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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One would think that January would give us a chance to catch our breath. On the contrary, we have been very busy! The Brigham's Ball was an incredible success. Over 170 attended in ball gowns and period costumes. There was wonderful foods, lively music and fun dancing with the Days of 47' Royalty joining in the festivities. Porter Rockwell told stories, with Brigham singing and leading the Grand March! Last summer, the hoop skirt workshop built a lot of

anticipation for our wives. This year, National SUP has a workshop planned to make period dresses and vests that can also be used during the Days of 47 parade. Check the [calendar](#).

There are a couple of 'Don't Miss' events coming up that you need to put on your schedules. Our Nation Symposium on May 11 will be historic this year, celebrating 150 years since the Golden Spike. President-Elect Wayne Hinton has a great program arranged. Watch for early registration because only the first 250 can get banquet tickets too.

Saturday, July 20th will be our SUPer DUPer day at 'This Is The Place' Park. The Days Of 47' Committee will be dedicating a new 'Memorial to Children', honoring children who died crossing the plains. This will be a chance of a lifetime for your children's children to mingle with several General Authorities, public officials and to witness this groundbreaking event.

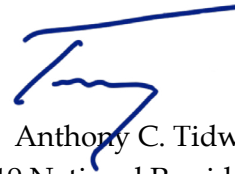
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Our thanks go out to all chapter officers who work so hard to put on meaningful programs each month. As we visit your groups and listen to your speakers, we see a common thread of dedication, admiration and reverence for our ancestors. Let us each commit ourselves to preserving and celebrating and sharing this sacred heritage.



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2019 National President  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

NAME ..... CHAPTER

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

Patrick L Stallcup ..... SUP Face to Face

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Ned Arnold ..... Porter Rockwell

Larsen Boyer ..... Springville

W Laird Dummer ..... Temple Quarry

Lamont E Shupe ..... Ogden Pioneer

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Rick Barnes ..... Morgan Pioneer

Edward R (Doc) Crawford ..... Grove City

Henry E Heilesen ..... Brigham Young

Stephen B Smith ..... Morgan Pioneer

Rodney R Taggart ..... Morgan Pioneer

David E Tanner ..... Grove City

David Tanner, Jr ..... Grove City

### NEW FRIENDS & FAMILY

Tom Brant ..... Centerville

Michael Brenchley ..... Sanpete County

Jesse Brown ..... Upper Snake River Valley

Gerd Eysser ..... Temple Quarry

Daniel Rhett Jeppson ..... Pioneer Heritage

Ron Kelsey ..... Hurricane Valley

Larry R Larsen ..... Temple Quarry

Peter McDonald ..... Jordan River Temple

Leland Spencer ..... Red Rocks

Bobby Woods ..... Red Rocks

NAME ..... CHAPTER

### NEW ANNUAL CONVERTED FROM F&F

Ron L Andersen ..... Bountiful

Cal Anderson ..... Ogden Pioneer

Melvin Dee Beaumont ..... Settlement Canyon

Lowell Elmer ..... Dixie Encampment

Kirk T Erekson ..... Murray

Jim Fredrickson ..... Brigham Young

Phillip Gray ..... Lehi

Willis O Gurr ..... Cedar City

Stanford Hansen ..... SUP Face to Face

Brent Hunt ..... Settlement Canyon

Alan Karl Jeppesen ..... Settlement Canyon

Darrell Dee Keele ..... Boulder Dam Chapter

Edmond J Keller ..... Hurricane Valley

C Brent McBride ..... Settlement Canyon

Gary L Miller ..... Dixie Encampment

Brent Miner ..... Cotton Mission

Darnell Nelson ..... Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

Roger Monroe Parrish ..... SUP Face to Face

Alan Rich ..... Cotton Mission

Dennis G Smith ..... Timpanogos

Dick Thomas ..... Grove City

William Clare Tobler ..... Boulder Dam Chapter

Evan Turner ..... Cedar City

James N Ward ..... Settlement Canyon

Kim R Wilson ..... Mills

Jesse Wunderlich ..... Centerville

Howard A Yerke ..... Settlement Canyon

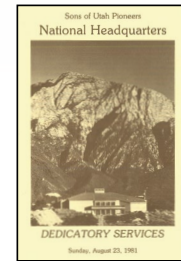
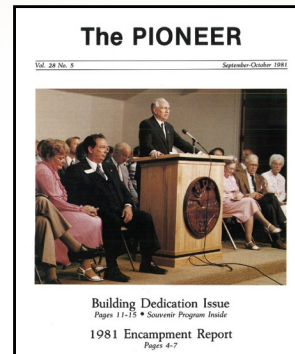
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 40+ YEARS OF PIONEER MAGAZINE

There are now more than 40 years archived of the Pioneer Magazine online. Go to [SUP1847.com](http://SUP1847.com) and click the Pioneer Magazine link.

One notable recent addition is the September-October 1981 issue that features the dedicatory prayer of the SUP National Headquarters Building by President Gordon B. Hinckley. You can also view the issues leading up to that edition that highlight the construction process.

More issues are being scanned and added weekly.



## ANNUAL DEVOTIONAL

### "FROM NAUVOO TO ST GEORGE:

THE FIRST CHURCH AUDIT COMMITTEE"

SUNDAY MARCH 10 at 7:00 P.M.

THE ROCK CHURCH

75 E. CENTER STREET

CEDAR CITY, UTAH



ELDER KENT D. WATSON  
OF THE SEVENTY

HOSTED BY THE CEDAR CITY UTAH CHAPTER

# NATIONAL NEWS

## Brigham's

## CHRISTMAS BALL



2019 Brigham's Ball was so much fun! We filled the Hall with swirling dresses, dapper frock-coats and top hats, food aplenty and friendly laughter until long after the end. We partied the night away with dancing lead by the Old Glory Vintage Dancers and Folkdance Utah, music by the darling Sagebrush Youth Band, and wild bantering between Brigham Young (Robert Shields) and Porter Rockwell (Keith Redford). Many thanks go to Mary Ellen Elggren, Marcy Brown and Jodi Blackburn from the Brigham Young

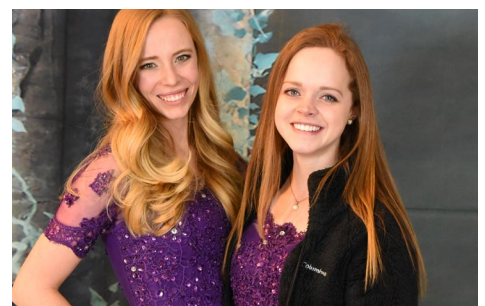
Family Association, and Cheryl Searle and Judith Obrey from the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, who helped plan and carry out this wonderful event.

Mark your calendars for January 11, 2020 for the next Brigham's Ball! We will also have more sewing parties to help get ready again. We are making pioneer dresses on June 29, 2019, in time to wear for the Day of 47 Parade. And we are making waist-coats (vests) and cravats (ties) on October 19, 2019. Watch for flyers with more information about each of these events!



# NATIONAL NEWS

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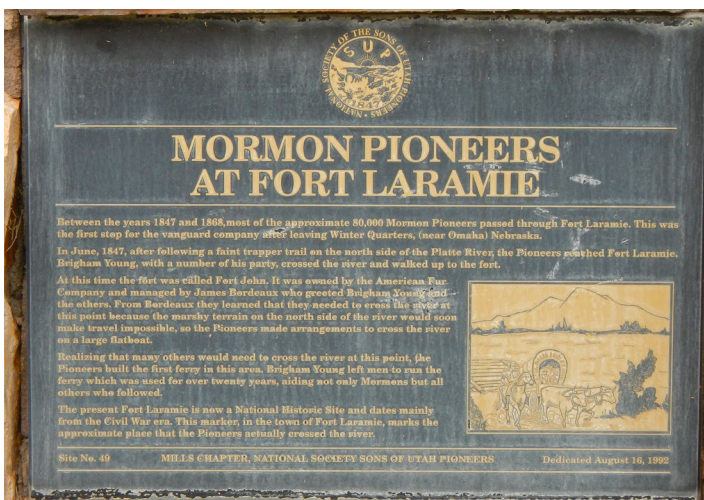
# Monument Trek



## Monument Found at Fort Laramie

by Mark E. Walker - National Monuments Co-Director

We have been searching for years to find the monument "Mormon Pioneers at Fort Laramie" (SUP site #49) located in Goshen County, Wyoming. The monument was placed in 1992 by the Mills SUP Chapter honoring the approximately 80,000 Mormon Pioneers who made Fort Laramie a waypoint on their journey to the Salt Lake City, Utah Territory. The knowledge of where the monument was or if it still existed was subsequently lost in our records. After two personal searches in the area on the way home from separate vacations, I was about ready to give up. Then while generating the next edition of the SUP Master List Monuments Publication, I used technology to do the searching. That's right, using Google to search, I found the monument to be located at the intersection of East Merriam Street (U.S. 26) and Lawton Avenue on East Merriam Street. Fort Laramie, Goshen County, Wyoming, GPS: N42 12 46.44, W104 30 59.94 elevation 4239 feet. The monument and plaque appear to be in very good shape with the anodized aluminum plaque weathering well. The pictures available on the internet site and provided here were taken in August 22, 2014 by Barry Swackhamer.



# PIONEER Stories

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. Please submit them so we can be moved & inspired also. You can now submit your stories on our website [SUP1847](#) by clicking on [Pioneer Stories](#).

## ELIZABETH HORROCKS JACKSON HANDCART PIONEER OF 1856

[Abbreviated copy...see complete story & many others on our website under SUP Pioneer Stories.]

Elizabeth Horrocks was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire, England on August 5, 1826. She is the daughter of Edward Horrocks and Alice Houghton. Elizabeth was the oldest of 11 children, and when she was about 7 years old she worked in a silk factory enabling her to assist her parents in supporting the family. At the age of 15 she joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and seven years later she was married to Elder Aaron Jackson of Eyme, Derbyshire, England. They were blessed with three children, namely: Martha Ann, Mary Elizabeth, and Aaron.



On the 22nd of May, 1856, the tiny Jackson family started on an oceanic and overland voyage for Utah, which was an eventful and ever memorable journey. Elizabeth wrote about her journey to Utah to share with her posterity. In her own words she wrote:

"I have a desire to leave a record of those scenes and events, through which I have passed, that my children, down to my latest posterity may read what their ancestors were willing to suffer, and did suffer, patiently for the Gospel's sake. And I wish them to understand, too, that what I now write is the history of hundreds of others, both men, women and children, who have passed through many like scenes for a similar cause, at the same time we did. I also desire them to know that it was in obedience of an eternal reward- an exaltation to eternal life in His kingdom- that we suffered these things. I hope, too, that it will inspire my posterity with fortitude to stand firm and faithful to the truth, and be willing to suffer, and sacrifice all things they may be required to pass through for the Kingdom of God's sake."

The ship that carried the family across the Atlantic landed in Boston on June 30, 1856. After a short stay in Boston, they moved on to Iowa City where they prepared for their journey across the plains in handcarts they built. They were part of the Handcart company captained by Edward Martin.

After a long, dreary and toilsome journey the company reached Fort Laramie on the 8th of October. In Elizabeth's writings we read:

"Our provisions by this time had become very scant, and many of the company went to the Fort and sold their watches and other articles of jewelry. With the proceeds they purchased corn meal, flour, beans, bacon, etc. Hitherto, although a ration of a pound of flour had been served out daily to each person, it was found insufficient to satisfy the cravings of hunger... Shortly after

leaving Fort Laramie it became necessary to shorten our rations that they might hold out, and the company be not reduced to starvation. The reduction was repeated several times. First, the pound of flour was reduced to 3/4 s of a pound, then to a half of a pound, and afterward to still less per day. However we pushed ahead. The trip was full of adventures, hair breadth escapes, exposure to attacks from Indians, wolves and other wild beasts. When we reached the Black Hills, we had a rough experience. The roads were rocky, broken and difficult to travel. Frequently carts were broken down and much delay was caused by the needed repairs."

After leaving Laramie and before reaching the Platte river, Elizabeth's husband, Aaron was afflicted with mountain fever. He was able to eat more than his rations, but he had no energy. While crossing the Platte he only made it to a sandbar in the middle of the river where he sank down through weakness and exhaustion. Elizabeth's sister Mary Horrocks Leavitt waded through the water and assisted him the rest of the way. The river was exceedingly cold and while some men carried some of the women on their backs, many women tied up their skirts and waded through like the heroines that they were!

After crossing the river and tremendous storm of snow, hail and wind hit the handcart party adding to their suffering. It was necessary to lighten the loads of the handcarts as well

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as the wagons carrying the supplies, so a great deal of the bedding and clothing had to be destroyed. Elizabeth tells about the worst night of her life:

“About the 25th of October, I think it was - I cannot remember the exact date - we reached camp about sundown. My husband had for several days been much worse. He was still sinking, and his condition now became more serious. As soon as possible after reaching camp, I prepared a little of such scant articles of food as we then had. He tried to eat but failed. He had not the strength to swallow. I put him to bed as quickly as I could. He seemed to rest easy and fell asleep. Bout nine o'clock I retired. Bedding had become very scarce, so I did not disrobe. I slept until, as it appeared to me, about midnight. I was extremely cold. The weather was bitter. I listened to hear if my husband breathed- he lay so still. I could not hear him. I became alarmed. I put my hand on his body, when to my horror I discovered that my worst fears were confirmed. My husband was dead. He was cold and stiff-rigid in the arms of death. It was a bitter freezing night and the elements had sealed up his mortal frame. I called for help to the other inmates of the tent. They could render me no aid; and there was no alternative but to remain alone by the side of the corpse till morning. The night was enveloped in almost Egyptian darkness. There was nothing with which to produce a light or kindle a fire. Of course I could not sleep. I could only watch, wait, and pray for the dawn. But oh, how those weary hours drew their tedious length along. When daylight came, some of the male part of the company prepared the body for burial. And oh, such a burial and funeral service. They did not remove his clothing- he had but little. They wrapped him in a blanket and placed him in a pile with thirteen others who had died, and then covered him up in the snow. The ground was frozen so hard that they could not dig a grave. He was left there to sleep in peace until the trump of the Lord shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall awake and come forth in the morning of the first resurrection. We shall then again unite our hearts and lives, and eternity will furnish us with life forever more.

“I will not attempt to describe my feelings at finding myself thus left a widow with three children, under such excruciating circumstances. I cannot do it. But I believe the Recording Angel has inscribed in the archives above, and that my sufferings for the Gospel's sake will be sanctified unto me for my good. I could therefore appeal to the Lord alone; fatherless. I appealed to Him and He came to my aid.

“A few days after the death of my husband, the male members of the company had become reduced in number by death; and those who remained were so weak and emaciated by sickness, that on reaching the camping place at night, there were not sufficient men with strength enough to raise the poles and pitch the tents. The result was that we camped out with nothing but the vault of Heaven for

a roof, and the stars for companions. The snow lay several inches deep upon the ground. The night was bitterly cold. I sat down on a rock with one child in my lap and one on each side of me. In that condition I remained until morning.

“It will be readily perceived that under such adverse circumstances I had become despondent. I was six or seven thousand miles from my native land, in a wild, rocky, mountain country, in a destitute condition, the ground covered with snow, the waters covered with ice, and I with three fatherless children with scarcely nothing to protect them from the merciless storms. When I retired to bed that night, being the 27th of October, I had a stunning revelation. In my dream, my husband stood by me and said, 'Cheer up, Elizabeth, deliverance is at hand'. The dream was fulfilled.”

On the 28th of October Joseph Young, Daniel Jones and Abel Garr galloped in camp. Those three men were from the relief company sent by Brigham Young from Salt Lake. The camp welcomed them with tears and cheers as they brought word of provisions and clothing waiting for them at Devil's Gate. After reaching Devil's Gate the company decided to leave most of the freight there for the winter

“Elder Hanks gives the following graphic pen pictures of his first meeting with Martin's company which he with others had been sent to relieve, and which some of them had given up for lost, believing that they had perished in the storms. 'I think,' he said, 'the sun was about an hour high when I spied something in the distance that looked like a black streak in the snow. As I got near to it, I perceived it moved, then I was satisfied that this was the long looked for handcart company led by Captain Martin. I reached the ill-fated train just as they had camped for the night. The sight that met my gaze as I entered their camp can never be erased from my memory! The starved forms and haggard countenances of the poor sufferers, as they moved slowly, shivering with the cold to prepare the evening meal, was enough to touch the stoutest heart. When they saw me coming they hailed me with joy inexpressible.'

The emigrants with the Martin Handcart company finally reached Salt Lake City on Sunday, November 30, 1856. Elizabeth and her children moved to Ogden and stayed with her brother until they were rested and recuperated. Elizabeth married William Kingsford and became a prominent business woman. Elizabeth concludes her writings with these words of faith, courage and gratitude:

“...the Lord has blessed me, and rewarded me with abundance of this world's good, for all my sufferings, and has also blessed me with the highest blessings of a spiritual nature that can be conferred upon man or woman, in His Holy Temple, in mortality. I have a happy home for which I thank my Father in Heaven.”



# Calendar of Events

(Online Calendar available at: [www.sup1847.com/calendar](http://www.sup1847.com/calendar))

<b>23</b> FEBRUARY	<b>CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL</b> ALL Chapter Presidents, President-Elects, and Chapter Treasures, and their wives are invited. Catered lunch will be served.
MAR 19	<b>NATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>
MAR 23	<b>NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL</b>
APR 17	<b>NATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>
MAY 4	<b>SUP HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY</b>
MAY 11	<b>NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM</b>
MAY 21	<b>NATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>
MAY 25	<b>NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL</b>
JUN 18	<b>NATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>
JUN 25	<b>PIONEER DRESS SEWING PARTY</b>
JUL 16	<b>NATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>
JUL 20	<b>SUPER DUPER DAY</b>



If your chapter would like to sponsor an upcoming National Encampment, please send your proposal to the National Office.

# 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](mailto: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

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## BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah

After an enjoyable meal, we were entertained by Nate Small. He is with the police department. We learned about how to handle nuisance phone calls, solicitors,

scam scumbags, and shady souls wanting to make a deal. It was interesting and no one fell asleep.



*Nate Small*

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

Our January 26 dinner meeting featured our own chapter member Bob Thornley who dressed in character to portray Orin Porter Rockwell and Jacob Hamblin. Dressed in finged buckskin jacket and red neckerchief he shared the history of both legendary pioneers. Both pioneers were promised protection as they served as emissaries to the Native

American tribes and protected the prophets. Jacob Hamblin's foes knew that if he was wearing a red neckerchief he could not be killed. Thornley regularly portrays Hamblin for "St. George Live" a free live pioneer tour of downtown St. George.

## HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

The Holladay Chapter started out the year with missionary report from our own Alvin Anderson, a pioneer missionary in Finland. After serving in the U.S. Navy during WW II, Alvin returned home anxious to serve a mission. He had saved his pay from military service to fund the mission, but when he returned home, he found that the money had been spent by his family to keep the family alive.

A series of miracles led to a delay in the mission call: How it was financed, where and when Alvin would serve, how a mission president was found and called to preside, and other events that led to Finland being dedicated to missionary work by Apostle Ezra Taft Benson in 1946. Alvin was called to assist in opening up the missionary work in Finland in 1947. There were only 129 members in Finland when Elder Anderson arrived.

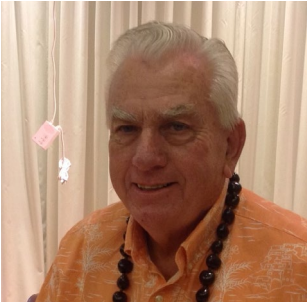
Alvin and his wife also served a mission again in Finland for 18 months in 1990 and 1991. At that time the Finish Mission was also the means by which the gospel was first taken to the Soviet Union. At first, missionaries could only get visas to stay two weeks at a time so they commuted across the Baltic Sea.

The first stake in Finland was organized in 1977 and the Helsinki temple was dedicated in 2006. Alvin and his wife went back then and served as tour guides in 2006. President Hinkley dedicated the Temple.

It was an inspiring evening and Alvin is still sharp as a tack. His presentation included photos from Finland and artifacts he brought home.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Mike Rose

Our speaker this month of January was Mike Rose on the subject "Remembering Pearl Harbor - Reflections By One Who Was There". December 7, 1941 was the day Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Empire of Japan. Many of us, even though quite young then, can remember that Sunday morning and what our families

were doing with the anxiety of the day's event pictured upon their faces.

Mike is a very knowledgeable historian on many historical events and has written many books on the events' histories. He based his address to us upon his personal interviews with survivors both Japanese and American.

Mike was born in Hawaii three years before the attack. He can still remember hiding under the front steps into their home when the Japanese planes were flying overhead. Quite a scary moment for a three year old to witness.

This whole attack taunted President Franklin D. Roosevelt the remainder of his life. The Japanese attack intended to stop and debilitate the USA for a period of time. Instead, it woke the USA up and strengthened our country's mindset to become stronger. Now, 77 years later, Japan is a strong ally of our country. Thank you Mike for such an interesting presentation to us. And thanks for bringing your dear wife, Lucy.

**NEXT MONTH'S MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6TH:** Our speaker this evening will be Ron Andersen and his subject will be Abraham Lincoln. Specifically, on what Abraham Lincoln felt was his sacred calling given to him from his God. Sounds like a most interesting subject on this historical figure for each of us to enjoy. Ron last spoke to our group in February 2016 when his subject was on Abraham Lincoln and on Joseph Smith and how these two contemporaries changed the face of American history. Come and enjoy for dinner our own Chapter's famous potato bar. This annual treat is always delicious. Will daffodils be poking through the ground yet? Let's hope so!

## LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Stan & Teresa

On Monday, January 14th, we began our new year with an installation dinner for our new officers and ended the evening with a wonderful presentation, by Stan Russon, on the history of the early years in Lehi. Our new officers and board members were also sworn in by Dan

Adams, Area Vice President, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

A World War II Veteran, Stan was born in Provo (1921) but raised on his family's farm in Lehi. He shared some of the unique history of our town, as well as many pictures and paintings of the early years of our community.

One such photo showed Stan climbing Mt. Timpanogos with his brother in the early 1930's. But a fun and memorable old painting of him and his brother admiring a Model T on

jacks, while being repaired in the family barn, was a hit for the group.

Stan is a master artist. In the early 1970's, he repainted and refurbished the lettering on the Lehi Roller Mills (an old roller mill, built in 1907, to serve the local farmers in Lehi).

Other paintings shared with the group included: one of the first gas stations in Lehi (when gas was only 3 cents a gallon!), a thrashing machine, and an old farm wagon and hay mower that Stan's father used on their farm, powered by their farm animals.

Lehi has an incredible history! It was settled by a group of Utah Pioneers in the fall of 1850, at a location called Dry Creek, in the northernmost part of the Utah Valley. Stan also shared some of the Church growth he has witnessed during his lifetime. While growing up, he attended the Lehi 4th Ward, in a chapel built on Main Street in 1920. Today, the original boundaries for the Lehi 4th Ward now comprise 18 wards!

# CHAPTER NEWS

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



*Michael & Kris Poulos*

Our chapter dinner speaker for January was Michael Paulos assisted by his wife, Kris. Although he has had a full life of interesting experiences his presentation focused on Historic Kirkland. He and Kris first went to Kirtland because they saw a sign leading to it as they were journeying visiting other sites. So they took the turn and visited the Church's Visitor Center and received permission to visit the Kirtland Temple which was owned by the Community of Christ.

After arriving back home they were impressed to go on a mission and were pleased to know that when they received their call it was to the Kirkland Visitor Center. There they learned the Prophet Joseph Smith became engaged with the struggling Saints in Kirtland when Newell K. Whitney and his wife Ann, who owned a store there, prayed that the Lord would show them the way forward despite their struggles in Kirtland. The Prophet was inspirationally directed to answer their prayer and went to Kirkland on February 4,

1831 and went into the store and said, "Newel K. Whitney, thou art the man. Newel shook his hand and claimed he did not know the prophet, who quickly introduced himself.

From that time on Kirtland prospered and the Temple was built. Ultimately, of course, enemies of the Church and other difficulties forced other moves of the Saints. Michael reviewed the revelations and actual appearances (visions) of Jesus Christ and other ancient prophets at the Johnson Farm and the Kirtland Temple including those where keys were given associated with the Priesthood for the building of the Church.

Of interest, the Paulos's became acquainted with some Amish converts to the Church who were allowed to worship in independent branches instead of mixing with the rest of the Saints in current Kirtland. Kris described how thrilling it was to sing the hymn, "The Spirt of God Like a Fire is Burning" in the Kirtland Temple. They had other wonderful experiences with members of the Community of Christ. The missionary couple lived in the restored Isaac Morley house and was thrilled with their experiences as they served.

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

First, we all wish our Past President, Merrill Gee, a less hectic New Year, as he retires from that position. Merrill has quietly in his wry, humorous way, gone above the call of duty--for example--showing up before every dinner meeting to personally set up tables and chairs in the proper configuration for the speaker's needs, and has quietly attended to details which helped our meetings run smoothly and well.

I'm humbled to follow Merrill in this job: helping to keep alive the legacy and memory of our Pioneer Ancestors, who crossed the seas and the continent to establish Zion. I was raised on the edge of Navajo country, and among these, Hopis and Paiutes as friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family. In my boyhood, many Native adults did not speak English. We found ways to be friends, anyway. I knew

people who were frontier children. In maturity, my siblings and I are often the only people who still know about pioneer roads on the Kaibab and Paria plateaus, and the history of many locations.

In this troubled world, perhaps the greatest duty of this group is to keep alive the Pioneers' vision of living together in peace and freedom, with all people, healing suffering nature and all Creation through faith and love--without compulsory means. There is much yet to heal. Brigham Young once taught that if just the Saints in the Tabernacle could fully resolve to live together in love, and cease serving the devil entirely, that the Millennium (the establishment of Zion) would begin--right there--and spread across the world. If we remember their cause, wherever we go, that hope goes with us.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



*Craig Miles*

January 21 saw the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers enjoying their first luncheon of the new year. Guest Speaker was Craig Miles. Miles was born in Hooper, Utah. He met his future wife, Lauralee, while playing basket ball at Ricks College in Idaho. They have four children and has lived in Morgan since 2005. Miles spoke on his mission to Germany. He was originally called to serve in the Hamburg Mission. While there the East German Mission opened. Many of the things the members living in East Germany did, how they lived their lives, played a role in the Church being able to open a mission in East Germany.

Living behind the Iron Curtain after WWII were not good times for members. They had to meet in secret, their meeting often being disbanded by the government. Over the years they gained more respect from the Government. Members wanting to attend the Temple had to request permission. They were only allowed to go if they left their children behind, to ensure they would return. This also meant that parents usually could not go together. Many of the materials the members taught from were copied by hand on carbon paper, smuggled into the country. Youth had to decide at a young age whether to stay strong in the Church or join the Communist party, which offered many benefits. Most chose the Church and had strong testimonies but could not enjoy the benefits of the Church that others had.

In 1978 the government of East Germany un-expectantly approached the Church and suggested they build a temple in East Germany. It was completed in 1985. In October of 1988, President Monson and other leaders met with Erich Honecker. The government had respect for members of the Church, that they were family and service oriented, did not drink or smoke, and were good people. Honecker asked President Monson, "What can we do for you?" President Monson told them that they would like to have an opportunity for the youth of the Church to gather together

in Youth Conference, which was not allowed at that time for fear of large groups conspiring against the government. He also said they would like to be able the youth of the Church to serve a 2 year mission outside of East Germany and to have missionaries from other countries come to East Germany to serve. Erik Honecker, the President of East Germany turned to President Monson and said "Granted", then turned to the Minister of Religious Affairs and told him to make it happen.

In 1989 Craig Miles, then serving as a missionary in West Germany, was called to be one of the four missionaries called to open up the East German Mission. They were told about the importance of this new calling, what they could and could not do, say or not say. They were told they could not proselyte, they would be followed, their rooms would be bugged, and to never talk with anyone about government affairs. Miles was assigned in East Berlin and North East Germany. Crossing Check Point Charley was an experience he would not forget. They would ask people for directions, and seeing that they were Americans they would ask what they were doing there. At that point they could talk about the Church. Miles talked about the relationships he developed with the saints in East Germany. He feels the members there are pioneers for the Church.

### THE MEMBER/PIONEER OF THE MONTH REPORT

was given by Jay Taylor. His pioneer heritage comes through his mother. His great-great grandfather was Perry Green Sessions, who was one of the groups driven out of Nauvoo, being a wagon master of a group that left shortly after Brigham Young. After arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, he would load his wagon with wheels and tongues, breaks and what food he could fit in, and leave his family to set out across the trail to help other pioneers on their way to the valley. One day he was approached by Brigham Young and asked if he would take his family and go north to settle that area, where he started the Sessions Settlement, near Mill Creek. They soon



*Jay Taylor*

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completed a dugout and lived there and in their wagon. That small settlement is now called Bountiful.

Perry had nine wives and fifty-two children. Taylor's grandfather was William Sessions, when he was 12 years old and herding cattle in Wyoming, he was given the nickname of The Prairie Kid by Buffalo Bill. Buffalo Bill came into his camp and scared William, he thinking he would kill him and steal his horse. Buffalo Bill laughed and asked if he was

a Mormon. He said he was and Buffalo Bill asked if people who were not Mormons ever bothered him. He said yes, once in a while they would steal cattle and not give them back. Buffalo Bill said that from here on William would be known as The Prairie Kid. He told him that if he ever had trouble getting his cattle back, just tell them he was going to tell his uncle, Buffalo Bill. William never had a problem after that.

## MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah

In December the Murray Chapter was entertained with a Christmas program presented by the Taylorsville High School Madrigals. The group sang an excellent selection of traditional Christmas carols interspersed with modern favorites. Their enthusiastic performance marked a high point in the holiday season for chapter members and we were so impressed with the quality of their musical ability that we've already scheduled the madrigals for a repeat appearance at our December 2019 meeting.

In January we heard a presentation by Ron Anderson and in February Maurene Smith will speak to us about the current activities of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Several members and guests of our chapter attended Brigham's Ball at National Headquarters and had a fun time dancing and visiting with other members. The evening was more enjoyable because each of the group appeared in period dress including floor-length dresses for the women and coats and top hats for the men.

Our chapter has also started a web page to keep members and others informed about chapter activities and programs. Interested web browsers can visit us at [www.murraypioneers.com](http://www.murraypioneers.com) beginning the first of February. The new site will contain links to National SUP web site and to our YouTube page where video copies of past Murray chapter programs have been available for viewing for some time.

## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Meridell Park

Meridell Park rang with music on Saturday December 1, as the Portneuf Pioneers host their 4th annual Gold and Green Ball. There was entertainment, Christmas stories, induction of new officers, couples' photos, and great food. The entertainment included a concert from the Highland High School Trouveres and by the "Snake River New Horizons Pop Ensemble." As a part of "Light the World" day of Service we collected gifts for the missionaries serving in the area who otherwise would not have any Christmas gifts.



HHS Trouveres

## SEVIER CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah

January 16th Chapter meeting was the history of Marysvale and surrounding area. We met at 6:00 PM Wednesday January 16 at the Richfield Firehouse for a light meal and then a program about Marysvale and the area around it. The presenter was McVoy Barbin who is a historian with a wealth

of knowledge about the area from its founding through the mining and railroad years as well as the history of agriculture there. We heard about the Hoovers which was a mining town called Belknap in the early years.

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## TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter gathered together on January 14th for our monthly member meeting. We had the opportunity to listen to one of our chapter members-Paul Bambrough-talk about some of his family members and what they went through during the early years of the Church. He also gave us some helps on how to write our own personal histories by including short stories and photos. It was an enjoyable evening.

Paul Bambrough also swore in the current officers of the Chapter to this current year.

Those members in attendance were encouraged to invite friends and family to become members of the chapter and enjoy remembering our ancestors.

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter meets on the Second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Jim's Family Restaurant, 7609 S. Redwood Road in West Jordan.



*Paul Bambrough Swears in New Officers*

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Wm. Rolfe Kerr*

On January 17, 2019, the Timpanogos Chapter had their monthly dinner meeting. The guest speaker was Elder William Rolfe Kerr, emeritus general authority. His talk was entitled "Pioneer Examples of Constancy Amid Change"

Elder Kerr began his presentation by reminding us of the importance of linking to our pioneer ancestors and also the need in the future for our youth to remember and appreciate pioneer experiences. Pioneers are stalwart men and women who embraced change and coped with the challenge it brings while maintaining the true pioneer spirit.

Elder Kerr told stories of two men, President Russell M. Nelson and President Spencer W. Kimball, both modern day pioneers who produced profound results. Prior to becoming a general authority, President Nelson studied in several universities to become a doctor. During this time, he developed a heart-lung bypass machine which made it possible to perform open heart surgery. While not completely satisfied with the results of the machine, due to some patients passing away, President Nelson became discouraged and

thought to quit using it. His wife gently chided him by saying that that would leave the task to someone else to further develop the process and told President Nelson to double his efforts, which he did.

When Russell Nelson was called to be a stake president, President Kimball blessed him that he would achieve success and become a great influence for good in the medical field. Later, President Kimball, having serious heart problems, was told that he would only live for three more months. President Kimball requested that President Nelson use the machine and operate on President Kimball, which successfully gave President Kimball twelve more years of life. President Nelson became internationally acclaimed for his pioneering achievements in medicine. President Kimball went on to embrace change including receiving the significant revelation on the Priesthood. The challenge for members of the church was to accept, cope with and embrace this change.

Elder Kerr also spoke of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his wife Emma, who both experienced and successfully coped with the process of change. The Saints from the period of Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley were true pioneers navigating successfully the change and coping process.

Elder Kerr gave stories of his own ancestry and their

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experiences of valor in coping with change, including braving life-threatening circumstances. Elder Kerr gave examples of revelation which led to not only the location of the Hyde Park Chapel in England, but to other church buildings as well. He then brought the thoughts back to President Nelson and the many recent changes taking place in the church. "Nothing is lost with new changes." As Elder Quinton Cook remarked in

general conference, "The announcements made today will result in profound blessing to those who enthusiastically embrace them and seek the confirmation of the Holy Ghost." Elder Kerr stated that it is a matter of our own testimonies of living prophets and then spoke of five similarities between ancient and modern prophets as to how they receive revelation, which was a firm testimony builder for him.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Jeff and Kristie Chapman*

The Upper Snake River Chapter held two board meetings this month. The regular board meeting, held on January 8th, organized details for the monthly members meeting to be held

on January 17th. Discussions were also held on changing our web page to [supinrexburg.com](http://supinrexburg.com), where news about our chapter, short biographies and pictures of members, information about how to join SUP, and contact information could be accessed.

The second board meeting, held on January 15th, was dedicated to planning for the National Trek, 2020, which this

chapter is hosting. F. Martell Grover, Area Vice-President, conducted the meeting, with Doug Ladle accepting the assignment of Program Committee Chair, Alton Wilde accepting the assignment of Trek and Transportation Chairman, and Steve Parkinson accepting the assignment of creating Trek Pins. Other assignments will be made at the next Board Meeting for Trek Planning, to be held on February 12th.

The membership meeting, held on January 17th, featured a special musical number by two Madison High School vocal students, John Zenger and Aubrey Gordon, accompanied by Alyssa Dorman. The speaker was Jeff Chapman, Professor of Religious Education at BYU-Idaho. His topic was: "The Influence of LDS British Immigrants on Pioneer Settlements and History." He shared insights about converts, such as the Moon family, who joined the church in England and then came to America and settled in pioneer settlements.

## LEGACY OF PIONEER VALUES

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

These values include:

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



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:**

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**President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**

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**Date**

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

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**Corporate Secretary**

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**Date**

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## ***Do Something Monumental!***



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

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

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

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



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### **IRA Charitable Rollovers Are Extended Permanently**

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

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

- ✓ To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to the SUP
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- ✓ The gift cannot be used for any income producing Planned Gifts
- ✓ The gift will qualify toward your Required Minimum Distribution Obligation

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



# The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

## National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for 2018 Year Due February 15, 2019

Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2018 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

Chapter representative Must be present at the February Chapter Presidents Council to receive this Award

### 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, 2018.
- 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)

**2018 Gift Subscription Scale:**

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### 4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
  - Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: February 2018

**2018 Chapter President**



# The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

## National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

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