

Trail Marker

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Dear SUP Associates:

Much attention has been given the handcart pioneers this year. It was at this time of year that the surviving Willie Company pioneers were finally brought into what was then called the Great Salt Lake City. We don't weary of hearing of their magnificent faith and unyielding courage. Our new SUP Historian, Richard Horsley, lent me a large book of their stories, among which was this heart-rending account of the **Osbornes**, a little English family in the Willie Company:

- **Pioneer family:** Daniel (35), Susannah (33), one son and three daughters
- **Conditions:** October 19th, Snowing, 4 ounces of flour/day each (Fathers giving their portions to their families rather than see them suffer)
- **Personal Loss:** Oct 19th (Ice Springs, Wyoming) Son little Daniel dies. (Three days later the rescue wagons arrive). Nov 1st (Near Fort Bridger) Father Daniel Sr. dies. Nov 5th: Wife Susanna dies in Echo Canyon (so close!)
- **Salt Lake:** The three orphaned Osborne girls taken into Bishop Silas Richard's home and raised as his own children. He describes their condition: "None of them were able to walk across the room without difficulty...their only clothing being some remnants of summer apparel...no shoes or woolen stockings...very feeble and required much care and attention." (Tell My Story, Too, Jolene S. Allphin, p. 107)

May we keep the memory of their sacrificing for their Faith in God alive in the next generations!



One way to do this is to give a new **BRONZE MEDALLION** to adults and children alike, and tell them stories, such as the story of the Osborne Family. I've given out over 150 of these bronze medallions, many to prominent people, including to **President Thomas S. Monson, Senator Orrin Hatch and Cecil Samuelson (President of BYU)**. I strongly encourage you to buy five or ten of them and pass on the Legacy to family and friends!

Your Friend and Co-Worker,

Grant E. Barton

National President



HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATES HANDCART RESCUES

-- The Sons of Utah Pioneers **Annual Historical Symposium** was held at the National Headquarters Building on Saturday October 14. Over **150 SUP members and guests** attended the afternoon symposium. Enjoying the **new padded folding chairs** that were recently purchased by supporting SUP members, those attending were treated to three scintillating and varied presentations by **Dr. James B. Allen, DeVerl and Joan Byington, and Scott Lorimer**. The theme of the **Rescues** was broadened to include the **physical rescues** of the beleaguered Saints, the **second rescue** by the Riverton, Wyoming Stake members in 1991-92 when they researched and did **temple work** for thousands of the handcart pioneers, their rescuers, and descendants, and the **third**

composer, and **Scott and Dee Lorimer**, former Riverton, Wyoming Stake President and his wife.

HUNDREDS THRILL TO MUSIC OF MARDEN POND'S HANDCART SUITE, FRESH COURAGE TAKE.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers and Daughters of Utah Pioneers collaborated to support the presentation of the orchestral and chorale suite, *Fresh Courage Take*, presented at the **Provo Tabernacle** on October 27 and at the **Bountiful Regional Center** on November 3. With touching excerpts taken from the journals and reminiscing of handcart pioneers and rescuers, four narrators wove the pioneer story through the creative music composed by **Marden Pond** and performed by the **Utah Valley State College Symphony Orchestra and Masterworks**



rescue which is occurring today as thousands of our **youth** visit the **Martin's Cove** area and participate in re-enactment treks. The evening **dinner** was attended by over 130 members and friends and included two beautiful baritone solos by **Cliff Cole**, *Impossible Dream*, and *Mountain Home* and an inspiring address by **Elder Robert F. Orton** of the Second Quorum of Seventies. Three Today's Pioneers Awards were presented during the evening program to **Eldred G. Smith** Church Patriarch, and his wife, **Hortense, Crawford Gates**,

Chorale. **Elder Roger Fluhman**, an Area Authority Seventy, added poignant remarks at the Bountiful Concert. In both presentations, an appreciative audience gave standing ovations to the composer and the performing artists. These concerts brought a fitting conclusion to the three activities sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers and its chapters: the September 26 re-enactment of the handcarts entry into the valley (see October Trail Marker), the Historical Symposium, and the Fresh Courage Take concerts. Added to these performances was

the successful distribution of over **1,000 gold, silver and bronze medallions honoring Martin's Cove**. We will not soon forget the great legacy that we have received from these true pioneers 150 years ago.

The "Buy a Chair" Campaign a Tremendous Success -- The invitation to help buy new padded folding chairs for the SUP Headquarters Building was met with **outstanding support**. Over **350 chairs**



were "bought" providing funds for **additional capital asset needs** beyond the 200 chairs that were purchased. Donations came from individuals, including many life members, families, and chapters. A **list of contributors**

is being prepared and will be placed on the wall in the lower hall.

Chapter presidents, will you please **thank your**

members for their support. The chairs are a great asset to those who use the headquarter facilities.

The Third Quarter 2006 Chapter Awards Report is due in the Headquarters Office by **November 15**. Please see that this important report in our New Chapter Awards Program is submitted.

Membership Renewals -- Please Collect and Remit 2007 annual national dues and new annual life members by end of year. Encourage annual members to consider converting to Life Membership with special bonuses until December 31.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER ORGANIZED

Under the direction of National President-Elect Jay Smith and Brigham Young Chapter member, Frank Nielsen, a new chapter was organized on October 26 in **Mapleton, Utah**, a suburb of Provo in Utah County. Thirteen men and seven wives attended the organization meeting and **became charter members** of the chapter.

Paul Whiting was selected as **President**, with **Frank Nielsen** as Treasurer and **Jan Wynn** as Program Chairman. The first dinner meeting will be held on **November 30** at Prestwich Farms in Spanish Fork. The speaker will be **Buddy Youngreen**.



Shown above are four of the seven couples who attended the Maple Mountain Chapter organization meeting. The new President, Paul Whiting, is the second from the left. The other members shown are Norman Spencer, David Nemelka and National President Elect, Jay Smith, with their wives.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER:

- Speaker: **Paul Lyman**, Creator of BYU Willie Handcart Company Website.
- Topic: **Finding the exact spots where the Willie Company camped.** Thousands of people have followed the story as it has unfolded each day on the BYU website (handcarts.byu.edu).

MILLS CHAPTER:

- October Speaker: **Dr. Ted Adams M.D.** U of U School of Medicine. Topic: **“Conditioning for a longer life with good health”.** Music: **Dan Christensen** (Utah Opera).
- November Speaker: **Royal Skousen**, BYU Professor of Linguistics. Topic: **Uncovering the Original Text of the Book of Mormon.**
- Summer party was at **This is the Place Heritage Park** in the large Bowery. Music: by **Byron’s Basement Band**

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER:

- October Speaker: **President Donald Harwell** of the **LDS Genesis Group.** Topic: **“Developing a Testimony before the revelation on the Priesthood.”** Wife, Jerri spoke on **Jane Manning, the faithful black woman** in the first vanguard pioneer company.
- November Speaker: Former executive secretary to several First Presidencies, **Frank Gibbons.**
- August Picnic: **Sugarhouse Park.** Music by **Good Old Days Band.**
- September Trek to **Ibapa**, an early LDS settlement on the Nevada border.

PIONEER CHAPTER:

- October Luncheon: Place: **Lion House.** Speaker **Dr. Ronald Walker**, Professor of History at BYU. Topic: **Tragedy at Mountain Meadows.** He has been asked by the Church to prepare a definitive study of the topic.

- November Speakers: **David and Alice Turley.** Topic: **“Mormon Hollow”** near Philadelphia **“Cradle of Latter-day Prophets”**
- December 13th meeting: Music by Tenor **George Dyer.**

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER:

- August Trek: Chartered bus along the **Pony Express Trail.** Guide: **Carl Mellor** from the Lehi Chapter. Topics: **Porter Rockwell**, sitting inside a Wells Fargo Concord Stage (holds 19 people!), the first ZCMI, Lehi train station museum, Camp Floyd near Fairfield.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER:

- October speaker: **Grant E. Barton**, SUP National President. Topic: **The SUP Mission.** New **Bronze medallion** introduced, of which 41 were purchased that night!

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER:

- October Trek: View area **petroglyphs.** Members brought their 4-wheel drive vehicles and a sack lunch.

HOLIDAY SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

- **Objective:** Chapter members give gift subscriptions to the Pioneer Magazine
- **Prizes:** Handsome hardwood gavels, presented to Chapter Presidents of the two winning chapters. Inscribed with SUP, the Chapter name, and the Chapter President. (Chapter Presidents may keep as a souvenir when their terms as president is over!)
- **Rules:** Winning Chapters will give the most subscriptions PER CHAPTER MEMBER during October, November and December. (All sizes of chapters will compete equally). Let's go for at least TWO subscriptions per member! The winning chapters will receive their officers' or members' picture in the Pioneer Magazine!