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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow SUP's

The month of May has been a busy and fruitful one. We had a very successful Symposium on May 11th, to the extent that our dinner was completely sold out. As you know the theme of the Symposium was "Key Contributors to the Restoration of the Church." **Elder Ballard** gave a wonderful keynote address at the dinner on Hyrum

Smith. **Dill Strasser**, one of our Past Presidents, catered the dinner and it was delicious. There were 318 people at the dinner (at right and below), and about that many at the seminar presentations.



The presenters covered Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris, David Whitmer and Emma Smith. **Tess Clark** and her staff did a wonderful job in providing support for the event. **Bob Folkman** (left), our President Elect, gave overall direction to the seminar and he did a great job in attending to the details and making key decisions at the right time. This year we held half of the Symposium in a nearby chapel and this avoided headquarters from becoming overcrowded. Our moderators were **Elder Sheldon Child** and **Tom Alexander**. Through their good efforts the presentations started on time and kept on schedule.

The Board met on May 14th, and passed a revision to the By-laws on the nomination process for President-Elect. Instead of requiring at least two nominees to be presented by the Nominating Committee for vote at the Annual Convention, the wording was changed to "at least one nominee". This gives the Nominating Committee the flexibility of choosing one or more candidates depending upon the interest,

but is not forced to always provide at least two candidates. In the past, this practice of mandating at least two candidates has led to some ill feelings and disunity among the membership. Nominations from the floor will be allowed as before.

John Morgan held a very successful scholarship dinner on May 18th, and awarded 260 \$500.00 scholarships to senior students from many schools along the Wasatch Front. The keynote speaker was **Mary Cook**, former 2nd Counselor in the Young Women's General Presidency of the Church. She spoke on the importance of developing good habits in your youth, which will carry on to success later.

Our **Tess Clark** hosted a successful luncheon on May 22, for all sister organizations whose purpose is to promote our pioneer heritage. Twenty-Six representatives attended and the feeling of unity and cooperation among the various organizations was fostered and emphasized. Bob Folkman represented our organization and gave a few remarks.

With summer upon us we will be providing wedding receptions and family reunion gatherings in our beautiful building. These are excellent sources of income to offset our expenses, so feel free to recommend the buildings use to your friends and acquaintances.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

David B. Wirthlin
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

July 29 – SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park – ([details on page 5](#))

August 3 – Joseph's Miracle Run – This is the Place Heritage Park ([details on page 6](#))

August 22-24 – National Convention – BYU Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho. ([details on pages 15-19](#))

NATIONAL NEWS

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SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Entitled “Key Contributors to the Restoration,” the 2013 Symposium held at SUP Headquarters in Salt Lake City was a great success. The four scholars and writers who spoke to us in the afternoon sessions focused our attention on the unique lives of Emma Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris and David Whitmer. If a brief summary of the messages can be given, it might consist of two points: These were very human people who provided necessary support to the Prophet as he grew into his roles in the





founding of the LDS Church; and they were faithful to their testimonies of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the founding revelations that they experienced with the Prophet Joseph.

Buddy Youngreen painted an emotional picture of the challenging life of Emma Smith. Few writers have put the events in her life into chronological and contextual order as effectively as has Bro. Youngreen. The romantic beginnings of the love story of Joseph and Emma was followed by constant tragedy as children and other family members died during the frequent moves that the young Smith family were forced to make on the western frontier. Throughout, Emma was loyal to Joseph and to his calling, and her love for him did not fail.

Dr. Alexander Baugh of BYU similarly highlighted the key role of Oliver Cowdery as Second Elder in the beginning of the restoration, and showed how his unique talents were put to use, and how his personality affected his relationship with Joseph.

Dr. Richard Bennett of BYU presented remarkable evidences of the truth of Martin Harris's reports of his trip east to show copies of the original Book of Mormon inscriptions to prominent scholars of the time. Dr. Bennett explained how Martin was not just a kind

Shown from left to right above are National President David B. Wirthlin with the four seminar speakers: Dr. Alexander Baugh, Dr. Richard Bennett, Larry Morris, and Buddy Youngreen.

neighbor to Joseph Smith, but actually a well-known and well-placed benefactor who had unique access to the best minds in the U.S. on subjects of languages and antiquities.

Larry Morris, a writer for the LDS Church History Department and author of several books on the exploration of the American west, spoke about David Whitmer's role, and called him the most credible witness for his unwavering faithfulness to his testimony of the Book of Mormon.

Attendees at the afternoon sessions were excited and positive about the value of the four messages they heard from these men. What we heard was informative, inspiring and testimony-building.

At the evening dinner meeting, **Elder M. Russell Ballard** spoke about the key role and strength of Hyrum Smith, the Prophet's older brother and fellow martyr. Hyrum was fiercely loyal and a tower of strength to Joseph, and his descendants have played a key role in the ongoing growth of the LDS Church.



Of great interest to SUP members is Elder Ballard's continued support for the Sons of Utah Pioneers organization and his encouragement to us to keep going, to keep growing, and to work to bring younger men into the

Chapters. He gave Pres. Wirthlin and Ellis Ivory, chief executive of This is the Place Heritage Park, a challenge to create a stronger relationship with the Park and to use that relationship to create a greater awareness of the SUP and to attract new members.

Because of the limited parking at the SUP building, the afternoon sessions were split between the upper meeting room at Headquarters, and a nearby stake center chapel. About 100 people heard all four speakers there, and reported that it was a most comfortable and pleasant venue. It is likely that future Symposiums will utilize a second location again, and we encourage members to take advantage of the easier access and comfortable surroundings of the second location in the future

The next National Symposium will be held Saturday, May 10, 2014. We encourage you to plan ahead and attend with us next year.

GRANDSONS CLUB MEETS AT HEADQUARTERS

Nearly twenty years ago, the GrandSons Club was organized among SUP members. Men who donated a "grand" became members of the club, and the donations and earnings were used to provide scholarships to qualified students. There were more than 40 members still living in recent years, but the distribution of funds eventually slowed and finally stopped.

In April, a few of the remaining members of the GrandSons Club met at Headquarters and discussed how to use the funds still available in the Club's account. At the meeting Roger Flick, a past national President and current Program Director for the SUP Library, presented a proposal to use some of the funds to update equipment and accomplish several necessary projects in the Library. The members who were present supported that proposal, and committed \$10,000 to the Library projects.

The SUP Library will greatly benefit from the generosity of the GrandSons Club (below).



SUP DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK ANNOUNCED

SUP members who bring family members with them will **all be admitted free** to This Is the Place Heritage Park on Monday, July 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will gather together at the Amphitheatre, where Elder M. Russell Ballard will speak to us on one of his favorite subjects: Our Pioneer Heritage and the importance of the mission of the SUP.

We would like to see every SUP member in northern and central Utah bring their family and enjoy the activities and new features at this great park celebrating the Pioneer founders of Utah. There are many activities of interest to the kids – in other words FUN for them, as well as informative for the adults.

All the featured buildings and services will be open, including food vendors, train rides and pony rides. This is a great opportunity to get your children and grand-children involved with the Sons of Utah Pioneers!

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER

by Tom Powell, Director - Membership

Sometimes organizations go into periods of inactivity during the summer months....kind of like a school system that is in session in the Fall, Winter and Spring, but takes a three month recess during the summer months. As a kid, I thought it was great to enjoy "the last day of school" and know I had time coming up to lay on a lawn and watch the clouds go by or get the neighborhood gang together for an impromptu ball game. Maybe it was swimming in the river or going to a matinee movie. While all of these things were immensely enjoyable, I also eventually found out that there were other things more important that needed to take up at least a good portion of my time....like work, getting paid to do something productive. Of course it was understood that the schedule of religious activities was strictly adhered to and there was no let up on attending Sunday meetings or young men activities during the week.



What I did not see as a child, however, was the considerable amount of work in the summer that made it possible for the school system to be prepared for students the first day of returning to school. There was training, lesson preparation, seminars, room decorations and so on. All were important to make sure the student received the best education possible right from the first moment of entering the class room.

So it should be with Sons of Utah Pioneers. Summer should not be a period of inactivity, but rather a wonderfully productive time of preparation and even continued scheduled activity. Some may use the excuse that nobody is around during the summer or that there is nothing important to do. I don't buy that. While a few may be on vacation at particular times, there is always a good percentage of our members that are close by and could come to chapter meetings. a service project or a scheduled trek.

As far as nothing important, what could be more important than solid continuity of a spiritually educational program that brings together fathers and sons, both living and those of the past. Surely summer can be a time with bountiful opportunity to take advantage of a youths "free time" so to speak. (And in this case, the definition of a youth is anyone in your family that is younger than you are, be it 10 years, 15, 26, 44 or in the 50's, 60's, 70's etc.) Elder M. Russell Ballard has recently challenged the Sons of Utah Pioneers to make available opportunities for the younger generation to be more involved with Sons of Utah Pioneers. Doing this will start the process of future membership.

Concerning membership, there seems to be some thought that the last months of the year should be the big months for a membership push. Do we wait until the last months to plan such a push or could we be doing a good job of planning it in the summer? Could we even use the summer to increase our membership through chapter activities, treks, service projects, picnics and so on. I think so. There is never a bad time to do something good. There is never a downtime that important planning, decisions and activity cannot take place. There is always something important

to do when it comes to Sons of Utah Pioneers.

If we are struggling to get new members, we should take positive, firm and productive action – Fall, Winter, Spring and especially Summer.

So, a suggestion for this and future summers is to use it as a time of exciting activity, planning, and membership recruitment to strengthen the rest of the year and to create a vibrant, growing organization.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

David J Grant – Cedar City
G Neuman Duncan – Cedar City

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Pollei – Salt Lake City
Howard Bingham – Ogden Pioneer
Leo Ball – Temple Quarry
Max G Anderson – Sevier Valley
LaMarr Farr – Mesa
Wm. John Ehrheart – Cotton Mission
Val G Bateman – Eagle Rock
Richard N W Lambert – Holladay

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Dale Street-Centerville – 5/7/13
Joseph A Anderson-Mills – 12/19/11

JOSEPH’S MIRACLE RUN

The year 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of Joseph Smith’s life-threatening typhoid fever and the experimental and successful surgery (<http://www.youtube.com/embed/Q8yDfg5jXiw>) performed by **Dr. Nathan Smith**, founder of Dartmouth Medical School (1811). The 1813 surgery blesses millions yet today. As a thank you, the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Association is working to establish a scholarship of gratitude on behalf of Dr. Nathan Smith to the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Medical College.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are able to give a few hours anytime on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s when Marilyn is available, it would be a great relief to her. Please call the office to schedule some time!



Dr. Nathan Smith was the only physician in the United States who had the skill and ability to successfully treat Joseph’s infection. His personal preparation, life’s work, timing, and placement converged to allow Dr. Smith to operate on Joseph, saving his leg and his life, fully 100 years before this life-saving surgery became accepted as standard procedure.

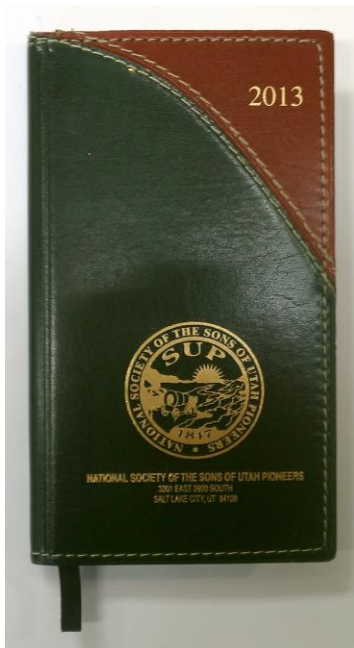
Dr. Smith was one of the great men of the 19th Century, who worked tirelessly to improve medical education. He helped establish 4 medical institutions, including Dartmouth and Yale. At the 200th commemoration of the founding of Yale, Dr. William Henry Welch stated that Dr. Smith, “did more for the general advancement of medical and surgical practice than any of his predecessors or contemporaries in the country.”

To honor Dr. Nathan Smith, the **Joseph Smith Sr. Family Association** is hosting the Joseph’s Miracle run to create a scholarship endowment in behalf of Joseph. This annual scholarship will be granted to a deserving surgical student at Dartmouth, and will be a reminder of the great good that charitable contributions like Dr. Smith’s can be in the community.

SUP Chapters and members who would like to participate in this event or provide volunteer support can learn more about this worthwhile event at www.JosephsMiracleRun.com.

OFFICE HOURS:

- Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Closed Fridays
- The library is open by appointment only due to staff shortage.



SUP POCKET CALENDARS are now available for \$2.50 at NSSUP HQ (add \$1.00 S&H if mailed). For details and ordering, please call Tess @ 801-484-4441 or 866-724-1847.

Madsen is a co-editor of the legal editions of the Joseph Smith Papers, and is working with other experts, documentarians and church historians to find all the original writings of Smith that exist today.

“Whether people accept him as a prophet or not,” Madsen said, “you have to concede, once you get the whole record, that he was honorable with dealings with his fellow man inside and outside the church.”

During his speech in Bountiful, Madsen addressed three myths about Smith. The first is that Smith wasn’t even in Palmyra, New York by 1820, when he reported having the first vision. Documents from an 1818 trial showing Joseph and his brother Hyrum prove that untrue.

The second myth involved a time when Joseph Smith was charged with glass-looking, which meant pretending clairvoyance in order to defraud people of money. He was tried for this on a complaint and acquitted.

The third myth was that he crept out of Kirtland, Ohio owing \$100,000 in debt. Court records show that this is also false.

CHAPTER NEWS

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Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information, pictures and upcoming events to Don Lee at donlee0938@gmail.com or to his address at 6830 E 450 N, Huntsville, UT 84317 one week before the end of each month.

(Editor’s note: Each month I get material from the same set of chapters. This is wonderful, but I’m sure that the rest of you are doing things. Please let me know that I can include your chapter’s activities.)

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER

(Centerville, Utah) – **Gordon A. Madsen** (right) was the speaker for the April meeting. He spoke on Joseph Smith and the Law. The following is an extract from Rebecca Palmer’s article in the *Davis County Clipper*.



SUP PAPERWEIGHTS

Available at the National Office for \$20.





COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah) – Eight scholarships were awarded to worthy high school students (above). Scholarship recipients are: **Taylor Burke Whitman**, Enterprise; **Jessica Robledo**, Pine View; **Ashley Goddard**, Desert Hills; **Brandon Burrows**, Snow Canyon; **Olivia Lang**, Millcreek; **Shelby Bess**, Millcreek; **Sarah Castro**, Tuacahn; **Caroline Lantor**, Dixie.

The speaker for the evening was **Blaine Yorgason** (right) who shared the History of St George Temple. Yorgason is the co-author of the new book, *All That Was Promised, the St George Temple and the unfolding of the Restoration.*



When Yorgason began service as a recorder in the temple a few years ago, he became aware of a manuscript being compiled by historians Douglas Alder and Richard Schmutz. It detailed the historical events that transpired as the early pioneers struggled to meet the challenge of building this amazing structure in the desert. Although the research was thorough, the authors had little success in finding a publisher for the manuscript and felt it needed a “storyteller’s touch.” That’s where Yorgason came in, using his vast experience as a popular author of over 60 books. He took over the project and began gathering many stories, documents, and photos

from local residents. Soon, the new book emerged with a fluid storyline and an eager publisher.

Yorgason entertained our group with story after story that uplifted and inspired us, sharing a renewed appreciation for the faithful pioneers who came before us.

Saturday, May 18, 2013, members of the Cotton Mission experienced the history of the Arizona Strip on a Trek led by **Ralph and Sidney Atkin** and **Clay Bundy** who made the history of the sites come alive.

Their trek covered over 200 miles, 160 of which were over dirt roads. They visited the historic Parker store, then traveled on to “Little Tanks” and the old school house that served the needs of the cattle men and residents of Diamond Butte. The school was traditionally referred to as the “Non-Mormon school” supported by the state of Arizona instead of being an LDS supported Church academy. At Bundyville, Arizona, originally known as “Cactus Flats,” Clay Bundy recounted the drama of his ancestors who settled in the area, circa 1917.

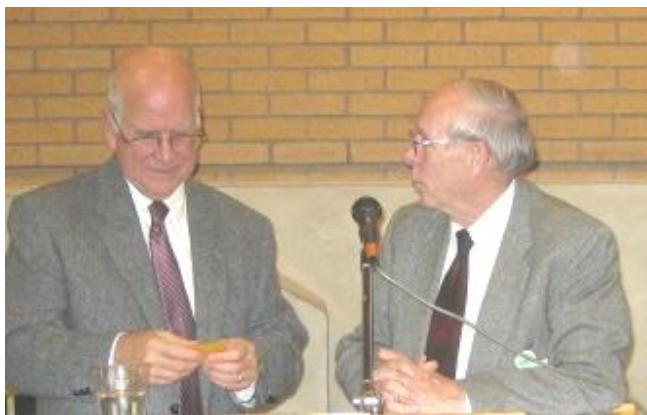
CONQUERORS OF THE WEST by Florence Youngberg are available for ordering. Full set of four books is \$220. Individual books are \$60 each. Call Tess at National to order.

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The last destination was the Toroweap Overlook on the North rim of the Grand Canyon (below). One can stand on the edge of the Overlook, look down at the toes of his shoes, and view the Colorado River as it winds and cuts its way thru the canyon 3000 vertical feet below your toes. The immensity and beauty of the colors of the Canyon are awe inspiring.



HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah) – At the April meeting of the Holladay chapter their guest speaker was **Richard N.W. Lambert**, President of the Brigham Young Family Association, trustee and vice chairman of the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation.



Brother Lambert discussed the role of the Mormon Historical Sites Foundation as an independent organization dedicated to the restoration of Church history sites throughout the world. The foundation was originally started in 1992 as the Ensign Peak Foundation, involved in the creation of Ensign Peak Park in Salt Lake City, Utah. After the success of that project, the organization changed to its current name and

undertook a broader mission. Their next major project was the restoration of Kirtland, Ohio including the working towards the relocation of the main road so visitors would not have to compete with traffic in visiting the historic sites there. The foundation raised more than five million dollars for this restoration project.

They are currently working with people in Quincy, Illinois where 1600 residents accepted 6000 Saints in their homes when they had nowhere else to go. The people of Quincy want the saints back, they want a visitor center.

The Foundation has an Icelandic Memorial in Spanish Fork, Utah to honor the 410 Icelanders who immigrated to Utah between 1855 and 1914.

Brigham Young first saw Ensign Peak in vision three years prior to the Mormons arriving in the Salt Lake Valley. He was seeking guidance after the Prophet Joseph Smith’s death when he looked to the Lord for guidance on what they should do, and where they should lead the people for safety. Brigham Young had a vision and was shown the mountain we now call Ensign Peak. When Brigham Young led the saints west, the peak was a sign that they had come to the right place.

JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – The speaker for our May meeting was our immediate past national president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, **Richard Christiansen with his wife Marcia** (below).



Richard and Marcia Christiansen served one of their three LDS Church missions to Adam-ondi-Ahman. They shared scriptures referring to Adam-ondi-Ahman, quotes from General Authorities, and pictures of the area.

D&C 78:15-16 mentions Adam-ondi-Ahman and indicates Adam (Michael) was established as a prince and he was given all of the keys of salvation.

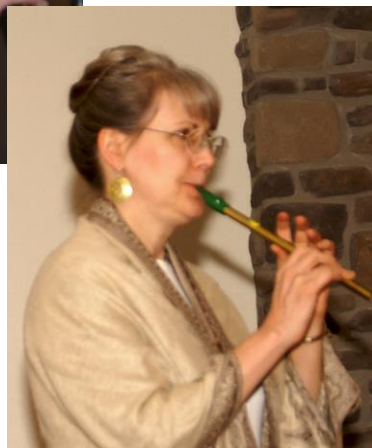
D & C 107:53-57 tells us that Adam called all of his righteous posterity together three years before he died. He blessed them and gave them temple blessings.

In May 1838 Joseph Smith, and others, traveled by horseback from Farr West to Adam-ondi-Ahman (a distance of about 35 miles). Joseph Smith identified the area known as Spring Hill to be Adam-ondi-Ahman.

Bruce R. McConkie, in referring to Daniel 7:9-10 said that a meeting will be held there where a multitude of individuals who have had priesthood responsibilities will report to Adam; many worthy individuals will be there; Jesus Christ will appear to announce His second coming; and He will be declared the King of Kings.



LEHI CHAPTER
(Lehi, Utah) – For their April meeting they had Sister **Elaine Brewster**



(left) and Sister **Chris Watts** (right) perform for them and tell them stories of their ancestors. Sister Brewster was a member of the Tabernacle Choir. She lives in

Provo, and has 13 grandchildren. She writes operas for children, teaches singing lessons, and thoroughly enjoys music.

Sister Brewster brought the melodies of her ancestors to life for us as she told the stories of their lives and struggles, and the spiritual experiences as they traversed the United States to get to Utah.

One ancestor they spoke of was a lady named Mary. She was converted in England and traveled to Utah two years after her parents had made the same trip. Mary kept a journal faithfully during her life that has provided her descendants with a good picture of her experience.

Another ancestor was Isaac Barlow who joined the Church and moved to Nauvoo where he became well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph and was employed by Joseph in some exciting experiences.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah) – The speaker for the May meeting was **Bert Smith** who was accompanied by his wife **Kathy Smith**.



Bert is 90 years old and a grandson of Lot Smith, the man who stopped the United States Army from entering the Salt Lake Valley among other things. Lot Smith was told by Brigham Young to do everything he could do to delay the army of the United States from entering the Utah Territory in 1857, but he was to do so without killing any person in the army.



Lot left Salt Lake City with a contingent of sixty men and stopped the United States Army from entering Utah. This gave time for Brigham Young to get political support to make sure the army entered the valley peacefully and without causing any trouble.

Lot's first assignment was to burn the supply wagon train. Lot and his men rode into the camp and surprised the bull whackers and confiscated their weapons. The men told Lot that Captain Simpson, the commander, was away from the camp checking on some cattle. Lot rode out to greet the captain. He rode up to the captain who said, "What do you want?" Lot told him that he was there to take his pistols. The captain said, "No man ever took them yet; and if you think you can without killing me, try it." Lot and the captain rode toward the camp nose to nose. When they arrived at camp the captain saw that his men had surrendered and he was furious.

Lot told the wagon master that he was going to burn the wagons, and the captain replied that if he did that they would starve. Lot said he could have one wagon, and the captain said, make it two wagons. Lot allowed him to take two wagons.

The Mormons burned Fort Bridger and when the army got there they stopped and spent the winter on the plains of Wyoming in one of the worst winters in many years. Lot Smith felt that the Lord was with them in stopping the army of the United States.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) – For our May Chapter meeting we had a wonderful meeting with 8 individuals receiving scholarships (above). Each of these students submitted an essay that was presented to those in attendance. I have given you just a bone or two from the stories these youth have told, I really wish you could each read all of them, they are wonderful.

Talia Kerr was born in China where she was abandoned by her birth parents and came to America as an orphan child. In May 1994 she was adopted by a single woman in California. On March 11, 2012 she joined the LDS Church and came to Utah. She will be attending Westminster College.

Giman Lee is from Korea where he was born into a Catholic family. He joined the LDS Church after a long period of investigation. He will be attending the University of Utah.

Julio Hernandez is the only member of his family to join the Church so far. In 2010 when he was preparing for his mission he heard President Monson's "The Three Rs of Choice" and remembered particularly his saying "Decisions are constantly before us. To make them wisely, courage is needed—the courage to say no, the courage to say yes. Decisions do determine destiny." Julio will be attending Salt Lake Community College.

Mazel Janette Jones was born in Washington D.C. and was raised a Baptist. She joined the

Church in 2003 while a student at Michigan State University. She will be continuing her education at the University of Utah.

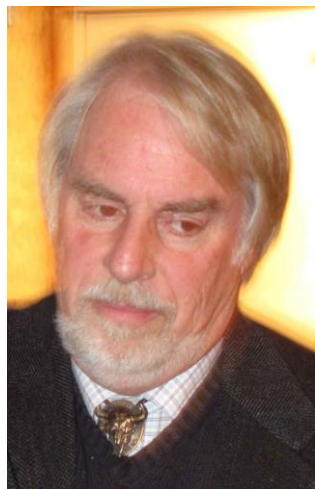
Richard Johnson was born to an LDS family and told the story of his father's conversion which the family has called "The Small Plates of Pete", Pete being his father. Richard will be attending the University of Utah.

Ramon de los Santos was born to a strong Catholic family. In his young years he wanted to be a priest, but began to question some of the Catholic doctrines. In 2004 he moved to the United States where he met the missionaries. Ramon will be attending Salt Lake Community College.

Spencer A. Wallace was also born to an LDS family. He told the story of the conversion of his great-grandfather, **Sidney Wallace**. He was born in England, but traveled to Australia as a teenager. It was there that he encountered the missionaries and joined the Church. Spencer will be attending the University of Utah.

David Anthony Riskin grew up as an atheist. After years in a very tumultuous family situation his parents were divorced and his mother joined the Church. A little later David also joined the Church and served a mission. He will be attending the University of Utah.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah) –



Scott Bushman (left), who was a teacher at Utah Valley University, gave presentation on Blacksmith Fork Canyon. He has a degree in Physical Geography from Utah State University.

The Blacksmith Fork water shed and flow is larger than Logan Canyon. Indians were using the canyon long before the pioneers arrived and left pictographs there. There was an Indian

trail that went from Blacksmith Fork Canyon over to the Bear Lake Valley, and the current road follows that trail.

In 1857 **Ira Allen** settled Hyrum. **Ola Liljenquist** moved to Hyrum in 1863 and became the first bishop in the south of Cache Valley.

The road in the Blacksmith Fork Canyon was first begun in 1873. The completion of the road to the Bear Lake area was hurriedly completed because **Brigham Young** wanted to get from Hyrum to Bear Lake to visit the new settlements there, and so they worked quickly to make it possible for him to take a buggy all the way. At one time the road was a toll road.

Homesteading began in 1865 when **Lehi Curtis** built Hardware Ranch.

In 1880-1900 sheep herds were grazed in the canyon. Overgrazing damaged the environment and their movement damaged the banks of the river. **Joseph Howell**, a representative to Congress in 1902, reported the damage. Teddy Roosevelt was President at the time and the Logan Forest Reserve was formed to control use of the canyon.

2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK MEDALLIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE -- Silver medallions are \$60. Shiny brass medallions are \$10. There is still a limited supply of 2010 PONY EXPRESS & 2011 TELEGRAPH medallions available.

SUP WEBSITE UPDATED

Check out the updated SUP website at www.sonsofuthapioneers.org. It has been substantially updated over the last few weeks to include current information about the SUP organization and upcoming events of interest to SUP members.

SUP MEDALLIONS WANTED If you have SUP Medallions from previous years that you would like to sell, especially in sets, please contact Scott Hardman at 801-557-6881.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (American Fork, Utah) – National SUP President **David B. Wirthlin** and his wife Pat were the special guests at our February 21st monthly chapter meeting dinner. President Wirthlin spoke about the important mission of SUP in helping keep alive the pioneer heritage for the Church. He also emphasized the need for membership growth, being the life blood of the SUP, just as missionary work growth is the life blood of the Church, as taught by **President Kimball**. He reported on the status of the national organization of SUP and successes of the past year and future goals and programs. President Wirthlin (left in photo below) presented a recognition award to our chapter president, **Paul Peterson** (on right in photo below) for our chapter being the first to complete national dues for the year 2013.



This dues commitment goal was met by the end of 2012, along with another chapter goal to qualify in all seven categories for the Quality Chapter Award. We appreciate this National program stimulus that enriched our service, fellowship, and growth. Three highlights follow.

The service program highlight for 2012 was sponsoring the Pioneer Heritage Writing Scholarship contest with the American Fork High School. A \$2,000 college scholarship was awarded to the winner with the Belestin Foundation matching grant. Twelve other students were awarded \$75 each.

Our chapter planned and built a beautiful cobblestone monument (right), with many participating in labor and donations, to commemorate the first pioneer grist mill in American Fork built by pioneer millwright **Arza Adams**. The cobblestones were collected from the American Fork Creek, and the monument was erected at 45 East 200 North adjacent to the creek

and collection pond that feed the water race to the nearby mill. Much research went into making an authentic monument plaque by confirming the mill site location, and to produce an authentic artistic reproduction of the mill from photos. A unique feature of this monument was to honor friendly exchange with Timpanogos Utes in Utah Valley, with their grinding stones encased in the monument along with a millstone from Arza's mill. A memorable dedication ceremony on July 28, 2012 with drama, music and recognition awards was well attended.





An “outstanding” trek, according to over twenty participants, was conducted by archaeologist chapter president Garth Norman to the Parowan Gap petroglyph site on September 21-22 to witness the equinox observatory sunset and sunrise and tour this “wilderness temple center” observatory with hundreds of petroglyphs and numerous observatory stations.

Observatory tours are conducted several times between spring and autumn equinoxes (for information call 801-756-3112, or vgarthnorman@gmail.com). Other petroglyph sites and a Fremont village at Paragoona were visited. The tour included Utah’s first Capital Historic Building in Fillmore, Cove Fort, the Rock Church Museum and History Park in Parowan and the Pioneer Museum Park in Cedar City. We also attended a performance at the Shakespeare Theater.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER (Rexburg, Idaho) – **Randall and Arlene Miller** (right) were the speakers for the April meeting. They have served two missions, one in Manchester Maine and the other in Boston Massachusetts. They gave a good presentation on their mission in the Boston area, where they served in the mission office, and talked about progress of the LDS Church in that area.

They showed some slides of the area and the missionaries serving there. These slides included scenes of Boston around Christmastime, Quincy Market, USS Constitution, Bunker Hill, etc. On Saturdays, they would walk around Walden Pond for exercise. Sundays, they attended the Marlborough Ward and served in this ward.

Being a retired Literature professor, Randall, included some poems written by poets and authors that resided in the Boston area in the past. Some of these are: Sarah Alden Bradford, Roger Williams, Jonathan Edwards, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Greenleaf Whittier, Henry David Thoreau, Emily Dickenson, Louisa May Alcott, Robert Frost, and T. S. Elliot.

Randall encourages everyone to follow Wilford Woodruff’s example and write a history of their life.



2013 National Convention

August 22-24
at Rexburg, Idaho, on the beautiful
BYU-Idaho Campus



Pioneering in Idaho

*Sponsored by the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter, assisted by
the Eagle Rock, Grove City and Pocatello Chapters*

Friday tours you may choose from:

- Tour EBR-1, the first nuclear reactor to generate electricity by nuclear power; guided by one of our SUP members who worked at EBR-1 in the early days of atomic research.
- Visit the community of Chesterfield, Idaho, an early pioneer settlement that has been preserved and restored, guided by one who lived the first 18 years of his life there.
- Visit the Teton Flood museum and dam site, along with the historic Teton Valley, guided by one who has spent much time learning of the history of this area.
- Other interesting sites in Rexburg and the Upper Snake River Valley will be available for self-guided tours.

There will be plenty of great meals, great entertainment, and great speakers, along with the valuable business of the convention. Get acquainted with the campus of one of the more innovative universities in the country.

Want to make a vacation of your trip here? Rexburg is within two hour's drive of Yellowstone and Teton National Parks as well as Craters of the Moon National Monument. There are miles of great trails and forest roads for the ATV enthusiast. The area also offers great fishing, scenic drives and other outdoor activities that everyone can enjoy.

Sons of Utah Pioneers 2013 National Convention

Pioneering in Idaho

August 22 – 24, 2013

BYU-Idaho Campus and
Stake Center (next to Rexburg Temple)

Sponsored By
Upper Snake River Valley, Eagle Rock,
Grove City, and Pocatello Chapters

Thursday, August 22

2:30 - 5:30 pm Registration and Welcome
Reception at Stake Center
Tours of BYU-Idaho Center and Student Center
6:00 - 9:00 pm Opening ceremonies, dinner,
and Historical Presentation
Manwaring Center Grand Ballroom

Friday, August 23

8:00 am - Registration at Stake Center (all day)
8:00 am - Chesterfield Tour leaves from Stk. Center
8:30 am - Tours 2, 3, and 4 leave from Stk. Center
9:00 am - Tour 5 leaves from Stake Center
6:00 pm - Dinner at Manwaring Center
7:30 - 9:00 pm - Historical program at Historic
Rexburg Tabernacle (100 Yrs.)
Speaker: Mark Ricks
Life-long resident of Rexburg,
local and State leadership;
descendent of Thomas E. Ricks

(See Tour Information on Back)

Saturday, August 24

7:30 - 11:30am - Registration at Stake Center
8:00 - 9:15am - National Board Breakfast
Manwaring Center, Rms. 368-369
9:30 - 10:15am - National Business Meeting
Stake Center North Chapel
10:30 - 11:30am Elections
Stake Center North Chapel
9:30 - 11:30am - Spouses and guests meeting
Stake Center South Chapel
12:00 - 2:15pm - Closing Banquet, Grand Ballroom
Speaker: V.P. Henry J. Eyring
BYU-Idaho Administrator
Pioneering in Education at BYU-Idaho

Rexburg Housing Available (SUP rates)
(All include hot breakfast - indoor pool)
See SUP website for RV park availability.

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott

Schylar Milham - Sales Manager 208-821 9065
80 rooms reserved for SUP until July 1 at \$99.00.

Quality Inn

Kathy - Property Manager 208-359-1311
50 rooms - All rooms \$89

AmericInn

Mindy - General Manager 208-356-5333
64 rooms - All rooms \$89.95

Super 8 Motel

James - Manager 208-356-8888
41 rooms - All rooms \$83

Registration Form: Please complete, clip and mail. Keep rest of form for future reference.

Name _____ [] Member or [] Guest/Wife _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter, if member _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Early Registration - before Aug 1 \$95 X _____ = \$ _____

Late Registration - after Aug 1 \$110 X _____ = \$ _____

Tours Please mark 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices (Details on back)

[] Tour 1 (Chesterfield)

[] Tour 2 (Teton Valley)

[] Tour 3 (Bingham County (Tours 1 - 4 @ \$40)

[] Tour 4 (EBR-1) X _____ = \$ _____

Single day Registration

Thursday only \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

Friday only \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

(Friday tours are extra, see Tours at the left)

Saturday only \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

Reservations for tours must be made by August 15

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks to Sons of Utah Pioneers. Mail to Gail Cazier, 582 Gemini Dr. Rexburg, ID 83440 Ph: 208-356-3030

Friday Tours (Lunch included on all tours)

Tour # 1 – Historic Pioneer Town of Chesterfield

Join Jerry Hatch, a nineteen year resident of Chesterfield, and visit this preserved and restored Pioneer town. Visit their museum, tour historic buildings, and hear of the interesting history of one of the early pioneer towns in Idaho. Learn of other historic sites, such as the Oregon Trail, along the way.

Tour # 2 – Teton Valley with extra sites

Lynn Smith will lead this tour, beginning with a stop at the Rexburg Flood Museum, where you will see a video of the "mighty flood", and see early Upper Snake River Valley artifacts. Next will be a stop at the beautiful Upper and Lower Mesa Falls. Next you will journey across early trapper trails on the western side of the Tetons, which early trapper Beaver Dick claimed was "the purdyest side of the Tetons". You will then travel through picturesque Teton Valley while learning the histories of outlaws, trappers, pioneers, and Pierre's Rendezvous of 1832. In Victor you will learn of a modern pioneer and his impact upon Ricks College (BYU-I) leadership program. On the return to Rexburg, you will visit the historic Teton Dam site and learn more.

Tour # 3 – Bingham County, the Potato capital of Idaho

Ludell Evans has arranged a very interesting tour to help you understand the history of the potato industry. It includes visiting Wada Farms, where you can see the latest in technology in handling and shipping potatoes. You will also visit the Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot and the Bingham County Museum as well as several other significant and interesting sites. You will come to a new understanding of the role of the "mighty spud" in Idaho.

Tour # 4 – Pioneering in Nuclear Power - EBR-1

Richard Lindsey, who worked at EBR-1, will give you a fascinating background of the development of nuclear power in Idaho at one of the first places to produce electric power from nuclear energy. You will be able to tour what is now a National Historical Site. Richard will also take you to other interesting sites of early settlement in this part of Idaho. You will visit places that are still little known to native Idahoans.

PRE-TOUR AND EXPRESS BUSES ARE PLANNED FOR THE IDAHO CONVENTION 2013

Join us for the Pre-Tour and/or Post-Tour transportation to the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Convention in Rexburg, Idaho. It's an opportunity to enhance friendships and increase your enjoyment of the entire event. Make your convention reservations early and choose the Springhill Suites by Marriott for your hotel as the pre-tour will be staying there on Wednesday night. Space is limited. **The reservation deadline has been extended to JULY 1, 2013** (after that date, please call for availability).



Snake River Canyon

AUGUST 20-22 PRE-TOUR

TUESDAY: Depart SUP National Headquarters in Salt Lake City, making pick-ups as needed along I-15 going north. We learn more about ancient Lake Bonneville and the landslide at Red Rock in southern Idaho that ultimately resulted in the demise of the giant lake. Thirty-two miles west of Brigham City, we visit the Golden Spike National Historic Site at Promontory where the joining of the rails definitively ended Utah's isolation. Snake River Canyon and Shoshone Falls show evidence of the dramatic draining of Lake Bonneville. An early dinner is included. We check into our Twin Falls hotel. An evening temple session is optional.

WEDNESDAY: After an included breakfast, we explore Craters of the Moon National Monument at the base of the Pioneer Mountains. A seven-mile loop drive reveals basaltic volcanic features, lava fields and cinder cones with large central vents. In Idaho Falls we visit the impressive Museum of Idaho which presents the story of Idaho from pre-historic times to the atomic age including the



Craters of the Moon

Columbian Mammoth, Race for Atomic Power, Lewis and Clark in Idaho and the Eagle Rock USA exhibit. Following an included dinner, a temple session in the stunning Idaho Falls Temple is optional. Our hotel is in nearby Rexburg.

THURSDAY: A morning session in the Rexburg Temple is optional. At the Rexburg Family History Center we offer a class on Family Tree and/or Indexing. Shuttle service to and from convention venues is included.



Twin Falls Temple



Idaho Falls Temple



Rexburg Temple

See reverse side for Post-tour, Express Bus, and Registration Form

AUGUST 24-25 POST-TOUR

SATURDAY: As the convention closes, we take an early evening drive through world-renown Yellowstone National Park with appropriate geyser stops. We have a light supper and stay the night at Flagg Ranch.



SUNDAY: After breakfast, it's a spectacular drive along the eastern slope of the Grand Teton Mountains and Jackson Hole Valley. In Montpelier we explore the National Oregon/California Trail Center which sits on the site of the historic Clover Creek Encampment and depicts the pioneers' journey across the continent. A wagon master guides visitors through the experience of riding the trail in a covered wagon courtesy of a computer simulation. Making drop-offs along I-15, we arrive back in Salt Lake City in early evening.

AUGUST 22-24 EXPRESS BUS

THURSDAY: With a morning departure from Salt Lake City, and making pick-ups along I-15, we enjoy riding together through the spectacular scenery of northern Utah and southern Idaho, and arrive in Rexburg for afternoon registration. Shuttle service to and from convention venues is included.

SATURDAY: Departing Rexburg following the convention, we make drop-offs along I-15 in Utah and arrive back in Salt Lake in late evening.

NOTE: Prices are separate for each leg, so you can also choose to take the pre-tour on Tuesday and the express bus back to Utah on Saturday, or take the express bus on Thursday and the post-tour arriving back in Utah on Sunday night. Please book early to ensure seat availability for your choices.

Reservation deadline is JULY 1, 2013. Contact Mary Ellen 801-541-6937 meelggren@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Holladay Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Mail to Mary Ellen Elggren, 1428 E 900 S, Salt Lake City UT 84105

Registration Form: Please complete, clip and mail with your check. Keep the rest of the page for your reference.

Name _____ [] member or [] guest Wife _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

CHOOSE TWO:

- [] Pre-Tour \$ 249.00 per person [] Prefer two beds [] Prefer King bed
- [] Express to Rexburg \$ 39.00 per person [] Difficulty with stairs _____
- [] Post-Tour \$ 199.00 per person [] Dietary restrictions _____
- [] Express back to SLC \$ 39.00 per person TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Medallions

As of June 3, 2013



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		Silver	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 10			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Hole in the Rock	2012	Silver	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 10			\$ 4	\$ 6		
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Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$ 60			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver/Gold Select	\$ 70			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver	\$ 50			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Pony Express	2010	Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		

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