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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the winter of 1845/46, the saints were forced to leave the city they labored to make one of the most beautiful cities. As they crossed the frozen Mississippi river they could see the Temple they had built by sweat of their brow and where they received covenant blessings from the Lord, this was a sobering view as they knew not what laid ahead. They were faced with a future of trials and tragedies as they established a makeshift campsite on the west side of the Mississippi river. This was not a pleasant time for the saints as it was the middle of winter and there were not many cabins for them, so they lived in wagons and tents. I was thinking about them and their trials the other evening as I sat at my table in a warm house eating a warm

meal and wondered why they were willing to give up everything and journey into the cold unknown west, and what that sacrifice meant to me and my family. I took the time to reread the lyrics of *Come Come Ye Saints* that was penned by William Clayton, at a camp site, after receiving word that he was the father of a healthy son. I could feel joy and impending sorrow in his words as he thought of what laid ahead for the saints.

In my mind's eye I saw the heartache of those that were separated from their loved ones as they marched with the Mormon Battalion, and those that suffered the loss of a loved one on the cold Plains. I saw those of the vanguard company that blazed the trail for others to follow and left their families to journey into a great unknown. These individuals had one thing in common, their faith and love of the Lord. This value of faith and love carried them and encouraged them as their physical bodies ached and their broken hearts suffered for their losses.

Faith and love of the Lord is one of the values that we as Sons of the Utah Pioneers adhere to. How do we preserve this legacy of faith and love of the Lord to ourselves and future generations? I challenge you during this month of love to search out ways to make this value a part of your life.

John Clayton
2023 National President

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2022 CHAPTER IN EXCELLENCE & CHAPTER RECOGNITION APPLICATIONS DUE FEB 16TH

Click [HERE](#) to download the Chapter In Excellence & Chapter Recognition Awards Form, reporting your Chapter's achievements for the 2022 calendar year. The application form is due to supnatoffice@gmail.com by February 16, 2023. Award Certificates will be given out by the SUP National Executive Council at the Chapter President's Council Meeting held on February 25th at the National Headquarters Building.



CHAPTER OFFICERS & CHAPTER AUDIT FORMS ARE DUE

Chapter President's must submit their 2023 Chapter Officers Roster & Meeting Times Annual Update as well as their Chapter Audit Form. Click [HERE](#) to access.

SONS OF UTAH FEMERS CHAPTER AUDITING REPORT:
20... AUDIT YEAR
 DATE OF AUDIT: _____
 Audit Report to show by Feb 15, to the National Office
 Attn: Treasurer
 3301 E. 2920 Ave (2920 S)
 Salt Lake City UT 84109

	Checking Account	Savings Account	Shareholders Account	TOTAL (Sum of 1-3)
1 Beginning Balance for audit year				
2 Add deposits to account				
3 Less Withdrawals from account				
Ending account balance for audit year				

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Audited by: _____

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
Chapter Officers and Directors List
 Chapter: _____ Date: Jan 15, 2023
 Required: Chapter President is established under Officer's name.

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone and E-mail Address
President			
President Elect			
Past President			
Treasurer			
Secretary			
Education Editor			
Historian			
Public Relations			

State you would like National to administer the work of officer: _____

Monthly Chapter Meeting
 Board Mtg Day: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____
 (Please use time for last call time for Board Mtg)
 Member Mtg Day: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____
 (Please use time for last call time for Member Mtg)

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 25TH | 10AM

All Chapter Officers and their partners are invited to attend this annual meeting held at SUP Headquarters (3301 E. 2920 S., Salt Lake City).

Please RSVP by emailing: supnatoffice@gmail.com

Lunch will be provided.



SUP MONUMENT MASTER LIST 5.0 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

This new version contains additional information of monuments including plaque text, current pictures, and more accurate GPS locations provided by Rusty Harward (SUP Member from Elko, NV) and various Chapter Area Vice Presidents. This version also contains the new monuments constructed up through November 10, 2022.

We thank Stewart Radmall for 59 years of dedicated service and 19 years of excellent leadership over the

SUP National Monuments. National Past-President Larry Gibson has shared that Stewart had been given a 4-page list of monuments 19 years ago and was told to go find them. Since then, he has collected photos of each monument, GPS coordinates of 90% of them, and a record of ongoing conditions and repairs, compiled in this 492-page book. Thank you, Stewart!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OR DOWNLOAD](#)

Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.



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

THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S PROPHECY AND WARNING

After the Mormon Battalion had been mustered out in California, some of the Battalion men stopped at Sutter's Fort in the Sacramento Valley to work and earn a little money before crossing the mountains to rejoin their families. Six of them, with Sutter's foreman, James W. Marshall, and some Indians, undertook the construction of a sawmill on the south fork of the American River. There, on January 24, 1848, Marshall picked some gold out of the sand in the mill race. Henry Bigler, one of the Battalion men, wrote in his journal that night: "This day some kind of metal was found in the tail race that looks like gold." That historic entry is the only original documentation of the discovery that sent men rushing over land and sea to California.

Soon gold fever had infected people all over the country including some of those in the Salt Lake Valley who had just passed through a difficult winter. Many of them wanted to head out to California. Brigham Young gave the Saints a prophetic warning:

"Some have asked me about going. I told them that God appointed this place for the gathering of his saints, and you will do better right here than you will by going to the gold. Those who stop here and are faithful to God and his people will make more money and get richer than you that run after the god of this world; and I promise you in the name of the Lord that many of you that go thinking you will get rich and come back, will wish you had never gone away from here, and will long to come back, but will not be able to do so. Some of you will come back, but your friends who remain here will have to help you; and the rest of you who are spared to return will not make as much money as your brethren do who stay here and help build up the Church and Kingdom of God; they will prosper and be able to buy you twice over. Here is the place God has appointed for his people. ... As the Saints gather here and get strong enough to possess the land, God will temper the climate, and we shall build a city and a temple to the Most High God in this place. We will extend our cities and our settlements to the east and the west, to the north and to the south, and we will build towns and cities by the hundreds, and thousands of the Saints will gather from the nations of the earth. This will become the great highway of the nations. Kings and emperors and the noble and wise of the earth will visit us here, while the wicked and ungodly will envy us our comfortable homes and possessions. Take courage, brethren. ... Plow your land and sow wheat, plant your potatoes. ... The worst

fear that I have about this people is that they will get rich in this country, forget God and his people, wax fat, and kick themselves out of the Church and go to hell. This people will stand mobbing, robbing, poverty and manner of persecution, and be true. But my greater fear for them is that they cannot stand wealth; and yet they have to be tried with riches, for they will become the richest people on this earth."

Before the close of the year 1848 the population of the valley had reached five thousand. A heavy influx of immigrants seriously taxed the resources of the community. Hunger and hardship were common that winter, and these circumstances added to the discouragement of many. In the midst of these trying conditions Heber C. Kimball, speaking before the people in one of their meetings, prophesied that in less than one year there would be plenty of clothing and other needed articles sold on the streets of Salt Lake City for less than in New York or St. Louis. Such a situation was inconceivable but Brigham Young said of the statement, "Let it stand." The fulfillment of that prophecy came about in remarkable fashion.

Thinking to get rich with the sale of goods in California, eastern merchants had loaded great wagon trains with clothing, tools, and other items for which there would be demand at the gold diggings. But on reaching Salt Lake City they learned that competitors had beaten them by shipping around the Cape.

Their only interest then was to unload what they had for what price they could get, and go on to California as quickly as possible. Auctions were held from their wagons on the streets of Salt Lake City. Cloth and clothing sold for less than they could be bought for in New York. Badly needed tools could be had for less than in St. Louis. Fine teams, jaded from the long journey, were eagerly traded for the fatter but less valuable stock in the Valley. Good, heavy wagons, in great demand in the mountain colony, were traded for lighter vehicles with which the gold seekers could make better time.

We are blessed when we listen to our leaders and follow their council. As Jesus taught the Nephites, "Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants." 3 Nephi 12:1 So like the pioneers of 1848, may we always be found following the counsel of our leaders for surely the Lord has a blessing waiting for us!

(Source: *What of the Mormons*, 1947)

Monument Trek

Independence, Missouri

GRAVE SITES SIGNIFICANT TO CHURCH HISTORY



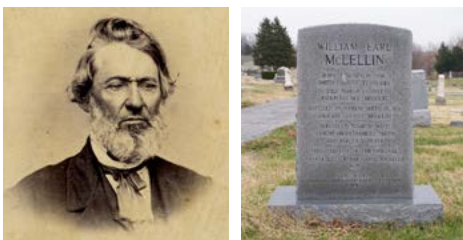
Woodlawn Cemetery

WILLIAM E. MCLELLIN

Joining the Church in 1831, he was almost immediately called to serve missions, failing to fulfill more than one. McLellan relocated to Independence, Missouri in 1832 and was appointed to the Clay County High Council until his call to return to Ohio. McLellan was ordained to the Holy Apostleship in 1835, but within a few months was stirring contention regarding formalities in the School of the Prophets. He humbled himself, but within a few months was found publicly criticizing leadership again and wrote a letter of withdrawal from the Church in 1836. Despite efforts to fellowship, McLellan was finally excommunicated in 1838.

While Joseph Smith was in prison at Richmond, William requested the privilege of flogging the Prophet; permission was granted on condition that Joseph be allowed to defend himself. McLellan then refused to fight, unless he could have a club, to which Joseph was perfectly willing; but the sheriff would not allow them to fight on such unequal terms.

He eventually joined several splinter groups of the Church but finally broke away from religion.



Mound Grove Cemetery

ZION'S CAMP MEMORIAL

In 1834, over 200 Saints walked from Ohio to Missouri to redress losses suffered by the expulsion from Jackson County. About 68 people at the camp were stricken with cholera. Fifteen died and were buried beside Rush Creek southeast of Liberty in Clay county. The remains of three of these victims were discovered in 1958 and were reburied here in 1976.

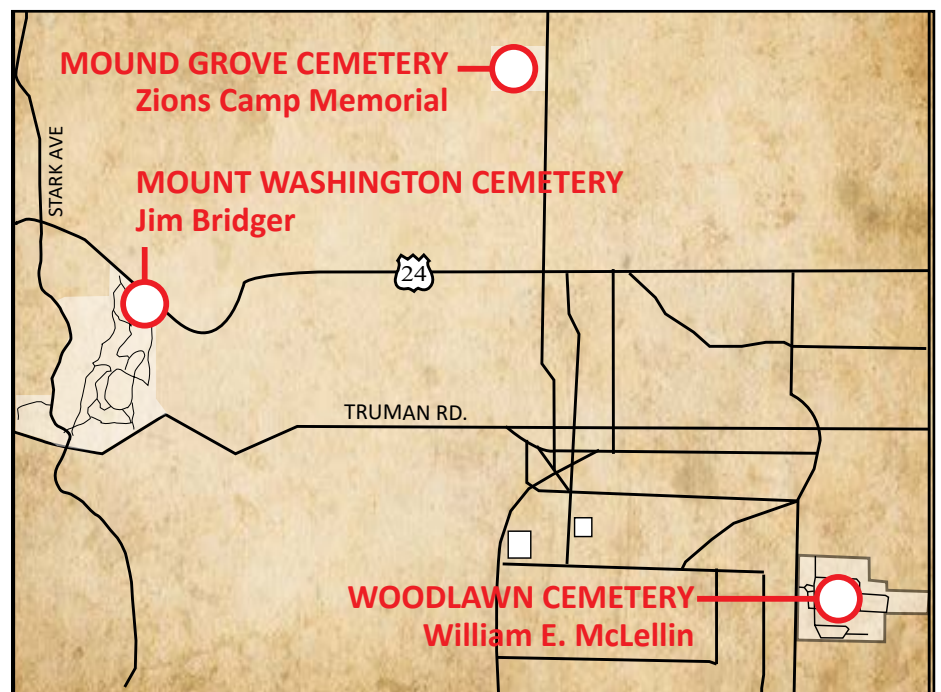


Mount Washington Cemetery

JIM BRIDGER

Bridger met Brigham Young and the Advance Company of pioneers on June 28, 1847 at present-day Farson, WY. Bridger was able to describe many attributes of the Great Basin and surrounding valleys to President Young.

Bridger became a friend to the Saints and was mentioned in various journals being spotted throughout the Utah Territory and even riding along side Porter Rockwell.



C H R I S T I A N E W S

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 should be one-paragraph (Less than 250 words) in MS Word or send as the text of an email. NO PDF FILES please.
2. 1 high quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Kelly Alvey Sevier Valley
 Donald Lee Eastman Jordan River Temple

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Garth Noyes Mt Nebo
 Les Langford Timpanogos

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Sandra Mohr Ogden Pioneer

NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Lawrence B Blonquist Maple Mountain
 Don R Davis Timpanogos
 Jim Donohoo Boulder Dam Chapter
 Julio Cesar Estrada Mills
 Brian Ewell Boulder Dam Chapter
 Randy Farmer Sevier Valley
 Brian Wesley Hinton Hurricane Valley
 J Penton Hollist Ogden Pioneer
 Chris Isom Cedar City
 Eric Johnson Cotton Mission
 Spencer L Jones WorldWide Pioneer
 Craig Marchant Cedar City
 Stephen P Mellor Upper Snake River Valley
 Donald Morris Cotton Mission
 Scott Nielsen Portneuf Pioneers
 Logan Owen Eagle Rock
 Broc Parson Cedar City
 Shawn Pearson Cedar City
 Matt Romano WorldWide Pioneer
 Hunter Romano Timpanogos
 Bill Spence Timpanogos
 Robert "Merlin" Spendlove Hurricane Valley
 Kraig Steffensen Mt Nebo
 Dick Warnick Mt Nebo
 Gary P Weagle Murray
 Tom Witmer Cotton Mission
 Donald Kent Woolley Snow Horse



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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Train Museum

The Boulder City Chapter met at the famous Boulder Dam Hotel and Museum on January 14. We toured the Museum which was a self-guided tour. There were excellent films in the theater explaining how the dam was constructed. We then drove to the Train Museum for the Union Pacific Railroad. We had a tour guide from the museum. He told us how all these trains were repaired and where they came from and how they worked. He showed us the mail car and how

it had an arm that reached out and grabbed the mail bag while travelling 30 miles an hour. They had a train car full of model trains running through towns and forests blowing their whistles. At the museum is a train that travels from Boulder City to Railroad Pass and back. Two of our members had the opportunity to ride with the Engineer in the main engine. We had 16 members there, and we had a great time.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Bill Tanner

At the Box Elder Chapter's January meeting, the sixty-four attendees enjoyed a great dinner catered by the Idle Isle restaurant, and heard William (Bill) Tanner, Pioneer magazine's publisher, talk about the magazine. Using a PowerPoint slideshow Bill discussed the history of the SUP's quarterly magazine and showed how it has changed over the years,

from a newsletter, to a publication filled with advertising, to the present full-color history magazine. He explained some of the mechanics of completing the contents of the issue and the challenges of sending out four quality issues every year with a small but talented staff. After Bill's talk, AVP Val Roberts swore in the chapter's 17 board members for 2023.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Dr. Robert Carter

Dr. Robert Carter was the speaker for the January meeting. He taught history and English in the Alpine School District for forty years. He has written many articles, a historical newspaper column, and seven books. His favorite topics are Provo, Utah Lake, and Utah County. Provo was settled in 1849 and was the first Mormon colony in Utah outside the Salt Lake Valley. Dr. Carter provided an interesting and informative lecture that chronicled the contention that existed between church leaders and the early residents of Provo. It seems that the members did just the opposite of what they were asked to do. Brigham Young gave specific instruction as to where the first church building and fort should be built, but they selected their own sites. He told them how they should handle various issues with the local Ute Indians, but

again they did what they wanted. Even when President Young told the members to move into the fort, many refused to do so but insisted on staying on their properties. Brigham Young and other church leaders were also appalled that the members in Provo gambled and spent too much time in "frivolous" activities. Church leaders were both vocal and critical. They even told them how dirty Provo was in comparison with Springville. Eventually, Abraham O. Smoot was called to be the mayor, bishop, and stake president. He helped alleviate some of the tension that existed between the residents and the church leaders. Finally, the church leaders decided the best way to help the Provo residents conform was through education. As a result, an academy was organized that eventually grew to become Brigham Young University.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Jennifer Hinton

Our post-holiday gala was held on Saturday, January 14, at the Marriott hotel in Cedar City with about 80 people attending. We were treated to the lovely voice of Jennifer Hinton, Wayne Hinton's daughter-in-law who sang three Christmas songs for us. Following dinner, Ken Munford related the history of his great grandmother, Elizabeth Gunn Munford. She traveled from England as a new convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, crossed the plains where she lost her mother. Was sent to Parowan, Utah, to live with relatives where she married and bore 7 children which she raised by herself after her husband died at age 41. Though she lived a

fairly quiet and typical life of a pioneer women of the late 1800's in Parowan, Utah, she, as many of our pioneer ancestors, was a great example of what true greatness and living a successful life is all about. All the information that he shared with us came from Family Search and we were all encouraged to use this resource to learn the stories and histories of our ancestors. Our next scheduled event is a Valentines potluck dinner on February 11. In March we have scheduled our next trek, a visit to historic Fort Pierce, in Santa Clara, Utah. Also in March will be our annual general authority fireside.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Ann and Bruce Collet

We met on January 10th and enjoyed dinner, friendship, and an interesting presentation. Bob Wall, our area representative, presented the chapter board members and leadership for 2023 and asked for a sustaining vote which was approved by our members. Our new chapter president, Bruce Collet, and his wife were our speakers for evening. Bruce and Ann were recently released from serving 3.5 years in the Salt Lake Headquarters mission, assigned to the Church History Library. Their presentation for the evening revolved around their mission and the focus they had on doing interviews with Central and West Africa mission presidents. They interviewed 35+ ex-presidents and also collected 60+ diaries from missionaries serving in South Africa. They said that the African areas were so large that it was often difficult for Church leaders

to travel the distances required to get to various congregations. Many converts walk to church because of the distance to their nearest meeting place and lack of transportation. The emphasis in those African areas is building church leadership among their own members. Sister Collet talked about her interview with Sister Roggia whose husband was the mission president in the Sierra Leone Mission. Sister Collet gained important insights as to the important role that mission president's wives play in missions and how demanding but rewarding it is to them and those they serve. Also temples are scarce for the local people to attend, and the cost and distance makes it difficult. The Collets emphasized the progress being made in Africa and related it to our early pioneers here in the United States and the similar difficulties they face.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Timonthy Anderson

Timothy B. Anderson was our guest speaker on January 17, 2023. Tim is an attorney and also a noted published author. He spoke about Utah's 222nd Field Artillery unit who were called up to serve the nation. His talk was called "Utah's 222 - Helaman's Warriors." The Triple Deuce is the only battalion-size element of the Utah Army National Guard south of Spanish Fork and has units serving in Richfield, Beaver, Cedar City, and Saint George. As a result of living and working in these small communities they have enjoyed a tremendous amount of support from the

citizens in which they serve and represent. Timothy Anderson is a member of Kirton McConkie's International Practice section and is affiliated with the Corporate section. He focuses on international commercial law and international sales related projects through the EU and parts of Asia. He is also passionately involved in matters that arise from and affect the economy and environments of southern and rural Utah, where he was resided for his entire career as a lawyer.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Alex Delgado



*Ron Hardy,
Diane Smith, John Smith,
Peggy Gibson, and Larry Gibson*

At the beginning of our Chapter meeting, Larry Gibson, Immediate Past National SUP President, presented the “Modern Day Pioneers Award” to John and Diane Smith in recognition of their 17 years of service to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. John has served as an Area Vice-President, Chapter President multiple times, National Treasurer twice, and for the past nearly six years, John and Diane have served as Librarians at the SUP library located at the National office complex. John and Diane have done a masterful job in setting up the library with modern indexing and digitalizing facilities and organizing the materials in the library.

Alex Delgado spoke to us regarding the Church in Peru. Alex was born in Peru in 1979. Alex’s address to us was accompanied by a very spiritual confirmation about what he was teaching us. The room had

an absolute stillness and quiet during his presentation. On Christmas Day, 1925, Elder Melvin J. Ballard dedicated the land of South America to the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In August 1956 missionaries arrived in Lima. Today, there are eight missions in Peru and over 100 stakes. Since 2007, Alex Delgado has been a Spanish interpreter for the General Conferences of the Church. During this past conference it was his honor to interpret the closing remarks by President Russell M. Nelson. These closing remarks are never given to the interpreter before President Nelson addresses the conference. You can only imagine his joy when he heard the announcement of a fifth Temple in Peru in Chiclayo, the home town where Alex was raised. He was able to control his emotions as he heard that sacred announcement.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah



Jesse Knight

Boyd Knight spoke in our January meeting. He had authored a book called Uncle Jesse-vision to see and the courage to do. He spoke to us about the history of activities of his great uncle Jesse Knight. Jesse Knight has a very interesting background. He left the Church when he was younger while delivering freight around Utah. But when his daughter was dying and wanted a blessing, and he wasn’t worthy to give it to her, he thought it wise to come back to the Church. And then and there he came back and never left it. Through his efforts he afterwards became engaged in many things. He claimed a mine in Knightsville that made him a very rich man which allowed him to start many industries and other things in Utah. He funded a sugar factory in Mapleton and Springville. His kindness and generosity

allowed him to form the Jesse and Amanda (his wife) Knight Museum. He created the Knight Investment Company, developed the Tintic Mine and coal mines and smelters in Helper and formed the Knight Trust and Savings Bank. He contributed to complete the Boot Hill Cemetery in Pioche, Nevada and saved the Provo Woolen Mill from closing down. He was kind to widows and the poor and took action to help them. He funded BYU to be financially stable and was so well known for what he had done that a building on the BYU campus was named for him called the Jesse Knight Building. All in all it was very interesting to see what Jesse Knight did with his life when he came back to the Church and profited from his first mining adventures.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Gwen Romero

On Monday the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers gathered for their monthly luncheon, catered by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. Annual business was conducted with Alan Turner, SUP Area Vice President, swearing in this year's chapter board members including the 2023 SUP Chapter president, Van Nelson. He is replacing outgoing president Howard Hansen. After the induction of new officers, the Chapter recognized this year's Morgan High School Pioneer Essay contest winners. All essays are submitted by Mrs. Gwen Romero's English classes and ranked by a panel of five outside judges. There were more than 60 essays submitted this year. Mrs. Romero, who was in attendance for the presentations, has been teaching at the High School for twenty-seven years. She addressed the group expressing how important this contest is in helping her students research their ancestry. During this process the students come to understand the

values that helped their pioneer ancestors survive often very difficult challenges that came with pioneer life in the 1800's. She commented that most of the challenges we face today in the world have already been experienced by those who preceded us. In this year's essay contest, third place essay winner and taking home \$100, was Chloe Clark, daughter of Bruce and Jennifer Clark. Second place finisher was Londyn Elmer, daughter of Phil and Becky Elmer receiving \$200. The first-place essay was written by Isabella Lenthe, daughter of Mark and Shannon Lenthe. She received a \$300 award. Isabella read her essay to the SUP members that told of the inspirational life and struggles of her third great grandmother, Eliza Parratt Rhees. Eliza immigrated in 1866 with her aunt and other Mormon pioneers from England to Utah. Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding essays.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Emma Smith crossing on ice

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 26, January 2023. Les Langford was our speaker. Les spoke about the life of Stephen Markham. One of the incidents in Stephen Markham's service was an event where he helped Emma Smith. Stephen Markham was assigned to assist Emma Smith and her four small children.

Stephen assisted Emma and children across the frozen Mississippi River. After Stephen helped Emma and her children safely travel the 170 miles to Quincy, he returned and took his own family to Quincy. He then returned and took a third family the 170 miles to Quincy. Les Langford's presentation was excellent.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Michael R. King

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter had a wonderful luncheon, during which Michael R. King told us of Jane McKechnie Walton, his great-great-grandmother, of her emigration from Scotland to Salt Lake City at age six, and her part in the Hole in the Rock expedition. She became part of a small group of settlers involved in an expedition of monumental proportions. These trailblazers would find themselves stranded 2,000 feet above the Colorado River with no means to turn back. Without options, the group relied on ingenuity and gritty

determination to carve a sliver of passage through what is known as Hole-in-the-Rock. After forging through many more obstacles, including a slanticular road, an encounter with a young Indian named Posey, and a vision of her death, Jane would finally find contentment in a new homestead--only to die unexpectedly, leaving a mystery that would generate stories for years. One hundred years later, Mike King delved into this remarkable woman's life and the questions surrounding her death in his book, *She Knew No Fear*.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Steven Snow



Chapter Past-President Karl Blake

Elder Stephen E. Snow, Emeritus Seventy and former Church Historian and Recorder, spoke at the Porter Rockwell Chapter's January meeting. He explained how the position of Recorder was divinely revealed to Joseph Smith as recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 21:1. Elder Snow reviewed the history of the office, telling about each man who served from the beginning until today, starting with Oliver Cowdery through Elder Kyle S. McKay. The shortest serving Church Historian/Recorder was Elder Howard W. Hunter; the longest-serving was Elder Joseph Fielding Smith. As he reviewed the events during each person's term, it became obvious that the position has evolved over the years, sometimes being occupied by a general authority and other times by a professional historian. The principal function of the

Historian/Recorder is to gather materials from all possible sources, catalog them, and make the material available to anyone who is interested in researching Church history. As the Church's Recorder, he is to be the final registrar of all ordinances, official actions, and significant decisions; and in the aggregate, to prepare a book to present to the Lord when He comes again.

Dil Strasser, our Area Vice-President, installed the new officers for 2023. Outgoing President Karl Blake was honored for his great service during 2022. He reviewed the many chapter accomplishments of the past twelve months, including service, scholarships, treks, great speakers, and chapter growth. Our new president, Bill Jeppson, has many ideas looking forward to a grand new year.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Thomas Alexander

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations. Our upcoming Luncheon details are as follows:

When: Wednesday, February 8th at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple.

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Tom Alexander is a Lemuel Hardison Redd Jr. Professor Emeritus of Western American History at BYU and

author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of twenty-seven books and monographs, more than a hundred fifty articles, and numerous book reviews. He has served as president of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta (the National History Honor Society), the Mormon History Association, and the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and as chair of the Board of Utah State History and the Utah Humanities Council.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Duel Cabin

For the January Chapter meeting for the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter, we had Scott Campbell speak to us about one of his ancestors. Scott is the son of one of our members, Delton Campbell. Scott spoke about his third great grandfather, William Duel and wife Eliza Whiting. Their heritage goes back to the Mayflower. They were baptized in 1840 and were sealed in the Nauvoo Endowment

House. They came to Utah with the Charles L. Rich company in 1847. This is the same time that the Parley P. Pratt and John Taylor companies came to Utah. They built the cabin that now sits at Temple Square by the Family History Museum. Eliza died of small pox and William was called on a mission to the muddy. It was an enjoyable evening.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Alfred Koch

Greetings from Cache Valley. On January 19th The Temple Fork Chapter held its first dinner meeting of 2023. We met at the Logan Country Club and enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner. Our Area Vice President, Val Roberts gave the oath of office to our new board and Kelly Sanders was installed as our new president. Our presentation was given by one of our chapter members, Alfred Koch. Alfred was born in Germany in 1937. His family was one of very few Latter-day Saints in the area where he lived. In 1943 his father was drafted into the German army and sent to the Russian front where he was captured and held in a

Russian prisoner of war camp. He was finally released and reunited with his family five years after the end of World War II. Alfred told of the endless bombers that bombed the industrial areas near his home and of an American soldier at his home. This was all very sobering to hear. After his father's return, the family immigrated to American and settled in Logan Utah. He continued his education and became an educator and principal of Preston High School. To learn more of the faith of Alfred and the Koch family read the Ensign, February 2007, "What's in the cart?"

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Dr. Jay Buckley

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in the American Fork Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker was Dr. Jay Buckley, of B.Y.U. The topic of Dr. Buckley's presentation was "Mountain Men of Yellowstone". Yellowstone Park celebrated it's 150 years of service in 2022. Yellowstone was

the first National Park in the United States. Dr. Buckley presented information about three Mountain Men who first visited the unique physical features of Yellowstone. These Mountain Men were pioneers in publicizing details about Yellowstone that paved the way for a National Park to be established.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Dr. Bradbury

New Officers were sworn in at the beginning of our January 2023 meeting. They are, as shown in the photo left to right, Treasurer Ron Gibb, President Craig Nordfelt, and President-Elect Merrill Pratt. Doug Ladle, Secretary, was excused and will be sworn in the next Board Meeting in February. Louis Clements gave a historical moment of Wayne Anforth Wright,

a famous jockey, from Rexburg. Dr. Andy Bradbury, a medical doctor at the BYU-Idaho Health Center, was our main speaker. His topic was: "Hot Button Medical Issues for Seniors: Mental Health, Pandemics, etc." He directs the mental health unit at BYU-Idaho and is a co-director of the Rexburg Free Clinic.