

# Trail Marker

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## NEW SUP NATIONAL OFFICERS SWORN IN



The SUP officers for 2006 were sworn in by **Louis Pickett**, President of the Past Presidents Council on December 13, 2005 at the National Board annual Christmas Dinner. **Grant E. Barton** received the new President's pin from retiring President **J. Todd Olsen** and **Jay M. Smith** became the 2006 President-Elect (*Pictured at left, from right to left*). These three men will constitute the Executive Council for 2006. Area Vice Presidents and National Program Directors were also sworn into their new official positions. Retiring Executive Manager

**Frank Brown** (*Pictured to right with wife*) was honored for his many years of service to the SUP and was given a beautiful statue of the Savior. Todd Olsen received a miniature statue of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, a replica of the statue now standing in Nauvoo, Illinois looking west over the Mississippi River. We are fortunate to have so many men who have served so faithfully in their assignments and for those who are willing to take up the charge and go forward into the future.



## NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS SWORN IN

December was the month new National and Chapter Officers were sworn in throughout the organization. Area Vice Presidents normally performed this important event at the December Christmas Party meetings.



*The Mesa Arizona chapter officers depicted in the photo were sworn in by **Wally Burgess**, Area Vice President for Area 13, Arizona.*

**AREA COUNCIL TRAINING MEETINGS – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

The new SUP Bylaws provide for training of chapter board members by Area Vice Presidents in the various geographical areas of the chapters. The forty-one chapters in Utah, Idaho and Arizona have been divided into 13 areas. The Area Vice Presidents met with Executive Council and National Program Directors on January 14 at the SUP Headquarters Building to receive direction in conducting the Area Council meetings and providing training for their chapters. 100% of those to be trained were represented at the training meeting. Plans were made for the breakout sessions that will be held in Area Council Training Meetings dealing with the various responsibilities of chapter board members. These sessions will be conducted by National Program Directors and their committee members, along with members of local boards, all under the direction of the Area Vice Presidents.



*National Board Members in Training at National SUP Building, January 14, 2006. Left to right, Marvin Jewel, Area 5; Nate Stuart, Area 3; Booth Maycock, Area 6; Don Cowley, Area 2; Dee Risenmay, Area 1; Keyne Thorne, Area 12.*

The objective of the Area Training Meetings is to strengthen individual chapters and provide for growth in membership throughout the Society. **We encourage all chapter board members to make plans to attend their respective Area Council meetings to receive this valuable assistance and to share their experiences with the other chapters.** The meeting schedule is listed below.

**AREA TRAINING MEETINGS:**

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Area #</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Sat, Jan 21, 9 am	Mesa	13	1839 E. Dana Ave, Mesa, Ariz
Sat, Jan 28, 10 am	Utah Cnty	9 & 10	BYU Married Stake Center – 1700 No 900 East, Provo Ut
Sat, Feb 4, 10 am	So Utah	11 & 12	Bloomington Hills Stk Ctr – 1130 Brigham Rd, St George Ut
Mon, Feb 6, 3 pm	Weber	3	County Library – 25 <sup>th</sup> St (East of Washington Blvd), Ogden Ut
Thu, Feb 9, 6:30 pm	Cache/Bx Elder	2	Brigham City No Stk Ctr - 620 No 300 East, Brigham City Ut
Sat, Feb 18, 9 am	SL West	8	Pioneer Museum, Vine & Garden Streets, Tooele, Ut
Sat, Feb 18, 1 pm	So. Idaho	1	Stake Center (TBA) in Idaho Falls
Sat, Feb 25, 10 am	SL Cent/East	5 & 7	SUP National Bldg, 3301 East 2920 So, SLC Ut
Sat, Feb 25, 1 pm	SL No/So, Davis	4 & 6	SUP National Bldg, 3301 East 2920 So, SLC Ut

Area #	Chapters Included in Training:
1	Eagle Rock, Grove City, Upper Snake River Valley
2	Box Elder, Temple Fork
3	Buena Ventura, Morgan, Ogden Pioneer, Ogden Valley
4 & 6	Bountiful, Centerville, Salt Lake City, SL Pioneer, Jordan River Temple, Mills, Sugarhouse, Temple Quarry
5 & 7	Holladay, Olympus Hills, Pioneer Heritage, Beehive, Canyon Rim, Murray, Twin Peaks
8	Settlement Canyon, Taylorsville/Bennion, Twenty Wells
9 & 10	Lehi, Squaw Peak, The Mountain Valley, Brigham Young, George Albert Smith, Palmyra
11 & 12	Cedar City, Cotton Mission, Hurricane Valley, Red Rock, Little Salt Lake, Hole-in-the-Rock, Sevier Valley
13	Mesa



*Left -- Nate Stuart receives a top recruiter award from J. Todd Olsen, 2005 National President. Nate was instrumental in establishing two new chapters.*

*Right -- Grant Barton talking strategy with Dee Risenmay, Area Vice President from Area 1, Idaho.*



**150 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE MORMON HANDCART PIONEERS**

For SUP members who have traveled on I-80 in Nebraska over the past few years, you have probably noted the **Great Platte River Road Archway Monument**, a large museum near Kearney, Nebraska dedicated to the Nebraska trails through the years. Part of the museum arches over the freeway thus assuring it will be seen by travelers. The museum has many rooms of exhibits showing trails from Indian times, pioneer migrations, state highways and finally federal interstates. On June 2 and 3, 2006, a special celebration of the Mormon Pioneer Handcart Companies will be held at the Archway including a reenactment of the handcart expedition. (See <http://www.archway.org> )

On Friday, February 17, two lectures will be presented in Salt Lake City by **Ms. Ronnie O'Brien**, Director of the Archway Trails Center in Nebraska. She will take an in-depth look at a micro-section of the Mormon Trail in central Nebraska during the 1850-1860 Period. The first lecture will be from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Zepher Room. The second lecture will be at 7:00 p.m. at This is the Place Heritage Park, Visitor's Center. The SUP is one of the sponsors of these lectures.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE SUP WEBSITE**

A website for the Sons of Utah Pioneers was built in 2000. Many members are not aware of it. The internet address is <http://www.sonsofuthapioneers.org> and we encourage members to check it out. A Website Committee is being formed to update the present site and then keep it current, plus add many significant items of interest to the website. We need some volunteers who are

acquainted with the process of building and maintaining a website to spread the workload. If you know of any SUP member or their spouse or offspring who might be willing to help in this activity, please notify **Angus Belliston** at 801-356-8759 or [angusjen@xmission.com](mailto:angusjen@xmission.com).

**REMINDERS:**

- Now is the time to **RENEW MEMBERSHIPS**. Use the new Dues Transmittal Form.
- Mark your calendar for the **NATIONAL CONVENTION** in Heber – September 14 through 16<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- Those **RECRUITING** six new members before April 15<sup>th</sup>, or **ACTIVATING** six members (who didn't pay their 2005 national dues) before April 15<sup>th</sup> receive a handsome acrylic desk award. Get double credit for each new Life member or new member under 50!
- Chapters can now give **MODERN PIONEER** awards. Call National for details.

**CHAPTER NEWS**

**Ogden Pioneer** The Ogden Pioneer chapter is sponsoring a **Pioneer Heritage Essay Contest** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes during the winter of 2006. Students may write about their pioneer ancestors or if they do not have a pioneer background, they may write about Indian cultures or tribes of the area, trappers, colonizers, settlers, pioneer industry, or a culture of the people. Each school will select three winners who will receive a certificate and a cash award. The first place winners' essays will be submitted to the Sons of Utah Pioneers Essay Committee who will select three winners for the District who will also receive a certificate and a cash award.

**Sevier Valley** The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest in Koosharem and Richfield attracted over fifty students. Awards were made at the January chapter dinner meeting. Wells Fargo assisted in the financial support of this contest.

**Squaw Peak**- The December dinner meeting was held at the Riverside Country Club in Provo. **Buddy Youngreen** was the speaker. He gave a fabulous presentation of the life experiences and personal relationships of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, and his wife Emma. Buddy has that unique experience to bring Joseph and Emma to life. He was especially welcomed as he is a member of the Squaw Peak chapter.

The Squaw Peak chapter will be taking a tour to Nauvoo, Illinois including the Nauvoo Pageant from July 13 thru 17. This will be the second year the new pageant has been presented on the lawn west of the temple.