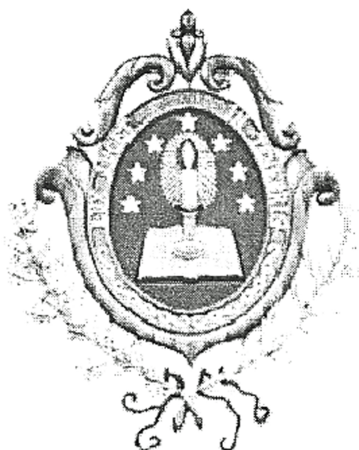


# Cardon Family Reunion

August 13, 2011

Brookwood Chapel: 1900 W. 119700 S Riverton, Utah



*Lux lucet in tenebris*

**"The light shining in darkness"**

"The Waldensian Emblem dated from the year 1640.

The lighted candle denotes "The Word of God."

The blue field or night blue sky represents darkness.

The seven stars represent the "Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation."

The Latin motto *Lux Lucet in Tenebris* signifies

"A Light is Shining in the Darkness of Night" or

"The Burning Word of God is Bringing Light and Splendor among Men."

"The two branches, one of oak normally on the right and one of green laurel on the left, tied together at the bottom, indicates, "Hope and Strength and Power." The Green Laurel stands for Hope and Glory." Thus we have "Hope, Power, and the Glory of God."

(According to <http://www.waldensianpresbyterian.org/heritage.htm> )

**Registration 8:00 AM—9:45 AM** in Cultural Hall: **Please register, and consider contributing to the Cardon Family Reunion, Piedmont Families Organization (PFO) funds, & purchase meal tickets.** Thanks to Ray Blake and family, Russ Cardon, Lavor Cardon for helping.

**Family History Fair 8:30 AM—9:30 AM** in Cultural Hall: Visit booths with displays of family items, and publications that are available to purchase.

### **Opening Session, 10:00 AM—11:25 AM in Chapel.**

**Welcome:** Larry C. Porter, President of the Cardon Family Organization

**Conducting:** Boyd Louis Cardon, Cardon Reunion Chairman

**Prelude & Postlude Music:** David Cardon

**Music Director:** Marilyn P. Cardon

**Opening Hymn: 135 "For the Strength of the Hills"** This hymn is significant to the families of the Piedmont Valleys. It is based on a poem by Felicia Hemans about the Waldensian people. Lorenzo Snow served a mission in Italy and brought the restored gospel to our family. It was one of his favorite hymns.

**Opening Prayer:** Natalie Bluemel

**Family Reports:**

- Bylaws: Larry Porter
- Financial Report: Lavor Cardon
- 2012 Family Tour: Becky Cardon Smith

**Musical Number:** Melodi Cardon Johnson (TBA)

**Historical Overview: Children of Philippe & Marthe who came to USA:** Michael Cardon

**Highlights on Louis Philippe Cardon (100 year Anniversary of his passing):** Louis B. Cardon

**Introduction of Speaker:** Larry C. Porter

**Waldensian Conversion to Mormonism, Speaker:** Jim Toronto

**Awards:** See insert for the contributions of our honorees.

**Closing Hymn:** "The Cardon Legacy" (see handout)

**Closing Prayer:** Diane Hales

**Breakout Session 1, 11:30 AM—11:55 AM:** Please select 1 class below, classes repeat.

**Get a Clue! (YW Room):** Linea & David Cardon. Join us for a fast-paced game of matching ancestors to fun facts about them. Prizes awarded.

**Highlights from 2010 Trip to Italy (R.S. Room) [Class repeats]:** Scott Cardon

**Italian Notary Genealogical Research (Priesthood Room) [Class repeats]:** Ron Malan

**Waldensian Conversion to Mormonism (Primary Room) [Class repeats]:** Jim Toronto

**Youth Activities, for ages 18-16.[Will repeat]** Bring your own soccer ball, Frisbee, etc.

**Nursery, for ages 3-7:** Room 16-17: **[Will repeat]** provided by the Young Women of Ward.



## Cardon Family Organization Honorees 2011

**Giovanni Cena:** (Giovanni is unable to be with us, but sent his response for this award):

I have been transcribing archival records for many years. If I think about how my life has crossed with your research, I have to say that in some ways I have been prepared and guided by the Lord.

I was born in a farmhouse at the end of World War II and my parents were farmers, therefore I was taught to work hard every day. I learned the local dialect, the technical terms used to measure farmland and the way local family relationships worked: all the ways of living of the Piedmont farmers.

I did not follow my father's footsteps; I worked in factories during the day and studied at night, all the way through college. I met on my way people that have been teachers to me that told me few words that guided me to the discovery and acceptance of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when I was 27 years old.

I married in the Church and had 5 children. The Church in Italy at that time was in its first years, with few manuals translated from English. We had to pray a lot and ask the young missionaries how to do things. I was called several times as branch president and no one knew how to do family history work. In a somewhat extraordinary way, through the university, I found professors that introduced me to archival research. I changed my course of study and specialized in family history. I learned how to use the Church software and other more sophisticated software programs and performed the genealogy of my whole hometown all the way back to 1490.

A brother from the branch where I was branch president moved to Utah and met Brother Boyd Cardon and Brother Ron Malan. They asked him if he knew someone who could do genealogical research in Italy for the Waldensian valleys. He answered: "I don't know, but my branch president has done a lot of genealogical research". They contacted me and we started this relationship that still lasts today.

The knowledge I acquired growing up, about the farmers of the Piedmont region and their ways of living, helped me to put together all of the pieces of genealogical research and reconstruct complex family relationships using the archival records.

I believe that the Spirit was guiding this process, that He inspired people to tell me words and prepared my mind to receive them. Around that time I was also praying to receive help to support my family since with 5 children money was always tight and it was hard to have sufficient money for them to be able to do extracurricular activities such as studying music and learning foreign languages. Meeting with you was a miracle because you have helped me. The money that I received for doing the genealogical work was used to pay for my children's education at BYU and for their missions. I am very grateful for this help and I wish to sincerely thank you.

At times I have met some of you and I was able to get to know you and take you to the places where you ancestors lived. You have listened in the quiet groves of trees that surrounded the people that preceded you there. Every time you entered those places, those cemeteries, you entered in someone's home, in the same place where someone prayed and lived. You have felt the life and the history of your people.

These visits have been pleasant and instructive, especially for the youth that were with you, to help them understand that in the world there are not only sidewalks and stores and restaurants, that life is not virtual like a video game. (Continued on back....)

## **Cardon Family Organization Honorees Continued...**

In those places they were able to feel the essence of their roots and their heritage and learn the ways of living of their ancestors. When you took your children there, you showed them a way that they will later show to their own children.

I feel that the Spirit has accompanied us in all these years, I feel the Spirit as I write the names of the people contained in the old, yellowish pages of the abandoned archival records. Those people will remain dead if someone does not make them live again in their family relationships.

I thank you and bless you in your meeting as if I was present among you. I know that one day we will meet again together with all the people whose names we have transcribed through this collaboration.

Sincerely, Giovanni Cena

**Louis Bellamy Cardon:** Louis was born in Mesa, Arizona to Louis Sanders Cardon and Winnafred Mae Bellamy. He has an older sister, Brookie Mae Cardon Peterson and three younger brothers: Mariner Paul, Philip Worth, and Grover Leonard Cardon.

Louis graduated from college and was then called to the French Mission. One of the blessings from his missionary service was making the acquaintance of a sister missionary—Robin Cardon. Their occasional letters after they both returned home blossomed into something more than just friendship, and they were married in the Mesa, Arizona Temple. Louis continued his education by getting his Doctorate degree at the University of California Berkeley. During this time, their family expanded to include three children: Becky, Scott, and Carol. Louis became a professor at BYU in the history department. His expertise was in European History, and the entire family was fortunate to live in Europe on several different occasions.

After their children left the nest, Louis and Robin served a mission at the Swiss Temple. It was during this time that he had an amazing experience related to his Cardon ancestry. During the June closure of the temple, Becky, Carol and their families arranged a visit. It was prearranged that they would meet in the Piedmont area, the Cardon ancestral homeland. Louis and Robin went to Torre Pellice a day early so they could do some advanced scouting of the sites to see. Louis tells of his miraculous experience: "We had just arrived at the Torre Pellice train station, and started walking up the hill from the station.... We had walked about a block when we noticed a rather elderly man walking parallel to us on a path a little higher on the hill than our road. He could evidently see that we were strangers and called down to ask us if we were looking for something. I called back 'tourist office' in Italian, whereupon he called down some instructions and pointed the way." They again ran into this man just a few blocks later and he offered his help. This man spoke French and Louis asked him if he knew of any Cardons living in Torre Pellice. To their amazement, he responded the he was a Cardon. Thinking he didn't understand, Louis pulled out his photo ID and in response the man pulled out his. The gentleman's name was Elmus Cardon, son of Luigi (Italian for Louis) Cardon, and he and his wife were the only Cardons living in Torre Pellice (population about 5,000)! For the next few days, Elmus and his wife Carle became their tour guides. During their time together, Elmus told of his younger sister, Jenny, who had served in the resistance movement during World War II. She was arrested and executed on April 23, 1945, just as the War was ending. Louis and Robin were able to do her temple work before they returned home from their mission.

Louis serves as the patriarch of his family which now includes his wife, three children, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren (with hopefully many more on the way). His life is a great example of love of family, God, Country (but don't get him talking about politics), and respect for his ancestors.

## Breakout Session 2, 12 PM—12:25 PM: See repeated classes

**Highlights from our Heritage** (YW Room): Linea & David Cardon. Bring your family history to life. Join us for stories, games, and treats as we showcase corn of the great information found in the FHE manual compiled in 2009.

**Lunch, 12:30 PM—1:30 PM:** (Pavilion) **Hawaiian Luau lunch, \$4.50 per person.**

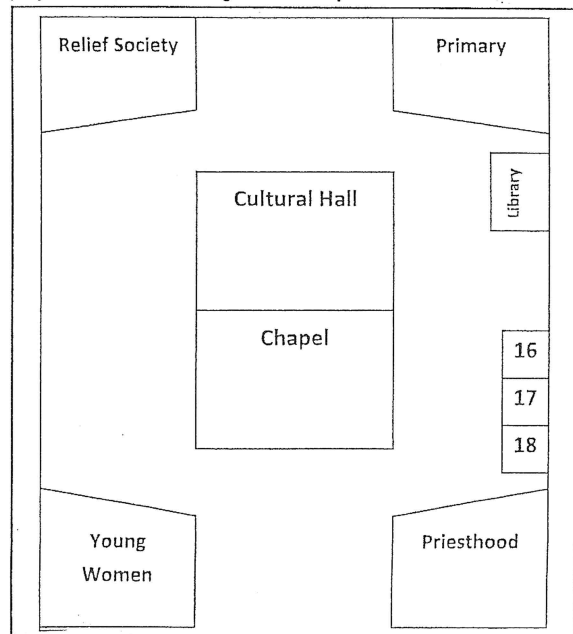
**Family History Fair 1:30 PM—2:30 PM:** In Cultural Hall. Visit booths with displays, exhibits, and publications that are available to purchase.

**Family Outdoor Activities, 2:30 PM—4 PM: on Field, Pavilion etc.** Come play with your Cardon cousins!

**Kennecott Copper Mine Museum Tour, 4:15 PM: \$5.00 per car at gate.** Spencer Thatcher will lead tour. Bring \$5.00 & your own car, museum closes at 8 PM.

**Special Note—Rome, Italy Temple:** Larry C. Porter, was contacted by the Church Missionary Department, Exhibits Division in Salt Lake City, requesting information on the Cardon family converts to the Church in Italy. The information and genealogies are to be displayed and archived in the Rome Temple Visitors Center. Larry met with Elder Lorenzo Semideni who has been assigned to acquire & research materials on Italian converts. Larry provided a complete set of Cardon family publication as our contribution to these archives.

**In Memory:** We mourn the passing of Kenneth J. Cardon (August 11, 1934-December 26, 2010), our beloved and respected former president of the Philippe & Marthe Cardon Family Organization. Our prayers and condolences go to his family.





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### How can I help?

The Cardons have an ongoing commitment to contribute \$1,000.00 per month to the **Piedmont Family Organization (PFO)** for genealogical research of Brother Giovanni Cena in Italy. He reads the Piedmont Valley notary records and puts them in digital format from which we are able to extract genealogy information. To participate please complete a pledge form and return it to Dick Cardon at this reunion today. Please make your check to **PFO**. All donations to PFO are tax deductible. Mail your contribution to PFO C/O Dick Cardon 987 W 2200 N Pleasant Grove, UT 84602.

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The next Cardon Reunion is tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2013. Visit the Cardon Family Website for future details: [www.thecardonfamilies.org](http://www.thecardonfamilies.org). Ray Blake will be the Reunion Chairman.