

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUP Brethren,

Holy Cow! Where has 2010 gone? What a wonderful ride-from-monthly board meetings, the chapter activities, meetings and also of good speaker.

We had a dozen major National chapter activities-from sweetheart dinner & program to parades, Brother Brigham's Ball, scholarships, helping with the Sunrise Service, the Symposium, the Convention, Honoring the SUP Veterans-What Fun! Plus I spent the year visiting every SUP Chapter at least once to meet the great members, enjoy fun activities and listen to great speakers. I did miss visiting the Harmony Chapter in Pennsylvania which I regret.

As I travel and visit Chapters & Members, many of you talk about the wonderful, wonderful Pioneer Magazine that SUP puts out. It is a great opportunity to share SUP with others; family and friends especially. Please give some gift subscriptions for Christmas or any occasion!

Thank You to all the Chapters for all the good work you have done on monuments, scholarships, and projects. You have kept the Pioneering Spirit alive!

Another Thank You to our new Chapters and to each of you who have helped someone join the SUP this year. We have over 300 new members which will bring in new ideas and make this organization even better!

Please be sure to keep the lines of communication open with the National Headquarters. We are here to serve you and make it easier for your Chapter Board.

As the pony express 150 years ago- rode off into the sunset, so do I. Like the Inter-Continental Telegraph took over from them to make life better, I turn the SUP Presidency over to La Mar Adams to keep SUP going strong.

AS for our Pioneer Ancestors-Please remember them-Discover them-and Become like them!

Only YOU can make a difference! Please do.

Dil Strasser 2010 SUP National President thesassers@hotmail.com

NATIONAL NEWS

Send national news to: rogerflick@comcast.net

- ♣ December 14th, National Christmas Dinner @ 6:30 pm. \$10/person. National Business will be conducted and entertainment will be provided by the Mountain Jubilee Choir.
- ♣ SUP Office and Library will be closed December 23rd & 24th for the Christmas Holiday and December 30th & 31st for New Years Day Holiday.
- ♣ Our long time employee of at least 30 years and friend, Florence Youngberg, has officially retired. But we still keep in contact with her by phone. She is doing very well and we really miss seeing her here at the office. We love you Florence!
- ♣ National Headquarters wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season!
- Medallion necklace holders (below) are \$15
 Price does NOT include medallion.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

James D Krog,

Porter Rockwell Chapter (was annual)

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Bountiful Chapter **Terry M. Tilley**

Cotton Mission Chapter **David J Evans**

Harmony Chapter **David W. Ware**

Jordon River Temple Chapter **David J. Treseder**

Ogden Pioneer Chapter

James Lawrence Pitchford

Stephen Lloyd Richey

Curtis Willie Wells

Sanpete Chapter
Lewis Victor Rasmussen

Sevier Valley Chapter **Jerald S. Hawley**

Squaw Peak Chapter
Alvin C. Rencher
George W. Harrington

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John Derrill Bills

J. Lyle Thompson

CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BRIGHAM
YOUNG (Provo,
Utah) At the
October chapter
meeting Susan
Easton Black
(right), a professor
of Church History
and Doctrine at the
BYU, spoke about
people who



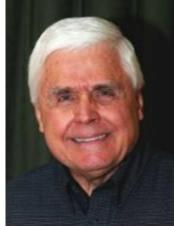
personally knew the **Prophet Joseph Smith.** She has written a 50-volume set of materials on this subject and has grouped these people into four categories. They are:

- 1) Members of the church who have been faithful all their lives. They knew who they were and where they were going and had a sense of peace and confidence.
- 2) Members who left the church, but who came back.
- 3) Members who "faded away." They had "the Pearl of Great Price, but dropped it." These former members of the church became weak links in their families as relates to an association with the church over time.
- 4) Members who fought against the church. This was the smallest group.

She expressed gratitude for the confidence of the pioneers "who hung in there" and who showed faithfulness, sacrifice, and agency. She concluded her remarks with the question: "Where do we want to end up?"

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) Paul

Smith (right), a good friend of the chapter, was the guest speaker in November. He is a board chairman for the Whittaker Home Restoration Project and is currently serving as a docent in the Museum of Church History.



Paul indicated that most are aware of **Brigham**Young's great leadership, pioneering and organizational skills. Not so much is mentioned about the spiritual aspects of his life. Paul told of several interesting experiences in the life of Brigham Young that are not well known among church members. During the meeting members of the chapter who are veterans were asked to stand and were honored in anticipation of Veterans Day. **Dick Christiansen** was also recognized as he has been elected **National SUP President Elect**.

Royce Allen briefly talked about his new book, *Tails and Sites of the Centerville Mountains*.

He has spent countless hours hiking, exploring, researching and sharing information about the interesting and beautiful sites in the mountains east of Centerville.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) The chapter recently presented the **Modern Pioneer Award** to the **Southern Utah Heritage Choir**



(above). Chapter president, Roland Lee made the presentation to the choir Vice President, Geri Rhodes in the St. George tabernacle. He also presented a check to the choir for \$2,500 to assist them in their work. The choir represents the community as ambassadors to the world as they share the message of love and peace with both music and the spoken word. Participants at the Sons of Utah Pioneers convention held in St. George in October enjoyed the performance by the choir as they sang and spoke in the tabernacle.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) The guest speaker for the November chapter meeting was Ron Walker. He is a professor of history at BYU and is currently working on a biography of **Brigham Young**. In preparation for this work he has read overt 18,000 letters and papers of Brigham Young. The subject of his talk was the impact of the California gold rush on the Mormons in Utah. He stated that Brigham Young was an organizational genius and that he had a "sweet and gentle spirit". He said that Brigham prayed, studied and researched all available information on the Great Basin prior to departing from Winter Quarters. Word of the California gold strike was received by Brigham Young in July 1848 while traveling west of Devils' Gate and he was encouraged to go to

California. That winter in the Salt Lake Valley would be a physical and psychological crisis with temperatures at minus thirty-eight degrees, snow depths of three to four feet, with wolves howling, cattle dying, roofs leaking, and three quarters rations. Again there was encouragement to go to California. Brigham Young promised the saints that they would benefit from the gold miners passing through SLC and the y would be able to sell and trade goods at ten to fifteen cents on the dollar. This prophecy was fully realized.

In mid November the chapter participated in a trek to the Violin Making School of America. The guide was Mr. Charles Woolf who is the owner, director and working instructor. The school was founded by Peter Prier in 1972. The program is designed to be completed in three years and can have a maximum of 29 students per year. The program consists of making 7 violins and a cello. The traditional, time honored techniques of violin making are emphasized. After visiting the school the group went next door to the Peter Prier & Sons Violins. There Daniel Prier told the group about the history, the internal structure of the violin and showed them around the shop where they saw some very old and unique instruments. He has hand selected a team of highly trained individuals who work well with him. Peter's expertise as a violin maker has maintained the credibility and professionalism for forty plus years. After he spoke with the group he played his "Firebird" Stradivari, made by Antonio Stradivari in 1718.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah)
Nearly 70 members and guests met in November and enjoyed hearing stories of olden times in their city by some of the long time citizens.
Those contributing stories were Floyd
Wilkinson, Mack Sanders and Dell Stout.
They spoke of the time when there were two
LDS Wards in the city with a fair amount of friendly rivalry between them. An annual tug of war was reported with plenty of humor. Some of the rivalry was cause by the "gerrymandering" that was done to make the ward boundaries.
Some said it was because the South Ward had



to meet in the old school house (above) and the North Ward members got the benefit of the new stake center (below). It was a fun evening as the



group recalled many experiences of the past. National President, Dil Strasser was in attendance and spoke about the future of the SUP. Following are some interesting facts of Early Hurricane:

- In 1912 three hotels were constructed in the city.
- In 1913 the first doctor, Dr. Wilkinson, moved to town.
- In 1914 the first movie theater was built with a gas powered projector.
- In 1917 drinking water was no longer put in barrels from the irrigation ditch.
- Up until 1937 the town was known as "the Dead End Town" because the only way in or out was through Anderson's Junction.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE

(Southwest Salt Lake Valley) At the November chapter meeting, popular historical novel author, **Lee Nelson**

(above right) spoke on the subject of Orrin Porter Rockwell (right), which is the subject of his book "Rockwell" from his "Storm Testament" series. He brought with him a pistol that was the same make and model as the one belonging to Porter and he used it to add interest to the story of some of his encounters. Lee gave details of some of the early experiences of Porter, including his close relationship with the Prophet Joseph Smith and

his family. Porter, or "Port"

as he was referred to, was

one of the earliest baptized members of the church in this dispensation and was a loyal follower of the Prophet. Lee talked about the well known accounts of the shooting of **Governor Boggs** and the experience of showing up at a Christmas party at the **Mansion House** where he was not recognized except by Joseph due to his long hair. It was at that time that the famous promise was given by the Prophet to Port that no blade or bullet would hurt him if he never cut his hair. Lee also told of the training Port gave his dog so that the dog would not bark when a possible intruder threatened while Port was asleep. Rather than barking the dog would lick Port's face to warn him.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) A very informative and interesting presentation was given the chapter in October by Dell Hollingshead. His subject was the old Fort Cameron. The fort was a U.S. Army Camp that was established in Beaver in 1873. Mr. Hollingshead is a member of the Beaver county

centennial committee that put together information for the book: "History of Beaver County."

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) Elder Jesse and Sister Pauline McDowell, who currently serve as coordinators at the Mesa LDS Employment Center, were guest speakers at the November

> chapter meeting. They have served missions in Ghana and in Sierra Leone. Sister McDowell described the people in these African nations as having a "great pioneer spirit in their pivotal time of history –from tribal slavery into believing hearts with faith to follow the spirit's promptings. She told of Billie Johnson who, before he was taught by the missionaries or baptized, set up 13 branches. Another man saw the Salt Lake Temple in vision and later when he saw a rendition of it begged for missionaries. Elder MacDowell spoke of a

time when a minister knocked on their door and requested the opportunity to preach to "his congregation." He was invited in and was given the 1st missionary discussion. That was on Monday. Then on Wednesday he received the second discussion. At that point the man said "I resign my church today" (That was after serving for 45 years.) He was soon given the rest of the discussions and was baptized. One other experience was shared by Elder MacDowell of a mother with two children whose deceased father appeared to her, expressing: "Baptize me!" She later noticed the church name on a building and reported that it appeared "as though in neon lights!" She came into a Gospel Essentials class, where the lesson that day was "Baptism for the **Dead.**" She is now a temple worker. Elder McDowell testified that the Lord is very much involved in the details of our lives. Music for the program was by Steve Clark playing the cello, his wife Marcia singing and Juneve Anderson accompanying them on the piano.



MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) "My Days with Orrin Hatch" was the subject of the message given to the chapter by Frank Madsen.



Frank was well acquainted with Mr. Hatch (left) as they served in church callings prior to his getting involved with politics. When Frank was told by Orrin that he was planning to run for U.S. Senator he told him that he was crazy.

Against all odds Orrin won the election. He called Frank to work for him in his Washington office as his chief of staff. Freshman senators are not usually seen or heard from much but Senator Hatch organized a filibuster against the Labor Law Reform bill when no senior Senator would take on such a task. He became chairman of the **Senate Labor and Human Services** Committee after only a few short years, which again just isn't done. It takes many years of seniority to be given such a position. Senator Hatch continues to be a leader in the Senate. He has insisted that he and his office be involved in all of the issues before congress, not just those in his committee. Because of the Senator's involvement with thousands of bills and issues Frank and his staff were swamped with work responding to phone calls, requests for appointments, letters, keeping up on appointments, giving speeches when the Senator could not make it to the appointment, etc.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) A couple of months ago chapter members participated in a trek to visit the Cache Cave. This site is located near the pioneer trail just west of Evanston, Wyoming. The cave is a deep depression in the rocks on the hillside facing west above the trail. It was used by many and for many purposes over the years. Before the coming of the white man natives would have used it. The trappers used it to store furs and supplies. The pioneers also used it to store or cache supplies. This leads to the

source of the "cache" name. Of course it was used by many to provide a dry shelter from the weather. Many visitors to the cave have carved their names on its walls. Standing at the mouth of the cave one can see the trail that goes on down the canyon toward the valleys that were settled by the pioneers. In ones imagination the setting provides a feeling of closeness to the pioneers who traveled the trail. After the tour the group concluded the trek by having a delightful lunch in Morgan.

PORTER ROCKWELL (Draper, Utah) The chapter has moved into a new location for their monthly dinner meetings. They have been welcomed into the Family Search Library at the new LDS Riverton Office Building. After dinner in November, which was held in the spacious cafeteria, the group moved into one of the well equipped meeting rooms where one of the volunteers, **Paul Jones**, gave information about the new library and the resources available. He used the example of one of his pioneer ancestors to illustrate what was available through a Google search, through htttps://new.familysearch.org and other historical indexes. The group then moved into the library room with more than 100 personal computer stations and the available hands-on assistance from the family search library volunteers and service missionaries. The chapter looks forward to a long and happy relationship with the new location.

SALT LAKE CITY (Salt Lake City, Utah) At a recent chapter meeting Chad Orton made a presentation on the subject of the supporting role of many wonderful women who cared for their families, farms and homes while their husbands responded to calls from the prophet to serve missions. Mr. Orton titled his talk: "Those They **Left Behind: Experiences of Missionary** Wives and Children". He drew from journals and personal stories of the women. He said that for more than 100 years church leaders called married men to serve missions. It would not have been possible for these men to accept the calls if it were not for the support of the wives and children whose own lives were affected by the call. Mr. Orton is an archivist with the LDS

Church History Department assigned to Historic Sites.

At another meeting renowned Mormon film maker: T. C. Christensen shared with the group the 'Agony and Ecstasy' behind the camera. Most inspiring were the clips from his new movie in production regarding 17 miracles associated with the hand cart companies. In addition to feature films he has produced many short films which include: "Touch of the Master's Hand", "Only a Stone Cutter", "The Pump Pioneer Miracle", "Out of the Mouths of Babes", "Treasure in Heaven" and many more.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The chapter has had a busy season with a variety of projects. The museum is now closed for the season, although appointments can be made for a tour. Chapter members are in the process of updating displays. The local unit of the **DUP** has approached the chapter about participating in the restoration of the Pioneer Cemetery Monument which is located on the hill south of Tooele. The chapter agreed to assist in the project. A trek was taken to the newly remodeled **DUP Museum in SLC** on November 17th. Those who attended made very favorable comments about the displays and how the building looked great. A large section of the fence surrounding the **Pioneer cemetery** has been repaired by chapter members. Wind had damaged the fence. The city provided the material and the chapter provided the labor. Landscaping, maintaining and weeding the cemetery are ongoing projects of the chapter. Again this year the chapter participated in the Tooele City's "Halloween on Main Street". They passed out candy to the trick-or-treaters and they also had a spook alley at the Museum.

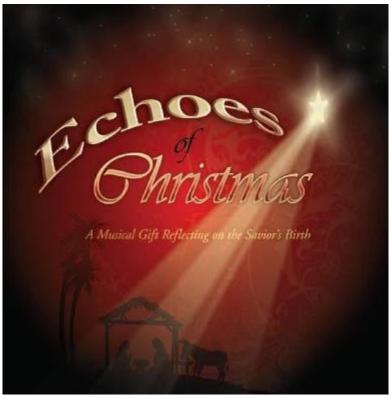
SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) Chapter **President Del Dimick** has suggested that as we consider the season for giving thanks that we might appreciate and give thanks to the pioneers who gave so much to settle our valleys. We should also be thankful for our modern day pioneers and the contribution they make on our

behalf. Del said that it is especially important that our young people are made aware of the things that these pioneers have done to improve our lives. **Dave Ogden** has been doing a tremendous job representing the chapter on "**Mid-Utah Radio**". On the second Monday of each month he gives a very interesting and informative program. This month he gave the history of the **Parley P. Pratt** exploration activities in the area. Dave's enthusiasm and involvement in the SUP is a great example of how each of us can help others appreciate the pioneers and their contributions.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) Recently returned missionaries, Lou and Diane Clements (below) provided the program



for the chapter in October. Their mission was served in Russia. A brief history of Russia was given which gave a good insight into what the Russian people have been through. They also gave very good, interesting information on the church's history and growth in Russia. The couple spent most of their time in the St. **Petersburg area**. They told how St. Petersburg was built under the direction of Peter the Great in 1703. The church has been making good progress in the area since 1988. It was reported that the Russian Orthodox Church is very prominent and challenges the growth of the LDS church in Russia. They also reported that Patriarchal Blessings show that the people of Russia come from all the Tribes of Israel. They said they really enjoyed their mission and that they love the people.



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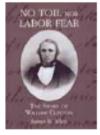
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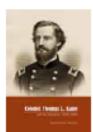
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In 1997, a Church committee created a marker to be attached to the graves of Pioneers who arrived in the valley prior to the coming of the railroad. These were sold to anyone who wanted to attach one to the grave of his or her ancestor, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847.

For some time the markers have not been available, and we (the SUP) have had frequent requests as to how to get them. The National office of the SUP has made arrangements to have a number of them manufactured and are making them available to members or others who wish honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

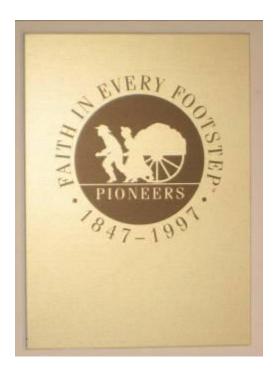
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

The prices are as follows and includes the means of attaching them to a grave marker:

In quantities of 1 to 5, the cost is \$15.00 each, plus shipping (if needed). 6 or more would be \$12.00 each, plus shipping

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		Silver, Gold Rider and Horse	\$45		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$		
		Silver	\$35		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$		
		Bronze	\$5		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75				
Golden Spike 200		Gold	\$30		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$		
	2009	Silver, Gold Spike	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$		
		Silver	\$27		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$		
		Bronze	\$4		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$		
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	2008	Silver	\$20		\$	\$17.00	\$18.00		\$		
		Bronze	\$3		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$		
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