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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been an honor to be a part of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for the last seven years and to serve on the Chapter and National level with so many capable individuals. I have learned a great deal about this wonderful organization by participating with and observing those who have preceded me with these important responsibilities. My thanks

go out especially to John Elggren, Jim Hurst, Tom Alexander, Tony Tidwell, and John Smith. I appreciate the professional service of the office staff at the National Headquarters building located at the mouth of Parley's canyon overlooking the Salt Lake Valley. The team of Heather Davis, Linda Sorenson and Pat Cook manage most of the daily functions at the headquarters building. It is a highlight each month for me to see the Area Vice-Presidents and Program Directors at the monthly National Board meetings. Our Finance Committee is in capable hands. They meet quarterly and manage the funds of the National operations. The Pioneer Magazine Board is composed of talented writers and editors who compile the expanded and masterful quarterly magazine. Thank you, Bill

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Tanner for your leadership as publisher. I am grateful for the numerous Chapter Presidents, for their service and for the quality of their leadership.

As I have been reading the history of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, the Trail Marker newsletters, and the previous years issues of the Pioneer Magazine, it is apparent that we have a continuity of excellent leaders and members who will provide another outstanding year of accomplishments. This includes the upcoming National Chapter Presidents Council training for new Chapter Presidents, Presidents-elect and Past Presidents with our wives on Saturday, February 24th. A Regional Historical Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 3rd in St. George and the National Historical Symposium on Saturday, May 12th in Salt Lake City.

The purpose of the Regional and National Historical Symposiums is to provide inspirational and scholarly presentations, to expand our knowledge and understanding of LDS events and the Pioneers who have shaped our pioneer legacy. This is also an opportunity to invite friends and family members who may become potential members.



Keith Van Roosendaal - National President  
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## LEGACY OF PIONEER VALUES

The SUP is a values driven Society based on our Pioneer Ancestors Legacy.

These values include:

- Courage in the face of adversity
- Unwavering commitment to a higher good
- Honoring covenants made with God and promises made to each other
- Readiness to sacrifice for the welfare of others
- Foresight to choose the promises of the future over the security of the now
- To be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NAME ..... CHAPTER

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

Bruce Brockbank ..... Holladay  
 Donald Frame Jr ..... Taylorsville Bennion

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

James Albertson ..... Ogden Pioneer  
 Theron Anderson ..... Jordan River Temple  
 Kenyon P Hart .. Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)  
 Val C Parrish ..... Salt Lake Pioneer  
 Darin S Toone ..... Sevier Valley

## NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Doug Conway ..... Upper Snake River Valley  
 David C Evans ..... Lehi  
 Ralph W Powell ..... Morgan Pioneer

## NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry Conklin ..... Cotton Mission  
 Jared Covington ..... Salt Lake Pioneer  
 Ken Cromar ..... Brigham Young  
 Duane Crowther ..... Centerville  
 Robb Felch ..... Cotton Mission  
 Thomas Johnson ..... Box Elder  
 Dennis Elden Liddell .... Jordan River Temple  
 Kirby Sommerfeld ..... Brigham Young



NAME ..... CHAPTER

## FAMILY & FRIENDS CONVERTED TO ANNUAL MEMBERS

Spencer Adams ..... Hurricane Valley  
 Phil Anderson ..... Timpanogos  
 David Bee ..... At Large Member  
 Jerrold Billings ..... Mills  
 Terry Blodgett ..... Cedar City  
 Robert Candland ..... Salt Lake Pioneer  
 Fred S Carpenter ..... Little Salt Lake  
 Terrance Cooper ..... Little Salt Lake  
 Sharrif Dajany ..... Timpanogos  
 Josiah Douglas ..... Hurricane Valley  
 Kirk Evans ..... Brigham Young  
 John Frischknecht ..... Maple Mountain  
 Gary Harshberger ..... Taylorsville Bennion  
 Thomas Higbee ..... Cedar City  
 Neal Hoss ..... Cotton Mission  
 Buck Humphries ..... Hurricane Valley  
 Kesl Hunter ..... Grove City  
 Jeff Hurst ..... Ogden Pioneer  
 JR Johansen ..... Ogden Valley  
 David Kirk ..... Murray  
 Dale Kirkham, Jr. Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)  
 Richard Matson ..... Timpanogos  
 David Moore ..... Cotton Mission  
 James Robinson ..... Little Salt Lake  
 Scott Shore ..... Centerville  
 Reed Skeem ..... Twenty Wells  
 Larry M Slade ..... Lehi  
 Richard T Stocking ..... Grove City  
 Brent L Walker ..... At Large Member  
 Matthew E Walker ..... At Large Member  
 Frederick Williams ..... Brigham Young  
 Marc Wride ..... Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)  
 Tom Zaleski ..... Little Salt Lake

# 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/>

## 2018 REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

1:00 - 7:00 pm

Bloomington, St George Stake Center

200 W Brigham Road, Bloomington, UT

## 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.



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

**16**  
January

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - 6PM**

**20**  
January

**PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

February 24

**ANNUAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING**

March 3

**REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM - ST GEORGE**

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).

## TWO TESTIMONIES

Written & Told by LeGrand Durfee

Contributed By monicajaneanderson1 · Apr 26, 2014



Philo Dibble

LeGrand Durfee knew these two men very well, and heard them bear testimony to the things related here. LeGrand told about these men one time in preaching, so on May 14, 1933, he told their story again, and it was written down as follows:

**Philo Dibble** lived in the state of Illinois. There he was shot and wounded by the anti-Mormon mob. While he was bleeding to death, in fact almost gone, the prophet was sent for.

He and the prophet were very close friends. The prophet laid his hands upon his head and blessed him to live and said he would go to the Rocky Mountains and be a useful instrument in carrying on the work of the Lord there, and would live to be of old age. He also promised him that not a hair of his head should ever change its color.

LeGrand saw and heard him when he was called to the stand in Springville, Utah, to bear his testimony, and he told of the blessing and promise of the prophet Joseph to him. He had a long beard which hung clear to his waist and it was as white as the driven snow, but his hair was as black as it was the day the prophet laid hands on his head.

Brother Dibble traveled through the state with a moving picture show showing the persecutions of the saints in Illinois, Ohio, and Missouri. It also included the Hawn's Mill Massacre, the martyrdom of the prophet, and such pictures pertaining to the early history and trials of the church.

**William Huntington** while a young man lived with the Prophet Joseph Smith and was a great favorite of the prophet. He took suddenly and violently ill while the prophet was away from home. The Prophet Joseph's wife Emma sent word for him to hasten home, for William was lying at the point of death. When the prophet reached home his wife met him at the gate and said, "Joseph you are too late. William has been dead for five minutes."

The prophet rushed in to the house, placed his hands upon the dead man's head, and commanded the spirit to return to his body that he again become a living soul. No sooner had the prophet removed his hands from his head, than he showed signs of life. The prophet raised him up in bed and ask his wife Emma to bring a bowl of bread and milk. He fed him part of it and then told William to feed himself, which he did. He had been unable to take any nourishment for several days. The prophet asked for the sick man's clothes, he dressed him, and helped him out on the floor and over to a chair. He then placed his hands upon William's head, and told him he would live to be an old man. He would go the valleys of the mountains and pain would never again enter his body in any way, shape, or form, and when he died it would be suddenly.

This prophecy and promise was fulfilled to the very letter. LeGrand knew this man very well in Springville, Utah. He was postmaster there and LeGrand, then just a boy would go for the mail and talk to him almost every day.

The night Brother Huntington died, he went to bed feeling fine, along about three o'clock his wife found him cold in death. He had died without a struggle. While he was alive he bore his testimony many times that he had never felt any pain since the prophet administered to him.

William was also the one that helped prepare the body of the prophet and also helped bury him.

# AREA VICE PRESIDENTS

*These are the local executive officers assigned to work with their chapters and be a liaison between them and National.  
They will be glad to hear from you about concerns on the area level.*

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## CENTRAL AREAS

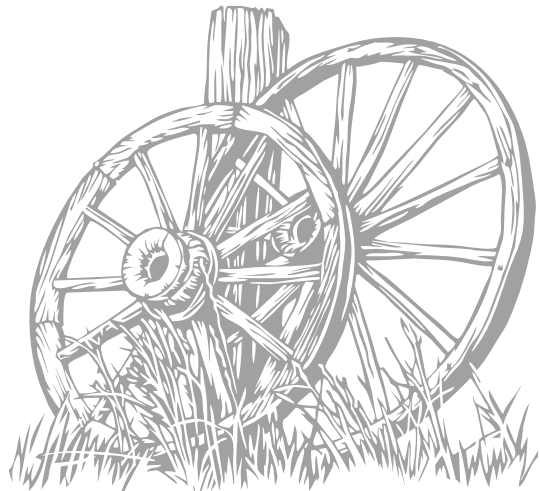
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# CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

If you would like to have your chapter news printed in the Trail Marker please do the following:

1. Write up a one- to three-paragraph article in MS Word (or as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 or 2 quality photographs as jpgs to your email. Do not insert them into the document.
3. Email to: [rolandleefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rolandleefamily@gmail.com)
4. Use the subject line: "Trail Marker - Chapter name" (nothing more)
5. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters.

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



*Bar None Band*

The December meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter featured an evening of entertainment with the "Bar None" Band. Headed by Cotton Mission Chapter member **Robin Davis**, the group shared both Christmas and cowboy tunes. At the end of the evening our new chapter leaders for 2018 were sworn in by area vice president **David Hinton**. Leaders include: **Thad Stewart**, president; **Ralph Atkin**, past president; **Lloyd Carter**, president-elect; **Kevin Jenkins**, secretary; **Mel Duehlmeier**, treasurer.



*New Officers*

## HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

We met at the Hurricane Stake Center for our annual Christmas dinner. Thanks to Kay Woodbury, Jo Covington, and Marian Keller, the decorations were wonderful. A small group of men met early to set up tables and chairs, and the ladies decorated them. It was a festive scene. As the chapter began to assemble, you could tell that it was going to be a great evening. With 96 or more in attendance, we visited and listened to Christmas music.

After the prayer and pledge, our new board was sworn in to begin the event. Our new president for 2018 will be Chris Woodbury, with Ben Ruesch as the new president-elect, and Tom Hirschi as the immediate past president. Serving with

them in the executive council will be Darwin Leavitt as Treasurer, and Gerry Buckner as Secretary. Finishing out the board are Steve Wilcock (membership), Gail Hinton (essays and scholarships), Paul Covington (essays & scholarships), Dan Zaleski (Treks), David Isom (Monuments), Richard Black (Memorialization's & Newsletters), and David Hinton (Newsletter Publisher & Editor, and Webmaster)

After dinner we were entertained by Casey Lofthouse with a few Christmas and other songs. Casey also brought his friends, Leon Gubler and Dr. Paul Gooch, who recited cowboy poetry along with singing to the guitar and harmonica. All in all, it was a great evening.



*Casey Lofthouse and performers*



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## JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER - West Jordan, Utah

Our Chapter enjoyed a beautiful December program of dance and song around the theme of Christmas by the **Madrigal Group** from the West Jordan High School. These youth are all so focused – they are all an inspiration to those they entertain. Seeing youth such as these just confirms to us that our community will be blessed in the future because of their standards, enthusiasm, and sincere caring for the common good of everyone.



*Jordan River HS Madrigals*

As a Chapter, our members and their families are so pleased to belong to the Sons of Utah Pioneers who, among other things, support the youth in their programs, through scholarships, support of the youth's activities, and pioneer

essay contests. A quote from the mission statement of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers that appears on the inside cover of the most recent Pioneer magazine (2017, volume 64, No. 3) reads as follows:

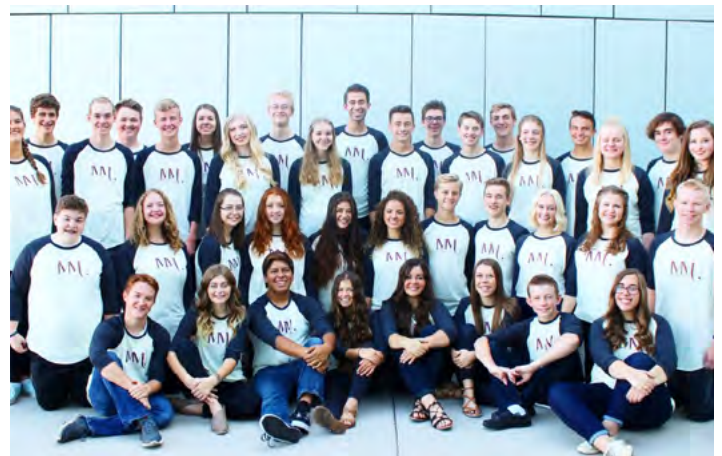
*"...we honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify the pioneer qualities of character; and teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers."* To us, this is a perfect statement that expresses our thoughts toward the needed support of our youth.

**A SPECIAL REUNION:** Recently, a couple from our Chapter attended a Christmas dinner with a charitable enterprise that she volunteers some of her time and effort along with their special needs son. Adjacent to the table where they sat was a woman who looked very familiar to them. When the woman's husband arrived, they were able to immediately recall where they had met them. This couple are the parents of the student who received our June 2016 High School Graduate Scholarship. They both thanked our Chapter for this scholarship and repeated what it meant to them and to their son. They said that receiving this scholarship was the spark their son needed to continue his university studies. They reported that he is doing quite well and thanked us again and again for this gift. Isn't it wonderful when a report is received along with "Thanks" on the success of one of our SUP projects.

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

Our chapter Christmas meeting on December 8 featured a delicious tri-tip beef dinner furnished by our fabulous caterer, Lori Catmull. Our chapter president, John Riding, added a Christmas Pioneer story.

We enjoyed an inspirational Christmas concert by the 40-voice Maple Mountain High School Chamber Choir directed by Braden Rymer. We were treated to a variety of musical numbers varying from the "Cradle Hymn" to "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year". Our members all left with the Christmas Spirit deep into our hearts. They were also impressed with the quality of the Choir led by a director that had only been with them for three months. The most common comment afterward, as we were leaving was, "Did you notice how much the director danced as he directed the Choir?" There is no question that he brought the best out of the young singers. They looked like they were pleased and proud to be able to sing under his direction.



*Maple Mountain High School Chamber Choir*

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



*Utah Chamber Artists*

Select members of the **Utah Chamber Artists** performed at our December meeting. The Utah Chamber Artists are based in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was established in 1991 by Music Director, Barlow Bradford. The ensemble is comprised of forty singers and forty players who together, create a balance and sonority rarely found in a combined choir and orchestra. Besides presenting the traditional and revered repertoire of the past, the group provides audiences with the finest contemporary works and regularly commissions new music. The musicians perform out of their love for great music and a genuine desire to enrich the lives of their listeners.

The November meeting speaker was **Greg Paulsen**. He began his remarks by explaining that the Church under Bishop Brown made an unprecedented donation of \$300

million of health care facilities to the community. Bishop Brown then set up a volunteer system to provide health care for the community that would be a model for the world.

Is the United States health care delivery system changing directions? Yes! As president Trump stated, "This is unbelievably complex. I can't believe that health care could be so complicated." Indeed, fundamental changes are difficult to make. A large group of people are dependent on programs that they were not dependent on eight years ago. For example, insurance exchanges now take care of 23 million people in the U.S., and 200 thousand in Utah. They are receiving significant subsidies from the government. Eighty percent of them had other insurance before going onto the exchange. The Obama administration thought they were creating a program for those who did not have insurance, but 80% who went onto the insurance exchange had insurance previously. Many small employers dropped insurance, gave their employers a raise and let them buy their insurance on the exchange. The problem is that the exchanges are broke and are not working very well.

**JANUARY 8:** *The speaker for January 8 meeting will be Steve Rich. Marc and Tracie Hyde will speak at the February 12 meeting.*

## MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



*John Porter*

**NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING:** On November 20th the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held their monthly luncheon meeting at Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. Guest speaker was **John Porter**. John was born in Idaho. He and his wife Connie, live in Porterville and have four children. He is a former bishop and served as a missionary in the Scotland

Edinburgh Mission and later as Mission President of the Ohio Cincinnati Mission. He is founder and CEO of FOCUS Services.

John is a descendant of Sanford Porter, who was one of the first settlers in Porterville. His family came to the Americas in the 1640s. Sanford was born in 1790 in Massachusetts. He was raised in a family with twelve children. His parents were religious Bible readers. They attended the Baptist Church, but Sanford's father would never join because he said it was not the Biblical Church. They did not teach what the New Testament church was, stating there should be apostles and prophets.

As a young boy, Sanford had several experiences where he saw miracles occur. When he was twenty-five years old he had a friend die. It started him thinking about separation, death, and about god. Sanford wrote that he finally knelt down and prayed and ask that if there were a god, would he make himself known to him and tell him what was right. Almost immediately, he describes an audible voice stating

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that there is a god and he would hear it three times and would know what was right. That night he experienced other manifestations which convinced him that there was a God and that His church would be restored.

A couple of years later they moved to Tazewell County, Illinois and built a sawmill. There he met the Morris Phelps family and the Charles C. Rich family, and became close friends. He related his earlier experiences about God to both families. Around June of 1831, Phelps had been in Chicago where he heard two preachers teaching about a religion that had been restored on the earth that had a prophet and was the same as the New Testament church. They sent missionaries to visit Sandord and after three days, Sanford told the missionaries that he was convinced that what the missionaries were teaching him was true. When asked if he would be baptized, he said, "No, I will not join until I hear from the same being that gave me the message. Then I will join." The missionaries returned each day, and each day Sanford told them 'I believe, but I have to know". The day before the missionaries were to leave the area, Sanford retired to bed and offered a prayer telling God that he had to know. He heard the same soft voice telling him that it was true and he should arise and be baptized. That morning he and his wife and daughter were baptized. His sons joined shortly after.

They travelled with the Saints to Independence Missouri and eventually to Nauvoo, where they worked on completing the temple and were able to receive their ordinances before the mobs drove them out.

After crossing the plains the family settled in Mill Creek canyon where he describes the winter of 1847-48 when they were on a quarter cup of flour rations and had to chew twigs to try and relieve the hunger. Sanford becomes a bishop in Centerville.

Sanford Porter was never a stake president or an apostle, never the governor or the mayor or a legislator. What he was, was a covenant keeping member of the kingdom. He, at great sacrifice, understood and kept his covenants and left a lasting legacy for his family.

## DECEMBER MEETING:

Over 150 members, spouses, and friends of the Morgan Chapter of the Utah Sons of Pioneers gathered at the Rock Chapel for their annual Christmas party on December 18th. After socializing and the recognition of December birthdays, dinner was catered by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. Outgoing president Alan Turner then presented the Modern Pioneer Award to Porterville resident **Lloyd Aldin Porter**.



*Lloyd Aldin Porter*

Aldin was born in Salt Lake City and raised in Blackfoot and Idaho Falls. He served a mission in the newly formed West Central States Mission. When he returned from his mission he married his sweetheart, Shirley Palmer, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They moved to Provo where he pursued his degree at Brigham Young University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree. Aldin and Shirley were blessed with six children, four girls and two boys, whom they raised in Meridian, Idaho and Sandy, Utah. They also have 31 grandchildren and 64 great grandchildren, with three more on the way. Aldin spent his career in Life Insurance and Estate Planning. He enjoyed working with people and helping them prepare a secure future.

Aldin has held many positions in his church. He has served as a High Councilor, Bishop, Stake President, Regional Representative, Mission President of the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission, and a Member of the First Quorum of Seventy. He also served as a councilor in the Boise Temple Presidency and as President of the Salt Lake Temple. Aldin has truly spent his life in the service of others and is the perfect example of a Modern Day Pioneer.

After Alden received his award, the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Board members for 2018 were given the oath of office by National President James Hurst.

Entertainment was provided by **Dennis Barker**, a well-known and talented violinist. His violin is over 200 years old. He favored us with several Christmas songs and closed with God Be With You. The program concluded with **Alan Medaris** leaving us with a wonderful message about the Savior and the true meaning of Christmas.

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## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

The Third Annual Gold and Green Ball of the Portneuf Pioneer's was held this year at the historic Meridell Park in Pocatello, on Saturday, December 2, 2017. After a delicious Barron of Beef holiday meal, Christmas entertainment was provided by the **Pocatello High School's Gate City Singers**. New officers were inducted, followed by dancing with **Steve Riley** providing the music. Photos and socializing finished off a super fun night.



Mr. Grayson and the Gate City Singers

## RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah

The December dinner meeting and pot-luck dinner was held at the Glendale Church in Glendale on December 7. 2018's executive committee was sworn in at our last meeting by **David Hinton**, area vice president.

*JANUARY'S DINNER MEETING will be held January 4th at 6 p.m in the Kanab Utah Stake Center. Program for the evening will include a narrative including information about Albert Anderson who assisted in constructing many early buildings in this area including the 1924 chapel, Dr. Aiken's hospital and many others.*



David Hinton swears in new officers

*Photo seated: Marlin Brown, newsletter; Larry Rhodes, secretary. Standing: Reid Sherratt, treasurer; Gerald Spencer, board member; Russell Keller, president-elect; Roger Chamberlain, president 2018; and Bruce Harris, president 2017.*

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

Our Christmas Concert was held December 6 featuring **choirs from the LDS Business College**. There were two choirs represented, and many of the students from the LDS Business College sing in both choirs. As part of the program the director asked how many were from foreign countries, or from states outside of Utah, and how many in Utah. The vast majority are from outside Utah, and a huge number from other countries. How many speak one or more languages besides English, again all but a small percentage raised their hands.

*JANUARY MEETING will be Thursday January 24 at Tenth Ward chapel. The speaker is **Patricia Lemmon Spilsbury**. She is the grandmother of twelve and presently serves as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, assigned to the Church History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Of her countless involvements at the Church History Library, Sister Spilsbury has worked on an innumerable series of publications coming out these past few years, and played one of the many major roles behind the scenes in publishing the "The First Fifty Years of*



*Relief Society". Sister Spilsbury will not confine her remarks strictly to the Relief Society publication, but will share many little miracles that continually come about daily to those working at the Church History Library.*

**THE FEBRUARY 1ST MEETING** will feature **Rhett James** speaking about Brigham Young and Chief Washakie. March 1st is Jack Tanner on the Salt Lake Temple Building.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah Area

**NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING** was held on Nov.15th. **Bob Jepsen** shared the history of his home country, the Hurricane area, and all the missions called to that area. Wine, Cotton and Silk Missions. The meeting was at the 4th, 7th and 9th ward building. A great potato bar dinner prepared mainly by Dave and Lana Ogden, with the assistance of several other board members and their spouses. The meal was followed by the program. The program was very informative and entertaining as only Bob can do. Bob shared many humorous stories about the history of the missions and people called to fill those missions.

**DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING** was our annual Christmas banquet and entertainment. This was held at the Snow College Conference Center on December the 6th at 6:00 PM. The meal was again a special dinner catered by "The Main Event" and the Christmas program was provide by

**the Durfee Family Band** who presented a great program of Christmas music. It was a great way for our members, spouses, and friends to kick off the Christmas Holiday Season.

**THE JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING** will be A Bryce Canyon History held on January 17 at 6:00pm. We will meet at the 4th 7th and 9th Ward building in Richfield located at 4th west and 2nd north. We will have a meal, still being planned, at 6:00 followed at 6:30 by the program. The Program will be about the history of Bryce Valley and Bryce Canyon, presented by JoAnn Topham who was raised in the small town of Tropic which is located in Bryce Valley and Gordon Topham who in 1974 wrote the "The History of Bryce Canyon National Park and Surrounding Area" while he was working as a Ranger for the National Park at Bryce Canyon. The program will be a PowerPoint presentation with some fun and interesting facts.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah

### TEMPLE FORK NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING:

**Jim Thomas** was the speaker at the November dinner meeting. He discussed the Middle East, its religious history and wars. During his 33 years as a professor at Utah State University, Jim served in Bolivia, Egypt, India, and West Bank Palestine. He also served three missions for the Church in South Africa, Puerto Rico and Curacao with his wife Marilyn, and a Technical Agriculture Mission. Jim helped



*Jim Thomas*

start a new University in West Bank Palestine, The Arab American University, and he is presently helping to develop a new University in Mauritius, Africa.

Jim explained that the Middle East has been in conflict for thousands of years. Syria is important in conflict history, because it was a strong nation for hundreds of years. The origin of the Middle East conflict was a struggle for land in the area of Canaan between the decedents of Abraham's sons, Isaac and Ishmael. In 570 AD, Mohammad, a descendant of Ishmael, was born. He was taken up "translated in 682. He

married a daughter of a friend, Abu Bakr. Thus, Abu became Mohammad's father-in-law. After Mohammad's death, Abu claimed Muslim leadership. One of Mohammad's cousins, Ali, married a daughter of Mohammad, thus becoming Mohammad's son-in-law. After Mohammad's death, Ali also claimed leadership of the Muslims. Consequently, the Muslims split into two groups, adopting the names Sunnis and Shiites. The two groups had conflict over who would lead Islam--a conflict that is still going on today. Currently there are 1.6 billion Muslims; 80 percent are Sunni.

The Holy land has been occupied by many people through the years. Because Syria, Iraq, Saudia Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, etc., were on the losing side of World War I, the League of Nations granted the French occupational control of half the Middle East--Syria and Lebanon. The British was given control of the other half--Palestine, Iraq, Saudia Arabia, and Jordan.

In 1917 many Jewish people moved into what is now Israel. They bought small parcels of land called Kibbutz and settled there, but did not integrate with the the Arabs. Conflict between them over the years caused the British to ask the UN to intervene. So in 1947, the UN took much land from the Arabs, gave it to the Jews, and called it Israel. A war broke

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out and many of the Palestinians moved into the West Bank, and many went to refugee camps that still exist.

The West Bank is designated Palistinian. But Israel, as the occupier, has built many settlements for Jews, which are illegal by international law. The war in the Middle East is about power, not religion. They use religion as an excuse.

Some information about each of the Middle East countries today:

**Iran** - Wealthy, educated, and want to be part of the modern world. In 1950 they wanted democracy but United States deposed the leader and replaced him with Shah Reza Pahlavi.

**Egypt** - The most populated place in the Middle East. Ninety-five percent live by the Nile River.

**Kurds** - Thirty million live in several countries and do not have a place named for them. Many of them live in Turkey and they do things to gain attention, such as demonstrations.

**Iraq** - The U.S.-Iraq war was because the U.S. thought Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. The Iraq military was defeated. All the members of Saddam Hussain's party were released from power, including the military leaders, leaving a vacuum of leadership. ISIS came in and took the military hardware left by the U.S.—tanks, trucks, ammunition, guns, etc.— and used it to take over much of the land.

**Syria** - The Assad family is still in power and is aided by Russia. A civil war began, and it is still going on now. ISIS was important in Syria in the beginning of the war but has since lost land and power.

**Islamic Fundamentalists** - Their goal is power. Lots of people from many countries of the world, including Americans, joined this movement.

**ISIS** - They moved across the borders into Syria and Iraq and took control of a large portion of the land. Much of that land has been taken back

## TEMPLE FORK DECEMBER DINNER MEETING:

An eight-member group of the Imperial Glee Club presented a Christmas program for the December dinner meeting. The Imperial Glee Club is a Cache Valley men's chorus. It was organized 102 years ago and has been an active singing group continually since that time. There are usually between 25 and 30 members. The current director is Randy Wellbaum. The current accompanists are Marilyn Jacobson and Sandra Ashby.

The Glee Club performed a variety of numbers spotlighting various performers. A member of the club told the story of how in 1818 Joseph Mohr wrote the music for a poem, Silent Night, that was written by Franz Gruber in 1816, in Germany. That carol has now been translated into over 300 languages. "Silent Night" was then sung, with Randy Wellbaum singing the first verse in German, the group singing the first two versed in English, and the SUP member were invited to join in singing the last verse. The group finished the program with "O Holy Night."



*The Imperial Glee Club*

Officers for the 2018 year were sworn in by Val Roberts, Assistant Vice President for the Northern Utah Area.



*Temple Fork officers for 2018.*

*Left to right: Keith Checketts, Telephone Calling; Richard Brown, Historian; George Montrose, Secretary; Jeff Barnes, President; DeLoy Johnson, Membership; Clark Puffer, Scholarship; Raul Riley, Programs; Val Roberts, Northern Utah Area Vice President*

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## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Allen Christensen*

President Elect **Allen Christensen** gave an outstanding presentation based on the theme of "Reflections and Remembrances of Your Way West". Allen stated that we all have experiences in life that should be recorded for our posterity. The history of our lives does not have to be only of the dramatic or unusual type, but should include many of the every day experiences

that are common in life. Allen presented many examples of such in a way that was entertaining and enlightening. These experiences may seem ordinary to us at this point, but may give our posterity a very accurate look at the times we live which may seem different or unusual to our children. In recording our history, we make "Elijah our friend" and who would not want Elijah as a friend on judgment day?

One of the first examples of interest that Allen gave was of a trip in Nevada going to chase wild horses with a

friend. After capturing several, they started to return home in the night time. Allen was convinced that they were going the wrong way and asked to get out of the vehicle. After looking at the stars, it was determined that they were going in the wrong direction and had to make a 180 degree turn around to get home. Another example was of the pioneers who crossed plains in heat and dust with handcars with squeaking wheels. One such pioneer traveled from Iowa City to Salt Lake City (1,300 miles) with bare feet. The thing most difficult for the pioneer may have been the cries of hungry children.

Other examples were of a young man receiving a drill and bit for Christmas and was so excited that he drilled a couple of holes in the floor of his bedroom. The remembrance of delivering sacks of potatoes to needy families was discussed. One youngster shot the big toe of a sleeping father with a bb gun given as a Christmas gift. There was a vote in church to move Mt. Nebo from the East side of the valley to the West side taken with the congregation half asleep. Allen said that adding history to the Overland Trail or simply writing a pioneer story would be a good goal. Whatever we do, help will come from various sources. It will be special for us.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

On Thursday, 21 Dec 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 66 members and guests.

New leaders for 2018 will be **Ken Hart, President, Doug Ladle, President Elect, F. Martell Grover, Past President, Max W. Brown, Secretary, and Ron Gibb, Treasurer.**

**Bill Eckersell** described the different monuments for which our Chapter has responsibility. There are seven:

1. Marker honoring the early settlers in Rexburg, located on the west corner of the north steps of the Rexburg Tabernacle.
2. Marker for the Rexburg Public Square, located on the south side of Porter Park. It was where all public civic activities were held from 1883 until 1912 when the Rexburg Tabernacle was constructed.

3. The Rexburg Tabernacle Civil Centennial monument which was dedicated 24 July 2013, located on the northeast corner of the Rexburg Tabernacle lot. On each of its four sides it recognizes a different event. a. original centennial, b. honoring the 150 year centennial of the forming of the Idaho Territory (1863-2013) c. Honoring the 100th anniversary of the forming of Madison County d. Honoring the 100 years since the settlement of Rexburg 1883-1983.
4. Ft Lemhi monument located in Salmon, Idaho in honor of Sacajawea.
5. Ft Henry in St Anthony, Idaho dedicated 5 Sep 2011.
6. Recognition of Rexburg Pioneers of 1883-1884, located on the south side east steps of the Rexburg Tabernacle, dedicated 28 Sept 1935 by Rexburg Stake and Utah Pioneers Trail group.

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7. Recognition of the Pioneers who built the North Fork Ferry, located at Beaver Dick Park, Rexburg, Idaho, Dedicated 21 Aug 1937.

The historical moment, given by Lewis Clements, was a short history of the Union Pacific Rail Road Depot located in Rexburg, Idaho on the corner of Main Street and 2nd West by the railroad tracks. In 1899 a Freight depot was built by the Steiner's Elevator, which burned down in 1909 and rebuilt in 1910. At that time 1910 the Passenger Depot was built. The Estimate to build it was \$1,500, but because of its design and materials used, it actually cost about \$20,000. It provided passenger service until 1971 and in 1985 it was torn down. It was noted that the Yellowstone Special that took passengers to West Yellowstone didn't stop in Rexburg.

Following his presentation of the Historical Moment, President Grover presented to **Brother Clements**, who was accompanied by his wife, Diane, the "National Modern Pioneer Award" plaque provided by the National SUP Organization, honoring him for his years of involvement in identifying and recognizing the Pioneers in and around Madison County.



President Grover then introduced the speaker for the evening, **John Thomas**, who spoke to us on the subject of Religious Freedom. He began his presentation by quoting from a book "John Nicholson's Gathering: The Means of Escape". "Born in Scotland (in 1839) and converted in England (in 1861), Nicholson longed to see his family "in the Gathering Place of God's people." He emigrated in 1866 on the American Congress and arrived in New York on the 4th of July. The fireworks he watched from the ship that night foreshadowed the drama that awaited him in the gathering place. In 1880 he portrayed Mormon country as a place of "safety... from the abominations and calamities of the last days," but his life in Zion included its full share of

commotion. Yet, despite the religious and political conflict that encroached upon his refuge, Nicholson steadfastly lived by the precepts of his well-known hymn, "Come, Follow Me."

Followed by a quote from Brian Grim and Roger Finke (2011-52) "Since the passage of the first Amendment the religious outsiders of each era have tested its boundaries." Brother Thomas asked the question, "Who are the Religious Outsiders?"

He pointed out that in Idaho in the 1800's the territory passed a law that if a person living within its boundaries had a polygamous marriage he could not vote. (Note: Women were not allowed to vote at that time either.) At the time Rexburg was the largest community in the territory. This law was not repealed for 106 years

In the State of Utah the matter of polygamy was taken to the United States Supreme Court and in 1884 they ruled that the Utah Constitution was valid. In 1894 the manifesto was issued by the State.

Currently the restrictions of religion around the world are monitored and it has been found that ¾ of the world population lived in areas where there is substantial restrictions on religion. He displayed a chart showing the social hostilities involving religion from around the world and the United States was rated as high. He explained what that meant and emphasized that there are many variables.

Brother Thomas quoted a Baptist minister who said "If we don't agree in religious liberty then we are not for Liberty of Religion." He emphasized that Government can observe behavior of religious organizations, but should not decide who is good or bad.

He asked that the audience name the First Amendment freedoms of the United States and they named all five, which are: 1. Religion 2. Press 3. Assembly 4. Petition 5. Speech. He emphasized that in the United States the people take the above for granted and that the First Amendment is only as valuable as the commitment and understanding those freedoms have as they exist in the life of each person. He also emphasized that Religious freedom for all is the only way to have true religious freedom. He closed with that comment.

**NEXT MONTH'S MEETING** will be on 18 January 2018 with speaker, J. D. Hancock, who will speak on the History of the LDS Church in Russia.



The St George Cotton Mission chapter of  
The Sons of Utah Pioneers  
Presents

# 2018 Regional Historic Symposium

# "Pioneer Moments in Time"

1:00 p.m. Presentation Donald Hinton  
The Rising Tide of Mormonism in Red China

2:00 p.m. Presentation:  
Jim Rhoades: There's Gold in Them Thar Hills

3:00 p.m. Presentation: Wayne Hinton:  
Mountain Meadow Massacre a New Look

4:00 p.m. Presentation: Monte Holm  
From Lost Boy to Mission President

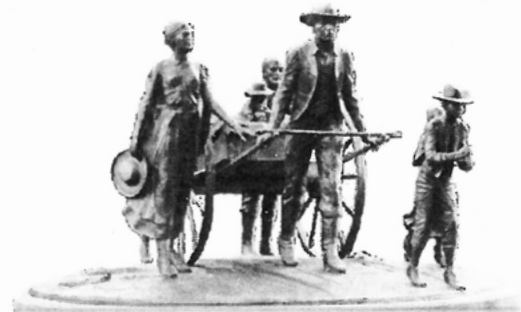
5:30p.m. Keynote Speaker : Hyrum Smith  
The Puurpose For the Year 1830

**Saturday, March 3rd, 2018**

**1:00pm**

**Bloomington, St George Stake Center  
200 W Brigham Rd**

**Bloomington UT 84790**



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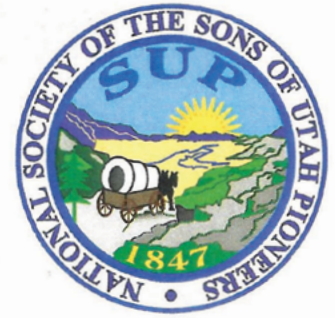
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**Dr. Wayne Hinton** Grew up in Hurricane Utah He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Utah State University, and a PhD in history from BYU. He served as chair of the history department for 18 of his 38 years of teaching at Southern Utah University. He has authored many book and articles, and received many awards. He has served as stake president, and president of the Cedar Chapter of the SUP.



**James A. Rhoades:** Married to his wife Kathy. They have 8 children and 22 grandchildren. He is the Great, great grandson of Thomas Rhoades who was The gold connection between the Ute Nation and Brigham Young. He is a former Seminary Teacher and renowned guest speaker at EFY and Youth for Freedom, and a Life Coach.



**Dr. Donald Ray Hinton:** Born in Hurricane Utah, and Married to Ada Lu Fuller. They have 6 Children and almost 25 grandchildren. He served a mission to Hong Kong as a young man, and as Mission President there in 2000 – 2003. Received his PhD in Interpersonal Communication and Oral Interpretation from Southern Illinois University. He was the professor of Communication and coach of the Forensic Squad for 25 years at Dixie State University. For 6 years as department chair, and 11 years as Dean, acting for a short time as Acting Vice-President of Academics.



**Monte Holm:** Married to Lisa and has 6 children and 16 grandchildren. They currently reside at the Holmstead Ranch north of St. George. He learned early the value of hard work, and at a very young age, became financially independent. He is co-founder of World Financial Group of the U.S. and Canada. He co-authored the Legacy Planner with Hyrum Smith. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from DSU. He served as the South Carolina Columbia Mission Pres.



**Hyrum W. Smith:** Distinguished author, speaker and businessman. Co-founder and former CEO of Franklin Covey, Co. For three decades he has been empowering people to effectively govern their personal and professional lives. He combines wit and enthusiasm with a gift for communicating compelling principles that incite lasting personal change. He married his wife Gail and have 6 children (5 living) and 20 grandchildren (18 living).

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers please contact one of these local chapters:**

Little Salt Lake-Parowan and surrounding areas-Tom Zeleski-435-590-6361

Cedar City-Cedar City and surrounding areas-Terry Alger-435-590-6782

Hurricane-Hurricane, LaVerkin, Toquerville, Apple Valley areas-Tom Hirschi-435-635-4291

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Or please call 801-484-4441 for more information Website-www.SUP1847.com

## 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)

#### 4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

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

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**2016 Gift Subscription Scale:**

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10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions
20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
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40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

**Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office**

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

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**2017 Chapter President**

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

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