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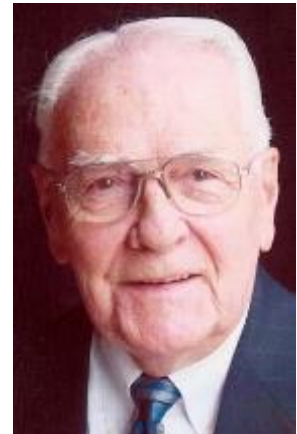
PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Dear Friends,

As I pondered the recent passing of our beloved Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley and the resultant smooth transition of the First Presidency, I could not help but think of the transition we experience each year. We have men taking over new responsibilities, from the Executive Committee to the Chapter Presidents and their boards. This transition is relatively smooth partly because of the training offered but largely because these people are dedicated to the mission of The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It is that dedication, coupled with teamwork that perpetuated our National organization as well as our individual chapters. I salute your efforts.



On this, our 75th Anniversary, I can only encourage you to seize the opportunity to elevate our efforts that we might honor all those who have served so gallantly ahead of us. Our Diamond Anniversary Fund makes it possible to leave a tangible legacy in the form of the “Eyes Westward” monument. We are confident that you will do everything possible to financially support that cause.

You will be reading of several new ideas to increase the exposure of our organization to the public and thus help us increase our membership and the number of chapters. It will require a minor bylaw change but we are confident the board will support us in this. Now we hope the membership will support it with the same enthusiasm that we, the Executive Committee, have in presenting it.

May we all work together to make this an unforgettable anniversary year.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President

NATIONAL NEWS

APRIL 19 CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING SET

All chapter presidents, presidents-elect and their wives are invited to attend the Spring 2008 Chapter President's Council meeting. It will be held in the newly renovated **SUP Headquarters Building** in Salt Lake City from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 19**. This is only one of two meetings of this important council each year.

The other meeting will be at the annual SUP Convention in Richfield in September.

This year's meeting will include a **special spouses program** in the morning while the President's Council meeting is held, a **catered luncheon** for all attendees with a special **Diamond Jubilee speaker**, and the announcing of **chapter awards** for the period June 30, 2006 to December 31, 2007. Each chapter will receive their new **Award Banners** and 2007 year plates

and certificates for the awards earned. Other national awards will also be given.

This is a **very** important meeting. We have several items to consider that need **chapter input**. In addition to the chapter officers, the SUP Executive Council, SUP Area Vice Presidents and National Program Directors will be in attendance. The luncheon cost is \$10 per person. **Reservations** may be made with our Executive Manager, Ron Van Leuven.

PAINTING AND CARPET INSTALLATION COMPLETE

A massive move of furniture, artifacts and pictures occurred at the National Building in mid-January. Both the library and the National

offices received **new coats of paint** and **brand new carpeting**. We hope all members will plan a trip sometime during the 2008 year to visit “their” building.



New Library carpet and rearranged National Board Conference Table.



Kay Blackner, John Smith, and Booth Maycock work hard to put paintings back on newly painted SUP Library walls.

YOUR DIAMOND JUBILEE

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED NOW

Thanks to a **very generous** \$15,000 contribution to our Diamond Jubilee Fund, 1/3 of our \$75,000 fund goal has been reached. The **\$10,000 down payment on the “Eyes Westward” monument has been made and the casting process** is underway. The statue will be placed in a **prominent location at This is the Place Heritage Park** as a gift from the SUP to the people of Utah, with a dedication planned for July, 2008. An attractive 13 inch resin replica “Eyes Westward” statues will be presented to each individual who contributes \$1,500 or more. Special monument patches for the chapter banners will be given to chapters that contribute \$750 or more. We invite all SUP members to be part of this 75th year project by contributing something to the fund, no matter how small. Chapter Presidents, make sure **all members** are informed of the project. Have your board consider making a **chapter donation** to the fund from chapter monies. We need **everyone’s** help to make this **Diamond Jubilee** year something very special.

INSPIRATIONAL PIONEER STORIES

PROJECT UNDERWAY

One of the highlights of our **Diamond Jubilee Year** is the initiation of our **Inspirational Pioneer Stories** project. Under the direction of

Program Director **LaRon Taylor**, President-elect **Roger Flick**, and Publicity Program Director **Angus Belliston**, we are inviting **all** SUP members and **nonmembers** to send us inspiring stories of their pioneer ancestors, many of which have never been published. These may now be submitted directly on our SUP Website, sonsofuthapioneers.org. These submissions will be reviewed and most of them will be displayed on our website and placed in the SUP Library collections. There is **no submission fee** for SUP members. **Nonmembers** will be charged a one-time **\$15 fee** for their first story. Subsequent stories have no charge. A **one-year's** subscription to the PIONEER magazine will be given to each nonmember who submits a story. It should be emphasized that these are **not** intended to be full-blown biographies. Their focus should be on a **short story** that typifies characteristics of the Pioneers. The length should be between one and ten pages plus the biographical submission form. We urge all readers to go to the website and follow the directions for **Inspirational stories submissions**. Chapter presidents: **share this information** with your chapter members and encourage them to talk to their non SUP member friends about the project. A **letter** is being sent to all SUP members detailing the requirements for this project. Forms for contributions to the Diamond Jubilee Fund (see news item) and our **2008 Diamond Jubilee medallion** will also be included in the mailing. Be part of this great Pioneer Heritage project.

LECTURE ON EMMELINE B. WELLS HELD AT SUP HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

A lecture entitled, "An Evening with Emmeline B. Wells" by Carol Cornwall Madsen was held Feb. 29, 2008 at the SUP headquarters building. Sponsors of the lecture were The Mormon Women's History Initiative Team, The Association for Mormon Letters, BYU Studies and Sons of Utah Pioneers.. Welcome was by Linda Hunter Adams and Roger Flick. Cherry B. Silver conducted the meeting. An imaginary interview was presented by Karen Lynn Davidson as Emmeline and Barnard Silver as the interviewer to gain insights into the life of

Emmeline B. Wells. Readings from Emmeline's poetry was presented by Lisa Olsen Tait. Carol Cornwall Madsen, an expert on the life and biography of Emmeline, presented "A Fine Soul Who Served Us: Why We Celebrate Her Achievement Still". Ruth Brown and Michael Loveridge presented classical "Brahms Violin and Piano Sonata No. 3, Second Movement". SUP provided the building for the event.

2008 MEDALLIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The **Diamond Jubilee medallions** are now available. The medallion (shown below) pictures



the NSSUP Building nestled on the **brow of Parley's Grove** with the signature 80 foot flag pole and flag to the east of the building. (See flyer) These will be **keepsakes**, so get your order in early.

Even though silver prices have risen significantly, the Executive Council has decided to **initially hold** the 2007 prices which are: \$25 for 99% pure silver, \$30 for silver gold plated, and \$5 for bronze. These prices may need to increase during the year depending on the **rare metals** market. Bronze medallions to be used by chapter presidents and national officers for **promotion** may be obtained for \$3 a piece. Attached to the newsletter is the order form for the new medallions. We suggest you reproduce the flyer and make it available to your members in your next chapter meeting.

43% OF 2008 ANNUAL DUES STILL NOT REMITTED TO NATIONAL

Although several chapters have submitted most of their member's 2008 dues, others have not yet submitted any renewals. All chapter presidents are urged to **immediately** send in all collected dues, and to establish a **system** to contact all chapter members who have not renewed and encourage them to **retain** their membership which will give them continued receipt of the *Pioneer* magazine.

CHAPTER NEWS

Settlement Canyon (Tooele, Utah) The Settlement Canyon chapter, along with several others, is encouraging members to receive their monthly newsletter by e-mail. The advantage is getting it earlier and less costly than "snail mail". The officer in charge of the March dinner meeting is Wayne Lowry with committee members William and Louise Hales and Farrell Stewart. The program is by the Nash family. Everyone enjoyed the February meeting where they learned about the History museum and its historical treasures. The chapter does a good job of making the members aware of the National Encampment, the Commemorative Coins, the "Eye Westward" statue and other programs offered by the National Office.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) Brother Richard E. Turley enlightened the chapter members about the duties and activities of the church's Family and Church History Department at the February meeting.. The guest speaker for March will be CW5 Gary Wallin (shown at right). Gary has been a member of the Utah National Guard for 34 years, 22 of those years he was on active duty. He has served in many locations in the world and did a tour in Afghanistan in 2004, during which he logged 300 combat hours flying AH Apache helicopters. He has a presentation that focuses on the many outstanding humanitarian efforts engaged in by our military forces.



The chapter's February Newsletter gives an excellent summary of the benefits of life membership. Benefits include: 1) SUP Life Membership ruby studded lapel pin (\$40 value.) 2) SUP Life Membership Certificate and laminated wallet card. 3) Display of engraved name and life member number on walls of the Heritage Hall at National SUP building. 4) Receipt of PIONEER quarterly magazine. 5) No additional annual national dues (\$30 per year). Several chapter newsletters inform members of the benefits of Life Membership and encourage members to become one.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The recent meeting of the chapter included a presentation by Leon Matheson about the early history of the Parowan area and the Spanish Trails. The chapter is working on a project to place a monument on the southwest corner of the old fort. The encroachment permit has been granted from the Department of Transportation and the design for the main monument is being worked on. Work will begin as soon as the weather is suitable to pour concrete. Chapter President, Bob Jensen was presented with the Outstanding Citizen award by Mayor James Robinson at the town meeting celebrating Parowan's 157th birthday.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) On March 15th the chapter will participate in their first of four planned treks for the year. They will join with the Hurricane Chapter for a visit to "Lost City of St. Thomas" (previously covered by Lake Meade). They will hear historical information about the "Muddy River Mission" from local historians. Stops will include visits to the Lost City and the Logandale Museums.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) Pete Monson was the special presenter for the February dinner meeting. His subject was the history and life of James M. Peterson who was one of the first group of pioneers to settle Richfield. He served three times as mayor of the city. Pete has collected extensive notes and pictures about his special pioneer. It is obvious that the Sevier Valley Chapter is well organized and administered. The newsletter reports the actions of each of the several committees. This year the National Convention Committee is actively involved in order to assure that the Sevier Valley Chapter sponsored event will be a big success.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) The program for the dinner meeting was presented by Lewis Pratt, a great-great grandson of Parley P. Pratt. The presentation included information about Parley's experiences as he led a party of saints on an expedition to Southern Utah to scout out suitable locations for settlements. His report to President Brigham Young was most helpful for the Prophet as he sent pioneers to those areas where the scouting party had visited.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) Guest speakers for the February dinner meeting were Dale and Lea Huff (shown at left, below). They served a mission in Ghana, Africa and showed pictures and spoke of their varied experiences in that land with the people that they obviously loved and assisted in many ways.



The chapter's first trek of the year included tours of the state capital building, the DUP Museum and the Pioneer Craft House (located at 3300 South and 500 East). A break for lunch was included. Those who participated in the trek (shown at right, above) enjoyed learning new things at each stop.

SALT LAKE CITY (Salt Lake City, Utah) The February chapter meeting feathered **Rhett James** who spoke to the chapter last year about **Martin Harris and the Martin Harris Pageant**, which he wrote. This year his subject was **“J. Reuben Clark’s last message to the world: The Importance of Life Review.”** Mr. James gives many details from his research of his subjects and the evening proved to be very informative and an “awesome” experience for those who attended.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) Chapter members have been favored to hear from Sid and Ann Smith. They have served a mission in South Africa and as mission president in Toronto, Canada. More recently they served in West Africa in the areas of Liberia and Sierra Leone. Their report to the chapter was on their experiences in the West Africa mission. That area is cursed by corruption. There are always rebellions and wars going on. Rebels destroy everything and create violence of all sorts. The weather in that area of the world is very hot and humid. The people lack education and there are no jobs. Many citizens die of malaria. There are 6500 members of the L.D.S. church in Sierra Leone and a few less in Liberia.

TRIAD CHAPTERS – Canyon Rim, Sugarhouse, and Beehive (Sugarhouse, North-East Salt Lake Valley, Utah) **Dil Strasser**, President of the Sugarhouse chapter, arranged for National Past President, **Jay Smith** for the February presenter. Jay has an impressive background of service in his career and church callings. He has led the National Sons of Utah Pioneers with great energy and his influence and innovative changes on the organization will be felt for many years to come.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) The guest speaker for the February chapter meeting was **Adam Petersen**, Chief Marketing Officer for Thanksgiving Point Institute. He told of the history of **Thanksgiving Point** and the role it plays in our community. This great facility was founded in 1996 by Alan and Karen Ashton, co-founder of Word Perfect. The March meeting presenter will be **Michael**

Stewart, President of the Utah Salt Lake City Temple Square Mission. His remarks will focus on the history of the Beehive House.

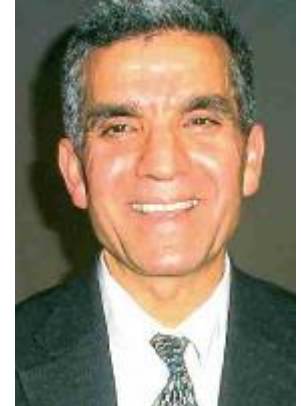


BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) The Box Elder Chapter has undertaken the responsibility of **sponsoring a young teacher in Zambia** to gain additional education to become a better teacher in her home community. The teachers name is **Mary A. Kangwa** (shown at left). The cost of the scholarship is \$100.00 per month. What a great opportunity to be involved in affecting the lives of young people in a third world county.

PORTER ROCKWELL (Draper, Utah) The February 27th meeting of the chapter featured Thomas G. Alexander, the author of the prodigious work "Utah: The Right Place" and many other works on Utah and US history. His subject was "Church Research into the Mountain Meadows Massacre". Chapter officers are encouraging their members to register for the 2008 convention to be held September 25-27 in Richfield.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The Officer-in-Charge for the February chapter meeting was Rex and Colleen Bennion and the theme for the meeting was "Memories of the Past". Jim Bevan and John Bryan present a photo tour of the Historical Museum and what it contains. The February chapter newsletter informed members of the "Diamond Jubilee Year", of the 2008 National Encampment to be held in Richfield, of the "Pioneer Name Demoralization", etc.

MILLS (South-East S.L.C., Utah) Host for the February chapter meeting were **Lee and Kathryn Durrant**. They arranged to have **Dr. Mansoor Emam** (shown at right) as the speaker. He impressed the audience as he told about the mission and operation of the Maliheh Free Clinic which is located at 415 East 3900 South in Salt Lake City. The clinic provides medical help to a wide range of poor people with no or low paying jobs. In addition to some full time doctors and nurses many medical specialists donate time to help over 11,000 people who come to the clinic for medical help. The clinic is a wonderful example of humanitarian service. **Laura and Kelly Griffiths** provided heart warming vocal music for the program. Conrad and **Mary Lynne Hanson** will host the March meeting and will have **Scott Featherstone** as the speaker.



TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) the February chapter meeting featured a musical program performed by the Kearns High School Madrigals. As usual, the group shared their talents and humor. The chapter will continue support of the annual Tomorrow's Pioneer Scholarship Program.



HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The chapter was favored to hear from **Doug Alder** (shown at left, with his wife) about the recent history of Washington County. Doug, along with Karl Brooks, wrote "**A History of Washington County from Isolation to Destination**". Doug made a wonderful presentation and the members came away feeling that they knew a lot more about the history of Hurricane, and why things happened the way they did. This month the chapter will go on a trek, along with the Cotton Mission chapter, that will go to the **Muddy Mission site**.

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