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A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

The month of November and our traditional Thanksgiving holiday is much more than just one day of feasting. It is a season of reminiscence and recounting of all in our lives for which we can feel gratitude. This November I find myself particularly aware of the role my membership in the Sons of Utah Pioneers continues to play in placing me in touch with the major role my pioneer ancestors have played in setting a standard of excellence in their lives for which I can strive in my own. As the result of my activity in the SUP I have come to truly know the first true Utah pioneers in my own ancestry, William Hurst and his wife Suzanna, whose emigration from England to their "Zion" took three years from 1849 to 1852 because of repeated crises and tragedies enroute. Then after just six months in the Utah Territory William, obviously hungry, found, washed and ate a root while working on a mill race project. He was dead within hours. The root turned out to be a poison parsnip. His son, Philip, assumed the responsibility of the family at just 16 years of age and successfully persevered in that capacity until his mother remarried. Later in life Philip did his pioneering in Northern Mexico helping to settle and establish the Mormon Colonies where he had moved to live in safety with his two families, free from the threat of prison and fines. He had

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at his side two courageous pioneer women, Elizabeth Wilcox and Rebecca Ann Sanderson, both of whom lived lives of commitment, courage and perseverance.

This story is not unique. It is one more story of "OUR PEOPLE", those early pioneers whose lives and legacy we honor and work to preserve. The Sons of Utah Pioneers is a values-driven Society just as these and so many other pioneers lived values-driven lives of courage in the face of adversity, an unwavering commitment to a higher good, honoring covenants made to their God and promises made to each other, a readiness to sacrifice for the welfare of others, and the foresight to choose the promises of the Future over the security of the Now. This is a high water mark indeed, but at the same time they are all worthy goals as we strive to emulate the example and heritage they left us. So, during this month of reminiscence and gratitude, I encourage us all to include both those marvelous pioneer ancestors of yesteryear and the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers of today.

BROTHER BRIGHAM'S BALL

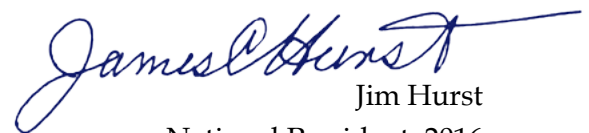
A wise man once reminded us that "A healthy Society is a Celebrative Society". My Great-Grandmother, Fanny Mary Ann Romriell, who migrated to her Zion in 1855, at 15 years of age, was known to say in later life that her trek across the plains was the happiest time of her life. The highlight of each day was for her the dancing and socials in the evening. I suspect that she was a vibrant and attractive young woman who enjoyed the attention of the other teenage youth in her company at those evening dances. Indeed, dancing and celebration is an important part of our pioneer heritage. It is in this spirit of pioneering that you are invited to Brother Brigham's Ball on Friday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the pioneer dance demonstration and dancing on the lower level of the SUP Headquarters building. More detailed information is available elsewhere in this Trail Marker edition. There is a limited number that can be seated for the dinner, so reserve your place early. This is an evening not to be forgotten. Don't miss it!

SUSTAINING HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

After just six months in operation it is encouraging to see the steady stream of Regular and Life members who are stepping up to enroll in this elevated level of membership in support of the SUP and what we stand for. The commitments, ranging from \$10 to \$100 a month on a sustained basis, will eventually make unnecessary the funding drives of the past among members. A key to this success is the possibility of arranging an automatic withdrawal from a credit card account in the amount designated by the donor. Think about it. Would you like to become a Sustaining Heritage Member of the SUP?

DEDICATION AND COMPETENCE OF YOUR SUP LEADERSHIP

Finally, in the spirit of gratitude with which I started this President's Message, I must express my appreciation and indebtedness for the quality of men and women I am privileged to work with in my role as 2016 President. I am touched and honored to be numbered among those who serve on the Executive Council, the Area Vice Presidents, the Headquarters staff, the Past President's Council, the Chapter President's Council and the general membership of our SUP. How did I get to be so lucky?!



Jim Hurst
National President, 2016

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NATIONAL NEWS

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

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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

- The standard annual membership with dues of \$50 being paid to National each year.
- A Life membership, costing \$500 which may be paid in payments over the year.
- The Family and Friends membership. This is a good way to bring new members into the organization without having to make a commitment to a chapter. If under age 55 they can renew under this program, but if 56 or older they need to migrate to a regular membership.
- Associate membership. This is intended for widows of members who want to stay active in the SUP. Dues for this option are \$20 per year and they receive the Pioneer magazine and Trail Marker newsletter. Dues may be paid by the individual or the chapter as desired.
- Heritage Sustaining Membership. This new enhanced membership category provides the opportunity for members who desire to provide additional support for the ideals and functions of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. This is a volunteer process that can be activated by the member agreeing to a minimum ongoing payment to the SUP for at least one year or beyond. The minimum amount is the equivalent of \$10 a month, which can be automatically transferred from your credit card account if desired. The first \$50 of the donation will be applied for the member's annual dues, so the enhanced support is the amount beyond the first \$50. For Life Members of course, the full amount will be the enhanced donation. Questions? Please contact SUP Headquarters.

ASSISTANT WEBSITE MANAGER

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

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S SURVEY

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

PIONEER MAGAZINE (BOOK)

Many of our members and subscribers may be wondering when they will receive their next issue of Pioneer magazine. The Pioneer staff led by our valued editor Susan Lofgren has undertaken a joint publication project with the LDS Church History Museum in Salt Lake City. It will be the largest and most beautiful printing project we have ever accomplished. We are hopeful that by November 1 the new issue, *which is actually a book and will be over 200 pages in length*, will arrive in your mail boxes. Thank you for your patience as we make sure that this special issue is the finest possible.



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

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NOVEMBER

**NATIONAL TRAINING:
SALT LAKE CITY EAST, SOUTH AND WEST AREAS**

9:00 at National Headquarters at 3031 East 2920 South Street, Salt Lake. The chapters involved in the training are: Bountiful, Centerville, Snow Horse, Mills, Salt Lake Pioneer, Murray, Pioneer Heritage/Canyon Rim, Holladay, Jordan River Temple, Porter Rockwell, Salt Lake City, Temple Quarry, Sugarhouse, Settlement Canyon, Taylorsville/Bennion and Twenty Wells.

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**NATIONAL TRAINING:
CEDAR CITY AND UTAH SOUTH AREAS**

9:00 The chapters involved in the training are: Cedar City, Cotton Mission, Dixie Encampment, Hurricane and Red Rocks.

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**NATIONAL TRAINING:
UTAH COUNTY / WASATCH AND UTAH COUNTY SOUTH AREAS**

9:00 The chapters involved in the training are: The Mountain Valley, Lehi, Squaw Peak, Timpanogos, Brigham Young, Maple Mountain, Mount Nebo, Hole in the Rock, Sevier Valley, and Sanpete County.

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DECEMBER

BRIGHAM'S CHRISTMAS BALL AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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

UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2017 - Sponsored by the Centerville Chapter September 14 - 16
2018 - Sponsored by the Cedar City chapter.
These are wonderful events, please plan now!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NATIONAL DUES

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

OFFICE/LIBRARY HELP NEEDED

The National Office is looking for volunteers to work in the Library and also some light Office Assisting. Anyone interested please contact Heather Davis sup1847@gmail.com or 801-484-4441

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 this 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.

BSA & SUP ACTIVITY PATCH

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

[CLICK HERE](#)



About 1930 the Utah Trails and Pioneer Landmarks Association (UTPLA) began placing monuments. By 1950 the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was also building monuments. In 2006, the remnants of the UTPLA asked the SUP to take over and administer all of the monuments. This left us with a list of over 400 monuments. Some of these have gone away, so that today the SUP is responsible for 389 monuments, and the number keeps growing. Stewart Radmall and Mark Walker administer the records on these. In 2016 the Executive Council requested all monuments to be surveyed. To facilitate that, a list was created assigning monuments to the chapters in whose area the monuments resided. That survey is still ongoing, but we are making progress, 216 or 56% of them have been surveyed. Six chapters have completed their assignment. We encourage each chapter to work to complete this before snow makes it much more difficult. It should also be remembered that this is to be an ongoing process, and we need to know where and in what condition each of our monuments is. These reflect on us as an organization and we need to be proud of them.



VANDALIZED MARKER CLEANED

Recently, it came to the Jordan River Temple Chapter's attention there was a vandalized SUP memorial located in their area. The memorial is located at 3900 South at the Jordan River within the boundaries of the Jordan River Nature Park. Chapter members Jim Crane and Gaylan Gallacher travelled to the site. Their goal was to locate electrical power and a source of water to clean off the sprayed on graffiti. Sadly, neither was within a reasonable distance. When Jim returned home, he explained his dilemma to his wife, Elaine. She suggested to Jim that he contact the City of Salt Lake Parks and Recreation Department and report it to them. Since the Historical Marker is located on their property, they said they had the staff and would take care of the cleaning.



"PUT YOUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL..."

That familiar refrain took on new meaning for members of the Cedar City Chapter of SUP recently, as they put their collective "shoulders to the wheel" in an effort to recover historic millstones and an endangered SUP monument. Construction of a turnaround for trucks attempting to travel U-14 had threatened to obscure an early SUP monument memorializing the pioneer grist mill on Coal Creek. Permission was received to relocate the monument to the intruding highway turnaround, but that would entail moving several 750 lb. mill stones and the 3,500 lb. monument itself. However, with the help of willing member "shoulders," ...and a backhoe..., the excavation was a success and the monument was secured in its new location (U-14, Mile Marker 1). Legacy efforts are now underway to enhance the monument and incorporate the original mill hand-cut mill stones into a new monument setting later this Fall.

Alva Matheson, Monuments Director
Cedar City Chapter, SUP



In addition, please see more in the Chapter News Timpanogos Chapter.

CHAPTER AWARDS

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

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

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

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

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

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

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

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

3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

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

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

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions
20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
30-39 Members	4 Gift Subscriptions	90-99 Members	10 Gift Subscriptions
40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION RECOGNITION

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

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

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee, rolandleefamily@gmail.com

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

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

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah

On May 21, 2016, the Cedar City Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers undertook a trek under the able direction of **Leon Matheson**. About 15 members plus wives departed at 12:30 from the Cedar City downtown park and proceeded West on Utah Highway 5, traveling in private pickups and jeeps. The first stop was the Dominguez- Escalante Monument which was placed in 1976 by the Utah State Historical Society to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition from New Mexico to Utah.

We stopped and hiked to the historic Lion's Mouth Cave where we observed the Indian Pictographs. We also discussed what some historians believe to be the location where some of the discussions regarding the carrying out of the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place.

The trek also included visits to Old Iron Town, Page's Ranch, Pinto and sites on the Old Spanish Trail. At each site Leon Matheson gave brief histories and pointed out significant events attached to each location. We also observed remnants of the pioneer California Road before stopping at Mountain Meadows to visit the monuments and discuss the tragic events which unfolded there in September of 1857. Our last stop was the Jefferson Hunt Memorial which marks the site where the Kansas Sand Walkers, in their impatience to reach California, left the Jefferson Hunt led party and went off on their own to become stranded in Death Valley, California.

On August 20, 2016, the Cedar City Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers met at the picnic pavilion at the chapel on Leigh Hill for our annual breakfast and devotional.

About 50 members plus several wives attended and partook of a breakfast consisting of eggs, sausage, pancakes, milk, and juice. The cooks extraordinary were **Richard Dotson** and **Don Blanchard**.

Following the breakfast, we were pleased to hear from **Elder Dane Leavitt** who was released in April as an Area Authority Seventy. Elder Leavitt's subject was the approval, site selection, purchase of land and the construction of the Cedar City, Utah Temple. Many interesting questions were raised by members of the audience. Dane was careful to not reveal any confidences but he did bear a strong testimony of the several miracles that were part of the approval, site selection, purchase of the land and the building of the temple to date. As always we concluded with a benediction which was offered by **Jeff Marchant**.



Cedar City Chapter trek to Lion's Mouth Cave

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GROVE CITY CHAPTER - Blackfoot, Idaho

The highlight of the year in our SUP association came last month as twelve of our members and wives attended the National Convention in Hurricane, Utah. In addition to enjoying each other's company we met many new friends and developed a greater appreciation for the beauty, faith and perseverance of the early pioneers of that area.

We checked in on Thursday evening, had a good supper at the stake center with a pleasant evening of musical entertainment afterwards by popular singer **Eric Dodge** and his band. Friday was tour day. Three choices were offered to see the area. Most went on an all day tour of Zion National Park, which is directly east of the Hurricane Bench. The beauty was "breathtaking" of that beautiful little valley surrounded by huge multi colored mountains.

We saw a movie at the largest IMAX theater west of the Mississippi about the past history of the park and a beautiful movie about the development of that area. It was settled in the 1850's by a group of Mormon pioneers who were sent there by Brigham Young. Some of them lived in their wagon boxes and some in "dugouts" before they could build permanent homes. A small town appropriately named Rockville was organized and the stalwart saints there built a church among the towering vermillion cliffs surrounding the valley.

Another highlight was a tour of the Hurricane Canal that was dug by hand to provide water for the fertile valley below. It took 13 years of hard labor with the only tools being picks, shovels, wheelbarrows and dynamite. The canal was literally cut out of the sides of the mountains. They built several wooden flumes across the canyons to bring water from the Rio Virgin River to the land below for the irrigation. The water was truly the life blood of the valley. Engineers said it couldn't be built, however, the work, faith and perseverance of the "Saints" proved them wrong!



Heading for the National Convention

Saturday featured a separate meeting for the women by two historians recounting the history of the area. The men held business meetings where the National leaders reported the status of the organization and elected new officers for the coming year. The current President, **Jim Hurst**, thanked all those who had helped saying he felt like a turtle sitting on top of a fence post—it took a lot of help to get him there!

The meetings were followed by a beautiful banquet with the featured speaker being **Gerald Lund**, author of forty-three books including "The Work and the Glory" series. He gave an inspirational talk on the theme of the convention, "Moving Our Heritage Forward." We must look upon the virtues of those who went before us to gain the strength to survive what lies ahead. His examples remind us of our responsibility to our own families to write our individual and family histories to ensure children and grandchildren can build on our faith and experiences as they face their challenges in life.

We gain new appreciation for our pleasant lives because of the sacrifices of our forefathers, not only through the national convention, but through our association with wonderful people in our own Grove City chapter of Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Reported by Rulon Hillam

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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

The Cotton Mission chapter held their annual scholarship fundraising dinner at the home of **Hyrum and Gail Smith**. The food was all donated and payments went toward the scholarships that are given annually to seven area high schools. The dinner was one of the best and included barbequed steaks, baked potatoes, salad and various wonderful desserts.

Following the meal, Rancher **Ed Bowler** told about the origins of the town of Gunlock, and discussed the importance of water to the area. Gail Smith then read parts of her published book, and described her growing up years in Washington, Utah. She was followed by the dynamic, and always funny, Hyrum Smith who shared the story behind the development of Franklin Planner. He told how the idea was literally started at home in the most humble of beginnings and later developed into a huge international company. He surprised each of those in attendance with a gift of his latest book, "You are What You Believe."

It was great to meet in the beautiful Smith log ranch home in Gunlock Utah, and feel the warmth that both he and Gail shared.



Hyrum Smith, left, and his wife Gail Smith

HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

The Holladay Chapter had a special treat at a recent meeting, learning many things about the pioneers that were not well known. Our own, **Dr. A. Tom Nelson**, shared a slide presentation narrated by his wife Nadine. Dr. Nelson is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Utah and has been a life member of our chapter for more than thirty years. Since serving as the Director of the LDS Church's Cove Fort Historic site from 2000-2003, he has devoted much of his time to researching pioneer history, focusing on the "hows" and "whys" of the Mormon pioneer settlements. His presentation is entitled "Colonization of the Mountain West - The Rest of the Story."

Dr. Nelson said, "When the history of this world is completely and accurately written the miracle of the Mormon Pioneers may well dwarf Moses' parting of the Red Sea in terms of significance." He cited a 1903 report of the US Department of Agriculture that read in part: ". . . the Mormon Pioneers settled a region that was thousands of miles from the nearest settlements on the east and almost as far from the California settlements on the west. Moreover, this isolated region was surrounded by what was considered almost impassable desert. Under these extreme conditions, it required an



extraordinary people to survive and prosper. Perhaps this is where the Mormon Pioneers distinguished themselves from others. The practice of irrigation was the tool to conquer the land, but in order for it to work, it required the unequivocal discipline and cooperation of the faithful. Without both, most likely the Mormon settlement in the desert would have failed -- and history altered."

It was noted that ". . . within ten years of the LDS arrival in the Salt Lake Valley, nearly 100 colonies had been planted; by 1867, more than 200; and by the time of Brigham Young's death in 1877, nearly 400 colonies." The area, known as the Mormon corridor, extended from Fort Lemhi (Idaho) on the north to San Bernardino (California) on the south and from the Wasatch Mountains on the east to the Carson Valley (Nevada) on the west.

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HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

Riding on the wave of success that followed the fantastic National Convention, the Hurricane Chapter hosted well-known landscape and wildlife photographer **Lynn Chamberlain** at their October 20 meeting.



JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - West Jordan, Utah

We thank our speaker, **Julie Barnson**, for a most interesting evening. Mrs. Barnson has been a professional storyteller for the past eleven years. However, storytelling has been a very enjoyable part of her whole life. Her specialty is scary ghost stories. Did you know the following locations in Salt Lake City are haunted? The Rio Grande Train Station and the lady in the purple dress; Capitol Theater haunted by an usher who died in the 1949 fire; the Beehive House; the McCune Mansion; Inn at Capitol Hill (a Bed and Breakfast); the Armstrong Mansion (also a Bed and Breakfast); the Salt Lake City Cemetery with its history of grave robberies and other phenomenon; and finally the Salt Lake City and County Building haunted by previous deceased mayors.



Julie Barnson



Trek to Pioneer Village

On Saturday, October 8th the Jordan River Temple Chapter sponsored a trek to the Pioneer Village at Provo, Utah. This Pioneer Village is sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It is most interesting as it is full of authentic examples of the living conditions of our early Utah pioneers. We can highly recommend this adventure to you and your families. We thank our tour guide shown kneeling in the center of the picture.

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LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

September was our annual National Convention with 12 people attending. The picture below shows: **Mike and Kris Paulos; Val and Elaine Tucker; Dave and Zina Cox; Phil and Joan Johnson; Knollin and Deanna Haws; Dee and Karlyn Fowler.**



The SUP National Convention started Thursday evening at a stake center in Hurricane. The first evening it rained, but after that the weather was perfect! There were displays all around the gym area that told the history of each of the communities around Hurricane. The other communities

came first, because they had water that was easier to develop, though not enough. The area that Hurricane was built on had the best land but no water. Between 1893 and the early 1900's a canal, which was impossible to build, was built and immediately people in the other towns began moving there.

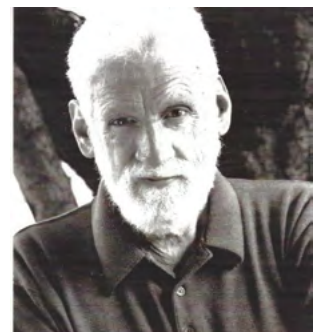
Friday we went on tours of the area. Most attendees chose the Zion Park tour, but there was also a tour of Kolob Canyon and New Harmony, and a tour of the speed rocket testing facility on a mesa that is still in use today. We had good meals and good entertainment each evening.

Saturday was the business meeting where we installed a new president elect for the national organization and received reports. Our good wives got to listen to some histories of the area. Finally we had a dinner with Prime Rib and then listened to the keynote speaker, **Gerald Lund**, author of *The Work and the Glory* and other books. He was very interesting, telling us to take our children and grandchildren "on site" to historical and ancestor places, so they get the feeling of the people who lived there. -- *David Cox*

MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

A recent meeting featured our own **Michael Bennett**. After receiving a Master's Degree in Retailing from New York University in 1955, he worked for the next 23 years in department stores. In 1978 he quit his job (he really disliked the department store business) to do what he had long wanted to do, having worked on the fringes for most of his life he became a professional actor.

Mr. Bennett has appeared in over 100 films including *A More Perfect Union*, which airs on PBS nationally each 4th of July; the 1989 ABC Sunday Night Movie, *Blind Witness* with Victoria Principal; a Disney film, *Treasure of Lost Creek* with Shannon Dougherty; and many others. In addition he has been in over 30 stage productions.



Michael Bennett

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MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah

The guest Speaker at our summer party was **Brent J. Belnap**. Brent was born and raised in Ogden, UT. He has served in a variety of church callings including a mission to Germany, bishop of a singles ward in Manhattan, stake president of the New York New York Stake where he was Stake President during the 9/11 attacks and dealt with the impact and after-effects of the attacks on the World Trade Center. He reminded us that the Lord is in charge, and will allow bad things to happen where they are caused by bad people. This way they can be judged for what they do.

Brother Belnap walked us through the entire situation that involved the two towers, four airplanes, and the roles they played on that fateful day. The last flight was delayed by 40 minutes and made a huge difference in the way things turned out. Their target was unknown, but during the flight the passengers found out what was going on and took over the plane and heroically took action to force it down.

He told of two incidents where he and other people were pushed by an unseen power and impressed to leave where they were, and go in the opposite direction. Some others were pushed to not continue going where they had planned. Another incident involved a young man who was here illegally. He was told by his stake president during the interview, that due to his immigration status he would not be able to serve as a missionary at that time; but would still be able to become a missionary at a later point in time. Following this young man's death, his parents were both baptized fulfilling a promise from his stake president. Another interesting fact was that the New York Manhattan Temple didn't come about due to the 9/11 incident. It was already in the planning stages, but those involved in its planning were not able to mention anything about it until later.

On that fateful day, Brent was riding the subway to work when he felt a definite jolt. This occurred when the first airplane hit the tower. When the news coverage finally started coming out, he and the others were being told that it was just a small plane that was involved, but they soon learned differently.

Following the destruction of the Twin Towers, he started to contact all of the bishops in his stake. This took up to 36 hours, but the bishops were able to contact almost all of their people. They all appreciated those comforting phone calls. In just a few hours he was able to accomplish this task and received very positive reports from those bishops.

In D&C 1:35 we are told that peace will soon be taken from the earth. We have seen this fulfilled since that revelation was given. During the October general conference President Hinckley told us that our safety lies in the virtue of our lives, and that the Lord will not forsake us. He then followed this comment with a prayer during his conference talk which was very unusual. Following his short prayer he then went on with his conference address. Some lessons learned: 1. The hand of the Lord is real and He is in charge. 2. Following the attack people were kind to each other, then within 2 - 3 years they went back to being unfriendly one to another. 3. In Helaman 5:12 we are told to build our foundation on the Lord. If we do so, the storms of life from the adversary will have no affect on us. 4. The things of today are dramatic. Be sure that our lives are anchored in Jesus and everything will turn out all right.



CHAPTER NEWS

OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Our speaker for October was Jim Hurst, the National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He quoted from Will Durant's book "The Story of Civilization": "Civilization is a stream with banks, the stream sometimes filled with blood, from people killing, stealing, shouting and doing

things that historians usually record. While on the banks, unnoticed, people build homes, make love, raise children, sing songs, write poetry and even whittle statues. The story of civilization is the story of what happened on the banks"

He gave five characteristics of legacy that are worthy of being remembered:

- 1 - Courage in the face of adversity
- 2 - An unwavering commitment to a higher good
- 3 - Honoring promises and covenants made with their God and to each other
- 4 - A readiness to sacrifice for the welfare of others
- 5 - Foresight to choose the promises of the future over the security of the now.

He quoted a guideline from a painting that hangs in his office: "The important thing is this, to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become."

To illustrate this he told a series of vignettes

He told the story of Jane Danby Webley who was born 1789 in England. She was baptized in the 1830s and then had a great dilemma, she hated to leave her family but the Prophet called her to go to Zion.

What would you do if you were faced with that dilemma?

Jane emigrated to Nauvoo and wrote back to her two daughters encouraging them to join and come to Zion. He daughters and their husbands joined the Church in 1843 and began to plan for emigration. They crossed the sea arriving in New Orleans and took passage for Nauvoo. On the trip north cholera struck, killing one daughter and her husband along with one of the children. This left one couple, William and Suzanna and the remaining children and with seven additional children.

What would you do?

Suzanna and William carried on to Utah arriving in Salt Lake City in 1853. Then in March of 1854 William died. Their son Phillip, age 16, was left to care for the family.

What would you do?

The important thing is - to be able at any moment to sacrifice what you are for what you could become.

CHAPTER NEWS

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah

Ron Andersen, publisher of several books about our 16th President, shared his opinion that the Civil War happened because the Lord needed to call this nation to repentance so that our sacred constitution could be finished and upheld as the foundation and example of freedom for the entire world. Lincoln, who never joined a particular religion, nevertheless saw God's hand in everything this country was involved in. He felt he would be intimately involved in the Civil War almost 30 years before it happened. This was about the same time Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, prophesied about the Civil War starting in South Carolina over the issue of slavery.

When the Constitution was first passed, it was left incomplete because of the compromise that was necessary with the southern states over slavery.

Co-incidentally, Joseph Smith made his bid to become President of the United States in order to insure that all men really were created equal and free. One of Smith's proposals was to buy the black slaves freedom through land grants that also would have benefitted the slave owners. At one time, as many as 337 missionaries and apostles were out basically campaigning for Joseph Smith's U.S. Presidency. Unfortunately Smith was killed before any of this could happen. The Lord's back up plan, it seems, was Abraham



Ron and Kathleen Andersen

Lincoln who fixed the flaw in the constitution by bringing to pass the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery, and the 14th Amendment insuring that all states and organizations would have to live by it.

It was a very entertaining and inspiration rich evening to see through Andersen's eyes the true greatness of this wonderfully courageous President and man of God. We thank the Andersens for so willingly giving of their time and experience to broaden our understanding of this great American Pioneer, and the freedoms we all enjoy because of him.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield and Monroe, Utah

September's Chapter Program was the History of Sevier County Schools presented by Carvel Wayland and his wife Elayne. The program was great and we not only heard about the history of the school system but saw many old pictures of buildings that no longer exist.

We learned about the first school system in the valley right up to the new Richfield High School still under construction. We also learned about many educators who had a great impact on our valley and the lives of many valley residents. Thanks Carvel and Elayne and also Dave Mower for the technical assistance.



CHAPTER NEWS

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah

Timpanogos Chapter members assembled on Saturday, September 10 at a Pleasant Grove City Park to complete restoration work on a monument built in 1935. That day was also a Pioneer Celebration for Pleasant Grove City and many other activities were taking place in the Park. One of the visitors was Miss Pleasant Grove so we invited her to take a picture with us.

We also cleaned up and repaired a total of 6 monuments during the morning hours including the cleaning and waxing of the bronze plaques.



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Neil Crosby Red Rocks Sept 17, 2016

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Christopher Smith Maple Mountain

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