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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We can appreciate the transition of another Prophet and First Presidency in January and recognize the molding of their marvelous lives in the Hands of the Lord. To see these Brethren, their interactions, their Apostolic statures, their love and respect for the Lord and each other is a quiet miracle.

These past several years of our membership and participation with the Sons of Utah Pioneers have been a blessing for my wife Elizabeth and me. Chapter meetings have been our date nights and Family Home Evenings together. They have been our social agenda when we are not engaged with our children and grandchildren. We have learned so much about the Pioneers and Pioneer history in chapter meetings and the yearly Historical Symposiums. My hope is that every SUP member can feel this same brotherhood as we draw nearer to our ancestors and our Pioneer Heritage.

I have felt the spirit of Elijah and his charge to “turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers” in this organization as powerfully as when Elizabeth and I were service missionaries. We served in the US/Canada Zone of the Family History Library just across the street from Temple Square. There was such a strong influence felt as we assisted patrons who visited the library from all over the United States and

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other countries. The missionaries would often refer to the Family History Library as the “Elijah Library.”

We have felt that same influence as we have searched for our ancestors and performed the Temple Ordinances for them. I have felt again the same inspiration and influence of Elijah as Elizabeth and I served as ordinance workers in the Salt Lake Temple. These activities are all interrelated and point us back to our ancestors.

My first assignment with the Mill’s chapter of SUP was to complete a memorialization of an ancestor each year. It was to be turned in to the SUP library at the National Headquarters in order to complete a goal for the Chapter Excellence Award. Again, I felt the spirit and surge of love for those ancestors while I researched their lives’ stories. On one occasion I learned that my great-great grandfather, John Merriman Robinson, had been a tailor and emigrated from North Wales. I did not know about him when I served for five months as a missionary in Wales. I learned that my great-great grandfather had tailored suits for President Brigham Young and that he was imprisoned for several months for the practice of polygamy. While he was in prison, he tailored suits for the warden and some of the guards. This was how he supported his families while he was in prison. It then became apparent to me what a treasure it was to have inherited his sewing machine.

I have often pondered the words of Moroni to Joseph Smith in September 1823. Moroni quoted from the old testament prophet Malachi in reference to Elijah, chapter 4 verse 6 with a variation “And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.”

There are many SUP members and wives who are or have been engaged in these same activities. We hope you feel the same influence and inspiration of this important prophet of the Lord.



Keith Van Roosendaal - National President  
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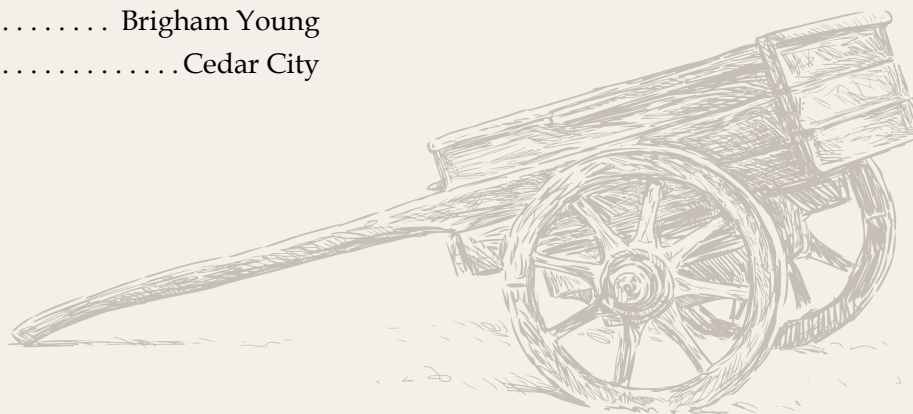
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NAME ..... CHAPTER

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This section is for National or individual Chapter announcements. It may be a request for help or just letting the members know what is going on. All items must be SUP related and any costs involved must be clearly stated. Contact the Trail Marker editor, Don Lee, at [donlee0938@gmail.com](mailto:donlee0938@gmail.com) to place any request.*

## 2018 REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

## LEGACY DONATION UPDATE



**TICKETS**

**2018  
REGIONAL HISTORY  
SYMPOSIUM**

**ST GEORGE**



Saturday, March 3rd, 2018  
1:00 - 7:00 pm  
Bloomington, St George Stake Center  
200 W Brigham Road, Bloomington, UT

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has recently adopted an upgrade to its Legacy program. Bringing the SUP in line with other national organizations, we will now be offering members and friends the opportunity to donate in multiple ways in addition to the traditional, historic giving programs. The new program is designed to help any interested donor to “DO SOMETHING MONUMENTAL,” even if they are donors of modest means. More details will follow in the upcoming months. We appreciate the support that many have given us so far, and we feel that this new program, with its range of options, will allow us to have more donors, and donors who receive the gratification from doing something monumental, that will allow them to create a Legacy, by, in many cases, getting “more bang for the buck” as the rocket scientists say. Steve Kruman, an Area Vice President, who is a Financial and Estate Planner, will be the person serving the SUP for the upgraded program. He will be sharing information with your Chapter Presidents, and we hope to have a brief presentation made in the Chapters during 2018. If you need to reach Steve sooner, so that you can obtain an additional tax deduction in 2017, you may contact him at (435) 463-2778.

# NATIONAL NEWS

(Send National News submissions to [SUP1847@gmail.com](mailto:SUP1847@gmail.com))

## SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS 2018 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

We have a great group of 2018 National Officers and this is going to be a great year! Our National President is Keith Van Roosendaal, our President-elect is Tony Tidwell, and our Past President is John Elggren. John Elggren is also our National Treasurer/Corporate Secretary and the Financial Director working with our Office Staff.

New to our Program Directors are John and Diane Smith as Library Co-Chairmen, and Ray Andrus as Scholarship Chairman. We are also welcoming our new Area Vice Presidents Martell Grover, Val Roberts, Vaughn Larson, Joe Nelson, and David Strate. For a complete list of Program Directors and AVPs with their contact information check us out at <https://www.sup1847.com/organization/>.

We would like to thank our outgoing Board Members who have dedicated years of service in their different capacities: Lynn Bradshaw, George Knavel, David Jacobs, Tony Tidwell, David Mower, and Don Lee. Each of you has touched our organization in many ways, large and small. Thank you all!

We also want to extend our great appreciation to Roger Flick for his 8 years of service as SUP Librarian following his 3 years of service on the Executive Council and as National President in 2009. We also thank Booth and Eddie Maycock for their 9 years of service volunteering in the Library following Booth's 3 years of service on the Executive Council and National President in 2008.

And last but not least, a special Thank You to Jim Hurst as he retires from 3 years on the Executive Council after being National President in 2016.



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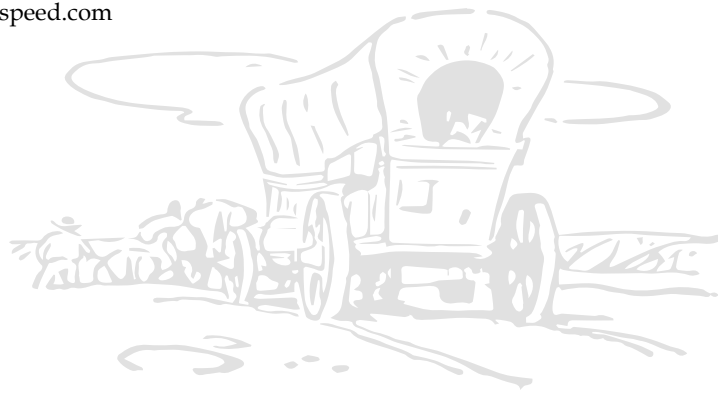
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**ANNUAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING**

March 3

**REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM - ST GEORGE**

March 20

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

April 1

**SUBMISSIONS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT BEGINS**

April 21

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

May 1

**SUBMISSIONS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT ENDS**

### **UPCOMING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS**

**2018 Sponsor:**  
**CEDAR CITY CHAPTER**  
**September 20-22, 2018**

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Encampment in any of the coming years, please send your proposal to the National Office. All chapters are welcome to apply! We are looking ahead to facilitate scheduling. These are wonderful events, please plan now!

### **THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS**

1. Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them.
2. Preserve the memories and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.
3. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify the pioneer values and qualities of character.
4. Teach these values and qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.



# PIONEER Stories

One pioneer story is going to be included in the Trail Marker each month, but all will be saved to be added to the Pioneer Stories page of the SUP website when the program is completed.

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. Please submit them so we can be moved & inspired also.

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## JAMES CUNNINGHAM A MAN OF UNYIELDING DETERMINATION

*Submitted by Daniel K Adams, Timpanogos Chapter*



Let me tell you about my Great Great Grandfather, James Cunningham. James was a collier or coal miner in Scotland. He was one of 5,000 miners in the 1850s who went deep into the dark earth 12 hours a day and worked 6 days a week with pick and shovel

harvesting the black gold used for fuel. Mining was all that James knew because he began in the coal mines at age seven. It was difficult for James to see his two young sons, Robert and George at the age of seven, forced to work deep underground. A day's work amounted to \$1.00 a day for James and less for his sons. Working in the coal mines was a form of slavery for families to survive.

Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints first came to Scotland in 1839. James, his wife and children joined the church in 1842, They were part of the Dysart branch. They wanted to go to America and join the saints in Zion. The Cunningham's were poor but fourteen years after James was baptized they were helped by the Perpetual Immigration Fund to go to America in 1856.

James and his family joined the Willie Handcart Company. James was 55 year old and Elizabeth was 48. They brought four of their eight children with them to Utah. James had worked in coal mines for many years and suffered from black lung disease. Breathing coal dust causes a cough and shortness of breath. Even though he was not well he stood with all of the rest of the Scotsman and voted to go on when they were warned about the consequences of their late start across the plains. He demonstrated his Unyielding Determination.

The Cunningham family suffered greatly along with the other Willie Handcart Saints. It was especially difficult for James to physically keep pulling because he was weak and gasping for breath. He lost energy as their rations of flour was cut more and more. James often became unable to walk so his family had to haul him in the handcart. His family moved on with Unyielding Determination. A great spiritual uplift to the family came when James' thirteen year old daughter Betsy was lifeless one morning and had to be left for dead along the trail side. James and his wife return later and miraculously revived her. This event is portrayed in the film "17 Miracles".

James and his family came to American Fork to settle. James lived 14 more years and saw all of his children marry and have large families. He died at the age of 79 and is buried in the American Fork City Cemetery. He was an example of unyielding determination.

# Monument Trek

## Neff's Mill Monument



The first flour mill in Utah was constructed by John Neff. It was located in the neighborhood south of the current Evergreen Avenue, near Oakwood Street, on the banks of Mill Creek. John and his family had joined the Church in Pennsylvania, and soon after relocated to Nauvoo. They traveled with the main body of pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley, bringing machinery for the grist mill with them. Early in the spring of 1848, John Neff began construction on the mill. When pioneers would arrive in the Valley, they found that work was hard to come by, so John hired many of them to help build his flour mill, lumber mill, and shingle mill, as well as to dig ditches for irrigation, saw logs, and other labors. Neff was considered one of the best farmers in the Territory, with nearly two thousand acres of land, and cattle and sheep by the thousands.

Neff's flour mill was completed in the fall of 1848 and John Neff moved his family into a small house built near the mill. The Neff grist mill played an invaluable role in helping the Mormon pioneers survive the early settlement years. When an invasion of crickets began devouring the pioneers' first substantial wheat crop, the precious wheat that was salvaged and harvested by determined pioneers (with the aid of hungry seagulls), was brought to the Neff mill for grinding. Unbolted flour was available for sale by that December. The first white flour in Utah was produced at the mill a few months later. During that time many California-bound gold seekers offered John Neff a dollar for a bag of flour. He refused to sell to the Gentiles, only selling to fellow Saints for six cents a pound. John

and Mary Neff often gave flour free to those who couldn't afford it. Farmers from Provo to Ogden would bring their flour to the mill.

It is hard to comprehend that the Mill Creek area was, at that time, a remote wilderness. Robert Gardner recounted in his journal a time when he was working up Mill Creek Canyon and had a serious accident. A log struck his leg and peeled a big chunk of flesh off right to the bone. Painfully, and with some fear because of the amount of blood he was losing, he made his way to the mill, where he called out for help. Porter Rockwell, John Neff's son-in-law, came out to offer assistance. Porter applied liquor directly to the wound and then helped Gardner into the Neff home and had him sit near the fire. He washed Gardner's leg and got a handful of fine salt and laid it on the bone. Then he pulled the flesh back up over it and sewed it closed with a needle and some silk thread with a flannel cloth bandage. After several days of tending to Gardner to ensure the wound had closed properly, Rockwell carried him to his wagon and drove him back home.

The Neff Mill, which had been so vital in sustaining the early settlers, became obsolete as milling moved to areas better suited for the production of grain. In 1892, William Spafford purchased the mill site and machinery from the Neff family and remodeled it into a dance hall. The mill was dismantled sometime between 1898 and 1905. Part of the mill burr was saved and in 1936 was set in a monument at the corner of Evergreen Avenue and 2700 East, in what is now called the Evergreen Avenue Historic District.





# 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
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. Use the subject line: "Trail Marker - Chapter name" (nothing more)
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 or publicity chairmen take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you

## BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



*Dr. W Jamie Hadfield with  
Jack Small and President  
Mark Forsgen Ayne Hinton*

For our January chapter meeting, we had **Jamie Hadfield** come and tell of her experiences of growing up in the Colonies in Mexico. She lived there until she went to college in Arizona, making English her major.

Her great great great grandfather had come there from England. There were originally 13 colonies. Her mom and dad were both from the colonies, met at BYU, and were married. Each of their patriarchal blessings, given at different times and by different patriarchs, included almost the same wording that, "Their homes would become a place where people in need will come for assistance". This came true. Her father had a large farm where he raised fruits (peaches etc.) and jalapeno peppers, which she said was one ingredient in lipstick. There seemed to be a continual flow of people needing food or other help and none were turned away without the help they could provide.

At school, when someone needed discipline, they were required to run to the top of a hill near the school, and wave a flag to prove they made it all the way to the top, and then come back to school. President Hinckley came to speak at a High School graduation there and in speaking with the local members, asked how they would attend the temple. They were in the Mesa Temple district, and it was a problem of transportation and cost for them to get there. On his way home is when he got the idea for smaller temples.

She asked, "How many in the audience had been to Mexico", and said they had very probably been served horse meat, as it was considered a delicacy. We, the United States, is the only country that does not universally consume horse meat.

The drug cartels are a problem there. When the law is enforced, it cuts into the flow of their money and weakens them so other cartels move in to take over the area. To keep the money flowing, they kidnap "well to do" family members and hold them for ransom. Because of this, it is advised to procure "kidnap ransom insurance". She was also kidnapped once while returning home from college. She was held for a short time and released, but doesn't know if her father paid a ransom, as he does not talk about it to this day. "Her guardian angels" were with her that day. It was a very traumatic experience for the whole family. She closed with her testimony in Spanish.

**MODERN PIONEER BOX ELDER:** The Box Elder Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers presented **Sarah Yates** with the 2017 Modern Pioneer Award because of the time and effort she has spent learning about and helping us to understand and appreciate the history of our pioneer ancestors in the Brigham City and Box Elder County areas. Also, as a writer and former editor of the News Journal, she has done a magnificent job of recording the current local history through



*Sarah Yates*

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her work by photos and articles. She has written about the celebrations and happenings of the present day-city and county.

**NEW BOX ELDER CHAPTER LEADERS:** 1st row: Mike Cardon, Norm Nelson, Jack Small, Mark Forsgen, Bruce Whiting, Dwight Holman, Chuck Kellogg. 2nd row: Val Roberts, Ricky Pond, Reese Beeton, Darwin Jensen, Denton Beecher, Glen Mattson, Elwin Merritt, Dennis Moody. Missing: Calvin Denison, Brent Wyatt.



## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



*President Brent Schick with Dr. Royce Allen*

Our January 2018 chapter meeting was conducted by our new chapter president, **Brent Schick**. We look forward to another exciting year under his leadership that will include great speakers, dinners, treks, and other activities that will keep our Centerville pioneer legacy alive and vibrant.

Our speaker for the January meeting was Dr. Royce Allen who has published five books about the history of Centerville. He served five years on the Centerville City Historical Preservation Commission and received the Historic Preservation Award in 2016. Dr. Allen talked about the beginnings of Centerville and some of the early pioneer families who settled the city. Royce is the one who compiled the wonderful 4 page pamphlet entitled Centerville: A Pioneer Settlement of 1847 that was given to each participant as they obtained their registration materials for the Convention.

Once again we would like to thank all those who attended the National Convention (now known as Encampments) that was held in September. It was an exciting year of planning for the occasion and thanks to our many chapter members who spent countless hours helping make it a wonderful success.

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



*Dr. Wayne Hinton*

Author, historian, and professor, **Dr. Wayne Hinton** was our guest at the January dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter. Dr. Hinton discussed the early life of pioneer John D. Lee who was called on to explore and settle area's of Iron County and Utah's Dixie. In addition to establishing the town and fort at New Harmony, he later was sent by the church to establish Lee's Ferry. While best known for his trial and conviction in the Mountain Meadows Massacre tragedy, Lee's contributions to the early settlement and leadership in southern Utah cannot be overlooked. Dr. Hinton gave insights into John D. Lee's difficult childhood and many aspects of his life both before he discovered Mormonism and after he became a prominent LDS and civic leader. Dr. Hinton is scheduled to present "A New Look at the Mountain Meadows Massacre" during the Southern Utah Historical Symposium scheduled for March 3, 2018 in Bloomington Utah.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## HARMONY CHAPTER - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A crowd totaling 27 filled the living room of the Kruman home to hear from **Ishmael Khaldi**, from the Israeli Consulate Services on Friday, December 1st. Ishmael Khaldi, the author of the book, "A Shepherd's Journey," is the first Bedouin serving in the Consulate Services. Ish told the story of his childhood in the Bedouin community in Galilee, how he came to America, then returned to Israel for college, worked for the American Embassy, then joined the Israeli government. Ish also told how his family was

the most popular place in his small Bedouin community when he was young...since they had the only television. Ish also spoke of his current work with a Non-Governmental Organization he started to help bring more modern services to his community in Israel. Ish invited Steve to bring all of his Mormon friends to Israel to taste of Bedouin hospitality. He said that he felt so much similarity between the hospitality he found in the presence of the Mormons as he does when he is at home in Israel.



## HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

**Jim Hurst** is an Emeritus Professor of Psychology from the University of Wyoming and was the 2016 National SUP President.

He gave examples of how we think, how we feel and how we believe is related to the lives of our progenitors up to 50, 100 and 150 years ago. Their history coming down to us through the generations can influence us in how we make our decisions in life. Their kinds of adversities were different than ours, but how they related to them can be a guide on how we deal with ours. To know about our ancestors can be a great guide to us. He gave us several examples of this.

He talked about how the SUP is a value-down society that encourages us in the following:

- Faith in God
- Devotion to family
- Loyalty to church and country
- Hard work and service to others
- Courage in adversities
- Personal integrity
- Unyielding determination

He gave examples of how prayer has helped his ancestors and him deal with problems in life, even minor ones. The Lord is aware of us at any age and circumstance.

He gave examples of family military service sacrifices.



*Jim Hurst*

He gave examples of family members serving each other over their own needs and desires.

One example of service and sacrifice was his mother's grandmother who as a teenager left the Island of Jersey in the Channel Islands between England and France after her family joined the church. She ended up traveling to Utah, then marrying a non-member and living in Alabama during the civil war. Her first husband and four children died and she came back to Zion again and was protected in her travels by heavenly influence. She remarried and had more children, several dying young. She worked in the Logan Temple and her sadness was sensed by the temple president and she was blessed by him. Her sacrifice and heavenly influence experiences has helped influence others in the family since then.

Brother Hurst is grateful for the people that have influenced his life. He expressed how the influence of the SUP and DUP and our individual help is needed now in our country. Our country needs guidance perhaps more than ever before.



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## HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



*Richard and Launa Whitehead & Southern Virginia University*

What a marvelous experience we had this month, as we gathered, about 60 strong, at the Legion Hall to have an exceptional dinner, and listen to **Dr. Richard Whitehead** and his beautiful wife **Launa**. They had recently returned from Virginia where they had been for several years, working for

and with the Southern Virginia University. It is currently the only university of its kind: a liberal arts college in a Latter-day Saint environment. Before 1996 it was known as the Southern Seminary, but was purchased by a few Latter-day Saints who turned it into a university with LDS Standards and vision.

The School is a fully accredited small undergraduate program, with a student body of nearly 1,000, it is rapidly becoming recognized as a first class institution of higher learning. Many of its leaders and teachers have come from our southern Utah environs.

About 96% of its students are LDS, and SVU has a graduate placement rate of 98% into law school, medicine, internships, and other work places. Class size is around 16 students.

## JORDAN RIVER CHAPTER - West Jordan, Utah

When President Thomas S. Monson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints passed away Tuesday evening January 2nd, our scheduled speaker understandably found it necessary to cancel. That was because our speaker was to be President Monson's sister, Marilyn Monson Martin. Our Chapter President for 2018, Guy Moore and his wife Sharon, worked with our program chairman, Ron Hardy, to come up with an alternate program. They decided to invite those attending our Chapter meeting this night who had some personal experiences with President Monson to share those with our group. The results were very comforting, interesting, and the cause for all of us to recall something in our lives particular to President Monson.

Here are the words shared:

- "When I was seven years old, he was my Bishop. He was very kind to my mother and our family."
- "Then Apostle Monson came to our Stake in California to divide it. I was serving as a Bishop at the time. I had the opportunity to speak with him. He was very kind and considered my comments."
- "My aunt's experience with President Monson was one to remember. President Monson attended many of our extended family funerals."
- "Apostle Monson visited my mission in Australia. He was delightful to associate with."
- "My wife and I traveled to Wyoming during the Pioneer Reenactment to visit the Handcart Company our relative was serving with. President Monson was there to encourage and thank the participants. President Monson also visited with my wife at an occasion in the Los Angeles Temple."
- "One evening, while serving in the Temple Department at the Church Office building, I was working late. The phone rang and I answered it. The caller identified himself as President Monson. We had a nice conversation and he thanked me for working late on my project."
- "While serving as the secretary to the Salt Lake Temple President, I witnessed many experiences of this prophet of God's activities. When President Monson visited a care center, he just had to touch the hands of a patient and they knew who he was. When a couple asked President Monson to perform their Temple marriage, he never refused them - no matter how busy he was."
- "I had many experiences working with President Monson when I worked at the Church Office building. He was so kind, I will never forget any of them."



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## MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah



*Reid Moon*

Our January dinner meeting speaker was **Reid Moon** an avid collector of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts. He is an antiquarian book dealer who specializes in rare Mormon books, documents, old Bibles [1489-1899] and important historical books that have been inscribed or owned by famous historical figures.

His remarks to our chapter members centered on items he has collected from the early days of the LDS Church, including the first edition of the Book of Mormon used by Samuel Smith

on his first missionary journey, a copy of the Book of Mormon owned by Joseph Smith, and several letters and artifacts from Heber C. Kimball and Wilford and Phebe Woodruff. Each item was accompanied by a story that shed light onto the history of the church that was little known before our speaker researched the background of the item.

The hour passed quickly as one item after another was shown to us accompanied by a fascinating story by a great storyteller. Brother Moon has traveled over a million miles—to 45 of the 50 states and all over Europe, North and South America tracking down his treasures. If his life were a movie, it would be part Indiana Jones part National Treasure. He recently moved to Provo, Utah from Dallas, Texas and has opened his bookstore/museum in northern Provo at the Shops at the Riverwoods. It was a very special meeting.

## MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City East / Mill Creek, Utah



*Steven Rich*



*Utah Chamber Artists*

**AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING** of the Mills chapter, **Steven Rich** gave the Pioneer Minute on his ancestor Agnes Taylor Rich, President John Taylor's sister. She married John Rich and divorced him when he would not travel west from Nauvoo with the saints. She was known for her ability to find legal defects in the marshal's warrants and thus helped President John Taylor and other church leaders avoid arrest on polygamy charges when they could not gain entry past her. At one point, the brethren suggested that those sisters sealed to the prophet Joseph Smith posthumously renounce their sealing, so Sister Agnes Taylor Rich should have been approached, but no one had the courage to ask. Someone is quoted as saying "You suggest that she annul the marriage." No one dared. Agnes outlived 8 of her 11 children.

**THE DECEMBER MEETING** of the Mills Chapter featured **The Utah Chamber Artists**. Introduced by Frank Madsen, they sang a medley of Christmas music. The singers gave a masterful, impassioned performance of great Christmas Music. They began with "Angels We Have Heard on High." The chorus sang with clear harmony and impressive energy. Some of the following pieces spoke of wintertime and memories of comfort and serenity such as the choral pieces composed by John Leonard.

The John Hayward piece "The Other Night" was a wonderful little carol that tells the story of a woman (Mary) singing to her unborn son (Jesus). We heard from three different perspectives during the song, from a narrator observing the woman, from the woman, and from the baby in heaven.

The speaker for **JANUARY 8 MEETING** will be **Steve Rich**. Marc and Tracie Hyde will speak at the February 12 meeting.



## MT NEBO CHAPTER - Payson, Utah



Reid Moon

The Mount Nebo Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers met in their new location of 1763 W 10300 E, Payson, Utah on Thursday, Jan. 25. The location is known as Bell's Barn and is found by driving east from the Mountain View Hospital .9 mi. on 100 South. What an interesting evening.

Our speaker was **Reid Moon**, who owns Moon's Rare Books in the Heirloom Art & Co. store in Shops at

Riverwoods. He kept the group enthralled with his stories that focused on early LDS History, and the publications and articles he had found connected with them. After Joseph & Oliver had received the priesthood & baptized each-other, the first convert baptism was Sam Smith. As it turned out, Sam was also the first missionary to be sent out. He felt that his mission was a failure because people wouldn't listen to him, but one of the copies of the Book of Mormon he had left got into the hands of Brigham Young and then to Wilford Woodruff. Brother Moon even had the First Edition Book of Mormon that was used by Sam Smith. Several other stories were riveting as well. -- Submitted by LaRon Taylor

## MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Kent Allen

Forty-two members of the Morgan Chapter of the Utah Sons of Pioneers gathered together on January 15, 2018 for their monthly meeting held at Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. **Kent Allen** was the featured speaker. Kent is a native of Morgan, growing up in Milton. His dad and his grandfather were professional trappers, as is his brother. Kent is married to Susan Buxton and has three children and seven grandchildren. He is a therapist by profession and is involved with the missionary work for years. He currently works with the missionaries in the United States and Canada who return home because of mental issues.

Some years ago Kent received a call inviting him to have lunch with Elder Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. The next day he went into the Church office building in Salt Lake where a gentleman took him to a conference room in the Missionary Department where there were thirteen or fourteen other therapists like himself sitting there--and he knew them all. The one thing that made him different from the rest is that they were all retired. He was not. Elder Cook then took them on a tour of the missionary department and then to lunch in the formal dining room. They then returned to the conference room where they were told they were going to be called on a mission. It would require fifteen hours a week at the Church Office building

For the next fifteen years, Kent worked in the Missionary Department of the Church. He has counseled missionaries suffering from pain as they become depressed, or anxious, or suffer from other medical illness. One afternoon, then

Elder Hinkley and Dr. Doty, who was over the Missionary Medical Department went to President Hinkley's office where they discussed an alarming trend of missionaries returning early from their missions. Statistics indicated that 91% of missionaries returning early do not return to church. They gave Kent the assignment to figure out how to save the missionaries that come home early. They gave him two names of brethren to help him and asked him to report back with a plan next Thursday. That was ten years ago. Kent pointed out that with all of the missionaries currently going out, only 2.2 % come home. When they come home, Kent's committee calls the stake president, the bishop, the parents, and the missionaries to teach them what they need to do to stay active and be pro-active in their feelings. Today, the vast majority returning accept callings in their ward or in the Temple. They also serve as Young Service Missionaries. They remain active and productive.

In closing, Kent reminded the audience that in their age, ten percent of them may have experienced depression and been on medication. Statistics show with today's young adults, fifty percent of them will become depressed, anxious, and be placed on medication. All of the research points to use of electronic devices. Youth get on social media where they see everybody else is perfect They compare themselves and feel they are not perfect. They don't know how to talk. They don't know how to solve problems. He suggested three things: 1. We need to tell our youth that we love them and are proud of them. Pat them on the back. Recognize their successes. Build them up. 2. We need to teach them how to converse. We need to spend time with them and talk with them. 3. We need to teach them how to solve problems. Teach them, show them and then let them solve problems. This is the only way we can reverse the current trend.



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## MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah



*Pioneer Village Mayor  
Steve Nelson*

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** On Wednesday, November 15th the mayor of the Provo Pioneer Village was our guest and storyteller. Basically, he is the man responsible for that Pioneer Village's development. The Village's mayor's name is **Steve Nelson**. His great grandmother was wife to Lorenzo Young, a brother of Brigham Young. Two of their daughters married Brigham

Young, and one of them was one of the few women to make the first trek to the SLC valley.

Mayor Nelson explained how this village came to be. His interesting presentation included slides of the outsides and insides of several buildings there. He said an early chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers actually helped start the village.

One of the entertaining pioneer stories he told was of a neighbor who went to another neighbor, asking to borrow his candle mold. He came back soon after and asked if his neighbor had any wax he could have. He came back even later to borrow some string. Finally, he came the last time to ask the neighbor to come show them how to make candles.

Provo's Pioneer Village is located at 500 West 600 North in Provo and is open from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Here visitors can experience a pioneer-era village at this living history museum with wooden buildings.

**MURRAY CHAPTER DECEMBER MEETING:** On Wednesday, December 13th, we were entertained by the **Taylorville Madrigals** singing Christmas carols and songs. The performance included toe-tapping music, dancing, comedy, and even some unexpected and amazing gymnastics. As a closing number, the director herself, the person who teaches, and works with, and prepares these extremely talented youth to perform—she sang a solo of Oh, Holy Night, with the choir as back up. The entire performance was outstanding and exhibited the amazing talents and energy of youth.



*Taylorville Madrigals*

## PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake County East, Utah



*President Val Parrish*

January's speaker was **Christine M. Durham**, recently retired Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court. She served as chief justice from 2002 to 2017 and was the first woman to serve as a member (appointed in 1982) and chief justice of Utah's highest court. She graduated from Duke Law School in 1971.

Val Parrish, valparrish@hotmail.com, President of the Pioneer

Chapter, invites all to the chapter's February 14, noon, Lion House, Salt Lake City meeting, featuring speaker **Gary L. Crittenden**, managing director of the Church's Missionary Department. Cost is \$20 per attendee. Prior to his church assignments, Gary was chairman and CEO of Huntsman Gay Global Capital, chairman of Citadel and Power Holdings, partner at Bain & Company, and a member of the boards of Pluralsight, Primerica, Zions Bankcorporation, Staples and others. He graduated with a B.S. from BYU and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. He is married to the former Catherine Jean Cox and they have three children. He was raised in Ogden and served a mission in Germany.

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## Pioneer Chapter 2017 speakers and their topics were:

- Val Parrish—LDS Oxbow Branch Correctional Facility
- Dr. Catherine Humphrey—The Soul of Russia
- Ramon Johnson—Utah Black Hawk War
- Vern Rice—Where Would We Be Without Our Scandinavian Ancestors?
- Rep. Jim Dunnigan—Utah Legislature Experiences
- Larry Lunt—Temples
- John Elggren—History of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter
- Randall Mackey—Our Constitutional Crisis Today
- Brian Stucki—Christmas Musical Performance

## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

The McNabb family, well known in the Pocatello area attracted an overflow crowd of 130 at the January Portneuf Pioneer Chapter SUP dinner meeting to hear the McNabb pioneer story. William Harrison McNabb, homesteaded his dryland farm just north east of Pocatello in 1910. He built a 2,500-square-foot barn in 1914, which was refurbished and stands today as a symbol of the McNabb family enterprises of farming, trucking, raising cattle, sheep, alfalfa, grass hay, oats and wheat, mostly on dry land.

**John B. McNabb**, a grandson of William McNabb has spent all his life living and working on the McNabb farm now consisting of thousands of acres of owned and leased farm land. John spoke about overcoming difficulties in those early days fighting deep snow and years of drought. John's pioneering efforts in No-Till farming methods have resulted in national recognition and have helped make the family

farming business a large and successful business today. John's three son's **John C.**, **Bill**, and **Mike** all spoke briefly about how they and their families carry on the family businesses today, extolling the virtues of their father and forefathers.



*The McNabb sons, Mike, John C. Bill, and their father John B. McNabb*

## RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah

January's dinner meeting was held January 4th at 6 p.m in the Kanab Utah Stake Center. Program for the evening included a narrative about Albert Anderson who assisted in constructing many early buildings in this area including the 1924 chapel, Dr. Aiken's hospital and many others.

**OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING** will be held on February 1 at 6 p.m. in the Kanab Utah Stake Center. Randy and Nancy Merrell, Ronald and Nancy Ford, and Sam and Renee Jackson will provide the meal. Program for the evening will include remarks and missionary memories by **Darrell and Debbie Harmon**.

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## SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Patricia Lemmon Spilsbury

**Patricia Lemmon Spilsbury** came to us very well qualified (bachelor's degree in English and Journalism from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas) to speak to us about her experiences in working at The Church History Library, where she has been involved in numerous projects, some of which have been the publication of *The First Fifty Years of Relief Society*, *Settling The Valley Proclaiming The Gospel, At The Pulpit*, and many other notable publications. She also teased us by pre-announcing *Saints The Standard of Truth*, which is in draft form (which she showed),

and soon to be finally published. Watch the Church Historian's Press for the online version of the 4-Volume Church History

Sister Spilsbury used a number of case studies and stories of finding and identifying ancestors because we have their journals and other written works. She further made the compelling argument that we would do well to identify and give to The Church History Library those works of our ancestors which they may not have at the present time.

We do not have to "give up" the items, if we choose not to do so. The Library will scan and digitize the items. We can leave them in their care where they will be well cared for and preserved in ideal conditions, or, if we choose to keep them, they will return them after the processing.

Please consider combing through your possessions and making a donation. The history of the church will be so much richer if you will do this. Never suppose that "it is not important, or of any value".

**OUR FEBRUARY 1ST MEETING** will feature **Rhett James** speaking about Brigham Young and Chief Washakie. March 1st is Jack Tanner on the Salt Lake Temple Building.

## SETTLEMENT CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah

In keeping with part of our mission statement to remember our pioneers and keep the pioneer spirit alive, the local Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has taken on the huge project of restoring and replacing all the damage and destruction as well as outright theft of the monuments along the Pony Express Trail from Faust Station into Irapah, as well as other monuments here in the valley.

It has been a difficult undertaking, but finally, under the guidance of Brent Hunt, it is quickly becoming a reality.

Hours and hours of dust and bad roads have been spent by Hunt and his father who have a genuine love for the trail. Each monument along the trail had to be photographed, GPS'd and restored enough to hang the new plaques that we just received and are being stored at the Tooele Pioneer Museum.

When weather allows, the additional work of finish cleaning, restoring and hanging the plaques will begin and continue until the task is complete. In order for the public to see these new plaques, they will be on display at the Tooele Pioneer Museum at 47 East Vine Street in Tooele on Saturday January 27th from 10 am until 4pm.

**ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, Elaine Pearson** will present old pioneer remedies, some that are still in use today.





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## SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah Area



*Dave Okerland*

The January Chapter Meeting was A Bryce Canyon History held on January 24 in Richfield. The Program was presented by **JoAnn Topham** who was raised in the small town of Tropic which is located in Bryce Valley and Gordon Topham who in 1974 wrote the "The History of Bryce Canyon National Park and Surrounding Area" while he was working as a Ranger for the National Park at Bryce Canyon.

**FEBUARY'S CHAPTER MEETING** will be held on February 21st. **Dave Okerland** will share the history of the Blackhawk War and other facts about Wayne County. Dave will also show us some artifacts he has. The meeting will be at the 4th, 7th and 9th ward building.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



*Gaylen Ashcroft*

The end of the year brought a reorganization of some of the officers of the Temple Fork Chapter. Jeff Barnes, who is currently Mayor of the nearby city of Smithfield, is our new President. Richard Barrett, our former President, is now Past President. Gaylen Ashcroft, who has been the Editor of the Sawmill, our Chapter's newsletter, decided to step down from the position after 20 years, and Robert Sidwell is the new Editor. Other officers include George Montrose, Secretary, Keith Checketts, Telephone calling, Richard

Brown, Historian, Deloy Johnson, Membership, Clark Puffer, Scholarship, and Paul Riley, Programs.



*New leaders picture are, (l-r) Keith Checketts, Telephone calling; Richard Brown, Historian; George Montrose, Secretary; Jeff Barnes, President; Richard Barrett, Past President, DeLoy Johnson, Membership; Clark Puffer, Scholarship; Paul Riley, Programs; Val Roberts, Northern Utah Area Vice President*

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Dana Pike*

The Chapter dinner meeting was held on January 18, 2018. The guest speaker was **Dr Dana Pike**, from BYU, had a wonderful power point presentation about the replica of the Israelite Tabernacle which was set up on the Brigham Young University campus for five weeks. There were 70 students hired to conduct the 830 tours of 45 five minutes each in which there were 32,000 visitors to the site. Visitors included not only students and campus personnel, but Christians, Jews, Masons, youth groups and others. Dr. Pike explained the details of constructing the Tabernacle and how it was

positioned on and affected the BYU campus, including killing of a section of grass. Grounds keepers were okay with that inasmuch as that section of grass was growing poorly and needed to be replaced anyway.

Dr. Pike described the difference of apparel worn by the Priests and the High Priest, noting the colors of the Priests apparel was white while that of the High Priest was red, blue and purple, each color having potential significance of life, perhaps heaven and royalty. These colors were also found on the veil of the Tabernacle and the cloth used in surrounding portions of the

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Tabernacle. The High Priests apparel was also described which included a breastplate with twelve precious stone representing the twelve tribes of Israel, a mitre on his head, and a Urim-Thummin and other items of interest.

Dr. Pike also discussed the dimensions of the Tabernacle including the outer courtyard, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. He also compared the size of the Tabernacle to the temples built by Herod and Solomon and the Kirkland, Nauvoo and Salt Lake City Temples. In the outer courtyard, there was a Brazen Alter for the burning of sacrifices and a Laver for washing of hands. Dr. Pike mentioned that it must have been a rather smelly place and a place with much blood and body parts. Israelite's who brought the animal

to be sacrificed also killed it. Dr. Pike referenced that the burning and washing might be symbolic of being baptized with water and fire. The Holy Place had in it the table of shewbread, the golden alter of incense, which probably offset the smells of the outside court, and the Menorah with seven candles. The Holy of Holies had in it the Ark of Covenant. This room was only entered once a year by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement to put blood and incense on the Ark to atone for the sins of the Israelite in the past year. The degrees of access of the three areas of the Tabernacle can refer to the progression to perfection with the Holy of Holies representing perfection.

Dr. Pike told of Zacharias and his revelation that Elizabeth

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

F. Martell Grover reviewed what had been accomplished during the past year while he was President of the Chapter. Some of those mentioned were: (1) The seven monuments and memorials were updated and maintained under the supervision of the Chapter. (2) The assigned Committee Chairmen all accomplished their responsibilities in an excellent manner. (3) Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized. (4) Doug Ladle planned and directed an excellent program for the 24th of July Fireside, which recognized local Educators. (5) Alton Wilde, Food Chairman, and his Food Committee had well prepared and delicious meals. (6) In April the National President, Keith Van Roosedaal, attended our Chapter membership meeting and commended the Chapter on how well it was doing. (7) Lynn Smith, one of the stalwarts of the Chapter, moved to Salt Lake City, Utah for health reasons. (8) Door prizes were started and the first door prize was a box of Florence Manwaring's chocolates. (9) In October Louis Clements began presenting a short Historical Moment during the meal time at each monthly membership meeting. (10) In November the Veterans were honored by having the BYU-I ROTC cadets present a membership meeting program on the history of the American Flag. (11) Planned and carried out treks to the Potato museum in Pocatello and the Fort Hall Replica in Pocatello. (12) There were five new members added to the Chapter membership during the year. (13) A Chapter Web Site with the address of [PioneersRexburg.org](http://PioneersRexburg.org) was begun.

Area Vice President Lynn Bradshaw conducted the oath of office ceremony for the new Chapter officers who will serve during the year 2018.



In the picture from left to right and sworn in are Kenneth Hart, President, F. Martell Grover, Past President, Lynn Bradshaw, Area Vice President from 2015-2017, Douglas Ladle, President Elect, Ron Gibb, Treasurer and Max W. Brown, Secretary. Lynn Bradshaw also announced F. Martell Grover to be the new Area Vice President for 2018.

**J.D. Hancock** and his wife, **Ann**, spoke on The Past, Present and future status of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Russia. They just returned as Member Leadership Support Volunteers in Russia.

Ann Hancock spoke first and reviewed the history of the Russian Orthodox Church. It began when the Roman Emperor, Constantine, in conjunction with the Nicaea Council, which was made up of Catholic Bishops, formed a

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J.D. & Ann Hancock

creed for the Christian Church which was then made the State Church. This was done in approximately 325 A.D. In about 1,000 A.D. there was a division of the State Church to form several. Two were the Catholic Church in Rome called the Western Church and Greek Orthodox Church called the Eastern Church. From the later the Russian Orthodox Church was formed in Kiev, Ukraine, which was made the State Church in Russia and still exists today.

In 1903 a Dedicatory Prayer was offered by Orson Hyde in Moscow, Russia. In 1930, Melvin Ballard said that there were thousands of the House of Israel in Russia and Elder Benson preached in a Baptist Church in Russia. In 1981, the Book of Mormon was published in Russian. In October 1993, President Benson sent Elder Nelsen and Elder Meacom to St Petersburg to dedicate the land of Russia for missionary work. In 1991 the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed in Moscow and the Russian Leaders were so impressed that on the 28th of May 1991 they gave the Church official recognition in Russia. A major problem in doing missionary work in Russia was the fact that the Russian people were under Communist rule from 1917 until 1991, when the USSR was dissolved. During that time religion was very much minimized and God was not part of the culture, which made it difficult to talk to the people about God because they knew very little about Him.

From 1989 until 2013 the Church went from 20 members to 21,888 members and only added 1,292 members from 2013 until 2017. The primary reason for that slowing down of conversions was that the government changed the rules and said that no proselyting could be done outside of the Church's buildings but they could have bibles and the Book of Mormon in their possession. The KGB is still very active and people, as a result, are very reluctant to be involved with the Church for fear of the complications.

J. D. Hancock Talked about the growth of the Church in Russia and the Ukraine. He indicated that his and his wife's purpose for being in Russia was to build up the non-Mormon poor and needy. On 5 June 2011 the first stake was formed, the Moscow Russia Stake. Then in 2012 the St. Petersburg Russia Stake, and in 2015 a third Stake was organized. He explained that over half of the members of the Church in Moscow come from other parts of the country. The reason is because of the better economic and living conditions there.

He said that the Ukraine was doing so much better than Russia; mainly because of the restrictions put on the Church in Russia by Putin and the Ukraine doesn't have them. Putin wants all 15 of the nations back that were part of the original USSR before the breakup in 1991. He said that the native missionaries are as limited as the American. Also, currently about 80% of the missionary force is American and 50% of that is Sister missionaries, who do much better than the Elders.

He indicated that Elder Jeffrey R. Holland was in Russia after the October 2017 General Conference and that he told the members they were going to have to be responsible to spread the Gospel because at sometime there will be no foreign missionaries in Russia. Brother Hancock said that the Native Russian missionaries go to the Missionary Training Center in Madrid, Spain. He said that foreign missionaries must leave the country every three months to renew their visas which costs about \$400 per visa to do so. Since then, Elder Todd Christopherson has said that the Lord's spirit is over the Russian area and things will happen that you would never expect. He asked us to remember about the fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany.

**OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on Thursday, 15 February 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at the Rexburg Senior Citizen Center. Our guest speaker for that evening will be Rob Eaton, Associate Vice President of Academics, at BYU-I, who will discuss the topic "Helping Innoculate Loved Ones Against Apostasy".



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Mountain Meadow Massacre a New Look

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**Dr. Wayne Hinton** Grew up in Hurricane Utah He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Utah State University, and a PhD in history from BYU. He served as chair of the history department for 18 of his 38 years of teaching at Southern Utah University. He has authored many book and articles, and received many awards. He has served as stake president, and president of the Cedar Chapter of the SUP.



**James A. Rhoades:** Married to his wife Kathy. They have 8 children and 22 grandchildren. He is the Great, great grandson of Thomas Rhoades who was The gold connection between the Ute Nation and Brigham Young. He is a former Seminary Teacher and renowned guest speaker at EFY and Youth for Freedom, and a Life Coach.



**Dr. Donald Ray Hinton:** Born in Hurricane Utah, and Married to Ada Lu Fuller. They have 6 Children and almost 25 grandchildren. He served a mission to Hong Kong as a young man, and as Mission President there in 2000 – 2003. Received his PhD in Interpersonal Communication and Oral Interpretation from Southern Illinois University. He was the professor of Communication and coach of the Forensic Squad for 25 years at Dixie State University. For 6 years as department chair, and 11 years as Dean, acting for a short time as Acting Vice-President of Academics.



**Monte Holm:** Married to Lisa and has 6 children and 16 grandchildren. They currently reside at the Holmstead Ranch north of St. George. He learned early the value of hard work, and at a very young age, became financially independent. He is co-founder of World Financial Group of the U.S. and Canada. He co-authored the Legacy Planner with Hyrum Smith. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from DSU. He served as the South Carolina Columbia Mission Pres.



**Hyrum W. Smith:** Distinguished author, speaker and businessman. Co-founder and former CEO of Franklin Covey, Co. For three decades he has been empowering people to effectively govern their personal and professional lives. He combines wit and enthusiasm with a gift for communicating compelling principles that incite lasting personal change. He married his wife Gail and have 6 children (5 living) and 20 grandchildren (18 living).

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers please contact one of these local chapters:**

Little Salt Lake-Parowan and surrounding areas-Tom Zeleski-435-590-6361

Cedar City-Cedar City and surrounding areas-Terry Alger-435-590-6782

Hurricane-Hurricane, LaVerkin, Toquerville, Apple Valley areas-Tom Hirschi-435-635-4291

Cotton Mission-St George and North-Ralph Atkin-435-673-5095

Dixie Encampment-St George and South-Dave Peterson-435-554-5618

Or please call 801-484-4441 for more information Website-www.SUP1847.com



## 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.

**JOIINT 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*





# The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

## National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

### Report Form for 2017 Year Due February 15, 2018

(Complete All Criteria Listed before December 2017)

#### 1. PIONEER VALUES

- 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

- Accomplish 90% "NET" National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2017.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.
 

"NET" means paid memberships from the previous year, less deaths, move-aways, full-time missionaries, and other valid reason at the discretion of the Chapter President.
- Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and eight or more Chapter Board Meetings during the year.
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year.
- 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)

#### 4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

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

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2016 Gift Subscription Scale:

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40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
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Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: February 2017

2017 Chapter President

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## The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

# National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

## Report Form for 2017 Year Due February 15, 2018

**(Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 2017)**

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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

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# National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

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## 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**