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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



COMMITMENT, COMPETENCE AND CHARACTER IN SUP LEADERSHIP

This will be my final *Trail Marker President's Message* and I can't let it pass without noting what has been for me a year of memorable associations with some of the finest men I have ever known and with whom I have ever served. Weekly meetings with the Executive Council, monthly meetings with the Board of

Vice Presidents and Program Directors and quarterly meetings with the Past Presidents Council have had me rubbing shoulders with superb SUP leaders future, current and past. Invited visits to chapter meetings have provided me with direct contact with the SUP mission-driven work being done by our rank and file members across the west and beyond. Following is a case in point, at the chapter level, of SUP excellence in action.

Last week I attended the Morgan Pioneer Chapter lunch meeting at which three middle school students, their parents and the middle school English teacher were invited guests. The students were the winners of the annual SUP Chapter "Pioneer Essay Contest". More than 70 essays were submitted and evaluated by school faculty with the ten best forwarded to the Chapter essay contest judging team where the final three winners were selected. The likelihood that there were in excess of 70 homes in the community where conversations were taking place regarding pioneer ancestors and pioneering is what we are about as the

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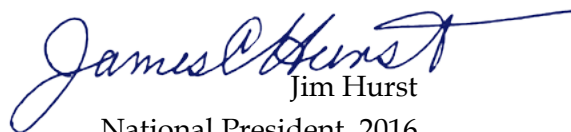
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SUP! Furthermore, the following Friday the local weekly newspaper published a full page feature article with a large photo of the three winning students and the entire essay of the top student. The entire essay contest, award activity and subsequent publicity had SUP success written all over it. As a member of the SUP I was filled with pride. Such incidents are not uncommon. They are occurring throughout our organization by competent and dedicated leaders.

A second manifestation of dedicated SUP leadership also occurs at all levels of responsibility in our organization. I am aware of a past president some years ago whose home was 75 miles from SUP headquarters or 150 miles round trip. Over his three-year commitment as president-elect, president and past-president he had to average close to two trips a week to our SUP headquarters in Salt Lake City. Add to that his travel to visit more distant chapters in Idaho and Southern Utah and the result was probably close to 100,000 miles on his vehicle. Even if we ignore the cost of gasoline, vehicle maintenance and the investment of time, we recognize a major commitment. Reimbursement requested for any of this? Zero. Reimbursement given? Zero. This is not an isolated example. It is going on throughout our organization by men who prize our values-driven Society, and all of whom have a conviction that all these personal resources in time, money and effort are ultimately worthwhile. While the presence of such men is common in our SUP, the personal attributes that characterize these men are uncommon. I feel privileged to be in their presence on a regular basis. They are the heart and soul of who we are and what we do as an assembly of men with shared purposes, commitments and values that are not unlike the attributes possessed by the pioneers we honor and whose memories we seek to preserve. I feel honored to serve with them.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

From time to time we at National hear of dedicated SUP members and friends who are interested in arranging a bequest from their estate to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. However, currently there is neither a procedure for such a bequest nor is there an attendant recognition for the support of these potential donors. We are in the final stages of developing such a process along with a plan to recognize such generosity by creating the SUP LEGACY SOCIETY. Membership in the Legacy Society would be the result of confirming in writing an expressed intent to make a bequest to the SUP from the donor's will, trust, life insurance policy or retirement account that would occur at the time of passing. In this way the donor will not only have left their legacy upon the Sons of Utah Pioneers, but through their planned philanthropy they will have provided for the SUP's sustained efforts to preserve the precious heritage of our pioneer ancestors. Stay tuned for more details following the final approval by the Area Vice Presidents Board.



Jim Hurst

National President, 2016

jhurst@uwyo.edu

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.

NATIONAL NEWS

(Send National News submissions to SUP1847@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

The National office is getting very creative with membership options. We now have:

- The standard annual membership with dues of \$50 being paid to National each year.
- A Life membership, costing \$500, which may be paid in payments over the year.
- Family and Friends Members are those who join at a reduced rate of \$25 a year. Those who are younger than 56 may continue to pay the reduced rate. Those 56 or older must renew either at the Annual or Life Member rate.
- Associate membership. This is intended for widows of members who want to stay active in the SUP. Dues for this option are \$20 per year and they receive the Pioneer magazine and Trail Marker newsletter. Dues may be paid by the individual or the chapter as desired.
- Heritage Sustaining Membership. This new enhanced membership category provides the opportunity for members who desire to provide additional support for the ideals and functions of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. This is a volunteer process that can be activated by the member agreeing to a minimum ongoing payment to the SUP for at least one year or beyond. The minimum amount is the equivalent of \$10 a month, which can be automatically transferred from your credit card account if desired. The first \$50 of the donation will be applied for the member's annual dues, so the enhanced support is the amount beyond the first \$50. For Life Members of course, the full amount will be the enhanced donation. Questions? Please contact SUP Headquarters.

ASSISTANT WEBSITE MANAGER

We have a wonderful National Website with lots of options and information. It is a major project to maintain this website and this responsibility has been primarily born by David Mower. It was recently decided to give him an official assistant and the position of Assistant Website Manager was created by action of the National Board. Bob Folkman, who has been helping with this already, has accepted the assignment to be the Assistant Website Manager. This provides two sets of eyes and hands as well as providing backup if needed.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S SURVEY

The staff in our National Office often gets calls asking for information about individual chapters. In order to be able to give definite information in answer to these queries, National is conducting a survey of each chapter. Many of the Chapter Presidents have completed this, but some have not. Please complete this as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact your Area VP or call the National office.

PIONEER MAGAZINE (BOOK) UPDATE

Many of our members and subscribers may be wondering when they will receive their next issue of Pioneer magazine. The Pioneer staff led by our valued editor Susan Lofgren has undertaken a joint publication project with the LDS Church History Museum in Salt Lake City. It will be the largest and most beautiful printing project we have ever accomplished. We are hopeful that by December 15 the new issue, *which is actually a book and will be over 200 pages in length*, will be shipped to your mail boxes. Thank you for your patience as we make sure that this special issue is the finest possible.



(Online Calendar available at: www.sup1847.com/calendar)

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DECEMBER

BRIGHAM'S CHRISTMAS BALL AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

This will be the annual SUP Christmas event. Music will be provided by Clive Romney and Willingly. 6:00 PM Dinner & Dance is \$15 per person. 7:00 PM Dance only is \$5 per person with refreshments. Pioneer dress encouraged, or Sunday best. Our own Heather Davis, National SUP Office Manager, has information and suggestions about Pioneer dress from the simple to the extravagant. Call her at 801-484-4441 or sup1847@gmail.com. See the flyer [HERE](#).

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DECEMBER

HOLE IN THE ROCK DOCUMENTARY - KBYU - 6:45PM

BYU Broadcasting is producing a movie about the Pioneer journey to southeast Utah which is generally known as the Hole in the Rock Trail. My first inkling about this came from an e-mail that contained a newsletter, <http://www.blufffort.org/newsletter/november2016.pdf>.

It will rebroadcast SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 as well.

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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - 6PM

Those expected to attend: National SUP Executive Council, National AVPs (Area Vice Presidents), National Program Directors, Pioneer Magazine Publisher, National Officer Manager.

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JANUARY

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UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2017 - Sponsored by the Centerville Chapter September 14 - 16

2018 - Sponsored by the Cedar City chapter.

These are wonderful events, please plan now!

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Convention in any of the coming years, please send your proposal to the National Office. All chapters are welcome to apply! We are looking ahead to facilitate scheduling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section is intended as a place where individual chapters or National make various announcements. It may be a request for help or just letting the members know what is going on. All items must be SUP related and any costs involved must be clearly stated. Contact the Trail Marker editor, Don Lee, at donlee0938@gmail.com to place any request.

PIONEER STORIES

Great news!

Our Pioneer Stories are going to become an active portion of our website again in the near future. While the programs are being worked on, we are introducing a new initiative that you can enjoy as a stopgap measure.

Instead of waiting for us to get the Stories portion of our website working again, you can start submitting your pioneer stories right now. All of the stories will be stored on a private computer until they can be added on the website. Also, one of those stories will be printed in the Trail Marker newsletter each month.

As you may remember from the time the Pioneer Stories portion of the website was working, these stories should be fairly brief, and should relate some faith promoting experience that will touch the heart the reader. The most prized stories will be those you share that are not already in a book in the library, like unpublicized stories carried by your family. There will be a limit of 20 pages, but most stories will be much shorter than that. Because of space restrictions, stories picked for the Trail Marker will be limited to one page in length.

You can submit your stories online to: "LaRon Taylor" lrt68@justrawspeed.com.

Questions? Call LaRon at 801-616-3653, or the National Office 801-484-4441.

NATIONAL DUES

The change is here!! In the past each chapter has been responsible for collecting the National dues and forwarding them to National. BUT NOW: Each of you who pay your National dues annually will be asked to pay your National dues directly to the National office. To do this you were sent a letter in October asking that you remit your National dues for the coming year. This letter contained a form you can fill that out and send in OR you can just go to sup1847.org, click on the " SUP STORE " tab and pay your dues right there. This should remove some of the workload from the chapter treasurer who will now only be responsible for the chapter dues and it will make it easier for you to pay your National dues. Those purchasing Lifetime Memberships should deal directly with National.

BSA & SUP ACTIVITY PATCH

The Sons of Utah Pioneers, Holladay Chapter, and the Boy Scouts of America, join together with an SUP Activity Patch for Cub and Boy Scouts of all ages.

[CLICK HERE](#)

NEW SUP PRODUCTS COMING SOON!

The SUP will have leather products available to buy through the National Office. Call 801-484-4441 for inquiries. A detailed flyer will be available in January.



Monument Trek

St George Utah



Consider a chapter trek to St. George to get out of the cold and take in some interesting history by visiting SUP monuments in the St. George area. There is a lot to see and learn:

1 CROSBY CONFLUENCE PARK: Crosby Confluence Park, south end of Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah. GPS: N37 04 29.3, W113 34 57.9, (*short walk on level ground*)

- Brigham Young's Vision SUP #174
- Jedediah Strong Smith SUP #176
- The Southern Exploring Company SUP #175
- Tonaquint SUP #173

2 SHEM SHIVWITS BAND CHIEFTAIN SUP #112: St. George City Cemetery, 700 East Tabernacle St. (*SE of sexton building, headstone by SUP, level short walk*)

3 ST GEORGE MEMORIAL PLAZA SUP #72: Corner of St. George Boulevard and Main Street in downtown St. George. Each plaque is mounted on a large native sandstone base, and depicts various homes and sites in the downtown area of historic significance. GPS: N37 06 34.09, W113 34 59.40, (*one acre of level ground*)

- And the Desert Shall Blossom SUP #72.01
- Gardner's Club Hall SUP #72.02
- St George Social Hall Opera House SUP #72.03
- Brigham Young Home SUP #72.04
- Pioneer Courthouse SUP #72.05
- Erastus Snows Big House SUP #72.06
- Dixie Academy SUP #72.07
- St George Temple SUP #72.08
- St George Tabernacle SUP #72.09
- Woodward School SUP #72.10

4 ST. GEORGE SANDSTONE QUARRY SUP #181: Path entrance is on 700 West and Diagonal Street, St. George, Utah. (.36 mile on groomed trail, 100 foot rise in elevation) GPS: Trail entrance: 37.1249, -113.5981 GPS: Monument: 37.1245, -113.5948

5 THE TEMPLE QUARRY SUP #81: Trailhead parking lot is south on Donlee Dr. from the intersection with 265 South, near the northernmost buildings on the former St. George Airport. (*approximately 1/2 mile trail*)

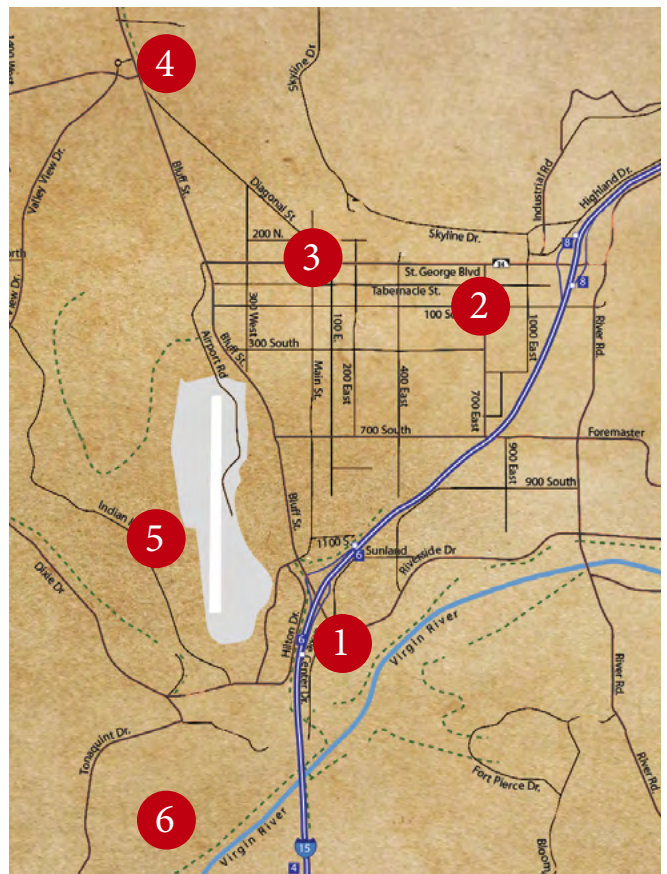
- GPS Trailhead: N37 06.172, W113 35.
- GPS Wooden sign at quarry: N37 05.792, W113 36.354.
- GPS Quarry plaque: N37 05.712, W113 36.303

6 UTAH IS RICH IN AVIATION HISTORY SUP #130: South Gate Hill, W. Sir Monte Drive via Upper Sir Monte Dr. (*behind the water tank*), St. George, Utah (*short uphill walk or 4wd vehicle*). GPS: N37 3 53.68, W113 35 43.41

Other possible area destinations:

- Pine Valley Chapel (weather permitting in winter),
- Harrisburg Pioneer settlement founding and demise, Mountain Meadow tragic history,
- Hamblin and Hebron Cemeteries, Adair Spring, Santa Clara Pioneers and several more.

Remember all SUP monuments with pictures (if available) can be found on the SUP web site at sup1847.com/monuments (view the listing on [Archive](#) link).



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NAME..... CHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Hal B Mardis Eagle Rock
Alton Wilde Upper Snake River Valley
George Conrad Jensen. Upper Snake River Valley

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Russell F StebarMorgan Pioneer
Larry MontgomerySalt Lake City

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dona Coats..... Maple Mountain
Marilyn Nielsen Maple Mountain
Shirley Graves..... Maple Mountain

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS MEMBERS

John Johnson Springville
Clark Williamson At Large Member
Shawn Williamson..... At Large Member
Brian Barrus..... At Large Member
Ed Dahle..... At Large Member
David Bee At Large Member
David MooreDixie Encampment
George Cannon.....Salt Lake Pioneer
Frederick G Williams.....Brigham Young
Bruce Woolley.....Brigham Young
James HuntBrigham Young
Sharrif F Dajany Timpanogos
JR JohansenOgden Valley
Max FerreOgden Valley
Bruce Ahlstrom.....Ogden Valley
Ronald K Smith..... Little Salt Lake
David Kirk Murray
Ronald ReadSalt Lake City
Douglas S Ladle..... Upper Snake River Valley
Dale GrantOgden Valley
Buck Humphries.....Hurricane Valley

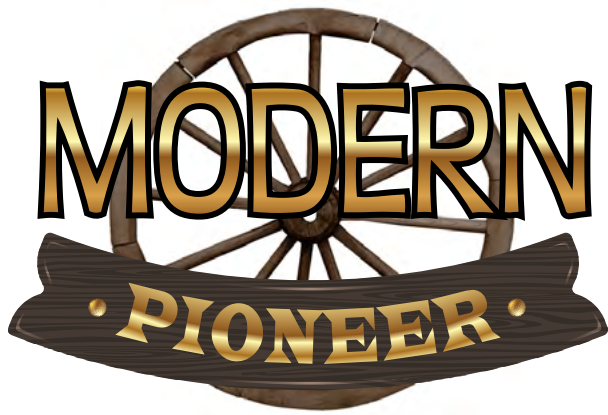
NAME..... CHAPTER

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Stephen R Platt Cedar City
Donald G Anderson..... Cedar City
Max W Turpin..... Cotton Mission
Douglas J Simkins..... Cotton Mission
Guy Moore..... Jordan River Temple

SUSTAINING HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

Tom AlexanderBrigham Young
Grant Barton Holladay
Angus Belliston.....Brigham Young
Edward M Bunker Timpanogos
Don Burton Cotton Mission
Lorimer T ChristensenSalt Lake City
Dick Christiansen..... Centerville
Grenn Clark Centerville
Jon Clark.....Brigham Young
John Elggren JrHolladay
Rawney Ellis Bountiful
Roger Flick Squaw Peak
Grant E Hann Eagle Rock
Richard Howe..... Murray
James Hurst Morgan
Dick H Jardine.....Ogden Pioneer
Alan Luke..... Mills
Frank Madsen Jr Mills
Booth Maycock Jordan River Temple
Stewart RadmallOgden Pioneer
John Riding Maple Mountain
J Paul Riley Temple Fork
David Smith.....Salt Lake City
Jay M Smith Maple Mountain
John Smith Jordan River Temple
David Wirthlin Mills
Warren Woolsey..... Cedar City
Dr Orson Wright..... Mills
Merlin Wright Grove City



We have many good strong men in our organization who have lived lives of service. These men often get little acclaim and we would like to rectify that to some extent. To do that we are adding a new section to the Trail Marker to be called Modern Day Pioneer. The intent of this section is to honor one member each month who exemplifies the pioneer values and qualities of character shown by our forefathers. Nominations for this will be accepted from any member of the SUP. Please send a write up of up to 500 words and a good quality picture to the editor, Don Lee, at donlee0938@gmail.com to place any request.

STEVENS C. NELSON – BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER



Stevens C. Nelson, affectionally known as the Village Mayor, saved and brought out of obscurity the George A. Smith Provo Pioneer Village.

Stevens is devoted to preserving the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of Utah County by authentically displaying, expanding, and preserving the items in Pioneer Village. He is committed to using the Village as a resource to teach the youth

and preserve the memory of the early pioneers for the visitors and residents of Utah Valley. His untiring effort sustains The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP) mission and pioneer values.

In the 1930's the George A. Smith chapter of SUP started collecting pioneer artifacts to preserve the history of the pioneers in Utah County. The city of Provo provided land at the present location of The Provo Pioneer Village. In 2006 the George A. Smith Chapter of SUP was incorporated into the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP due to declining membership of the George A. Smith Chapter.

Brigham Young Chapter assumed sponsorship for The Pioneer Village with the incorporation of the George A. Smith Chapter. Stevens Nelson, a member of the Brigham Young Chapter, became the Director of The Pioneer Village.

Stevens had a big job ahead. With the George A. Smith membership decline, support for the Village also declined and the Village fell into disrepair. The Village condition had deteriorated to the point that Provo considered it an eyesore and considering removing it from North Park. Stevens was

not going to let that happen. He was and continues to be dedicated to maintaining the spirit the Village emulates of the pioneers that settled in Utah Valley.

With financial aid from the chapter, restoration began. The Village contains original structures built by the first settlers to the area. Much work was required to restore these structures as they had been neglected for many years. He also inventoried furnishings and got rid of those items not of the period. Stevens' bragging right is that the homes and other period structures in the Village are original and not constructions to simulate the original. Stevens is not a historian, but he studied and consulted with experts on the period to ensure the preservation of historical assets in the village. Just one of the many examples of his love for pioneer heritage is the relocation of the Bishop James Loveless adobe home to the Village. The home was built in 1853 and is believed to be the oldest adobe home in Provo. That historical structure was scheduled to be demolished for a parking lot expansion, but was saved by Stevens just in the nick of time. The Loveless home has a new home prominently located in the Village.

Stevens' dedication has taken a little known historical asset that was crumbling due to age and neglect, and turned it into a restored pioneer heritage with over 5,500 visitors during the 2016 summer season. The Village has become a gathering place for school classes, scouting organizations, ward organizations, and families holding activities. He has accomplished this with one-hundred-percent volunteer labor.

Owing to Stevens' undaunted determination, the George A. Smith Provo Pioneer Village has become a jewel of pioneer heritage in Provo. Come, visit, and partake of the spirit of Sons of Utah Pioneers heritage and Stevens' vision.

CHAPTER AWARDS

There are two chapter awards that are out and revised for 2016. One is Chapter Recognition and the other is Chapter Excellence. Chapter presidents should look at these and evaluate their chapters on them. Please see the attached forms on the following pages. Submission deadline for the awards is 15 February 2017.

The list of requirements is the same for each award, but the rules are slightly different.

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish ONE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ALL of them.

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow’s Pioneers (Youth) through ONE (or more) of the following activities:
 - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish THREE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ALL of them.

- Accomplish 90% “NET” National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2016.
- Accomplish a “NET” increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year. (“NET” means paid memberships from the previous year, less deaths, move-aways, full-time missionaries, and other valid reason at the discretion of the Chapter President.)
- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually.

3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish THREE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ALL of them.

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby news media for publication. The submission does NOT need to be published to qualify.
- Chapter or chapter members gave _____ Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscriptions during the year. The goal based on chapter membership is _____. (See scale)

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
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20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
30-39 Members	4 Gift Subscriptions	90-99 Members	10 Gift Subscriptions
40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish ONE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ONE of them.

- Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
- Clean, repair or improve two existing monuments or markers.
- Maintain or restore one Pioneer-era structure that is available for public view.



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
National CHAPTER RECOGNITION Awards

Report Form for 2016 Year Due February 15, 2017
(Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 2016)

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ONE** (or more) of the following activities:
 - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **THREE** of the following criteria:

- Accomplish 90% "NET" National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2016.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.

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- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.
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Chapters will accomplish any **THREE** of the following criteria:

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Chapter _____ Signed By _____

2016 Chapter President

Revised: July 2016

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The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for 2016 Year Due February 15, 2017

(Complete All Criteria Listed before December 2016)

1. PIONEER VALUES

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ALL** of the following activities:
 - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
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- Accomplish 90% "NET" National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2016.
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Chapter _____ Signed By _____

Revised: July 2016

2016 Chapter President

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee, rolandleefamily@gmail.com

Please send news about chapter meetings and treks, including pictures to Roland Lee at: rolandleefamily@gmail.com by the 23rd of each month. We prefer submissions in the MS Word format, rather than a PDF file. If you can attach the original photos in jpg format, that would help as well.

Editor's challenge to EVERY chapter – Please send me news of your chapter. We would love to hear from you. One of the functions of this section is to provide suggestions for speakers and activities. With that thought in mind we will be including contact information as it is made available to us.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo & Orem, Utah



Richard Hunter

Mother with her children allowed her husband to more fully use his talents and abilities in civic and church responsibilities. When Richard was ten years old the family moved from Los Angeles to Serena. Richard discovered a box of musical instruments belonging to his father. His father had played a variety of instruments and even had a band. He loved music. He could play piano, clarinet, sax, marimba, violin, and trumpet. His father said, when he married and started

his family, he put the instruments away. His family often commented that Elder Hunter had “grit.” He lived up to his saying, “When you make a decision based on family, you keep it.” Richard focused much of his talk on intimate and personal experiences with his father. However, Richard indicated his father as Stake President had been involved in establishing early morning non-released time seminary, encouraging Mildred Petit to compose and then submit to the Church “I Am a Child of God,” helping to institute Monday as Family Home Evening night, helping to sponsor the large youth presentations at the Hollywood Bowl, and raising funds for the Los Angeles Temple. Richard was on his mission in Southern Australia when he heard that his father had been called as an Apostle. Richard affirmed his father’s qualities to become an Apostle and later to lead the Church as its President. He said he had never seen his father do anything that was inconsistent with what a prophet should do or say. Richard bore his testimony that he knows his father was a prophet and expressed his gratitude to live in a day when there are prophets of God on the earth.

CHAPTER NEWS

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Dr. Wayne Hinton

This year the Cedar City Chapter began a new lecture series, which the public was invited to attend. This will be an ongoing event. At the historic Rock Church in Cedar City, **Dr. Wayne K. Hinton**, retired history professor at Southern Utah University, began the series by speaking on the challenges that communications and

transportation presented to settlers in remote southern Utah.

President Frain Pearson conducted. The evening began with the posting of the colors followed by singing "Utah We Love Thee", conducted by **Howard Thorley**. Following an invocation, President Pearson introduced Dr. Hinton.

The title of the presentation was "Wires, Rails and Roads," which discussed the public effort of southern Utah settlers to establish a telegraph line, develop and improve roads and gain connection to railroads. Herculean efforts were necessary to achieve a satisfactory communication system, connect to a railroad and to improve and extend roads. Improved transportation was essential to gaining access to markets, obtaining cheaper goods and services, enhancing the volume of trade and attracting tourism to southern Utah's unique scenic wonders. Today the residents of the area are the beneficiaries of the valiant efforts that were extended and which succeeded in achieving modernity.

Following Dr., Hinton's 40 minute presentation, the colors were retired, Howard Thorley led the congregation, which filled the chapel, in singing Utah's new state song, which was followed by the benediction.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah

Eleven couples travelled south to the 2016 SUP National Convention sponsored by Hurricane Chapter. Our chapter will sponsor the 2017 National Convention.

At our chapter dinner meeting 4 October 2016, our members were given a much better understanding of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. Our guest speaker who knows the details of the event, **Michael Shamo**, shared with us the events and circumstances leading up to the ordeal, and then gave us a day by-day account of what took place. In a sense it was a sobering evening for all of us because it did not make any of us comfortable to learn some of the details of what took place. Nevertheless it is an event all of us need to know about and be able to teach correctly to our children.

Mike used scriptures that show what happens when we do not follow the counsel given to us as a lead in to his subject. He is a good teacher.

Mike is very knowledgeable on the subject having been involved in the research that led to the publishing of the book, *Massacre at Mountain Meadows* by Ronald W. Walker, Richard Turley Jr. and Glen M Leonard. He also told us he was involved in writing the essay on the Mountain Meadows Massacre that appears on the Church website.



Michael Shamo

CHAPTER NEWS

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

The November Sons of Utah Pioneers meeting was once again filled with patriotism, reverence for Deity, recognition of one who has gone the extra mile, interesting history of our local area, socializing, and good food.

David L Rogers, a professor of sociology at Utah State University and member of the SUP, was recognized with the “Modern Day Pioneer” award for his long years of substantial service to the SUP, the community, LDS Church, and Dixie State University.

Jan Duehlmeier gave a “Moment in History” speaking of her ancestor, Mary Jane Dilworth Hammon, who was the first schoolteacher in Utah.

Leo Lyman, historian and member of our local SUP, spoke of the Navajo-Dixie war of 1865-1870. The early Settlers in Southern Utah raised a lot of livestock and young renegade

Navajo’s decided to just take some and too often killing settlers was involved. They would take the animals back to the Navajo reservation over what they called the Navajo Horse Thief Trail.

Today we know it as the “Navajo Trail” or the “Honeymoon Trail.” Finally Jacob Hamblin and the Indian agents threatened the chiefs with a loss of their government subsidies. The stealing essentially stopped then. What an interesting part of our Dixie history.



Leo Lyman

HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah



Chris Knaphus

The Holladay Chapter enjoyed a special and enlightening treat at our October meeting. Our speaker was **Chris Knaphus**. Chris is the grandson of Torleif S. Knaphus, sculptor of perhaps the most iconic pioneer symbol, the Handcart Monument located at Temple Square and with copies at

various other historical sites. He also did the sculpting of the second Angel Moroni that was patterned after the original atop the Salt Lake Temple. The original work of Torleif was created in 1928 and was placed on a chapel in Washington, DC and is now in the newly remodeled Church History Museum in Salt Lake City.

Chris is the vice President of Knaphus Exterior Panel Company (KEPCO+) a specialty subcontracting firm that designs and installs natural stone and other cladding material for the exteriors and interiors of large commercial projects. Some of KEPCO+ work is represented on the Grand America Hotel, Scott Matheson Courthouse, One

Utah Center, Utah State Capitol expansion and renovation project as well as countless other buildings nationally and in other countries. KEPCO+ has been fortunate to be involved in the construction of a number of temples for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The firm served as the contractor for the cladding of the exterior of the Nauvoo Temple as well as the Baptismal font and the oxen on which it rests. Skilled workers and the stone were brought from Canada to Alabama and meticulously sculpted to accurately match the original stones. The exterior stones are attached to the walls with steel that makes the entire structure weight bearing. The presentation included information on his family’s involvement in temple building over four generations. Details of the new Nauvoo temple, and several other temples were discussed and compared with the techniques used in the ancient and early Church temples. The dedication and blessings associated with this work was also mentioned.

Chris Knaphus is willing to give this presentation to other chapters and groups. It is certainly recommended by members of our chapter. Chris can be reached at 801-541-0034 -- *Submitted by A. Tom Nelson and Lyman Losee*

CHAPTER NEWS

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

On November 5th our chapter had a trek to St. George to visit the Daughter's of the Utah Pioneers Museum. We found it to be a very well kept museum with a huge collection of old pictures of the area, and pioneer paraphernalia of all sorts. They even had a wedding cake that was older than 100 years, much like our own museum here in Hurricane. It was well worth the visit.



We continued from the museum to the upper end of Diagonal Street to 700 West, and then on to the end of that street, to find the "Trail to the Quarry" monument and hike. The monument was placed by the Dixie Encampment Chapter SUP. You knew when you had found the spot because of the twin pillars at the end of the street. The trail was well marked, and not very long. There was seating along the way for those who needed to rest, and the scenery was marvelous. You can view all of the pictures on our website at: hvsup.org and click on the link towards the top of the page that says TREKS. There were many taken, and it will give you a better idea of the work that was done to preserve that site.

On November 17th, The Hurricane Valley Chapter held our monthly potluck dinner at the Legion Hall. This evening we honored two of our own members, men who have given their all to this community and the people they loved. The first of these honored was **Weldon William Heaton**, a veteran of the 2nd World War, a farmer and a cowboy. He is a man who is kind and gentle to all who know him. His family came to honor him.



Weldon William Heaton

The second man honored was **Steven Jay Christensen**, or who was more commonly called "Coach Steve." He spent most of his years teaching in Hurricane. As his family said, "Dad said that you had to live someplace for at least 40 years to be considered a native. I guess that he is that now, for he has been here more than 40 years."



Steven Jay Christensen

We honor these men for their lives and service. We wish them well in the days and years to come. More will be written about them on our website: hvsup.org under Modern day Pioneers.

MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

The August meeting of the Mills Chapter featured a special one-man show by our own Michael Bennett who portrayed Christopher Columbus. The Skyline Madrigals performed "The Sweetheart Tree" and "Love At Home."



Michael Bennett as Christopher Columbus



Skyline High Madrigals

CHAPTER NEWS

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - West Jordan, Utah



Lucy and Mike Rose

Our speaker this month was **Mike Rose**. Mike is a noted historical author and has written several books on historical subjects. At our chapter meeting, Mike spoke on the subject of the largest mass murder of German prisoners of war on American soil in World War II. His subject matter is from his book entitled, *Salina Utah Massacre*. Thanks to Mike for this most interesting presentation on this terrible

tragedy. Mike announced that on this Veterans Day, November 11, that a memorial will be dedicated in Salina to these fallen German soldiers along with the opening of a museum in one of the last remaining buildings located at the camp. Information on Mike Rose can be located on the SUP website under Speakers Bureau.

This tragedy involved the shooting by a U. S. Army private of 29 German prisoners of war with nine of them dying. Many are buried at Fort Douglas here in Salt Lake City.

Thank you to Mike for bringing your wife, Lucy, with you and your guest from the Netherlands, **Jim Vanderwel**. Jim lived in the Netherlands during the German invasion of World War II.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain, Utah



Dr. Bruce H. Woolley

Our speaker for the November chapter meeting was **Dr. Bruce H. Woolley**. Dr. Woolley is a retired professor of pharmacology at BYU. He served as the Director of the BYU Student Health Center from 1980-1989. He has served on the Executive Committee of Missionary Medical Services for 29 years, with a charge to maintain the health and safety of LDS missionaries around the world.

He serves as a sealer in the Provo Temple and as a patriarch in his stake.

As a side interest, he has made an in-depth study of the persons and events that led to the translation of the King James Version of the Bible that was printed in 1611. This has included several visits by him to England and research in libraries in that country. He shared with us some of the historical events leading up to the convening of the Hampton Court Conference in 1604 by King James shortly after he ascended the throne of England after the death of Queen Elizabeth I. There had been several efforts in the 16th Century to translate the Bible into English for use by the common people, but each of these efforts left many

church leaders concerned about the different agendas of the translators.

Fifty-four translators were selected to work on the King James translation. Six separate committees, each meeting in different locations in England, were formed with several scholars on each committee charged with a word-for-word translation from the original Greek version. Additional reference was allowed to several of the earlier English translations, especially the work of William Tyndale, a pioneering martyr whose English translation accounts for about 75% of the final King James Version.

After the committees reviewed each other's work over a seven-year period, the translators added words to the translation to smooth the narrative. Those added words are identified in italics in our current Bibles. Brother Woolley reminded us that Joseph Smith used the King James Version of the Bible as the basis for his Inspired Version, and current Church leaders have emphasized the acceptance of the King James Version as the foundation Bible for the Church. He stressed how he could see the hand of the Lord in making this beautiful book available to the world. Efforts in modern times to modernize the text of the Bible result in losing much of the beauty and truth of the Bible that the King James Version provides for us. It was an informative and stimulating evening.

CHAPTER NEWS

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



The August meeting of the Morgan Chapter featured **Roger and Susan Peterson**. Roger and Susan served their mission in Vermont at the Joseph Smith Memorial and Visitors Center. Susan shared the story of how the monument came to be.

In 1905 Julius Wells was called to meet with the First Presidency. President Joseph F. Smith asked him if he would go to Vermont to find the place where the Prophet Joseph was born, purchase the land and place a monument on it. The area was a working farm with cattle, crops, and maple production in Sharon, Vermont. The farm's owner had just been through a very bad winter and was tired of the cold. Wells was able to purchase the site on the spot. The Wells constructed a cottage next to the monument site that became the home for Wells and his family for the next six years as he served as overseer of the monument. The farm remained active for many years.

The next task was to find a quarry that would cut the stone for the monument. Wells traveled 35 miles to the North where he found a quarry called The Rock of Ages Quarry. Wells asked the quarry master if they could cut a stone 38 ½ feet tall finished (above ground). He agreed, and work on the obelisk and base began in mid June.

Wells returned to Sharon and with others began excavating the property. The original hearth-stone from the home where Joseph was born was saved and is now in the Visitors Center. Wells was also tasked with the movement of the 40 ton obelisk and the four pieces that made up the base, another 60 tons.

By late October they were able to move the monument as far as Royalton by train and then make wagons large and strong

enough to carry the weight of the monument. The wheels were 20" wide with huge beams connecting them to support the weight. Each wagon was pulled by ten teams of horses. Because of soft, muddy roads, they were forced to place large planks of wood ahead of each wagon wheel, drive over them, and move them to the front again. It was tedious and slow, but it worked.

Almost to their destination they met with another challenge. Partway up a steep grade on what is called Dairy Hill Road, they ran into an old bog called Mister Buttons Bog. A fully loaded hay wagon was caught in the bog. All of the men transporting the monument helped get the wagon out. Wells realized the wagon carrying the monument would never make it through the bog. During the night, Wells prayed for a miracle. During the night, a Canadian Clipper came through the area, dropping the temperature 35 degrees and freezing the bog. The next morning they were able to cross, using extra oxen and block and tackle. After many trials, the monument was placed on December 8th and dedicated on the 23rd.

Today, as you drive to the monument, there is a feeling and spirit of peace and joy. The area is remote, not like other historic sites. At this spot a little baby was born that was going to change the world forever. Roger recalled a recent telephone conversation with a Jewish friend who is studying the Book of Mormon who asked "Why is the Book of Mormon so important?" Roger asked him of all the wonderful scholars the Jewish faith, including those who have provided us with the bible, how far do you have to go back to find someone who has seen God the Father. He could only recall Moses, who saw Christ. But in the Book of Mormon is the example of Joseph Smith coming in contacted with the great Creator. So Joseph Smith's birthplace is important and marking that spot is very important.

Vermont is the seedbed of the restoration. Among those born in Vermont are: Oliver Cowdrey, Heber C. Kimball, Jared Simeon and Gideon Carter, Newell Knight, Shadrach Roundy, John Smith. John Limon, Luke Johnson, Zara (Zerah) Pulsifer, Lorin Farr, Elias Smith, Albert Carrington, Cyril and Anson Call, George W. Robinson among others.

CHAPTER NEWS

MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah



Dr. Edward Redd

The Murray chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers met on October 26, 2016, to hear **Dr. Edward Redd** tell of his experiences helping refugees from Burma.

He brought with him a refugee, a young man named "Chapter." Chapter told his own story of how he escaped his village when he was a little boy because it was attacked.

He fled for his life, running through the jungle. Chapter's uncle was killed during the siege, but Chapter didn't learn this until years later, and he lived for years wondering if anyone had survived.

He ended up in an orphanage, and was eventually brought to Utah and Logan. He joined the Church and even served a mission to California, all the time learning to speak the English language.

Those who attack and overtake villages will leave land mines to frighten people from returning. A prosthetic shop was set up in the village to provide artificial limbs for those who might step on a mine.

One day after Chapter returned from his mission he received a phone call on his cell phone. To his great surprise, the caller was his mother. He was able to follow this up with a trip back to Burma and a tearful, heartwarming reunion with his mother and other members of his family.

Dr. Redd was a wonderful help to Chapter and accompanied him back to his home village. Dr. Redd stayed among them for a while, giving medical service and teaching English. The village has been rebuilt since the invasion that drove off Chapter, and the people now live there in relative peace.

Dr. Redd learned how the people live there, including sleeping on bamboo mats and eating on short tables as they sit on the floor. Generally, the people there suffer for lack of medical help, so Redd was able to provide a needed service.

Redd showed videos of their arrival at the village and their visit, including one showing him eating a bamboo core after it was cooked. Their return visit was a stay for nine days.

This was only one of Dr. Redd's experiences working with refugees. A few years back he gave up his medical practice to work with refugees, and he finds his work extremely gratifying.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

The Portneuf Pioneers October meeting featured Chad Fugate and his presentation on research he and his brother did on possible photographs of the prophet Joseph Smith (www.photographfound.com). Before Chad and his associates began their research it was believed that the Prophet was never photographed; however, a picture

turned up in the Library of Congress at the request of the Fugates appears to be a daguerreotype photo of Joseph Smith. Chad explained the research they did that leads them to believe this is an actual photograph, including extensive forensic evidence and comparisons with the Prophet's death mask. It was a fascinating presentation.



Chad Fugate

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RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah



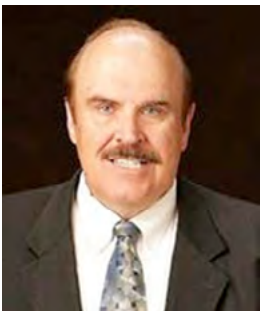
John and Pamela Yardley

The Red Rocks Canyon chapter's November meeting was held on November 3 in the Kanab Utah Stake Center. Dinner was served in Thanksgiving style by Ron and Nancy Ford, Randy and Nancy Merrell and Sam and Renee Jackson.

The program for the evening included John

Yardley of Panguitch. Brother Yardley is a popular resident of southern Utah, has been an Area Seventy, a stake President, a mission president, a sports broadcaster and is a part owner of an insurance agency in Panguitch. He spoke about the pioneer history of the southern Utah area.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Briant Jensen

Briant Jensen of our own Chapter was our October speaker.

He shared his extensive knowledge about some events in church history, not generally known, such as the winemaking industry in Washington County, Utah. He became interested in such topics while attending BYU and working for the BYU PRESS, where he began reading some of the

dissertations coming through to be published.

Some of these papers discussed certain episodes from LDS history that Briant had never heard of. An early document was titled "DIXIE WINE" about the winemaking industry in Washington County, Utah. This led him to read more such publications, then a life long journey about the history of the church.

His interests expanded to U.S. and World histories, which for him became a detective game, finding certain clues, and searching publications for the answers. Clues were given in conference talks, forums, magazine articles, books, and the internet. Besides the Wine Making industry, he shared some of the interesting pioneer historical facts that most folks have never heard of. We commend Briant for his grasp of our history and appreciate his sharing many interesting stories.

Maurine Parker-Smith, International President of Daughters of Utah Pioneers, was our November speaker.

She began on a light note, by saying, Echo Canyon received its name through Jim Bridger, who would prepare his bedroll for the night and in a loud voice say "Jim, it is time to get up". He bedded down and about sunlight came an echo, "Jim, it is time to get up!"

Then followed several accounts of the Mormon Pioneers, both humorous and inspirational.

Cathryn lost a baby and did not want the animals to desecrate it, so David bundled it and put it in a tree, but Cathryn after a day's travel could not bear the thought of leaving it and after making camp insisted they go back to check and David discovered the bundle wiggling and the baby was alive.

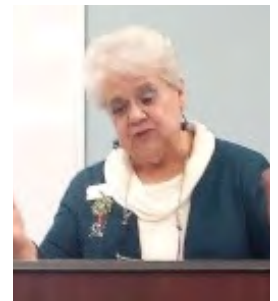
George Franklin Steed facing a prairie fire plowed the ground, set back fires, and did all he knew to keep it away from his home and buildings, but to no avail. He decided when we do all we can, it is the Lord's turn, so he commanded the fire by the power of the priesthood to burn the other direction, which it did.

A brother was counseled by Brigham Young to take a second wife, who said you better ask her. The sister listened then poured hot coffee on him and said that is what I think of your proposal. Brigham told the husband, you do not need another wife, you have all the wife you can handle.

A sister in Idaho took her butter to the "trading" store, and wanted butter in trade. On inquiry it was determined she found a mouse in her cream, but whoever gets it will never know, no harm done. The sister storeowner went to a back room, repackaged the butter, and gave it back to the sister.

Porter Rockwell agreed to help a sheriff chasing a desperado, and said he would go after them himself, but the sheriff insisted on going. The desperado shot one the sheriff's horses and the sheriff, and Porter shot the bandit. So now Porter has a lame horse, wounded sheriff, dead bandit, and the bandit's horse to bring home.

And many more.



Maurine Parker-Smith

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SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Brent Hunt

History and wild country are two of Brent Hunt's top hobbies. When officers of the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers asked for volunteers, Hunt, who is also membership director of the chapter, quickly volunteered to find all the monuments assigned to this chapter, photograph them and report on their present condition, and on what repair and maintenance is needed on

each monument. Hunt loaded up his father and pick-up and spent many wonderful father/son bonding hours and days completing this labor of love. He reported his findings on Thursday November 3rd to the SUP members and spouses in the TATC Building after a wonderful stuffed pork chop catered dinner.

Many of these "memories to man" follow the Pony Express trail from Five Mile Pass to the Deep Rock Mountains on the Utah Nevada border. In addition to these monuments, there are many additional monuments built and maintained by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers within Tooele County. This author apologizes to the DUP for falsely writing (in his last article) that the SUP took care of all monuments and was

quickly taught that the DUP has their own policies for fund raising, building and maintaining their own monuments. These monuments can be found by contacting the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in the Old Rock Court House located next to the Tooele Pioneer Museum on East Vine Street.

As you are probably aware, both the Pony Express and the Overland Coach Line played a short but important part in settling the west. It is fascinating that so much of this history took place in our own back yard. It might be possible to visit each of these 26 sites in one very long and lucky 24 hour summer day. A much better idea would be to take 3 or more days, study these monuments and know their stories beforehand. A real appreciation of what these pioneers have done for us and our youth (Tomorrow's Pioneers) will be gained and long remembered from such a trip. Take plenty of water and an extra couple of replacement tires as the road can be rough at times. Good maps and a GPS won't hurt as some of these statues are off the main dirt toad.

If you desire more information for a proposed trip, contact Brent Hunt at 882-2663. Not only does he know how to find each monument, he knows lots of stories of life and death on that road. For example, he found a story of one man who was the only survivor of local natives attacking one of the stations. He was then assigned to the next station along the trail where he himself met the sharp end of a locally made arrow that took his life the next week.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield and Monroe, Utah



Ron L. Anderson

October's Program was about Abraham Lincoln and the early Mormon Church. The program was presented by Ron L. Anderson, who is a member of the SUP speaker's bureau.

Brother Anderson has worked his entire career with the LDS Church in personal and career development in the U.S. and Latin America. He is the author of three books on the remarkable faith and righteousness of Abraham Lincoln and of his connections with the early Mormon Church. He is a regular speaker at BYU Education Week on these topics. He recently served on the Young

Men General Board for the Church. Married to Kathleen Brown, they are parents of five children and ten grandchildren. Ron is a member of the Bountiful Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

This program was of exceptional quality and great information. We had about 40 people in attendance. Discussions were not only about Abraham Lincoln but the early political efforts of the church including Joseph Smith's run for the president of the United States. The discussion was open to questions and very casual, a wonderful learning environment.

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TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Steven L. Olsen

Steven L. Olsen was the speaker at the October meeting. He has lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, Moses Lake, Washington, and Idaho Falls, Idaho. He graduated from Utah State University, with a degree in agriculture. He is Senior Curator and Historian of Monuments of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints.

He has worked for 35 years on historical sites. Some of the sites he has helped with are: Kirtland, Palmyra, Grandin Building, Cove Fort, Brigham Young Home in St. George, update at Nauvoo, and the Southern Pacific Museum in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Steve Olsen talked about the general program of restoration of Church sites. He said it is based on these premises:

1. It is an area that is dedicated by apostolic authority and it is never moved. Two of the most important that fit this requirement are Temples and Historical Sites. They are part of the evidence we have of restoration.
2. He asked, "What is the most quoted scripture?" It is the sacrament prayer, repeated every Sunday in hundreds of wards and branches. The two most important verbs in the prayers are "witness" and "remember." Restoration does these two things.

Historical sites help us to remember. They are tangible witnesses to God that people remember (both members and non-members). There are 25 sites around the world. Messages that are given from the restored sites include the concept that this place is important because it says something that no other place can.

The remainder of Brother Olsen's talk was about a specific historical site, the newly renovated Priesthood Restoration Site on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. Through the use of a Power Point presentation, the group went on a visual tour of the restored site.

Some of the projects we saw that have been completed there are:

1. The Isaac Hale home was rebuilt. Mr Hale was a farmer and hunter. It took much research to know what the home was like. Pictures of the interior and exterior of the home were shown.
2. The Joseph Smith home was rebuilt. This was the first home where Joseph and Emma lived alone. Pictures of the exterior and interior were shown. The kitchen area was where Joseph did most of the translation of the Book of Mormon in April, May, and June.
3. A monument was placed where they believe the baptisms took place.
4. A new monument, a reproduction of the one on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, was placed near the River where they believe the Aaronic Priesthood was restored. The older monument, which was placed in the vicinity in 1960, was left in place.
5. A monument depicting the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood was placed in the woods. It is also a reproduction of the one on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.
6. A small meetinghouse was built, to be used for worship services and a part of it to be used as a visitor's center. The visitor's center has exhibits and shows films. The building was made small, so that it did not loom over the historical sites.
7. To make the area more easily and safely available to the public, the road was re-routed.

The area was dedicated on September 19, 2015. Being on site helps build a stronger witness of what took place in Harmony, Pennsylvania. A special spirit can be felt there.

The Hales owned 90 acres, and Joseph Smith was buying 13½ acres. The Church now owns that land, and other land totaling 200 acres. They are planning further developments. A parking area will be constructed. They also plan to build homes, in the future, which will house the director and missionaries. There are currently Sister Missionaries, three to five Senior Missionaries, and a Director serving at the Priesthood Restoration Site.

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On October 29 our chapter enjoyed an interesting trek to Cox Honeyland. As the group watched bees working a docent explained how honey is produced.

Honey is the sweet fluid produced by honeybees from the nectar of flowers. Worker honeybees transform the floral nectar that they gather into honey by adding enzymes to the nectar and reducing the moisture.

Bees also manufacturer edible wax comb in the hive. The honey is stored in these wax cells (the honeycomb) in the upper parts of the hive. When the bees have filled each cell in the comb with honey, the bees cover them with wax caps. At harvest time, the beekeeper extracts the honey from the comb and may also sell the wax for many products.

Bees are social insects with a division of labor. There is one queen, 500-1000 drones, and 30,000 to 60,000 worker bees. The queen may lay up to 3,000 eggs per day during the two years of her life. The worker bees are comprised of the sexually undeveloped female bees.

The group also visited The Old Rock Church in Providence, Utah. Originally built as a meetinghouse, the building had a stage that could be used for dramas and musical events. Dances were often held in the one-room building. Later, a large addition was built on the south that contains many rooms that serve as a Bed and Breakfast. The original chapel is now used to host social events such as wedding receptions.

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