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Greetings from President Smith:

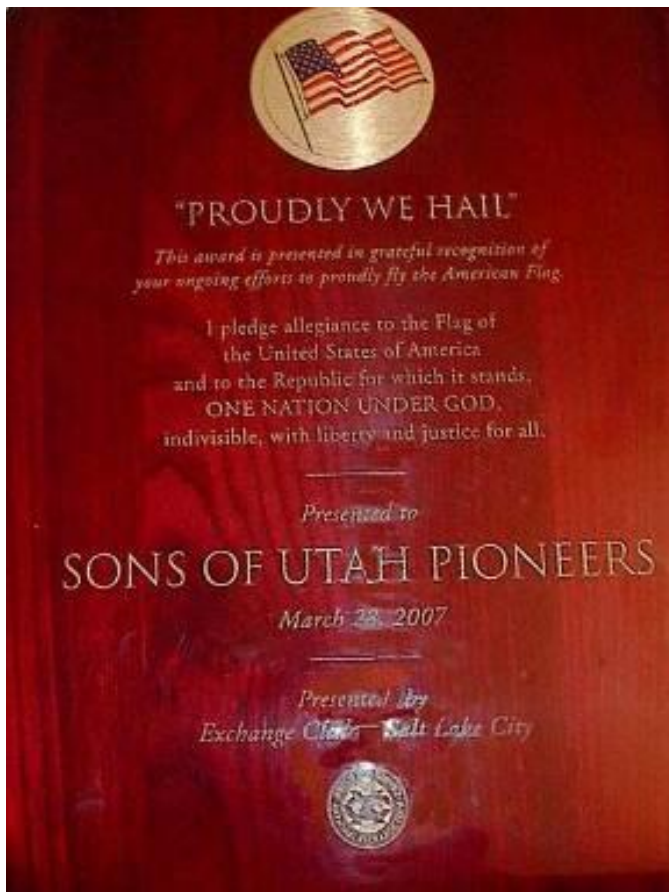
April 21 will be an important day for SUP Chapter Presidents and their chapter's Life Members. The **semiannual Chapter President's Council** meeting will be held at the National Headquarters Building in Salt Lake from **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Many important issues will be discussed and decisions made that will affect the membership through the coming year. **2007 Chapter Presidents and President Elects** are both invited to this important meeting. Following the Chapter President meeting at 5:00 p.m., a **Life Member Appreciation Dinner** will be held for Life Members and their Spouses. Invitations have been mailed to all SUP Life Members. We hope those attending the earlier meeting who are Life Members will make their reservations for this special occasion.

One of the 2007 NSSUP goals was to add **six new chapters** during the year. During the first three months, this goal has almost been reached. Besides the new **Maple Mountain Chapter** that was added in November 2006, five new chapters have been organized in **Northern Utah County (Timpanogos), Las Vegas, Nevada, Roosevelt, Utah, Draper, Utah (Porter Rockwell Draper), and Southern Utah County (Mt. Nebo)**. In each chapter, a President has been selected, other officers appointed and chapter meetings scheduled. We look forward to watching these new units flourish and grow as they become involved in establishing programs to meet the three-fold mission of the SUP. In most of these new chapters, the nucleus for the new organization came from **at-large members of the SUP** who have been excited to have a chapter affiliation so they can obtain all the benefits of membership. There are still many areas in Utah and the surrounding states with at-large members who have no nearby chapter affiliations. (Work is also underway to recharter the **Beaver** chapter). We **encourage each existing chapter** to reach out and help sponsor additional new chapters.

As spring and summer arrive, chapters are encouraged to schedule **treks** for their members. JenaVee and I participated in a wonderful one-day trek to Sanpete County with the Brigham Young Chapter in late March. (See separate article). Besides the very interesting stops and historical venues, we enjoyed the comradeship of 30 trekkers on a beautiful new Lake Shores Bus. My wife and I have had many such treks in our 22 years as a SUP member, and **each** one of them stands out in our memory. We hope each chapter uses this type of activity to further the mission of helping preserve the memory of the Utah Territory Pioneers. Thanks to all of you as leaders for the tremendous work you are doing. **We salute you!!!**

Jay M. Smith

2007 National President



SALT LAKE EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS SUP WITH PATRIOTISM AWARD

On March 28, 2007, the **Salt Lake Exchange Club** honored the **Sons of Utah Pioneers** with a special **“Proudly We Hail Award”**. SUP National President, Jay M. Smith, received the award on behalf of the NSSUP **“in grateful recognition of your ongoing efforts to proudly fly the American Flag.”** Salt Lake Exchange Club member **Chris R. Freymuller** presented the award, and spoke of driving past the National Building on I-80 every day for the past several years and seeing the beautiful flag flying in the daytime, at night, in sun or in snow. The handsome plaque will be displayed in the National Building. We pay special tribute to the **Mills Chapter** for their financial support through the years in keeping our **“flag flying”**.

SUP LOGO AVAILABLE IN STAINLESS

When you visit the SUP Headquarters Building, you will notice a beautiful new addition to the chimney wall of the upstairs hall. It is a 4 foot diameter stainless steel rendition of the handsome SUP logo. It was produced for the Eagle Rock Chapter by Idaho Steel Products of Idaho Falls, Idaho. We think many of you will want to have a similar

replica of the logo for your home or office. The chapter has made arrangements to have smaller versions of this beautiful artifact available for SUP Member purchase, with profits from the sale going to their Chapter Scholarship fund.

Three sizes are available: 11 inch diameter x 12 gauge, 9 inch diameter x 14 gauge, and 6 inch diameter x 16 gauge (see picture). Prices are large, \$40, medium \$35, and small \$30, plus shipping and handling. They are available either as **desk models** with a folded stainless steel base or as **flat models** for wall display.



Orders may be placed with Leonard Waters, 3947 Ridgeview Circle, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83406, Phone (208) 552-4604, email waters2105@aol.com.

WE'RE ON TV!

Watch for the **ads from SUP** and the **PIONEER Magazine** on **KBYU** and on **BYU-Television**.

These ads are part of a big campaign to increase subscriptions for the PIONEER Magazine, and will be seen on prime time on weekdays and on Sundays all over the USA and beyond during the next few months. They are costing our organization nothing in cash, but are paid for through a trade of advertising, with the generous cooperation of BYU Broadcasting.

UPCOMING 2007 EVENTS *

April 20 & 21 *Tabernacle Organ Concert (Temple Square – Salt Lake City)*

April 21 **Life Member Dinner (SUP Bldg)**

May 24-26 *Mormon History Assn Annual Conference. SLC Marriott Hotel*

June 1 *Brigham Young's birthday*

June 14-23 *Mormon Miracle Pageant, Temple Grounds, Manti, Utah*

July 2-11 *Castle Valley Pageant, Castle Dale, Utah*

July 3-17 *Martin Harris Pageant, Clarkston, Utah*

July 6-Aug 3 *Joseph Pageant, Nauvoo, IL*

Oct 18-20 *SUP National Convention, Mesa Marriot Hotel*

Nov 10 *2007 Historical Symposium, The Salt Lake Tabernacle "Crossroads of the West", SUP National Headquarters Building.*

* From Brigham Young Chapter Newsletter

PIONEER HISTORY:

THE OLD SOW CANNON

About 1841, during a skirmish between mob and Mormon Militia, a storm came up, making the roads impassable, so the mob hurriedly buried their cannon and left. The next day an old sow with a brood of little pigs was foraging and rooted it out. The Militia saw some brass sticking out of the ground, dug up the cannon, cleaned it and took it to Nauvoo, where it was used to call the Saints together. The Old Sow Cannon came to Salt Lake with the first company of pioneers, where it was set up in the Salt Lake Pioneer Fort. When Apostle George A. Cannon started south to start the Iron County Mission in 1850, the Old Sow Cannon was in the vanguard. As they came to the Valley of the Little Salt Lake (where Parowan Utah was settled), they fired off the Old Sow Cannon in celebration. Parowan became the “mother city” from which many other towns sprang.

Indians in the Parowan area shied away from the cannon, calling it Pe-up-carbine (big gun). Eventually it was brought back to Salt Lake and

installed near the southeast corner of the old fort. When the walls crumbled, it was buried again and lost for fifty years. Excavating to build the Utah Hotel, it was unearthed, cleaned and polished and can now be seen in the Bureau of Information on Temple Square. (Excerpted from the Little Salt Lake Chapter Newsletter, March 2007)

TODAY'S PIONEER AWARD – VICTOR HALL

The Hurricane Valley Chapter (Hurricane, Ut), under the indefatigable leadership of Victor Hall, created an impressive DVD on the Hurricane Canal, without which there would have been no Hurricane, according to chapter president Antone Bringhurst. The chapter placed copies of the DVD in local libraries, had continuous showings at Peach Days, and made presentations of the DVD to local leaders. Sales have been brisk, and together with a yard sale, spearheaded by Marco Grow, and a community breakfast on July 24th, spearheaded by Wes Christiansen, **several thousands of dollars were provided for chapter activities.**



The chapter awarded Victor Hall a Today's Pioneer award. Victor moved to Hurricane and has **painted several homes for widows, written over a hundred personal histories, written articles the history of LaVerkin** and other historical and geological subjects, and produced the canal DVD. His wife Louise gives care to the elderly and volunteers at the museum, according to the excellent Hurricane Valley Chapter newsletter, edited by David Hinton.

VISIT YOUR SUP WEBSITE

www.sonsofusahpioneers.org) Among the fine new improvements are several great historical links in the “PIONEERS of the PAST” section, under “Utah History,” “The Mormon Pioneer Trail,” and “Other Trails.” Something new is being added almost every week!

Outstanding Chapter News

SQUAW PEAK (Provo UT) consistently has outstanding speakers. In February, Buddy Youngreen, noted author, spoke on Joseph and Emma. March’s speaker was Floyd Packard, former regional representative and stake, mission & temple president. The Packards have 14 children, 97 grandchildren and 28 greats. The chapter is planning a Nauvoo Trek and a Caribbean Cruise!

TIMPANOGOS (American Fork/Alpine, UT) Forty people attended the second meeting of the Timpanogos Chapter, forcing a move to a larger hall. The next dinner meeting will move to a venue three times the size: The Alpine Country Club. Part of the success of the chapter is due to the excellent speakers and music, arranged by Program Chairman LaMar Barrett. In March the speaker was Ron Esplin, President of the Mormon Historical Society and Director of the massive project to collect and make widely available the Joseph Smith Papers. In April, the speaker will be Richard Cowan, noted BYU Church History scholar, speaking on LDS Temples.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan UT) sponsored a special community fireside at the Logan Tabernacle in March featuring early newspaper and magazine cartoons about the Church. In February, speakers Larry and Vicki Olsen, returned family history missionaries from South Africa, spoke on Missionary Pioneers in Africa. These events are presented in a very professional Chapter Newsletter, the Sawmill.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele UT) saw guest speaker Fred Gowans (a chapter member) speak on “Before the Mormons Came”.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan UT) hosted the Cedar City Chapter to hear the March speaker

Southern Utah historian Leon Matheson. Little Salt Lake even fed Cedar City!

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, UT) saw 75 attend their March scholarship fund dinner organized by Haymer Morris and Kent Mvers. Somehow these chapter board members got the newly-renovated Senior Center to waive the normal rental fee, so the cost to the chapter was only \$6.50 per plate. Two new recruits – both young men – related pioneer vignettes. Special music was provided by Hal Campbell’s daughter and her family. They are very talented like unto Hal, who was professor of vocal music at SUU.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, UT) meets in the American Legion Hall and in March heard noted historian, Leo Lyman, author of ten books and 30 articles, speak on the Indians of Southwest Utah and their conflicts with the Mormons. February’s speakers were Antone and Marilyn Bringhurst speaking on the Nauvoo Temple. In April, Wes Christiansen will present the Essay Winners from the area elementary schools. In May will be Kevin Lthier, violin maker and perform extraordinaire.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, UT). The speaker for the March meeting of the **Maple Mountain Chapter** was noted **western author, Lee Nelson**. Lee, a charter member of the new chapter, shared with members and guests his views as to what makes “**an everlasting story**”. He cited several novels and biographies that have achieved this eternal status, and identified common elements that lead to this result. He transferred these concepts to the writing of our own personal histories, and encouraged us to write stories of our lives that also contain these “**ever lasting qualities**”. No one knows our life stories like we do. Start now and write the stories that will make your life live for your posterity. He shared with us some of his personal histories and we all went away motivated to get started.

LEHI (Lehi, UT). March speaker was President Ed Brown, former Mt. Timpanogos Temple Presidency and member of the Seventy. The Chapter also trekked to Martins Cove and saw areas generally not accessible to the public. On April 16, Richard Van Wagener, Lehi City Historian, will speak on the history of Lehi. In May, the chapter will ride in the Thanksgiving Point trolley in the Lehi Roundup,

and will host a lunch meeting on Antelope Island (The island, one of 10 in the Great Salt Lake has deer, bobcats, coyotes, elk and 600 American Bison).

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, UT). March speaker was Judy Brummer, raised in Xhosa Africa, on producing Church literature, including translation of the Book of Mormon. The April speaker will be Jim Wall, Editor of the Deseret News, who will address the history of “The Voice of the Church”.

In March, 31 chapter members trekked to Sanpete County, viewed the remains Thistle, buried in a 1983 landslide, visited the Fairview Museum with it’s large exhibit of Avard Fairbanks sculpture and artwork, and the beautiful Spring City 1902 LDS Church (shown below). Trekkers then either attended a session of the Manti Temple or took a tour of Snow College. It was a very interesting and inspiring day.

