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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, we await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Although Christmas is the major commercial holiday in the Christian world, it is more importantly the day on which we think back on the birth of the King of Kings and reflect on His atonement for us.

Each of us will listen to some of the most beautiful and inspiring music in the Western World that celebrates His birth. Some of the music like Handel's *Messiah* was first performed in April 1742 rather than at Christmas time. It has nevertheless become a Christmas favorite.

Some composers wrote music specifically for Christmas. For instance, Franz Xaver Gruber, a schoolmaster and organist, wrote the music for *Silent Night, Holy Night* to lyrics penned by Father Joseph Mohr, a Catholic priest in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. The composers and a small church choir first performed the carol at midnight mass on Christmas Eve 1818 at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf.

In a real sense, these two pieces of music represent the two aspects of the Christmas season: commerce and the Savior's birth. Handel and

Gruber were professional musicians, and Gruber was also a teacher. Mohr, on the other hand, was a Catholic priest who donated most of his salary to charity. In Wagrain, another parish in which he served, he created a fund to allow children from poor families to attend school, and he also established a system to care for the elderly.

In our culture we conventionally deplore the commercialism of Christmas. At the same time, we understand that without the exchange of goods and services that we practice in the Western world, we

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could never experience the level of prosperity we enjoy today. Moreover, without that prosperity we could never care for the poor at the level we now do. Clearly, all of us have benefitted from such commercially-induced prosperity in one way or another. Nevertheless, if we emphasize only the commercialism we stand in danger of minimizing the significance of the birth of our Lord and Savior. I pray that at this season, especially, we may remember Him.

SUP members who attended the national Christmas party on December 9 all brought Jesus's birth to memory through the songs performed that evening. This was especially the case with the beautiful choral presentation by "Bright Harmony", an excellent women's chorus. They treated us to a number of Christmas songs that warmed the hearts of all who attended. We also enjoyed a delicious community meal prepared by Dil and Diane Strasser. Following the program and meal, Past President David Wirthlin swore in the 2014 SUP national officers.

My only disappointment was the small turnout of SUP members at the party. Some who did not attend told me that they thought they were not supposed to come. I was disappointed that they thought that. In fact, all SUP members were invited, and Tess Clark sent out a special invitation to each chapter president.

With regard to our chapter presidents, we expect that each has marked his calendar for the February 28 chapter presidents meeting and luncheon. As 2015 national president, I believe I speak for the other national officers when I emphasize that we value your advice about things that the organization should be doing or not doing. Please think about advice you can give us as you prepare for the meeting.

By the time you read this, I hope and pray that each of you has had a Merry Christmas and that you will enjoy a prosperous New Year.

Cordially,

Tom Alexander,  
National President, 2015  
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## **NATIONAL CALENDAR**

January 13, **National Board Meeting**

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

February 10, **National Board Meeting**

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

March 10, **National Board Meeting**

April 14, **National Board Meeting**

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 on page 5](#).

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

November (dates to be determined) **Area Training Meetings**, Organized by AVPs and National Officers

December (date to be determined) **SUP National Christmas Party**, National Headquarters

## NATIONAL NEWS

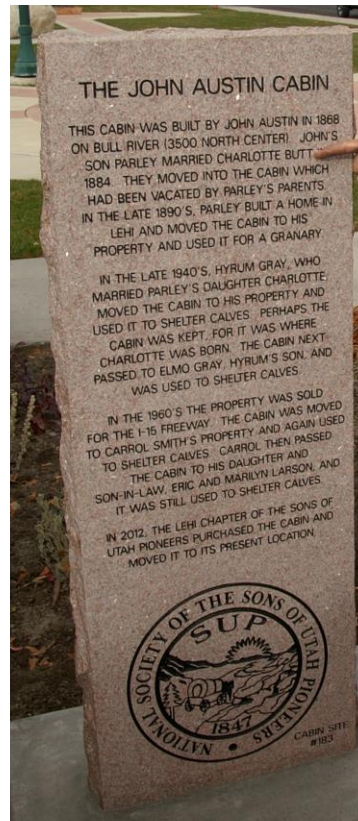
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**DEDICATION OF THE AUSTIN CABIN IN LEHI --** On a cold & blustery Saturday, November 15th, we dedicated the Austin Cabin and turned the keys over to Lehi City and the director of the John B. Hutchings Museum. What a great feeling, and what a wonder turn out. We had members of the city, members of the Lehi Chapter of SUP, DUP members, and many family members of the Austin Family. We had many speakers and all had great things to say about the preservation of our history and heritage. Mayor **Bert Wilson** talked about the commitment that Lehi City has to take good care of the cabin. He cited the new addition to the museum and the piece of heritage it brings.



Handing over the keys -- Mel Anderson & Ben Woodruff



**Bob Folkman**, our National SUP President, related how he has watched the progress of the cabin restoration via our chapter newsletter. He had some ancestors that spent their first year in Utah in the Lehi area. This cabin represents “real” history, and it will be a way to share our heritage with generations to come.

**Marilyn Larson** talked about how her family has been approached by many people over the

years wanting the log cabin. Until **Mel Anderson** approached she never felt that the promises to preserve the cabin would be serious. She gave a thank you to others and the SUP Chapter for their hard work, to the Valgardson Company who moved the cabin so carefully, and how her granddaughter - Whitney- didn't want to lose the cabin. Grandma convinced her that the cabin was going to a better place. She also reminded us of the thought we have often heard that “If we don't know where we came from we don't know our future.”







**Those standing in the photo of dedication attendees above are descendants of the Austin family.**

**Eric Larson** thanked all those who worked so tirelessly in raising funds for this cabin. He shared that the restoration exceeded their family's expectations. He thanked the newspapers and TV Stations for their coverage and enthusiasm about the Austin Cabin.

**Melvin Anderson** talked about how his sister, Marilyn, came to him with the idea of preserving a cabin a few years before the "bug" caught him. The Lord began working on Mel to find and complete the cabin project. He had to ask permission of his wife, **Dona**, as he knew this project was going to take money and many hours of family time to accomplish the project. He has been guided by our Father in Heaven all during this project.

There were many descendants of the Austin Family attending, and he was thankful for this opportunity to include them. He also told of his appreciation to the Valgardson Moving company for their generous help. Normally a project this massive would cost about \$8,000.00, they charged SUP \$3,000.00 and took 3 days of dedicated time. It was a miracle! The Valgardson Family has a desire to preserve heritage, also. Mel expressed his grateful heart for the return of his health that

he was able to complete this project through the years it took, and the guidance he showed to others.

Mel Anderson gave the dedicatory prayer. He then gave the keys to the ownership and transfer to **Ben Woodruff**, Museum Director. Ben Woodruff expressed in his acceptance speech the desire to make this cabin a place of learning and a feeling of what pioneer life was like.



**Last SUP Chapter Activity, and last photo of Carl Mellor (center) standing in front of cabin. Carl passed away the first part of December. His guidance and persistence is the key to having an SUP chapter in Lehi. His knowledge, leadership and friendship will be missed.**

**A CANYON PEOPLES' PORTRAIT – APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> IN KANAB** -- The Symphony of the Canyons, a 40-piece symphony orchestra headquartered in Kanab, just celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is a remarkable accomplishment for a community as small as Kanab (4,500) and Kane County (7,260). In honor of this anniversary and in conjunction with Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts' Legacy Series ([www.upharts.org](http://www.upharts.org)), a concert performance of a new symphonic suite composed by **Merrill Jenson** will be premiered in Kanab on April 1-3, 2015 in connection with a spring break plein air (outdoor) painting festival.

The name of Jenson's new composition is "A Canyon Peoples' Portrait." It will include music and songs telling the stories of the Ancestral Puebloans of Kane County, later Native American groups, Levi Stewart, Peter Shirts, John Wesley Powell, Thomas Chamberlain, Mary Woolley Chamberlain, the all-women Town Council, Isaac Black (or John Carling, depending on who you talk to), the Rollaway Saloon, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, and others who have come to settle the area.

The suite is presently being recorded in Salt Lake City for release on a CD. The premier concert and events surrounding it will be recorded as a video documentary, as well. Merrill Jenson will conduct the orchestra. Additional musicians are being recruited from the Wasatch Front to reinforce the Symphony of the Canyons for this event.

**Meredith Campbell**, concert mistress of the Orchestra at Temple Square will serve in that role for this concert, as well. **Sam Payne**, host of BYU Radio's "The Apple Seed", will narrate.

Producing a video is an expensive challenge for the Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts group, which is led by SUP member **Clive Romney**. Most of the SUP members are familiar with his work and his great energy in preserving the stories and music of the pioneers in various counties of the state.

In an effort to raise the funding for this concert video documentary, a "crowd-sourcing" approach has been adopted, wherein interested people can commit in advance to purchase the video by going to [www.upharts.org](http://www.upharts.org) and signing up for the video, which will be completed by May 31st. They have

hopes of pre-selling as many as 3,000 videos of the concert. Those who pre-purchase receive special rewards.

This announcement is to let SUP members know of the effort being made by the Symphony of the Canyons, Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts, and their many supporters around the state. As additional information is available, it will be found on the website [www.upharts.org](http://www.upharts.org), as well as on the SUP website, [www.sup1847.com](http://www.sup1847.com).

### **ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM DETAILS**

**ANNOUNCED** The 2015 SUP Historical Symposium will take place on Saturday, May 9. This year's topic is *Parley P. Pratt – Modern Day Apostle*.

The Symposium will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the SUP National Headquarters Building at 3301 East Louise Ave., and the Canyon Rim Building, 3051 S 2900 East, Salt Lake City. Symposium topics and speakers are:

- *Missionary of the Restoration* by **Matt Grow**, LDS Church History Department and descendent of Parley P. Pratt
- *Tis Not for Crimes that I Have Done*, by **Alex Baugh**, BYU Professor
- *Poetry, Prose and Music of Parley P. Pratt* by **Steve Pratt**, Pratt family historian and descendent of Parley P. Pratt
- *I Die A Firm Believer* by **Mitch Pratt**, retired faculty of UVU & BYU and descendent of Parley P. Pratt

The Symposium will be followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake East Mill Creek Stake Center located at 3103 East Craig Dr., Salt Lake City. The dinner keynote speaker is still being determined.

Registration can be by mail or telephone. Mail to: SUP, 3301 East Louise Ave., SLC, UT 84109. To pay with a Credit Card, call 801-484-4441 and select option 3. Cost for the Symposium and dinner are \$25 per person before May 1, and \$30 at the door, if not already sold out.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### CONVERTING FROM ANNUAL TO LIFE

**Harold Shirley** – Cedar City Chapter

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

**Wade Virgin** – Grove City Chapter  
**Hyrum D King** – Snow Horse Chapter  
**W Scott Croft** – Morgan Chapter  
**Jeremy Belinski** – Morgan Chapter  
**Thomas L Thompson** – Ogden Pioneer Chapter  
**Keith L Despain** – Salt Lake City Chapter  
**Gordon Creer** – Brigham Young Chapter

### CONVERTING FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ANNUAL

**Calvin W Poll** – Morgan Chapter  
**Jack Allred** – Twenty Wells Chapter  
**Hal B Mardis** – Eagle Rock Chapter  
**Marlon Bateman** – At Large Chapter  
**Carroll C Nichols** – Box Elder Chapter  
**Steven C Hastings** – Brigham Young Chapter  
**William E Leeftang** – Mills Chapter  
**William S Lohner** – Brigham Young Chapter  
**F Dale Smart** – Cotton Mission Chapter  
**DelRay Hammons** – Cotton Mission Chapter  
**Richard M Walker** – Cedar City Chapter  
**Michael E Moulton** – Twenty Wells Chapter  
**Gary B Walburger** – Brigham Young Chapter

### NEW MEMBERS OF FAMILY & FRIENDS

**Gary D Loveland** – Brigham City, UT  
**Jack Pounder** – Brigham City, UT  
**Brent Wyatt** – Brigham City, UT  
**John Watson** – Mantua, UT  
**Clyde Price** – Brigham City, UT  
**Alan Wright** – Brigham City, UT  
**Ronald J Hatch** – Orem, UT  
**Don L Lind** – Smithfield, UT  
**Grant T Richey** – Centerville, UT  
**Anton O Olson** – Salt Lake City, UT  
**Bradley Brinkerhoff** – Mapleton, UT  
**Erik Brinkerhoff** – Mapleton, UT  
**Tyler Brinkerhoff** – Mapleton, UT  
**Donald T Nelson** – Provo, UT  
**Ronald G Taylor** – Orderville, UT  
**Bruce N Harris** – Glendale, UT  
**Gerald H Peterson** – Holladay, UT  
**Kevin Nott** – Lehi, UT  
**Alan W Jensen** – Payson, UT

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Wayne W. Clark** – Brigham Young – 11/23/14  
**Lester B Morton** – Snow Horse – 11/30/14  
**Robert E. Francis** – Ogden Pioneer – 12/21/14

## 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)

– In our November chapter meeting, we had a super rewarding experience when **Steven Valentine** presented a program on digitizing personal and family history records.



The magnitude of the project is astounding and the benefit to us and genealogists is unequaled as we use it in researching and preserving records. There are over 20 teams involved in digitizing records throughout the world and billions of records are becoming available. We all need to become involved in indexing to make all of this searchable so it can be used in linking families together.

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**BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER,** (Provo, Utah) – The Brigham Young SUP Chapter, Provo, Utah was privileged to have Artist **Greg Olsen** as their speaker for their December dinner meeting.

Brother Olsen is one of Utah’s most famous and prolific artists. His paintings can be seen in LDS temples and churches around the world, and are also found in the offices of many government, educational, and corporate organizations, including the NCAA, Westin Hotels, and the Pentagon, etc. plus in numerous homes throughout the world.

He showed many of his marvelous paintings and related interesting stories about them, such as the picture of the baby Jesus in the temple with Joseph and Mary titled “A Light to the Gentiles”. Models were “Joseph,” who was his home teaching companion, “Mary” was his sister, and the baby was one from the neighborhood. He uses many family, friends, and neighbors as models for his paintings. He loves being close to his family, thus his studio is within 30 plus feet of his house.

He said he was very hesitant to do paintings of Christ until Elder Boyd K. Packer asked him why he hadn’t done this. Elder Packer then gave suggestions as to what he thought Christ should look like –manly, with a red robe over his head, ordinary, as he came to Earth to experience mortality, etc. Greg stopped worrying about what Christ looked like, but more about what he was like on the inside. Among his well-known pictures of Christ are: “O Jerusalem,” “The Good Shepherd,” “Precious in His Sight,” “A Light to the World,” “Be Not Afraid,” (rescuing a child from a stream), “In His Constant Care,” (with three little sparrows), “Lost No More,” (with two lambs), “Knocking at the Door:”(with no door



knob), and “The Spirit of Christmas” which is of Santa by a Christmas tree and holding up and looking at a Baby Jesus. Greg wrote a poem about this picture, the closing lines are: “He flies into the night and bids us adieu, doing for others what Jesus would do!” Go to <https://www.gregolsen.com/gallery/the-spirit-of-christmas> to see the painting and the poem. You will love it.



**CENTERVILLE CHAPTER,** (Centerville, Utah) – **Ronald O. Barney** (left) was the guest speaker at the Centerville SUP dinner meeting in November. Brother Barney was a historian/Archivist for the Church History Department for 33 years. He was an executive

producer of the Joseph Smith Papers, and also the Joseph Smith Papers for the television series which ran for 94 episodes from 2007 through 2010. He served as executive director of the Mormon Historical Society from 2011 to 2014.

Brother Barney talked about the Prophet Joseph Smith. He began by saying that our grandchildren will know a different Joseph Smith than we have known. He then shared insights from the Joseph Smith Papers about Joseph Smith that have not been well known in the past. It was most interesting and held the interest of those present. When it was time to close the meeting Brother Barney was not near the end of what he wanted to share. There was a great desire to hear more; so he gave Chapter President Watts a copy of material he still intended to use so that he could duplicate it and give it out to chapter members. It consisted of 8 typed pages that gave insightful statements about Joseph Smith that were new to chapter members. It was a very enjoyable experience for all of us.

**COTTON MISSION CHAPTER,** (St George, Utah) – The guest speaker for the evening was **Rand Packer** (right), author of “A lion and a Lamb,” the story of his great grandfather, Willard Bean, who was called as a missionary to represent the Church and care for the Joseph Smith Sr. farm in Palmyra, New York.



His recent publication, A Lion and a Lamb, is a thrilling and inspiring story of the Church’s courageous return to Palmyra, New York, in 1915. The Lion, (Willard Bean, a United States Middleweight Boxing Champion) employed his fists while his wife Rebecca, the Lamb, fought with faith and miraculous intervention from Heaven. Brother Packer recounted the fascinating story of Willard, as he turned the prejudiced feelings in Palmyra to one of friendliness to the Church, using both his preaching and boxing talents (yes, he did deck one or two hostiles). Twenty-four years later the Hill Cumorah and other Church landmarks were in the possession of the Church as they fought and loved their way into the hearts of those who hated them at first.

**GROVE CITY CHAPTER,** (Blackfoot, Idaho) – **Lynn Bradshaw** (with his wife **Linda**, below) of Pacific Steel gave an informative report on how the machinery used in the potato industry has evolved over the years. Lynn is one of our foundational members in Idaho and Past-President of the Eagle Rock Chapter in Idaho Falls.



Lynn explained that the potato has cells such as the human body and it is necessary that they be handled properly or those cells become injured and collapse. The machines his company has developed over the years are designed to handle the delicate potato from washing and peeling to

the final product of dehydrated potato flakes or granules.

His presentation included a pictorial review of each piece of machinery used in the processing of the potato. Each machine is engineered to take care of each stage of processing beginning with washing of the potato and eliminating the rocks and foreign material mixed with each load.

After the potato is washed it is sliced to precise size before being cooked and processed for the cookers. Following the cooking process the potatoes are mashed to the proper consistency and pressed to a very thin paper like substance then made into potato flakes.

Lynn reported that his company now employs approximately 250 employees including engineers and draftsmen who work together to improve and develop their new technology.

Asked about their competition Lynn responded that their real competition comes from European nations and that they are the only company currently producing the machinery used by many of the potato processing companies in the U.S.

**HOLLADAY CHAPTER,** (Holladay, Utah) – Holladay Chapter held their December chapter meeting on 12 December. The program was dedicated to Christmas music and talks with **Carolyn Lose** accompanying all the singing and performing other music on the piano. **Byron**

**"Pete" Riches** was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

**Ellen Van Dam** presented two violin solos "I Wonder as a Wander" followed by "The Holy City" beautiful and very heartfelt at this season of the year.

**Adam Samuel** a 16-year-old talented young man

entertained us on the piano with two different piano medleys of Christmas music.

The congregation joined in singing several traditional Christmas hymns, heard short stories and concluded with "Silent Night".





**LEHI CHAPTER, (Lehi, Utah)** – Our dinner meeting in November highlighted chapter members. **David & Zina Cox** who spent 10 months in China teaching oral English language skills.

While the Chinese students learn a lot of English, they don't get a chance to speak it very much, so the teaching of oral English is important to them. One of their activities was an English singing

competition and it was quite interesting to hear their interpretation of American songs and words.

The food was very interesting: lychee, dumplings (we call them pot stickers), pig snout, intestines, octopus, squid & starfish. Many items are sold on the streets from "food carts." The farms in many places in China are on terraced hillsides. They grow wheat, vegetables, and have fruit trees on these mountainsides.

They saw many funny English translations on the Chinese signs posted around the city and in the

**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest)** – The Chapter had a wonderful Christmas program thanks to the West Jordan High School Madrigals and your musical conductor, **Kelly DeHaan**.

Above is a picture of our own **Booth Maycock** being made up as "Santa" by the young women from the Madrigals. One-word descriptions of the Madrigals performance would include "Wonderful", "Amazing", and "Inspiring". Good Job!



parks. The sign above was posted by a small pond.

The Dragon is not fearsome in China. It is a divine protector.

The Church has a presence in China, but the Chinese Nationals, and the foreign nationals have to keep their worship services separate. David & Zina belonged to the largest branch of the church, it is in China. It encompassed of ALL of China. They had their meetings by computer -- like skyping.

David & Zina are famous. They presented a T.V. Christmas Program on the "family." It was amazing to the Chinese people to see how large the Cox family is, and all that Dave & Zina have accomplished. Chinese families are allowed to have only one child. Zina baked for the students, and it was a task to demonstrate with only a toaster oven. Their skills and characteristics were a great influence on the teachers and students they worked with.

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**, (Spanish Fork, Utah) – Sixty people attended the Maple Mountain Chapter’s December 4, 2014, dinner



meeting to listen to **Dr. K. Newell Dayley** (left), present Dean of the School of Arts at Utah Valley University.

As a composer, Dr. Dayley is best known for sacred songs and hymns including “Faith in Every Footstep”, “Lord, I Would Follow Thee”, and “I Feel my Savior’s Love”. He shared with us

the stories behind his music and the role music played in the lives of the pioneers.

Dr. Dayley was commissioned to write the lyrics and the music for a hymn that would honor the pioneers and their historic trek from Winters Quarters, Nebraska to the Salt Lake Valley as the Church desired to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this great event. It took him two weeks to write the text that was inspired by Doctrine and Covenants Section 4. The score came from prayers and inspiration. It is well known now as “Faith in Every Footstep”, and is sung today honoring not only those early pioneers but is an invaluable legacy of faith that has inspired missionary work and pioneers in all times and places.

In addition, the stories behind the inspiration required to write and compose the lyrics and music for the well-known Primary songs, “I Feel My Savior’s Love”, and the lyrics for “Lord I Would Follow Thee” were touching and moving to members and their guests. Icing on the cake was when we had an opportunity to sing those songs under his direction and accompanied by his daughter. It was truly inspiring for all who were there.

He concluded his remarks by announcing his association with the efforts of the Montpelier Stake in Vermont to honor those early missionaries of the Church that came from that region. They include the Prophet Joseph Smith, Daniel H. Wells, Shadrack Roundy, Heber C. Kimball, Brigham Young, Erastus Snow and others. He has been commissioned to assist in writing and composing the music for the celebration that will take place in 2015. He ended with the thought that today many missionaries are going forth from the Montpelier Vermont Stake just as those early saints went forth from that area as missionaries all inspired by the charge found in Doctrine and Covenants Section 4 to go forth in faith.

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**MILLS CHAPTER** (Mill Creek, Utah) – Brother **Marvin Kuchar** (shown with his wife **Unie** below) treated us to a slide presentation of his work as an archeologist in Egypt.



He narrated the slides with more detail than any of us had experienced on this subject before. The detail included images and description of tombs/temples; and about burial pits, chambers and tunnels. He told us there were 123 pyramids in Egypt near Cairo. The largest one had five chambers with ceiling blocks hollowed out so the roof would not collapse. The dating of the tombs went back to 2800 BC. In 600 AD the Muslims robbed the sites of granite blocks, and by then 50,000 – 100,000 ancient people had been buried in a cemetery, which was not by any city. By 55 AD, signs of Christianity appeared in clothing designs and rituals.

In 1802 British diggers plundered the burial ground, and in 1988 Brother Kuchar came with a BYU archeology team. Their findings were interesting: only one out of seven children lived: amazing colors and styles of fabric were found: the Egyptians believed in three heavens and were buried facing toward the East. Some of the recovered hair was blond and red suggesting other ethnic origins than Arabic.

Near Mt. Sinai, a gold Bible was found that was borrowed by the Russians. They refused to return it. All archeology activity has now been closed and Bro. Kuchar does not know what happened to the treasures. There were seven permits issued worldwide; BYU received one of them, and spent \$50,000 per year for expeditions.

In December the Utah Chamber Artists treated us to their traditional visit for Christmas.

**Dr. Bradford**, director, and choir opened the program with “*Remember O’ Man*”. Other musical pieces followed with themes of significant relationships with the manger, and the joys of the birth of Jesus. One piece required the exceptional pianist (**Josh Pierce**) to simulate all the instruments of an orchestra. He was so forceful on the keys that the piano vibration caused our hand recorder to fly off the top of the piano onto the floor. The choir finished their program with the song, “*Away in a Manger.*”

**MURRAY CHAPTER** (Murray, Utah) – **Mary Ellen Ellgren** (right) spoke to the Murray Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers on Wednesday October 22, 2014.



In an effort to heal a rift that has affected the feelings of the Brigham Young Family Association and the Joseph Smith Jr. Family Association, Mary Ellen Ellgren, past president of the Brigham Young Family Association, wrote *The Healing Document*. Her effort was to heal hard feelings that go clear back to the time of Brigham Young and Emma Smith. She felt inspired in writing this document, which she presented at a Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization meeting held in Nauvoo, Illinois in July 2007.

She told us the very interesting story of the events leading up to the writing of this document. It is unlikely that knowledge of this rift exists much outside these two family organizations, but such a rift has existed. Certainly, we would all like to see the healing of feelings between these two families, so significant in Church History.

In November the chapter met for their annual Thanksgiving meeting. They enjoyed a wonderful program presented by the very talented and well-known song writer and performer, **Clive Romney**.





He has earned several awards, served as an LDS bishop, is the Executive Director of the Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts, and has taught music courses at Brigham Young University, the University of Utah, and the Salt Lake Community College.

The program that Clive presented to us included many songs he had written about his own ancestry and that of his wife. They included pioneers who crossed the plains and then followed Brigham's direction to settle in different parts of the Utah Territory. He is very entertaining and makes guitar and banjo playing look so easy as he tells stories that lead up to yet another song he wrote. He made us want to tap our toes and clap our hands to his rhythms.

#### **OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER, (Ogden, Utah)**

– Elder **Ron Halverson** (shown at right with Sister Halverson) was the December speaker and introduced his topic as “Utah before the Mormons”.

While in Parowan two sisters took him to see the Gap to look at the petroglyphs. He explained that the petroglyphs were the largest outdoor time clock which set up 21 March as the spring equinox. They date back to 400 AD when the Fremont Indians came into

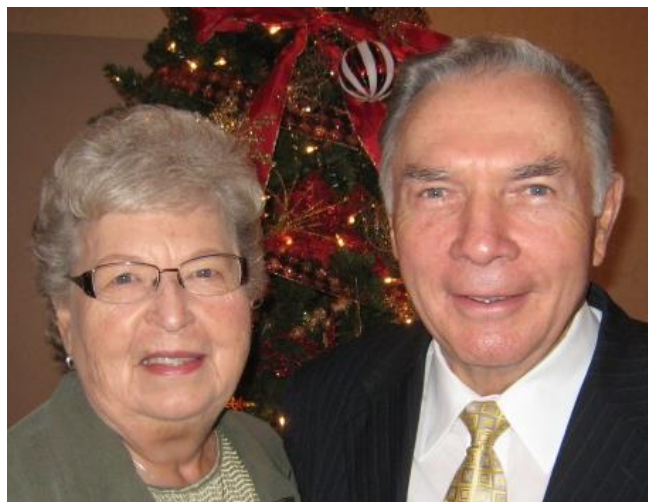
the area with the knowledge of how to tell time. They excavated a cave with petroglyphs corresponding to ones found in Ireland dating back to 3000 BC.

In the Gap and its surrounding structures the 1<sup>st</sup> stone cairn represented the Spring Equinox of 21 March in their calendar. This became a holy place for the Indians to tell time, when to plant, grow and harvest. They carved a notch in the rock making a hole in which the sun shined through on 21 June the summer solstice. These were sacred occasions when God and his Son appeared to teach the people sacred ordinances. Their trails became trade routes from Utah to Nevada to California and Mexico and back. They traded turquoise, corn, wheat, fruits and vegetables. The various Indian groups had trade routes with each other. The Spanish Explorers used the Indian trade routes in their search for gold.

Father Escalante was authorized to find routes through the mountains. He used a Ute Indian Guide to come into this valley finding Utah Lake, the Lagoon Indians, bearded Indians who ate insects and berries.

The Fur Traders and Trappers came from 1820-1840's which solidified routes of travel due to Indian Trails. Some of the early trappers were well educated and took notes and recorded their success leaving records and maps. Peter Skeen Ogden came down Weber Canyon trapping beaver and met up with the Hudson Bay Company. Peter never got all the way to Ogden which is named after him. Weber was also a trapper and Weber County is name after him.

Provost came down the Provo River and Provo is named after that trapper. Jedediah Smith records the first view of the Great Salt Lake. Reports from these early explorers reached Brigham Young and helped in planning their travels to this valley.



When the Saints came to this valley there were others people living here-Indians and Trappers like Jim Bridger. Brigham Young bought Weber County from Jim Bridger. Jim bet that no one could grow a bushel of corn in this valley. With the Lord's help, Jim Bridger lost his bet.

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

**SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER,** (Salt Lake City, Utah) – What a wonderful program we experienced from The “**University Institute Singers**” (below) at our December meeting held in the chapel of the Tenth Ward building. The choir of 30 voices is directed by **Hal W. Romrell**, and includes multi-talented singers, pianists, organists and violinists."



**TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER,** (Cache Valley, Utah) – **Steven Scott Salisbury** (left) spoke about the lives of his great-great-grandparents, Stephen Chadwick Perry (1818-1888) and Anna Marie Hulet Perry (1817-1884), and their parents.

Stephen's parents were Asahel and Polly Perry. They joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New York in 1833. They followed the Church's migration from New York, to Kirtland, to Far West, Quincy, Nauvoo, Mt. Pisgah, and Utah. In Utah they were sent to settle in Hobble Creek, which later became Springville. Asahel was given a patriarchal blessing from Joseph Smith, Sr. and the blessing was recorded by Oliver Cowdery in his hand writing.





Anna's parents were Charles and Margaret Hulet. They joined the Church in 1830 in Kirtland. Charles and Margaret lived in Hiram during the time that Joseph Smith was living there. Charles was a member of Zion's Camp. He lived in Missouri and had homes in Jackson County, Clay County, and Caldwell County. He was living in Far West at the time the Saints were driven out. He went to Quincy and then to Nauvoo. When he left Nauvoo there is a record that says he lost \$4,500 worth of farmland and home to the mobs. He settled in Springville, Utah, and later moved to Mapleton.

Stephen was baptized in 1833. He first married Susannah Hidden. They had a son that only lived a short time and his wife died too. His wife, Susannah, and his son are both buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Nauvoo. He then married Anna Hulet in 1844 while they were living in Nauvoo and later married Mary Bogg in 1854.

Stephen was constable in Nauvoo and was one of the men who destroyed the Nauvoo Expositor. He was arrested and taken to Carthage Jail with the Prophet Joseph Smith and others. However, the mob didn't want him, and he was sent home the next day. He served missions to the Eastern States and in Las Vegas. He received a patriarchal blessing from Hyrum Smith.

**UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER,** (Rexburg, Idaho) – **Barry and Kay Boyle** gave a very good presentation on their mission to Nauvoo. Barry's main responsibility was as a teamster, working with the draft horses and driving the wagons for the wagon rides through Nauvoo. Kay served as a narrator on the wagon rides. Both also served at the restored homes in Nauvoo giving demonstrations and stories of the pioneer life at the time the Saints lived there. Barry indicated that the Church purchased the harness and leather goods for the horses from the Amish. He said they did excellent work.



Barry and Kay (above) also had roles in the evening plays. Barry was glad he did not have to sing. They worked at the Shoe Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Seventies Hall, and Barry drove the water truck to help keep the dust from the roads down.

They also talked about the vast information that can be found in the Land and Records Office. They were able to find out information about some of their pioneer ancestors there. They witnessed many miracles both in their own lives as well as the lives of those that came to visit Nauvoo.

Barry and Kay also invited **Wayne and Mary Call** to the SUP meeting. Wayne was serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor in the Mission Presidency at the

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same time the Boyles served their mission. Wayne took a few minutes on the program and talked about his assignments in the Mission Presidency. One of his assignments was to keep staffed 21 teamsters who would work with the draft horses and wagons. He was also involved with the LDS groups that came to Nauvoo from all over the United States. They had 15 Stakes come throughout the summer. The mission had 21 handcarts and the youth would pull the handcarts through different parts of Nauvoo. He saw and heard of many testimonies that were built and strengthened as the youth visited Nauvoo and participated in the handcart pull. They also come to better know the Prophet Joseph Smith and the trials the early saints had to overcome.

**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.

**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.

**WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER,** (Washington D.C.) – The evening’s speaker was **Thomas**



**Alexander** (below), retired Brigham Young University history professor and the Sons of Utah Pioneer 2015 National President Elect. Brother Alexander’s topic was “Brigham Young and the Pioneering Struggle to Survive, 1847-1858,” a topic he has spent significant time researching of late.

Brother Alexander’s presentation was very informative and explored the state of the Salt Lake Valley when the pioneers first arrived. He discussed how the valley wasn’t really a desolate wilderness, but fertile ground that Indians had used to harvest wheatgrass, which grew to the height of a grown man. One of the biggest problems facing the early pioneers, explained Brother Alexander, was food shortages caused by a lack of water, weather conditions, and insect infestations.

Interestingly, but not surprisingly, Brigham Young advocated strongly against selling wheat flour to travelers in route to California instead of selling or giving it to fellow Utah pioneers. Brother Alexander also discussed some of Brigham Young’s theories on communal development and environmental theology. It was quite fascinating to hear about Brigham Young’s ideas and how he addressed the problems they encountered settling the valley and the over-500 settlements throughout the West established settled under his direction.

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## **“S.U.P. Family and Friends” New Membership Application**

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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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*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

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