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PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Dear SUP Associates:

MESA, HERE WE COME!!

Yes, it is **Convention Time** again for the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I hope each of you who read this message are planning to **join with us**. Conventions are a time to **connect with friends** from other chapters, to enjoy the **history of different areas** where our chapters are located, and to just **“have a good time”**. At our last National Board meeting, two Area Vice Presidents reflected on how once they went to a Convention, they were **“hooked”**, and **never wanted to miss another one**. Remember, it's not too late to arrange to be in Mesa October 18-20. Looking ahead, put **Richfield, Utah** on your 2008 calendar as a must trip. **September 23-25**.



Tabernacle Historical Symposium, November 10, 2008. Tickets are now available for this year's National Historical Symposium to be held at the **National Headquarters Building the afternoon and evening of Saturday, November 10**. Three wonderful speakers have been scheduled for the afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The dinner meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will highlight a presentation by **“Mr. Mac” Christensen**, President of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. See flyer and ticket information elsewhere in this newsletter.

2008 Building Renovation and Anniversary Celebration. In January, our **wonderful building** is scheduled for some **renovation** to spruce it up for our **Diamond Jubilee (75th) anniversary year**. The **library and office areas** will be **repainted** and **new carpet** will be laid. It has been over 25 years since these areas were refurbished, so this is a long overdue step. We encourage chapters and individuals to help us **finance** this vital work with **contributions to our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Building Improvement Fund**. Information on the fund will be presented at the Mesa Convention. We will be holding several **“Open Houses”** at the building after the renovation is completed.

This has been a memorable year for Jena Vee and me as we have served in this President's position. We have **made new friends**, and have enjoyed visits to many chapters. I look forward to continued progress as I have the privilege of working with **Booth Maycock**, our 2008 President and our new President-Elect.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Smith
2007 National President

BACK BY POLULAR DEMAND! PIONEER MAGAZINE AT A GREAT BARGAIN PRICE!

Again this year, until January 1, 2008, new subscriptions and gift subscriptions are available for TWO YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE YEAR – Just \$15.00. Our wonderful *Pioneer Magazine* is reaching more people than ever and is getting better with each issue. For our SUP 75th anniversary, we'd like to have another 1,000 subscribers! Please help re-tell the pioneer story to your friends and family members, by giving them a subscription. Send names and addresses with your check to *Pioneer Magazine*, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84109.



**SUP HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM
SALT LAKE TABERNACLE
NOVEMBER 10, 2007**
SUP Headquarters Building
3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84109



Symposium Presentations- 12:30-5:00 p.m.

The Tabernacle from original concept to today as the home of the world famous choir.

Dr. Ronald W. Walker, Professor of Church History, Brigham Young University

The uniqueness of the tabernacle structure and the retrofitting done to preserve it.

Roger Sears, Project Manager for the renovation and retrofitting of the tabernacle

Temple Square with its unique buildings as an icon to the world of our faith and history.

Richard Oman, Museum of Church History and Art

Symposium Dinner- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker- **Mac Christensen**, President of Tabernacle Choir

“Inside the world famous choir.”

Modern Pioneer Awards

Registration

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____
email address _____ SUP Chapter _____

Symposium and Dinner **\$20 each** # _____ Total remitted _____
Symposium only, **\$10 each** # _____ Total remitted _____
Dinner only, **\$15 each** # _____ Total remitted _____

NOTE: Seating is limited, so we encourage **early** registration.

In Memoriam Board is Installed. The **first handsome board** for the names of deceased SUP members and friends who have been remembered by chapters and families is now mounted on the basement **Pioneer Room North Wall**. Each board will hold **154 names**. At the present time, 40 names are on the first board. The obituaries or histories accompanying the “In Memoriam” form will be filed in the **SUP Library**. We invite chapters and families to take this opportunity of **remembering** those who have passed on to “The Chapter Eternal”. Forms may be obtained from the SUP office or from the Website.

New Pioneer Name Memorializations. During the past year, over **120 additional Pioneer names** have been submitted by members to the **SUP Memorialization Program**. They will be included on a new Board when another 150 names are received. An index for the 7,000+ names currently on the Boards is included on the **SUP website, sonsofusahpioneers.org**. All SUP members and friends should be encouraged to check the index and prepare **submissions** for missing pioneer ancestors.

2008 Annual Renewals and Conversion to Life Membership. We encourage each chapter to get their Renewal Collection program in high gear during these Fall months. We hope you are reminding your annual members to consider converting to Life Membership. Remember, conversion may be done in two installments of \$150 each. A **new life member board** has been purchased and will be installed soon with the names of another 40 Life Memberships. The last Life Member issued was **#2771**. The Executive Council goal was to issue **#2800** before the end of the year. Remind your treasurer to submit the renewals as soon as they are collected on the forms provided.

Great Christmas special on Medallions. We have put together a limited number of medallion display cases with four different silver medallions inserted. (Nauvoo Temple- 2002, Carthage Jail, 2003, Martins Cove, 2006, and Salt Lake Tabernacle, 2007). The case has space for 8 additional coins. The original retail price for these items has been \$125. The reduced price will be

only \$85. A limited number of the 2002 and 2003 coins may be purchased for \$15 each, the current price of the silver content. The 2006 and 2007 coins are still \$25 each. Get your order in!! These items will be available at the Mesa Convention.

Pratt Brothers DVD Now Available. A remarkable and inspirational, professionally produced DVD documentary has just been published, titled “*Pratt Brothers – Builders of Zion.*” The stories of **Orson, Parley, William, Anson and Nelson Pratt** are told – along with a great deal of early Pioneer history – by leading Church scholars. The year 2007 is the 200th anniversary of Parley’s birth and the 150th anniversary of his martyrdom in Arkansas. Apostles Orson Pratt and Parley P. Pratt were two of the most prolific missionaries in Church history, and each left a fascinating legacy of faith. The video may be ordered at www.jared.pratt-family.org

Chapter News

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah). The chapter hosted a special fireside on Sunday, September 23rd where **Elder Richard W. Wheeler** spoke to the membership. Elder Wheeler was named a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy on March 31, of this year. His background of service is wide and varied, and he is now the Interim President of Snow College. The Fall Trek for the chapter will be held in connection with the **Old Spanish Trail Association Symposium** hosted by the Southern Utah University on Oct. 11, 12 and 13. In addition to attendance at the symposium the chapter will give service by providing a Dutch-oven dinner at the Cedar City Park on the 11th.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The pot-luck dinner meeting for the chapter was held on the 6th of September. **Fred Gowans** was the special guest and he spoke about the “Mountain Men”. The Fall Trek was taken a few days later and was to the SUP museum.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) The September gathering for the chapter was on September 13th and the members were edified by the guest

speaker, **Clark Smithson** and by music provided by **Chrissy Malaif**. The chapter is excited about their opportunity to host the national convention and are soliciting the help of all their members because they want to make this the **best ever SUP National Convention**.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) Chapter members enjoyed a presentation by **Sherman Crump** (shown below), a counselor in the Jordan River Temple Presidency at their September meeting. He spoke of the great qualities and traits of modern day prophets from Heber J. Grant to the present. President Crump has served in many church callings including: Stake President, twice as Mission President, Regional Representative, 19 years on the Church Missionary Committee, etc. In these callings he has had ample opportunity to observe and interact with the prophets first hand and was thus well qualified for his report.



On September 17th the chapter members went on a very successful trek (pictured below) to the Tooele area where they were hosted by **Don Rosenberg** of the Settlement Canyon Chapter. The trek included stops at the SUP and the DUP Museums in Tooele, the Miller Motorsports Park, the Utah Fire Museum, and in Grantsville, the Donner/Reed museum.



SQUAW PEAK (Orem, Utah) **Lyle J. Cooper** was the presenter for the September meeting of the chapter and the members enjoyed his presentation. Lyle was born, raised and educated in Utah Valley. After completing a mission for the church and serving in the military he attended BYU and graduated with a master's degree. He then took employment with the LDS Family Services where he served as Assistant and then Associate Commissioner. He also became a Director in the Welfare Department where he was involved with Area Presidencies and in training Stake Presidents around the world in welfare matters. He has been extensively involved in humanitarian work. Sister Cooper has served on the Relief Society general board and has been secretary to five general authorities. She is an avid genealogist and family historian.

CANYON RIM & SUGARHOUSE (East Salt Lake Valley and Sugarhouse, Utah) These combined chapters were privileged on September 20th to hear from **Fernando R. Gomez** who, along with his wife **Enriqueta**, is dedicated to the preservation of LDS Church history in Mexico, the country with the largest LDS membership outside the United States. In addition to serving a mission in Mexico in the early 1960's, he has been a Regional Representative in the Philippines, Mission President in Merida, Mexico, MTC President in Santiago, Chile, and President of the Merida Mexico Temple. He is an amateur writer and avid Mormon historian. In 1994 this couple established a museum located across the street from the Mexico City Temple. It is dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibit of the history of Mormonism in Mexico and has attracted more than 12,000 visitors annually. A few

members of the combined chapters participated in a trek to Antelope Island on September 8th which had been arranged by the Trek Master, **Leon Halgren and his wife**. The group found it to be such a unique experience that they want to take the trek again and encourage many more of their members to participate. The group felt that they stood in the middle of a 19th century homestead within sight of our 21st century urban home.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah)

Members of the chapter found the September meeting very interesting and informative. Following the meal they heard short stories or sketches about pioneer ancestors presented by assigned members. The members were also made aware of the Spanish Trails Symposium to be held on the Southern Utah University campus October 11-13. (See the Cedar City report.) Over sixteen trail scholars are expected to give presentations. These dates were chosen because they include Columbus Day and the date that lots were cast on the Domingues-Escalante expedition. The Domingues-Escalante trail and the Old Spanish trail cross near Enoch, Utah.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah)

The annual Fathers and Daughters luncheon was held on September 12th to launch the fall program for the chapter. Some have wondered whether or not there is a “**Mrs. Cavanaugh**” to go with the Mrs. Cavanaugh’s candies. Well the members learned that there is and that she is otherwise known as Marie, and that her husband, George, and she are the founders and owners of company that produces the award-winning chocolates. They were the speakers at the September meeting and to sweeten up the presentation they brought with them some of her “delicious work”. The Cavanaugh’s story is not only an inspiring and motivational entrepreneurial successful pioneering story, but is also a 42 year account of family solidarity, faith, love, dedication and hard work.

MILLS (Southeast SLC, Utah). The September chapter meeting featured **Chad Orton and Jacob Scott Lambson**. Chad is a special projects archivist with the LDS Church Family and Historical Department. He received his Master’s degree from BYU and has written on a variety of

topics relating to the Latter Day Saints, Utah and the West. His recent publications include a biography of Joseph Smith titled “Joseph Smith’s America, His Life and Time”, as well as several articles on the LDS handcart experience. Jacob is a young virtuoso pianist who started his formal lessons at age 3 and has continued to learn and compete in musical events. He has been on many international tours in Spain, France, Portugal and Switzerland. He recently graduated from high school and is preparing to leave on an LDS mission. The chapter has encouraged their members to attend the national convention in Mesa and will not hold a meeting in October.

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) **Al Rounds** (shown below) was the featured presenter at the



chapter’s September dinner meeting. Al is a well known and very accomplished artist specializing in Church historical sites and events. Rather than just speaking and showing paintings he

had previously produced, he set up a table, video camera and television screens and demonstrated to enthralled members how he paints using water colors. While the group watched he sketched an impressive picture. However he reported that most of his pictures require many hours of experimentation and detail work. He concluded his presentation by bearing his testimony of how he feels the Lord inspires his work.

BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, Utah) The September meeting of the chapter was held on Tuesday the 18th with **Richard N. Skousen** as the presenter. Brother Skousen is the author of the book “Brother Joseph”. He is the son of Cleon Skousen. A very special Saturday Evening Program was held on the 29th with the former Stake President of



the Riverton Stake, **Scott Lorimer**, who told the story of the “*Second Rescue*”. This special program was open to the public.

SALT LAKE CITY (SLC, Utah) The members will long remember the good time they had at the annual picnic at the Sugarhouse Park and the bus trek to the Fairview Museum and the Castle Valley Pageant. The October meeting will be on the 4th and will feature **Benjamin D. Horne**, PHD, MPH. He will speak on his DNA pioneering work. The November meeting will have **Dr. Elliot Richards** as the speaker and the **Woods Cross Choir** will entertain at the December meeting. The chapter leaders are encouraging members to write and submit a short personal biography. As an example and motivation for others **David H. Horne** included his biography in the chapter newsletter.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) Thirty individuals (a portion of which are pictured above), including SUP members, spouses and friends enjoyed a very educational trek on August 16 and 17. **Dee Risenmay** made the arrangements, including the bus. **Alyn and Gloria Andrus** were guides and lecturers along the way, giving information from historical markers as well as historical data on each of the places visited. The group learned that all of the upper and lower Snake River valleys have life only due to the dams and canals that allow for irrigation. Stops along the trek included both historical sites such as: Oregon Trail ruts, Massacre Rocks, Register Rock and the Minidoka (Hunt) Relocation Center from WW II and sites related to water such as: American Falls Dam, Minidoka Dam, Lake Walcott, Thousand Springs, etc.