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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2019!! Ready-or-Not, here it comes. We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Season with loved ones and felt the joy that comes from this special time. Our National Christmas Banquet was a wonderful event. Chapter Presidents and Program Directors were sworn in, a Barbershop Quartet sang carols, and we said thanks to Keith VanRosendall for a magical year. Keith has had a goal to visit every SUP Chapter in the country.

I think he is going to accomplish the challenge while he finishes his final year as Past President. Keith, along with John Ellgren, John and Diane Smith, and the National Staff, Heather, Pat and Linda, all have the experience and expertise to help me steer SUP through this coming year. From reading past "Trail Markers" you know we are not standing still. One of our main concerns is our ability to handle the growth we see coming.

Preparations for Brigham's Ball is in full swing, so get your tickets and start this new year with great fun and dancing. I hear Brigham Young and Porter Rockwell will be making an appearance. Mark January 12th on your calendars and plan to attend. It promises to be our best Gala yet!

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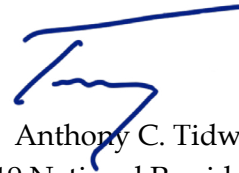
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Another incredible Pioneer Edition was delivered this month about the Utah War. President Oaks sent us a letter praising the Magazine for its quality and content. My great-great grandfather Carl Heinrich Wilcken, marched to Utah in Johnston's Battalion, but being disgusted with the mob-like attitude of the soldiers, he deserted the Army at Fort Bridger. From there, he then helped Porter Rockwell herd 153 head of US Calvary grade cattle into the Salt Lake Valley. The Pioneer Magazine brings this amazing tapestry of events into focus! I could not put it down. The next quarterly issue will be about the immigrants from the British Isles. Given that 85,000 early Saints came from there, I suspect, not a few of us will find it fascinating!

From all of us at National, we wish you all the best in this new year,



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2019 National President
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Frank Madsen Jr Mills
Paul Peterson Timpanogos

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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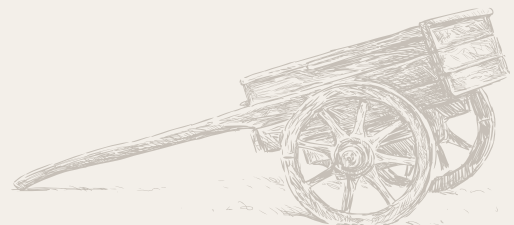
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NEW FRIENDS & FAMILY

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NATIONAL NEWS

SUP PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The third annual Presidential Award for Meritorious Service was awarded to Frank Madsen Jr in 2018.

Unfortunately he was unable to attend any National Events where he could receive it throughout this year. After he passed away unexpectedly in November, members of the National Executive Council Keith Van Roosendaal and John Elggren presented this award to his wife, Connie Madsen, in his behalf.

Previous recipients of the Presidential Award of Meritorious Service have included illustrious SUP Members Bill Tanner in 2017 and Jay Smith in 2016.



NATIONAL BOARD CHRISTMAS DINNER

The National SUP Christmas Dinner was a great time to share festivities with the National Officers and Chapter Presidents of the SUP. National President Tony Tidwell and Immediate Past President Keith Van Roosendaal addressed the meeting, Chapter Presidents and Area Vice Presidents were sworn into office, and the Fourth Street Barbershop Quartet brought in the Christmas Spirit with new renditions of our favorite Christmas carols.

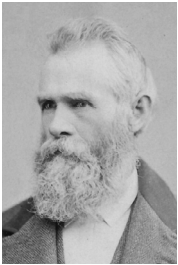


PIONEER Stories

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. Please submit them so we can be moved & inspired also. You can now submit your stories on our website [SUP1847](#) by clicking on [Pioneer Stories](#).

BODYGUARDS OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

Many had the sacred calling as serving as bodyguard; this is just a short sample of some of their experiences.



OLIVER HUNTINGTON - At a time when Joseph Smith was guarded day and night by his brethren from mob violence, that he might perform his necessary business labors days and get the necessary night's rest and that he should be safe; he was in [a] log house at night. Several brethren were with him and were making arrangements as to who should stand guard that night.

Joseph was listening to the prayer of a little boy in the room adjoining. The boy prayed for the Prophet, that he might be secure and safe from his enemies, the mob, that night.

When the boy had done praying, Joseph turned to his brethren and told them all to go to bed and all sleep and rest themselves that night, for God had heard and would answer that boy's prayer. They all went to bed and slept safely until morning undisturbed. (*History of the Life of Oliver B. Huntington*)

WILLIAM HUNTINGTON - One night the Prophet learned from Shadrack Roundy, who stood guard at his gate, that a mob was on the river. The Prophet went down the street to William's house, woke him up, and said, "A mob is coming, counsel me." William said: "I know what to do. You climb in my bed. I'll go back and get in yours." That is what they did.

The mob came and dragged William out. Down by the river they discovered they had the wrong man. Their viciousness knew no bounds. In wrath, they "stripped him, roughed him up, tarred and feathered him, and herded him back into Nauvoo like a mad dog." When he finally staggered into his own home the Prophet embraced him and said with all the power of his soul, "Brother William, in the name of the Lord I promise you will never taste of death." That prophecy was fulfilled. (*Joseph Smith the Prophet by Truman G. Madsen*)

JEROME BONAPARTE KEMPTON - One time when the Prophet (Joseph Smith) was riding with a few of his faithful guards along a little used road when they came face to face with a mob of vicious men who greatly outnumbered the little band of Mormons. The guards were greatly excited but Joseph remained calm. The vicious gang was yelling and swearing. Just before they reached the Mormons, they turned their horses and fled back in the direction they had come.

Later a member of the mob said that as they approached the little band, whom they expected to destroy, . . . the members of the mob claimed they saw armies in the clouds behind and above the Prophet and his men. (*Life and Lineage of Jerome B. Kempton*)



STEPHEN MARKHAM - Joseph went to Carthage Jail with Stephen Markham and his walking stick on one side and Dan Jones with a hickory club on the other, the two guards keeping the "drunken rabble" away from the Prophet.

When Stephen left the jail on an errand for Joseph, the mob would not let him back inside. Instead, they forced him onto his horse at the point of bayonets, stabbing his legs until his boots were filled with blood. Gathering around him, they escorted him out of town, threatening to kill him if he returned. (*Church History Museum, lds.org*)



PORTER ROCKWELL - The Prophet Joseph once recorded in his journal, "While at Hamilton's Chauncy L. Higbee offered some insulting language concerning me to Orrin P. Rockwell (and was knocked senseless), Rockwell had resented Higbee's language nobly as a friend ought to do." Rockwell once spotted Chauncy's brother

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and fellow apostate, Francis Higbee, on the street in Nauvoo and accused him of scheming to kill the Prophet. Higbee made the mistake of cursing Rockwell and was sent sprawling. In the brief scuffle Higbee's hat fell on the dirt and a letter sailed from its lining. When Higbee scrambled for the paper, a second punch flattened him. Rockwell, deciding the letter might be important, and unable to read it himself, took the document before the High Council where it was found to be a message telling Higbee that seventy men waited on the Iowa side of the river for a signal to attack Nauvoo. That night the mob was met by the entire Nauvoo Legion and quickly retreated.



A.P. ROCKWOOD - Once during drills of the Nauvoo Legion, Joseph was stationed at a point of vantage to witness the army maneuvers. John C. Bennett, mayor of Nauvoo and Legion Major-General, who was secretly planning to assassinate the Prophet, had men in position to attack him during the drills. A. P. Rockwood,

Legion Captain and a bodyguard of Joseph, countermanded the order of General Bennett and took up a position close to Joseph. Bennett then asked Joseph to move to another position. Joseph also denied Bennett's orders. Afterward Joseph commented that the Spirit had whispered that there was "mischief concealed in that sham battle" and that Bennett would have to answer for it on the Day of Judgment. Bennett was soon after removed from his positions in the Church, the City, the Legion and left Nauvoo.



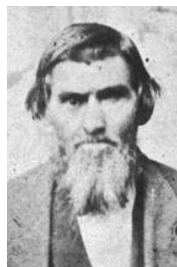
SHADRACH ROUNDY - On one occasion when Joseph's life had been threatened, he personally asked Roundy to help him. Brother Roundy single-handedly kept a group of some forty men from entering the prophet's gate one night. They had allegedly come to see the mummies in Joseph's possession, but the Prophet

concurred with Roundy's evaluation of their true nefarious purposes.

Shadrach Roundy served as a policeman in Nauvoo, as an officer in the Nauvoo Legion, and as a bodyguard for Joseph. He had the sad task of guarding Joseph and Hyrum's martyred bodies on the melancholy march returning them to Nauvoo from Carthage. (*Doctrine & Covenants Encyclopedia y Hoyt Brewster*)

WILLIAM SOMERVILLE - On one occasion while William was serving in this capacity, an assassination attempt was made on the life of the Prophet. The bullet missed the Prophet, but hit William in the knee. Since the bullet was lodged in an area difficult to reach with surgery, it was decided to leave the bullet in the leg, where it remained throughout his life. . . . As Joseph's bodyguard, with side arms in hand, [he] lay on the floor of the bedroom in the Nauvoo House in which Joseph slept, placing his feet against the door, which opened inwards toward the bedroom, so that anyone entering would have to waken him before being able to reach the Prophet.

On one occasion, while on a guard duty assignment, the Prophet came to him and told him that on that particular night his guard service would not be needed, as it had been revealed to him that the little children had been praying for his welfare and the Lord had heard their prayers and would honor their faith by protecting him. (*Remembering Joseph by Mark McConkie*)



ALLEN JOSEPH STOUT - Allan was once walking with the Prophet on the west side of the Mississippi River on the road to Montrose. They saw a man walking along a road leading in from the south and coming towards them. The Prophet told Allen to remain where he was while he stepped over to speak with the stranger.

Allen turned his back towards them and for a time forgot the prophet, and became engaged with his own thoughts. The hand of the Prophet upon his shoulder startled him, Joseph said, "We must return immediately to Nauvoo." They walked silently and rapidly. Allen became very sorrowful over the negligence of his duty and could not refrain from weeping. The prophet asked him why he wept. Allen confessed "I am an insufficient bodyguard—criminally neglectful of your welfare. I allowed that man you met to speak with you without even being ready to defend if he attacked you. He could have killed you and made his escape without my knowing who he is, which way he went or what he even looks like. You will have to dispense with my services and take a guard on which you can depend. Your life is too precious to be trusted to my care." The prophet then said "That man would not harm me, that was John the Revelator." (*Related by Martha Cragun Cox*)

Calendar of Events

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

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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

2019 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - LOGAN, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 19 - 21, 2019

If your chapter would like to sponsor an upcoming National Encampment, please send your proposal to the National Office.

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
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4. Use the subject line: "Trail Marker - Chapter name" (nothing more)
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CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah

On November 5th, 2018 the Cedar City Chapter held a pot-luck lunch at The Old Rock Church. Prior to lunch, there were several historical presentations, including a description of the first telegraph lines to Utah and to Southern Utah. Kenneth S. Mumford demonstrated sending part of the first telegraph message sent by Brigham Young to Washington D.C., after Abraham Lincoln's first message to the West Coast. It is interesting that Brigham Young used this time and means to announce to the nation that Utah was firmly loyal to the foundation principles of the United States. To send this important message required the high tech of the time: telegraph keys, electric sounder, highly skilled telegraphers and new wires spanning the mountains and prairies. It only took about a minute. Brigham Young moved quickly to establish communications throughout the Territory when he established the Deseret Telegraph Company.



Kenneth S. Mumford - Telegraph Demonstration

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Janet Labrum

Our December 18 meeting was our Christmas musical program. President Thad Stewart conducted his last meeting as president. Bunk Robinson led the Pledge. Rex Jensen was introduced as our new chapter secretary taking over for Kevin Jenkins, and Bob Thornley as dinner headcount coordinator taking over for Jerry Keyes.

Dean Terry introduced our Moment in History by Abe Young who told the history of the Name Extraction program which began as a pilot program right here in St. George. Before computers, all indexing was recorded on 3x5 cards. The program continued for many years in the basement of the tabernacle. After dinner, Janet Labrum presented an evening of song accompanying herself on guitar.

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HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

The Holliday Chapter has a long tradition for its December meeting that is always the perfect prelude for Christmas. First, the traditional Christmas ham and all the “fixens” followed by a beautiful musical program. The program begins with caroling by the audience that always get the participants feeling the Christmas spirit. That is followed by performances of talented musicians. This year we enjoyed vocal duet sung by Ryan & Emma Tatton, viola solos by Jaren Angerbauer, and a vocal quartet consisting of Shanna Stingley, Pete Riches, and Ryan and Emma Tatton. Carolyn Lossee was the accompanist.

The program concluded with a Christmas message from our Chapter President, Tom Nelson, and his wife, Nadine. Nadine related a touching story of a little girl whose brother had just blurted out: “There is no Santa Claus! Even



Dummies know that!” She ran to her Grandmother who in a loving and tender way taught the little girl a lesson about the “real” Santa Claus and what Christmas is really all about. Tom concluded with a message to grandparents about the important role they can and should play in shaping the lives of their grandchildren. Each of the ladies (most of them grandmothers) received a beautiful potted poinsettia.

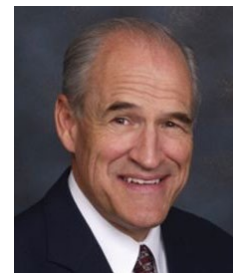
HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

DECEMBER’S ACTIVITY: We met at the Hurricane Stake Center for our Christmas dinner. With 80-plus in attendance, we were royally fed, by the Golden Corral, a meal of Potatoes & Gravy, Green Salad, Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Rolls and Apple Pie a’ la Mode. The meal, along with the wonderful company would have been great enough, but we were introduced to our new executive council, with Ben Ruesch as President, Tony Beatty as Vice President, Chris Woodbury as Past President, Paul Covington as Secretary, and Gerry Buckner as Treasurer. These men, along with the rest of the board were sworn in by our Area Vice President David Hinton.



From that point, we were entertained by one of our own, Jay Evans on a guitar, and his singing team, Scott Green on the piano and Eric Hundley on the Bass Guitar. Together they are known as “Wind Riders.” They entertained us with Christmas songs, and western and patriotic songs, many of which were original with the band.

JANUARY’S ACTIVITY: Will be held at the Legion Hall on Thursday, January 17th. It will be pot-luck, and our speaker will be Brother A. Roger Merrill, a former General Sunday School President. He has been a bishop, high councilor, stake president, member of the Melchizedek Priesthood General Committee, Area Seventy, and has just completed a three year assignment as the Oquirrh Mountain Temple President.



A. Roger Merrill

FEBRUARY’S ACTIVITY: We will meet at the Legion Hall, on Thursday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m., and our dinner will be Pot-Luck! Our speaker for February will be Tony Tidwell, our National President.

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JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



West Jordan High School Madrigals Choir

The Madrigal Choir from the West Jordan High School presented our December program again this year. What a wonderful Christmas program of traditional music they shared with us. This program included:

- Uplifting musical selections.
- Marvelous individual talent and direction from their director/teacher, Kelly DeHaan.
- Dedicated musicians.
- And, an example of our precious youth with an inspiring future.

One overheard comment was, “Those with the sacred gift of music who share that gift are inspiring to be with. They are unequalled.”

The young women’s portion of the choir even sang “Here Come Santa” to our member, Earl Gates, adding Santa attire to his clothing as they sang each verse. This was fun for us all to observe.

Again, our sincere thanks for Kelly DeHaan and these marvelous choir members. We hope your yearly introduction to the Sons of Utah Pioneers is a positive one that will stay with your choir members for a long time to come.

Keith Van Roosendaal, the immediate past national president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, honored us by coming to give the Oath of Office to our Chapter officers and board members for 2019. Our Chapter president for 2019 is John Atamanczyk. Thank you Keith for your presence.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

Rex Kocherhans and his family provided the Christmas musical program for our December chapter meeting. Our caterer provided the sixty attendees a delicious tri-tip beef dinner, complete with delicious pies for dessert. Our President, John Frischknecht, shared with us memories from five past Christmases that set the stage for the evening. After the dinner, we adjourned to the church chapel where Rex and his family thrilled us with their beautiful voices singing Christmas songs. Rex grew up in Orem and has performed with the

leading music organizations across the state including the Tabernacle Choir, BYU Singers, and Salt Lake Choral Artists. He founded 2 men’s acapella ensembles and was a founding member of the quartet REPRIZE, which won the gold medal at the international barbershop competition. Rex and Kate met singing in BYU Singers together. Kate is a musician and singer and maintains a thriving piano studio. Their three daughters have performed in plays and award-winning dance performances. It was a sweet evening for all who attended.



Kocherhans Family

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MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City / Mill Creek, Utah



Jay Gundersen

The Mills Chapter enjoyed a performance by the "Troubadours" from Skyline High School. In 1998 it went from an after school club to a regular class taught as part of the vocal music curriculum. Jay Gundersen began teaching at Skyline in 2000 with quite an extensive background in barbershop harmony singing, and saw a great potential in these talented, young men. In the last nineteen years Troubadours have received many awards as one of Salt Lake's finest novelty men's choirs. They have been seen every spring in the annual Skyline Barbershop Show. This upcoming year on April 5th "Sounds of the 60's" will feature the Troubadours in the Skyline auditorium at 7:00pm.



The Troubadours



Steve Rich

Steve Rich presented our pioneer minute about James William Nixon. In 1857 Nixon headed to California on a Mormon wagon train. He was baptized in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory. He became a Utah War Cavalryman and a Farmer. He later became a missionary and then a tinsmith because Brigham Young needed one in the new St. George settlement. His friend Brigham counsel James, who became known

as the "Mormon Trader" to service the silver boom in Pioche, Nevada with his wife (Pioche recorded 76 gunshot deaths before the first of natural causes). There he made \$25,000 in gold. He then returned to St. George and married two more wives. The Nixons gave all their cash, their mercantile and tinsmith businesses to the St. George United Order supporting widows, their children and the elderly.

Having baptized hundreds into the order he served as president and treasurer of the Order. Nixon became involved in the two steam-powered saw mills at Mt. Trumbull which supplied the lumber for the St. George Temple and Tabernacle. He and his wives donated \$1,000 each to the construction of 4 temples, the St George poor and the Relief Society. Mt Trumbull was later called "Nixon's Mountain" for all his enterprising work which included not only the lumber industry, but dairy, beef cattle and agricultural farming. The next few years saw Nixon, establishing his lumber industry, establishing saw mills, building smoke stacks, building multiple structures, farming, hauling lumber, and making the two day trip to St. George numerous times. He handed customers, suppliers and church responsibilities. James died of cancer at the age of 49, but the people said he died from overwork.

The after dinner speaker was Colonel Edward Gundersen. Early on Monday morning January 2003, Edward Gundersen received a call from his Brigade Commander. "Report in 2 hours the number of soldiers. We must have 100% notified by every means necessary. The soldiers are to be at their armories tomorrow morning for orders. The order was the 142nd Linguist Unit was heading to Iraq. One hundred ninety-five left for Iran. Other linguist units had already mobilized after the 9/11 attacks.

Ed had already learned that the armed service was supportive of full activity in the church. In his first Sunday training the Senior Drill Sergeant announced character guidance training, with option church services for Catholics and Protestants. Ed jointed the Protestants and marched to church. After arriving at the services, Ed asked the chaplain about LDS services. The chaplain said he would arrange it the next week. So when the Senior Drill Sargent called

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for character guidance the next week, he said, “Catholics form here, Protestants form here and who here is Mormon? Chaplain says I got Mormons. Raise your hands! You fall in here.” So he sent the four of us to our service. “Gunderson you march your detail to service. You have one hour.”

When the 195 soldiers were deployed to Iraq, they received 5 servicemen groups. “We had a group at Camp Udairi, Kuwait; one at Central Command DOCEX Center in Baku, Qatar; and three in Baghdad, Iraq at Camp Slayer. The three in Baghdad each ran a different Sacrament meeting day and time for shift work. Friday is the Muslim Sabbath, and our mission was such that patrols and survey teams didn’t go as often on Friday. We had two weekly sacrament services on Fridays, one morning, one evening; and one on Sunday that was for those working Fridays. If we had time you could go to all three.”

The 97th Troop Command was assigned to pioneer some peacekeeping training opportunities in new countries. They went to Azerbaijan for a month in 2009, then next year to Cambodia for one month in 2010. In both places they asked The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to allow them to conduct weekly Sunday services. In each case they contacted the Church Military affairs committee to get approval for church meetings in those countries. And, because Azerbaijan has never had a church mission they needed General Authority approval which came quickly. They were excited to hold approved services each Sunday in a former Soviet and Muslim country. The culture was very European. The people there feel ready for the gospel, but there is no mission yet. The leadership gave Priesthood blessings to soldiers as requested. These church meetings in Azerbaijan were probably the only Church presence in that country since the Army was there in WWII conveying supplies to Russia around the Nazis.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Stephen Dickson Pioneer Award

DECEMBER MEETING:

The Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives and guests held its Christmas Party on December 17, 2018. Wendy Turner provided the entertainment with a variety of Christmas songs as well as selections from Phantom of the Opera. The highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the Modern Pioneer award to Stephen Dickson, a man who has embodied the spirit of a modern pioneer. Stephen grew up in Morgan, attending Morgan High School where, as a joke, he and to other friends tried out for the cheerleading squad. To their surprise, they were voted in. The Trojans never had such an enthusiastic cheering section. He also worked as an apprentice at the Morgan County News where he learned typesetting. This specialized skill sparked an interest in machinery and how things worked, which helped him later in his life.

In 1955 he served a mission to Eastern Canada. After his mission he returned to his job at the News for a while and

then worked as a hod carrier. In 1957 he was drafted into the army. After basic training he was assigned to Eielson Air Base in Alaska. While there he continued missionary work and baptized more people than he did on his mission. After completing his military service he moved to Salt Lake City where he began his career with Mountain Fuel Supply Company. That same year he met and fell in love with a young woman from his ward. He and Jean married in the Salt Lake Temple in April 1961. They have ten children, thirty-four grandchildren and forty-four great grandchildren. In 1978 they moved to Morgan where Stephen continued to work for Mountain fuel, where he gained the reputation and respect of both customers and co-workers as someone who could quickly diagnose and fix almost any problem. He retired as a Customer Service Forman in 1990.

Stephen has held numerous positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including Financial Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, and Gospel Doctrine Teacher. He has also served as Elder’s Quorum President, Bishop’s Counselor and Bishop and on the Morgan Stake High Council. He also enjoyed serving as a Genealogy Specialist and a Shift Scheduler at the Ogden Temple. In addition to serving a full time mission for the Church in

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Canada, he and his wife have also served as missionaries in Ireland and India. His involvement in the community is well known. As a member of the City Council he worked extensively on a proposal for secondary water in Morgan City.

In 2001, he Vaughn Larson, and Ben Malan met in what became the first meeting of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in the Morgan Valley. The success of this organization in a great measure can be attributed to the efforts of those early "Pioneer" members. Since that first meeting of three men, the organization has grown to seventy members and has become one of the largest and most active chapters within the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Stephen has been actively involved in the chapter, taking a leave of absence only long enough to serve two missions with his wife Jean. He has served as Vice President and for the past six years has been serving as Treasurer. His recording of the organizations finances has been impeccable. He always knows the Chapter's finances to the penny. In addition, he maintains the Membership Directory and this past year digitalized the book, making it available to all members wherever they may be. He is truly a worthy recipient of the Modern Pioneer Award.



Bob and Maxine Long

NOVEMBER MEETING: The Morgan Chapter of the Son's of Utah Pioneers recently held their November luncheon and enjoyed the guest speakers Bob and Maxine Long relating their missionary experience in Nauvoo. Bob and Maxine met while both worked in Salt Lake City. They soon married and now have five children and sixteen grandchildren. They have lived in Morgan for 29 years.

The Longs learned much of the history of Nauvoo and Carthage while serving on their mission. Many wonder if the people that go to Nauvoo are typically members of the Church. Maxine indicated that it depends on the time of year. Winter brings many non-members that stop at Carthage and Nauvoo but summer months are the busiest for Nauvoo. Many are traveling from city to city and will take a two-hour detour to visit Carthage and Nauvoo for

an hour or two. Two or three days later they are still there. When asked why, they would say it was because the people, especially the young people were so nice and that there was a special spirit there.

Nauvoo, originally called Quashquema and frequented by the Fox and Saux Indians, was traded to Captain James White for two thousand bushels of corn. For the Indians, this was a good trade because the land was a swamp. The city of Commerce was established, but settlement did not include the center swampland, until Joseph Smith purchased 135 acres, drained the swamp, and built the city of Nauvoo. Draining the swamp was a difficult undertaking because the swamp was caused by underground springs located underneath where the Temple now stands that flowed through limestone and clay. A long deep ditch was dug by hand from the Temple to the Mississippi river, the remnants of which can still be seen. It is estimated that the equivalent of 2,200 dump trucks of dirt, clay, and limestone were removed. When the swamp was drained they built homes and businesses. It took 6 ½ years.

If you were to take a wagon ride through Nauvoo, one site you would see would be the home of Brigham Young. His wife, Mary Ann, purchased the property, cleared the land, and built a cabin while Brigham was serving a mission. Upon returning, Brigham built the current home, which includes a council room used for many meetings. Joseph was gone. Brigham was responsible for preparing ten to twelve thousand people to take from that area and another sixty -seventy thousand to bring from Great Britain as well as completing the Temple.

After Brigham's home, you would see the Seventy's Hall, the Prophet Joseph's mother, Lucy Mack Smith's home, the John Taylor home, and many other historical buildings, including the Temple which stands like a beacon atop the hill overlooking the city. One of the most memorable and emotional is Parley Street, or the Trail of Hope. On a cold February 4th, wagons lined the street from the Temple to the river as the saints fled their homes for the safety of the west. Along the street are several small signs with thoughts of the saints as they left Nauvoo.

Nauvoo is unique in its geographic setting, being located on a point on the Mississippi River that juts out to the west. During the 1800s, boats navigating the river had to pass through the De Moines rapids, which ran from Nauvoo

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down to Keokuk. High water did not pose a problem, but at low water, the boats had to be unloaded of passengers and cargo to lighten the boats enough to navigate the rapids and then reload after the rapids. Main Street in Nauvoo has a north landing at one end and a south landing at the other, which provided a natural route for unloaded passengers who would stop for meals and provisions, some staying for several days, providing business for the citizens of Nauvoo.

At its peak, there were about 2,500 homes in Nauvoo, 350 were brick, 650 were frame houses, and the rest were log homes. When the saints started leaving Nauvoo, its population was about 1,000 people fewer than Chicago. Today, the Church still owns a lot of property there. Each week, missionaries mow about 350 acres of grass. In the north lies 800 acres of farmland and another 300 acres between the historic sites and the river most of which is leased by a local farmer, who farms it for the Church. He raises corn and soybeans. The Church of Christ owns about 90 acres in the south part of the city, which includes the Homestead, Nauvoo House, and the Red Brick Store.

The Smith Family Cemetery is also located there and is maintained by a private corporation. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also helps with maintaining the cemetery. The Long's stressed that when visiting Carthage and Nauvoo, take time to see and do, but more importantly, take time to feel.

PIONEER ESSAY WINNERS: The winners of this year's Pioneer Heritage Essay Contest were announced at the November luncheon of the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. First Place, Jarrett Parry received \$125. Second Place, Carson Ordyn received \$100. Third Place, Laren Windley received \$75. Over 90 essays were received this year. Special thanks to Ms. Romero for supporting the contest again this year.



Essay Winners

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Dave Jacobs

In Memorium: David Henry Jacobs, life-member of the Ogden Pioneer chapter and National SUP leader, passed away peacefully at home on October 29, 2018, (on his 59th wedding anniversary) as a result of pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 27, 1936, at the old Dee Hospital in Ogden, UT, to Briant Stringham and Margaret Bingham Jacobs. He grew up in Davis County

and had many great friends and memories of his childhood and youth. He graduated from Davis High School in 1954. He received an Associate Degree from Weber State College, a BA from the University of Utah, and an MEd Degree from Brigham Young University.

He served a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Southern California. He also served eight years in the U.S. Naval Reserves. David served as a volunteer EMT and fire fighter for Layton City for six years. He was employed for thirty-eight years in the LDS Church Education System as a Seminary and Institute instructor in Fresno, CA, and the Ogden Area. He was a noted teacher and

was in high demand as a speaker for BYU Adult Education classes and firesides. He especially loved his students and fellow faculty members throughout his career. David and his wife, Bonnie, served as Tour Directors for Faldmo Tours and Morris Murdock Escorted Tours for twenty-five years -- Church History sites and Book of Mormon lands.

David was a Life Member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and served in many capacities on the Ogden Pioneer Chapter Board and in leadership positions. He was the Chapter Vice President (2012), Chapter President (2013), and later served as a National Area Vice President.

David married Bonnie Draper in the Salt Lake Temple on October 29, 1959. David was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings: Gospel Doctrine Teacher, Elders Quorum President, Ward Mission Leader, Bishops Counselor, Bishop, and High Counselor (six times).

David's first love was his family which included his wife, Bonnie; 4 children: Lori (Roger Frischknecht), Royce (Taunya) Jacobs, Lance (Kaari) Jacobs, and Lane (Shannon) Jacobs. He had 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

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PIONEER HERITAGE CHAPTER - Salt Lake County East, Utah

The Pioneer Chapter's December 12 Christmas meeting, featured musician and conductor, Kelly DeHaan, and choir students from West Jordan High School. DeHaan and those accompanying him are December favorites of the Pioneer Chapter.



Kelly DeHaan

Kelly DeHaan received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in choral education and choral conducting from the University of Utah. Kelly taught choir at West Jordan High School from 1997 to 2019 and is known for his devotion to his students. His choirs regularly receive superior ratings at region and state festivals and for the past decade West Jordan has qualified more students for state solo and ensemble than any other school in the Jordan School District. He has taken his choirs all over the United States and has won dozens of 1st place awards.



Greg Hughes

Greg Hughes, Speaker of the Utah House of Representative, was the November 14 Pioneer Chapter speaker. He represents Draper in District 51. He and his wife, Krista, are the parents of three children. He grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, moved to Utah to work on a political campaign and ended up staying, attending Utah Valley State College and BYU. He is a small business owner in the real estate development and property management sector. Hughes shared the efforts that are taking place to better serve the homeless population in Salt Lake City.

Lester W B Moore, who served as the President of the Polynesian Cultural Center for many years, was the October 10, Pioneer Chapter speaker. He shared stories of the miracles that he experienced during his tenure in that role. He is now the CEO and President of Optimal Performance

Group. He's the Managing Director of Kensington Capital Holdings (KCH) with investment activities that range from investing in managed private equity funds, managed public equity and hedge funds as well as direct investments into operating companies.



Lester W B Moore

His current board representation include ICON Health & Fitness, General Resonance, The Christmas Box International, The Brigham Young University Center for Economic Self-Reliance, University of Utah Advancement Board of the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the ANASAZI Foundation. He served as President and CEO of Hawaii's Polynesian Cultural Center from 1991-2000. Moore received a B.S. degree in Economics with honors from the University of Utah. He married the former Margene Sjoblom (deceased). They are the parents of seven children.

JANUARY MEETING: Thomas (Tom) K. Welch, chairman of the Board of Directors, Maverik, Inc. His topic will be the 2002 Winter Olympics and Utah's current efforts to bid for the Olympics. He will also bring Frasier Bullock to talk about the most recent events concerning the 2030 Olympic bid. Welch previously served on the Board of Directors of Maverik for 27 years. Prior to joining Maverik, he worked as Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Dee Smith and Smith's Food & Drug. In 1985, Welch accepted the leadership of the civic effort to obtain the Olympic Winter Games. In 1989, he retired from Smith's to spend his full-time efforts as a volunteer to pursue the dream of Salt Lake City hosting the Olympics, which was realized in 1995. Welch graduated from Weber State University and has a law degree from George Washington University. He has served on the Salt Lake Airport Authority, Chamber of Commerce Board, State Board of Regents, as president of the Greater Salt Lake United Way.

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RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah

The Red Rock Chapter held their regular December dinner meeting on Dec. 5 at Jake's Chaparral in Kanab. After a delicious meal the chapter's officers for the next year were sworn in by Area Vice President David Hinton. Following the swearing in ceremony the group was treated to a Christmas musical number and following that everyone joined in singing some Christmas carols and exchanged "white elephant" Christmas gifts.

Some members of the executive committee for the 2019 year were sworn in by Area Vice President David Hinton. They are in the photo left to right: Bruce Harris, past president; Russell Keller, president for 2019; Reid Sherratt, treasurer; Marlin Brown, newsletter; Roger Chamberlain, president 2018; Randy Merrell, president elect, and Gerald Spencer.



Left to right: Bruce Harris, past president; Russell Keller, president for 2019; Reid Sherratt, treasurer; Marlin Brown, newsletter; Roger Chamberlain, president 2018; Randy Merrell, president elect, and Gerald Spencer

SALT LAKE CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

At our December meeting the LDS Business College Institute Choir under the direction of Brother Ric Decker presented an evening of Christmas songs with emphasis on Christ and the Atonement.

The director customarily asks for a raise of hands of choir members of how many are from other countries, or other United States,

and as always, there are raised almost all of the hands of the members of the choir. This time he asked, totally unexpectedly a member of the choir, "would you like to sing tonight?" She said yes, then performed a solo number. Brother Decker revealed that she had just been accepted as a member of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square.



Ric Decker

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah

The Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and their spouses were thrilled to hear little known stories of the Choir at Temple Square and listen as Paul Gates entertained with sacred hymns as well as a few modern and peace bringing show tunes. Brother Gates quoted Doctrine and Covenants 25:12 "... The song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with blessings upon their heads." Gates went on to relate several wonderful stories of singing with the choir as well as painting and hanging Temple Murals in various new and remodeled temples. He promised that when we are singing righteous hymns and songs that Satan can't enter our hearts and we have the protection promised by the above quoted scripture.

He related a story about a man who left the church and refused to come back because his son had died while on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He couldn't accept that God would allow that to happen while his son was righteously serving the Lord on a mission. For years this man refused to have anything to do with the church, but finally relented to go to a meeting. In a hymn being sung by the congregation he definitely heard his dead son's voice singing the hymn in Spanish, the language he spoke on his mission. He told his father that he was very happy and was still serving his mission. Needless to say, the father returned to activity.

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Another amazing recollection was about a young girl who would dress in her Sunday best and with her grandfather listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir as well as “Music and the spoken word.” For her and grandpa this was church every Sunday, and not even her friends could talk her into coming out to play. She developed a strong desire to one day sing with the choir, and her grandfather promised her that people who sang such beautiful music and hymns were from God, and fed her interest to sing. At age 72, two missionaries knocked on her door, and when she realized which church and choir they represented, she was filled with tears explaining that she had waited her entire life for their message. Upon hearing this beautiful story, she was invited to come to Salt Lake and sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Gates joined the choir in 1994, and became a soloist a year later. He was a soloist at the first solemn assembly called by President Ezra Taft Benson and later sang at President Benson’s funeral.

He had to end his choir service because of health problems among some of his 12 children, but later continued his service in the temple by becoming part of the Temple Mural Painting and Installation team. Most temple murals take up a full wall. The murals are first conceived and painted as small scenes, and later are painted on the larger canvas where approximately one inch of the smaller version becomes a foot or more of the larger mural. Scaffolding is used by various members of the team to paint the section assigned to them. When finished, this large mural is professionally hung by the same team who painted it.

In this calling, Brother Gates has traveled all around the world. The team is headed by a woman who as a mother of 7 children was divorced by her husband. There was a barn on the property and she found relief from the rigors of her situation by turning the barn into a studio and painted various scenes as a coping mechanism. This same sister, without any formal art training, is the head of the Temple Mural Painting

and installation team. He went on to encourage those present to never allow Satan to lead us into believing that we are not good enough to do righteous things we are called or desire to do. God is much more powerful than Satan and will give us the help we need to accomplish the things he has called us to do.

Of great interest is the fact that Temple Square in Salt Lake City is the 5th most visited tourist destination in the United States. Only extremely popular sites like the Grand Canyon or Niagara Falls see more visitors than does Temple Square.

Brother Gates presentation following a scrumptious dinner was spell binding through song, art, and photography.



2018 Scholarship Awards

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: Every year the Sons of Utah Pioneers Settlement Canyon Chapter presents scholarships to graduating seniors who are planning to continue their educations at a college or vocational school. In the above photo LeRoy Rose, chairman of the scholarship committee presents checks to the following students who have earned the right for this recognition Jordyn Hamby, granddaughter of David and Hazel Isolampi. Elizabeth Anderson, granddaughter of Darrell and Hjordis Smith, and Mitch Bunn, granddaughter of John and Lynne Bryan. Helping tomorrow's pioneers is just one of the many missions of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

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SEVIER CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah

NOVEMBER 14TH CHAPTER MEETING was the history of Sour Dough. We met at the Richfield Firehouse at 6:00pm for a wonderful dinner experience with sour dough. We had the opportunity to try several foods made with sour dough including pancakes, biscuits, rolls and bread. We were also able to dress these items with buttermilk syrup, local honey, and old receipt preserves. There were several members of our Chapter and guests who prepared the foods we ate. They were all good and very interesting.



Sour dough was a mainstay and staple for the pioneers and has a colorful and tasty history which we learned about at this gathering. Vic Pace a local master of Sour Dough and Daren Toone's Uncle who owns an eating establishment in northern Utah where they specialize

in sour dough foods taught us about the history of sour dough and the process used to create our own start of sour dough. The dinner program was well attended and a great experience for all who attended. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PROGRAM.

We met at the Snow College Richfield Convention Center administration building beginning at 6:00pm on December 5th with a nice dinner followed by the Christmas Musical Program presented by the "Aspen Hearts" musical group who always set a special mood for the Christmas season. We had a very special dinner of prime rib, smoked chicken, and all the sides, topped off with cobbler provided by Big Daddy's Deli.



Aspen Hearts Choir

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter gathered together on December 10th for our monthly member meeting. Many members invited friends and family to attend with us. We had the privilege of having the Taylorsville High School Madrigals come and entertain us with several Christmas songs. All who were in attendance had a great time. We enjoyed a great ham dinner at Jim's Restaurant before the Madrigals performed.

Those members in attendance were encouraged to invite friends and family to become members of the chapter and enjoy remembering our ancestors. Friends and Family applications were made available to all in attendance.

We invited anyone interested to come and attend with us on the second Monday of each month. The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter meets on the Second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Jim's Family Restaurant, 7609 S. Redwood Road in West Jordan.



Taylorsville High School Madrigals

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TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah

Jim Thomas, a long-time member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, was awarded the Annual Modern Pioneer Award from the Temple Fork Chapter of the Society in their monthly meeting held November 15, 2018. James was Chapter President in 2010, and is currently the Program Chair for the Chapter. He is highly recognized for his work in many developing nations assisting them to increase their food supply.

Jim was born January 9, 1936 in Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and married Marilyn Rae Card in 1959, after which they moved to Logan, Utah in order for him to attend Utah State University (USU). He earned both a BS and MS degrees from USU, then earned his PhD in Genetics and Plant Breeding from the University of Alberta. He worked for the Canada Dept. of Agriculture, then moved to Ames, Iowa, to work for a commercial seed company. He joined the Plant, Soil and Biometeorology Department at USU in 1972 with assignments in research, teaching, and international development. Since then Jim has taken many opportunities to take on overseas agricultural mission assignments for USU, living with his family in Iran, Bolivia, Egypt, India and West Bank of Israel for a total of sixteen years. In most of these assignments, James ministered to the people of each country by helping them increase their food supply through teaching, helping them to develop and adopt improved agricultural practices.

He also had a major assignment working as Senior Advisor to the university president as he helped to develop the Arab

American University of Jenin, a newly constructed technical university for the Palestinian people which currently has 6,500 students. During the times James was on the USU campus, he served as USU Director of International Programs, Associate Dean of Agriculture, acting Department Head, and was honored as College Professor of the Year in 2002, the year he retired from the university.

He served with many branch presidencies and bishoprics in foreign countries where he helped train the leadership wherever he served. He has also served for three years as a student-ward Bishop and he and Marilyn served a proselyting mission in the Puerto Rico San Juan mission and a technical mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints evaluating humanitarian programs in Cambodia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Montenegro.

Since retiring, his non-church local ministering has included driving for Meals-On-Wheels in Cache Valley for eight years, and serving on the boards of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Cache Valley Historical Society, and USU Alumni. James has participated in eight trips overseas to provide eyeglasses for needy people in Senegal, Peru, Cambodia, and Colombia. His work has provided and fitted more than 30,000 pairs of glasses free of charge. James and Marilyn have five children, three sons and two daughters, all born in different locations. Those children have married and provided the couple with 10 grandchildren. Marilyn died March 4, 2014, but her passing has not slowed James' service.

TEMPLE QUARRY CHAPTER - Salt Lake County, Utah

The Temple Quarry Chapter's December meeting was a Christmas special. First on the program was the Ronan Quartet from the Gifted Music School in Salt Lake City. Recognized nationally for exceptional music education, The Gifted Music School is a non-profit institution that provides advanced musical education and lessons from renowned musicians to over 500 local music students. The four teenagers composing the string quartet range from 13 to 17 years old. One has performed a solo with the Utah Symphony while another performed a solo with the Utah Valley Symphony. It was a remarkable performance of Beethoven, Schubert, Shostakovich, and Christmas carols that was extraordinary to hear.



Ronan Quartet

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Rich and Sharon Porter

After the quartet, Rich Porter reminded us all of the meaning of Christmas. Richard Porter and his wife Sharon recently completed 19 months of service as 2nd counselor to the president and 2nd assistant to the matron of the Draper Utah Temple. Both are retired professional educators: Rich working in Seminaries and Institutes, and Sharon in public education teaching math to junior high students. Rich is currently a patriarch in his stake with Sharon serving as his scribe. Both served for 23 months in the Johannesburg South Africa Mission as Institute teachers and coordinators. Brother Porter reminded us that amidst the presents that are opened at Christmas time, the ultimate and infinite gift comes from Jesus Christ. We would never leave a gift unopened under the tree, likewise, we should open this gift and use it every day.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Larry Gibson

The Timpanogos Chapter Meeting speaker was the 2019 Chapter President, Larry Gibson. Dr. Gibson is a successful businessman in the technology industry and has served recently as First Counselor in the Young Men's General Presidency for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Larry's presentation had two main themes. The first was the importance of writing personal histories of the many aspects of life that each of us go through so that our posterity can know of, remember and benefit from our own experiences. His discussion related a number of his ancestors and various early church leaders which eventually had great influence on his own family, especially as it related to his marriage of his eternal sweet heart Shirley. The second was the divinely inspired instruction to use these histories to insure that our posterity "remember, remember, remember" and benefit from ancestors who went before. Larry said that "To pioneer is to lead the way, to guide or originate; take part in the development of" ... Our ancestors did just that; they have shown us the way. Their effort and sacrifice blessed them. Whether this heritage blesses us depends on what we do with it. To be blessed by this heritage, we need to "know it, act on it, and build on it." He said that President Monson stated, "We discover something about ourselves when we learn about our ancestors." We all need to be involved in

strengthening our youth, or as President Russell M. Nelson put it, "Strengthen the Rising Generation."

Larry said about his own family, "We don't want to lose any one of them." Our youth not only need to understand what their ancestors did, but also why they did it. We, and our youth, can learn from their stories, patriarchal blessings, memories and journals, what the Lord had in store for them and use that knowledge for our own benefit.

Larry spoke of several individuals, including Edmond and Magdalena Durfee who were taught the gospel in the Spring of 1831 by Elder Solomon Hancock. Edmond and Magdalena were the earliest converts to the church in his family. On September 10, 1845, Edmond was brutally murdered by a gang of drunkards who considered Mormon shooting a fair sport. The winning marksman received a gallon of whiskey. Paying the ultimate price, Edmond became one of the first martyrs of the church following the death of Joseph and Hyrum. His daughter Tamma wrote of her father, "My father was murdered. One who never did them any harm in his life, but on the contrary, he always taught them good principles of truth, uprightness, goodness, morality, and industry all the days of this life." Tamma married Albert Miner, who ignoring the bitterness of his family was baptized on February 1, 1832. It was so cold they had to cut a hole in the ice on the river in order to baptize him, but he would not wait until Spring. Albert died on the plains of Iowa from exposure and exhaustion while on the way with his family to Salt Lake City.

After losing her husband and previously a seven-month old baby named Melissa, Tamma, with her remaining children, two daughters and five sons, walked to Salt Lake

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where she lost her oldest son Orson at age eighteen. Tamma's testimony was, "I have passed through all the hardships and drivings and burnings and mobbings and have been with the Saints from Huron county to Kirtland and endured all the persecutions from Kirtland to Missouri and back to Illinois and then across the desert. I write this that my children may have a little idea of what their parents have passed through. For want of time I have passed over some of the important things. I hope my children will appreciate these few lines for I do feel highly honored to be numbered with the Latter-day Saints. I pray that my posterity will all prove faithful that they may receive a great reward."

Larry continued his remarks by describing the three distinct plans for migration to the Salt Lake valley. One was by land with Brigham Young. Another by sea with Samuel Brannan. The third by land with John Brown, sent out to gather the saints in the Southern States where he had served. He had in his company of "Mississippi Saints" some of Larry's

ancestors, the George Washington Gibson and Mary Ann Sparks family. It was in 1845 that the Gibson's had joined the Church. Larry related how the Saints, led by John Brown, eventually established the first Anglo-Saxon settlement in Colorado, that being Pueblo, while awaiting Brigham Young's Vanguard Party from Nauvoo. He then spoke of the providential blessing this settlement was to save many of the Mormon Battalion and their families. Later, many of these Saints came to the Salt Lake valley arriving July 29, 1847, just five days after the company led by Brigham Young. There were many whose lives and actions were instrumental in bringing Larry's family into the gospel and eventually leading to his marriage to Shirley. Said Larry, "No things are coincidences in the hands of the Lord." Larry finalized his remarks by saying, "We Owe Our Ancestors MUCH! Those that joined and those that preceded the restoration because of the Foundation they Laid!"

UPPER SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

Following the beautiful prelude music at our December meeting by Sylvia Walker, SUP Chapter President Ken Hart welcomed 57 people to the Sons of Utah Pioneer monthly meeting. Included were eight guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Conway and the Opening Prayer was offered by Carlene Grover. The Opening Song was "We Gather Together" with Sylvia Walker as the pianist and Carol Ladle as the Leader. It was a Beautiful reminder of the Thanksgiving Season.

F. Martell Grover, Area Vice President, showed us two medallions, one from the SUP and one from the United States Army, that can be placed on a person's grave headstone. The SUP medallion costs \$37.00 and he would be able to order one for whomever would like it.

Louis Clements spoke about the history of Thanksgiving including a chronology of when it began, thru each stage of

its progression and how it is today. The first was 1621 until today the President of the United States is by law required to authorize it each year.

President Ken Hart was the speaker for the evening and gave us a thorough coverage of

the Utah War and what took place during the time that it occurred. It began on 24 July 1857 with the word that a Union Army was on the way to Salt Lake City. The reason why no one in Utah knew. The reaction of the members of the Church was to harass the army, but take no lives. The Saints were willing to leave their homes and even burn them if necessary rather than "the enemy" take away their homes again - as in Missouri and Illinois. In the end Lt Col Kane brought his troops through Salt Lake City without stopping and took them some forty miles away from the city where they bivouacked.

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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.



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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.
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The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for 2018 Year Due February 15, 2019

Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2018 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

Chapter representative Must be present at the February Chapter Presidents Council to receive this Award

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, 2018.
- 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)

2018 Gift Subscription Scale:

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
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4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
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 - Other Historical Preservation Projects with written permission from the National Executive Council.

Chapter _____ Signed By _____

Revised: February 2018

2018 Chapter President



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

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**Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 31, 2018 and Check Boxes Upon Completion
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AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

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

Member Name: _____, Member Number: _____, Chapter: _____

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner if different from Member: _____

Bank or Institution Name: _____

Bank or Institution City, State: _____

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

Bank Routing Number: _____

Bank Account / Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Expiration Date: _____ / _____, Credit Card Billing Zip Code: _____

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____.

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

Payment will be Monthly unless otherwise indicated here: _____

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