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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Always shall I be grateful for the exceptional privilege of serving this past year as your National President. We have visited chapter after chapter, member after member. The overriding impression has been that this SUP is comprised of extraordinarily fine people who reflect in their lives the important virtues of their pioneer ancestry. Consequently, the SUP

successes of this past year are due in major part to the dedication and commitment of our general membership.

During the year significant progress and change was made in the following areas:

1. A permanent seat for the SUP on the Board of Trustees of the "Days of 47 Committee."
2. Continued modernization of our office and communication procedures.
3. Inclusion of our member's wives as an integral part in our leadership training.

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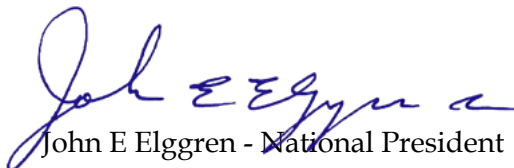
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4. Greater association and shared activities with our sister association the DUP.
5. Major changes in the national bylaws to increase two-way communication with the general membership and their chapters. Included in the bylaw changes are the direct nomination and election of the National Executive Council by the members, the inclusion of the National Treasurer as a voting member of the National Executive Council, and changing the name of our convention back to "National Encampment."
6. Creation of an online chapter with a chapter president and the national area vice president to work with the at-large membership through social media and the internet.
7. Changes to our "Days of 47" activities in July, which have increased attendance and enthusiasm.
8. We have continued a major upgrade and maintenance of the National Headquarters building.
9. We had a very successful and well attended final National Convention held during September in Centerville. Our next gathering will be known as "National Encampment" in Cedar City in 2018.
10. We continued and expanded the annual fall chapter training in each area.

I am especially pleased with the condition of our National Headquarters and its continued use for the general membership, their family and friends. The staff that we have at national are exceptional. Our office manager Heather Davis, our building manager Linda Sorensen and our magazine subscription manager Pat Cook are all exceptional and of the highest and most professional of employees and a credit to the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

It has been a special joy for me and my wife, Mary Ellen, to represent and share the direction of the National Society. We are indebted to so many of you who have served so well, and contribute so much to make the National Sons of Utah Pioneers one of the most important heritage preservation organization in existence. I appreciate so much the caliber of men that have become my close associates. I will always cherish my association with you, and the honor you have bestowed upon me to serve as a national officer.

  
John E Elggren - National President  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This section is for National or individual Chapter 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](mailto:donlee0938@gmail.com) to place any request.*

## FACEBOOK

The SUP Office Staff has been cleaning up our National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Facebook group in anticipation of the Online Chapter Facebook group coming online soon.

Here are the email links so they are easy for you to find.

### **National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers:**

<https://www.facebook.com/National-Society-of-the-Sons-of-Utah-Pioneers-115720288457938/>

Through the Chapter groups we can see what other chapters are doing and share ideas. Here are two chapters who currently have active Facebook pages.

### **SUP Springville Chapter:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Springvillesonsofutahpioneers/>

### **SUP Pocatello Portneuf Chapter:**

<https://www.facebook.com/portneufpioneers/>

## MODERN DAY PIONEER

We have been striving to start a new feature to honor some of our members who are modern day pioneers. Unfortunately this seems to be like Home Teaching, everyone likes the idea, but no one wants to do it. Consequently this feature will be sporadic, appearing when we have material for it. So please, if you have someone in your chapter who you would like to honor, submit the information to the editor. 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](mailto:donlee0938@gmail.com).

## LEGACY DONATION UPDATE



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has recently adopted an upgrade to its Legacy program. Bringing the SUP in line with other national organizations, we will now be offering members and friends the opportunity to donate in multiple ways in addition to the traditional, historic giving programs. The new program is designed to help any interested donor to “DO SOMETHING MONUMENTAL,” even if they are donors of modest means. More details will follow in the upcoming months. We appreciate the support that many have given us so far, and we feel that this new program, with its range of options, will allow us to have more donors, and donors who receive the gratification from doing something monumental, that will allow them to create a Legacy, by, in many cases, getting “more bang for the buck” as the rocket scientists say. Steve Kruman, an Area Vice President, who is a Financial and Estate Planner, will be the person serving the SUP for the upgraded program. He will be sharing information with your Chapter Presidents, and we hope to have a brief presentation made in the Chapters during 2018. If you need to reach Steve sooner, so that you can obtain an additional tax deduction in 2017, you may contact him at (435) 463-2778.

# NATIONAL NEWS

(Send National News submissions to [SUP1847@gmail.com](mailto:SUP1847@gmail.com))

## Brigham's BALL 2017

We had a wonderful time at our 2017 Brigham's Christmas Ball. Keith Van Rosendaal was sworn in as 2018 National President. Tony Tidwell was sworn in as 2018 National President-elect. And John Elgren was sworn in as 2018 National Past President. The National Board and other Officers were also sworn in. Dil and Diane Strasser prepared excellent food in a beautiful buffet dinner presentation! Over 80 people were in attendance and partied the night away with dancing and games lead by the Old Glory Vintage

Dancers. Steve Cook won the Men's Costume Contest, Kathy Tidwell won the Women's Costume Contest, and Jim and Joan Hurst won the Couple's Costume Contest. Grant Barton and Keith Van Rosendaal won the raffle for buying their tickets before the deadline. We had such a great time that the Old Glory Vintage Dancers have given the SUP four \$25 Gift Certificates redeemable for other similar events they hold throughout the year. These will go to the first 4 people that contact Heather at 801-484-4441.





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

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### **BRIGHAM'S CHRISTMAS BALL**

National Headquarters - 6pm.

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December

### **NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - 6PM**

National Headquarters - 6pm.

January 16

### **NATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

February 24

### **ANNUAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING**

March 20

### **NATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

## **UPCOMING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS**

**2018 Sponsor:**  
**CEDAR CITY CHAPTER**  
**September 20-22, 2018**

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Encampment 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. These are wonderful events, please plan now!

## **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.

# PIONEER Stories

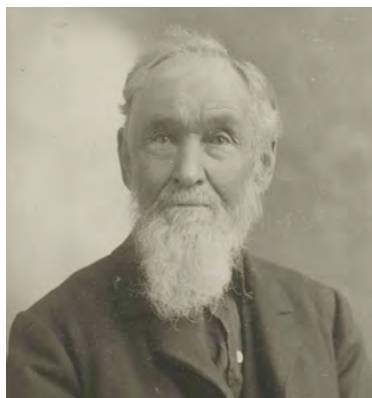
One pioneer story is going to be included in the Trail Marker each month, but all will be saved to be added to the Pioneer Stories page of the SUP website when the program is completed.

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. Please submit them so we can be moved & inspired also.

Send to LaRon Taylor at: [lrt68@justrawspeed.com](mailto:lrt68@justrawspeed.com).

## JOHN STREATOR GLEASON AND THE MARTYRDOM OF THE PROPHET

*Submitted by Ann W. Engar*



John Streator Gleason (1819-1904) was a scout for the 1847 first group into Salt Lake Valley. He joined the Church in 1839 and moved with his wife Desdemona Chase and her parents to Nauvoo in 1842, where he became a trusted friend of the prophet Joseph Smith.

The first and only issue of the Nauvoo Expositor, printed June 7, 1844, advocated the repeal of Nauvoo's charter and charged Joseph Smith with practicing spiritual wifery, indulging in whoredoms, abusing political power, teaching the plurality of gods, and claiming power to seal men up to eternal life. It accused Church leaders of controlling politics and excoriated Joseph Smith as a seducer, liar and murderer. Three days later the city council met and labeled the paper libelous. City Marshal John P. Greene called on the Nauvoo Legion to assist in the destruction of the press and to prevent a riot. As a major in the first regiment, first cohort (cavalry) of the Legion, John Streator Gleason took part in the destruction of the press.

Gleason was summoned to Carthage and imprisoned in the same room where a few days later the Prophet would be martyred. Although it was a hot June day, Gleason wore an overcoat in order to conceal two revolvers. A mob of some thirty men came to the prison looking for Porter Rockwell (who had escaped earlier) and some other men, scrutinized the faces of each of the prisoners, but then left. Gleason described these events in a letter written to his brother 1 1/2 years later: "The scene through which I have been called to pass since I arrived in this place from the East has almost alienated me from my country. Almost one continual round

of mobocracy by night and by day. When I contemplate the scene it almost makes me shudder, and my blood run cold in my veins. I have been an eye witness to almost the whole scene from the beginning. My life has been exposed—threatened from time to time. . . when they were filled with wrath .... About a week before the assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith I was arrested—marched to jail by a band of the desperate and could not even lay there in peace—was aroused about 12 o'clock by a rush of men into the yard and a loud rattling [sic] and hallooing at the door of the jail. One of our men went down and opened the door, when they rushed up stairs and caroused about a while, and left us."

The next day a militia group escorted the prisoners back to Nauvoo in order to find the arms furnished the Nauvoo Legion by the state. On the way they met Joseph Smith and the others who were going to Carthage to deliver themselves up. Gleason wanted to tell the Prophet to turn around, for "the spirit of the people was to murder him." Yet Gleason feared appearing bold and held back.



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At the exact time of the martyrdom, Gleason and a friend were going to hear Governor Ford speak to the Mormons. As they were passing the Lower Stone House in Nauvoo, Gleason described, "A feeling like a blanket of darkness—a pall—a terrible feeling, came over both of us. We both alluded to it." They went on and reached the assembly area after Ford had already begun his speech.

Later, Gleason was called on to help bring the bodies of Joseph and Hyrum back to Nauvoo, but he had no horse. Instead, he watched sorrowfully as the procession brought the bodies back into Nauvoo.

During the fall of 1845 and spring of 1846, Gleason was in charge of the ferry boats which took the Saints across the Mississippi River. He left Nauvoo with the first company in 1846 and accompanied them as far as Garden Grove, Iowa. During this trip he acted as captain of about fifty young,

unmarried men. He returned on business to Nauvoo and then rejoined the main camp at Council Bluffs to become one of the 143 pioneers who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in July 1847.

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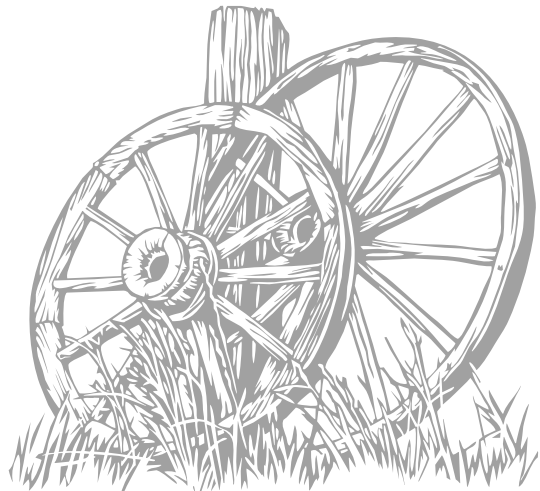
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# CHAPTER NEWS

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## BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



*Eric Smith*

At the dinner meeting of the Brigham Young Chapter **Eric Smith** of the LDS Church History Department gave a very informative discussion of The Council of 50. The Council of 50 was started by Joseph Smith in February 1844. Initially, a group of prominent Saints met to discuss possible relocation of the Church to Wisconsin. The discussion soon turned to Texas, California

and Oregon (three areas that were outside the boundaries of the United States at the time. Texas was dropped when it became a part of the Union.) The Council was a rather informal group without a fixed number. But Joseph said it was "enough" when it reached approximately 50 participants. William Clayton was the secretary, carefully keeping copious minutes. Shortly before his murder, Joseph instructed Clayton to bury the minutes or otherwise hide them. They were buried in William's garden for two weeks before being retrieved and hidden elsewhere.

Following Joseph's death, when the State of Illinois revoked the Nauvoo City Charter, Brigham Young resumed Council meetings for a short time. After the Saints came west, the Council minutes were in the custody of the First Presidency, unavailable, until they were released to the Church History Department in 2010.

The minutes describe private discussions, not only of where the Saints should go, but also of the nature of the political government of the Saints. Discussions were open and free and included controversial suggestions and concepts that could be used by the enemies of the Church. The identities of participants were protected by secret codes. The creation of a "Democratic-Theocracy" was explored. Improving the United States Constitution to protect religious minorities was discussed in a document beginning with "The People of the Kingdom of God." The minutes also reported a motion to sustain Joseph Smith as the "Prophet, Priest and

King." The Council created Joseph's presidential campaign literature and several members were sent to campaign for his election. The Council of 50 was considered a protective political body concerned with the temporal salvation of the Saints. Participants took their membership very seriously. Being late to a meeting was not tolerated. Council members were encouraged to speak candidly. Joseph Smith said: "Speak your minds. Do not be dough-heads." Discussions were vigorous; but there were no personal attacks or ridicule of positions. Every voice was heard with respect.

The Council of 50 was a forum for practical decisions. It played a role in planning the migration and selection of settlement sites for the Saints, as well as the governance of the Kingdom of God and other temporal matters. For us, the Council of 50 provides a wonderful model, designed by the Prophet, of how councils should perform -- making decisions through open discussion, in conjunction with Heavenly revelation.

### "OUT AND ABOUT TREK"

Saturday 21 October 2017 members of the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers had a wonderful encounter learning about the early Sanpete County Saints through the expertise of our chapter's Tour Director/Trek Committee Chairman **John M. Beck**.

Trek participants, twelve-chapter members, and their spouses and guests, departed at 7:30 am from the Provo Pioneer Village for Spring City, Utah

The group took a walking (some drove) tour of the Spring City historic sites: Bishop's Storehouse, (Five other storehouses were patterned after this storehouse), Old City Hall that also is the old DUP Museum, Old Jail behind City Hall, Behunin-Beck House, Old Rock Church, Orson Hyde House, Endowment House (It is called such, but it is unclear whether it was ever used to administer temple ordinances), Judge Johnson House and Office, Orson Hyde grave and memorial.

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The group then caravanned to Manti. In Manti we toured the DUP Museum, Tabernacle, Dugout, Isaac Morley grave.

What was it like living in a dugout? Nothing like one would have imagined. One interesting item though. There were lots of rattlesnakes in the dugout community. One time there were hundreds of rattlesnakes caught. The settlers threw them in a pile. The Indians were so hungry they ate them. How hungry were the settlers? Not hungry enough to indulge in a gourmet snake dinner? What if the Lord had provided rattle snakes instead of quail?

The view of the Manti Temple from the Morley grave site is stunning. Brigham Young dedicated the Manti Temple site on April 25, 1877, four months prior to his death. On the day of the site dedication, he took Warren S. Snow to the southeast corner of the temple site and told him, "Here is the spot where the Prophet Moroni stood and dedicated this piece of land for a Temple site, and that is the reason why the location is made here, and we can't move it from this spot." Until then, there was much contention on where the temple was to be built. The preferred site by many was where the Manti Tabernacle now rests.

"Bravo Zulu" to John Beck for an outstanding trek! The group is looking forward to the next chapter trek.



## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

Dr. Richard Whitehead was our speaker for the November dinner meeting. Now you know Brigham Young University in Provo, and BYU Idaho, and BYU Hawaii, but do you recall, there is another Church University that is not in the CES system, but fully approved by the heads of the Church. It's the LDS school, Southern Virginia University. It is run by an LDS president with LDS faculty, and the same standards and requirements as BYU. The need was seen, and so with good St George-born-and-bred people it happened.

Dr. Richard Whitehead grew up and practiced dentistry in St. George, joined SVU in 2003 as VP of Institutional Advancement and served as SVU acting president in 2012-13.

He filled us in on the school and its wonderful opportunities. The school is a fully accredited small undergraduate program, with a studentbody of right around 1,000. About 96% are LDS, and SVU has a graduate placement rate of 98% into law school, medicine, internships, and other work places. Class size is around 16 and student loans, grants, and scholarships are available to help students financially. They compete athletically in their conference and have a quality fine art program. What a great opportunity for students who would be benefited by a small school environment when first leaving home. It was a special social evening with enlightening information.



Dr Richard Whitehead



# CHAPTER NEWS

## EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER - Idaho Falls, Idaho

The Eagle Rock Chapter held their monthly meeting on October 21, 2017 at Chuck-A-Rama Buffet in Idaho Falls, ID. The monthly program was presented by **Leslie Park Ovard**. Leslie is a descendent of homesteaders in the Alpine Flats area near Swan Valley, Idaho. She lived the first quarter of her life on a farm near Kelly Canyon and Mountain River Ranch. She always felt she was part of an important part of the development of the United States.

Leslie has collected stories of her ancestors and tried to understand the legacy they have passed on to our generations. These include hard work and the anticipation of being able to create something of value from things that have little value. She explored this theme in story, receiving both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English as well as a Masters in Environmental Science. She currently works to promote socially just solutions by increasing citizens understanding in the way we use our natural resources. Her goal is to improve the quality of life on this planet by helping others become more aware of the impact we have on the environment as well as improving our capacity of resiliency in the midst of an ever changing environment. Leslie and her husband Kelly have four daughters and ten grandchildren.

**Jack Taylor**, retired farmer, published author, and a member of the Eagle Rock Chapter shared a letter-to-the-editor he wrote called Our flag, National Anthem and Their Meaning.

In battles, many times our flag was the target of the enemy with the purpose of creating disunity among our troops; a tactic that was countered when a flagbearer had fallen, a comrade quickly rescued the flag to assure the battle was not lost if the flag was in view.

Throughout history, this and the national anthem are symbols that represent fallen heroes. They should only be used to express our thanks to all that have served our country.

When sporting events take place and the two symbols are displayed, it becomes a time when we can show our patriotism as we stand reverently to honor those who have sacrificed their all. Those who participate in any other form of protest or gestures send a loud and clear message; you are showing disrespect in the highest degree.

Modern day football players who feel this action is right automatically send a message that they are not a member of the American Team that has extended to them the methods used to reach the pinnacles of success. It cannot be found in any other country in the world.

As those who join the ranks with those of equal thoughts, to them we veterans and patriots are desperately trying to restore unity. Your actions only help to destroy the unity that is so needed in our government.

With all the tragedies our nation is dealing with, we say to, "time out".

This country that has provided you with enormous fortunes wants in return your loyalty which is a small price to pay.

A boycott of your games in opposition that could destroy the fame of football; another form of protest that in itself only becomes part of the problem. The higher cost would be the combined actions promoting the division that is so ramped today.

Somewhere in this scenario, there is a message for all of us who call ourselves American. We must put on the uniform of patriotism so that those who play the game must realize they are the heroes that millions of people admire as role models.

All who are leaders of the industry must put your country first by adopting rules that prohibits the actions of one or two. Stop the use of photo opps, and give those who continue the practice six months without pay.

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## HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

The Holladay Chapter speaker in November was Alden Richins. He was the Chairman of the Centerville Encampment and the spokesman on the Echo Canyon to SLC Mormon Trail Tour. He is a noted historian versed in the pioneer history of the Mormon Trail from Ft. Bridger to SLC. He was raised in Henefer, one of only two Pioneer Trail camps in Utah. His account of the trail from Henefer up East Canyon over Big Mountain and Little Mountain was really enlightening. In modern times it is hard to visualize the difficulties the Saints encountered as they entered the Rocky Mountains and the miracles that allowed them to select the best route to the valley. We have freeways that let us pass through the mountains on cruise control without any more difficulty than it is to cross the plains of Iowa in one of our modern cars.

I suspect that when the Pioneers first saw the massive mountains ahead of them they wondered how they could possibly get through them. Except for a few that had seen the Alps in Europe what they had previously called mountains would better have been called hills. And when they entered these mountains it was like entering a maze. They were suddenly confronted with distinguishing between a canyon that they could pass through and a dead-end wash that all looked the same from their view from the valley floor. It surely wasn't as easy as it appeared to the famous philosopher, Yogi Berra who once said: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it!"

Well it wasn't that easy and the right trail in pioneer times was none of the roads that seem to look as obvious routes today. Brother Richens gave us one example of Devils Gate in Weber Canyon where a rushing stream took up the entire passage. The only way through would have been to dismantle the wagons and hike over the rock mountain. This would have delayed the entry into the valley by at least a month, too late to raise any crops. Other hazards would have delayed them had they chosen any other route. They faced near starvation arriving the end of July. Think what that first winter would have been like for both food and shelter had they arrived in August or September. Thanks to the pioneers for their faith and determination, thanks to God for guiding them, and thanks to Brother Richens for an inspiring presentation.



Devil's Gate - Weber County - Utah

## HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



James A. McArthur

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** We had a wonderful time this month, as we gathered to listen to **James A. McArthur** from St. George. His subject was a brief history of the Saints moving to

Nauvoo, and the building of the Temple. His description of the destruction of the temple and the resultant desire to have it rebuilt, were compelling. He talked about the many miracles involved in its reconstruction, from the finding of the foundational footprint, to receiving a lost copy of the blue prints of the temple. The miracle of the donated personal funds of a member family, and how the temple would be staffed, were all part of the story.



**DECEMBER MEETING:** Our Christmas dinner will be "Early" in the month, as we will hold it on the December 1. It will be held in the Hurricane Utah Stake Center at 670 S. 700 W. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. That is a change from our regular meeting times. Our new officers and board for 2018 will be sworn in at this time. We will be privileged to be entertained by Casey Lofthouse, one of our famous local singers. Dress for this event should be dressy, to dressy casual. It is the only meal of the year there is a charge for. That will be \$20.00 per person. You are encouraged to invite friends to come with you to see what kind of fun we have together.

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## JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER - West Jordan, Utah

Our speaker at our November Chapter meeting was **Dr. A. Tom Nelson and his wife, Nadine**. He is a member of the SUP Holladay Chapter and a retired professor of accounting at the University of Utah. Tom authored the words to this presentation. And, those words were narrated and recorded by his wife, Nadine.

Their presentation is titled Settlement of

State of Deseret During Pioneer Era – And the Rest of The Story. This presentation was masterfully done and very interesting. It is a wonderful product resulting from a lot of their hard work and research. And the presentation with pictures is most entertaining and informative. Thank you Tom and your wife, Nadine for your presentation to our Chapter.



*Tom and Nadine Nelson*

## LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

The speaker at our November meeting was **Ali Aydogdu**. He came from Istanbul, Turkey when he was 19. He arrived in San Diego not knowing a word of English and not having anyone to meet him or anyone in the United States that he knew. He was looking for “the truth” as he didn’t believe in God in any way. The first person he met was a cab driver and he was Turkish. He helped him and Ali took English lessons and got an apartment with an American roommate. His roommate was an inactive member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Missionaries came by and couldn’t teach him as he was a Muslim. He told them about his non-belief in God and that he wasn’t even a Muslim. The missionaries could then teach him and they did. He went to a Fast and Testimony Meeting that occurred at Easter and though he couldn’t understand what was being said, he did feel the spirit and cried along with the members who spoke.

Lesson one taught him about God and he was given a Turkish Book of Mormon and he read it a lot. He was asked to pray about the reality of God and he did but nothing happened. The second lesson was about Jesus Christ and he was asked to pray about Him. He did and that night had a dream that he was walking with Christ and He turned to Ali and said, “Follow me.” He then knew that he had to be baptized. He was prompted to ask a teacher that he knew if she knew anything about the Mormons and she said she was a member. He asked her to give one of the talks at his baptism and she agreed. He had good support at his baptism as there were 20 or so people there.

After his baptism he prayed almost every day for a year that his family would accept his new religion. He went to visit his family and took them to the local branch without saying he was a member. The branch members said how great it was that Ali was a member and his family was happy about his decision and said they liked the church. His prayers were answered. He knows that God led him to be a member

of the church and he is doing his part to help the work grow in Turkey

He volunteered at the MTC to help teach Turkish to missionaries. They didn’t have a program at the time but a few weeks later he was asked to teach some senior missionaries Turkish as they were going there. Four missionaries went to Turkey and helped the Government to recognize the church. This didn’t last and the missionaries were sent home. Elder Holland went there and was able to persuade the Government to allow the missionaries in and 20 missionaries went there. Now there are two branches, one in Istanbul and one in Ankara. There is one at the embassy for military members. Ali said, “God planned the way. He is in charge.”

Ali has now been a member for 8 years and feels like he is a modern day pioneer. He came to Utah to go to school and to volunteer to be a conference translator. He was interviewed and accepted. He now translates talks into Turkish at conferences. He knows that the Spirit helps him translate. He is recently married in the Kansas City Temple and lives in Lehi.

Some of the highlights of this past year include the dedication of the commemorative plaques placed on four Lehi homes that were occupied by members of the Kirkham family, a memorable tour of Sanpete County, hearing Elder Jeffery R. Holland speak at “This is the Place” Heritage Park, enjoying good food and good company in our dinner meetings (and having a drone buzz over our heads). Meaningful service has taken place as well. Our chapter should be commended for the outpouring of humanitarian aid given to help some of the elderly residents on the Navajo Indian reservation.

*AT THE JANUARY DINNER MEETING our new officers for 2018 will be sworn in. President for 2018 is Merrill Carson. And, President Elect will be Mike Poulos.*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah



*Lee and Sharon Nelson*

We were excited to have Lee and Sharon Nelson back with us in Mapleton from their 18-month Church mission to Nauvoo. Lee was serving as the Maple Mountain Chapter President when he was called to serve as the teamster in Nauvoo in April 2015. His wife accompanied him as they joined the force of couple missionaries who volunteer at this historic site.

At our chapter dinner meeting in November, they each shared fascinating stories and experiences they had in their multi-faceted assignments. In addition to Lee's assignment to care for the horses and oxen and conduct wagon tours for visitors each day, he and Sharon participated in the evening dramatic productions for visitors. During the day while Lee was busy being a teamster, Sharon was rotated as a docent to over twenty historic locations, with different dialogues at each place. She also participated in the evening productions. During the winter slow period, they

had time to do some missionary activity by responding on the internet to people who were accessing lds.org, and inviting them to ask questions about the Church. These interactions led to several baptisms, as they referred their contacts to full-time missionaries in the respondent's area.

They bore their testimonies of the sacred feeling visitors find in Nauvoo. 10% of the visitors are non-members of the LDS Church who frequently commented on the peaceful feelings they had while in Nauvoo. Elder and Sister Nelson shared several stories and experiences with us while dressed in the period clothing they wore throughout their mission.

Over 55 members and guests who listened to their presentation, that included several "show and tell" items, felt like they had been to Nauvoo and felt that same spirit. Lee is well known for his fiction and non-fiction books that have sold nearly a million copies, with the Storm Testament series and Beyond the Veil volumes accounting for most of the books sold. He is well known in the SUP organization as he led a trek to Nine-Mile canyon as part of the 2012 Brigham Young Chapter National Convention and many fascinating treks for our chapter. He will again be leading us on exciting treks with colorful stories in the coming years.

## MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City East / Mill Creek, Utah

At the November meeting of the Mills Chapter **Dick Winwood** taught us that refugees are pioneers. Brother Winwood began by setting a scriptural foundation for his remarks about pioneers and refugees, by referring to 2 Nephi 1:6 "... none come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord."

After describing how his ancestors were lead from Durham, England to this land of America, so Brother Winwood could be introduced to the gospel, he shared his own conversion story. He and his wife were baptized within days after first listening to the missionaries' discussions and before he even had an opportunity to attend church.

After hearing the Conference message of Elder Kearon, Brother and Sister Winwood were impressed with the need to do something for the refugees. In their Sunday

School Class, Brother Frank Madsen asked the class what commitment they had made as a result of conference. Brother Winwood explained his desire to help the refugees. After class, a young man visiting the ward approached him with the email address of his mother, the mission president's wife in Greece who would lead them to a service opportunity.

Brother Winwood then spoke of their refugee service, and the people who changed their lives. He spoke of a Muslem man, Dr. Nasar Barakzaie, who believing he knew Brother Winwood in a prior life. He approached him asking if he could get to know him and learn why he had a special spirit about him. Brother Winwood taught that "being a refugee will not define the refugee, but how we respond to the refugee will define us."

*UPCOMING: Utah Chamber Artists, Dec. 11, 2017*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah

Each year, the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers sponsor an essay contest where Morgan High School students have the opportunity to research and tell the story of a pioneer ancestor. This year 90 student essays were submitted to Ms. Romero, who reviewed each one and submitted the top 10 essays to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The SUP committee then reviewed each of the ten essays. The top three were invited to the November luncheon to receive recognition for their essay.

The essays this year were well written and helped further the remembrance of the pioneer spirit that founded our great valley.

Meagan Matthews was presented with a First Place certificate and a check for \$175. Sara Howell received a Second Place certificate and a check for \$100. Third Place honors went to Charles Watson, who received a certificate and a check for \$75. Meagan presented her essay at the luncheon.



Scholarship winners

## MT. NEBO CHAPTER - Payson, Utah



Lance Merrill as Ephraim Hanks

Lance Merrill recently spoke to the Mt. Nebo Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers in Payson. His presentation covered some important events in the life of Ephraim Hanks. He dressed in pioneer clothing and spoke in first person as if he was Ephraim. He told of learning a lesson in obedience when Brigham Young told him to shave his beard off. Though he didn't understand the reason, he obeyed.

A few of the faith-promoting experiences in Ephraim's life were related. He was a man of great faith, and healed many people. Everyone had a greater appreciation for Ephraim Hanks after the presentation. The presentation was given after the SUP members and their wives had enjoyed a wonderful meal.

## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

Gloy Wride was the featured speaker to an overflow crowd at the October Portneuf Pioneer Dinner Meeting. "She was the best teacher I ever had" is what you most often hear said about her. Now 96 years old she lives on her own, drives her own car, and takes care of her house and yard. Besides being an influential teacher, she is also an author, historian, poet, artist, world traveler, former Justice of the Peace, former first lady of the Mayor of Aberdeen and a descendant of one of the bodyguards of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Gloy is a living pioneer and left an indelible impression on all those who were at the meeting.

Gloy told how her Dad was the first person to drill a well in the Aberdeen area. Word spread quickly, and there were soon 500 wells pulling water out of the Snake River Aquifer. There were lots of rattle snakes in the early days, and they

were good to eat, tasted like chicken. She said you cannot kill a rattle snake. They had one that they cut off the head and the tail, took out its innards and skinned it. She said "After we coiled it up in a bowl, it got out, slithered out of the sink and went off the counter onto the floor. We took out the heart, and it beat for 40 minutes!"

She wanted every student to be the very best. She taught humanities, and over the course of many years numerous students testified that she had changed their lives. She wanted to leave something to her grandchildren to remember her by, so she wrote and illustrated a children's book for them. She read the classics to her class and explained the books, such that the students gained a great desire to read on their own. Many testimonials were born that night as to the difference one person, Gloy Wride, can make in the world.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah

The automobile caused the demise of the once bustling and successful Bamberger Railroad that ran from Salt Lake City to Ogden along the Wasatch Front. Starting in 1891 under the direction of Simon Bamberger, tracks were laid starting on the west side of Salt Lake City, going to Hot Springs and then Bountiful. Three years later it reached Centerville, and a year after that it arrived in Farmington. The Bamberger was suffering financially by this point, so the genius of the company was evident when they bought some swampy ground north of Farmington. They drained that swamp and built a destination resort, naming it Lagoon. Salt Lake residents then began riding the Bamberger there to recreate. The whole plan proved successful, giving this railroad company money to continue laying tracks on up to Ogden, completing the line in 1908.

The Union Pacific and Rio Grande Railroads also covered this same area and more, but the Bamberger competed by providing stops in almost every town along the way, while the bigger railroad companies would only bypass them.

An interesting sideline to this is that the founder of the Bamberger Railroad, Simon Bamberger, lived quite

an illustrious life. He was Jewish, born in German, and immigrated to the United States when he was 14. He lived in Indiana and Missouri before heading out west to Utah. He operated hotels first in Ogden and then in Salt Lake City. He invested in a silver mine in Juab County, which made him a millionaire. He built the Bamberger Railroad, founded Lagoon, and became increasingly involved in politics. He served on the school board, several terms in the state senate, and then he became Utah's fourth governor.



This a much more was shared with us by the well-studied and knowledgeable Bill Sanders, president of the Snow Horse chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers in Layton. His was a very interesting presentation, and we are grateful to him for sharing his deep knowledge with us of this part of Utah's history.

## RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah

The Red Rock Chapter November was held Nov. 2 at 6at the Kanab Utah Stake Center. The Program for the evening was presented by Jim Rhodes of St. George who told us some interesting facts about the Lost Rhoades Mine. Several months ago we traveled to Alton and visited the "old" Alton coal mine area and learned about its development and use in times past. All that was left of it was the bare hillside. Looking around the internet one day recently, we found a picture of the coal mine and thought our members may enjoy seeing what it looked like in those earlier days.

Our Red Rock Chapter spent some time about a year ago cleaning up the area and straightening up some of the headstones at the little Harris Graveyard. Nestled on a hill top overlooking Glendale, Utah there is a beautiful little cemetery. Bruce Harris tells the story of how this cemetery came to be. "There was a big flood in Glendale washing up and flooding away the remains of buried people. Moses Harris stated that he did not want this to happen to him or his family members. This little graveyard is the spot where he chose to be buried. So, thus became the Harris graveyard, where many of our pioneer ancestors and others are resting."



*Old Rhodes Mine*



*Harris Cemetery in Glendale*



# CHAPTER NEWS

## SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



*W. Herbert Klopfer*

We had brother **W. Herbert Klopfer** as our guest, a second appearance after he had spoken to us in November 2014. Again we were acquainted with some miracles in the life of his family, especially about his father, who was president of the East German Mission, and had to serve in the German army. Brother Klopfer told about his family's exit from Germany during the Third Reich, and about the experience of his

father wanting to go to Sacrament Meeting while stationed in Denmark. Other published accounts of these experiences are found in the June 1990 Issue of the Ensign Magazine ("Enemy Soldier at the Pulpit"), and in the January 2012 Issue of the Ensign Magazine

My father, age 32, was stationed in or near Esbjerg in Denmark in December 1943. He was very lonely and wanted to go to sacrament meeting on one of the two Sundays preceding Christmas. He did not know whether or not there was a branch of the Church in Esbjerg, but he assumed that there was one somewhere in the city. He was in enemy country dressed in full military uniform and did not speak the language. He recognized that music would be understood everywhere, so he hummed the tune of a favorite hymn as he walked on a city street in hopes of attracting someone's attention who would recognize the tune and would lead him to the place of worship. A little girl skipped along the sidewalk on her way to Church. As she passed my father, she recognized the tune and asked him in Danish: "Mormon?" He nodded his head. She took him by the hand and led him to the branch meetingplace.

His arrival at a door on the right side of the chapel near the back created a tense moment for the assembled Saints. They recognized the little girl, holding my father's hand but who was this man in enemy uniform? Was he there to do harm? The 30-year-old branch president, Erik R. S. Thomsen, had already started sacrament meeting. He was scared and very concerned, stopped the meeting, and walked off the pulpit to the doorway in the back to find out who my father was.

After my father had identified himself and asked for permission to worship the Lord with the Saints and partake of the sacrament, President Thomsen invited him to come with him to the podium and deliver the gospel message this day. He did so in beautiful English, since German was not very appreciated by the Danes, and Brother William Orum Peterson (Pedersen), a visiting salesman from Copenhagen who was also very scared, translated my father's Christmas sermon into Danish. "Your father was the most mild-mannered German we had ever met," Sister Thomsen recalled, and the branch members treated him as if he was one of their friends and brothers.

My father risked his life going to sacrament meeting in an enemy country, realizing that his likely discovery by Nazi officials among enemy people in their worship services would bring upon him a charge of treason or the like, punishable by death. This chance was further amplified by his surrendering his weapon belt to the branch president at the backdoor and taking an active part in the meeting. But his desire to worship the Lord was stronger than the cords of death. He had been led to the place of worship by the power of the Lord. A little girl provided my father fellowship with Saints because of the simple power of a familiar hymn tune.

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** featuring LDS Business College Choir will be held December 6, 2017 at 400 South 800 East at 7:15pm.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



*Darrell Smith* takes here in Tooele County. Members were asked to identify the location of each slide, and short comments were made about "Where in Tooele County is Darrell?" The Sons of Utah Pioneers thank the Tooele 4th Ward of the LDS Church for the use of their wonderful recreation hall.

On Thursday November 2nd in the 4th Ward Building of the LDS Church, **Darrell Smith** surprised the SUP members and spouses with a presentation of scores of slides

takes here in

**Brent Hunt** receives a special "Modern Pioneer Award" from Joe Brandon of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Brent and his father followed the Pony Express Trail through Tooele County, and photographed and decided which commemorative plaques need to be replaced due to theft and vandalism. The work to replace these plaques will begin and continue as long as weather allows.

On Thursday November 2nd, Joe Brandon, President of the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers presents a "Modern Pioneer Award" to **Tim Booth** who for years has been directing the activities of the Tooele Pioneer Museum, and made several additions and changes to make it more visitor friendly.



*Brent Hunt & Tim Booth receive Modern Pioneer Awards*

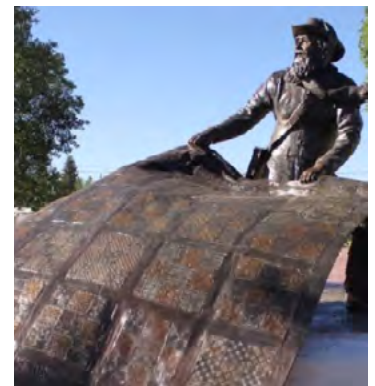
## SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah Area

Our October Chapter meeting featured **Hy Ipson** who presented the program. Hy told about some of the history of the Panguitch area, including the quilt walk to Parowan, Utah and the making of the bricks used in many of Panguitch's buildings. Panguitch was a very prosperous area as is evidenced by the many huge and beautiful homes that were build there and are still unused today. Panguitch area has a very short growing season, but is an exceptional area for ranching and beef production.

The forests that surround Panguitch made it an ideal area for timber harvest and lumber production, which was one of the major economic drivers for many years, however as the federal government changed their management direction, the lumbering businesses slowly disappeared. I feel a little tie to the Quilt Walk story, because the Topham family ranched in the Bare Valley which is the valley that the Quilt Walkers had to travel to get to Parowan for the rescue supplies. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program.

November chapter meeting will be Nov.15th and Bob Jepsen well share the history of the Hurricane area and all the

mission in that area which included wine, cotton and silk. The meeting will be at the 4th, 7th and 9th ward building, located at 4th west and 2nd north. We will meet in the relief society room at 6:00 pm then go to the recreation hall for a potato bar dinner. At 6:30 we will return to the relief society room for the rest of our program. The potato bar cost will be \$6.00 per person.



**THE DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING** will be our annual Christmas banquet and entertainment. This will be held at the Snow College Conference Center on December the 6th at 6:00 PM. The meal will be a special dinner catered by "The Main Event" and the Christmas program will be provide by the Durfee Family Band. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. This is always a special evening and a great opportunity to bring a friend to kick of the Christmas season.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



November 11, 2017 was Veteran's Day and Monument Dedication Day for The Timpanogos Chapter. In support of an Eagle Scout Service Project we created the SUP Monument #246 to remember a Civil War skirmish in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Eagle Scout Candidate, **Ethan Adamson** together with SUP members and their spouses celebrate the monument's completion. Veteran's Day 2017 was the appropriate day to remember veterans of the Civil War who served in Utah between 1861 and 1865. While the Civil War was raging in the East, Union Troops were in Utah protecting, mail routes, telegraph lines and traveling pioneers. This monument commemorates the events of April 12, 1863 as Federal Troops from Camp Douglas in Salt Lake City were dispatched to Utah Valley. The Troops were attacked by about 100 Native Americans in Pleasant Grove two and a half blocks south of the monument at the home of John Green. This conflict was one of four skirmishes that occurred in Utah Valley from Cedar Fort to Spanish Fork Canyon in 1863.

The dedicatory services were attended by the Mayor of Pleasant Grove and two city council members, Scout Troop 1182, Timpanogos Chapter Members, descendants of the John Green's family and other interested guests. The dedicatory prayer was given by **Daniel K Adams**, SUP National Area Vice-President.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2017 CHAPTER DINNER MEETING:** **The Blowhards**, six individuals who presented a musical program playing "fifes, bottles and jugs". The band played old time favorites, which included music honoring veterans and those serving in the military and Christmas carols in which the members of the chapter joined in singing.

The theme of Thanksgiving was presented by the telling of two stories of individuals who had suffering hard and

unusual circumstances yet were grateful and faithful to their convictions of God and the principles of service.

One of those individuals was **Stillman Pond**, who was an early convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. President James E. Faust in his First Presidency Message in February 2006 relates that in "crossing the plains, Stillman Pond lost nine of his children and his wife. He became an outstanding colonizer in Utah and later became a leader in the quorums of the seventy. Having lost these nine children and his wife in crossing the plains, Stillman Pond did not lose his faith. He did not quit. He went forward. He paid a price, as have many others before and since, to become acquainted with God".

A conference talk by Presiding Bishop Vaughn J. Featherstone, (April, 1973), was discussed which told the story of George Goates, who in 1918 lost four members of his family during the Spanish influenza epidemic, which caused the deaths of more than 20 million people around the world. While George Goates was in the process of burying his family members, he knew that his Sugar Beet crop was being trapped in the ground by an early freeze, yet he dutifully and lovingly attended to his dying family and "brought four of his loved ones home for burial in the course of only six days, made caskets, dug graves, and even helped with the burial clothing."

As George went back to the field with his son Francis to try to get another load of beets out of the frozen ground, they passed "wagon after wagon-load of beets being hauled to the factory and driven by neighborhood farmers. On the last wagon was Jasper Rolfe. He waved a cheery greeting and called out: 'That's all of 'em, Uncle George'". Thinking that other farmers had finished their own fields, George entered his field and only then realized that they had salvaged George's crop and there wasn't a sugar beet on the whole field. George sat on a pile of beet tops and sobbed like a little child. He then arose, wiped his eyes with a red bandana handkerchief, looked up at the sky and said, "Thanks, Father, for the elders of our ward."



*The "Blowhards" band*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

**OCTOBER DINNER MEETING:** On Thursday, 19 June 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Citizen Center, we held our monthly membership meeting with President F. Martell Grover directing and who gave a welcome to fifty-five members and guests.

**Louis Clements** presented a short history of the Telephone service in Rexburg. Some significant points made were that 1883 was the first telephone in Idaho. 1897 the first telephone company, the Snake River Telephone Company, in Rexburg with 12 customers. In 1911 Mountain Bell bought out the Snake River Telephone Company and had 139 customers. This continued to increase until in 1972 there were 8,142 telephones in Madison County with 6,500 of those in the city of Rexburg.

Doug Ladle introduced the speaker for the evening, **David Davis**, who was accompanied by his wife, Charley. His message for the evening was on the history of the Fire Department in Madison County. As he moved through his talk he showed pictures of the various designs of the Fire Station from 1910 until the present time and told the reasons for the increase in the size and capability of the building.

Part way into his talk Brother Davis had three members of the **Rexburg Fire Department Bagpipers** present three numbers. The numbers were "Scotland, the Brave", "Amazing Grace" and "Bells of Dun Blane". Brother Davis explained that each Fire Department has a distinguishing tartan that represents its clan and each bagpiper has a distinguishing emblem on their stockings.

He said that in 1976 the name of the Fire Department was changed to "Madison Fire Protection District" with three Fire Departments, Rexburg, Sugar City and Madison County. Because each area had their own funds and equipment, it was difficult to remember which fire equipment belonged to which entity so they had red trucks for Rexburg and Sugar City and yellow for Madison County. In 1984 Funds were provided so that they could have a unified system which solved some of these problems.

They have received 530 calls a year for their fire trucks and 2,500 calls a year for the ambulances.

**NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING:** On Thursday, 16 Nov 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Senior Citizen Center, we held our monthly membership meeting with President F. Martell Grover directing who gave a welcome to 68 members and guests.

The historical moment, given by **Lewis Clements**, was a short history of the Spori Building, which was the first built on the Ricks College (BYU Idaho) campus. Its location was way up the hill on Second South up from College Avenue and between Center Street and First East. At the March 1900 Fremont Stake Conference it was announced that the new Stake Academy building would be built, which was authorized in late 1899. About 2004 the old Spori Building was razed and a new building built, closely resembling the old one in design. President of Ricks/BYU-I David A. Bednar supervised its construction.

President Grover announced that Douglas Ladle had been nominated to be the President Elect for the year 2018 and President in the year 2019.

He then turned the time over to the **BYU Idaho ROTC** for the program. The BYU Idaho ROTC with cadets Call, Kemp, Irvine, Hatfield and Kuhn presented the colors followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by Cadet Kuhn. Cadet Irvine led the Pledge of the Allegiance.

ROTC Cadets Hall and Irvine presented the Historical American Flags with a description of each. Examples were Red Cross of St George, Meteor Flag used on ships, British Flag, New England Pine Tree Flag, Rhode Island Flag, Grand Union Flag flown over Valley Forge, Bunker Hill Flag, Continental Navy Jack with inscription "Don't Tread on Me", Rattle Snake Flag, Vermont Flag, Culpepper Minute Men Flag, First Stars and Stripes 14 June 1777, South Carolina Battle of Charleston 1776, Green Mountain Boys Flag, Star Spangled Banner and the Civil War Flag of the Union. The flags and their history were provided to us by the Grand Teton Peaks Boy Scout Council.

ROTC Cadet Hart told the history of the National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner." He indicated that there were several songs before this one, for example, "Hail Columbia", "My Country Tis of Thee", and America, the Beautiful". The Star Spangled Banner became the National Anthem on 3 Mar 1931.

ROTC Cadet Hatfield spoke on "Patriotism" and emphasized that service in the military is an excellent way for men and women to demonstrate their patriotism to show that they vigorously support our country and its flag. He also indicated that the spouses and families of those serving is another example of those who vigorously support the country as well.

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Sergeant First Class Abriam, one of the ROTC Leaders, spoke on how much she admired the cadets for the sacrifices they make and the quality of young men and women they are and that they will be excellent leaders of the Army in the future because of their "love of country".

President Grover recognized those in our Chapter who had served in the United States Military Service. He then asked each one to relate something about their service. Those who served in the Army were: Nile Boyle, Kenneth Brown (Served in WWII at Iwo Jima), Max W. Brown, Steve Bunnell, Lawrence Coates, Robert Cox (who served in the

Philippines during II World War), Jerry Glenn, F. Martell Grover, Phil Harmon, Douglas Ladle, Daniel Porter (Military Police), Robert Pyle (Navy), Dwayne Seeley, William Skinner, Byron H. Meader (also served during WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars), Nancy Quarez (who served in the Navy), Alton Wilde, Gordon Williams (Korea and Italy) and Lee Workman (Air Force). Reed Thurman, a visiting member of SUP, also shared his experiences in the Military.

*NEXT MONTH'S MEETING will be on 21 December with speaker John Thomas from BYU-Idaho, on "Religious Freedom in America".*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

NAME	CHAPTER	DATE OF DEATH
Wesley J Barlow	Box Elder	10/25/2017
Doug Thayer	At Large Member	10/05/2017
Lerue Winget	Cotton Mission	10/10/2017
Karl E Zimmerman	Lehi	10/28/2017

NAME ..... CHAPTER

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Darrell Krueger	Cedar City
Fred Kunz	Holladay
Nathaniel Ricks	Taylorsville Bennion
Terry L Taylor	Eagle Rock

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Howard L Hansen	Morgan Pioneer
Richard Hills	Centerville
David Jensen	Mills
Willmer Hanks Thompson	Mills

NAME ..... CHAPTER

### NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Ann Wagstaff	Timpanogos
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### NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

William L Barker	Cotton Mission
Rudy Benoit	Cotton Mission
Jon Brady	Mills
Clark Gifford	At Large Member
Stanford Hansen	At Large Member
Lott Johannes	Cotton Mission
Nick Lang	Cotton Mission
Brent Miner	Cotton Mission
Kent Morgan	Jordan River Temple
Kenneth Peterson	Cotton Mission
Michael Raleigh	Murray
Alan Rich	Cotton Mission
Dick Thomas	Grove City
Scott Truman	Cedar City
Jeff Westover	Cotton Mission
Gordon H Williams	Upper Snake River

## LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Board, at their final meeting of the year on December 13, 2016, gave final approval by unanimous vote for the creation of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society. The Legacy Society of the SUP is a planned giving recognition Society for members and friends who intend to make a bequest from their estate, trust or will to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon the donor's passing and fulfillment of the bequest the SUP agrees to use it according to the wishes of the donor or as needed by the SUP. By creation of the Legacy Society the SUP provides the process by which such bequests can be made. The form defining this new option is provided here for your information and consideration.



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

#### *Statement of Pledged Bequest for*

\_\_\_\_\_, Donor

#### *Benefitting The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_, Donor

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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This form confirms my expressed intent to make a bequest from my estate to augment *The Legacy Fund* for The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by signing this statement of pledged bequest I have qualified to be a member in the *Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society*, which is the planned giving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of my bequest arrangement as they stand to date:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Donor) Bequest Commitment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( approximate value)

or \_\_\_\_\_ % of his estate

- Upon fulfillment of the bequest, the Sons of Utah Pioneers agrees to utilize the gift to augment *The Legacy Fund* for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- The SUP agrees to use the Legacy Fund in facility maintenance and improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications, or other SUP approved projects and programs.

#### LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENTS

Should the bequest be made at or above the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 the donor may choose to establish The (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SUP Legacy Endowment.

**LEGACY SOCIETY CONTINUED...**

- In support of the SUP's greatest needs the SUP agrees to make annual distributions either from the interest generated from the endowment or until the fund is exhausted.
- The SUP agrees to use the name of this endowment when reasonably possible in facility maintenance or improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications or other SUP approved projects or programs.
- Good faith effort will be made to clear any press releases with each other (Donor and SUP) prior to any such media releases.
- The SUP is hereby authorized to comingle this gift, and any additions thereto, with the consolidated Investment funds of the SUP, provided that this fund be credited with its pro-rata share of net investment income in the same manner as other consolidated funds are credited with income.
- Should inadequate investment returns from the endowment fund necessitate invasion of the corpus of the fund, the SUP reserves the right to do so.
- If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the income from this endowment shall not be needed for the purposes set forth above, then the SUP is authorized to use the endowment for such purposes as similar as possible to the original intent and which will serve to honor, in an appropriate way, the generosity of the donor.
- Should any of the above be violated by either party, or should it be mutually deemed appropriate, the name of the endowment fund may be changed.

**JOIINT UNDERSTANDING**

While it is the SUP expectations and the donor's intention that this pledged bequest be fulfilled, should unforeseen circumstances require cancellation or modification of these terms, the donor may do so in writing to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

**SIGNED:**

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**Name of Donor**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledged:**

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**President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**

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**Date**

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

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**Corporate Secretary**

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**Date**

*The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers  
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# The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

## National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

### Report Form for 2017 Year Due February 15, 2018

(Complete All Criteria Listed before December 2017)

#### 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
  - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

#### 2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP

- Accomplish 90% "NET" National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2017.
- 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

- 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)

2016 Gift Subscription Scale:

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
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Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

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

- Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: February 2017

2017 Chapter President

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# The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

## National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

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**(Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 2017)**

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# National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

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## NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



## AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

I authorize and request NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS to initiate debit entries to my account, by and through AUTOMATED PAYMENT SYSTEMS, hereinafter called APS, and to debit the same to such account as indicated below at the depository financial institution indicated below. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until APS has received written notification from me of it's termination in such time and manner as to afford APS and depository financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner if different from Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type:             Checking                       Savings                       Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX)

Bank Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account / Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Credit Card Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Payment Amount:     \$25.00             \$50.00             \$75.00             \$100.00            Other Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be Monthly unless otherwise indicated here: \_\_\_\_\_

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