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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the first signs of Spring -- as we emerge from the darker, colder days of Winter -- we stand as witnesses of the budding of trees, the greening of grass, the sprouting of flowers, and the return of the birds. March and April are wonderful months to observe the renewing of Mother Earth when she arrays herself in all her beauty and splendor. Our Pioneer Ancestors always looked forward to this time of year. This was a time of planting crops, a time of lambing and calving, a time of pruning orchards, a time of house cleaning, and a time to celebrate surviving one more winter.

The Native Americans often referred to the full moon during the month of March as the "Worm Moon". March is the time when buds appear on the trees and the roots awaken from their dormant state to provide nourishment for the budding leaves and new growth. During this time of year, the earth thaws from winter's blanket of ice and snow, and the earthworms move closer to the surface of the earth, making them easy prey for the birds returning to their summer habitat (thus the Worm Moon).

As Spring moves into the month of April, the signs of the changing season become even more pronounced. The full moon in April is referred to as the "Pink Moon". This designation comes from the brightly-colored pink flowers (Pink Phylox) that are native to North America and often bloom around the time of April's full moon creating a vibrant blanket on forest floors and on the prairies. Native Americans also refer to the April full moon as the "Breaking Ice Moon" and "The Moon of the Red Grass Appearing", both signs of the moderating temperatures of the season and the springing forth of new life. The Anglo-Saxons often called it the "Egg Moon", a time when birds lay their eggs. This may be part of the basis for the tradition of having "Easter Eggs" at the time of year when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Regardless of all the names, symbolism, and descriptions of this changing of the seasons from winter to spring, there is no denying that it is a time of renewing and refreshing of life -- for the animals, the plants, and mankind -- all of God's creations. As we enjoy this special time of year, let us remember the Creator of all things, including the seasons. Let us renew and refresh ourselves, that we might have greater hope for a brighter future and strengthen our Faith in God Our Father and Our Savior, Jesus Christ, as we stand in wonderment of this earth that was created for us.

L. Nate Pierce | 2024 National President

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PIONEER STORIES

SHE CONSECRATED HER SON

By Jan Tolman

Sarah Granger Kimball was a newly married woman, living in Nauvoo. Her husband was wealthy, and with some available money, she and her seamstress, Mary Cook, decided to invite other women to give what service they could to the temple building by making shirts for the workers. This little sewing group was the impetus of our first Relief Society.



eternities to come. He shall be girded about with righteousness. You shall be a blessing to your companion and the honored mother of a noble posterity. You shall stand as a savior to your father's house, and receive an everlasting salvation, which I seal upon you by the gift of revelation and by virtue and authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Her husband, Hiram, was not a member of the church at that time. But Sarah was bold and made sure her husband knew where she stood in the gospel. From her autobiography, written in the *Woman's Exponent*, on Sept 1, 1883, she explains: "My husband came to my bedside and as he was admiring our three days old darling, I said, 'What is the boy worth.' He replied 'I don't know he is worth a great deal.' I said 'is he worth a thousand dollars?' The reply was 'Yes, more than that if he lives and does well.' I said 'Half of him is mine is it not?' 'Yes I suppose so.' 'Then I have something to help on the Temple.' 'You have?' he replied. 'Yes, and I think of turning my share right in as tithing.' 'Well, I'll think about that.'"

Hiram went to Bro. Joseph to see what he thought of this tithing donation. Joseph accepted the child readily and offered that Hiram give the child to the church immediately for \$500, or keep the child for a \$500 donation. Mr. Kimball asked if city property was good currency. President Smith replied that it was. Then said Mr. Kimball, "How will that reserve block north of the Temple suit?" President Smith replied, "It is just what we want." The deed was soon made out and transferred in due form.

The Prophet then went to the Kimball home and pronounced this blessing:

You have consecrated your first born son, for this you are blessed of the Lord. I bless you in the name of the Lord God of Abraham of Isaac and of Jacob. And I seal upon you all the blessings that pertain to the faithful. Your name shall be handed down in honorable remembrance from generation to generation. You son shall live and be a blessing to you in time and an honor and glory to you throughout the endless

Several years later Hiram had lost his money in failed business ventures and the family became destitute. Sarah began teaching school in her home. This provided a simple, yet comfortable, life for the family. Years later, while sailing to the Sandwich Islands to serve a mission, Hiram's ship exploded leaving Sarah a widow.

Sarah served as the Relief Society President of the 15th Ward for forty years. She served concurrently as General Relief Society Secretary and Vice President of the Relief Society for twelve of those years. She also served as the President of the Utah Woman's Suffrage Association.

This remarkable woman was there at the first meeting of the Relief Society. It is through her recollection that we know Joseph Smith said, "The Church was never perfectly organized until the women were thus organized." (stated in the same *Woman's Exponent* article as above.)

She was a leader in the suffrage movement where her outspoken voice was compared to Susan B. Anthony (who was a personal friend). She was courageous and determined to see that women had a voice. She believed this was what the Lord meant when the key was turned over to the Relief Society, that the women would have power, and voice, to change the world for good.

The first Relief Society Hall was completed and dedicated in the 15th ward, thanks to Sarah. The hall was used to sell homemade items. As well, many historic Relief Society meetings such as the organization of the Junior and Senior Retrenchment Associations, suffrage meetings, wheat meetings, etc. were held there.

She died in 1898.



The Box Elder Academy of Music and Dancing

SUP #195 | Located at 62 North Main, Brigham City, Utah
GPS: N41 30 42.86, W112 00 55.81 elevation 4428 (41.5119056, -112.0155028)

Built in 1903, the elegant two-story building had an upper floor for dancing and an open-air pavilion on the ground floor. Brothers Christian and Peter Christensen ran the Academy and offered dance instruction and ballroom dancing. Three of Christian's sons—William, Harold, and Lew—studied at the Academy and later became national figures in the ballet world.

Thanks for the Preservation Utah Facebook page for a lot of this information and pictures. It states:

The Box Elder Academy of Music and Dancing was... "founded in 1904 by the Christensen family, (and) holds a rich history deeply rooted in northern Utah and southern Idaho. Originally established to cater to the region's thriving dance scene, it soon became a cornerstone of cultural heritage.

While several Christensen brothers gained prominence in ballet, William Christensen founded Ballet West in 1963, solidifying the family's legacy in the arts.

The Academy's building, sold in 1909, underwent various uses until 1980, when it fell vacant. But in 1998, Brigham City stepped in with plans for restoration, recognizing its historical significance. The restoration transformed the second-story ballroom, restored the ornate tin ceiling, and revamped the first level into versatile meeting spaces and instructional rooms.

New construction included a kitchen, restaurant, and support facilities, adding to its charm. This makes it a hub for Northern Utah community gatherings, conventions, and receptions.

The community of Brigham City rallied together, recognizing the building's importance, and raised funds for its restoration. Situated alongside City Hall and a multi-use plaza, it enriches the cultural landscape and serves as a catalyst for economic growth on Main Street.



THE TRAIL MARKER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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 Robert Black WorldWide Pioneer
 Stephen W Farr.....Ogden Pioneer
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 Val Hill.....Sanpete County
 Bevin Johnson.....Hurricane Valley
 Stanley KimballPorter Rockwell
 Brigham Edmund Lathrop..... WorldWide Pioneer
 Tyrel Rockwell Lathrop..... WorldWide Pioneer
 William Richard Lathrop III... WorldWide Pioneer
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 Gary L Maughan Squaw Peak
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 Bruce Olsen.....Ogden Valley
 Noel J Rentz Cotton Mission

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 Richard L Williams The Mountain Valley
 Kevin Woodward.....Timpanogos

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Norman E Rademacher.....Pocatello
 Steven Schellenberg..... Eagle Rock
 Dan C Zaleski.....Hurricane Valley

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Gary Charles NateOgden Pioneer
 John C Riding..... Maple Mountain

BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Celebration Band



St. Thomas Cemetery

In February, the Boulder Dam Chapter held our annual Valentine's Dinner at the historic 5th Street Chapel in Boulder City. We had a dinner that was enjoyed by all as we listened to music provided by a group called Celebration. They played songs from the 1950's, 60's and 70's as members recalled various memories from younger days. For March, we traveled to the former community of St. Thomas, Nevada then to Overton, Nevada. Bill Johnson, a member and resident of Overton, related the history of St. Thomas.

St. Thomas was established as part of the Muddy Mission under Brigham Young in January of 1865. It was a harsh climate to begin a community, but hard work and a pioneer spirit brought prosperity. Even as they endured constant problems with the

local Native American tribes, the community began to thrive. With the building of the Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) and the creation of Lake Mead, the waters of the lake began to creep into the town and eventually put the town under water. The last resident left in 1938.

With the recent draught situation, Lake Mead has receded leaving foundations from the former town visible. The site is now a historic landmark. When the town was being evacuated, the town cemetery was moved to Overton. Since a few of our members had relatives who lived in St. Thomas, we went to the cemetery to see the various head stones. We ended the trek at a popular Overton cafe called The Inside Scoop.

BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah



Postcards

For March, the Bountiful Chapter heard a presentation on the history of Utah through postcards by Ryan Brown. Postcards became popular at the turn of the century and are still

collected today. Ryan has collected over 2000 postcards depicting Utah. Ryan explained the history of Utah from America Indians to the 1970s.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Pipe Spring



Mike Leavitt

On Saturday, March 16th, we hosted a trek to Pipe Spring National Monument and Colorado City. Named by Jacob Hamblin in 1858, pioneers from St. George settled the area in the 1860s. During the Blackhawk war in 1872 a fort was built on the main spring. Brigham Young had the Church purchase the fort in 1873. Anson Perry Winsor, was hired to operate the ranch and maintain the fort, soon called Winsor Castle. This isolated outpost served as a way station for saints traveling from Arizona to the St. George temple and as a telegraph station. The LDS Church lost ownership of the property through penalties involved in the federal Edmunds-Tucker Act of 1887.

In Colorado City, Willie Jessop, a former member of the Fundamentalist Church and a bodyguard of Warren Jeffs related some of his experiences while taking the group on a tour of sites in Colorado City and Hildale.

On Sunday, March 24, we held our annual spring devotional. Mike Leavitt a native of Cedar City and former Utah governor who is President of the Tabernacle Choir spoke on how the choir is expanding its worldwide influence to better fulfill the mission of the Church. Music was provided by the SUU Institute Choir

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Alden Richins and Ryan Richins



Pioneer Monument

Our Centerville Chapter met on March 7th which included a wonderful homemade meal. We then had a special presentation by our long standing chapter member Alden Richins, with help from his grandson Ryan Richins. Alden wanted to share the history of our Centerville Chapter and its historic contribution to the city of Centerville and its pioneers with the building of the Centerville Pioneer Monument. Our chapter's initial planning stages were held during 1990 with the encouragement of John J. Nielsen, a member of the Salt Lake Pioneer Heritage Chapter. Alden was instrumental in getting seven individuals together for that first planning meeting. The first official meeting of the chapter was held on November 7th, 1991, with 14 men and their wives in attendance. R. Dean Layton was elected President with Alden Richins as President Elect. The only charter members still living from that group are Alden Richins, Norman Beers, Bob Brown, and Dale Perry. After discussing the organization of our chapter, Ryan went on to

explain the most significant project that our chapter has undertaken since that humble beginning. The 1991 executive committee discussed several projects that the chapter might carry out to create interest in the organization and at the same time give service to the community. One of the members had seen a pioneer memorial statue in Hurricane, Utah, and the executive committee approved going ahead with a similar project. DeeJay Bawden, a Utah sculptor who had done several monuments for the church including the Joseph and Hyrum statue at Carthage Jail, was hired. Many meetings and fund raising projects were held and a total of \$84,000 was raised. The statue was dedicated on July 3, 1994. Many companies donated materials and time for the project. Several thousand dollars were left over and used for other pioneer related projects. Those wanting to see this impressive monument are invited to visit it on Centerville's main street between Parrish Lane and 100 N.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



President Roy Taylor with Modern pioneer award winner Kurt Parry and his wife.

The March 19 Dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter featured speaker, Roland Lee. Lee served on the History Committee for the recent St. George Utah Temple open house. He gave a report on the open house and rededication events as well as behind-the-scenes work done by 30,000 volunteers to bring it all about. 696,000 guests attended the public open house and special events which covered 10 weeks. 100 people volunteered as translators in a variety of languages. ASL tours were given to hearing impaired groups, and guided tours were

enjoyed by the blind and visually impaired as well. Among the other groups who came included: leaders from other faiths, a Paiute tribe, several care centers, and youth groups from 37 stakes. In spite of his ill-health, and as a result of prayers by the entire community, President Jeffrey R. Holland was able to come to rededicate this historic temple. Everyone who attended felt the Spirit.

Kurt Parry, owner of the Golden Corral Restaurant received a Modern Pioneer Award for his faithful service providing meals for our dinner meetings for many years.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Certificate of Excellence

February's Event: Meeting at the Old South Ward Chapel proved to be a wonderful experience. Rich Howard came to speak to us. We were expecting to hear about some of his military experiences, but he surprised us by telling us just a little about the history of LaVerkin. The focus was on the old Judd and Thompson farms that became the homes that his family grew up in, stating that nearly all of his family had lived in these homes.

The evening was wonderful, the talk entertaining, and the food incredibly delicious. How blessed we are to have such a wonderful "pot-luck" meal each month. Before the dinner the announcement was made, and a presentation by AVP Bob Gurr to the Hurricane Chapter as an SUP "Chapter

of Excellence". This we earned during the year 2023. See attached photo: L-R: Merlin Spendlove, David Isom, Lee Beatty, David Hinton, President Brad Winder, Pres. Elect Brian Hinton, Gerry Buckner and Robert Gurr Area Vice President. Also, Dan Zaleski was announced as a new "Life" member.

March 27th Event: On that Wednesday, Greg and Patsy Last were our speakers. They have recently returned from a mission and their report should be wonderful to hear. Dinner will be at the Red Brick Church at 274 South and 100 West, and our pot-luck dinner will begin at 6:30. Meet and greet will begin at 6:00. Come prepared to experience great food, socializing, and an amazingly wonderful evening.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Tom Omie, bagpiper

Pictured are our bag piper Tom McOmie (with the beard) and his father David. What a wonderful and most interesting presentation from Tom. First, Tom gave a presentation on genealogy about his ancestors from Scotland and from Germany. Then, he entertained us with several musical presentations on his bag pipes. Tom also described the bag pipe and how it functions. He also gave a most interesting history of this musical instrument and how it is used in several European countries besides Scotland.

Paul Child, from our Chapter, also presented us with his family history along with pictures. Paul wrote a book about the Child Family genealogy that is a culmination of many years of research including travel to these European countries to document his findings with pictures. Many pictures were of homes his ancestry members lived in that are occupied and still standing. The presentation was most interesting and inspirational.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Lehi Meeting

The March dinner meeting for the Lehi Chapter featured Jay Buckley, a history professor at Brigham Young University. Mr. Buckley spoke of Brigham Young, Jim Bridger, and Chief Washakie. contemporaries of the

American west whose lives intertwined in unique and various ways. The discussion was very interesting and everyone was delighted. There were about 40 people in attendance.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Sister Ford

The Mesa Arizona Chapter held its monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 7th, during which we discussed chapter business and plans for our March "2nd Thursday Gathering." We met for this event on Thursday, March 14th at the Evergreen Ward building in Tempe, AZ. After our usual opening of opening prayer, announcements, patriotic moment, Pledge of Allegiance and "Star Spangled Banner" played on trumpet by Area VP Matt Wharton, we served an excellent spaghetti dinner provided by the Chapter President and local restaurant By

The Bucket: spaghetti, meatballs, marinara sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread and banana bread pudding.

After dinner Tempe Arizona Stake Just Serve specialist Carole Ford shared the history and current status of the JustServe.org program, took us through the website to explore local service opportunities, and provided a small activity for chapter members in which to engage. This in an effort to get chapter members more community-involved.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Certificate of Excellence

The Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their March luncheon on Monday at the Rock Church. Larry's Spring Chicken Inn again, provided a great meal. In attendance was Leroy Nate Pierce, the current National President of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Besides being our feature presenter, he was also there to present the "Certificate of Excellence" to President George Hopkins and the members of the Morgan Chapter. This annual award is achieved by only a small percentage of the chapters in the SUP organization and is based on membership, activity and growth of the local chapter.

Our feature presenter was Nate Pierce. Nate served in the army and military intelligence for 30 years and retired as a Colonel. He has spent 40 years in federal, state and local governments and is currently an adjunct professor at Weber State and Brigham Young Universities. He and his current wife Ruth have served missions in Boston Massachusetts and in military relations in the San Diego Mission at local naval bases. He is currently a sealer in the Ogden Temple and president of the "Sons of the Utah Pioneers" national organization. Brother Pierce shared stories from his pioneer ancestors and also discussed with the group the importance of keeping a personal record or journal. He shared the quote "if it's not written down it didn't happen."



Stephen Smith

The "Pioneer Minute" was presented by chapter member Steve Smith. Steve shared his conversion story to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1979. He and his wife served a mission to Russia.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Panel of Speakers

In the photo our panel of speakers for the February meeting were left to right: Erica Barrus, Phyllis Stucki (actually in background), Spencer Stucki (chapter member), Alfreda Vann, Arlen Walker, and Jerry Myers.

February being Black History Month the Portneuf Pioneer chapter of the SUP

had a panel presentation on the History of Black Families in Pocatello. Jerry Myers was the moderator for the panel and presented background information on the Triangle area of Pocatello. This was a triangle shaped area on the east of the railroad tracks where a variety

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of ethnic groups, including blacks, settled in the early history of Pocatello. Spencer Stucki presented a history of some of the black families that he had associated with and their relationships. Arlen Walker gave us a snippet of Triangle history and some of the more famous early black residents namely Tracy and Bidie Thompson. Alfreda Vann who was born and raised in the Triangle recalled the values she obtained in her experience living in that unique area. She talked about some of the social aspects and other features. Erica Barrus, who is a fourth generation resident, talked

about her perspective and the importance of family in her life.

The program and the information given was very informative and gave us a different perspective of the importance of the roles of ethnic pioneers and their contributions to our history. Three long time residents, women in their 90s, were recognized though not able to be present. Several of the Black Community were present at the meeting, mostly family of the program participants. We also had a cultural dance demonstration from west Africa that was very entertaining.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



SUP Library

The February Chapter Meeting was at the SUP Library. Since the beginning of Sons of Utah Pioneers in the 1930's, the Society has been collecting ancestral histories and other historical items. The current effort is to bring all of it into the modern era by making it accessible to the rising generation, i.e., those who will "not" read a book, but will dive deep using their cell phones.

These photos are a small sample of the presentation and those who were very well informed and fascinated at what is occurring at the National Library, under the direction of the National Library Director, Bruce G Stewart, and a volunteer staff including Church Service missionaries who are diligently converting the holdings to digitized images all word searchable.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



F. Keith Stepan

When: Wednesday, April --, at 12pm. Please email jedavis2012@gmail.com to RSVP.

Location: Monson Center - Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple, rear building, upper floor.

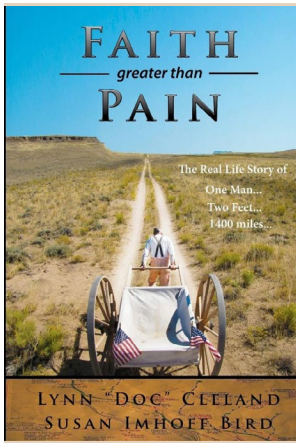
Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: F. Keith Stepan was Managing Director of Temple Construction from 1997 to 2003 after a successful private career in architecture. After serving as Project Architect for the Bountiful and Timpanogos Temples, Keith became the Managing Director in guiding a substantial increase in the construction of new temples. In a letter of appreciation to Keith upon his retirement from Church employment, the First Presidency

acknowledged his hand in the completion of sixty-seven new temples, acknowledging the Nauvoo Temple as perhaps the most significant event in temple building since the Salt Lake Temple. Keith was appointed as the Director of the Department of Facilities and Construction Management by Governor Leavitt in 2003, a position he held until he retired from the State in 2007. Keith has also served as Chairman of the State Building Board, Chairman of the Salt Lake City Airport Board, President of the Salt Lake City School District, and as a member of the Salt Lake City Planning Commission.

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

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Faith Greater than Pain

Lyle "Doc" Cleland "Faith Greater than Pain." Some may say Doc was just an old man on a long walk, but it was a walk that forever changed his life. He lived experiences you may not believe, and had conversations you may not be ready for. Only you can open that door, when you're ready. Doc Cleland is a man who lost his childhood to an abusive, alcoholic stepfather; his wife to Lou Gehrig's disease; his job, home, and savings to the economic downturn; and 4 of his 5 children to paths that stray from his Mormon roots and lifestyle. Seemingly a man who has also lost his path in life, Doc decides to honor his great-grandmother's memory by re-creating her pioneering handcart journey of 1856. He begins walking in Iowa City,

pulling a wooden handcart, heading west on his 1400-mile journey, uncertain of exactly what he'll encounter along the way. Sarah Goode Marshall was his great-grandmother, a 34-year-old widow with 6 young children and a powerful commitment to her newly found faith. A woman who left in England her family, her home, and everything she knew, Sarah's story has lived only in family journals and lore for the past 5 generations until Doc brings her to life by connecting with her indomitable spirit during his trek. Join Sarah as she discovers the faith that is true for her, withstands the abuse her husband piles upon her, and finally leaves her home in England to answer the call to Zion.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Kristi Overson and Council Member Meredith Harker

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had the opportunity during our March chapter meeting to hear from the mayor of Taylorsville City, Kristi Overson and council member Meredith Harker. They updated us on what is happening in Taylorsville with roads, new building/businesses, and other items of the city. It was a very informative evening and gave all of us an opportunity to get to know the leaders of Taylorsville a bit better. We had a pioneer moment given by Dan Greenland about his third Great Grandfather, Jehu Cox

and family. He informed us of the struggles that the family had in coming to the Salt Lake Valley. Our next meeting in April will be presented by cowboy poet Doug Brewer and singing cowboy Wes Brewer. We are looking at another great evening as a chapter. We invite anyone that would like to attend with us to come out. Our meeting is held at Jim's Family Restaurant in West Jordan at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Justin Clawson

The Temple Fork Chapter held by our monthly meeting on Monday, March 20th at the Logan Country Club. Following dinner we heard from PhD Bruce Richards, USU Dairy professor and Justin Clawson, Cache County USU agriculture agent. They gave a great history of dairy farming in Cache County and the Utah State University dairy farms program

from its earliest days until today. Our chapter also held a virtual trek to the Mormon Pioneer Trails Center at Winter Quarters. This was a great trek. The Temple Fork Chapter also started a chapter Facebook page. You can find us on Facebook at: Sons Of Utah Pioneers-Temple Fork Chapter. Check us out and follow us. Have a great month.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah*Tiffany Bowels*

On March 21st, our Timpanogos chapter hosted Tiffany T. Bowels from the Church History Museum. Her captivating presentation was titled “Mormon Trails: Pioneer Pathways to Zion.” We got an inside look at an exhibit focused on the many ways and means by which thousands of Latter-day Saint pioneers gathered in the Salt Lake Valley between 1846 and 1890. A central theme in this exhibit is the idea of gathering. Nineteenth-century Latter-day Saints were asked to gather at one general location as a means of protection so they could live and work together in a righteous, peaceful

society. Among the precious artifacts in the museum, Tiffany shared 3 specific items with us, a cup, a rifle and a violin, each having a unique link with one another. We learned even though the way we currently gather as Latter-day Saints is different from our nineteenth-century pioneer ancestors, we do indeed still gather, and how important that is to the Lord. We were taught the importance of our obligation to enlarge, broaden and strengthen our pioneer ancestors path until it encompasses the whole earth.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho*Donna Jean Kinghorn*

The speaker was Donna Jean Kinghorn, member of the Area of Sugar City Historical Society. She is a lifelong resident of Salem/Sugar City and married to Brent R. Kinghorn. Individually and together, they have been involved in many church and civic organizations. Donna Jean spoke about the history of Sugar City, from its early beginnings in 1903 when The Fremont County Sugar Beet Factory and the plat for a community (Sugar City) was organized. Joseph F. Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was the director of these new entities. The town plat was laid out in August 1903 and the cornerstone for the factory was laid in December 1903. Mark Austin was chosen as the Asst. Manager of the sugar beet plant. He was also the president of the Fremont County Bank, Sugar City’s first bishop, and involved

in several other civic and business operations. A street in Sugar City is named after him. He wanted Sugar City to be a shady [no pun intended] community, so he supervised the planting of 8000 trees.

The 1976 Teton Dam Flood devastated Sugar City but it has been rebuilt and is thriving. A new video about the flood, Flood of Memories, is available on BYUTV and in the Rexburg Museum. It was produced by Fred Wood, a former professor at BYU-Idaho and is excellent in its tone and message. This video will be featured in our April meeting with Alisha Tietjen. The Sugar City Area Historical Society is raising funds for a museum. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 locally, to be matched with funds from other agencies. They have reached \$40,000 and are thankful for any additional donations that are offered.

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