

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time is of the Essence

I remember President Harold B. Lee telling us that time is of essence, after warning us of the things to come prior to the Second Advent. As we get closer to that day, we feel more of an urgency to prepare for it—spend more time on seeking to change, more time pondering what is of greatest essence, the will of the Lord in our life.

At the national convention in Richfield, instead of taking one of the tours offered at the convention, I visited places more related to me, since I had lived near there in Monroe a couple of years as a grade school boy. Then as I spent more time on SUP events I learned by practical experience that being

involved in events related to other people instead of me, provided vicarious transformations in me which also changed me, my thinking, my feelings. Thus we see that spending time with those who have gone before, not only in the stories of my ancestors but the ancestral stories of others, like experiencing Book of Mormon and Church History, changes us.

Since true stores, histories and recorded events of our ancestors are like Book of Mormon stores, they serve as scriptures to us. I love reading them over and over from time to time-- something changes in me each time, especially when I read them for that purpose. We can use them the same way we use other scriptures; thus they also become like a Urim and Thummim to us-- revealing the past, preparing us for the future, translating into our own lives changes upon our soul. They serve to bring us more unto our fathers that we may be brought unto our Savior more prepared for the Second Coming-- especially as we specifically seek.



When I first heard of Hole-in-the-Rock tours I thought that since I had no relatives among that group of early pioneers that I was not very interested. But later, as SUP events taught me more about the doctrine of vicarious experiences and personification relationships, I became more interested and even enthused about taking such tours. Thus each became an event spending essential time also with my ancestors, coming to know them more personally as I pondered such experiences-- stopping to feel along the way.

National convention tours provide such experiences, and I look forward to participating in them by selecting something that will provide me vicarious time, for time becomes even more of an essence as time moves on.

For those not able to attend the national convention and the tours, we would encourage seeking alternatives in vicarious time and personification relationships to become more personally acquainted with our ancestors. But for those who can attend, we highly recommend seeking these choice opportunities to help us become more personally acquainted with our ancestors in preparing for the Second Coming. In

addition, we may even make them more efficacious by registering early, like in our dating days, when the days prior in anticipating the date, were almost as exciting as the date itself.

May the Lord bless us in our personal pioneering unto the fullness of the covenant through making our time of the utmost essence – making money and time work together to this end.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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TREK AND SYMPOSIUM REPORT

By Dick Christiansen, National President Elect, 2011

Saturday morning, 21 May 2011, just riding along. ... The huge, gleaming black tour bus steadily moves along the highway, having just departed from Bluff, Utah. Now it is homeward bound, on the final leg of its weeklong journey from SUP National Headquarters in Salt Lake City to Bluff and Blanding, Utah, and to many other points of interest along the route. Marcia and I have been passengers, as have been our National President, LaMar Adams; our Immediate Past President, Dil and Dianne Strasser, and many other couples and singles, to a total of 54 persons.

This has been an amazing and terrific trek. We have feasted upon the sights, sounds and vistas of a wild and beautiful terrain that has become almost spiritual as we experienced and learned

more and more about the pioneers of Hole-in-the-rock. Truly, this has been a trek that has taught us time and again, that we are not in charge, but that there is a great God in Heaven who controls, decides and takes actions to accomplish his works. Ask anyone of us from this trek and I am certain that you shall receive a very positive response. But now, let us move on to the report on the Symposium.

Symposium 2011 -- Now on a new date time frame (springtime in lieu of fall time). Turned out very well in this time period. Weather was always a question mark, but, as it turned out, we were truly blessed with wonderful, springtime beauty and coolness.

Registrations were about as expected, 250 to 275 in attendance. A good number for our headquarters facilities, but we could have done very well with larger numbers.

Our three speakers; **John Beck**, **Matt Grow**, and **Paul Smith**, did beautifully in their presentations. Praise of them and the message content has been exceptional.

Musical numbers and performers were first class, providing excitement, power and enthusiasm about our pioneers, with an uplift to spiritual heights

Banquet -- What more could we have asked for? Food was great, plentiful, and served rapidly. Music was, once again, from the heart and soul,

about mothers, the gospel, love and service. And our Keynote Speaker, Elder D. Todd Christofferson (left), of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, gave us a message of serving with faith, not with fear, and added many additional thoughts to challenge our faith and encourage obedience in the gospel. The spirit that he and his wife brought with them to the banquet was so precious! We were all spiritually enlightened and blessed on this occasion. Before closing the event



each mother was given a special kitchen spatula as a gift for Mothers Day.'

Now, you should be advised that the May 14, 2011, issue of the Church News published excellent coverage of the Symposium. Two full pages were devoted to news, comments, and information concerning the talks given. The seal of our National Society was printed in the center of each of the two pages. I am grateful for their response to my invitation. Many of you have access to the Church News, but many others do not. If any of you who do not, you should be able to find it on the internet at http://www.ldschurchnews.com/articles/60905 /National-symposium-Sons-of-Utah-Pioneers.html. Failing that, you can send an email to ricmar29@msn.com and we will personally send you a copy of the two sheets.

I must add my heartfelt thanks to many, many of you who provided great advice to me, plus administrative assistance, physical labor, traveling, designing, preparing, setting-up, and putting away, selling tickets, any one of many tasks and favors. It is a very long list. Thank you for your help, hearts and faith. It takes a huge number to help and you have all been so wonderfully supportive. Lastly, I must thank Marcia, for being right in the center of it all, day and night. Bless you dear. And I thank my God, for my testimony of His divinity, for living prophets, for the Gospel as restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and for the Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Bless you all, Thank you, and Good Night. Dick Christiansen

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Ogden Valley

Calvin Welling

At Large

Richard Farrell Stevenson (converted)

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

At Large

Thomas Grover

Brigham Young

Mitchell Pratt

Holladay

Ellis R. Ivory

Hole in the Rock

Drew O Parkin

Morgan

John Paige

Mills

John Eng Storheim, DDS

Pocatello

Gerald Homer

Red Rocks

Larry Leroy Smith

Roosevelt

Chad Evans

Gary B. White

Sanpete

LeMar Hanson

Bill Scott

J Gordon Christensen

Snow Horse

Gerald T. Bettridge

William E Moyes

Taylorsville/Bennion

Ronald Eliason

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Raymond Green, 7/22/07, The Mountain Valley **William 'Bill' Christiansen**, 11/18/10,

The Mountain Valley

Clyde Muir, 2/27/11, The Mountain Valley Clifford Frisby, 2/27/11, The Mountain Valley Thomas Kershaw, 4/8/11,

Upper Snake River Valley

Elwood Shaffer, 5/2/11, Taylorsville/Bennion

PIONEER DAY ACTIVITIES are just around

the corner and there are lots of events to remember: Brigham's Ball – July 23 @ 7:00 pm, Sunrise Service @ 7:00 am– July 25 with the Days of '47 @ 9:00 am Parade to follow. All invited. For more information, please contact Andrea at National Headquarters (801-484-4441 or 1-800-724-1847).

2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION is August

25 -27 in Salt Lake City, under the direction of the Holladay Chapter. Sign up on the SUP website (http://sonsofutahpioneers.org).

2011 CHURCH HISTORY TREK reservations and deposits can be made now (prior to July 1 if possible. Details and online registration are at http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/2011/02/registration-open-for-fall-church-history-trek/. For more information, contact Dee Risenmay @ 208-356-5805.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – Thursdays 9:00 - 4:00Library is by appointment only due to staff shortage.

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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.

PONY EXPRESS PROJECT UNDER WAY

Any donation amount would be appreciated. And don't forget; its tax deductible! (See flier on page 9) BONUS: Free RSC book with \$100 donation. Free Silver & Gold Medallion with \$500 donation.

2011 SUP NATIONAL CALENDAR

June 25th **SUP service clean-up project** at headquarters

July 23rd **Pioneer Day Sister Organization Luncheon** 5:30 p.m.

Brigham's Ball 7:00 p.m. (Anyone and everyone)

July 25th Sunrise Service 7 a.m. in SL Tabernacle (Anyone & everyone)

Days' of 47 Parade 9:00 a.m. (Any chapter, carts will be provided)

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

Aug. 25-27 **National Convention** in Salt Lake City (All members)

Oct. 4-11 SUP Early Church History Trek, Vermont to Kirtland For details, go to

http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/2011/02/registration-open-for-fall-church-history-trek/

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

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

CHAPTER NEWS

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BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo,

Utah) -- Project Chairman **Steve Nelson** reported that the Pioneer **Village** is starting to look good. The bathrooms are operational, the Haws cabin is decorated and some nice landscaping is in place. Chapter members are still working on lots

of details but the Village (below) is now ready to show.



The last couple of weeks have been spent training docents. Volunteers to be docents are still needed. All indications are that this season will be the best ever. May 28th was the opening day for the Village.



On Thursday, April 21, 2011 the Brigham Young Chapter was pleased to hear from **Dr. Fred R. Gowans** at their monthly dinner meeting. Dr. Gowans, an emeritus history professor, worked for 33 years at BYU, with his focus being Western American history. He ran the Native American Studies program for 30 years.

Dr. Gowans is considered a leading, if not the leading, expert on the history of mountain men of the American West. During the dinner program, Dr. Gowans spoke about **Osborne Russell** (1814-1892) who was a mountain man. He particularly spoke about Osborne's travels from Ft. Hall, located along the Oregon Trail on the Snake River, to Draper, Utah, starting in 1840, when mountain men were at their peak. During his travels, Osborne lived among the Indians (he lived 1.5 months with a Utah Indian chief). He made this journey years before the Mormons arrived in Utah, but helped open up the way for the Mormons to settle in the West years later.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER (Brigham City, Utah) -- At the May Dinner Meeting, the Chapter awarded three Tomorrow's Pioneer scholarships of \$1000 each to graduating seniors from both Box Elder High School and Bear River High School. Each of the selected students had

demonstrated pioneer principles in their lives and school work, and were deserving students based on their academic records.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER (Salt

Lake Valley Southwest, Utah) -- In their May

meeting, Chapter members heard Paul Thomas Smith (right) speak about the relationship between Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. Both Brigham and Joseph were born in Vermont. They became bonded in the Restoration. At one time Joseph



prophesied that Brigham would someday lead the church. Brigham was called as a missionary and asked to travel without purse or script, depending on others for these things. He and the other missionaries with whom he traveled received a donation of \$13.50 which they put in a chest. They only took out what was needed as they traveled 400 miles, keeping notes of how much they spent. When they totaled up this amount, they discovered they spent \$87.00 and still had 50 cents left. The Lord provided for them, Brother Smith explained.

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah) -- The speaker at the April dinner meeting was prominent local artist **Mary Ann Judd Johnson**. A long-time teacher at American Fork High school, Mary has painted more than 2000 pieces, many of which have local historical significance. The city of Lehi has purchased more than 200 of her paintings.

LITTLE SALT LAKE CHAPTER (Parowan,

Utah) -- The April chapter meeting of the Little Salt Lake chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers featured a pot-luck dinner followed by a presentation from **Elaine Baldwin** about the settlement of Panguitch and the "Quilt Walk" which is celebrated every year in Panguitch.

The first year of the settlement of Panguitch the settlers were not acquainted with the shortness of the growing season there. As a consequence the wheat crop did not mature, and the immature wheat was not ripe enough to make flour. This caused the settlers to run out of flour in the winter. To get some flour, a group of settlers were sent to Parowan. The snow was so deep that their wagons bogged down and they had to continue on foot. It was so difficult to walk in the deep snow that they stopped and knelt on a quilt to prey. In this way they discovered that by spreading a quilt on the snow they were able to walk on top of the snow. By doing so, the group made it to Parowan and with the help of Parowan citizens returned to Panguitch with the needed flour.

An interesting fact about Panguitch: **Brigham Young** asked the settlers to abandon the settlement due to Indian troubles. They left their homes and lands and moved away. When they were able to return, not one of the original settlers returned!

MESA CHAPTER (Mesa, Arizona) -- The chapter members met on May 12, where Ron Bergen spoke to the members, and an enjoyable musical program was presented by Kay Bradshaw on the piano with her son Parker Bradshaw playing the cello.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER

(Heber City, Utah) -- The Mountain Valley Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers heard from



renowned historian and linguistics expert, **Royal Skousen** (left) on April 28, 2011 at their monthly meeting.

Dr. Skousen, author of multiple books and primary contributor to **the Critical Text**

Project, shared with the group various findings related to the translation process of the Book of

Mormon. His ability of utilizing modern techniques and tools to preserve sacred records is amazing. He discussed his research, findings, and conclusions concerning his years of examination and comparison of the "original text manuscript" of the Book of Mormon and the "printer's manuscript". He discussed the history of the two manuscripts and the difference between accidental changes and changes made due to the editing and printing process. He explained that of the two textual sources of the Book of Mormon only about 28 percent of the "original text manuscript" has survived, whereas nearly all of the original "printer's manuscript" still exists today.

Since the initial publication of the first 5,000 copies of the Book of Mormon in 1830, there have been **twenty printed editions**: Fifteen editions by the LDS Church, four editions by the RLDS Church, and a private edition called the **1858 Wright Edition**, all of which contain subtle differences. Brother Skousen testified that he found "... no evidence that the changes to the original text of the Book of Mormon have had any major impact to the doctrine found therein." In many instances, he feels the differences build upon and even clarify the doctrine.

Brother Skousen's address was very informative. There was an opportunity for a question and answer period afterwards. Refreshments were provided by the DUP.

ROOSEVELT CHAPTER (Roosevelt, Utah) -- State Senator **Kevin Van Tassell** (District 26) was the guest speaker at the May meeting for the Roosevelt SUP chapter.

Senator Van Tassell related a few stories about his pioneer ancestors in the **Uintah Basin**. His maternal grandfather was one of 12 children in the family. The children became orphans when his grandfather was about 8 or 9. When he was about 12 years old he went to live with an uncle, and was introduced to herding sheep on Tabiona Mountain. He used this background to become one of the largest sheep and cattle ranchers in the Uintah Basin in his later life.

Senator Van Tassell then spent some time talking about the redistricting of voting districts which is occurring at the present time. He is a member of the state redistricting committee and so told us about why it is necessary, the goals of the committee, and the progress that has happened. Our U.S. Constitution mandates that a population census will be taken every 10 years, and based upon the population changes the voter districts may have to be changed.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake

City, Utah) -- The May meeting was no exception. Our scholarship meeting was held on May 4th at the Sheraton Hotel. It was an outstanding evening. John Morgan orchestrated an evening filled with good food, good speakers and an array of wonderful scholarship recipients. There were 202 scholarships given, representing 15 schools. The remarkable achievement is that John interviewed each of the recipients. The gifts ranged from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. **Tim** Nicolaysen welcomed and conducted the meeting. Brief talks were given by eight of the recipients as well as remarks from the national and local chapter presidents and past presidents of the SUP (below with wives).



The guest speaker was **Kathy Wood Loveless**. Kathy, an international speaker and President of Loveless Enterprises, a management consulting firm, was captivating and spell-binding with her points of interest and magic. As she summarized, she counseled:

- 1. Visualize what you want to have happen,
- 2. Eliminate those little devils which sit on your shoulder and bring you down. Don't

3. Take the first step to make happen what you visualized.

Chapter President Bill Tanner encouraged the scholarship recipients to:

- 1. Follow your dreams;
- 2. Gain an education and make no small plans:
- 3. Express gratitude for the opportunities afforded you by your family and others;
- 4. Give back to your families and community through service.

It was a full evening which will be remembered and have an impact for years to come. We thank and honor John Morgan for his efforts in creating this opportunity for our community.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER

(Tooele, Utah) -- On May 5th, the chapter enjoyed a presentation from Richard and Julie **Kroff** on their recent mission to Buenos Aires, Argentina. By using pictures from their mission, they explained about the food, shopping experiences, public transportation and the general culture of that interesting and romantic

country.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER

(Richfield, Utah) -- May's Dinner Meeting was a very interesting and informative evening with Bob **Hanover** (below), who is the Park

Manager at Fremont Indian State

Park. He told us about Miles Goodyear's exciting but short life, as well as about Fort Buenaventura.

which he established. Bob also shared with us information about the building of the intercontinental railroad at Promontory Summit in Box Elder County. I think everyone who was in attendance felt well-rewarded with the excellent presentation and pictures Bob shared with us. His excitement about the subject matter was contagious.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah) -- **Jay D. Schvaneveldt** was the guest speaker for April. He is a native of Weston, Idaho. He graduated from Utah State University with a degree in history, and from Florida State University with M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. He served as a faculty member at several different universities and was department head of the

Family and Human
Development
Department at Utah State
University. Jay and his
wife, Karen, lived in and
restored a Historic Home
on West Center Street in
Logan known as the
Marriner S. Eccles
Home. They are
currently living on the

outskirts of Weston. Jay

is the author of the recently published book, **History of Weston**, Idaho. He spoke on that subject.

Among his comments were these observations: When some of the southern Idaho towns were settled the settlers thought they were in the Utah territory. In 1872 Weston and Franklin found out they were in Idaho. Most of the people were not happy. There is a little cemetery south of Weston where a family was buried, thinking that they had moved far enough to be buried in Utah. But later that cemetery ended up in Idaho.

Many people in Weston still have a "psycho alliance" to Utah. They shop in Utah. They follow the Utah State University sports instead of the University of Idaho sports. Many come to Utah for cultural and religious events.

In research for a book, you can't accept everything that was written in journals as truth. Some examples were given. It was written that they crossed over the Bear River on ice on April 15, 1865, and the next day started plowing the field. That seems very improbable. Some written journals said all the school records were burned, but many of the records were saved when the school burned. For years there was a belief that a car was in the bottom of a pond, but when it was drained for some repairs there was no car.

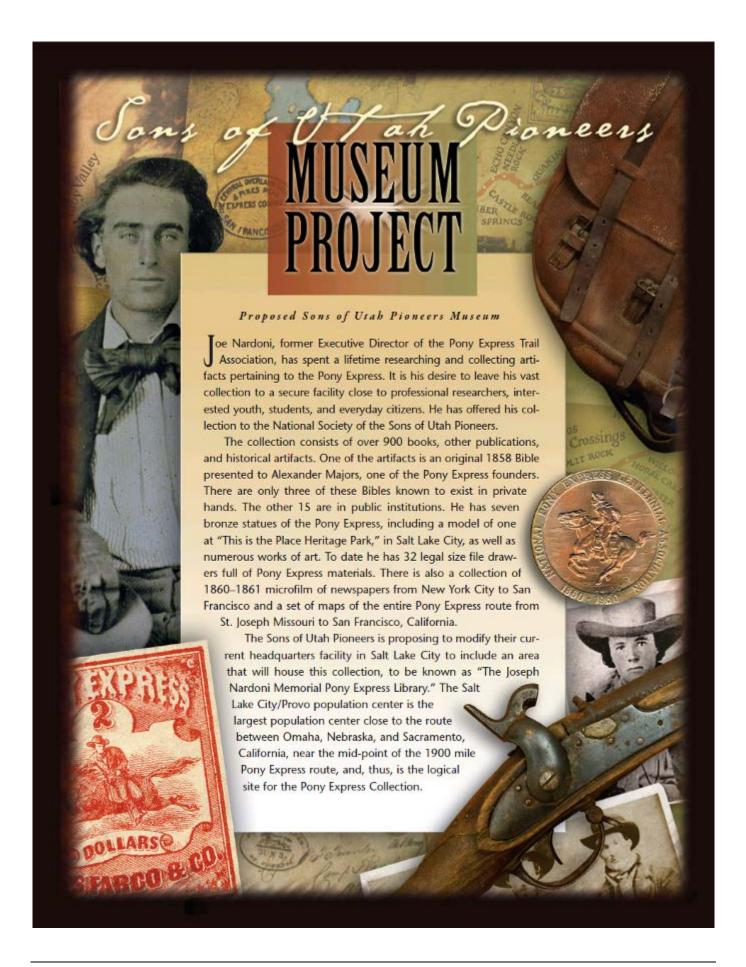
UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) -- The Chapter's program for this month



they were able to help the younger missionaries when those missionaries had appointments that were not accessible by bike or public transit. The Italian people are very family oriented and have great food (except for pizza). The Church is quite young and the Marlors' leadership was valuable in the areas they served.

They gave some history of the events that led to the announcement and ground breaking of the temple in Rome. The approval required permission from both houses of the Italian Parliament and the Prime Minister. At the ground breaking, the **Deputy Mayor of Rome** was given a shovel to participate. This effectively indicated the city's acceptance and approval of the building. This temple will be a blessing to the people and will cut their travel time to a temple from 12 hours (to the Swiss Temple) to 4 hours.





"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 to honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

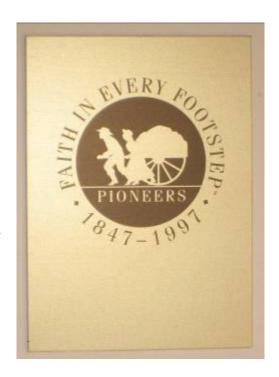
The markers are 2½ inches by 3½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

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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