearts are fully turned to our fathers-- in keeping with the commandment: “Ye MUST come to a knowledge of your fathers” (Mmn. 7:5, caps added). We cannot stress or teach this enough, so we add Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith’s proclamation: “It remains the responsibility of each individual to know his kindred dead...Even if the [temple] work is done, then it is still each person’s responsibility to study and become acquainted with his ancestors” (Ensign, July 2009, p. 35). That means we reach beyond the veil in more ways than one-- and in the right way. This alone is reason enough for the Brethren to continually encourage us in our great work, and to extend SUP to others.

Is it any wonder then why Michael Kennedy in this last SUP Convention called upon SUP to help bridge the rift between the Joseph Smith and Brigham Young families? The mission of SUP can greatly help in accomplishing that-- plus many other marvelous works and wonders.

SUP Memorializations One of the greatest ways in providing this mission is SUP Memorializations: writing and submitting histories and paying fees to have each ancestor’s name placed on plaques at the SUP headquarters. Although this may seem like a trivial thing, it none the less is honoring, transforming and exalting in more ways than one. It provides a means of turning our hearts to our fathers in a unique and marvelous dimension not otherwise obtained, if we are receptive to it. It is also monument building-- a task with which SUP has been charged by Elder Ballard at our 2010 Symposium.

Treks Another of the many important things that SUP does for us is to provide Treks. Here again the same thing happens, especially if we use them to turn our hearts. One special SUP convention trek

connected me with the other side of the veil in turning my heart to my pioneer ancestors-- and other treks continue to add to it.

Dinner Meetings My heart turns to my fathers in SUP dinner meetings. It's in the dinner meetings-- the keynote speakers and the vignettes-- where we experience the pioneering stories of others that we are moved to more fully see the hand of the Lord, and learn what His dealings are with His covenant people, and that what He has done for them He will also do for us. That is exactly what the scriptures are, as specifically stated in the "Introduction" of the Book of Mormon. And all the other sets of scriptures do the same, for they consist of pioneer stories of how the Lord brings Israel to the covenant. Thus, SUP dinner meetings provide "scriptures" for us to study and become acquainted with our ancestors in a most wonderful way. I have felt it, and as I have experienced these pioneer stories I have come closer to my own ancestors and to know them more fully-- my heart turns to them. In addition, National is part of the overhead which provides the chapter dinner meetings in more indirect ways. It is through National that new chapters are established, trained, supported and directed-- as is currently taking place for a new chapter in Sacramento, and all those Dil has been successful in starting up this past year. And we have found that without National SUP, most chapters would sooner or later die out. I am grateful to Jay Smith who started my Maple Mt. Chapter when he was National SUP president.

National SUP Conventions Just like LDS Conferences, SUP conventions provide a special spirit and experiences that help greatly to turn our hearts to our fathers-- only in somewhat of a different format and dimension. SUP encampment conventions are specifically pioneering, bringing us, turning us, to our fathers-- each one adding a little more, line upon line, here a little and there a little, the more we attend. Our heart felt thanks goes out to the Holladay chapter for hosting another wonderful convention. I connected, it turned my heart.

Sanctification Tools, etc. Now there is a strange one for you, but in a unique way, SUP provides the means for spending money on dues, fees, treks, SUP Memorializations, monuments, conventions, etc., which serve to sanctify us, as well as strengthen us in pioneering principles in the covenant. Just as tithes and offerings are eternal spiritual principles which sanctify and prove us, so it is with SUP, our sacrificing-- our money, time, etc. It provides the same results when spent in accordance with the law of consecration-- by the Spirit, in pioneering unto the covenant.

The List Goes On Another is monuments. SUP has taught me that monuments help to bring me to my fathers. Is it any wonder that Elder Ballard gave us a charge to build monuments? I am still working on that one; and pondering the commandment given to Israel to build a monument at the crossing of the Jordan at Gilgal (Josh. 4:21), for their posterity to use to turn their hearts to their fathers; and "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord" (Josh. 4:24). And the wonderful part about it is: it works!

Adding to the list, is the: SUP Library, a must in providing Memorializations; SUP office services and overhead; SUP web page & internet; tax deductible status for all personal and chapter contributions and expenses, including conventions, symposiums, Days of 47 activities, etc.; Pioneer Magazine; Trail Marker; National training, organizing and guidance in chapter administration (without which even more chapters would die on the vine); chapter meetings and events to learn from others; forms and materials for all the above; national leadership visits to our chapters to assist and encourage (although this expense comes out of our own pocket, it is part of National services); speaker lists and suggestions; help in increasing membership; help and guidelines in providing scholarship and essay programs; awards and award programs; medallions; grave markers; establishing chapters; keeping chapters going; providing organization, purpose and direction; and the list goes on. In addition to these more than 20 items, if we

were to take a moment to think and ponder we could come up with even more things National provides for us.

But one more important one is the chance and means to serve our ancestors and others-- to sacrifice in pioneer covenant making, as the Prophet Joseph put it.

In summary, what does SUP do? It is a pioneering wagon that helps bring us to our ancestors, to turn our hearts to them and come to know them, to bring us to the Promise Land, to prepare us for the Millennium to live with our ancestors and with the Savior. The more we use SUP and all that it provides, the more we will come to know our fathers and our God. May the Lord bless us in doing so, and live up to our eternal potential by taking advantage of all the Lord has given us through SUP. And may He bless us in sharing it with others that they too may experience the joy we experience in SUP. We are doing a great work and cannot come down!

(Now, chances are, that most of those who ask the question, do not read the Trail Markers. So we may need to print off copies of this message to give to those who ask what SUP does for us.)

Larry La Mar Adams
2011 National SUP President

2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

- Oct. 4-11 **SUP Early Church History Trek, Vermont to Kirtland** For details, go to <http://www.sonsofusahpioneers.org/2011/02/registration-open-for-fall-church-history-trek/>
- 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

NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY

By Jan Tolman

If you are a pioneer descendant and you didn't attend the Sons of the Utah Pioneers (SUP) Convention held Aug. 25-27, in Salt Lake City, you really missed out. The program was full of excellent wholesome entertainment, shaped to inspire you to look back at the great examples that have preceded us in this great valley, and look forward to reconciliation, forgiveness, and prosperity.

The theme for the 2011 National Convention this year was *Eyes Westward*, which took on several

meanings as the program unfolded. Hosted by the Holladay Chapter, the convention was held in Salt Lake City and surrounding areas.

Thursday's speaker, Ted Jacobsen, of Jacobsen Construction, has participated in the building of several temples, including the Nauvoo Temple, the new City Creek project, as well as other major buildings in Salt Lake City, changing the landscape of the city to a more welcoming land to those who come from all over the world to visit and to live.

Friday, the conventioners took several tours discovering the history of this great valley: Antelope Island, the Cathedral of the Madeline, Masonic Temple, the open pit copper mine, and the Temple granite quarry site, just to name a few places. At the evening dinner event, the speakers were the organizers of the Joseph Smith

Jr. and Emma Hale Smith Historical Society, and the past President of the Brigham Young Family Association.

This was an interesting program where the topic centered on The Rift between Emma Smith and Brigham Young. Most of us are familiar with the feelings of Emma at the time of the Martyrdom. She had reached the end of endurance and refused to come out west. Brigham Young promised he would care for her, but their relationship, never dear, was strained even more when he assumed responsibility for the Church. Her surviving sons, eventually recruited by the Reorganized LDS Church, served as its leaders. As the generations came along, family members were taught that Brigham Young had assumed control wrongly, even participating in the Martyrdom. He was an enemy to the family. As well, the family learned to keep secret their connection to Joseph Smith Jr.

Gracia Jones (the first baptized member of the Church, since the days of Joseph and Emma) and Michael Kennedy (the first Melchizedek Priesthood holder since that time) found out about their famous ancestor from relatives who vaguely knew about the offending Mormons who went out west. Together, they have organized the Joseph Smith Jr. Family. They have created a pedigree chart tracking the descendants of Joseph and Emma and count only 1100 members of this illustrious family. They feel they have two specific missions to perform: First-To heal the rift between Emma and Brigham, which will help them complete the Second mission-To find each family member, and give them an opportunity to accept the faith of their ancestor.



Robert Clawson Shields and Tammy Simister Robinson, dressed as Brigham Young and Emma Smith, singing "The First to Make the Healing Start", written by Clive Romney.

To commemorate the healing that has taken place, Clive Romney wrote a song where Emma and Brigham sing to one another. Some of the words express the divine nature of forgiveness; something we may all want to consider in our own lives.

But the One who came to earth to heal all rifts
Would have me follow Him and do the same
Be the first to ask forgiveness, to love without condition
And spread peace in His blessed name.

So Father, help me do thy will, so there will be
No empty places at my table near thy throne
Make my lips, hands and heart instruments of thy peace
So all my family may be gathered home!
So all thy family may be gathered home!

Kennedy, with the urging of his wife Darcy, contacted the Brigham Young Family Organization and asked them to write an apology and read it at their 2007 family reunion in Nauvoo, Illinois. Shocked, and perplexed at such a need, the Brigham Young Family turned it over to past president, Mary Ellen Elggren, to write the document. After much thought and prayer, she felt "the words came to me and I was merely taking dictation". She knew that Emma and Brigham were helping and urging that this move be made to bring the families together. It was also discovered that Hyrum's descendants, who followed Brigham west, were separated from Joseph's family, also in need of reconnection. Elggren was invited to read the apology to the Smith Family. Afterward, many from all three families attended the Nauvoo Temple, the temple Joseph built, where they felt the bonds link with those on the other side of the veil. This experience was repeated later, in the summer, in Salt Lake City, during the Young Family reunion where the families joined once again, to experience the healing in the temple that Brigham built.



At the Friday night dinner (above), Kennedy and Jones presented to Elggren (below) a gold



necklace representing the descendants of Joseph and Emma. Hanging from the chain is a replica of the ring Joseph wore when he taught about eternal families.

The Convention ended on Saturday with a fine program by Elaine Carr Brewster, a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She included stories from her own ancestors with a mixture of various unique instruments, including a full-sized folk harp made by her husband. Her message, evoked in a most loving way, centered on the importance of knowing who our ancestors are and recognizing the great acts of faith they performed in our behalf. We were all inspired to gather and write our own family stories for those who continue after us.

Additional speakers carried the theme of Eyes Westward. Elder Ben B. Banks and his wife, serving as Directors of Hosting for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, shared stories of the many Ambassadors, Presidents, and Royalty who have visited Salt Lake City, and enjoyed the warm atmosphere of the people here. Dr. Reid L. Neilson, a Managing Director of the Church History Department, encouraged us to reach out by building bridges to other religions that have pioneer ancestry in this valley. This land was built up to be a refuge

“where none shall come to hurt or make afraid” (words from Come, Come Ye Saints).

Finally, the Governor of Utah, Gary Herbert, spoke. He kept with the running theme that our pioneer ancestors wanted to make this “desert blossom like a rose”, and through hard work, putting their shoulder to the wheel, they did it. We continue this tradition as the state of Utah has become a great place to live topping the national averages for best quality of life, volunteerism, clean air, education, etc.

He spoke of those attending the recent Governor’s Conference, held here in Salt Lake City, being very impressed with the warmth of the people they met. Many of them came with preconceived ideas of “Mormons” and were greatly surprised that none were true. The comment of the day was: Mormons are so nice. You’ve got to get the word out!

Governor Herbert announced a new platform that his wife will be heading up entitled, “Uplift Utah Families.” Even though Utah has a low rate of divorce, and more marriages than any other state, he recognizes that families are in trouble. He and his wife vow to do what they can to influence and help families become strong by maintaining these Utah values of hard work, service, high standards, and educational excellence.

Ted Pierce, Chairman of the Convention, left us with motivating thoughts to continue our own personal quest. Let us do our part in blazing the trail, clearing the path, and making our surroundings better for those coming behind. May we all continue our view--Eyes Westward!

Jan is a free-lance writer and contributor to the *Deseret News Mormon Times* who attended the S.U.P. convention. Other articles Jan has written about the Sons of Utah Pioneers include:

- [Convention spotlights healing between Emma Smith, Brigham Young descendants](#)
- [Sons of Utah Pioneers turn 'Eyes Westward' at annual convention](#)
- [Utah's diverse history is focus of SUP's convention](#)
- [Getting involved with SUP group is invigorating](#)

PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount is appreciated. Donations of \$100 receive a free RSC book. Donations of \$500 receive free gold and silver medallions. All donations are tax deductible!

We also need a stand donated for the statue. It needs to be at least three feet by three feet and two to three feet high. It must be very sturdy because the statue is heavy!

2011 CHURCH HISTORY TREK reservations and deposits can be made now. Register early. Space is limited. Details and online registration are available online as the SUP website:

<http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/2011/02/registration-open-for-fall-church-history-trek/>. For more information, contact Dee Risenmay @ 208-356-5805.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Mondays through Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is open by appointment only.

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Richard G. Ellsworth, Brigham Young, 7/21/11

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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A. Owen Smoot – SL Pioneer Chapter

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

At Large

Ed Brown

Bountiful

Wayne R. Dilworth

Cedar City

Donald E. Stucker

Hurricane Valley

Regan S. Wilson

Morgan

Alan R. Medaris

Odgen Pioneer

Richard W. Evans

Wayne L. Pack

Richard L. Penrod

Pioneer Heritage

Gerald Parsons

Pocatello

Stephen Baer

Douglas C. Empey

Norman E. Rademacher

CHAPTER NEWS

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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), **ONE WEEK before the end of each month.**

Because of the National Convention this month, we are not including Chapter News, but will include it again next month.

Please remember when submitting photos to send original versions of the photos whenever possible in order to maintain the quality of the pictures.

2011 National Convention: THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES & DINNER



Sons of Utah Pioneers Members and spouses gather for the beginning of the Opening Ceremonies and dinner at the Joseph Smith Building. The Holladay Chapter was in charge of the 2011 Convention, and arranged for excellent meals and service at each event. A Salt Lake Scout Troop provided the Flag Ceremony.



From left:
Ted Pierce, 2011 Convention Chairman;
Ted Jacobsen, Keynote Speaker;
Pete Riches, Holladay Chapter President;
and National President LaMar Adams.
Ted Jacobsen, as CEO of Jacobsen Construction Co., has been integrally involved in the vision leading to most of the great building projects and civic improvements in SLC for many years.



Ted Jacobsen's presentation gave us insight into the technical challenges of 21st Century urban construction. Among the projects built by Jacobsen are the copper-roofed One Utah Center, the restorations of the Utah State Capitol and the City and County Building, the LDS Conference Center, the LDS Church's City Creek Project, and many more.

2011 National Convention: THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES & DINNER



S.U.P. Convention attendees were given "down front" seats at Thursday night Choir practice. The S.U.P. members were recognized by Associate Choir Director Ryan Murphy, and choir favorite "Climb Every Mountain" was sung for us. It is always a marvelous experience to hear this great choir and orchestra, whether in concert mode or practice session.



2011 CONVENTION THEME

The official theme of the 2011 Sons of Utah Pioneers Convention was "Eyes Westward," taken from the statue placed at This is the Place Heritage Park by the S.U.P. in 2008. The Convention program included this quote by Joseph Smith: "The blessings of the Most High will rest upon our tabernacles and our name will be handed down to future ages. Our children will rise up and call us blessed, and generations unborn will rise up and call us blessed, and generations unborn will dwell with peculiar delight upon the scenes we have passed through, the privations that we have endured, the untiring zeal that we have manifested, and the insurmountable difficulties that we have overcome . . ."



2011 National Convention: FRIDAY TOURS AND DINNER AT HERITAGE PARK



As always, the Friday tours were great, with interesting and knowledgeable guides. Tour #3 went to Ft. Douglas and the Kennecott Mine. Tour #2 started at the privately owned Wilford Woodruff home in SLC, and then to the City and County Building, followed by the Cathedral of the Madeline (photo, left), the Governor's Mansion and the Masonic Lodge.



Shown in the photo to the left is the mid-relief sculpture over the front entrance to the Cathedral of the Madeline. It was explained that a cathedral is the home church for a Bishop of the Catholic Church. There are more than twenty other Catholic Churches in Utah, but only this one is referred to as a cathedral.



An S.U.P. tour group listens to an explanation of the many rooms in the 86,000 sq. ft. Masonic Lodge in Salt Lake City that serves as the master lodge for all Masons in Utah. This room is decorated in an Egyptian theme.

2011 National Convention: FRIDAY TOURS AND DINNER AT HERITAGE PARK



The tour entered the Utah Governor's Mansion property from the east side, in front of the carriage house that now serves as the staging area for the Governor's official vehicles and security staff.



In this photo we see the marvelous staircase from the main floor to the two upper floors. The Governor and his family's residence is on the second floor, while the main floor mostly meets ceremonial needs, including dining areas and the formal dining room, the Governor's formal office and the parlor, shown below, left.



The Utah Governor's Mansion was originally the home of Thomas Kearns, a silver magnate of nineteenth-century Utah. His home was completed in 1902, and in 1937 was donated to the State of Utah. This beautiful parlor was the room where women could be included in social events, while the men would gather after dinner in the library or billiards room.

2011 National Convention: FRIDAY TOURS AND DINNER AT HERITAGE PARK



Tour #1 began at the unique Wilford Wood Museum and Home on the Bountiful, Utah, hillside. Wilford Wood was instrumental in obtaining for the LDS Church many pieces of property and items of historical value. His involvement and dedication to secure these properties is not well known among Church members.



This home-made museum is owned by the Wood family, and contains numerous historical artifacts collected by Wilford Wood over decades before the LDS Church was able to purchase and keep such items. Wood was an innovator and a do-it-yourself-er who was constantly involved in new projects. The museum and home is open to the public for tours only by appointment.



A large bronze statue of Moroni giving the plates to Joseph Smith is seen on the Wood property. This sculpture is by Norwegian-born Torleif Knaphus, a well-known LDS sculptor and genealogist.

2011 National Convention: SATURDAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON



Sons of Utah Pioneers
Members and spouses gather for the beginning of the National Membership Meeting and Luncheon. The Holladay Chapter arranged excellent meals at each event, including this meeting at the Marriott Hotel. However, we noticed that the Holladay Chapter seems to particularly favor cheesecake for dessert. No one is complaining!



The Color Guard from the University of Utah ROTC prepare for the opening flag ceremony.



Holladay Chapter President "Pete" Riches opened the meeting and welcomed leaders and guests. His warm demeanor and watchful eye were big factors in making the convention a success.

2011 National Convention: SATURDAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON



New National President-elect David Wirthlin of the Mills Chapter in Salt Lake City was introduced to the membership by Pres. LaMar Adams.



Dr. Reid L. Neilson, Managing Director of the Church History Department, was the first speaker. Dr. Neilson spoke on the subject, "Where None Shall Come and Make Afraid," referring to Brigham Young and Joseph Smith's hope that the Rocky Mountains would afford at least ten years of peace for the Saints to put down roots and establish a home.



Governor Gary Herbert receives a Modern Pioneer Award from National President LaMar Adams following his speech to the S.U.P. membership. Among his interesting comments, Governor Herbert pointed out that he is Utah's Chief Cheerleader, and asked, "Are you going to be a pioneer? Are you blazing the trail to make it better for those who are to come?"



Immediately after the convention closed, National officers and Holladay Chapter leaders sat down with Brigham Young Chapter leaders to make plans for the 2012 Convention to be held in Provo on August 23 - 25, 2012, headquartered at the Provo Marriott Hotel. Make plans to attend, as it will surely be another rewarding event.

2011 National Convention: **SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION**



At the Saturday morning Chapter Presidents Meeting, Pres. Adams spoke about the importance of turning our hearts and the hearts of others to their fathers, as part of the challenge to S.U.P. members to grow their chapters in membership and activity.



New National Treasurer and former National President Jay Smith gave the financial report. He pointed out that the National Association has challenges with its uneven cash flow, and that recent costs of \$22,000 to repair the sewer lines at the headquarters building stressed the budget. Low interest rates are a problem, but nevertheless, the Association finances remains sound.

2011 National Convention: SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION



Former National President Roger Flick gave a detailed review of the status of the Pony Express Museum project. With Pres. Adams, he made a trip to California to evaluate the collection, and believes it is a valuable resource that should be kept in one dedicated location. Roger has spent a career in library work and is highly qualified to advise on the Pony Express Collection's move to Utah.



In this photo, former Box Elder Chapter President Wes Barlow asks questions of the national leaders during the annual business meeting.



Dee Risenmay of the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter continues his transition from his long-time role as National Treks Chairman. John Beck of the Brigham Young Chapter has accepted the assignment to replace Dee, and is "in training." Dee presented information for the 2012 Hole in the Rock Trek planned for May 14-19, 2012.

2011 National Convention: SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION



Clive Romney presented a brief rest song for the members during the business meeting.



In the Delegates portion of the business meeting, the floor was opened for nominations for president-elect, as David Wirthlin was running unopposed. Former National President Orson Wright pointed out that at least twice in the past, a president-elect had been elected unopposed, including himself in 1971.



David B. Wirthlin of the Mills Chapter, became president-elect by unanimous vote of the members gathered in the Marriott Hotel. David expressed his desire to build on the good work of the past, to strengthen the financial position of the National S.U.P, and he emphasized his desire to give more support to the Chapters to increase membership and influence in their local areas.

2011 National Convention: **FRIDAY TOURS AND DINNER AT HERITAGE PARK**



It's hard to imagine a more interesting and moving story than told by these three speakers at the Friday dinner meeting. From left, Michael Kennedy, who is thought to be the first descendant of Joseph Smith, Jr. and Emma Smith to hold the Melchizedek Priesthood. Center is Gracia Jones, who may have been the first descendant of Joseph and Emma to join the LDS Church in the 20th Century. Right, Mary Ellen Elggren, who is past president of the Brigham Young Family Association.



Clive Romney, left, wrote the lyrics to a new song in honor of the reconciliation story of the Joseph Smith Jr. and Brigham Young families. Entitled "The First to Make the Healing Start," it was sung beautifully in the spirit of the meeting by Tammy Robinson, center, and Robert Shields, right.



Most Utah residents are unaware of the traditions of the Smith family descendants concerning Brigham Young and the LDS Church. In this photo, Convention Chairman Ted Pierce summarizes the Reconciliation theme and purpose of the program on Friday night.

SUP 2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK ADVENTURE TREK

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

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

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

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

If 40 go = \$910 per person.

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

If 50 go = \$870 per person.

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

Brigham Young Chapter
SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

will host

**2012 NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT**

“Today’s Pioneers on New Frontiers”

August 23 – 25, 2012

PROVO MARRIOTT HOTEL

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Downtown Provo

Outstanding Speakers and Activities:

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

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Bus Tour- 1

Nine Mile Canyon

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

Bus Tour – 2

Brigham Young University

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

Bus Tour – 3

West Desert Historic Sites

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

You are welcome to stay in downtown Provo and enjoy:

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

“Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

In 1997, a Church committee created a marker to be attached to the graves of Pioneers who arrived in the valley prior to the coming of the railroad. These were sold to anyone who wanted to attach one to the grave of his or her ancestor, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847.

For some time the markers have not been available, and we (the SUP) have had frequent requests as to how to get them. The National office of the SUP has made arrangements to have a number of them manufactured and are making them available to members or others who wish to honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

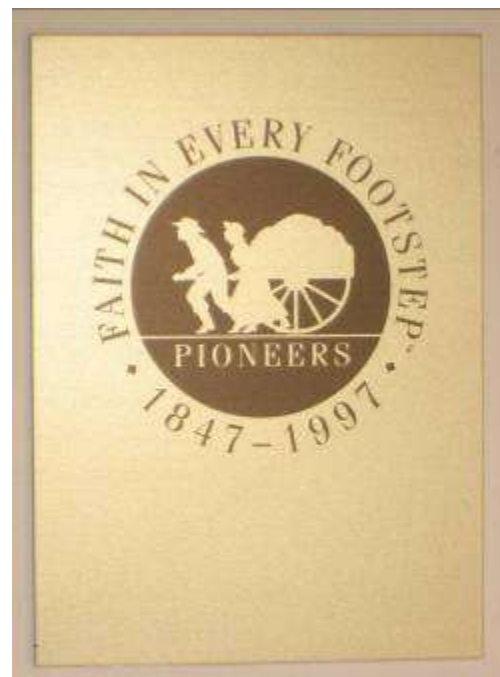
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

The prices are as follows and includes the means of attaching them to a grave marker:

In quantities of 1 to 5, the cost is \$15.00 each, plus shipping (if needed). 6 or more would be \$12.00 each, plus shipping

Order blank is below to reserve yours.

Actual size >



Order Blank for “Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail (optional) _____

Quantity ordered _____

Need shipping? Yes No (circle one) (shipping cost estimated to be \$2.50 each)

Amount Paid \$ _____ Cash, check or credit card (or debit) (Circle one) Include credit card information below.

Card Company and number _____

Expiration _____

Medallions

As of 26 April 2010



Design	Year	Metal	Cost Each	Qty	Total Med Cost	Shipping Cost**		Shipping Cost	Total Cost
						1-3 Med.	4-6 Med.		
Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$60			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Silver, Gold telegraph Key	\$70			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Silver	\$50			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Bronze	\$5			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Pony Express	2010	Gold	\$40			\$18.00	\$20.00		
		Bronze	\$5			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Tabernacle	2007	Bronze	\$3			\$2.25	\$2.75		
Display Case			\$5						
Headquarters Set*			\$45			Qty of 1	\$20.00		
Gold Spike Set*			\$100			Qty of 1	\$20.00		
Pony Express Set*			\$110			Qty of 1			
Telegraph Set*			Call						
			TOTAL						

*Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

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

Payment

Check # _____ **Amount** \$ _____ **Cash** \$ _____

Discover Card MasterCard Visa Billing Zip Code _____

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

Name on Card: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

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

Shipping Information (If Different):

Name _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____