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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April, a time when the small animals that hibernate are coming out of their burrows. The birds are flying back to settle down and have their families. The bees and butterflies will soon begin gathering nectar from the first flowers of the season. It is a beautiful month of new life and new growth! With it comes the newest edition of the Trail Marker! We do hope you enjoy it.

As an update, most all of our chapters are now meeting face-to-face, and it is wonderful to be together once again. Please ensure you have these upcoming events on your personal calendar. First, the **National Headquarters Clean Up Day** on Saturday, April 16th. It is a wonderful time to help reduce our facilities expenses by giving a helping hand to make our National Headquarters look its very best for the special visitors who come to utilize its many resources. It will be held from 9:00-12:00 noon and includes lunch. It also helps prepare the National Headquarters for the upcoming **National Historical Symposium** on Saturday, April 23rd. It is something you will not want to miss. Each of the four presenters are outstanding and the dinner will be excellent. The keynote speaker is Elder L. Whitney Clayton whom you will not want to miss. Register early as the seating for the dinner is limited. Lastly, online registration is now available for the upcoming **2022 National Encampment** in Salt Lake City, September 8-10, 2022. It will be a banner event celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. You will not want to miss this once in a lifetime experience.

April begins a special time for us as we look forward to hearing from the leadership of the church in General Conference. It is a very special time of renewal regarding our focus on the many aspects of our lives. I hope you are looking forward to it with great anticipation especially in these very unusual times in which we live. I know that the answers you are seeking will be made available to you through the Spirit if you sincerely ask.

Two weeks later is Easter on Sunday, April 17th. Easter always seems to be a moving target, and here is the reason why. It always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the spring equinox. But this full moon is an ecclesiastical full moon (meaning "of the Church"), so it was not calculated in quite the same way that modern astronomers would. To compound that, for the purpose of calculating Easter, the spring equinox is always on March 21st. Thus, this year the first full moon after March 21st is Saturday, April 16th, hence the

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reason why Easter is on Sunday, April 17th. It commemorates the greatest event to ever occur on the earth. How grateful we are for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Here are some other historical events that happened during the month of April.

- William Shakespeare was both born and died on his birthday, April 23rd. Celebrations are held in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon and throughout the United Kingdom.
- The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775.
- Our first President, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.
- The first Webster's Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828. This was likely the dictionary that the Prophet Joseph Smith had received from Oliver Cowdery.
- The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912.

These are other significant events that occurred in the month of April in Church history.

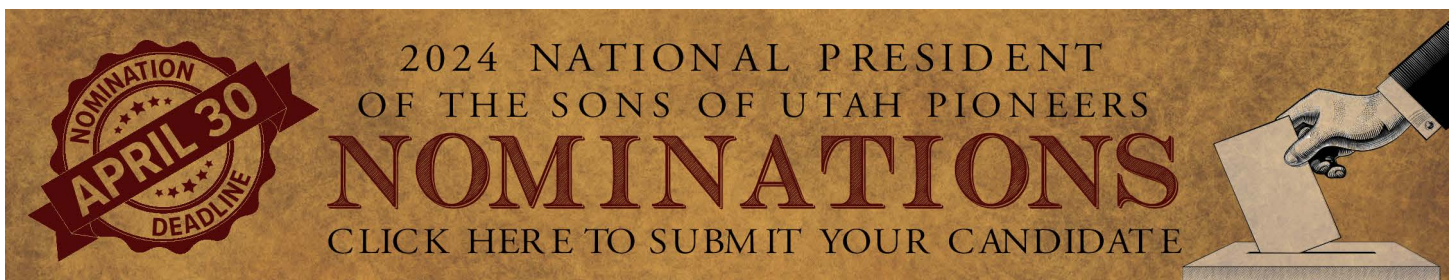
- April 6th: The 192nd anniversary of the prophet Joseph Smith officially establishing the Church of Jesus Christ in the Peter Whitmer home in Fayette, New York. Joseph also revealed April 6th to be the actual date of Christ's birth.
- April 3, 1836: On Easter Sunday, within the walls of the newly completed Kirtland Temple, Christ appeared to accept the temple offering. Subsequently, Moses, Elias and Elijah appeared to restore Priesthood keys, including the sealing authority to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery.
- April 26, 1838: The name of the Church was established by revelation as *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*.
- April 6, 1839: After five months in Liberty Jail, Joseph and Hyrum Smith were taken from Liberty Jail to Galliton, Missouri, for a grand jury hearing.
- April 6, 1841: Joseph Smith conducted an official ceremony where he dedicated the cornerstone of the Nauvoo Temple. The temple was completed five years later after his death.

- April 9, 1847: President Brigham Young's Vanguard Company left Winter Quarters on the journey west to the Salt Lake Valley
- April 6, 1853: The cornerstone of the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated.
- April 6, 1877: The St. George Temple was dedicated. President Brigham Young presided, with President Daniel H. Wells, second counselor in the First Presidency, offering the dedicatory prayer. It was the first temple the Saints built in Utah and the first to remain in continuous operation until recently.
- April 6, 1877: President Brigham Young received a revelation to set in order the priesthood organization and stakes of Zion. He passed away four months later.
- April 6, 1893: Exactly 40 years after the cornerstone was dedicated, President Wilford Woodruff dedicated the Salt Lake Temple. It is the most well-known of the LDS Temples and became a symbol for the Church. That symbol has become less prominent with the focus now being centered on Jesus Christ, whose church it is.

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best Easter and happiest April with its wonderful new beginning as Spring continues to blossom around you. Please know that we are thinking of you constantly and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. May the Lord's blessings ever attend you and all those you hold dear.


CHALLENGE: I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your father's grandmother on his father's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Lydia Ann Badger which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your father's grandfather on his mother's side (one of your two great grandmothers on your father's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.


 Larry M. Gibson
 2022 National President



2024 NATIONAL PRESIDENT
 OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS
NOMINATIONS
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NOMINATION
APRIL 30
DEADLINE



Calendar of Events

SATURDAY
16
APRIL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN-UP DAY

9AM - NOON • LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING GLOVES & GARDENING / WORK TOOLS



SATURDAY
23
APRIL

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM


COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEERS ENTERING THE
SALT LAKE VALLEY & THE MORMON BATTALION ENTERING CALIFORNIA



SATURDAY
23
JULY

DAYS OF '47


SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER LYNN G. ROBBINS OF THE SEVENTY
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP
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8-10
SEPTEMBER
2022

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT


HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS
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BEGINS
16
SEPTEMBER

2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR
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Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.



PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.

AMANDA BARNES SMITH

Article from churchofjesuschrist.org/churchhistory

Amanda was born in Becket, Massachusetts, a town that saw the births of other early Saints including Eliza R. Snow, Sarah Cleveland, and Amanda's first husband, Warren Smith. Each family moved independently to frontier villages in the "Western Reserve," in present-day Ohio. In 1826, Amanda married Warren, and they had five children. She joined a Disciples of Christ congregation led by Sidney Rigdon and Orson Hyde. In 1831, Amanda and Warren joined the restored Church, for which some family members and townspeople denounced them. The Smiths then moved to Kirtland, purchased property, and contributed to the Kirtland Safety Society and temple construction. They lost their land and possessions with the failure of the Kirtland Safety Society and left Ohio to join the Saints in Caldwell County, Missouri, in 1838. On their journey, a mob of armed men stopped the family and demanded their firearms. On October 30, the Smiths camped at Hawn's Mill. Tragically, this was at the time of the infamous mob attack on the settlement. Amanda, her daughters Alvira and Ortencia, and her son Willard survived the attack unscathed, but her husband Warren and her son Sardius were both killed. Her younger son Alma's hip was shot away. Desperate for help, Amanda prayed and received inspiration on how to create and apply a poultice to the wound. The joint was miraculously healed, and Alma made a full recovery.

In the aftermath of the massacre, Amanda and her surviving four children remained in the area, having lost everything to the mob. She and other Mormon women held daily prayer meetings until they were restricted from doing so by local antagonists. Every time Mormon opponents threatened Amanda, she verbally defended her family. On a few occasions, she received aid from mobbers, including a butchered hog as "a meat offering to atone for their repented intention" and later, 50 pounds of flour. They also allowed her to retrieve her own stolen horses when she and her family were ready to leave Missouri.



The Smith family made their way to Quincy, Illinois, where Amanda taught school. In 1839, she married Warren Smith (no relation to her first husband), a widower with five children. The blended family moved to Nauvoo where Warren worked as a blacksmith. During this time, Amanda bore three additional children. The marriage took a turn for the worse when Warren became abusive and was unfaithful to Amanda, fathering two children with another woman.

She left him in December 1850, a few months after their arrival in Utah. Years earlier, Amanda had felt prompted by the Spirit to be sealed to Joseph Smith. After granting Amanda a legal divorce from Warren, Brigham Young stood as proxy in sealing Amanda to Joseph Smith.


Throughout her life, Amanda participated in numerous Church and civic activities. As a member of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo, Amanda joined Emma Smith and Eliza R. Snow in 1842 to present a petition to the Illinois governor for Joseph Smith's protection. In Salt Lake City, Amanda became involved with the Indian Relief Society in early 1854, assisting local Native Americans. She later served as a counselor in a ward Relief Society presidency in Salt Lake City from 1868 to 1879. During the 1870s and 1880s, Amanda was a vocal defender of the Church and an advocate of women's suffrage. She was remembered as "an indefatigable laborer ... among the poor and sick ministering to both their spiritual and temporal needs."

Amanda lived the final years of her life in Salt Lake City, where she was praised for being a "veteran in Zion." She took great satisfaction in the faithfulness of her children. Due to paralysis, she moved in with her daughter in Richmond, Utah, where she later died in 1886. Amanda described her life as a "checkered scene of joy and trouble. I have drank the dregs of the cup of sorrow and affliction, as well as partaken of the blessings of an all-wise merciful God."

Monument Trek

Young Family Cemetery

140 E 1st Ave, Salt Lake City



"I, Brigham Young, wish my funeral services to be conducted in the following manner:

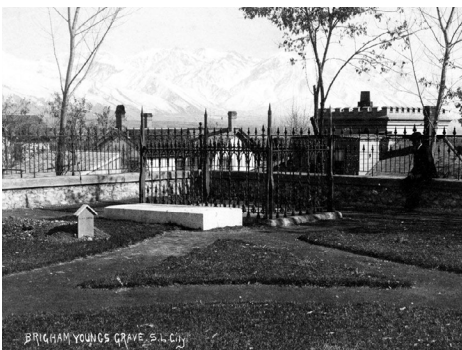
When I breathe my last I wish my friends to put my body in as clean and wholesome state as can conveniently be done, and preserve the same for one, two, three or four days, or as long as my body can be preserved in a good condition. I want my coffin made of plump 1 1/4 inch boards, not scrimped in length, but two inches longer than I would measure, and from two to three inches wider than is commonly made for a person of my breadth and size, and deep enough to place me on a little comfortable cotton bed, with a good suitable pillow for size and quality; my body dressed in my temple clothing, and laid nicely into my coffin, and the coffin to have the appearance that if I wanted to turn a little to the right or to the left, I should have plenty of room to do so. The lid can be made crowning.

At my interment I wish all of my family present that can be conveniently, and the male members wear no crepe on their hats or on their coats; the females to buy no black bonnets, nor black dresses, nor black veils; but if they have them they are at liberty to wear them. The services may be permitted, as singing and a prayer offered, and if any of my friends wish to say a few words, and really desire, do so; and when they have closed their services, take my remains on a bier, and repair to the little burying ground, which I have reserved on my lot east of the White House on the hill, and in the southeast corner of this lot, have a vault built of mason work large enough to receive my coffin, and that may be placed in a box, if they choose, made of the same material as the coffin – redwood. Then place flat rocks over the vault sufficiently large to cover it, that the earth may be placed over it – nice, fine, dry earth – to cover it until the

walls of the little cemetery are reared, which will leave me in the southeast corner. This vault ought to be roofed over with some kind of a temporary roof. There let my earthly house or tabernacle rest in peace, and have a good sleep, until the morning of the first resurrection; no crying or mourning with anyone as I have done my work faithfully and in good faith." . . (Brigham Young, Preston Nibley, 538)

The short sandstone retaining wall surrounding the cemetery was built just a few weeks after President Young's funeral in the fall of 1877. A decorative wrought-iron fence was installed on the wall and around his grave in the 1880's. The site was relandscaped and rededicated in 1974 with a new monument to the pioneers who died along the trail. It was again renovated by restoring grave markers and installing sandstone pathways in 1999.

The 144 year old, 1/3 acre cemetery, designated an historic landmark, just east of the Temple at the onset of "the avenues," is currently under major renovations. Improvements include an increase in the iron fencing, lighting, stonework and pathway repair, sprinkler system replacement, landscaping and tree improvements, and then adding security patrols to protect the site from vandalism, littering and overall unwanted trespassers. Incidents have steadily increased over time with Brigham Young's plaque being spraypainted "racist," as well as fires, holes, missing headstones and even toppling the statue of Young himself. It has been unknown how many were buried in the cemetery, since there are only eleven that are marked, but in the renovation process, over forty unmarked graves have been discovered through ground penetrating radar.



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 short (one paragraph) article in MS Word (or send as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 high quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please have your secretaries or publicity chairmen take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

Chapter Awards

At the end of February we had the National Presidents Council Training. There was a great turn out and some very good ideas to help Chapters. Congratulations to those chapters who worked so hard to receive a Chapter Award!



2022 CHAPTER IN RECOGNITION AWARDS

Brigham Young
Morgan Pioneer
Porter Rockwell
Pocatello Portneuf



2022 CHAPTER IN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Box Elder
Cedar City
Cotton Mission
Ogden Pioneer
Salt Lake Pioneer
Settlement Canyon
Temple Fork
Timpanogos
Upper Snake River Valley

FOR CHAPTER RECOGNITION & EXCELLENCE AWARD
FORMS & OTHER CHAPTER RESOURCES, CLICK HERE.

BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Clare Tobler



Searchlight Museum

For the month of March, the Boulder Dam SUP group visited Searchlight, Nevada, and Cottonwood Cove. After having breakfast at Denny's in Searchlight, Nevada, we toured the Searchlight Museum. Our guide, Janice, gave us a history of the mining and railroad heritage of the area and its notable citizens such as Harry Reid, Edith Head and William Harrell Nellis. Searchlight was established in 1898 as a mining town and was continually active until about 1916. From there we drove to Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mohave, part of the Colorado River. In 1858, high political tension existed at the time between Mormon

settlers in the southwest and the federal government. So, when Jacob Hamblin, a Mormon scout on a hunting expedition spotted the gunboat near the present-day Hoover Dam, he speculated a federal troop invasion. He raced to Las Vegas and told the Mormon community to return to safety in Utah. The mission was abandoned in part for this reason. What Hamblin did not know was the Yankee paddle wheeler was not an armed gunboat but an expedition by the government to determine water routes up the Colorado River. We enjoyed learning more about our Southern Nevada History.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Wedding of the Rails

The January meeting for our chapter was cancelled because our speaker contracted the Omicron virus during the spike. We were able to hold our February 17th meeting and enjoyed a great meal with renewed fellowship. Our speaker, Neylan McBain, reviewed many of the historical firsts listed in her recently published book, PIONEERING THE VOTE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SUFFRAGISTS IN UTAH AND THE WEST. We learned Utah women were given the right to vote in 1870 hoping they would vote out polygamy. When they didn't do so, women lost their right to vote along with

all polygamists. The vote was reinstated to women in Utah, the third state to do so, with the State Constitution when Utah applied for statehood.

On March 17 former National President, Tom Alexander told how the pioneers helped with the railroads. It proved almost impossible to get paid, however, and eventually they received only half. Despite many difficulties, the railroad became an economic boom as it brought in food, jobs, and made immigration by the saints to Utah both less expensive and less hazardous.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Great, great grandsons of Utah pioneers

On February 11 we held our annual Valentine Dinner and Dance. The event included a reading of a pioneer story by Marc McLemore about the last pioneer wagon to traverse the roughly built road down to the Colorado River through "Hole in the Rock" as part of the San Juan mission of 1880. Music was provided by four SUU students who organized a band just for our occasion that they "tongue in cheek" called "Great, Great Grandsons of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers." We enjoyed good food, a wide variety of

music and a little dancing to honor our sweethearts.

Our monuments committee has placed medallions on 12 monuments and is in the process of completing the site forms to submit these monuments to National for inclusion in the monuments database. Upcoming in March we have a trek planned to the Muddy River Mission and a general authority fireside featuring Elder Kent Watson speaking on "Pioneers in Asia."

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Dr. Brenden W. Rensink

We have many binders filled with our Chapter's history including pictures, treks, meeting notes, and other events that cover the time period since the beginning of our chapter to the present. The material was just digitized by our chapter and is available for our chapter members. It was also taken to the SUP National office this month and will be made available to anyone interested in seeing it as soon as they can make it accessible at a future date.

We met on March 7th and enjoyed eating with 46 friends who were in attendance. Our presenter for the evening was Dr. Brenden W. Rensink who is Associate Director of the

Charles Redd Center for Western Studies and Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University. He also is the author of the award-winning book *Native but Foreign: Indigenous Immigrants and Refugees in the North American Borderlands*. He quoted a statement he heard from Elder Holland who said we should think about the things happening today and people being displaced and how we could be helping those who may be falling through the cracks. Dr. Rensink ended his remarks by saying our pioneer ancestors faced similar challenges and we need to find solutions and help for those we look on as different or foreign.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Wayne Hinton

The Cotton Mission meeting held March 15 featured Historian Wayne Hinton who has done an immense amount of research on the Civilian Conservation Corps. We were so impressed with the stories and details he related about the CCC workers here in Dixie, drawing most of the information only from his memory with very little access to notes. The CCC operated from 1933 to 1942. There were about 10,000 young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who served at Utah's 116 CCC camps, many of them from back east. They received about \$30 a month, keeping \$5 and sending the rest home to their families. A number of camps were established in southern Utah. The workers

were fed well, worked hard and planted trees, built roads, trails, bridges, retaining walls, water management facilities, cabins, campgrounds, amphitheaters, and more. Three camps were located in Zion National Park, but the boys were also sent to various seasonal camps including Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks and Pine Valley. The CCC boys built the road to Oak Grove as well as the campground there. Wayne related several humorous stories about the boys attending Leeds LDS services and even dances. The Leeds residents enjoyed the association with the boys and of course some married local girls and stayed in Dixie.

INTERNATIONAL PIONEER CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



John Eldredge

Our latest meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 16 and our speaker was John Eldredge. He spoke on the Mormon Pioneer Trail. Crossing the plains in a "Mormon" wagon train was a different experience from most of the "gentile" trains. For example The Mormons did not use the big Conestoga wagons, but generally used modified farm wagons. The bodies of these were kept tarred so that they would float when crossing a river. These were usually drawn with teams of oxen

fared better and were easier to take care of on the trail. The children even gave names to many of them. Indians were generally not a problem since the Mormon pioneers treated them well and also treated the land and the game well. Sport hunting was absolutely forbidden. There were even times when the Indians lent a helping hand to the pioneers. Deaths were a constant problem. During the pioneer era, 70,000 people crossed the plains and there were 7000 deaths, or 10%

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



John Smith

Our program this evening was excellently presented by our Chapter President, John Smith. In addition to talking about the role our Chapter will take at the upcoming September Encampment being held in Salt Lake City, he took this audience on a virtual tour of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Library located in the SUP National Office complex. The National SUP office leadership asked John, with the assistance of his wife, Diane, nearly five years ago to put some organization into the library facility. Much of that organization has to do with indexing and digitizing all

of the books and records available therein. This library has also become a Family Search Library. Many members and families of our Chapter and other Chapters have assisted in this project for which John and Diane give their appreciation and thanks for the service rendered. A visit to the Library would be an excellent opportunity for all SUP members to learn what is available to them in researching the histories of their posterities. We thank John and Diane for this excellent and most interesting presentation this evening.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Artifacts

What could be better than a cold "Winter's night" to take an imaginary wagon trip on the Mormon Pioneer trail? The Lehi SUP Chapter certainly did, under the guidance of John Eldredge, a true "Rut Nut" (following the old ruts in the ground, along the trail)! Along the route, we saw pictures of those wagon wheel ruts. Certainly, we gained a greater appreciation of what our Pioneer ancestors endured, as we were introduced to precious pieces of

history John has collected over the years (and holds dear to his heart). Perhaps it's best to think of what was lost on each of those journeys: Many lost their lives; others lost personal items because they needed to lighten their "wagonloads": trunks, oxen "shoes", jacks, marbles, bonnets, lanterns, cotton and wool cards, wagon wheel lock chains, and candle molds... to name a few. Thank you, John Eldredge, that was quite the trip!

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

Our speaker in March was Roger Blomquist, PhD. He told of his many experiences, first of his birth in the "Wild West" of Utah, going on an American Sign Language mission and his return home to finish school in drafting and design. But that didn't last forever given that he found himself dressed as a cavalry soldier in Johnston's Army. He was directed to go to Alpine, Utah to be in the LDS film, "Mountain of the Lord". That changed his life. He was in many historical western films which gave him a love of history. His presentation focused on the Saints coming west to the Utah Territory and the dealings of the Federal Government having it in for the "Mormons" because of polygamy and slavery. Of course Johnston's Army did come west but there was no fighting, though there were misunderstandings due to a weak leader

of the Johnston's Army by the name of Colonel Alexander. Brigham Young continued to think that there was going to be a war. Blomquist then talked how these misunderstandings may have led to the Mormon Meadow Massacre. And even though it was called the Utah War, Brigham Young cited that they would not give up who they were and what they had. Brigham still thought they were coming to fight. There never was any fighting. Eventually Johnson's Army peacefully made their Utah headquarters in Camp Floyd near Lehi and ultimately got rid of their weapons. He also talked about Thomas Kane who was the helper to bring peace to the Saints with the Federal Government though polygamy continued to be a major issue. Kane played such a major role in bringing peace that Kane County in Utah was named after him.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Van & Claudia Nelson

The March luncheon of the Morgan Chapter of the Utah Sons of the Pioneers was held at the Rock chapel last Monday. After a delicious brisket meal provided by Birt Boys Barbeque members were enlightened by a slide presentation given by Van and Claudia Nelson. Van has served on the Chapter Board for many years and he and his wife talked about their early years and about their service as full time missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They first

served in the Leeds, England Mission and after a short rest at home accepted a call to serve with President John Porter in the Ohio, Cincinnati Mission. Brother and Sister Nelson talked about their many experiences with the members and full time missionaries serving with them. They made many friends in both missions and grew to love the people they served. Their personal growth and shared spiritual experiences created cherished lifelong memories.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Ryan Bunnell

The Mountain Valley Chapter held a meeting on March 23, 2022 at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Ryan Bunnell. Ryan is an author and is the publisher of the Heber Valley Life - History in the Making magazine. Ryan is the General Manager of the Ignition Creative Group. This quote

From the HOME page of the Heber Valley Life website states an objective of Ryan Bunnell and the staff of the Heber Valley Life Magazine. "Our hope is to capture our local flavor, making impactful connections between Heber Valley's rich history, the present day and the future we hope to create".

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Larry Gibson

Our guest speaker for our 14 March Chapter Luncheon was our National President Larry Gibson. President Gibson's remarks centered around two themes: "Remembering" and "Gathering" - as they relate to "Remembering" our ancestors and the contributions that they have made to the life that we are blessed to live today, and the "Gathering" of the Saints to Utah in the early days of the Church and how we are continuing that "Gathering" in our time by gathering our families into eternal units on both sides of the veil. He related stories of the three "land gatherings" of the Saints in the early days of the Church. (1) The Vanguard company of Saints who crossed the plains and was the first large body to arrive in the Salt Lake Valley, (2) the company of Saints who traveled a southern route from the southern states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, etc., and their interaction with the Mormon

Battalion members who had travelled to San Diego, California, but, who had to leave several of their numbers at Ft. Pueblo where the Southern Saints were wintering, and (3) the Saints who travelled by ship with Samuel Brannan around Cape Horn to bring Saints and a printing press to California and then across the land to the Salt Lake Valley. He also talked about the "traditions of the Fathers," (ancestors) were good traditions and we ought to record and pass them on to future generations. The traditions of sacrifice, hard work, faithfulness, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, caring, and selflessness are all traditions that should be passed on to our sons, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The telling and recording the stories of those who have gone before and exhibited these traits, characteristics, and virtues are a great way to preserve these worthwhile traditions.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Ned and Margaret Arnold

In February, the Porter Rockwell Chapter honored Ned and Margaret Arnold as recipients of the 2022 Modern Pioneer Award. Brother and Sister Arnold have served the Lord in many positions and in diverse areas of the world. They are also a wonderful influence in many ways here in their home community. They are the parents of four distinguished sons. Presenting the award is Chapter President Karl Blake.

Our speaker was Alex D. Smith, a historian with the History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He described the spiritual, civil, economic, political and emotional environment in western Illinois during the time leading up to the Martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph. Most people picture a scenario of extremes: the “good guys” versus the “bad guys”. Actually, Brother Smith said, it was somewhat more complex than that; he

gave examples of some good “bad guys” and a few bad “good guys”. Our understanding of the “why” of the Martyrdom was greatly enriched, notwithstanding that it was the Lord’s plan from the beginning that the Saints move west. Brother Smith has co-edited six volumes of the Joseph Smith Papers and is currently leading a project to publish William Clayton’s Nauvoo journals. His research interests focus on Nauvoo-era Mormon and mid-19th-century western Illinois history. He holds BA and MA degrees in U.S. History. He has been employed as document editor for the Joseph Smith Papers since 2003, served as an instructor for Brigham Young University's Continuing Education intermittently for ten years, and previously worked as a research historian for the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History. -- Tim Nicolaysen

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

The speaker at our March 10 meeting was Tiffany Taylor Bowles. Tiffany is an educator at the Church History Museum in Salt Lake City, where she has worked for almost ten years to help plan exhibits and public programs. A native Utahn, Tiffany graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in history before relocating to Natchez, Mississippi, where she worked as a historical interpreter at Natchez

National Historical Park. She then attended graduate school at Eastern Illinois University, earning a masters degree in Historical Administration. She remained in Illinois for several years before returning to Utah, working at Abraham Lincoln's Springfield home and the Illinois State Military Museum. She and her husband Greg currently live in American Fork.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Cory H. Maxwell

The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter is pleased to invite everyone to our April luncheon meeting. Please [RSVP](#) to ensure enough meals are provided.

April Luncheon Speaker: Cory Maxwell works as Director of Meeting Support and oversees the work of the Scriptures Coordination staff in the Priesthood and Family Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as president of the Australia Melbourne Mission with his wife, Karen, from 2013-2016. Prior

to that he worked at Deseret Book Company as Director of Publishing and before that as Editorial Manager at Bookcraft Publishing.

When: Wednesday, April 13 at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple (rear building of the complex).

Cost: \$25 per person.

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Tooele County Council

The Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held their pot luck dinner meeting on March 3rd. The guest speakers were three of the five Tooele County Council Members - Scott Wardle, Tye Hoffmann and Kendall Thomas. Councilman Wardle, who mentioned that his great-great grandfather was a member of the Martin Handcart company, spoke about the county's growth and how water is needed to continue that growth. Councilman Hoffmann's discussed the plan

for the High Desert Trail - a trail that spans from the Arizona border to the Idaho border with 126-mile portion in Tooele County along the Pony Express route through the West Desert. He stated that for Tooele County growth is and will happen and we need to embrace tourism opportunities. Councilman Thomas continued along the theme of tourism by covering a proposed bicycle competition trail along the eastern section of Tooele Valley and bargaining for extensions of trails along Ophir Canyon.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Kyle Anderson



New Officers

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had another great dinner meeting in March. We started out with Kyle Anderson swearing in the officers of the Chapter for this coming year. We then invited Marilee Greenland to give a brief history of her pioneer ancestors. She told us about Anson Call, Thomas Naylor Jones, and Edward Bunker. Very interesting on how these men intertwined with each other through Mormon pioneer times. As the main part of our meeting, we had Kyle Anderson speak on some of his pioneer ancestors. He told us about Frank Allen who helped in the rescue of the Willie and Martin handcart companies. He also spoke of George F. Housley and how

he and Frank Allen were grandfathers in the same family later on in years. Very interesting how their lives intertwined with each other. Kyle left us with two good thoughts to think about--sometimes we are rescuers, other times we need to be rescued, need the balance in our lives and we need to encourage others in understanding the importance of The Sons of Utah Pioneers and get others involved with us in our Chapters. All in attendance enjoyed the program and left being uplifted and knowing a bit more about our pioneers. We are looking forward to next month's meeting where we will enjoy listening to Patriarch Don and Maurine Reynolds on Temples and Pioneer Heritage.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Tobias and Henry Burkhardt

On 17 March, Bro. Tobias Burkhardt, presented a power-point history of his experience of growing up in East Germany under the influence of his father, Pres. Henry Burkhardt. Who is considered a miracle leader of the church in East Germany. Elder Spencer W. Kimball, in 1977, stated that President Burkhardt seemed to have judgment and wisdom beyond his years. Burkhardt was constantly seeking visas for members to go to the Switzerland Temple, so in 1978 the Government suggested that the church build

a temple in East Germany. Freiberg offered land on a hill and in 1983 ground was broken, and in 1985 the The Temple was dedicated. Included in this presentation was a map, and several pictures of the areas of worship and of the saints. Brother Tobias was one of the first 10 missionaries blessed to serve missions in America. The whole story can be found in the book Henry Burkhardt and LDS Realpolitik in Communist East Germany By Raymond Kuehne.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Bruce Van Orden

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly chapter dinner meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Chapter members were informed that the Timpanogos Chapter received the Chapter Excellence Recognition Award for 2021. National President, Larry Gibson spoke briefly about the significance of the Award and congratulated the Timpanogos Chapter Membership. The guest speaker was Bruce A. Van Orden, Emeritus Professor of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham Young University. Brother Van Orden is the author of *We'll Sing and We'll Shout - The Life and Times of W. W. Phelps*. William Wines Phelps was an early leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was called as "printer unto the church" (D&C 57:11-13) and printed the first edition of the Book of Commandments

that became a standard work of the church. William wrote numerous hymns, some of which are included in the current version of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' hymnal. Phelps was at times both close to and at odds with church leadership. He testified against Joseph Smith, providing evidence that helped persuade authorities to arrest Smith. He was excommunicated three times and rejoined the church each time. Phelps was called by Smith to serve as assistant president of the church in Missouri and as a member of the Council of Fifty. After the Prophet Joseph Smith's martyrdom, Phelps supported the Prophet Brigham Young, who was the church's new president. W. W. Phelps was one of the 10 most influential Latter-day Saints in the Church's first 15 years.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

Our chapter was awarded the Chapter of Excellence Award and is the 3rd year we have qualified for this award. Officers of our chapter were sworn in by F. Martell Grover, Area Vice-President. The officers are: Ron Gibb, Treasurer, Craig Nordfelt, President Elect, Doug Conway, President, Steve Parkinson, Past President, and Doug Ladle, Secretary.

Joe Cherrington began our meeting with an insightful summary of how the pioneers would have sung their hymns around the campfire on the plains. Since they only had the words to the hymns, they would sing them to different melodies.

John Bagley, a native of Wyoming but longtime resident of Rexburg, was called in 2010 to assist in the construction of the 6th Crossing Visitor's Center. This historic site is where the Willey Handcart company faced their hardest struggles before being rescued by the relief party sent out

by Brigham Young. John directed construction of the large, log Visitor's Center. Twenty missionary couples were under his direction and they had many miracles during the erection of this Center. He was then asked to be the director of the Center from 2011-2012. He and Sister Bagley and the other missionary couples assisted various church youth groups as they reenacted the handcart experience. These modern pioneers trekked through muddy rivers—sometimes in cold and snowy conditions. They pulled handcarts up Rocky Ridge—the hardest section of the Willey Company's 20-hour endurance stretch—where they could finally be rescued by the relief party. At the end of their long trek, the modern-day trekkers can see where thirteen members of the Willey party were buried in Rock Hollow. A historical tombstone marks the site of their common graves today.

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