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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



During the last few weeks of the year, with the warmth of the Thanksgiving holiday in our memories, and with the promise of the Christmas holiday ahead, our thoughts are decidedly optimistic. The year has been good for the SUP, in that some good has been accomplished, some difficulties overcome,

and we anticipate leaving the year no worse than when we entered it. Perhaps even a little better.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers “national” organization is viewed by some as a sort of necessary but not terribly useful appendage; by others, “national” seems best simply to be ignored. Fortunately, many see the vision of the SUP Mission and make an effort to keep the whole organization active and moving forward together.

My predecessors as national President, Dick Christiansen and David Wirthlin, orchestrated the fund-raising for the Legacy Fund. Thanks to the many members who have the vision, that campaign was successful, and raised enough to make historic refurbishments to the building and the grounds. The 32-year old headquarters building is functioning almost like new, and the outside lawn sprinklers and parking lot lights have been put into working order again.

Many overgrown trees have been removed and progress on the grounds continues, thanks to the attentive management of Tess Clark, our National Director. Small projects remain inside and outside the building, but the progress made was both necessary and important. The Legacy Fund is nearly gone, but the goals have been accomplished.

At the end of last year and again this year, we have asked for a little help with the Pioneer Magazine. The Life Members have been wonderful and generous to our needs with many small and a few large

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donations. Because of the interesting subjects and content of the Pioneer issues in 2014, we have enjoyed record sales of individual copies, and we may end the year almost breaking even with the Pioneer, no small accomplishment.

I've enjoyed so much holding the three history symposiums this year, St. George, SLC and Idaho Falls. It was great to have good programs and see so many members and friends attend and be informed and inspired.

Our convention in Kanab was surprisingly successful, in terms of attendance and finances. It will be a memorable event for years. And the Box Elder Chapter is off and running with the 2015 Convention that should be a record-breaker for attendance in recent years.

We've now completed our annual November training sessions. Meetings were held in Idaho, Ogden, SLC, Provo, Richfield, St. George, as usual, and also in Philadelphia and Washington D.C., thanks to President-elect Tom Alexander who made the trip east to hold those meetings!

Membership shows a net increase for the year, and the Family and Friends program continues to be a useful tool for attracting the attention of new members.

So in conclusion, National's responsibilities for 2014 have been met. The finances are sound, the membership is increasing, the special events we've held have been interesting and well-attended, the leadership training was effectively carried out, and we have optimism for the future. Thanks to all of you who have helped make the year's successes possible.

Bob Folkman, National
President, 2014

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2014

December 9, 6:00 p.m. **SUP National Christmas Social and national officers installation.** For all SUP officers, members, and their wives. \$15.00 per person. RSVP

2015

January 13, **National Board Meeting**

January 24, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting,** Golden Corral

February 28, 10 a.m. to noon. **National Chapter Presidents Council in Salt Lake City.** Lunch at noon.

April 25, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting,** Golden Corral

May 9, 1 to 5 p.m. **SUP Historical Symposium in Salt Lake City.** Details to be announced.

June 27, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting,** Golden Corral

July 27, 4 to 9 p.m. **SUP Day at This Is the Place Heritage Park** in Salt Lake City.

August 22, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting,** Golden Corral

September 17-19, **2015 SUP National Convention in Brigham City, Utah.** Details will be announced.

October 24, 11:30 a.m. **Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting,** Golden Corral

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.

OFFICE HOURS:

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- Closed Fridays
- The library is open by appointment only due to staff shortage.

NATIONAL NEWS

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SUP CHRISTMAS DINNER - TUESDAY, DEC. 9 – Christmas Dinner at the SUP Headquarters will be Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m. In addition to a nice dinner, there will be a musical program by a highly recommended double-quartet from the area. The central focus of the meeting will be the brief swearing-in of new national officers, including AVPs, Program Directors and Executive leadership. David Wirthlin will give a few remarks and Tom Alexander, the incoming president for 2015, will also speak briefly.

All members and chapter leaders of the SUP and their guests are invited to attend, but special invitations are extended to national officers and their spouses or guests. You must RSVP by Thursday Dec. 4 to the national office at (801) 484-4441. Cost for the dinner is \$15 per person.

TOM ALEXANDER VISITS EASTERN CHAPTERS – From November 13 through 16, Tom Alexander, national president-elect, had the opportunity to visit the SUP chapters in Harmony, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC AVP Steve Kruman, past-president LaMar Adams, chapter presidents Ken Lee and Kurt Christensen, and Tom conducted training with chapter officers. Tom had the opportunity to speak to both chapters. Both chapters had excellent turnouts for the training and for the chapter meetings. The Washington chapter signed up four new members at the dinner meeting. Tom had the opportunity to meet with some long-time friends and former students at the two dinner meetings whom he had not seen for a long time.

Thanks to LaMar Adams for providing ground transportation, lodging, and meals in Washington and to Steve Kruman for providing lodging and meals for Tom and LaMar in Pennsylvania.

The members and families in the Washington and Pennsylvania areas are wonderful and great members and supporters of SUP.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CALLS ON SLC CHAPTERS FOR LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS – At the Area Training Meeting in Salt Lake City on November 15, National President Bob Folkman challenged the local chapters to find men who will take leadership roles in the National organization, and to provide more volunteers for projects, especially in the SUP Library. The training meeting included leadership from most of the fourteen Salt Lake County and Tooele County chapters.

There is a need for more members to take on leadership roles, and because the SUP headquarters building is in Salt Lake City, many of those leaders should come from nearby, Pres. Folkman said. Among the open positions that he felt should be filled soon are **National Membership Director, Pioneer Magazine Subscription Director**, and he explained that soon the Pioneer Magazine will need a new **Publisher**. When these positions are filled, there are others that could be activated that would help the SUP continue to grow.

In addition to leaders, there are many projects that could use **additional volunteers in the Library**. During a recent meeting with leaders from the LDS Church Family Search department with Pres. Folkman and Library Director Roger Flick, there was discussion of how the Family Search department could help the Library in digitizing the records and publications that we have to make them available over the internet. But the actual work of the digitizing would require volunteer help from the organization. The LDS Church would provide the scanners and training to accomplish the tasks that are under consideration.

It has been noted that many of National's current leadership are from outside the Salt Lake area. Pres. Folkman serves from Brigham City, President-elect Tom Alexander lives in Provo, National Treasurer Jay Smith lives in Provo, National Monuments Director Stewart Radmall and Asst. Director Mark Walker are both from Ogden, and Library Director Roger Flick is from Orem. Jim Hurst, who will become President-elect in 2015 is from Mountain Green, near Morgan. Trail Marker editor Reed Farnsworth is

from Orem, and Chapter News editor Don Lee lives in Ogden Valley.

From the Salt Lake area we have Past President David Wirthlin, whose three-year term ends this December; Asst. Treasurer John Elggren, National Treks Director Mary Ellen Elggren, and Heritage Director Gerald Haycock. Current Pioneer Magazine Publisher Kent Lott, who has held that position for ten years, is also from the Salt Lake area.

President Folkman asked the leaders of area chapters to look over their membership and suggest people who could fill some of these needs. Volunteers to serve in any capacity would also be welcomed. For more information, contact any of the members of the Executive Council or Tess Clark at the office.

SUP RE-JOINS THE DAYS OF '47

COMMITTEE – The Sons of Utah Pioneers were one of the three founders of the Days of '47 Celebration in Salt Lake City, along with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In spite of that history, however, the SUP had not been a member of the Days of '47 Committee for a few years recently.

In October the Days of '47 Board held elections and the SUP regained its seat on the committee with the support of the DUP and several members of the committee who respected the heritage of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It has been noted that two of the current members of the committee are sons of past National SUP presidents, although they themselves are not SUP members.

Committee members are elected by name and not specifically by organization, so National President Bob Folkman presently holds that seat on the Days of '47 Committee for a three-year term. He has been regularly attending their monthly meetings prior to the election. It is expected that at the end of 2015, another SUP member could be appointed to fill the last two years of the term if Bob Folkman decides not to continue after 2015.

PLAN NOW FOR DAYS OF '47 PARADE –

The Days of '47 Parade and the Sunrise Service are two events in the annual pioneer celebration that are important to the SUP. Last year the SUP was very fortunate to receive the third position in the parade, right behind the color guard, and those SUP members who marched said they were received very warmly throughout the parade route. There were about 24 costumed SUP members and family with five handcars who marched in 2014.

For 2015 we would like to have a larger contingent, with perhaps 50 or more members walking the route. Families with children over 8 years of age are encouraged to participate, meaning that we should invite our children and grandchildren to plan ahead to dress up in pioneer costumes and come be part of this great historical parade. The national officers will explore other ways to enhance our presence in the event, as this will bring needed attention to the organization and perhaps encourage new members to join and participate.

The Sunrise Service is a highly regarded event on July 24th each year, and the music that was provided last summer by the Institutes of Religion was especially well-received. The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter oversees this SUP sponsored official Days of '47 event, and they have already begun to make plans for 2015. SUP members from all over Utah should plan on attending this service next year, especially if they have not previously been able to experience it.

The Mission of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

1. Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them.
2. Preserve the memories and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.
3. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify the pioneer values and qualities of character.
4. Teach these values and qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Billie L Pearson – Murray Chapter
Brent C Rasmussen – Morgan Chapter
Delworth Gardner – Brigham Young Chapter
Randy Bell – Morgan Chapter
Lee Nelson – Morgan Chapter
Orwin F Draney – Centerville
Jay Jarvis – Ogden Pioneer

ANNUAL MEMBERS CONVERTING FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Bruce E Pearson – Murray Chapter
Ronald Graves – Maple Mountain Chapter
Dr. Mark Bezzant – Mt. Timpanogos Chapter
Thomas Craner – Cotton Mission
John W Jeffress – Cotton Mission
Stephen Johnson – Murray Chapter
Edwin E Blaney – Jordan River Temple Chapter
Kenneth Zimmerman – Mills Chapter
Wilford M Hess – Mt. Timpanogos Chapter
Ed Anderson – Morgan Chapter
Aldin Porter – Morgan Chapter
Louis J Rawlings – Lehi Chapter
Adrian Sparks – Eagle Rock
Wesley F Sine – Pioneer Heritage/Canyon Rim
Randy Caldwell – Twenty Wells

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Boyd Stallings – Grove City Chapter – 9/20/14
Harold W Norton – Cotton Mission – 8/16/12
Walter G Wiest – Cotton Mission – 11/3/14

NEW MEMBERS OF FAMILY & FRIENDS

Robert A Harding – Mapleton, UT
Dan Zabriskie – Washington, UT
Paul Grange – Grantsville, UT
Roice Nelson – Cedar City, UT
Steven L Miner – Cedar City, UT
James L Dunkley – Cedar City, UT
Eric Adams – Cedar City, UT
Charles Shirley – Cedar City, UT
James Shirley – Cedar City, UT
Jeff Shirley – Cedar City, UT
Fred C Rowley – Cedar City, UT
Argel E Jewell – Salt Lake City, UT
Bob Jewell – West Jordan, UT
David W Swainston – Providence, UT
Jack Bollwinkel – Salt Lake City, UT
Kenneth F McAllister – Amelia, OH
David W Peterson – St George, UT

CHAPTER NEWS

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Editor's challenge to EVERY chapter – Please send me news of your chapter. We would love to hear from you.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER (Brigham City, Utah) – It all started about 1962. From an early age, **Eli Anderson** (on left, below) was fascinated with the history of the west. His interest was piqued with a visit to Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City, Utah, when he was in the second grade.



Eli's mother was a room mother and went on the field trip with the class. As they toured the village, she told him of all the historical items she had grown up with. He was interested to learn what had happened to the artifacts of the past that all seemed to be disappearing. He felt a great need to preserve what he could of the relics of the West when he could find them. As a young boy, he would bring home pieces of purple glass and pottery. His big dream was to have a pioneer museum where children could learn of the past as he had. He always wanted a buggy. He acquired one when he was in high school. The wheels had collapsed, and the wood was in need of repair. He found a wheelwright that would restore the wheels for \$500. That was a lot of money to Eli, but he decided to use his meager boyhood savings. As he restored the buggy, he realized that not all buggies

are the same. He also realized horse-drawn transportation was not being preserved and would soon be lost if something was not done. If children couldn't see how people lived and traveled in a bygone era, they couldn't appreciate the advances in transportation they currently enjoy.

Over the course of his life, Eli has continued to collect these relics of the west. The collection continues to grow, and horse-drawn vehicles are still being added. He started Wagon Land Adventure foundation in Tremonton. While the majority of these vehicles are owned by him, the Foundation has acquired a few vehicles as well. This extensive collection contains many vehicles in as close to original condition as possible. No two vehicles in the collection are the same. This is arguably the most diverse collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER, (Provo, Utah) – **Brother Ronald C. Packard** spoke to the chapter about “The Religious Background of the Founding Fathers” where he demonstrated the relationship between the founding of this nation, its leaders trust in the Lord, and the restoration of the gospel.

He related many incidents where George Washington was protected from being killed and the Lord helping his armies in their battles with such strategies as fog giving them cover to escape their enemies or strong storms, miracle after miracle. Washington encouraged the delegates to sign the Declaration of Independence—which he felt came from God. He said faith and freedom go together, and corruption and freedom cannot, and only a virtuous people can remain free, they are needed for freedom. When Alexis de Tocqueville visited America he said, “America is great because it is good.” He also said no nation can endure with wicked leaders.

Brother Packard believes Moroni was the Guardian Angel of America and that he inspired the writers of the Constitution and helped them win battles they should have lost. A free nation was needed for the Restoration.

He told of Abraham Lincoln praying regarding the Battle of Gettysburg and was given a confirmation from the Lord that they would win, that He had taken it into His hands. Bro. Packard also highly recommended the recent book “The Lincoln Hypothesis” by Timothy Ballard, regarding the possible relationship between Joseph Smith, Abraham Lincoln and the Book of Mormon, which Lincoln checked out of the Library of Congress and had for over eight months, until two weeks after signing the Emancipation Proclamation.

He believes these leaders and Joseph Smith were all born when they should have been and shaped this nation and its future, that there are sufficient members of the Church in America to keep it from being destroyed, and Christ will come and take control.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER, (St. George, Utah) – The Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, as part of their purpose to “honor and preserve the principles for which our pioneer forefathers stood,” takes a quarterly Trek (car caravan) to areas of historic pioneer interest. This quarter’s Trek was to the ghost town of St. Thomas close to present day Overton, Nevada. The pioneers of St. Thomas were like the pioneers of St. George in that they were called by Brigham Young to settle that area and grow cotton for the State of Deseret. They were also to help establish a route on the Colorado River for immigration and moving freight from California to Eastern Utah.

Dave Humphrey (below) gave a very interesting history of the St. Thomas mission and its eventual demise in the 1930s.



The Trek was rounded out by visiting the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park with its visitor center and ranger based programs, and the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada which is dedicated to the Anasazi Pueblo Indians.

GROVE CITY CHAPTER, (Blackfoot, Idaho) – Bob Cannon (below) of Trestlewood gave an



interesting history of how their company evolved. It began as a construction company but eventually shifted to supplying old wood and barn wood used in new construction and remodeling projects.

Trestlewood acquired the rights to the old railroad trestle that spanned the Great Salt Lake and was the original railroad bridge crossing the lake. The wood used in the project was literally millions of board feet. There was an immediate market for the used wood which enabled Trestlewood to succeed in the new focus of the business.

The wood had to be cleaned of large metal spikes used in construction of the trestle and also cut and shaped for different marketing projects. Along with the trestle wood they continue to obtain wood from other old structures throughout the U.S.

Bob related how the fire in 2006 threatened their entire business but thanks to the quick attention of the local fire department the fire was contained to only a portion of the lumber yard and did not destroy any of the trestle wood recovered from the railroad project across the Great Salt Lake.

This unique business is one of only a handful of businesses that provide old wood for specialty construction projects throughout the United States.

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER, (Hurricane, Utah) – In November, we honored a great man, one who has not only served our Sons of Utah Pioneers on her board as president and many other duties, but one who has served his church and community with distinction, as School Counselor, High School Principal, Coach, Stake high councilman, Bishop and other positions in his church and community. Wayne Edwards (below) has been a man for all seasons. He has earned the respect of the entire community.



Wayne moved to Hurricane over 50 years ago to be a counselor at the high school. He was only going to be here for a year or two, then move on, but after arriving in Hurricane, he and his lovely wife, Margene, fell in love with this town and its people, and have made it their home ever since. They raised all of their children here. As a result of his service, dedication to principle and love of people, we honor Wayne with SUP's Modern Day Pioneer Award! Congratulations Wayne. Please accept our love and gratitude for all you have given us. God bless you!

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JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – **Garth Norman and his wife Cheryl** (below) treated us to a wonderful



presentation. Garth Norman is associated with the BYU New World Archaeological Foundation. This noted author and archaeologist gave us a presentation entitled *Lands of the Book of Mormon*.

Their presentation included pictures of his archaeological findings in Mesoamerica – that area of southern Mexico and Central America.

Garth pointed out to us that in the 1820's and 1830's there was no knowledge of geographic history regarding the lands of the Book of Mormon. These archaeological findings have come about much later and are on-going today.

Garth used as much of his text Alma 22:27-34 of the Book of Mormon. These verses are some of the few in the Book of Mormon that give us much descriptive narrative of the land areas mentioned in this book.

Thank you Cheryl, Garth, and Lance for this presentation. Due to the historical content of this presentation, it would have been of interest to anyone regardless of their religious affiliation.

The information and pictures contained in Garth's presentation to us can be found on the internet at www.ancientamerica.org

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LEHI CHAPTER, (Lehi, Utah) – They had a special speaker, National President **Bob Folkman** (right). He presented his remarks surrounding things going on and interesting facts about the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Bob didn't realize the many varied things he would be confronted with as president. A chapter called up concerning a new membership for a polygamist. But as most problems do, it eventually resolved itself to everyone's satisfaction.

Bob talked about problems with the National Headquarters building. We all know it is old and has needed renovations, but a strange one involved a “NON”-valve to the fire suppression system. It seems that someone bypassed a real valve in order to get the needed approval upon inspection.

Bob found some historical information concerning the report from the first surveyor of Utah. This was in 1856 and described the Lehi Area. It mentioned the Traverse Mountains. It then focused on the large fresh water lake of Utah Lake. He described the Cedar Valley and how there were many groves of young cedars up against the mountains. Going east of the lake it mentions many small streams. He mentioned a large, bold river that runs out of Provo Canyon. Doing some correcting of information, Mel Anderson and Connie Nielson mentioned water rights and how serious people take these water rights. *Feelings run right high*, and the agreements that were in place so long ago still exist. Lehi was settled in 1850 and was incorporated in 1852.

We are now holding Regional Symposiums. These meetings are usually 4 hours long, and the speakers from a wide variety of people. A topic is chosen and items of interest are presented. Some are historical; some are personal events, etc. Anyway, there are many interesting stories and wonderful insights.

The Family & Friends program that is going on in SUP lets new (and younger) members join for \$25.00 for the first year. They get to try out our organization to see if the fit is good, and they can contribute to the organization.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, (Spanish Fork, Utah) – Our guest speaker for October was **Randall C. Bird** (below) on the topic of “Adam-ondi-Ahman”.



Brother Bird received his Master’s Degree in Education from Brigham Young University. He was employed by the Church Educational System for 37 years as a seminary and institute

teacher. Over the years he has prayerfully studied everything that has been written about this sacred historic Church site, and has written a book about his studies.

Reaching into the writings of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Joseph Fielding Smith and Bruce R. McConkie, Brother Bird spoke of Adam-ondi-Ahman as a place located in today’s rural Davis County Missouri where Adam dwelt and met with God. Three years prior to Adam’s death a meeting was held with all of the living high priests and the residue of Adam’s posterity who were righteous. There Adam bestowed his last blessing upon them. Prior to the Savior’s Second Coming to the Earth Christ will meet there again with those who have held keys and powers in all ages from Adam to the present. Also invited will be all the faithful members of the Church then living and all faithful saints of all ages past. It will be a meeting where the Sacrament is administered to all those present.

Today, Adam-ondi-Ahman is a pastoral beautiful site that is cared for by six senior couple missionaries who are under the direction of two mission presidents that report directly to the Prophet. It is the smallest mission in the Church. They take turns in visiting the site and advising those who have been called to serve there. Their call is for 18 months.

The Church is presently cautious in publishing information on Adam-ondi-Ahman, given some member’s reaction. There have been more than a few who have given up jobs, homes and security to “go to Missouri” in anticipation of the great gathering and the events associated with it that have been prophesied. Local leaders at times have

been overwhelmed with dealing with the personal needs of those who have come. Brother Bird encouraged us to be worthy to go only when the time was right and the invitation had been given by church general authorities.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah) – The guest Speaker was **Roger Grua** who spoke about the Mormon Battalion.

To understand the Mormon Battalion, one must go back to the Nauvoo Period of 1844. Brigham Young assumed the leadership position in bringing the saints west to the Rocky Mountains. Funds which were needed for the westward Movement were lacking, so Brigham young asked Jesse C. Little who was currently serving as a mission president in the east, to visit President Polk in Washington D.C. Our country was at that time just starting in the War with Mexico, but the number of soldiers available to fight in that war were small. President Polk assigned Jesse C. Little to raise an army of 500 men to help fight in that war. The Battalion was mustered as an organization in July of 1846. Needing supplies, they marched from Council Bluffs to Fort Leavenworth for both supplies, and an allowance of \$42 was given to each man for uniforms. These funds were then sent to the saints and were a real benefit which financially enabled them to proceed with their westward movement.

Their march took them southwest to Santa Fe where they built roads and improved the area as they went along. Due to their toil, some members became ill, so those sick members were then marched to Pueblo while the remainder continued on their journey.

An interesting tidbit of information was the fact that Brigham Young told the men before they mustered into the organization, that if they were faithful, they would not have to fire their rifles in battle. This was almost true. Their only battle was not with men, but with a group of charging bulls which they easily dispatched.

By the time they arrived in San Diego in January of 1847, their uniforms were shabby. This included their worn out shoes which necessitated

many to wrap their feet in rags as the only protection they had for their feet.

After they were disbanded at San Diego, some helped to make history. Part of this group went north to a little known area called Sutter's Mill. History was made by them shortly thereafter due to their being involved in the discovery of gold. This started the fever pitch of what became known in history as the 1849 Gold Rush.

The entire march was just 3 miles short of 3000 miles, which gave the Mormon Battalion the distinction of having been involved in the longest march ever completed by an infantry unit.



OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER, (Huntsville, Utah) – The speaker on November 20 was **Doug Miller** (left) who spoke to us about the Salt Lake County Rotary Jail.

What is a rotary jail?
Imagine a lazy-susan about 30 feet in diameter

with two levels to it and each level being divided into 10 pie shaped pieces. With strong partitions between the segments and bars all around the outside, you have a rotary jail. A door is placed in one position in the outside set of bars and a means to rotate the interior turntable is added for convenience. For most that means of rotation was a hand crank, but some used water power or electricity.

Only 17 rotary jails were built in the United States, generally in the late 1800s, by 1939 the last of them had been condemned. Only one still exists in operating condition today as a museum in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Salt Lake County's rotary jail was built in 1887 and replaced with a more conventional facility in 1910. It appears to have been powered by an electric motor.

The concept was that since the prisoners would not face the same set of bars for any length of time, it would not avail them to attempt to cut through the bars, thus making the jail essentially

escape proof. But problems soon became apparent:

- Rust in the mechanism made it so that the rotation was unreliable.
- It could be very inconvenient for the jailer to reach any specific inmate since the mechanism had to be rotated to where his cell was aligned with the door. This made passing food and utensils in and out of the cells difficult.
- Fire safety was another concern since there was no way to speedily evacuate the inmates.
- The sewer system for the jail was quite complex and prone to failure.
- The biggest problem was injuries. The inmates would stick an arm or a leg out through the bars while the mechanism was turning; causing a broken limb that got the prisoner out of the jail.

Also during the evening the new officers for 2015 were sworn in by Area V.P. Don Lee.

RED ROCK CHAPTER, (Kanab, Utah) – **Larry Rhodes** provided the chapter with the following history.

Alonzo Donnell Rhodes was my great, great grandfather. He was born September 2, 1824 in Fowler, Trumbull County, Ohio. He died July 8, 1893 in Lehi, Utah County, Utah. He moved to Hancock County, Illinois in 1838 and to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1842. Alonzo married Sarah Ann Bushman, my great, great grandmother, May 25, 1852 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were married by Brigham Young.

Alonzo was the first member of the Rhodes family to join the Mormon Church. He was a drummer in the Nauvoo Legion. In the spring of 1851 he joined a wagon train bound for the valley of the Great Salt Lake. His fourth child was born at Chimney Rock, Wyoming and in September 1851 the company arrived at the present site of Salt Lake City.

Alonzo was one of the founders of Lehi, Utah and was appointed Marshal at the Lehi Fort in 1853. He was elected Town Marshal of Lehi in 1854 and served until 1871.

Alonzo was one of the rescuers of the handcart companies in 1856. He was arrested in a polygamy raid in Lehi December 1888. He had three wives and 29 children and was the only member of the Rhodes family to practice plural marriage.

Alonzo served in the Tintic Indian and the Echo Canyon Wars. He assisted in the construction of canals and bridges and gave material aid to the colonization of the State of Deseret.

Almost all his descendants are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. My oldest grandchildren think it is great that they have an ancestor that helped in the rescue of the handcart companies.



SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, (Salt Lake City, Utah) – Our guest for the November meeting was **W. Herbert Klopfer** (left).

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 ("Enemy Soldier at the Pulpit") 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.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER, (Cache Valley, Utah) – On October 18, 2014, a group of Temple Fork SUP members and guests met at the Logan Tabernacle to form car pools. They drove through Preston, Idaho and Immigration Canyon to the Paris Idaho Tabernacle.

At the Tabernacle a tour was given by Sally Harper. Paris, Idaho, got its name from Fred Perris, the man who did the initial survey of the city. However, the city name was spelled "Paris" instead of "Perris."

The pioneers who settled Paris asked church authorities for permission to build a Tabernacle in Paris. Permission was not granted until the Logan Tabernacle and Temple were completed so materials and workers were available. The Paris Tabernacle was designed by Don Carlos Young and constructed between 1884 and 1888.

The sandstone was quarried on the east side of the Bear Lake and hauled by teams of oxen and stockpiled for nearly 20 years before actual construction began. Much of it was hauled on sleighs in winter over the frozen lake, as the hauling distance was considerably shorter than going around the lake.

The timber in the building was pine from local



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER,
 (Rexburg, Idaho) – **Jerry Sanders and his wife**
Lynnette (below) gave an excellent presentation on



Jerry’s step-father Ata Allah Agah and the country of Iran. Jerry’s father and mother divorced when Jerry was very young. A little later when Jerry was about 7, he and his sister met Agah who was attending Utah State University and staying at Jerry’s grandmother’s house as a boarder. Jerry and his sister really liked Agah and soon their mother Dee was introduced to him. Agah and Dee fell in love with each other and were married. As a youth, Jerry was able to spend several years living in Iran.

Agah was born in 1914. He was the son of a well-to-do and prominent doctor. Two of his brothers became doctors and Agah became a farmer,

canyons, but it had artificial Victoria graining which made it look like hardwood. There were no nails used in the construction of the building except in the floor. James Colling Sr., a ship builder, was one of the people who contributed his talents to building the tabernacle. The ceiling of the building is the reverse of a ship hull and the wood panels on the ceiling are all of different designs.

The stained glass window was purchased and donated by Colling. The stained glass pieces were packed in molasses so they floated and didn’t break while bringing them across the plains.

The current organ was installed in 1928 and has 629 pipes. The pulpit and choir area has three levels. The elaborate railing on each level was built by Don Nye. The Tabernacle seats 1500 people on the benches; there is additional seating in the pulpit and the choir areas.

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taking over responsibilities for the farm property his father owned. They also believed in the Bahai religion. At the age of 19, he was required to serve 2 years in the military. He wanted to improve his farming techniques and came to the U.S. to attend school at Utah State University. After marrying Jerry's mother and graduating with 7 degrees from Utah State and Colorado State Universities, he moved his family to Iran. They crossed the ocean on a 6-day voyage on the Queen Mary in the 1950s.

While in Iran, Dee became the school teacher for her children. Also, Jerry and Agah became best friends and the family would tour famous sites and museums. After a few years in Iran, Agah and Dee decided to move back to the U.S. to give their children a better opportunity for education.

Later Agah and Dee moved back to Iran and Agah designed and built several nice homes that he intended to sell. During this time an uprising in the government of Iran threatened Americans living in that country. Also those of the Bahai religion were threatened and sometimes disappeared. A close eye was kept on Agah and Dee by government officials. They were not allowed to leave the country except to go on a short vacation. They decided to get back to the U.S. and got permission to leave Iran on a vacation to Europe. They packed a few bags and left everything else in Iran. They were able to get to Germany and from there to the U.S.

Agah died in 2013 in Escondido California at the age of 99. Throughout his life he remained a devoted Bahai and was buried following the Bahai customs. Jerry's mother remained a strong member of the LDS Church and Jerry and his sister were raised in the Church. Jerry said he and Agah would have long discussions on religion and Jerry found there were many similarities between the two religions. He said the people in Iran are just like us and have a lot of love for others. A lot of the problems in Iran are the result of the government and some extremist groups.

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WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER, (Washington D.C.) – **Marcus Faust** was our speaker for the evening. Brother Faust's topic was the "Repeal of the Edmunds-Tucker Act," a topic that Brother Faust had firsthand knowledge of while working on the staff of Representative K. Gunn McKay from Utah.

Brother Faust discussed the impact of the Edmunds-Tucker Act, enacted in 1887 with the intent of stopping the practice of polygamy. The various provisions of the Act, which, among other things, included a provision that authorized the US government to seize any Church property valued at over \$50,000 and end the Perpetual Emigration Fund, threatened the financial stability of the Church.

After the Church ended the practice of polygamy, the Edmunds-Tucker Act became a forgotten law. However, the ability of the US government to seize Church property valued over \$50,000 in any US territory was still on the books. Brother Faust was working in Representative McKay's office when it came to light that the Edmunds-Tucker Act had not been repealed, and could conceivably impact the building of the then-planned LDS temple in American Samoa because the value of the temple would clearly be more than \$50,000. The Church decided to reevaluate its plans and build the temple in the independent nation of Samoa instead of American Samoa.

The Church then asked Representative McKay to work on repealing the Edmunds-Tucker Act. Brother Faust was given the task to find a way to accomplish this. Eventually, Brother Faust worked with the Staff Counsel to Congressman Phillip Burton of California, Eni Faleomavaega, who was from American Samoa and a member of the Church. Working with Eni Faleomavaega, Brother Faust and Representative McKay inserted the proposed repeal into another bill being introduced in Congress. The repeal passed in 1978 with little fanfare. It is notable that Eni Faleomavaega was elected to Congress in 1989 by the people of American Samoa, and continues to be the US Representative from American Samoa, as well as the ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

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Please enroll me in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers:

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RULES OF THE ANNUAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
Revised January 13, 2014

1. The Sons of Utah Pioneers Family and Friends Program is an annual membership growth program that begins on July 1 of each year. All F&F Memberships received during the six months between July 1 and December 31 of any year will continue until December 31 of the following year. All F&F Memberships received during the six months between January 1 and June 30 of any year will end on December 31 of the same calendar year.
2. The cost of a Family and Friends Membership is \$25. Any new member is eligible to join the F&F program. At the end of the F&F membership period, the member may renew as a regular S.U.P. annual member for \$50 for the next calendar year, unless he is age 55 or younger. If the F&F member is under 56 years old, he may renew his F&F membership for \$25 for the calendar year. If he is age 56 or older, he must renew as a regular member. A new member is defined as an individual who has not been a paid member of the S.U.P. in the last two calendar years.
3. S.U.P Chapters normally have nominal annual dues to cover chapter expenses. A Family and Friends member may be asked to contribute chapter dues if he becomes active in his chosen chapter. If a F&F member affiliates with a chapter, the chapter leadership will notify the National office to correctly assign the F&F membership to that chapter.
4. Family and Friends members will receive the quarterly Pioneer Magazine and all membership privileges as a regular member.

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PIONEER NAME MEMORIALIZATION FORM

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sup1847@gmail.com 801-484-4441

Head of Family

Spouse

Name of Pioneer to be memorialized: _____ M F

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Date of Death

Place of Death

****For each name listed below to be memorialized, a separate form must be submitted.****

Marriages

Spouse #1 Name _____ To be memorialized? Y N

Date of Marriage #1 _____ Place of Marriage #1 _____

Spouse #2 Name _____ To be memorialized? Y N

Date of Marriage #2 _____ Place of Marriage #2 _____

Spouse #3 Name _____ To be memorialized? Y N

Date of Marriage #3 _____ Place of Marriage #3 _____

YEAR entered Salt Lake Valley: _____ Traveled with which Company? _____

Places lived in Utah Territory

Vocation _____

Please include a short 1-3 page BIOGRAPHY of the pioneer. Note the sources of information used.

List children and other members of the family on next page.

NAME OF SUBMITTER: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

SUP Member: _____ Chapter _____

Classification of Memorizations: (1) Pioneers arriving BEFORE May 10, 1869,

(2) Pioneers arriving AFTER May 10, 1869 BUT BEFORE January 4, 1896.

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Head of Family _____

Children

Spouse # 1 (Name)	
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Spouse # 2 (Name)	
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Spouse # 3 (Name)	
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Others:

Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:
Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:
Name:	Relationship to Pioneer:

Keep all memorializations for this head of family attached to this form. Use multiple copies of this form if necessary.

COST OF MEMORIALIZATIONS		
Head of Family.....\$35	Each spouse.....\$15	Each child.....\$15

Amount Paid \$ _____ Cash Check or Card (circle one) Visa, Mastercard and Discover Card accepted.

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As of July 10, 2014



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		Silver	\$ 40			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Hole in the Rock	2012	Silver	\$ 40			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Telegraph	2011	Gold	\$ 40			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver/Gold Select	\$ 40			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Silver	\$ 35			\$ 10	\$ 15		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
Pony Express	2010	Brass (Shiny)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		
		Bronze (Antique)	\$ 5			\$ 4	\$ 6		

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