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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is a cherished time of year as we move from Thanksgiving to Christmas followed by 2022, the New Year ahead. We look forward with anticipation.

The current year of 2021 has been a wonderful year despite all the issues that have needed special attention. It appears we are making progress as we traverse our way through the various strains of COVID. We so appreciate each of the Chapters regularly reaching out to our members and providing the socialization with formal meetings, treks, etc., that is needed by all. Thank you for your many efforts. We express on behalf of the National leadership team, our gratitude for all that each of you are doing to keep our chapters

closely knit together and moving forward.

Please know that the National Organization is on a firm foundation and will continue to be as we move into 2022. We look forward to seeing the National Board members and their companions at the upcoming Board Meeting and Christmas Dinner on December 8, 2021. Please come and enjoy this special occasion. Also put on your calendar right now, April 23, 2022, the date for the 2022 National Symposium. Remember, 2022 is the 175th Anniversary of the pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley for the first time and the Mormon Battalion entering California. It will be an enjoyable year of celebration and the theme for the Symposium.

Accepting the Challenge at the bottom of the President's Message each month I was hoping to find some short stories on my grandmother, Edith Alice Hinton. While doing so I ran across this little tidbit. Keep in mind the difficulty we are having with the supply chain issues of getting products on the store shelves in our own day. Here was her story as a little girl.

*Whoever heard of Santa Claus being two or three days late in his yearly visits to the eager children who have been on their best behavior for weeks in anticipation of the greatest event of the year? We had heard of trains being late, of crops that matured late, of being late for school, but for Santa Claus to loiter on his way – that was unbelievable. Yes, it really happened when I was a little girl.*

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*I lived in the small town of Virgin, Utah, almost one hundred miles from the nearest railroad station. All of our supplies which we did not produce on our farms and in our gardens had to be hauled by team and covered wagon from Milford, and it took four or five days each way to make the trip over rough roads, through canyons, and over mountains in all kinds of weather. Sometimes loads of badly needed supplies for the stores would be delayed for days because of the snow and mud. That was why Santa was late at least once during my childhood. I could not understand at the time why the weather and the long haul should delay Santa Claus, because he came by reindeer and sleigh—and the more snow there was, the better it was for him. I gradually learned, however, that Santa had to time his visits with the arrival of the loads of Christmas freight which were due at that time of the year.*

*When word got around that the Christmas freight hadn't come in, and that Santa would be delayed several days, imagine the disappointment it caused! Eventually, however, the freight came through and so did Santa.*

It appears we are having similar issues in our own day and are not sure of its impact on Santa.

The focus of this season is the birth of the Christ child. I

still love that special moment in Mr. Kreuger's Christmas when Jimmy Stewart knelt to talk with the newborn Jesus. It was reported that in filming that scene he required all the equipment to be operating perfectly because he said, "I have only one of these in me," meaning that the deep and tender feelings associated with his expressions of love for Jesus could not be repeated. It was too tender, heart wrenching, and too sacred. Let us strive to have those same feelings for Him always. As Norman Vincent Peale put it, "Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."


From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best Christmas season ever.

**CHALLENGE:** I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your father's mother to share with your family. I found several stories about Edith Alice Hinton which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your mother's father that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.

*Larry M. Gibson*  
Larry M. Gibson  
2022 National President

# Calendar of Events

<p>SATURDAY <b>23</b> APRIL</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM</b></p> <p>COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEERS ENTERING THE SALT LAKE VALLEY &amp; THE MORMON BATTALION ENTERING CALIFORNIA</p>	
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<p><b>8-10</b> SEPTEMBER <b>2022</b></p>	<p><b>NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT</b></p> <p>HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE &amp; SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS</a></p>	
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# Mormon Trek

## Ensign Peak



### ISAIAH 5:26 FULFILLED

Joseph Smith taught the Saints many times of the gathering in the Rocky Mountains. After the Prophet's martyrdom, George A. Smith recorded:

*President Young had a vision of Joseph Smith, who showed him the mountain that we now call Ensign Peak, immediately north of Salt Lake City, and there was an ensign [that] fell upon that peak, and Joseph said, "Build under that point where the colors fall and you will prosper and have peace."*

On July 23, at the top of Big Mountain, Brigham first saw the Salt Lake Valley. He wrote in his journal that the "spirit of Light rested on me and hovered over the valley, and I felt that there the Saints would find protection and safety."

Wilford Woodruff then recorded,

*On the twenty-fourth I drove my carriage, with President Young lying on a bed in it, into the open valley, the rest of the company following. When we came out of the canyon, into full view of the valley, I turned the side of my carriage around, so that it was open to the west, and so that President Young would more easily arise from his bed and take a survey of the country. While gazing on the scene before us, he was enraptured in vision for several minutes. He had seen the valley before in vision, and upon the occasion he saw the future glory of Zion and Israel, as they would be, planted in the valleys of the mountains. When the vision had passed, he said, "It is enough. This is the right place for I have seen it in vision. Drive on." So I drove to the encampment already formed by those who had come along in advance of us. The next day was the Sabbath and so we rested. The following day President Young pointing to the hill later named Ensign Peak, "I feel fully satisfied that that was the point shown me in the vision." Two days later and still weak from the effects of mountain fever, President Young insisted on climbing to the summit with the Apostles. He testified that this view of the valley and the peak confirmed his earlier visionary view – a remarkable confirmation that the Saints were in the right place: "I knew this spot as soon as I saw it."*

Heber C Kimball adds,

*"We left our horses about two-thirds of the way up, and after a rocky climb we succeeded in gaining the summit. Wilford Woodruff, the first to reach the top, assisted Brigham Young in the hike. Still wearing the travel-worn clothing from our 1,300-mile journey across the plains our small group now stood on the peak. Brigham Young had seen in vision before we left Nauvoo. Using a spy glass we surveyed the valley, stretched out 1,000 feet below us. Streams flowing from the eastern canyons, looking like ribbons of willows, emptied into a river which Brigham Young named the Jordan River. On the west glistened a large lake. We could see sturdy timber in the surrounding mountains with which to build our homes and barns. From this vantage point on top of the peak we began to lay plans for the future city.*

Brigham declared: "We will build a temple down there at the base of this peak, and the stream below will be known as City Creek, because we will build a city right where it runs. This is the place where we will plant the soles of our feet. Here in the midst of the Rocky Mountains, we have found the place where Joseph Smith prophesied we would prosper and find peace." Heber C. Kimball tied his bandanna to the end of Willard Richards cane lifted it to the sky and shouted, "An ensign to all the world!"

Serving a mission in the South Pacific, Addison Pratt was unable to receive his Temple Endowment in Nauvoo. In 1849, he was called on a mission to French Polynesia and so President Young dedicated the peak and officiated the ordinance for Pratt at Ensign Peak. The Council House and Brigham Young's Office were also used for Temple ordinances until the Endowment House was built and dedicated.

There's an 18-foot-tall monument on Ensign Peak, placed there on July 26, 1934, by the Salt Lake Ensign Stake Mutual Improvement Associations. Stones gathered from all along the Mormon Trail are incorporated into the rock monument. Although many inscriptions on the monument are no longer visible, such lettering as "Kolob" and "Logan Temple" are still legible.





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](http://suponline.org/pioneer-stories).

### THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CHRISTMAS MOLASSES

*Reprinted from Our Pioneer Heritage, 18 (1975), 160-161*

Imagine what Christmas was like back in the days of the early Saints. For pioneers, Christmas in the depths of harsh winters was unfortunately not often a time of plenty. Yet memories of those early Christmas holidays, some as simple as a dance, a word of gratitude, or a small gift of sweets, have been passed down through families to this day. The Mystery of the Missing Molasses is one such story.

One December evening some of the sisters of Orderville met to plan a Christmas treat for the children. The Order had no luxuries and necessities were strictly rationed. About the only sweets the people had was molasses, so, the sisters decided to make molasses candy and cookies for the youngsters.

But on Christmas Eve, they came to "Grandmother Spencer," wife of Howard Orson Spencer, bishop and leader in Orderville, with the news that the brother in charge of the molasses "won't let us have any. He says our allowance for the month is already used." Grandmother's lips tightened. "The children are going to have something for Christmas. I'll speak to my husband after dinner—he'll give us permission."

When her husband came in tired and hungry, Sister Spencer hovered over her husband. Then after dinner urged him to rest by the fire. As he sat looking drowsily into the flames, she said in a low voice, "You do think the children should have some candy and cookies for Christmas, don't you Howard?" "Ummhmmm," was the sleepy response, and grandmother went away smiling. She reported to the ladies that everything was all right, "My husband has given us permission." "Did he say we could have the molasses?" asked one doubting Thomas. "He didn't say 'No,'" replied Sister Spencer truthfully.



"Now we won't wake up the brother in charge of the molasses. We'll just slip out and take what we need."

The man in charge of the molasses barrel was very conscious of his responsibility. On the lid of the barrel he had placed a section of heavy logging chain and a large boulder. Only a thin wooden partition at the head of the bed separated him from the barrel outside, and he was a light sleeper. Shivering from the cold the women crunched through the snow toward the barrel. It was beginning to snow again and the night was very dark.

With infinite caution they removed the heavy chain without so much as one betraying clank. It took the combined efforts of all the women to lower the boulder noiselessly to the ground. There was a breathless pause as Sister Spencer raised the lid and dipped into the barrel with a saucepan. She emptied its contents into a bucket and dipped again, and again. "We have enough now," whispered one of the women. "Let's go back." With the same caution the chain and boulder were replaced and the women filed back to the warm kitchen to make the Christmas goodies. But, there was a dismayed gasp when they looked into the pail. "Oh dear, we haven't enough molasses. We'll have to get some more." "Oh no, Sister Spencer. It's cold and dark. It's too risky." "Well, just the same, we must unless we want the children to be disappointed."



There could only be one answer to such a statement and the little band of mothers went again to the molasses barrel. They returned safely and set to work. When morning came, every child in Orderville had two molasses cookies and one big slightly sticky lump of candy in his stocking. Santa Claus had not forgotten them. Grandfather insisted all his life that he could not remember ever having given the women permission to get the molasses.

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Brent K Bassett . . . . . Ogden Pioneer

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### BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



*Virgin Valley Museum*

Our trek for November led us to two towns in Nevada that were established by pioneer groups. We visited the communities of Bunkerville and Mesquite, Nevada. The church's advocacy of the United Order under Brigham Young's administration led Edward Bunker and Dudley Leavitt to shepherd a small group of members to leave Santa Clara, Utah, and establish Bunkerville on the broad flats of the Virgin River in 1877. The United Order ran from January 1877 until September 1880. Mesquite was settled by LDS pioneers in 1880, who called it Mesquite Flat, the

community was finally established on the third attempt after having been flooded out from the waters of the Virgin River. The name was shortened to Mesquite named after the mesquite timber near the original town site. In the early 2000's it was one of the fastest growing small towns in the USA. The 2010 census listed the population at 15, 276 people. We visited the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum and learned many things about the Mesquite community and enjoyed a lunch at the park.

### BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



*Happy Wanderers*

On November 10, 2021, The Box Elder chapter had as our entertainment for our dinner meeting "The Happy Wanderers." They are a group of accordion players and a vocalist. The group consisted of Gwen & Jim Shoemaker, John & Janice McAllister, and Blair Dean. The group played numerous

oldies that we greatly enjoyed. It was interesting and very enjoyable to hear three accordions play together. The vocalist was good and blended everything together. We are grateful for this wonderful group and their willingness to share their talents with us.

### CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



*Mary Pearson*

October 22nd was our Annual Bread and Milk Supper in the historic Rock Church in Cedar City. It was well attended and we were able to raise significant funds to replenish our scholarship account. The theme was the close relationship that has always existed between education and the community--particularly between the community and Southern Utah University (SUU). Our featured speaker was Mary Pearson, dean of the Dixie Leavitt School of Business at SUU. She related the early history of education in Cedar City, her close family ties to SUU and the unique community support that has always existed

and continues today between Cedar City as a community and the university. Rick Perry also shared some photos he discovered highlighting some of the early days of the Branch Normal School established in 1897 as the precursor to the university.

Our chapter also sponsored a booth at the Cedar City Livestock and Heritage Festival which allowed us to increase our exposure to the community and support recruiting efforts. A new monument identifying the Old Spanish Trail was put in place by Kevin Kilcoyne, a member of our monuments committee, on the main street in Summit.



*Summit Monument*



## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Mike Ericksen

We held an in-person dinner meeting on November 4th and had 54 in attendance. We are working hard to get back to our monthly average of 70-80 people. After dinner, we listened to Mike Ericksen, an accomplished classical guitarist, and has produced four musical albums and is currently playing with the band Cedar Breaks. In the past 10 years he has spoken across the country and has produced films and music related to the

pioneers. Mike based his presentation on the theme "Honoring Our Heritage" and told stories of helping make a documentary produced by Mike, *Walking in Obedience* in which he had to carry people across the freezing cold river wondering how the pioneers endured those hardships without the comforts he had available after shooting the scenes. Mike then sang a few songs from his CD accompanying himself on the guitar.

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



David Newman

David Newman was our speaker for our November meeting. David is well known in the photographic world for his many recognitions and awards. Some years ago, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints started producing more literature showing pictures and illustrations of Jesus Christ as its Visual Identity. David began his presentation with a picture history of statues of the angel Moroni that are shown on the top of Temples. He also included pictures of statuary of Jesus Christ from around the world. President Stephen L. Richards of

the First Presidency, was desirous of the Church having a statue of Jesus Christ to be located on Temple Square. Thus started the project of getting a replica made of Thorvaldsen's masterpiece Christus Statue. Then David took us on a tour of the Italian quarry where the marble was gathered and the many years of crafting the original statue. The statue of the Savior and each of the Twelve Apostles at the Rome Temple Visitor's Center are the only other copies of the original masterpieces on display outside of Denmark.

## LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Greg Freeman

The Lehi Chapter welcomed guest speaker Greg Freeman at our recent SUP monthly dinner meeting. All were captivated by his stories and the legacy of the incredible traits his ancestors have handed down from generation to generation - especially that of "Service to the One"... the kind of service that isn't recognized because it's "behind the scenes." Lessons learned:

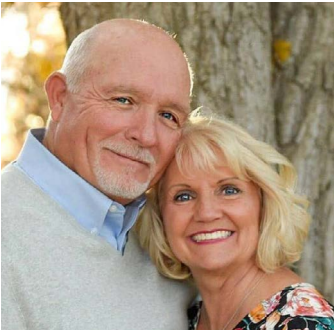
Thomas Bullock: Be a good friend; Be a guide that others can follow; Don't be afraid of hard work that will benefit others, even when you're tired.

William Freeman: Serve those who may be different than you; Learn their language; Invite them into your home. Be honest. William's honesty won him the love of his neighbors. He was also appointed Church

Interpreter.

John / Elsa Johnson: Have a "Welcoming Home" for those looking for help; Give/Provide when there is need abounding. Welcome back-door Guests. They sold their large and prosperous farm and turned most of the proceeds over to the Church.

Susan Morinda: Honor your personal gifts of the Spirit; Listen to the whisperings of the spirit. One of the best midwives in the Salt Lake Valley, Susan was known for always seeking the Spirit before she delivered a baby. She saved many lives of mothers and babies because of the revelation she received. On the back page of her personal journal, she wrote: "To my children and grandchildren... learn to listen to the whisperings of the spirit."

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah***Terry and Lil Shepherd*

Terry and Liz Shepard were scheduled to speak to us but Terry was sick so Liz carried it off all by herself. And what a story she had to tell about her and his ancestors who came to Spanish Fork and settled in the southeastern section of the city. The immigrants from Denmark settled in one corner of Spanish Fork with another nationality settling in another quadrant. Finally the English came and settled in the fourth quadrant. All spoke their native dialect but soon learned to speak English. Liz spoke of the Iceland Heritage Monument that is in Spanish Fork which was dedicated by President Hinckley. He had also dedicated the first Latter-day Saint chapel in Iceland. Attending was her father, and to the

surprise of all, the President of Iceland, who later came several times to visit the people whose ancestry was Icelandic. She spoke about the mission she and Terry served in Iceland working mostly in researching and digitizing genealogy records from the Icelandic National Archive in Reykjavik for submission to the Family History Library. Before their mission and after she and Terry, along with others who had Icelandic ancestors, went to visit Iceland to learn more about where their ancestors came from. On one occasion they also took their large family. Those trips always turned out to be joyous and rewarding.

**MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah***Kim Cropany*

The Morgan chapter enjoyed their October monthly gathering with a catered luncheon and a wonderful program by two local artists. JoAnne Corpany and her daughter Kim displayed and presented a slide program of many of their animal, equestrian and local historical art works. Many of the paintings and other artwork she presented were of local homes, farms and historical buildings recognized by many in the audience. She has painted many horses owned by Morgan residents as well as wildlife and landscapes.

Kim has help create multiple bronze sculptures while at the Atlas Bronze Foundry in South Salt Lake including "The King" displayed at the "United Arab Emirates sports complex," "On a Firm Foundation" of George Washington, on horseback displayed at Valley Forge and "Calm as a Summers' Morning" a 1½ life-size bronze statue of Joseph and Hyrum Smith on horseback. This sculpture is displayed in front of the Nauvoo Temple. How blessed we are to have such talented artists in our community who help preserve history in art.

**OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah***John Hartvigsen*

The monthly chapter meeting / luncheon was held on 8 November 2021. The speaker was Mr. John Hartvigsen. He introduced himself as a "Vexillologist" - an expert on flags. He studies flags - their origin, authenticity, symbolism, and history. He made a presentation on the "Bear Flag." This was the flag used by the Mormon Battalion on their trek from Council Bluff, Iowa, to San Diego, California in support of the United States war with Mexico for control of the California Republic. He recounted the history of the flag and his efforts to

authenticate its origin, history, meaning, chain of custody, and authenticity. This flag was recently donated to the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers by the descendants of Hyrum Smith. Eldred G. Smith donated it to the National Office on the condition that it would be preserved, displayed (with both sides showing), and receive appropriate recognition. It has been hung in the "receiving area" of the SUP National HQ Building and has been designated as the

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most recent "Monument" of the Society. The flag consists of 13 alternating stripes of red and white, with red stripes as the top and bottom borders (possibly representing the 13 original colonies and the "white" representing "purity or justness" and the "red" representing the "blood" of those who sacrificed themselves for the cause of Liberty and Freedom). The terms "Life Guards" and "Always Ready" were used by the Nauvoo Legion indicating their "minuteman" status to defend the early Saints and protect the Church. The blue field in the upper left-hand corner has 13-gold stars (possibly

representing the 13 original colonies) encircling an eagle (National Symbol of the United States) on a pedestal. The eagle is drawn in such a fashion as to be in the shape of a beehive (a common element in several early flags possibly representing "Industry, United Effort, Cooperation, etc.). The bear was likely added sometime after the Mormon Battalion's arrival in California in deference to the "California Bear" displayed on various versions of the California Republic's flag. The SUP National Office has commissioned a limited number of replicas of "The Bear Flag" that will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis by placing an order with the National Office. The cost is \$100 for each flag.

## SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



*Clara Campbell*

Val Parrish, president, invites you to the December luncheon meeting for the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Jazz piano player and singer Clara Campbell will be performing at our 2021 SUP holiday Program on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Due to technical difficulties from past events, we will no longer broadcast our events live via Zoom. We will, however, be archiving them on our Chapter Website found [HERE](#) so that you can access a recording of each meeting within a day or two of the event date. Clara

Campbell is a pianist and vocalist from Bountiful, Utah. She is pursuing a bachelors degree in Commercial Music at Snow College under the direction of Philip Kuehn, Steve Erickson, Carl Allen, Jennifer Madsen and Michael Huff. Clara has grown up in a family of musicians and music educators. She enjoys playing and singing in the Wasatch Front area and connecting with her audiences. In addition to playing and singing jazz, Clara is a fine classical pianist, accompanist and flute player.

## TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



*Taylorsville Venterans*

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a wonderful meeting this past month. We celebrated the veterans in our chapter. We had eight members of our chapter in attendance that are veterans. Five of the veterans spoke to us of their experience in serving our country. Delton Campbell served in Vietnam. He told us that he was truly blessed with protection throughout his service and experienced many miracles as he served. Jerry Davis was a mechanic at Lackland base. He served six years right before the Vietnam war. Will Smith served twenty years in the Air Force. He was a fighter plane mechanic. He had experiences with helping others come into the Church through

baptism. Dick True served from 1954 to 1958. He was an electronics technician. He told us that the service prepared him for his future working for IBM for 40 years. Riley Draper serve from 1962 to 1970 in the Army-3 years active duty and 5 years as a guardsman. He experienced going through many officer trainings as he moved up the ranks. He told us that he was able to see many others come closer to the Lord. This was a great evening. We invite all to attend with us at our meetings each month on the second Monday of the month. In December we are looking forward to enjoying the talents of the Taylorsville High School Madrigals.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



*Kenneth & Audrey Godfrey Receive  
Modern Pioneer Award*

On 18 November 2021, at the Logan Country Club, the Temple Fork Chapter awarded Historians, Kenneth & Audrey Godfrey a prestigious Modern Pioneer Award in recognition of their many contributions of published histories of Cache Valley, Utah, and Histories of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brother Godfrey was perhaps the first to have hands on the Joseph Smith Papers while working on his Graduate Studies. They both have given life long service to the Church serving on Missions and Church Institute assignments,

as well as serving in the community. Both have been contributors to the Herald Journal and have been equally yoked while producing many publications. Their Son Matthew C. Godfrey (Church Historian) was present. Temple Fork Chapter DeLoy Johnson read the two page citation and then Brother Bradley Clayton a member of the National SUP Presidency presented the award. Due to health concerns Audrey was not present, so Bro Brad Clayton and Bro DeLoy Johnson visited their home on Friday to honor them together.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Matthew McBride*

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021. The Guest Speaker was Matthew McBride speaking on "The Development of SAINTS." Matthew is the Director of the Publication Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Joseph Smith Papers is a major emphasis of the department. The publication of the four volume SAINTS

series has been commissioned by the First Presidency. Volume 3 of "Saints" will soon be available. Brother McBride emphasized that the SAINTS series tells how the Lord works through His children in the Church. Brother McBride shared inspirational stories found in the new volume 3. Any assertion in SAINTS is born out of documents. The goal is to publish history so people are not blindsided by something on the internet.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Terry Whittier*

On October 21st, Terry Whittier, our resident historian for Lemhi County spoke. He shared stories and history about Lewis and Clark's path through this area with the amazing connection between Sacajawea and her brother, the chief of the local tribe. We also learned about the colony of Mormon settlers who established Fort Lemhi. The fort was abandoned later and is now marked with a historical plaque put up by our chapter on the bluff overlooking the former site of the fort.

On November 18, Craig Nordfelt was nominated and voted in as the new President-Elect for our chapter. Doug Ladle will continue as the chapter secretary and Ron Gibb as the chapter Treasurer. Doug Conway becomes the new chapter President in January.

The speaker for the evening was Todd Hammond, professor of Religion at BYU-Idaho and recently released Mission President of the Thailand Bangkok Mission. He shared some of the history the Church in Thailand – that the first converts were the ship's captain and wife, who took the only missionary in the land out of the area after months of futile efforts to gain any converts. Missionaries did not return until many years later. He told about the great miracle that God performed during the COVID era in Thailand – the advent of smart phone technology into the hands of the missionaries just a few months before the lock-down occurred on February 23rd, 2020. With their cell phones in hand, missionaries stayed in contact with members and investigators on a much higher success-rate than before the lock-down occurred.



*Todd Hammond*