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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November is often the transitional month that takes us from fall into winter. This year was no exception. Warm fall days were followed by strong winds and snow for many of us. Then it was again back to warm days. Late fall can often be a rollercoaster ride. And so it is this year, and not just with the weather. COVID-19 has us all trying to stay in our seat on the ride as we physically and emotionally have ups and downs. The downs are obviously the record high numbers of COVID cases and deaths, while the highs are the vaccines that may be available to us by the

end of the year and the many stories of love and compassion. Through it all let me put everyone's mind at ease; The Sons of Utah Pioneers is safe and on solid ground and will be here for many generations to come. To meet we need to be creative. Many of our chapters are holding excellent chapter meetings with speakers using the ZOOM platform. This is working well. Treks, both personal and chapter are taking place. Safe distancing and mask wearing is happening to keep trekkers safe. Monuments and memorials are being built and maintained. The library and office are open and working hard to keep everyone informed and up to date. We are working to create a master list of chapter Zoom meetings and treks on the web site and in the Trailmarker so that members from other chapters can join in with you and share in your pioneer spirit. If every chapter that is having an activity would let us know a month in advance of what is planned we will get it published, please include the ZOOM log in ID and password. As a great actor once said "I'm pulling for you, we're all in this together".

In November the Bear Flag was accepted by the SUP and is displayed at our headquarters building. A plaque with a description and historical facts of the flag will soon be placed near the display. Once in place we will have an official dedication and this will become another SUP monument. The Bear Flag would make a great personal or chapter trek. After viewing the flag you could tour the SUP library and offices.

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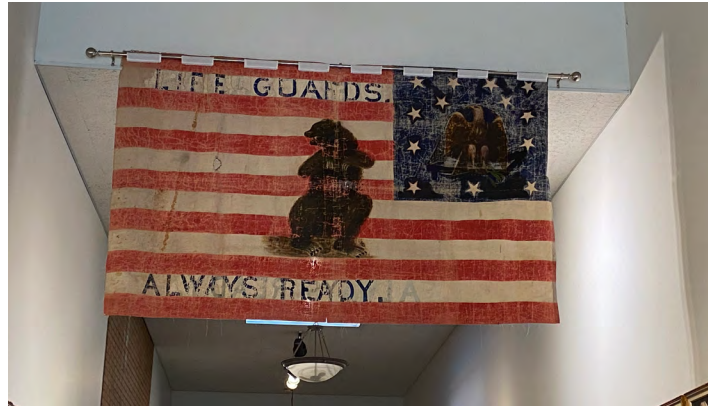
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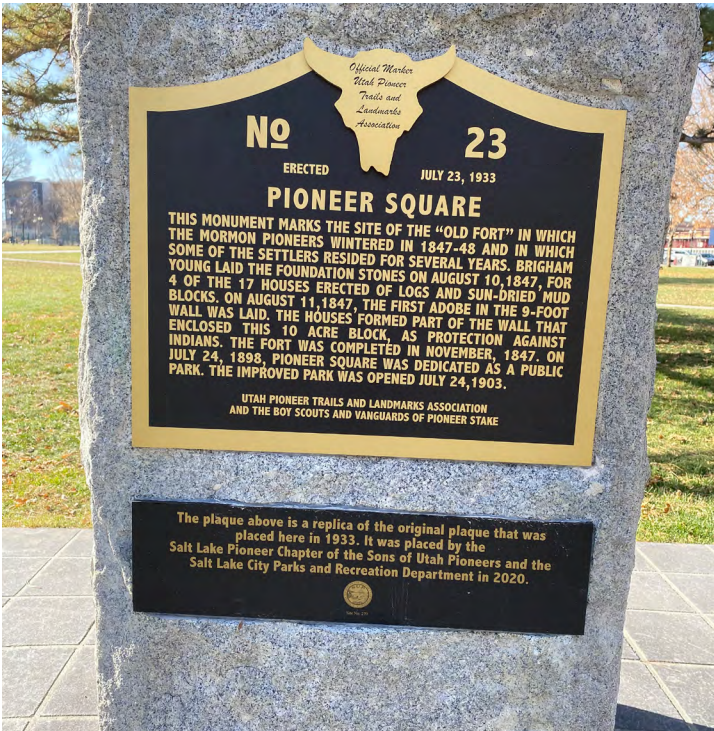
My wife and I took a trek to Pioneer Park in Salt Lake City to see the refurbished and rebuild monument describing the significance of Pioneer Park and the surrounding area. On December 3rd the monument will be dedicated but attendance is limited to accommodate social distancing, face masks and other safety measures. The monument is cared for by the Salt Lake Pioneer chapter. This is an easy and good personal or chapter trek. Salt Lake City has done a lot of work in the park. It now has tennis courts, soccer fields and a playground. The area is safe and the negative reputation of the area is changing. The monument is on the South West corner of 300 West and 300 South, park on 300 South.

I hope your Holiday Season is filled with warmth and happiness as you remember the true meaning of Christmas. As the season often gets hectic, please take time to reflect and remember the Pioneers and to share their story with those around you, and as always; Be Pioneer Strong.

Brad Clayton
2021 National President



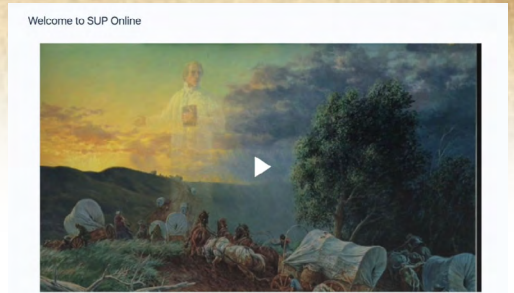
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SUPONLINE.ORG TRAINING VIDEOS

Our SUPonline Webmaster, Derek Rowley, has provided four new training videos to assist us in navigating the many features and benefits of the website. Click on the image to the right to view.



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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Derek Rowley At Large Member

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NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mark Buhl Washington DC Area
Rick Childs Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim
Ray Hancock..... Upper Snake River Valley
Matthew LaMar Hills Squaw Peak
Brandon Slater Salt Lake Pioneer

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kevin Kilcoyne Cedar City
Douglas Taylor Washington DC Area

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

DeeOn Waters..... Eagle Rock

PIONEER Stories



All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. **All members of the SUP are encouraged to submit to our database at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.**

BENJAMIN BENSON

By Philip Wayne Ercanbrack: Third great grand-son of Benjamin Benson

My name is Benjamin Benson, I was born in 1773 in Maple, Rensselaer, New York. I was a farmer most of my life and also learned the trade of Millwright to help support our family of 12 children with my wife, Keziah Messenger.

In the year of 1795, when I was 22 years old and living in the Town of Pompey, County of Onondaga, New York, I, being a very curious man, often wondered where all the Indians or native Americans originated. I made it a matter of prayer. I experienced a vision of an angel that appeared to me in a dream. He showed me an ancient record that was deposited in the earth and said it was a record of a people that came from Jerusalem. They were the forefathers of the Indians and that the record would be brought to light in a few short years. Then from a distance the angel then showed me the man who had been chosen to bring forth the record and said about him, "He is not yet born."

We moved our family more than 1,000 miles from Allegany County, New York to Clinton County, Indiana by floating the Allegany and Ohio Rivers. I engaged in clearing timbered land, farmed, built saw and grist mills, encountered Indian raids and endured all the struggles of frontier life. In 1832, while living in Indiana, missionaries from the restored Church of Jesus Christ converted our whole family to the Church.

It all started when our daughter, Polly Benson, had a dream that she was doing the family washing out by our big shade tree near our home. In the dream she saw two men walking towards her with little satchels. She said that she heard a voice that told her, "Whatever those men are bringing you, accept it for it is true."

So vivid was the dream that sometime later when she was actually doing the family wash, she saw two Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints approaching and recognized them as the two men in her dream. She quickly invited them into the family home. My wife and I were happy to welcome them and we were anxious to hear their message about the restored gospel, Joseph Smith, and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon.

We readily accepted their teachings and soon joined the faith. I had been prepared to hear and accept the gospel truths years earlier. Following our conversion we committed to travel 800 miles by ox team to Jackson County, Missouri to be with the rest of the saints. We experienced all the persecutions and atrocities committed upon the members of the Church at the merciless hands of our persecutors.

Years later, in 1837 when I was 64 years old, while in Far West, Missouri, I had a private conversation with the Prophet Joseph Smith and related the whole experience to him of my dream many years earlier. He was very interested. He asked me to record everything that I had seen in the dream in detail and give him a copy, which I did a short time thereafter.

Eventually we finally were driven from Missouri, crossed the Mississippi River and settled in Warsaw, Illinois. I was 65 years old and now I had to start all over again. But my family and I had a close relationship with Joseph Smith and we supported him fully. I helped build the City of Nauvoo and worked on the Temple there. I also served on the Nauvoo High Council. Great was my sorrow at the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum in 1844.

Our family moved west with the saints in 1846 sorrowfully leaving the city we had helped to build. The journey was very hard on me. I was not young anymore and the rigors of the journey overcame me.

At the age of 73, I passed away near Winter Quarters. My wife and other family members continued on west and eventually reached the Salt Lake Valley in 1852. They first settled in Springville then later helped initiate the settlement of Fayette, Utah and worked on the Manti Temple.

It is my testimony that the Lord lives and that Joseph Smith is his prophet. How privileged I am to have known Brother Joseph and to have been baptized in the restored Church of Jesus Christ.

Monument Trek



Wind Storm Damage

AT THE SALT LAKE CITY CEMETERY

Originally established in 1848, shortly after the Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, it is the largest privately owned Cemetery in the United States at 121 acres.

Of many notable residents, twelve of the Presidents of the Church, dozens of Apostles and many other notable pioneers of the Church.

Amid all the chaos of 2020, on the morning of September 8th hurricane force winds tore through the Salt Lake Valley. Of the cemetery's 2,385 trees, 257 were blown down. Fortunately, no vaults or caskets were damaged, but headstones, roads, curbs and gutters were torn up throughout the large campus. Even the Obelisk of Porter Rockwell's headstone was knocked off and is still buried under the debris.

Because of the historic nature of the cemetery, the City, State Historical Society, and other organizations are taking great time and care to accessing the needed repairs.



CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

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

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

Note: Most of the chapters have canceled their chapter meetings due to the Corona Virus situation. Some have reported on other events and service projects, while some have been meeting via "Zoom" technology.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah

Erratum: In the November Trail Marker news from the Brigham Young chapter, we ran a photo of Steven Nelson with Provo Mayor Michelle Kaufusi that was incorrectly identified. We apologize for the mistake. Here is the photo again, with the correct caption. – Roland Lee

On Monday, September 7, the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers presented the Modern Pioneer Award to Steven Nelson, "Mayor" of the Provo Utah Pioneer Village. The Provo Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, spoke at the awards ceremony, speaking of her delight in honoring Steve as the other "Mayor" serving in Provo. Steve has been instrumental for several years in restoring and operating the Village, and the award recognizes his key role in the restoration.



Provo mayor, Michelle Kaufusi, with Steven Nelson

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah

On November 2, the Cedar City Chapter of SUP was privileged to hear a presentation by our new chapter president, Don Anderson. Don is a tremendous example to all our members of someone who has experienced life to the fullest and has learned many extremely valuable lessons from his experiences and his lifelong reliance on the Savior.

In his comments he mentioned that the Lord has always provided him with what he needed at the time to meet life's challenges. He described the Lord as the Divine Engineer who orchestrates our lives to provide us the

best preparation possible for our challenges.

Don grew up on a farm and took on major responsibilities at a young age. He was driving the tractor to furrow the rows at age eight. He took on even more responsibility at age ten when his father was called as a bishop. At age twelve his mother died in childbirth and left his father with six children to raise along with all his other responsibilities. Since he was away during the week for training for his job in Logan, Don was left in charge of running the farm.



Don Anderson

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While serving a mission in England, Don started to lose his sight. Upon returning home and being checked out by an eye doctor, he found out that he had retinitis pigmentosa, a rare eye disease that gradually leads to blindness within usually about ten years. This obviously caused a lot of anguish and concern and initially Don went to great lengths to hide his eventual blindness from friends and young ladies he was dating. But the Lord gave him the strength to eventually face his situation and seek solutions to allow him to still pursue living as normal a life as he could. When he bore his testimony and told his story in a BYU ward his friends rallied around him and, with their help, he was able to graduate in Social Work. He went on to graduate school, despite having been told that there were no jobs a blind person could get in social work in the state of Utah.

But once again the Lord opened the way and he got a job in Cedar City in the Division of Child and Family Services where he has had a long and successful career helping find homes for foster children, working with adoptions and helping troubled youth. The Lord also answered his prayers in leading him to his dear wife Erlene, who despite having health problems of her own, has been a rock in his life and the lives of their three adopted children.

By facing life's challenges with faith and total trust in the Lord, Don has learned patience, self-discipline, determination, the value of relationships, and has been given many opportunities to serve his fellowman. As a chapter we feel blessed to know him and to have him as our leader for this coming year.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

Again this month, and for most months in the foreseeable future, our chapter meeting was held virtually using the Zoom software that is available to us. We thank Jim and Elaine Crane for sharing some of their mission experiences with us. They served their Church mission in Texas. Most interesting, thank you.

Sharing some of the miracles you experienced with us was

very uplifting to us all – yes, miracles do exist in our lives today. Again, thank you Jim and Elaine. And thank you to John and Diane Smith for helping with the Zoom broadcast.

Our December 10th meeting will be held on Zoom and will have a Christmas theme. It is very convenient to watch on Zoom on your home computer. Join with us and enjoy the message given and the spirit shared.

OGDEN CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah

Ogden chapter member Edward B. Walker, Professor, Director of Chemical Technology Center was honored recently in recognition of his extensive achievements in research and community service. Walker received the Utah Governor's Medal for Science and Technology. He is also a Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor and a Crystal Crest Master Teacher. This award has been presented annually since 1970 to honor faculty and staff who have demonstrated careers of excellence and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support students.

Graduating from Weber College in 1976, Walker went on to earn his Ph.D. in chemistry from Texas Tech University and was a postdoctoral scholar in biochemical



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pharmacology at Stanford University. The Ogden native returned to Weber State in the summer of 1981.

Soon after his arrival, he helped design and implement the chemical technician associate's degree program. In 1990, he founded the Center of Excellence for Chemical Technology. Over the past three decades, the center has partnered with more than 100 Utah companies to enhance the quality of applied science teaching and research at Weber, and to stimulate the state's economic growth.

Not only does Walker strive to keep pace with the latest developments in chemistry, he frequently also sets that pace. His publications, discoveries and participation in national and international scientific organizations have brought prestige to Weber State. Assisted by student research teams in the 1990s, for example, Walker identified the active ingredients in cranberries that help prevent bladder infections. He is now recognized as a world leader in bacterial anti-adherence mechanisms, organometallic chelation and the compositional analysis of fruit juices.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah

Since our Summer break the Porter Rockwell Chapter has enjoyed "virtual" presentations by two excellent students of Utah and Church history. At our September meeting, Kathryn Kitterman, Historical Director for Better Days 2020, recognized the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and the superhuman role played by Utah women, both in and out of the Church, in working to secure the right to vote for all, without regard to sex.

In October, Jake Olmstead, a Curator of Historic Sites in the Church History Department, discussed several interesting but lesser-known facts about the original construction of the Salt Lake Temple.

Since our chapter trek to the Manti Temple had to be postponed, our members decided to focus on "personal treks." The photo collage features some of the many trips we have taken this year as individuals, families and friends to places near and far. Pictured are the following locations in random order: Draper Historic Park, Fielding Garr Ranch (Antelope Island), Johnson Farm (Ohio), Honeymoon Trail marker, John Rowe Moyle memorial, Gilgal Park (Salt Lake City), Kirtland Temple, Blackhawk War marker, and the Union Cemetery (Cottonwood Heights).

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Some of the places our members have visited on "Personal Treks" during 2020.

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Honeymoon Trail Trek by Ron and Barbara Watt and Grant Davis on their trip to Southern Utah and the Honeymoon Trail:

“Our personal trek started on September 17, 2020, when we traveled to Kanab to visit the Honeymoon Trail. The Honeymoon Trail was one of the main trails during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It was a trail that engaged Latter-day Saints couples used to travel from Arizona to St. George in order to be married there. Part of the trail had been established much earlier when church members journeyed from Utah to Arizona to establish colonies such as St. Johns, Snowflake, Mesa, and other communities.

We started our journey on the trail in the morning after a night’s rest at Kanab. We had seen a few things which didn’t pertain to the trail the day before such as Butch Cassidy’s

home south of Circleville, and the Joel Hill Johnson grave. He was the man who wrote the hymn High on the Mountain Top. That next morning we visited the site of the old town of Paria which was located on the Paria River north of Highway 89. We found Navajo Well where everybody stopped for water in the middle of this desert. We then drove down a graveled road that bypassed Glen Canyon Dam and Page, Arizona. That road hooked up with the Honeymoon Trail and we traveled on it for about 30 miles.

We saw several inscriptions left by those folks who were journeying to the Arizona settlements. We also found two campsites of the Dominguez-Escalante party as they were returning to Santa Fe in 1776. We ended our trek at Lee’s Ferry where John D. Lee ferried most of the Saints across the Colorado River. Next year we plan to go south to Inscription Rock near Tuba City and other exciting places. If anyone would like to go with us, you are invited.”

Chapter news submitted by Tim Nicolaysen

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

Richard and Linda Eyre, recognized speakers, authors and consultants, were guest speakers at our November 11 meeting. They are popular speakers on parenting and families. Their clients and audiences range from The Young President’s Organization (YPO) and major corporations and associations to a wide array of school, civic, church and community groups. They find it remarkable and gratifying that in every one of the 45 countries where they have presented, parents have similar hopes, dreams and worries about their children regardless of economic, religious, geographic, and cultural differences.



Richard & Linda Eyre

Val Parrish, president of the Salt Lake Pioneer SUP Chapter, invites you to the Wednesday, noon, December 9, Zoom meeting and Holiday Program where International opera star, Brian Stucki, will perform..



Brian Stucki

An accomplished oratorio soloist, Mr. Stucki’s performances on the concert stage include Haydn’s Creation with Boston Baroque and Utah Symphony, Mozart’s Mass in C, Requiem, and Mass in C minor with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, and his Avery Fisher Hall debut as Achicham in Hiller’s The Destruction of Jerusalem as well as his Carnegie Hall debut singing Spohr’s Die letzten Dinge and Fanny Mendelssohn’s Musik Für die Toten der Cholera-Epidemie with the American Symphony Orchestra and sang Orff’s Carmina burnana with the Milwaukee Symphony, Honolulu Symphony, and Acadiana Symphony in Louisiana.

He has previously joined the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for Handel’s Messiah; Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

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for Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Bruch's Flight into Egypt with Pacific Symphony, and Music in a Sacred Space for Mozart's Requiem, Utah Symphony and Mormon Tabernacle Choir for Evangelist in Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Handel's Utrecht Jubilate and Holst's Psalm 86 at the Deer Valley Music Festival; and both the Waukegan Symphony and Bach Chorale Singers for Mozart's Requiem. He holds a Master of Music from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Music from Brigham Young University.

Chad Stowell, who has been a member of our chapter for almost a year now, will be serving as our Chapter President-Elect for the 2021 year. Chad currently is involved in the Sons of Utah Pioneers on the National Board as Trail Marker Editor, Webmaster and Member of the Pioneer Magazine Committee.

The SUP Pioneer Park Monument will be dedicated December 3rd. Elder Curtis of the Seventy will rededicate the monument that was originally dedicated in 1933.

SANPETE CHAPTER - Manti / Ephraim, Utah

A Zoom meeting has been held in November featuring Richard Wheeler, a noted speaker on his extensive book collection of LDS authorship and the history portrayed within the book. This was extremely well received by the general membership and invited guests; as well as the St. George Chapter that participated with us as well.

A Board meeting was held on November 9th discussing potential activities in the future. A decision was made NOT to pursue a mini-trek, as too many members have expressed

concern about being involved. The decision to proceed with a Zoom meeting this month was made, and the group will proceed with making it happen. The finances of the Chapter are nearly unchanged for the past three months. Membership dues are lagging somewhat, but there has been very little outflow of cash. The major emphasis needs to be in providing a program via Zoom to keep membership active; and to begin a drive to increase membership.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah

During the month of November, 2020, an elementary school scholarship program is being implemented by the Timpanogos Chapter. Central Elementary School and Grove Crest Elementary School in Pleasant Grove, Utah will participate. Fourth grade students in both schools learn about Utah History. Their teachers have assigned students to research and write a life essay or pioneer biography on the subject of "What impressed them the most about Utah History." Members of the Timpanogos Chapter will read and judge the submissions. One hundred dollars in prize money is given to each school in the following way: First Place receiving \$50, Second Place \$30, and Third Place \$20.

The presentation of the awards is enhanced as the awards are given in new \$5 dollar bills to the winners counted out in the hand of the recipient. The teachers and students are thrilled with this project as it promotes increased scholarship in the study of Utah history.

This is the third year this project has been sponsored by the Timpanogos Chapter. The Chapter desires to recognize tomorrow's pioneers and to complete requirements for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Chapter Excellence Awards.



Central Elementary School



Grovecrest elementary school

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

The Hebgen Lake Earthquake: A Journey in Time. Our November Member Meeting was our first Zoom meeting featuring a presentation by Joseph Law, a chapter member from Sugar City. Joseph is a renaissance man with a BS degree in English, French, and Theater Arts. He served in the Air Force as an Aero-Technician and is a closet historian. His interest in Quake Lake was sparked by accompanying several college groups to that site and wanting to learn more about the physical geography of the area and the human experience of those who were in the area when the earthquake rocked Yellowstone Park on August 17, 1959.

The presentation was highly informative with over a hundred photos and a heart-felt narrative by Joe during the PowerPoint presentation. He included a short story by Jerry Rigby. Jerry's father and bishop at the time, Ray Rigby, saved their Boy Scout Troop from injury by making the decision to cut short their camping trip and not stay in the camp ground that was later covered by the mountain side that slid down the East side of Madison River. Joe's narrative also shared stories about others who were among the 29 individuals who died from the effects of the earthquake in that region. All in all, it was a presentation that combined local history with topnotch historical research and an informative graphic presentation. Thank you Joe.

Bill Eckersell, chapter Monument Committee Chairman reports the following:

Our Upper Snake River Valley SUP Chapter has been responsible for the creation of three monuments. Our first monument was the plaque marking the location of early pioneer home sites in Rexburg. It was dedicated on October 18, 2001 by Norman Ricks and is located on the west side of the north doors of the Tabernacle/Civic Center and the historical flood and artifact museum.

Our second monument was erected in 2010 on the south side of Porter Park, midway between the Spray Park on the west and the picnic shelter on the east. Mark Ricks and Bill Eckersell were monument chairmen. We drove several times to Idaho Falls to select the stone and provide the text. Because Mark Ricks was so well known and respected, they gave us a generous reduction in the price. The following people stood for the unveiling of the monument: Harvey Jackman, Ron Gibb, Rexburg Mayor Richard Woodland, SUP National President Dil Strasser, Mark Ricks, Bill Eckersell, Lynn Smith and Gordon Timothy.

Our third monument is located on the northeast corner of the Tabernacle/Civic Center and has four sides. It was originally planned to honor the hundredth anniversary of the Rexburg Tabernacle in 2012. However, it proved large enough to have three additional plaques installed, one in 2013 honoring 150 years since the creation of Idaho as a territory, another plaque in 2013 honoring the 100th anniversary of Madison County, and the last plaque honoring the founding of Rexburg in 1883. Over ten years ago, the Salt Lake SUP Headquarters assigned our local SUP Chapter to be responsible for all monuments in our area erected by the Utah Trails and Landmarks Association. There are four of these monuments in our area.



Joseph Law



Ray Rigby



Scene of Mountain Scarp-Quake Lake

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Our SUP Chapter has overseen the restoration of two of the four monuments. These are the Fort Henry Monument in St. Anthony and the North Fork Ferry Monument, now located on the northeast corner of Beaver Dick Park.

1. Monument #40 erected August 25, 1934 commemorates Fort Henry, built in 1810. These were the first buildings erected by Americans in Idaho. The monument was in poor condition, so the Upper Snake River SUP Chapter and Upper Snake River Historical Society had it rebuilt and rededicated on September 5, 2011.
2. Monument #70 honors the builders and managers of the Henry's Fork Ferry. It was located on the north side of Highway 33 opposite to Beaver Dick Park. The plaque had been shot at and severely damaged. It was restored and moved to the northeast corner of Beaver Dick Park in 2016. Restoration cost for the plaque was \$1,000.
3. Monument #54 erected on September 28, 1935 commemorates the early pioneers of Rexburg and it is a granite shaft on the southeast side of the entrance steps of the Rexburg Tabernacle/Civic Center.



Rexburg Public Square Monument

4. Monument #116 erected on May 13, 1950 commemorates the Salmon River Mission. It is in Lemhi County, Idaho. Our Upper Snake River SUP Chapter visited the monument site in August 2019 and found the plaques and monument in good condition.

LEGACY OF PIONEER VALUES

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

These values include:

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

WOULD YOU STILL LIKE A TAX DEDUCTION, OR BETTER THIS YEAR (AND NEXT?)

As the year heads towards its close, many people consider donating funds to non-profits, like the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Members and friends would really be helping out the Sons of Utah Pioneers at this time, since our revenue, especially from building use donations, is far short of normal years, but our fixed costs of operating and providing everything National does for Chapters and their members have not shrunk....

So please consider a year end, or just after year-end donation.

If you itemize your deductions, then you can donate to the SUP that way before the end of this year and get the 2020 tax benefit therefrom.

Next, what do I mean when I also mention another idea, a “just after the year-end donation?”

You may have heard of the “QCD” as a way to donate. If you have ever seen Ed Slott (the “reformed CPA” as he describes himself, speak on PBS—where he is their largest fund-raiser each year), the QCD, or Qualified Charitable Distribution is the superlative way to help a non-profit.

How does a QCD work and when do I make one? You direct money to go straight from your Qualified Retirement Account, your IRA, to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It’s that simple...but there’s one important rule. The QCD must be the first money out of the IRA in any given calendar year. So, making this donation just after the end of the year is ideal.. So, don’t take your RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) or any other withdrawals from your IRA until after your QCD withdrawal is processed if you want to get the tremendous tax benefit of having a charitable donation excluded from your income (since exclusions are better than deductions).

Who is eligible to make a QCD? This one is a fun one to answer. More people than you probably think! The QCD was set into law to provide people that wonderful tax exclusion once they attain age 70 ½. That was when RMDs had to be taken beginning at age 70 ½. Guess what? In recent legislation when they changed the RMD starting age for many Americans to begin those RMDs at age 72, they did not raise the QCD age! So, every IRA owner age 70 ½ and above can make QCDs.

Is there a limit to the size of QCDs? There is no limit on the downside, and each IRA owner can contribute up to \$ 100,000 per calendar year

Wait, I almost forgot!

Are you one of those people who did not take a Required Minimum Distribution in 2020 because the tax law said you didn’t have to do that this year? Well, if so, and, if you did not take any distribution from a particular IRA you would like to make use for a QCD, then you could still qualify for that great tax benefit in 2020!

Who should I contact for help making a QCD or any other donation to the Sons of Utah Pioneers? This educational article was prepared at the request of one of our AVPs and is not specific advice on donations for everyone, as people’s ability to donate and optimal strategies are different for different people. Please contact Steve Kruman at (435) 867-0900 or (215) 369-1554 to review the options discussed here, how to make them work for you, as well as other charitable giving strategies to help Do Something Monumental and keep this great organization going and growing! Thank you!



SUP Family and Friends New Membership Applications

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
Since 1933

SUP Family and Friends Membership: Men of all ages, of good moral character, principles and ideals, and desirous of perpetuating the goals of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, may become **NEW** members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for a special promotional term upon payment of \$35 dues.

1. All F&F Memberships received by National SUP during the year will continue until the member's membership anniversary of the following year.
2. The cost of a Family and Friends Membership for the 1st year is \$35. Any new member is eligible to join the F&F program. At the end of the F&F 1st year membership period, the member may renew as a regular S.U.P. annual member of \$60 for the next fiscal year. If the F&F member is under 56 years old, he may renew his F&F membership for \$35 for the new fiscal year. If he is age 56 or older, he must renew as a regular SUP annual member.
3. S.U.P Chapters normally have nominal annual dues to cover chapter expenses. A Family and Friends member may be asked to contribute chapter dues if he becomes active in his chosen chapter.
4. This membership includes the quarterly "Pioneer Magazine," and all other membership privileges to participate fully in the offices and activities of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Please enroll me in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers:

Date of Application: / /

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ (Mandatory)

Address: _____ Chapter: _____

City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Email: _____ Wife's Email: _____

SUP Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor will pay yearly dues Y / N

You may join and pay membership fees on-line at www.sup1847.com/store. You may make a Visa or MasterCard payment over the phone by calling the SUP office at (801) 484-4441. Or send a check payable to Sons of Utah Pioneers to the following address:

Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 E. Louise Ave.
Salt Lake City UT 84109

I would like to receive the monthly newsletter, the Trail Marker, and other SUP updates by the above email. Signature: _____

Revised 11/19/20

LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Board, at their final meeting of the year on December 13, 2016, gave final approval by unanimous vote for the creation of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society. The Legacy Society of the SUP is a planned giving recognition Society for members and friends who intend to make a bequest from their estate, trust or will to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon the donor's passing and fulfillment of the bequest the SUP agrees to use it according to the wishes of the donor or as needed by the SUP. By creation of the Legacy Society the SUP provides the process by which such bequests can be made. The form defining this new option is provided here for your information and consideration.



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Statement of Pledged Bequest for _____, Donor Benefitting The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Name _____, Donor

Address _____

This form confirms my expressed intent to make a bequest from my estate to augment *The Legacy Fund* for The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by signing this statement of pledged bequest I have qualified to be a member in the *Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society*, which is the planned giving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of my bequest arrangement as they stand to date:

_____ (Donor) Bequest Commitment: \$ _____ (approximate value)

or _____ % of his estate

- Upon fulfillment of the bequest, the Sons of Utah Pioneers agrees to utilize the gift to augment *The Legacy Fund* for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- The SUP agrees to use the Legacy Fund in facility maintenance and improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications, or other SUP approved projects and programs.

LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENTS

Should the bequest be made at or above the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 the donor may choose to establish The (Name) _____ SUP Legacy Endowment.

LEGACY SOCIETY CONTINUED...

- In support of the SUP's greatest needs the SUP agrees to make annual distributions either from the interest generated from the endowment or until the fund is exhausted.
- The SUP agrees to use the name of this endowment when reasonably possible in facility maintenance or improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications or other SUP approved projects or programs.
- Good faith effort will be made to clear any press releases with each other (Donor and SUP) prior to any such media releases.
- The SUP is hereby authorized to comingle this gift, and any additions thereto, with the consolidated Investment funds of the SUP, provided that this fund be credited with its pro-rata share of net investment income in the same manner as other consolidated funds are credited with income.
- Should inadequate investment returns from the endowment fund necessitate invasion of the corpus of the fund, the SUP reserves the right to do so.
- If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the income from this endowment shall not be needed for the purposes set forth above, then the SUP is authorized to use the endowment for such purposes as similar as possible to the original intent and which will serve to honor, in an appropriate way, the generosity of the donor.
- Should any of the above be violated by either party, or should it be mutually deemed appropriate, the name of the endowment fund may be changed.

JOINT UNDERSTANDING

While it is the SUP expectations and the donor's intention that this pledged bequest be fulfilled, should unforeseen circumstances require cancellation or modification of these terms, the donor may do so in writing to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

SIGNED:

Name of Donor

Date _____

Acknowledged:

President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Date

ACKNOWLEDGED:

Corporate Secretary

Date

*The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 East 2920 South Louise Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84109*

Do Something Monumental!



Universities and non-profits across the country develop a sound financial footing through the generous donations of their friends. One of the most special ways to do something monumental is through the gift of life insurance. Extra, unneeded life insurance can be donated. Alternatively, a new policy can be started, allowing a person to make a modest monthly donation to pay the premium and, in return, getting themselves a charitable deduction while insuring the Sons of Utah Pioneers of a generous donation that was multiplied many times.

Life insurance donations are just one way to do something monumental. Below, is a larger list. Let us know which you would like to learn about. Please consider each of these ways:

- Life insurance donations (existing)
- Annuity donations (new or existing)
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Donations of appreciated stock or other assets
- IRA donations
- Something else you would like to consider: _____

To find out how you can do something monumental, please return this form to SUP headquarters, or contact our charitable giving specialist, Steve Kruman, at (800) 992-2778 or (435) 463-2778.



IRA Charitable Rollovers Are Extended Permanently

Support the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in a simple and highly efficient manner!

If you have reached age 70 ½, you can roll up to \$ 100,000 from your IRA to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

- ✓ To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to the SUP
- ✓ Gifts made from your IRA (up to the \$100,00 annual calendar year limit) are not reportable as taxable income
- ✓ The gift cannot be used for any income producing Planned Gifts
- ✓ The gift will qualify toward your Required Minimum Distribution Obligation

Contact our Planned Giving Specialist, Steve Kruman, today at (800) 992-2778, or email wiseradvisor@reagan.com to learn more!



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for **2020** Year Due February 16, 2021

Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

1. PIONEER VALUES EXCELLENCE

- 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/LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council, February 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council will be represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and eight or more Chapter Board Meetings during the year.
OR (may **not** conflict with National Events)
- During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually. (may include National Events)
OR During Pandemic months 50% of Chapter Members belong to SUP Online.

3. COMMUNICATION EXCELLENCE

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **During Pandemic months publish a chapter newsletter every month.**
- 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)

Gift Subscription Scale:

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

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
 - Clean, repair or improve two existing monuments or markers, **Or create historical information for the public.**
 - Maintain or restore one Pioneer-era structure that is available for public view.
 - Organize Members to accomplish a specific project in SUP Library in cooperation with Library Directors.
 - Other Historical Preservation Projects with written permission from the National Executive Council.

Chapter _____ Signed By _____

Revised: March 2020

2020 Chapter President

3301 East Louise Avenue * Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 * 801.484.4441 * supnatloffice@gmail.com



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

Report Form for **2020** Year Due February 16, 2021

Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

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

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

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **BOTH** of the following criteria:

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council February, 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council is represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.

Chapters will accomplish **TWO** of the following criteria:

- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.
("NET" means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.
OR (may include National Events, and may not conflict with National Events)

- **During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Chapter Treks annually. (may include National Events)
- **During Pandemic months Members participate in personal Treks.**

3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish any **THREE** of the following criteria:

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **In Pandemic months publish chapter newsletter every month.**
- 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)

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Chapter _____ Signed By _____

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

3301 East Louise Ave, SLC Utah 84109

NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



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: _____

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK / CREDIT CARD IMPRINT
HERE**