

Trail Marker

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Greetings from President Smith:

During February my wife and I were privileged to attend **three** different Chapter Meetings. Each was different, yet similar in many ways. The **Taylorsville/Bennion Chapter** met in the **Jordanelle Convention Center** in West Jordan. The Valentine's theme was climaxed with the surprise selection of a "King and Queen" who sat on the stage with a royal crown while the 40 attendees sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to them and to their personal Valentine. February birthdays were recognized with a rousing Happy Birthday. After a delicious buffet supper, I was asked to share with the group my feelings about our organization's progress and about the family history work JenaVee and I have been doing including our 2007 "calendar project" (**See MARCH PIONEER**). The spirit of **friendship** was evident and three guest couples were introduced, two of which plan to join the chapter.

The **Brigham Young Chapter** met in the **Riverside Country Club** in Provo. The 100 plus attendees were elegantly served a delicious meal followed by an innovative pioneer sketch of **Charles C. Rich** by his great grandson member, **Owen Rich**. In Owen's early days at radio station KBYU, Owen had decided he needed to do something different for his children so they would **learn** about their ancestors. In these pre-TV days, the radio was the thing. So, in the spirit of the radio serial with music and narrative action, he played for us an old tape he had prepared with override narration of Charles Rich's early life including the courtship of his first wife and the later selection of his plural wives with the help of his first one. The **music** for the evening was furnished by BYU piano professor **Harvey Rich**. We were all lifted to romantic heights as he shared with us parts of his five favorite pieces including **Rhapsody in Blue** and **Impossible Dream**. The speaker for the evening was **Greg Olsen** (shown at right with Jay Smith), the Utah artist whose pictures of Christ have inspired us through the past two decades. With slides of some of his pictures, **Greg** shared with us the spiritual and physical stories that accompanied the painting of each picture. What a true Today's Pioneer he is. Several new **Life Members** were recognized by President Ralph Benson.



The new **Maple Mountain Chapter** members and their wives traveled to **Lehi** to meet in the historic Lehi Hotel. Owner and Lehi Chapter SUP member, **Carl Mellor**, served us a delicious meal followed by his enthusiastic presentation of the **Pony Express and Overland Trail** history that surrounds the Lehi area. Because this hotel and the adjoining house were built by my great grandfather, **Joseph Johnson Smith**, the meeting held a special significance for me.

Exciting chapter meetings are a significant contributor to the strength of our organization. In all three meetings, our wives were present and added a special feeling to our evening. In each meeting, members had brought guests. **Advance planning** and **effort** are important for the success of these meetings. **Thanks** to the many leaders who bring us these inspirational and informational activities.

Jay M. Smith

2007 National President

COMING EVENTS

Chapter President's Council Saturday, April 21st, 1-4 pm National Building

Life Member Banquet Saturday Evening, April 21st, 5 pm National Building

Fathers & Sons Banquet (Salt Lake Valley) Thursday, May 24th, 6 pm National Building

2007 Medallions commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the Salt Lake Tabernacle will be available by February 23rd.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER NEWS

MILLS CHAPTER February speaker was **Lowell (Ben) Bennion**, noted author of books on polygamous Utah. **Janet Bennett**, Salt Lake Office Manager of **Senators Hatch and Bennett for 25 years**, was January Speaker. Janet's office received up to 300 phone calls a day! Mills is planning a trek to the Castle Dale pageant and is arranging 3 scholarships for Granger High School students.

SEVEN CHAPTERS have sent copies of their chapter newsletters each month this year, so extracts from their newsletters can appear in the *Trail Marker*. These chapters are: **Hurricane Valley Chapter, Lehi**

Chapter, Maple Mountain Chapter, Pioneer Heritage Chapter, Salt Lake Chapter, Settlement Canyon Chapter, and Taylorsville/Bennion Chapter.

Thirteen others have contributed at least once. **Send electronic newsletters, articles and pictures** to grantebarton@yahoo.com or send paper copies to the National SUP Office at 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake Utah 84109.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (Utah County), a new chapter, selected officers (shown below). From left to right are: **Carl Ingersoll** (President-Elect), **Jay Smith** (National President), **Milt Backman** (Program Chairman), **Keith Black** (Area



Vice President), **Wes Burr** (President), **Corry Tanner** (Treasurer). President Burr and his wife, Ruth, have been heavily involved in compiling books of family history stories for at least 14 years. The chapter's first dinner meeting is on February 22nd, with **Milt Backman**, retired BYU

Religion Professor, speaking on early events in U.S. history leading up to the Restoration.

PIONEER CHAPTER'S (Salt Lake) **Sweetheart Luncheon** on Valentine's Day, featured **Chieko Nishimura Okazaki**, former First Counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency. The event was in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. The chapter, under the leadership of **Jerry Higginson**, who also serves on the SUP National Finance Committee, normally meets in the Lion House, Brigham Young's pioneer residence. The chapter also sponsors the **7 a.m. Sunrise Service on Temple Square on Pioneer Day, July 24th**.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER: The chapter's March speaker is **Scott Barrick**, General Manager of the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** (formerly with Proctor & Gamble). Chapter President **LaVon Day** plans to present the Choir a "**Today's Pioneer**" Award for its role in opening up the way for the LDS Church in all the world. The chapter plans an April trek to the Martin Harris Pageant, dinner with the newly-installed **Days of '47 Royalty** in July, and an **annual Picnic** at Sugarhouse Park in August. Emeritus General Authority **Erin Call** spoke in February on the **Mormon Colonies**, indicating that 125 mission presidents, 20 temple presidents and 9 general authorities were from the Colonies!

SQUAW PEAK CHAPTER (Provo): **Jim Richie**, fresh from an African mission, spoke in January. February's speaker is **Buddy Youngreen**, note historian, **President of the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Organization**, LDS Historic Sites Tour Guide, and author of Reflections of Emma: Joseph Smith's Wife. The chapter enjoys a **free use of the Tahitian Noni facility**. Chapter members will take a **President Hinckley Office Tour** on March 16th.

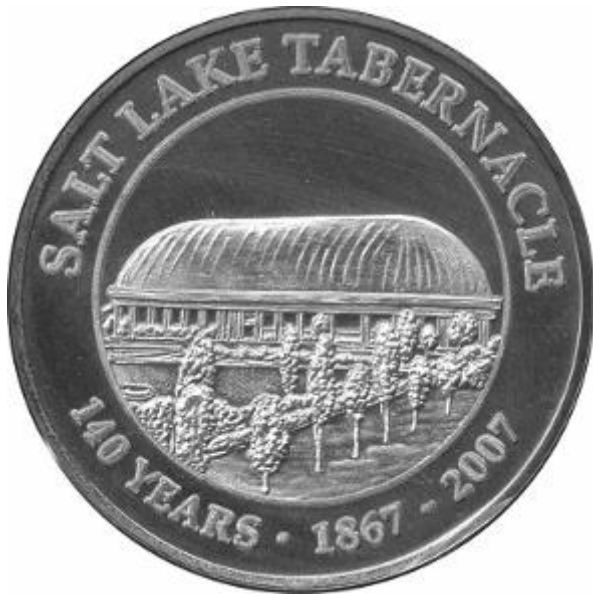
TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan) will sponsor a Fireside at the Logan Tabernacle on Saturday, March 24th at 7 pm on the topic of historic magazine **and newspaper cartoons** depicting misconceptions about the **LDS Church** during the period of 1840 to 1900. President **Doug Hart** indicates the evening will feature a **PowerPoint presentation** and will be **free of charge**. **Bruce Parry** spoke in January, whose mother is American Indian of the **Shoshone Tribe**. Bruce spoke of an 1863 Indian massacre in which only his 2nd great grandfather, Sagwitch, and 12 others survived. Sagwitch and most of his band joined the Church and put in **16,000 hours building the Logan Temple**. Bruce's grandfather, Moroni, was the **first Lamanite Bishop**. Today, many translate for the U.S. military, the CIA and the FBI.

LEHI CHAPTER (Utah County): **President Ron Smith** set his chapter's tone in his newsletter: "We meet each month, have a delicious dinner...and learn more about ...the people who live here both past and present" February's speaker was **President-Elect Dee Fowler**, a returned senior missionary at **Martin's Cove** and currently helping to restore a **vintage tractor** at Antelope Island. The chapter is planning a trek to Martin's Cove (including areas that are normally off-limits). Chapter members are planning to ride the **Thanksgiving Point Trolley** in the Lehi Roundup (June) and an annual summer **historic sites dinner on Antelope Island** (July).

NEW MEDALLIONS **AVAILABLE SOON**

The 2007 Sons of Utah Pioneers medallion will soon be available in Gold, Silver and Bronze. It commemorates the 140th anniversary of the first General Conference held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. With the gala reopening of the Tabernacle in April

this year, the precious metal medallions will be real collector's items. The bronze will be a good item for gifts to family and potential members. The costs are the same as this year: \$25 Silver, \$30 Gold, \$5 bronze (\$4 in lots of 5).



PIONEER NAME MEMORIALIZATION

When the National Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters Building was built in the early 1980s, the walls of the main foyer were reserved for large wall plaques to memorialize the Pioneers who came to the Utah Territory. Two classifications of Pioneers are memorialized.

1) those who arrived before the Railroad (May 10, 1869), including those who died en route, and 2) those who came after the Railroad but before Utah became a state (January 4, 1896). SUP members have been encouraged to submit the names of their pioneer ancestors and a brief biography of each. A donation for each name memorialized is necessary to pay for the cost of the plaques and to assist in the financial support of the building. As of

January 2007, over 5,000 pioneer names have been memorialized. An index of those who have been memorialized is available in the foyer and on the NSSUP website, sonsofuthapioneers.org.

Although many names of pioneers have been submitted through the years, there are still thousands of pioneers whose names are not yet included on our plaques. SUP members are encouraged to review the current indexes to determine if their ancestors have been memorialized. If not, they are encouraged to submit their ancestor's names, their birth and death dates, and a short biography. The cost of this Pioneer Name Memorialization has been reduced to encourage more participation. Each head of family memorialized costs \$35 and each spouse or child attached to that name costs \$15. The funds generated pay for the plaques and the engraving. Excess funds are placed into a Capital Improvements account that is used to support improvements to the building and acquisition of furniture and equipment for the building, including the library.

Submissions for pioneer name memorializations may be made on the form included in this issue of the *Trail Marker*. The form may also be downloaded from the NSSUP website. New wall plaques are prepared after each 350-500 names are received. Names of pioneers in process of being engraved are noted on temporary lists posted in the foyer. Questions may be addressed to the NSSUP headquarters, SUP@networld.com, 801- 888-8237-2746, or to Richard Horsley, NSSUP Historian, heritagebooks@msn.com, 801-377-1272.

Remember to send in your national dues by February 28th, if you haven't already.

PIONEER NAME MEMORIALIZATION FORM

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109
(Use one form for each name memorialized)

Name of Pioneer to be Memorialized: _____ M _____ F _____

Pioneer's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____

Pioneer's Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____

Spouse #1 Name _____ To be Memorialized? _____

Spouse #2 Name _____ To Be Memorialized? _____

Spouse #3 Name _____ To be Memorialized? _____

Others:

Date of Marriage #1 _____ Place of Marriage #1 _____

Date of Marriage #2 _____ Place of Marriage #2 _____

Date of Marriage #3 _____ Place of Marriage #3 _____

Others:

Names of children (Include on the form for Pioneer wife) _____

YEAR entered Salt Lake Valley: _____ Traveled with which Company? _____

Places lived in Utah Territory _____

Vocation _____

NAME OF SUBMITTER: _____

Chapter Name or At Large: _____

Please include a short 1-3 page BIOGRAPHY of the pioneer. Note the sources of information used.

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COST OF MEMORIALIZATIONS

Classification of Memorializations: (1) Pioneers arriving BEFORE May 10, 1869, (2) Pioneers arriving AFTER May 10, 1869 BUT BEFORE January 4, 1896.

Head of Family.....\$35

Each spouse.....\$15

Each child.....\$15

Name of Head of Family _____

Keep all memorializations together by head of family and use a separate form for each pioneer, e.g. Head, Spouse(s), Children.

SOME TREKS ARE OVER HALF SOLD OUT!

CHOOSE A NATIONAL TREK 2007 Mesa Convention

Three National SUP treks are offered in connection with the 2007 SUP Annual Convention to be held in Mesa, Arizona, **October 18-20, 2007**. Additional information is also available on the SUP Website, sonsofutahpioneers.org. **None** of the estimated costs include the **convention registration**, but, unless otherwise noted, they do include estimated convention hotel costs. Call the contact person listed now to **avoid disappointment**.

TREK #1. Trek from Rexburg, Idaho, through Utah to Mesa. Members may join the trek in Idaho and Utah on the way to Mesa. Visit historic sites such as Salt Lake City, Cove Fort, Mountain Meadow, Pine Valley, Page, Glen Canyon Dam, Lake Powell and Navajo Country on the way. Return through California following the **Mormon Battalion Route** to San Diego and then north through Sacramento, Sutter's Mill, Donner's Pass to the trek departure sites. Cost range- **\$670-880** per person including all hotels. Contact Trek Director, **Dee Risenmay**, (208)356-5805

TREK #2. Trek offers pick up service from Salt Lake and all points south to St. George, and highlights the contrasts and beauty of the Southwest, as well as much of the history of that beautiful part of our country. A night at the Zion Canyon Theater "**Twist the Night Away**" starts the tour off with a flair. The gentle float on the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam and the intriguing walk through Upper Antelope Slot Canyon are a camera buff's delight, as they offer unparalleled beauty. The trek will visit the south rim of the **Grand Canyon** and after the Convention we will tour Hoover Dam on our way home. Add to these events visiting Lee's Ferry, Old Las Vegas Fort, Cove Fort, Iron Mission Museum and many other historic sites and it promises to be a delightful tour. Cost estimate, **\$700** per person includes the hotel in Mesa. Contact Trek directors, **Wayne or LaRae Wright, RAP Tours**, (435) 674-4378 or (435) 313-0888.

TREK #3. Trek from Salt Lake (or other departure sites) by air to the Convention. After the Convention, bus to Mexican border and travel to the Mormon Colonies (temple visit available if desired). Visit Paquime Indian Ruins, Mennonite Camps, Pancho Villa's home and Museum and take a breathtaking several hour train ride through the fabled **COPPER CANYON**, with an overnight stay in the canyon. Visit Hermosillo and the LDS Temple. The Spanish speaking guide for entire trip is **Dr. Webb Goodman**, a true treasure. He is a member of the Church with a Ph.D. in Spanish and Mexican history. Cost estimate is **\$1,570** per person (double) including airfare to and from Phoenix and hotel costs at the Convention. **You will need a passport or a certified birth certificate and driver's license.** (An alternative estimate cost is **\$1,140** per person (double) without Mesa hotel costs nor airfare to and from Phoenix. Return to **Phoenix on October 27**). Contact Trek director, **Palmer Hyde**, (801)966-4242 or (800) 748-4242.

Contact the tour director of your choice. Reserve your place with a deposit. Costs assume double occupancy. Registration for the convention not included.