PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doctrine of Pioneer Covenant Making, Part I

For most of my life I have pondered on why the Lord sent an early snow storm which trapped the Martin & Willie handcart companies in the mountains-- and why such a devastating one, when He could have just as easily sent good weather with God speed. I asked myself other questions. Why were they called upon to go through such great suffering? And why then, is that not required of me, even if it is to each his own? Well, of course there are multiple answers to each of these questions, and each with eternal purposes.



Then just last year I was re-studying The Lectures on Faith again and discovered my most important answer in the last two lectures, 6 & 7. The Prophet Joseph taught that the sacrifices, suffering and affliction the pioneering saints were called upon to offer up was actually covenant making. Thus, it all was part of a covenant ordinance-- another ordinance in fulfilling the law and covenant of consecrating everything we have, our all, even including our lives, to the Lord. Not just be willing to give our all, including our lives, but to actually do it-- whether in life or death our life is required of us.

But it was through SUP that I came to more fully understand that pioneering is covenant making, in accordance to the laws of sacrifice and consecration. Through re-writing biographies to memorialize my pioneer ancestors I learned that coming across the plains for some was the ultimate sacrifice-- some gave their lives. But for others, the worst was yet to come.

My great grandfather David Leonard Savage had worked on the Nauvoo temple; was driven from Nauvoo; helped one of the Church leaders 200 miles on his journey in extreme hardship and deep snow taking 6 weeks for the trip and a horse dying on the way; returned for his family and by the wayside his wife gave birth in an old log cabin without doors, windows or floors; then she had to walk carrying her baby when strong enough to go; endured such hardships until they finally arrived in the Salt Lake Valley September 24, 1847.

After settled in the Valley for 3 years David was sent to help settle Lehi in 1850 and serve as second counselor to Bp. David Evans, the first bishop in Lehi. Then after 3 years they were sent to Cedar City for 3 years, then called to provide mail and freighting to San Bernardino, etc., then to settle Holden. In 1856 he was called to help bring the stranded handcart companies to the Valley with his mule teams, the next year to bring the San Bernardino saints to Utah and in 1860 to take 2 apostles across the plains on way to their missions in England, and he returned with 3 poor families and the first threshing machine to Utah. Two years later he was sent to settle Cedar Fort and a year later, 1863, to settle Bear Lake, which was one of the worst sacrifices for the whole family, losing most everything they had-- including David's health, from which he suffered the rest of his life. One night in the dead of winter at Bear Lake, my great grandmother took her only Sunday dress to the neighbors to ask to exchange it for some flour. When the

good neighbor realized they were starving he gave them flour, meat and other things and sent her back with her Sunday dress.

In 1868 he helped settle Hiram, the next year Goshen and in 1874 called on a mission to Canada and the New England States. In 1877 he moved to Kingston and was secretary in the United Order. In 1880 they moved to Snow Low, Arizona, then to Snowflake, Salt River, and back to Snowflake. He died in 1886 after years of considerable illness, leaving 3 wives and having fathered 19 children.

I had asked myself, "why was he required to give his whole life in pioneering sacrifices?" And, "why could he not enter into some kind of rest in this, or some other valley, as his earthly promised land?" But after studying each of the lives of my great grandparents I learned that even those who stayed in the valley were called upon to sacrifice unto the end. Except a couple of them didn't-- they dropped out-- drawn off to temptations and forsook their covenant. So we learn great lessons and gain valuable knowledge from each. Not only is the same required of us, according to our uniqueness, but the prophets have recently declared that our future pioneering will be harder than that for our ancestors. But this fact is my Part II of the doctrine of Pioneer Covenant Making.

We are all learning how to live the laws of sacrifice and consecration through pioneering covenant making-- how to give our all for the covenant. May the Lord bless us in learning from our ancestors how the Lord will likewise lead us through the wilderness to the Promised Land-- if we will but let Him.

Larry La Mar Adams 2011 National President llamaradams@yahoo.com

2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

Jan.- Feb. **Area Training Meetings** (Chapter boards)

March Endowment Seminars (All members invited)

April 23 Free Estate Planning Seminar; wills, trusts & endowments 10:30-12:30

Chapter President's Council 1-4 p.m. Banquet at 5 p.m.

May 7 **National SUP Symposium**

May 16-21 **National Trek** (Hole in the Rock, full)

July **Brigham's Ball** (Anyone and everyone)

Pioneer Day Sister Organization Luncheon

July 24th Sunrise Service 7 a.m. in SL Tabernacle (Anyone & everyone)

Days' of 47 Parade (Any chapter, carts will be provided)

Aug. SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park (All members)

25-27 -- **National Convention** (All members)

Oct. TBA SUP Early Church History Trek, Vermont to Kirtland (Anyone & everyone)

Dec. 13 **Executive. Council, AVP Training** 3:30 p.m. (Chapter pres, pres-elect, & Natl Brd)

National SUP Christmas Social & Installation. (Same as above)

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to Ron VanLeuven at sup-exmgr@comcast.net

We are considering offering a second trek to Hole-in-the-Rock. If interested, please contact national president L. La Mar Adams via email llamaradams@yahoo.com and vote between having it in early June or early Sept.

THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED

OUT for dinners, weddings and/or receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Andrea @ 801-484-4441 or 1-800-724-1847.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – Thursdays 9:00 – 4:00 Closed Fridays Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st for Presidents Day.

PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount would be appreciated. And don't forget; its tax deductible! (See flier on page 9)

TOP SEVEN REASONS FOR AN SUP MUSEUM & LIBRARY

- 1-Supports the main mission statement of SUP to preserve, honor, and teach
- 2-Provides education to school, scout, and other groups
- 3-Offers increased educational and research experience for the public
- 4-Provides a basis for possible funding for future online technological expansion
- 5-Boosts exposure for SUP membership growth
- 6-Assures that a reliable, secure environment exists for historical donations
- 7-The newly-proposed Pony Express Collection and other valuable donations need a home!

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mark Ethington

Taylorsville/Bennion, #3111, converted

Brett Grow

Brigham Young, #3112, new

James S. McKendrick

Settlement Canyon, #3113, converted

Terry P. Clemmer

Mills, #3114, new

Blaine P. Anderson

Lehi, #3115, converted

Larry D. Rhodes

Red Rocks, #3116, converted

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Brigham Young

James Graff

Cedar City

Dale J. Evans

Eagle Rock

Jack Taylor

Holladay

Robert Quist

John A Hart

Hurricane Valley

Floyd Wilkinson

Devin Ruesch

Kelly Dutton

Mills

Richard Sears Tanner

Morgan

Roger G. Crittenden

Forest Taylor

Ogden Pioneer

Val Henry Schultz

Pocatello

Edward Hold

Porter Rockwell

Roy Shaw

J Paul Jones

Sanpete

Gerald M. Cooper

Sevier Valley

Thomas E. Seegmiller

Squaw Peak

James Smith Isom

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Thomas A. Stephenson, 4 September 2010 At Large, Life Member # 1281

Alyn B. Andrus, 20 December 2010 Upper Snake River Valley

Alvin R. Carter, 4 December 2010 Ogden Pioneer, Life Member # 2249

F. Lewis Pratt, 30 December 2011 Maple Mountain, Life Member # 2811

Terril J. Halladay, 16 December 2010 Roosevelt

Robert Crabtree, 25 December 2010 Brigham Young

Glenn Stratton, 23 August 2010 Hurricane Valley, Life Member # 1553 James Sandberg, 12 November 2010 Cedar City

CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The Pioneer Village continues to be expanded and improved. Currently a public restroom is being built and the Haws cabin is undergoing renovation. A rock monument with a plaque is being erected with plans for dedication in August. There will also be an honor wall constructed which will provide a place to list names of individuals or groups that have contributed money or significant labor to the Village. Help from Chapter members on these projects is encouraged and appreciated.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah)

Following dinner, chapter members and guests enjoyed "a moment in history" as Abe Young

related early history of dairymen in the St. George area. He told the story of one dairyman who received a surprise one Christmas morning to find that his sons had gotten up early and had taken care of all the chores. **Robin Davis** (right) then told pioneer stories and entertained

with songs. He related the story of the conversion of his ancestor, Artemus Millett. As plans were underway to build the Kirtland **Temple** it was found that there were no members of the church with the capability to direct the construction. Joseph Young recommended Artemus Millett for the job. However Artemus was living in Canada and was not a member of the church. Brigham Young was given the missionary assignment to go to Canada, convert Artemus and his family and bring them back to Kirtland. Brigham Young accomplished his mission and Artemus supervised the construction project. Later he was called to supervise the cattle operation of the church in Spring Valley, now part of Nevada. He built a large stone home in Shonesburg, near the entrance to **Zion** National Park. This home (below) still stands today.



HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) Chapter members very much enjoyed a Christmas program consisting of a message from chapter president, Ted Pierce followed by a young pianist, Samuel Marburger, who played a medley of several Christmas songs. Pete Riches and his daughter entertained with a beautiful

rendition of "Star Bright". The featured speaker for the evening was **Chad M. Orton** who is an archivist for the church. He spoke about **holidays and celebrations in early church history**. The 4th of July was always celebrated. In the earliest days of the church



Christmas was not universally celebrated. During the 19th century Christmas, for the most part, was just another day of work for the Saints. The first Christmas in Utah was celebrated by firing a cannon and then going on with work. Christmas in 1852 was celebrated with music and dancing at the Social Hall where there was a community Christmas tree. Concluding his remarks Brother Orton emphasized that Christmas does not come from a store.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The Chapter Christmas celebration consisted of a delicious catered meal with entertainment during the meal by a string quartet from the **Hurricane**



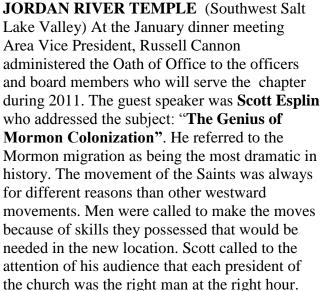
favored to listen to several vocal numbers fitting



Vice President, administered the oath of office to the 2011 officers and board. Past President, Larry LeBaron and President, Darwin Leavitt are pictured at right.

by **Hope** Bringhurst. (left) Also during the evening David Hinton, the Area

the season sung



Some obvious examples discussed were Wilford Woodruff and Gordon B. Hinckley. His main emphasis was on Wilford Woodruff and he spoke of his many close calls with death, multiple broken bones and other challenges. He learned to deal with opposition due to his life experiences. As president of the church he faced a great deal of organized opposition

from outside the church and from within. The manifesto was the source of much opposition from church members. He had to defend his position that "God would not allow His prophet to lead the church astray". Scott suggested that we all need to prepare for our hour.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) Members of the chapter



looked back over the past year and reminisced with pleasure over what they have experienced. It was said that they went places and did things they would never have done were they not members of the SUP. Examples include traveling over the trail of the Hole in the Rock and following the trail of the Johnston's army. The chapter has also had some very entertaining and informative meetings. The completion of the Peck/Russon monument gives the members a sense of accomplishment. The January dinner meeting will feature Brenton G. Yorgason.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The January News Letter for the chapter recapped the programs for the past year. Members were privileged to participate in a wide variety of entertainment and information of historical interest. There was a good mix of programs and treks. Members from the Beaver chapter were invited to join with the chapter for the Christmas program. After the holiday meal there was musical entertainment by "One Voice", a very accomplished vocal group of three ladies. Following that part of the program **Lorraine** Thompson, her daughter Chelsea and Chelsea's musical family gave a variety program using guitar, cello, violin and beautiful singing.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) The December dinner meeting was well attended, including **Dil Strasser**, the 2010 National President, **LaMar Adams**, the 2011 National President and **Milton Jones**, the Area Vice

President. Special guest speaker,
Lawrence Haines (right) shared experiences with
Admiral Richard
E. Byrd on his
1946-1947
Antarctica
Expedition.



Frank Nielsen received a special presentation from LaMar Adams for recruiting and funding 23 descendants as life members of the SUP. President Strasser presented certificates of appreciation to chapter members who are military veterans. Milton Jones installed the 2011 chapter officers.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) Once again Frank Madsen arranged to have the Utah Chamber Artists Choir to provide an outstanding musical program for the chapter Christmas party. Several members of the choir have been members since this world renowned musical group was formed. Dr. Barlow Bradford directs the choir and a featured member was Michael Stewart. He is an exceptional piano accompanist and is only 20 years old. The program was inspirational including some specially arranged traditional Christmas songs.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) The chapter was favored to have Joann Byrd and Doreen **Lloyd** provide the December program. They are sisters of Marjory Pay Hinckley, wife of President Gordon B. Hinckley. They spoke of their grandfather, Richard Pav who came from England. They told of the many challenges he and his wife, Sarah faced crossing the plains with the Martin Handcart Company, including the death of two of their children. Their son Jimmy died in his sleep and was buried at Devil's Gate. His grave marker was removed from the site and several years later was found in Idaho. The two sisters located the marker and retrieved it for the family. The sisters used this as an example of how our **Heavenly Father cares** about his children and the work of Genealogy.

SALT LAKE (Salt Lake City, Utah) The Woods Cross High School Madrigal Singers gave a wonderful concert performance for the



program for the December chapter meeting. At the January meeting **Dr. Donald Doty (left), chairman of the Missionary Medical Committee** for the church, gave a very informative and most captivating power point presentation.
The Missionary

Medical Committee has an enormous task of ensuring the health and well being of over

52,000 missionaries in 342 missions of the church. Dr. Doty reviewed the process of medical clearances for the missionary applications as they are submitted for processing. An average of 200 applications is received each day. He emphasized the importance of the health of a missionary. When a companion is ill or handicapped for any reason it affects not only one person but the companionship and sometimes the whole mission. Extra precaution is required when the missionary will be serving outside of the U.S., Canada and Northern Europe. They need to be careful not to drink the water without purification. He showed a picture of the purification bottles and kits the church is providing each missionary. He said that missionary service is hard work and the missionary must develop good hygiene habits and protect his or her health.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) At the January meeting of the chapter the president, Bevan Wright, welcomed everyone and introduced Brad Clayton, the new Area Vice **President.** Brad then administered the oath of office to the 2011 officers and board. The dinner committee had arranged entertainment for the evening which was provided by six young people from Grantsville know as the "Hillbilly **Fiddler**". On January 12th chapter members participated in a trek to the Tooele County **Emergency Operations Center. Wade** Mathews, the center's Public Information's Officer, conducted the tour. Jim Bevan and Russ Hammond continues to work each Tuesday at the Pioneer Museum. They have spent a lot of time with Lee Nix in preparing an extensive display of artifacts belonging to the **Indian tribes of the Great Basin and Tooele** County. Tours of the museum can be taken even though the date for the museum to be open has not yet arrived. Tour arrangements can be made by calling Jim or Russ.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield/Monroe, Utah) The chapter Christmas party was enjoyed again this year by all who attended. **Dave Mower** made arrangements for the program which was presented by the "**Aspen Hearts**", an adult singing group that performs all types of songs

throughout the year and during the season they do a Christmas program. The chapter has invited them the past five or six years to entertain them. In addition to the musical program, the chapter installed new officers for the year 2011.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) Ted Erekson shared his talents with the chapter for the December dinner meeting. He is a member of both the Utah and the National Storytelling Guild. He personally authored the story he told (read) about the relationship between Joseph and Jesus. Ted stated that the only true source for his story is in the simple facts revealed by the scriptures. The scriptures give only very limited information about Joseph but Ted combined with those facts his own emotions and feelings as a father as he wrote the story. Ted has built and collected materials and items to enhance his story. He has an Israeli prayer shawl (below)



and has built a cradle and collected blankets and tools to use while telling his story. His presentation was most interesting and fitting for the season.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) During the January meeting **Dick Bailey**, a member of the chapter, presented a pioneer moment in which he gave a short history of an early Heber Valley settler, **Benjamin Norris**, who lived near the Provo River at the north end of the valley. Benny, as he was called, had a small store at his homestead.

The guest speaker for the evening was the **Honorable Mayor David Phillips**, (below) who



discussed the history and current issues of Heber City. He reported that the city was established in 1889 and was named after **Heber C. Kimball**. He said that the current population is approximately 10,500. Currently there are 47 full-time and 16 part-time employees, which is down from previous years by about 15 percent. Decreases in revenue are largely attributed to decreases in sales tax collection. The mayor gave an optimistic outlook for the future. He also spoke of various projects such as the master plan, city parks, trails, streets, proposed Veterans Memorial Park, airport revenue, and impact fees. The meeting was open to the public and was well attended. The mayor's address was very informative and well received.

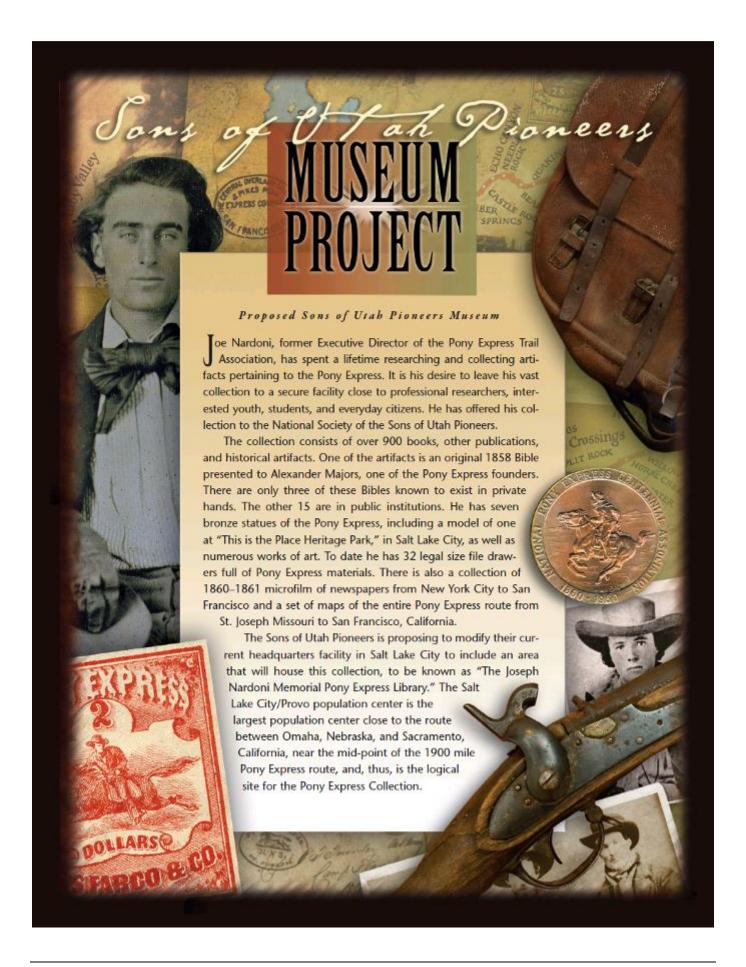


UPPER SNAKE
RIVER VALLEY
(Rexburg, Idaho)
More than 45
members, spouses
and guests were
welcomed to the
Christmas program.
M'Lynn Young,
(left) a
granddaughter of
President Lynn
Smith, sang a song

after which the **Richard and Karilynn Ferguson family** (below) played a



couple of Christmas numbers on their violins and cello. President Smith presented certificates of appreciation to members of the chapter who are military veterans. He then told of an experience he had while serving in the army and stationed at the Fort Leavenworth Prison. On Christmas Eve he was assigned at the death row area. During this night one of the inmates instigated a discussion with him about God, Jesus Christ, his birth and atonement and what that means in our lives. He said the feeling in the prison that night was different from any he had felt there before. As Lynn was leaving the prison he was thinking about what he wanted to do with his life. The answer came that: "I am going on a mission". It was a changing point in his life.



"Faith in Every Footstep" Grave Markers

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.

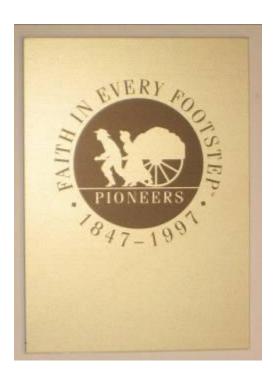
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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

Order blank is below to reserve yours.

Actual size >



Order Blank for "Faith in Every Footstep" Grave Markers

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Design	Year	Metal	Cost Each	Qty	Total Med. Cost	Shipping Cost**		61:	
						1-3 Med.	4-6 Med.	Shipping Cost	Total Cost
Pony Express	2010	Gold	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver, Gold Rider and Horse	\$45		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver	\$35		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Bronze	\$5		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		
Golden Spike	2009	Gold	\$30		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver, Gold Spike	\$40		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Silver	\$27		\$	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$
		Bronze	\$4		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$
Headquarters	2008	Gold	\$30		\$	\$17.00	\$18.00		\$
		Silver	\$20		\$	\$17.00	\$18.00		\$
		Bronze	\$3		\$	\$2.25	\$2.75		\$
Display Case			\$5		\$				\$
Headquarters Set*			\$50		\$	Qty of 1	\$20.00		\$
Gold Spike Set*			\$100		\$	Qty of 1	\$20.00		\$
Pony Express Set*			\$110		\$	Qty of 1			\$
Necklace Ring			\$15		\$	Qty of 1			\$
			TOTAL		·				\$

^{*}Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

Payment ☐ Cash \$ ☐ Check # Amount \$ ☐ Discover Card ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa Billing Zip Code _ Card Number: _____ _____ Exp ___ 3 digit Security Code _____ [on back of card] Name on Card: Address: ____ _____ [If we have questions] Shipping Information (If Different): City State Zip: ______

^{**} Call 801-484-4441 for shipping costs for other quantities.