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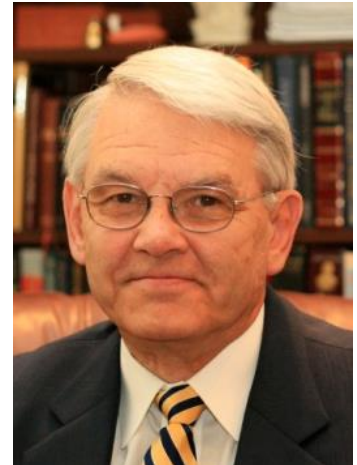
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Sons of Utah Pioneers,

On February 8 we held our National Chapter Presidents Meeting at the headquarters building in SLC. We were very pleased to have representatives from the leadership of so many chapters present for the meeting, including some from Idaho, southern Utah and Arizona. The tone of the meeting was positive and attentive, as information-filled presentations were made and many questions were discussed and some hopefully answered.

We are looking forward to great events during 2015. The convention in Kanab (August 7-9) has been carefully planned to be accessible, entertaining and informative for S.U.P. members of all ages, and for family members, as well. Redrock Chapter members and the National leadership will work to arrange for first class buses to carry members from the Wasatch Front to Kanab, and we understand that the Idaho members are already making arrangements for a bus from up north.



The convention has a couple of unique ideas that I look forward to. One is that if attendees wish to take more than one tour on Friday, the schedules and routes have been arranged so that will be possible. I know that at previous conventions it has been really hard to decide which tour to take, and I always regretted that I couldn't participate in all of them. So this is a nice innovation. The second unique event at the convention will be the Orderville Pageant that hasn't been presented in twenty years. We will be their first guests for that production on Friday night, August 8. More information will be available every month as we get closer to the Convention dates.

In just a few days the **Southern Utah Regional Symposium at St. George** will take place (See pages 3-4). We are hoping for strong attendance, and we encourage S.U.P. members to recruit their friends and attend the March 15 event. The program will be an interesting learning experience, and we expect inspiring, too. Please look at the Symposium flyers that are part of this Trail Marker and make plans to take in the Symposium that is nearest to you this spring. (Is anyone certain whether in 2014 we should use the plural *Symposia*, or is *Symposiums* acceptable these days? The Romans have been out of the picture for a long time, so I'm going with the latter.)

And finally for this issue, let me thank some of the folks who contribute so much time and effort to the S.U.P. who are usually not noticed. Thanks to **Reed Farnsworth**, of the Brigham Young Chapter, and **Don Lee**, of the Ogden Valley Chapter, who put together and edit this *Trail Marker*. They do an excellent job and I want them to know they are appreciated. And I would like to thank **Marilyn Johnson**, our librarian at the HQ Building, who has for so many years kept the library going and organized. She is expecting some major surgery in the next few days that will keep her away for, we hope, only a few

weeks. Our prayers will be with her, and we are confident that she will have a positive outcome. We have a number of volunteers in the library, especially **Booth and Eddie Maycock**, that will keep it functioning, and we are grateful for their generous gifts of time. And our best regards to every S.U.P. member who does something this month to carry forward the Mission Statement in some small way. Thanks to all!

Bob Folkman

National President, 2014

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

- March 11 – **National Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at National Headquarters.
- March 15 – **SUP Regional Historical Symposium** at Dixie State University in St. George, 1:00 p.m. See flier on page 4 and article on pages 3-4.
- April 8 – **National Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at National Headquarters
- May 10 – **National Historical Symposium** – See article on pages 14-15.
- May 13 – **National Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at National Headquarters
- June 10 – **National Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at National Headquarters
- July 8 – **National Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at National Headquarters
- July 24 – **SUP Sunrise Service**, 7:00 a.m., Salt Lake Tabernacle
- July 28 – **SUP Day**, This is the Place Monument and Heritage Park
- August 7-9 – **National Convention**, Kanab Utah. Sponsored by the Redrocks Chapter.
- August 9 – **National Board Meeting**, at National Convention

NATIONAL NEWS

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NEW CHAPTER ORGANIZED IN WASHINGTON D.C.

We're excited to announce the formation of the new Washington D.C. Area chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. 2011 National President **LaMar Adams** is serving as a full-time temple worker at the Washington D.C. temple, and his enthusiasm for the Sons of Utah Pioneers organization won't be contained. He has encouraged and helped the members get the chapter started, and we appreciate his good work.

With 12 new members, 2 continuing annual members, and 3 S.U.P. Life Members, the chapter is off to an optimistic start. Just think of the exciting speakers that could be recruited from the historically and politically important Washington area to present programs to a monthly S.U.P.

gathering. We congratulate the new chapter and its members, and look forward to seeing it grow and flourish in that part of our great country. The Washington D.C. Area chapter will be our second existing east coast chapter, including the Harmony Chapter that is still functioning in Pennsylvania.

The new Chapter president is **H. Kurt Christensen**. Kurt is a retired teacher of corporate strategy in the business world. Kurt is married to the former **Linda Cropper**. They have lived in Washington D.C. for ten years, having come from the Chicago area, where they raised their four children. They now have seven grandchildren. Kurt is a descendant of at least one pioneer family, the Olivier family who emigrated to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1864. He writes, "Turning hearts does not end when the temple work is done: it includes passing on our heritage to future generations." Kurt will fit in with the S.U.P. very well.

S.U.P. HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

at St. George, Utah

in the Eccles Fine Arts Center Concert Hall at Dixie State University

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Dinner Session at 5:45 p.m.

“A Potpourri of Thoughts and Research on LDS Historical Subjects”

Symposium Speakers:

- **Brian Reeves**, Researcher in the LDS Church History Department: “**Suppression of Evidence in the Aftermath of the Mountain Meadows Massacre**”
- **Steven Craig Harper**, Author, Historian in the LDS Church History Department: “**First Vision Accounts: What They Say and Why**”
- **Ardis E. Parshall**, Writer, Columnist and Historian with the LDS Church History Library: “**Pioneer Stories You May Not Have Heard**”
- **Craig Harline**, Professor of History at BYU: “**What Happened to My Bell Bottoms? How Things That Were Never Going to Change Sometimes Change Anyway, and How History Can Help Us Make Sense of It All**”

Keynote Speaker at Dinner: Emeritus Elder Ronald T. Halverson

Registration Requested. Afternoon Session with Dinner Session: \$25.00 per person. Afternoon Session only, \$7.50 per person by March 5 or \$10 after and at the door.

REGISTRATION for March 15, 2014: S.U.P. LDS HISTORY SYMPOSIUM in St. George, UT

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Registration for both Sessions: \$25.00 per person X ____ attendee(s) = \$ _____ (Enclosed).

Registration for Afternoon Session only: \$7.50 before March 5 X ____ attendee(s) = \$ _____ (Enclosed)

For credit card payment, call 801-484-4441. To register by e-mail contact: duehl@beyondbb.com

Make checks payable to: S.U.P. Mail by March 5 to: S.U.P., 888 N. Links Dr., Washington, UT 84780

Sons of Utah Pioneers
2014 National Convention
Pioneer Roots and Cowboy Boots
 August 7-9, 2014
 Various locations in and around
 Kanab, Utah

Thursday, August 7

2:30-5:30 pm - Registration and Welcome
 Kanab Stake Center

Self-Guided Tours:

Kanab Heritage Museum/Family History Center,
 Little Hollywood Museum, Best Friends Animal
 Society

6:00-9:00 pm - Opening Ceremonies, Dinner &
 Entertainment
Best Friends, Angels Landing, Kanab Canyon

Friday, August

8:00-9:00 am - Registration *Kanab Stake Center*
12:00-1:00 pm - Registration *Kanab Stake Center*
4:00-5:00 pm - Registration *Kanab Stake Center*

TOURS

9:00 am - Tours 1A (Pipe Springs) and 2A
 (Montezuma's Treasure)
Depart from Kanab Stake Center

9:00 am - Tour 3A (Little Hollywood)
Depart from Parry Lodge

9:00 am - Tour 4 (Kanab Heritage House)
2:00 pm - Tours 1B (Pipe Springs) and 2B
 (Montezuma's Treasure)
Depart from Kanab Stake Center

2:00 pm - Tour 3B (Little Hollywood)
Depart from Parry Lodge

6:30-8:00 pm - Dinner
Kane County North Events Center - Orderville, Utah
8:30-11:00 pm - Pageant- Land of Our Destiny
 (See tour information on back)

Saturday, August 9

7:30-11:30 am - Registration
Kanab Stake Center
 8:00-9:15 am - National Board Breakfast
Kaibab Stake Center
 9:30-11:00 am - National Business Meeting
Kaibab Stake Center
 9:30-11:00 am - Spouses and Guests Meeting
Kanab Stake Center
 12:00-2:15 am - Closing Banquet and Keynote
 Speaker - Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld, President of
 Dixie State University
Kaibab Stake Center

Special arrangements for SUP rates have been
 made with the following hotels. Book early to
 guarantee reservations.

Holiday Inn Express - 47 rooms starting @ \$85
 217 S. 100 E., Kanab - 435-644-3100
 www.hiexpress.com

Parry Lodge - 50 rooms starting @ \$80
 89 E Center Street, Kanab - 800-748-4104
 www.parrylodge.com

Days Inn and Suites - 40 rooms starting @ \$79
 296 West 100 North, Kanab - 435-644-2562
 www.daysinn.com

Best Western Red Hills - 20 rooms starting @ \$99
 125 W Center St, Kanab, UT - 435-644-2675
 www.bestwesternredhills.choosearoom.com

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Registration form: Please complete, clip and mail. Keep top portion of form for future reference.

Name _____ [] Member or [] Guest/Wife _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter (if Member) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tours Please mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices

- [] Tour 1A/B(Pipe Springs)
- [] Tour 2A/B (Montezuma's Treasure)
- [] Tour 3A/B (Little Hollywood)
- [] Tour 4 (Kanab Heritage House)

Tours 1-3 (A/B) @ \$40 X _____ = \$ _____
 Tour 4 @ \$20 X _____ = \$ _____
 Early Registration (ends July 15) \$95 X _____ = \$ _____
 Registration (after July 15) \$110 X _____ = \$ _____

Reservations for tours must be made by July 15th
 An additional \$5 will be added for tour
 registrations made after July 15th

Single Day Registration

Thursday Only - \$40 X _____ = \$ _____
 Friday Only - \$40 X _____ = \$ _____
 (Friday tours are extra - see Tours pricing at the
 left)
 Saturday Only - \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks to: Sons of Utah Pioneers
 Mail to: 78 South 100 East, Kanab, UT 84741
 Phone: 435-644-5033 or 435- 899-0786

CONVENTION ROOMS ARE GOING FAST!

We've learned that the better hotel rooms for the Kanab National Convention, Thursday to Saturday, August 7-9, are filling up fast. This is apparently because of the presentation that Redrock Chapter President Brent Chamberlain made at the national Chapter Presidents Meeting on February 8. Please make plans to come to the convention and take advantage of our excellent S.U.P. nightly rates at one of the convention hotels listed on the Registration flyer found on page 4 of this Trail Marker.

This is looking to be great event, well-planned and in a very interesting location. Don't miss out. You can bring your family and stay an extra day or two. The SUP rates will apply to Wednesday night, August 6, through Friday night August 8. The SUP rates don't apply to Saturday night.

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.

PONY EXPRESS STATUE RETURNS TO THE HQ BUILDING

In 2011, when extensive consideration was being given to establishing a Pony Express Museum at the Salt Lake City Headquarters Building of SUP, a statue of a Pony Express rider and his horse was appropriated to SUP. The statue was a bronze casting of a work by the well-known LDS artist and sculptor **Avard Fairbanks** (descendent of 1847 Utah Pioneers). It's the artist's working model of the larger-than-life monument erected in 1963 along the Pony Express Trail near Lake Tahoe, NV. It was provided by his son **David**

Fairbanks. When it was determined that the SUP could not sustain the Pony Express Museum, the statue was retrieved for another museum placement.



LaMar Adams, 2011 SUP National President, who is serving a temple mission in Washington D.C., found that David Fairbanks lived in the Washington area. LaMar was able to continue negotiations with David, who had continually claimed that the Pony Express sculpture ought to be at the SUP headquarters. As a result, in late December 2013, David donated a duplicate of that sculpture to the Sons of Utah Pioneers to again be on display in the SUP Headquarters. LaMar arranged with the family to facilitate this when he flew out to Utah for the weekend to attend a grandson's wedding.

The new statue, shown in the accompanying photo with LaMar, was moved into the building, on Friday, February 20. A permanent location will be decided upon in the next few days.

We express our great appreciation to Pres. Adams for his part in this, and especially to the Fairbanks family for being so generous with this wonderful artwork. The Pony Express was a major historical milestone in the West's pioneer history, and we are grateful to be able to memorialize Utah's part of that epic enterprise in our building.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS

Jeffery Summerhays – Pioneer Heritage/Canyon Rim

Darwin B Christenson – Eagle Rock

Blaine Burnham – At Large

Tom Christensen – Sevier Valley

Douglas Keyes – Mills

Stephen B Sorensen – Salt Lake City

Greg Last – Hurricane Valley

Mitchell K Meik – Hurricane Valley

Ervin P Guymon – Ogden Pioneer

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Shaun A Heaton – Squaw Peak

NEW MEMBERS OF FAMILY & FRIENDS

Keith Ramsey – Logan, UT

Kevan Matheson – Cedar City, UT

Rick Perry – Cedar City, UT

Kent F Peterson – Cedar City, UT

Mark Mangum – LaVerkin, UT

Gary Crosby – Springville, UT

Jerry Munteer – Cedar City, UT

Tyler D Garfield – Enoch, UT

David A Maynard – Morgan, UT

Craig L Hulet – Salt Lake City, UT

Michael W Van Roosendaal – Midvale, UT

Nathan D Belliston – Vernal, UT

Hal B Mardis – Idaho Falls, ID

John E Goodwin – Cedar City, UT

Richard S Anderson – Silver Spring, MD

Kurt Christensen – Washington, DC

Allen E Davis – Severn, MD

Galen Fairbanks – Rockville, MD

Brian Johnson – Cabin John, MD

Clarence Johnson – Glenwood, MD

Michael J Kigin – Arlington, VA

Dave Koonce – Vienna, VA

Ryan Lanier – Potomac, MD

Kenneth L Mortensen – Kensington, MD

Mark E Peterson – Silver Spring, MD

Clinton E Poulsen – Damascus, MD

Michael P Quinn – Mt Airy, MD

Brian Swinton – Vienna, VA

William E Whitham – Severn, MD

Steve Wilcox – Potomac, MD

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Peter C Warburton – Settlement Canyon – 2/12/13

Edgar Todd – Taylorsville/Bennion – 1/8/14

Allen Rasmussen – Lehi – 2/16/13

CHAPTER NEWS

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

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER, (Provo, Utah) – The Brigham Young Chapter, Provo, Utah, enjoyed a wonderful evening of music on February 20th presented by **Mark and Malinda Ammons**, both of whom are very talented professional musicians and singers, and both connected to BYU. Mark, with Masters and PhD degrees, is the Assistant Director of the School of Music at BYU, and Mandy, who has a master's degree in Vocal Performance, teaches vocal part-time at BYU and has her private voice studio. Mark, however, made his fame as a trombonist, including more than 200 broadcasts and two dozen recordings with the Tabernacle Choir, plus as a soloist with orchestras, etc., but is also a talented singer and has performed in several operatic roles. They entertained the group with solos and duets from popular musicals, all which were about love, such as: "I Could Have Danced All Night", "To Dream the Impossible Dream", "People Will Say We're in Love", "He Loves Me" from Camelot," and "One Fine Day" from Madam Butterfly. Their superb accompanist, **Jared Oaks**, is Associate Conductor of Ballet West.

SUP WEBSITE UPDATED

For up to date calendar information, details of upcoming events, Convention information, recent *Trail Marker* editions, contact information for the national office and leaders, chapter lists, and much more, please go to our website at www.sonsofutahpioneers.org.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah) – Their speaker for the evening was **Jolene Allphin**. Sister Allphin served as a historical advisor for the movies “Ephraim’s Rescue” and “17 Miracles,” by T.C. Christensen. She is the author of more than 300 stories of pioneers and particularly those who rescued the Willie, Martin, Hodgett and Hunt emigrating companies. She is the author of the book, “Tell My Story Too,” that relates the stories of these companies. Sister Allphin asked chapter members ahead of time for names of their pioneers in any one of these four groups, and then during the evening she not only told stories, but also showed pictures of some of the people and places involved with the stories. The evening wasn’t long enough for some members anxious to hear more.

EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER, (Idaho Falls, Idaho) – Their January program was presented by **Darwin Christenson** and his lovely wife **Sandra Jo** (below).



Sister Christenson is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She had ancestors who came across the plains in the John Willie Handcart Company. She spoke about the history of these family members and the many obstacles they faced during their ordeal while crossing the plains. Agnes Cogswell was an ancestor and was recognized as one of the two girls who was eight years old at the time when faced with the danger of rattlesnakes as depicted in the movie 17 Miracles. She has a wonderful pioneer heritage.

Bro. Christenson talked about the importance of the atonement and being obedient to our Heavenly Father's commandments. He shared many experiences growing up as a child and youth in the Blackfoot, Idaho area. He expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers for carrying the banner of pioneer heritage.



The Eagle Rock Chapter’s February meeting was held at the **Idaho Falls Family History Center**. Their speaker, **Sister Andrews** (above), explained the purpose and resources of the Family History Center. She explained the difference between family history and genealogy work. Genealogy is the collection of dates and places of individuals. Family History is a collection of pictures and life stories that brings to light who these people were.

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.

GROVE CITY CHAPTER (Blackfoot, Idaho) – **Dean Jones** was our featured speaker this month. He related how we all have pioneer ancestry in common, likening it to an hourglass. The top represents people coming from all over the world, centering in Utah, and then spreading out all over the world again.

He reviewed high points of his father, grandfather, & great-grandfather's lives. The family he grew up in settled in Riverton where the Blackfoot River joins the Snake River. His parents helped build the livestock auction in Blackfoot. Dean attended auctioneering school and was active as an auctioneer for 35 years. Dean worked in the cable TV business and was instrumental in bringing cable to the Blackfoot area. His great-grandfather Daniel Jones was one of the first to haul granite stones for the building of the Salt Lake Temple. He was the first man to import and plant alfalfa seeds from Wales to Utah. He suffered ridicule for this, as well as for polygamy when he took a second wife. Dean's mother's family were early settlers in the Thomas area; living first in a crude dugout for two months while they built a house. Both families had struggles in the beginning, as did most pioneer families. But they were strong and faithful in the gospel and successful in their various endeavors throughout life.

Dean's thoughts and insight to pioneer life experienced in his family struck familiar memories in many of our minds of our own heritage.

HOLLADAY CHAPTER, (Holladay, Utah) – Their February guest speaker was **President Jay A Parry**, author of several books but primarily known for his LDS nonfiction and his books about George Washington. He authored two books about George Washington: *The Real George Washington and Soldiers, Statesmen & Heroes*.



President Parry's subject for this Valentine's Day was George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis, the most eligible bachelor and widow of the time who were married on 6 January 1759; Martha bringing great wealth to the marriage. George Washington during the French Indian War at the Battle of Monongahela was shot at 17 times by an Indian who testified that "Washington was never born to be killed by a bullet!" Another Indian, Red Hawk, missed him 11 times. He had not missed a shot before, and became convinced that Washington was being supernaturally protected by the Great Spirit. Another Indian predicted that Washington would never die in battle, and would be "the founder of a mighty empire."

Martha was content to live a private life at Mount Vernon and at her homes from the Custis estate. Martha Washington followed General Washington to his winter encampments for each of eight years. She contributed \$20,000 in support of the troops and gave compassion and comfort to the troops. General Lafayette once observed that she loved "her husband madly".

She did not accompany him to the inauguration and did not encourage him to become President of the United States yet he was elected unanimously

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

2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK MEDALLIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE -- Silver medallions are \$60. Shiny brass medallions are \$5. There is still a limited supply of 2010 PONY EXPRESS & 2011 TELEGRAPH medallions available.

where he would serve this great nation for two terms.

George Washington died 2 1/2 years after retirement as President; they were married for forty years.

They were recognized for this achievement by Governor Herbert and given the challenge by him to visit all six corners of our state. Ken and Brenda took that challenge and have since located all six of the geological survey markers at each site. Ken states that some were easy and one could drive up to them.

Ken also stated that some markers were very difficult to locate and to access.

Ken discussed three elements necessary to become visionary. We need to see things, as they could be even though we are challenged in the desired success. “*Dare To Try*” is the goal we should all have. Those three elements are:

1. Having *Passion*.
2. Having *Ambition*
3. Seeing the *Meaning* to what will be achieved.

A quote from Thomas Edison states, *If we did all the things we are capable of doing we would astonish ourselves.*

OFFICE HOURS:

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

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah) – **Dee Fowler**, Chapter President, told the story of **Bodil Mortensen**, age 9, of Denmark. She was sent to Utah with family friends, the Nielsons. This group of about 600 saints got a late start and when they arrived in Iowa City, the handcart builders had already packed up. They unpacked their tools and began making handcarts for this group. The group also worked, sewing their own tents in preparation for their trip to the promised valley. The only wood available was the green wood cut and stacked for use next year. This wood was used and the handcarts were not the best causing problems later on the trail.

On the way west heavy snows began a month earlier than usual. By October 20th they were not far from the base of Rocky Ridge. The cold was

SUP PAPERWEIGHTS

Available at the National Office for \$20.



JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley, Southwest) – This month, one of our own Chapter members, **Ken Gallacher**, spoke at our Chapter meeting. Ken and his wife, **Brenda**, and their family of four children have visited approximately 617 sites, cities and towns (including ghost towns) in our great state of Utah.



intense. Supplies were all but gone. Bodil made the 12-mile journey with the rest of the Willie Company on October 23rd, 1856. That forced march took some of the pioneers 26 hours.

When she got to camp in the wee hours of the 24th she fulfilled her responsibilities of going out and collecting firewood. All she could find was sagebrush. She arrived back in camp with her arms loaded. Being very tired she leaned against a wheel to rest. She was found the next morning, still leaning against that wheel, frozen to death. She was buried in the mass grave (13 people) there at Rock Creek.

Bodil's family came the following year and were heart-broken when they found out that Bodil was dead.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah) – **Clyde J. Williams**, formerly a Professor of Ancient Scripture at Brigham Young University and, currently, Assistant Managing Director of the LDS Church Correlation Evaluation Department, was the invited guest speaker.

Brother Williams' topic, as requested by the SUP leadership, was "How Should We React to Questionable Stories that Are Told in Church Meetings?"

Brother Williams, in his current position, sometimes responds to such accounts as they make their way through LDS Church Lore. He is familiar with many of these stories. "These stories," he said, "are often told and repeated by Church members who are well-meaning. But they can have a detracting spirit when told out of context, or are simply not true. We are a believing people, and we want to hear good spiritual experiences."

"We encourage members of the Church to never teach or pass on such statements without verifying that they are from approved Church sources, such as official statements, communications, and publications. Any notes made when General Authorities, Area Authority Seventies, or other general Church officers speak at regional and stake conferences or other meetings should not be distributed without the consent of the speaker. Personal notes are for individual use only." (First Presidency Letter, Gordon B. Hinckley, Thomas S. Monson, James E. Faust, 13 May 2004).

Brother Williams recommended that one follow the counsel President Packer gave when he said: "I have come to believe also that it is not wise to continually talk of unusual spiritual experiences. They are to be guarded with care and shared only when the Spirit itself prompts you to use them to the blessing of others. (Boyd K. Packer, *Ensign*, Jan. 1983, p. 53). Sharing legitimate spiritual experiences when directed by the Spirit can be a powerful part of our worship services. But members should be very careful to ensure that what they are relating is in harmony with the scriptures and what has been revealed through

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MILLS CHAPTER (Mill Creek, Utah) – Their speaker for January was **Judge Ted Stewart** who spoke on the "Tipping Points" of history. From his youth he has been impressed with America and history. He pointed out that of 194 nations on the earth today only 22 have achieved self-government in excess of 50 years.

He showed how the ancient world of the Middle East, the great Mediterranean and European civilizations formed the foundations of the Western World and saved Christianity from Islamic expansion. He pointed out in detail how the events and dispensations prepared the way for our own nation to become the emblem and example of that form of government that was intended to form a foundation for the eventual spiritual center of the earth.

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

living prophets. In all cases, it is important that we listen to and follow the Spirit!

Mt. NEBO CHAPTER (Payson, Utah) – The Mt. Nebo Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers held their first meeting of 2014 on January 30. The presenter was their own **George Brinkerhoff**, who talked about the railroad history of Utah.



After the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, rail line quickly spread throughout the west. Lines were built north and south opening up much new territory for settlement and easing the lives of those along the routes. One of the most important lines was the one leading from the temple quarry to the Salt Lake Temple. It wasn't until the completion of that line that the construction of the temple really took off.

It was surprising to see how quickly the railroad spread after the Transcontinental Railroad was established.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah)

– **Dr. Jeff Stephens** (right) was the guest speaker. He is currently the Superintendent of Weber County Schools. He spoke about the challenges of public education.



He visited an alternative high school in his district

and became acquainted with a young lady named Sarah. Sarah was a victim of abuse whose mother couldn't keep all the children. Sarah was given up by the mother for foster care. She received guidance and counselling and is now going into the navy to serve her country.

He said that if we just keep working with children they continue to grow and achieve. Public education is being successful, not failing. Graduation rate in Utah is up by 12% as of 2009 at 69%. In the Weber School District the graduation rate in Freemont High School is 93%, Weber at 92%, Bonneville at 87%, and 75% in Roy High School. There are 90% who can pass the reading proficiency test with the placement of a reading coach in each room to help the students read better.

We are well benefited by the tax money going into public education. I'll illustrate this point with a story about a Roy High School cheerleader. My discussion with her about how she became the head cheerleader led to how she became the sterling scholar in math. She said that a teacher's one on one effort caused her to believe in herself. Then because he believed in her that she could do it she began to believe in herself. I asked her, "What is it about math that you love?" She replied, "Math gives me hope that every problem has a solution!"

Yes, every problem has a solution and our youth are solving those problems. Education makes a difference in youth. Our remarkable youth are being educated in leadership and are shaping our communities.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, (Salt Lake City, Utah) – Our February meeting speaker was **Emily Utt** who spoke to the subject: "The Provo Tabernacle, Past, Present and Future." She is an Historic Sites Curator and has been described as 'standing alone in her understanding of the Tabernacle, its history and future'. She is a gifted and passionate lecturer who expounded her subject with grace, humor and inexhaustible details. The time flew by and the Q/A session was something to behold as learning with joy was shared by all.

As an item of interest, the Salt Lake Chapter has modified its procedure for its chapter meetings. The new schedule has the members meeting at the local Chuck-A-Rama for a reduced price dinner. Then they adjourn to the historic 10th Ward meeting house for their program for the evening. This new format is working well for them.

OFFICE HOURS:

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



TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER, (Logan, Utah) – The January speaker was **Frank Salisbury** (left) who has multiple degrees in botany and plant physiology. Frank’s presentation was designed to give a positive outlook on Charles Darwin and how he formulated his theory.

Darwin was familiar with books written by John Ray in 1691 and by William Bailey in 1802 on alternate ways you can get complexity without God. Darwin thought that fossils looked like they could have evolved one from another and maybe it all happened in natural ways without an intelligent designer.

Charles Darwin’s grandfather, Erasmus Darwin, a physician, wrote books on natural selection. Charles’s father, Robert, was also a physician and wrote about evolutionary theories. Charles went to Cambridge and graduated in 1831 in religion. While there he met a botanist and a geologist who had great influences on him.

He was invited to go on a voyage sponsored by the Queen for two years, but it turned out to be

five years. He traveled as a naturalist and went to the coast of South America and to the Galapagos Islands on the equator.

He 1837 he started a notebook on how species evolve. In 1838 he read a book that made him realize how natural selection might work. He wrote most of his book at this time, but it was 20 years later before he published his book because he was afraid to make his ideas public.

In 1858 Darwin published his 500-page book and all 1,250 copies sold out the day it appeared. Darwin later published other books in 1862, 1868, 1871 (the first one which mentioned human evolution), 1872, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER (Rexburg, Idaho) – The speakers for the evening were **Brian and Debbi Kinghorn** (below) of Sugar City. Brian is currently serving as Stake President and teaches at BYU Idaho. As part of his work he is involved with a new course of study on China. Because of this he recently had the opportunity to visit China for a couple of weeks.



Brian indicated that China is an emerging player in the economies of the world. Many of the young people graduating from college these days will have opportunities to work in China or with Chinese companies. During their trip to China, the group visited several areas in China. Brian indicated that many of the Chinese are still trying to keep older values alive. However, the younger generation is becoming more westernized and letting many of the Chinese traditions fall by the wayside in their pursuit of wealth, etc.

Pollution is a big issue which the government is starting to tackle. In many places the people wear masks because of the pollution. Mopeds are a main means of transportation, yet nice automobiles are becoming more and more common. China also has a quickly growing middle class society.

Brian found some of the most peaceful places were the monasteries they visited. Some monk sects in China still maintain many of the older ways, such as not riding in vehicles. However, there are other sects that are adopting more modern ways of living.

Brian indicated that things are moving forward in China in a very fast way. The LDS Church does not have an official presence in China. Although, branches of the Church exist in areas where foreigners are living and working in China. There are also a few branches of Chinese who have

joined the Church outside of China; but the Chinese government insists these Chinese branches be only composed of Chinese.

WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER,

(Washington, D.C.) – The Washington DC Area Chapter held its inaugural meeting on January 18, 2014 at the Washington DC Stake Center, located adjacent to the Washington D.C. Temple. Former National President of Sons of Utah Pioneers, **L. LaMar Adams**, assisted in the organizational process. The chapter was organized with **H. Kurt Christensen** as chapter president, **Eric Poulsen** as president-elect, **Mark Peterson** as secretary, **Frank Smith** as treasurer, and **Mark Cannon** as assistant program director.

There were 38 in attendance, including wives. The SUP chapter was organized with 14 initial members joining at the meeting and 3 additional members who were unable to attend this first meeting but joined in subsequent weeks.

After a lovely dinner, Elder **Harden R. Eyring**, director of the Washington Temple Visitors' Center, led us in "The Handcart Song" while he played the guitar.

Our guest speaker for the evening was **L. LaMar Adams** who gave a faith-promoting presentation on "Isaiah's Prophecies of Joseph Smith & Latter-Day Pioneers" based on his research and writing on this important latter-day topic.



**THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS
ANNUAL HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM**

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014



❧ **Wilford Woodruff in Utah** ❧

Symposium from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**at the S.U.P. National Headquarters Building
3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City**

Symposium Speakers:

- **Thomas G. Alexander** **The Revelation that Led to the Manifesto**
Professor Emeritus of History at BYU, author of Wilford Woodruff biography
- **James B. Allen** **A Fisherman and a Fisher of Men**
Professor Emeritus of History at BYU, former LDS Church Assistant Historian
- **E. Leo Lyman** **Achieving Statehood for Utah**
Author of "Political Deliverance: The Mormon Quest for Statehood"
- **Richard N. Lambert** **The Wilford Woodruff Family**
Great-grandson of Wilford Woodruff, Attorney

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**at the Salt Lake East Mill Creek Stake Center
3103 E. Craig Dr. (3650 S.), Salt Lake City**

Keynote Speaker:



**Elder L. Tom Perry
of the Council of the Twelve Apostles**



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THE 2014 S.U.P. HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM WILL FEATURE KEY EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF WILFORD WOODRUFF IN UTAH

2014 S.U.P. Headquarters Historical Symposium Program



Thomas G. Alexander will speak on **Wilford Woodruff and the revelation that led to the Manifesto**. Tom is the Lemuel H. Redd, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Western American History at BYU, and National President-elect of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He served on the BYU faculty from 1964 to 2004 and has twenty-six books and monographs and more than 150 articles to his credit. Some of his books include: *Mormonism in Transition: A History of the Latter-day Saints, 1890-1930* (1986, 2012); *Things in Heaven and Earth, the Life and Times of Wilford Woodruff, A Mormon Prophet* (1991, 1993); *Utah, the Right Place: The Official Centennial History* (1995, 2003); and *Grace and Grandeur: A History of Salt Lake City* (2002). He is a fellow of the Utah State Historical Society and was president of both the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, and the Mormon History Association. He is married to Marilyn Johns Alexander and they are the parents of five children and six grandchildren.



James B. Allen, professor emeritus from BYU, will speak on **Wilford Woodruff as a fisherman in Utah and a fisher of men in the world**. He received his B.A. degree in history from Utah State University in 1954, his master's degree from BYU in 1956, and the Ph.D. in history from USC in 1963. He began his career in the Church Education System in 1954 as a seminary teacher and became director of the Institutes of Religion in Long Beach and San Bernardino. In 1963 he joined the faculty at BYU where he taught history until his retirement in 1992. He was Assistant Church Historian, 1972-79, chair of the BYU History Department, 1981 to 1987, and holder of the Lemuel Hardison Redd, Jr. Chair in Western American History, 1987-1992. He has authored, co-authored, or co-edited fourteen books or monographs and 90 articles relating to Western American and LDS history. Publications include *The Story of the Latter-Day Saints*, with Glen M. Leonard (1976, 1992); *Men With a Mission: The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the British Isles, 1837-1941*, with Ronald K. Esplin and David J. Whittaker (1992); and *Trials of Discipleship: The Story of William Clayton, A Mormon* (1987), which won the Evans Biography Award. Other honors include the Leonard J. Arrington Award for Mormon History, 2008. He is married to the former Renée Jones of Logan. They are the parents of five children, grandparents of 19, and great-grandparents of ten.



E. Leo Lyman's topic will be **Wilford Woodruff's role in achieving statehood for Utah**. Edward Leo Lyman, a native of Delta, Utah, received his B.S. degree from BYU in 1966 and his M.S. degree from U. of Utah in 1967, both in U.S. History. He then studied for a PhD in U.S. History while also teaching high school A.P. U.S. History and coaching wrestling in Riverside, California. For some twenty years he spent most vacations at the LDS Church Historical Department, partly being mentored by Leonard J. Arrington. He received his PhD from Uc Riverside, and from that time to the present he has been writing western American and LDS history. He has taught at California Polytechnic U. at Pomona; California State U. at San Bernardino; and Victor Valley College in Victorville. He won awards for *Political Deliverance: The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood*, and for a biography of his g-g grandfather, *Amasa Mason Lyman: Mormon Apostle and Apostate, A Study in Dedication*; an edited work, *Candid Insights of a Mormon Apostle: The Diaries of Abraham H. Cannon, 1889-1895*; and a rather long journal article, Chief Kanosh: Champion of Peace and Forbearance. He is presently awaiting publication of his history on Utah's seven attempts at statehood, 1848-1896 and is currently writing a history of the Southern Paiute tribe of Native Americans. He and his wife Brenda, with daughter Genevieve, reside in Silver Reef, Utah.



Richard N. Lambert, a great-grandson of Wilford Woodruff, will speak on the **Wilford Woodruff Family**. He was born in San Francisco, CA, and graduated from BYU and the University of Michigan Law School. He served as Deputy District Attorney for Ventura County CA from 1972 until 1981, and was Assistant United States Attorney for the District Of Utah 1981-2010, where he was Senior Litigation Counsel and Criminal Chief. He assisted in the investigation and prosecution of many cases including the Singer/Swapp, Unabomber, and Brian David Mitchell cases. Richard is currently vice chairman of the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation and president of the Brigham Young Family Organization, and past president of the Wilford Woodruff Family Association. He served a mission to the British Isles, and later married Mary Haymond. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter.



Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Dinner Session. Elder Perry was called to his present Church position April 6, 1974, after serving as an Assistant to the Twelve since 1972. Elder Perry's Church service began with a mission to the Northern States in 1942, after which he served for two years with the Marines in the Pacific. Subsequent Church positions include counselor in a bishopric, counselor in a stake presidency, high councilor, and president of the Boston Stake. He received his B.S. degree in finance from Utah State University in 1949 and did graduate work there. His professional career was spent in the retail business, where he served as vice president and treasurer in companies located in Idaho, California, New York, and Massachusetts. On July 18, 1947, he married Virginia Lee of Hyde Park, Utah, in the Logan Temple. She died December 14, 1974. They are the parents of two daughters and a son. He married Barbara Taylor Dayton on April 28, 1976, in the Salt Lake Temple.

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Spouse

Name of Pioneer to be memorialized: _____ M F

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Place of Death

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Marriages

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

Places lived in Utah Territory

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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 _____

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Head of Family _____

Children

Spouse # 1 (Name)	

Spouse # 2 (Name)	

Spouse # 3 (Name)	

Others:

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