

# November 2014

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Thursday, December 4, 2014 - 7 p.m.  
Salt Lake City Chapter meeting, Sons of Utah Pioneers  
10th Ward Chapel, 420 South 800 East, SLC, Utah  
(next door to the Chuck-A-Rama restaurant)

## University of Utah, LDS Institute of Religion

The “University Institute Singers” is one of the premier choirs of the Church Institute program. The “Singers” is an auditioned choir and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The “Singers” perform many times throughout the semester.



It is directed by Hal W. Romrell, who was born and raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho; served a mission to Hong Kong (China), graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelors in Communications and Masters in Public Administration. He is married with three children and six grandchildren. He has taught in Seminaries and Institutes for 27 years, including the University of Utah Institute, Jordan Institute and now Taylorsville-Redwood Institute. He has taught Institute Choirs for ten years. He sings in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir with his wife!

He also directs the “University Institute Choir”, a non auditioned choir, which rehearses Tuesday evenings during fall and winter semesters, also a Summer Choir that meets on Wednesday evenings.

**January 2015**

*Please Note: the January 2015 meeting will be held on **January 8th** - (not the usual first Thursday - which is January 1st this year).*

The arranged program is a talk by Rochelle Kaplan, entitled "Jews in Utah - Not an Oxymoron". A brief bio of her will be provided for our chapter members in the December newsletter.

Based on that bio, you will be fascinated with her story and insights.

**National  
Calendar**

**items of interest**

**2014**

**November 15 - Saturday**

10:00 a.m. Area Training Meetings in Salt Lake City at SUP Headquarters Building for all Salt Lake and Tooele County Chapters

**December 9 - Tuesday**

6:00 p.m. SUP National Christmas Social and **National Officers Installation** at SUP Headquarters - for all SUP officers, members, and their wives. \$17.50 per person. RSVP

**2015**

**January 13 - Tuesday** - National Board Meeting

**February 28 - Saturday**

10 a.m. National Chapter Presidents Council in Salt Lake City, 12 p.m. Lunch

**May 9 - Saturday**

1 to 5 p.m. SUP Historical Symposium in Salt Lake City

**July 27 - Monday**

4 to 9 p.m. SUP Day at This Is The Place Heritage Park

**September 17-19 - Thursday to Saturday**

2015 SUP National Convention in Brigham City, Utah

## W. Herbert Klopfer

November 6, 7:15 p.m.

10th Ward Chapel, 420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, Utah



Our guest for the November meeting was W. Herbert Klopfer. He is a truly remarkable individual as well as a multitalented and valiant servant of our Lord.

The account of his family's exit from the grips of the Third Reich left us full of awe at the trials he and his family endured, as well as appreciative of the hand of the Lord in their lives. He related how his father had become a member of the church when he was 12 years old, served a mission when 17, married, then worked in the East German Mission office as an interpreter knowing the English, French and German languages. When the

war began all of the non-german men and women of the mission were taken out of Germany and his father became the President of the East German Mission, then in a while he was by law drafted into the German Army and had to run the mission on the weekends. In November 1943 they sent his father to France then Denmark and that was the last time the family saw him alive. His mother became the "acting" Mission President in his absence. It was not until the March 1945 that the family learned from a man who had been in a concentration camp in the Ukraine that their father had died there, and that man on being released had walked 1,000 miles to bring the message to the family. An article in the June 1990 Ensign Magazine tells the story of his father wanting to attend church while in Denmark, and how that story unfolded. The family had not known anything about that until the article appeared in the Ensign.

President Klopfer also shared the story how he and his brother and mother escaped East Germany after the war while it was under Communist rule, and some tender mercies in that process. Then after they had come to the United States, and when he was serving a mission in Switzerland and assigned to the Swiss Temple, the saints in East Germany were able, by miraculous means, to obtain permission to go to the Temple, where his three living grandparents and he had a joyous reunion, neither knowing the other was there, after many years of separation.



Thank you, President Klopfer

(we customarily give a one year subscription to the Pioneer Magazine)



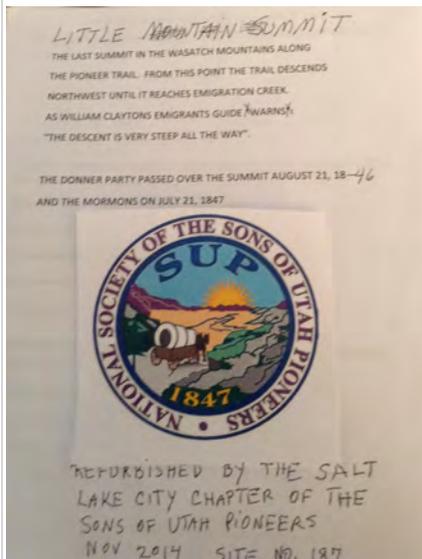
Some of the church service of President Klopfer: Currently President of the Salt Lake Ensign Stake 3rd Branch (Family Search Missionaries), formerly Stake President of the Salt Lake City Eagle Gate Stake, Bishop, High Councilman. He has been on the General Music Committee since 1983. He is a gifted organist, pianist and composer; for example, he and his wife created the beautiful hymn, "Home Can Be a Heaven on Earth".

Two articles in church publications:

June 1990 Issue of the Ensign Magazine - *Enemy Soldier at the Pulpit*, about his father who was in the German army during World War II, president of the East German Mission, and attended a church meeting in Belgium.

January 2012 Issue of the Ensign Magazine - *Worship the Lord by Singing Hymns*, about the value of church hymns for 30 brethren waiting to be interviewed by President Monson in Leipzig, Germany in 1984.

### **LITTLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT**



The last summit in the Wasatch Mountains along the pioneer trail. From this point the trail descends Northwest until it reaches Emigration Creek. As William Clayton's "Emigrant's Guide" warns: "The descent is very steep all the way." The Donner party passed over the summit August 21, 1846, and the Mormons on July 21, 1847. It is located 7.6 miles from the mouth of Emigration Canyon. --*Utah Division of State History, Markers and Monuments Database.*

**Robert Pollei** is heading up an effort by the Salt Lake City Chapter to refurbish the monument (which is 7' 4" high x 4' 8" triangle stone base) and replace the missing Bronze marker, placed there on June 27, 1992. The National SUP website says it was sponsored by the Twin Peaks Chapter & Pioneer Trails State Park. A photo of the plaque has the inscription: *Mormon Explorers YMMIA.*

The replacement marker will contain the same information as the original, which is presumed to have been stolen for the value of the Bronze, and will be made of materials which are essentially valueless. The cost of restoration and the plaque should be about \$1,000 or a little more and some members have pledged part of the amount. Please consider donating.

### **THE PIONEER VALUES**

We honor the pioneers for their faith in God; devotion to family; loyalty to church and country; hard work and service to others; courage in adversity; personal integrity; and unyielding determination.

### ***MONUMENTS AND TRAILS ARE BACK ON SUP NATIONAL WEBSITE***

The long-missing Monuments and Trails section of the SUP website has just gone live. Many pictures of our markers and monuments throughout the west are now back to see. The section can be found by clicking on <http://www.sup1847.com/monuments-trails/> or by going to the website and clicking on Monuments and Trails in the right-hand menu.