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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There are 365 days in a year, and July 1st is the 182nd day, placing the month of July right in the middle of the annual calendar. It constantly amazes me as July 1st comes to realize that the year is already half over. Hopefully it has been a good year for each of you and that you are looking forward to the remainder of the year with great anticipation.

I am writing this message while sitting in my room after visiting Fort Sumter in the Charleston Harbor in South Carolina. You may recall that the opening shots of the Civil War were fired at this Fort on April 12, 1861 by the confederates. As I toured this Fort, my mind turned to the prophet Joseph's prophetic words received from the Lord in 1832 (D&C 87) which stated that "wars will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina...and that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place." He again made reference to this prophecy in 1843 (D&C 130), just a year before he was murdered, with these words: "I prophesy, in the name of the Lord God, that the commencement of the difficulties which will cause much bloodshed previous to the coming of the Son of Man will be in South Carolina." Abraham Lincoln seemed to be prophetic three years before these opening shots were fired in what is referred to as his "House Divided" speech. The foundation of these difficulties was part of the process of founding this great covenant nation which would provide freedom to all opening the doors of the restoration of the gospel. That is what Joseph Smith was seeking when he was martyred in Carthage Jail on June 27, 1844, which we just commemorated.



Fort Sumter

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Brother Joseph did not find all that he had hoped for but he knew it would be found and that vision was kept alive by those he had ordained to continue the establishment of restoration which continues even today. July is a wonderful month to contemplate all that has been provided by those who have preceded us and to whom we owe so very much. Here are a few things I hope you will contemplate on as you look to the weeks ahead and the blessings these events are to you and those you love. Share your thoughts with your family.

**July 4th** is a historic moment in the United States, as it is the day the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776 and is our Independence Day. It is considered the birthday of the United States of American.

**July 1846** Though President Brigham Young had hoped to have the Vanguard Party well on its way to their new home in the west, the timing and preparation just did not work out so they found a place to further prepare and wait out the winter.

**16 July 1846** What becomes known as the Mormon Battalion is mustered into the U.S. military service in Council Bluffs, Iowa, during the Mexican War.

**July 19, 1847** Orson Pratt's party of 23 wagons and 42 men arrived near the Big Mountain summit. Orson and John Brown climbed up higher becoming the first to see some of the Salt Lake Valley. Two days later on July 21, Orson Pratt and Erastus Snow became the first Latter-day Saints to enter the Salt Lake Valley.

**July 22, 1847** The first wagons arrived in the Valley. That same afternoon nine men under the direction of Orson Pratt immediately began exploring, planning, and plowing a site on the east bank of City Creek near 400 South and Main Street.

**24 July 1847** President Brigham Young entered Salt Lake Valley.

**24 July 1947** President George Albert Smith dedicated the "This is the Place" monument in Salt Lake City to commemorate the centennial of the pioneers' arrival.

Two wonderful events you will not want to miss this month are SUPER DUPER Day on July 18th with an outstanding devotional at 10:00 am. Get your tickets online. And, the Days of '47 Sunrise Service on July 23rd in the Assembly Hall at Temple Square with Elder Lynn G. Robbins of the Seventy at 7:00 am, and the Parade at 9:00 am. Come and help pull a handcart in the parade. We will have 13 of them.

Remember that online registration is available for the upcoming 2022 National Encampment in Salt Lake City, September 8-10, 2022. It will be an outstanding event celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. Please make sure you do not miss it and register early.

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best Summer. Please know that we are thinking of you, praying for you, and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. May the Lord's blessings pour out upon you and all those you hold dear.

**CHALLENGE:** I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your mother's grandfather on her father's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Moroni Miner which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your mother's grandmother on her father's side (one of your two great grandmothers on your mother's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.

*Larry*  
 Larry M. Gibson  
 2022 National President



**CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO OUR NATIONAL  
 PRESIDENT  
 LARRY GIBSON &  
 PEGGY COWHERD  
 FOR THEIR JUNE 11  
 WEDDING!**



## 2024 NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES



As a President-Elect candidate, I fully support the recent National officers' focus on sound initiatives to help the organization grow in membership and strengthen our ongoing programs. These initiatives include, among others, new advertising opportunities with Roots Tech, LDS Living Magazine, and targeted YouTube videos. Additionally, I support the continued development of our library to the status of a fully qualified Family History Center, and a successful partnership with This is the Place Heritage Park in selling our award-winning Pioneer Magazine.

I believe the most important initiatives are:

**First, attract younger members.** This may require expanding some current programs in a slightly different direction. For example, expanding our Trek programs to include the importance of earth stewardship as practiced by our early pioneers. Many of our younger trekkers, pioneers of today, are striving and advocating for the preservation of our endangered natural resources.

**Second, develop and implement a plan to open new chapters.** This can be accomplished with a coordinated plan using selected chapter presidents, AVP's and executive officers. I would like to see pilot studies developed for both initiatives as we are doing with the advertising, to help us get it right.

**Third, strengthen our core values.** This can be done by encouraging all members to share their ancestors' stories with fellow members as well as with their children and grandchildren. In many ways, our ancestors have helped us become what we are today and will help us become what we hope to be at the end of our earthly trail.

**Fourth, help SUP to not just survive, but thrive.** As the President-Elect I will do just that!

As a footnote, when I discussed the challenge of campaigning for an elected position with some of my grandchildren, they encouraged me to use the "obvious" slogan. In asking what that slogan is, they simply said:

**BE SMARTER--VOTE DUMMER**



In my life I have had many opportunities to serve - church, country, family, community, and other organizations that have clearly defined values and a well-articulated mission statement that appeal to my personal values and ideals. The National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers is an organization that has all of these things which align with my personal persuasions, values, principles, and sense of purpose.

I have been handed the "Torch of Heritage" from all sixteen of my great, great grandparents who joined the Church, crossed the plains in handcarts and wagons, (three of them dying along the way), and settled in the valleys of the Wasatch mountains. They were a diverse group. They came from different countries, spoke various languages, had divergent cultures, some were highly educated while others had little to no formal education, however, the one thing that they all had in common was the "Pioneering Spirit" -- their willingness to pull up roots, leave family and friends behind, seek for something better, serve one another, and embrace a new "Faith". This is the legacy that they have given to me. I do not want to break faith with those who have gone before, nor do I want to forget that "Torch" that they have passed to me.



The Sons of Utah Pioneers is an organization that has had great leadership through the years. I pledge to continue to build on their successes. If elected, I commit to serve faithfully. I will lend my talents, abilities, skills and experience to continue the momentum of the National Society in furthering our Mission and promoting our Pioneer Values. I have the time, the energy, and the desire to give back to an organization that has given me so much. I will serve with the fidelity and trust that we have come to expect from our National Society leaders. I will not "break faith" with you or those who have gone before. My best effort will be YOURS!

L. Nate Pierce

# Calendar of Events

MONDAY  
**18**  
JULY

**SUPER DUPER DAY**  
— — — — —  
**THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK**  
OPENS AT 9:30AM DEVOTIONAL AT 10:00AM





**“PROMISED VALLEY!”**  
— — — — —  
PRESENTED BY THE KAYSVILLE DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS  
PIONEER MUSICAL CELEBRATING 175 YEARS IN THE VALLEY  
FREE ADMISSION | 7PM | KAYSVILLE HERITAGE PARK

WED - FRIDAY  
**20-22**  
JULY


SATURDAY  
**23**  
JULY

**DAYS OF '47**  
— — — — —  
SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER LYNN G. ROBBINS OF THE SEVENTY  
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP  
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



**8-10**  
SEPTEMBER  
**2022**

**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**  
— — — — —  
HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE  
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS  
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# NATIONAL NEWS

BEGINS

# 16

SEPTEMBER

## 2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

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### 10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

DEPARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 - RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Friday 9/16	Gathering Day in Boston, MA	Wednesday 9/21	Fayette, Port Byron, Mendon, Palmyra
Saturday 9/17	Guided Tour of Boston	Thursday 9/22	Smith Homes, Grove, Hill Cumorah
Sunday 9/18	Salem MA, Topsfield & Tunbridge VT	Friday 9/23	Niagra Falls (US Side), Kirtland, OH
Monday 9/19	Sharon, Whitingham VT	Saturday 9/24	Kirtland, Kirtland Temple, Hiram
Tuesday 9/20	Colesville NY, Harmony PA	Sunday 9/25	Homeward Bound

Mary Ellen and John Elggren will be your hosts with special Historian-Guide Bruce Stewart as your Guide along with his lovely wife, Lynnette. Bruce has multiple degrees in American Histories, he is an inspired teacher and writer, and he will lead you on an accurate, knowledgeable and stimulating journey into the establishment of this nation under the hand of God and the restoration of His Church.

Great News - only \$2350.00 per person hotel occupancy double, two queen beds! Our prices are actually \$550.00 less per person than anticipated!

There are only 15 seats left! We would love to have you join us in this amazing experience! Please call Pat at 801-484-4441 and she will get the details to you.

## BYLAWS UPDATE: FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM

The Executive Council has proposed and the National Board has approved changes to the Bylaws which will take place on August 1, specifically Article 1 Section 1.1.1, relating to the Family & Friends program. Starting August 1 the Family & Friends program will become a 1 year, introductory program where every new member can join the SUP for the current National dues of \$35 for their first year. After that they will become Annual Members and their National dues will be \$60 per year or they can become Life Members with no yearly National. All members that are already on the current Family & Friends program may continue to pay \$35 National dues until they turn 56 unless they fail to pay their dues on time.

Below is the article:

**ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP:** Section 1.1 Membership: Male persons of good moral character, principles and ideals, and desirous of perpetuating the goals of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (Hereafter "Sons of Utah Pioneers", "National Society" or "SUP") and its programs, may become members of the National Society upon the payment of dues to the national office. A policy statement will set the dues rates for the

various membership classes. Membership in the National Society shall be comprised of the following classifications:

### CURRENT

1.1.1 Annual Members, Life Members, and Family and Friends Members: Annual members are those members who pay national dues annually. Life members are those members who have paid the life membership fee, and meet other requirements as determined by the National Board. Family and Friends Members are those who join at a reduced rate. Those who are younger than 56 may continue to pay the reduced rate. Those 56 or older must renew either at the Annual or Life Member rate.

### PROPOSED CHANGE

1.1.1 Annual Members, Life Members, and Family and Friends Initial Membership: Annual members are those members who pay national dues annually. Life members are those members who have paid the life membership fee, and meet other requirements as determined by the National Board. Family and Friends Initial Membership is the first year National membership at reduced rate for all new applications. On the first anniversary of membership, all would change to Annual Membership, or Life Memberships.

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



## PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: [suponline.org/pioneer-stories](http://suponline.org/pioneer-stories).

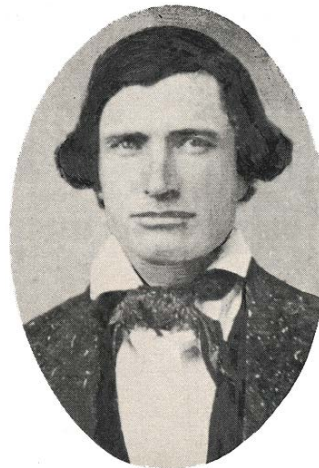
### JOHN BROWN: FIRST TO SEE THE SALT LAKE VALLEY BY RICHARD D. KIRKHAM - SOURCE: FAMILYSEARCH

John Brown was a member of Brigham Young's Vanguard company that entered the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847. Born in Sumner county, Tennessee, October 23, 1820, he was 26 years old when he first saw the Great Salt Lake.

As captain of the Thirteenth Ten, he accompanied the first Utah pioneers west. He and Orson Pratt were assigned to be the advance scouts for the company and on July 19, 1847, these two men saw the Salt Lake Valley from the top of Big Mountain. It was the first view of this valley by any of the Mormon pioneers. John Brown came into the valley July 22nd. Later that year he went back to his home to bring his family to Utah.

In his written testimony of the events of that time, Brother Brown said,

*"When the Pioneers arrived in Salt Lake Valley in 1847 we stood in the hot July sun with our hats on, and our Great Captain and leader called the attention of the assembly. He pulled off his hat, waved it over his head, and exclaimed, 'Attention! The whole world! We are here to lay the foundation of a great work to be accomplished in these mountains in the midst of the desert and right here the Great City will be built. We are on the spot where the temple will be erected (he said pointing to the spot where the temple now stands). We will gather the church here. We will bring the poor here from all nations. We will continue our operations and fill these valleys full of Mormons from the Gulf of California on the south to Hudson Bay on the North.' That was pretty large talk for a little band of people who had been robbed of all their earthly possessions. Think of it. Who could have anticipated the events foreshadowed in these declarations, under such circumstances? A handful of people, having nothing but faith to operate with.*



*"The city was surveyed and plotted to its present size at once. The ground plan of our work paid no respect to national boundaries. This country at that time belonged to Mexico. And what does the world behold today? Our settlements extend beyond the Gulf of Mexico into Old Mexico itself. We have crossed the Canadian line on the way to Hudson's Bay, filling the valleys along the way with cities and towns filled with happy homes throughout. It was said by all the mountaineers who had been here for twenty years prior to our coming that the country could not be settled, that grain could not be raised. The country looked forbidding. But all the elements of wealth were here to sustain a great people: Bread, milk, butter, honey, sugar, the finest fruits and vegetables, wool, silk, gold and silver. They only lacked developing. There was a veil over it. I was present and heard these declarations on that hot July day in the stillness of the desert being one of that little party.*

*"The gold mines were open in California and there was a big temptation to draw a way in 1849, but no gilded Potiphar's wife could seduce us from the path of virtue. Instead of going to California to dig gold we stayed here and dug brush and water ditches, knowing we had a greater work on hand than any gold mine the world ever knew. We could not be discouraged Although our garments had been snatched from our shoulders and we had been cast into prison. Our destiny is onward and upward and we will yet ride in the big chariot, and stand next to Pharaoh, and be the savior of our father's house."*

After living in Salt Lake for many years, John Brown moved to Pleasant Grove where he was called to be bishop, in which office he officiated for twenty-nine years. He was later ordained a patriarch of the Utah Stake of Zion, which then embraced all of Utah county. This last named position he held until the time of his death. He died in Pleasant Grove, Utah November 4, 1896.

# Moriment Trek



## The Hurricane Bell

Hurricane Town Square, Hurricane, Utah - SUP #280

At the turn of the 20th century the Hurricane Bell was first hung from a hay derrick near the northeast corner of the town square (State and Main Streets). When the Social Hall was constructed next to the bowery in 1908, the bell was removed from the bowery location and mounted over the front door of the Social Hall. The bell remained there until a school was built in 1918 at 50 South Main Street where the bell remained until it was moved to the Red Brick Church (The old South Ward Chapel located at 300 South and 100 West).

The Hurricane Valley Sons of Utah Pioneers, Hurricane Historical Preservation Commission, and local civic and church leaders worked together with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to get the bell returned to its original home at the Town Square.

On May 21, 2021, the bell was removed from the Red Brick Church and restored. A Bell Tower was constructed, and that became its final home through citizen donations, City Recreation Arts and Parks Tax, and the Sons of Utah Pioneers (plaque and site #SUP #280).

Kudos to the Hurricane Valley Chapter for their great efforts to bring back to life a beloved symbol of the city. The bell now rings at noon each day bringing back the familiar sound of this historical object.



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

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

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

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAME .....CHAPTER

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

Joseph Byron McMurdie ..... Temple Fork

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Val R White ..... Salt Lake Pioneer

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Roy Bosley ..... Ogden Pioneer

Herbert Earl Cihak ..... Cotton Mission

Alfred W Koch ..... Temple Fork

Calvin Tebbs ..... Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim

Danny Gunnell ..... Brigham Young

NAME .....CHAPTER

### NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Larry P Bell ..... Sanpete County

Jeff Bushman ..... Timpanogos

Reid Carlson ..... Maple Mountain

Michael Chang ..... Harmony

Dan Garcia ..... Harmony

Clark B Hinckley ..... Salt Lake Pioneer

Clyde Nichols ..... Box Elder

Jim Petersen ..... Box Elder

Gregary O Sutherland ..... WorldWide Pioneer

Troy Taylor ..... Harmony



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## CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



*John Yardley*



*Potluck at Rock Church*

On June 20th we held a potluck luncheon in the Rock Church in Cedar City. It was well attended and as noted by Chapter President Rick Perry the food was better than going to a Golden Corral buffet. We were also treated to a number of pioneer stories by our guest speaker John Yardley who was introduced by Larry Brough, the Cedar City Temple president. John has held many important positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a former stake president and mission president over the Boise Idaho mission. He is currently the patriarch in the Panguitch Utah Stake and a

sealer in the Cedar City Temple. He related many pioneer stories of his ancestors who settled in Panguitch and Beaver and of others who were part of the rescue party sent by Brigham Young to save the Willey and Martin handcart companies in 1856.

Coming up in July is our Pioneer Day Town meeting to be held in the Rock Church at 9am. President Larry Brough of the Cedar City Utah Temple will be the guest speaker. We will also have the fourth grade pioneer essay contest winner Brianne Perkins read her winning essay.

## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



*Dave Newman*



*Eli Stevens and  
Teacher Christina Brimhall*



*Scholarship winner Nicole Wood  
with parents and  
Paul Boss SUP board member*

We held our Centerville Chapter monthly meeting on June 14th with 62 in attendance. The first part of the meeting was dedicated to honoring the 4th grade winner of our Utah history contest, Eli Stevens, who was awarded \$100. Eli read his winning submission that told about his great, great grandfather and how generous he was in sharing his crops with those needing help in Nauvoo and when they entered the Salt Lake Valley. Next award was for our Viewmont High School scholarship winner, Nicole Wood, who was awarded \$1,500 to be used at the college of her choice. Both of these winners were great examples of the strength of our youth.

Our main speaker was Dave Newman who is a professional photographer and has written several books on photography and has given many lectures on that subject.

However, his topic for our program was the Christus Statue and its sculptor Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen. He described in detail the physical size and characteristics of the statue and the marble material from which it was made. He pointed out that Christ's arms and hands were sculpted in what is called a "Come unto Me pose" unlike most of the other statues of Christ. The origins of that statue started with Elder Steven L. Richards when he was in Denmark and saw the original Christus, stated he would love to see that awe inspiring statue on Temple Square. Elder Richards had a twelve foot replica made from Cararra marble in Italy and sent to President David O McKay. The statue eventually made its way into the Visitors Center on Temple Square and has now become the Church's new logo used on Church materials around the world.

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



*Amber Van Alfen*

At our dinner meeting June 14, Amber Van Alfen, an archeologist with the Bureau of Land Management, spoke to us. She gave an overview of the pre-history of the St. George Basin and discussed what types of archeological sites are in the area, how people lived, and what objects they made and traded. The area is rich in archeological wonders including many petroglyphs and

potsherds which can be readily seen plus remnants of many pit houses and kivas which show how Ancestral Puebloans lived during different periods. Amber grew up in the midwest and came out to Utah around 20 years ago to attend an archeology field school organized through Southern Utah University. This was the catalyst for making archeology her life profession.

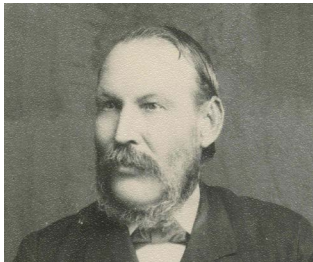
## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Our June 8th Chapter meeting focused on the upcoming SUP Salt Lake Encampment being held this year on September 8th, 9th, and 10th. We viewed the wonderful video narrated by the President of the Encampment Committee, Val Parish. Our Chapter President, John Smith, also reviewed in detail the areas our Chapter will be in charge of. Those areas include Attendees' Registration, decorating the National Office with Displays and Histories, and sponsoring the Friday Historical Sites Tour

to the Tooele Valley (Tooele Valley Historic Sites). John Smith also reviewed areas where a few more volunteers are needed. And he discussed the details of the processes that will be taken to successfully accomplish our Chapter's Encampment responsibility. We had 38 in attendance at our meeting, which included a delicious dinner of Sloppy Joes and salads and desserts. Thank you Jan Treseder and to all those who assisted you in this wonderful meal.

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



*George W. Bean*

Our speaker in March was Lori Henderson. She is a descendent of George Washington Bean and his son Willard Washington Bean. We all remember Willard as the missionary, with his wife and children, who spent 25 years in Palmyra. George was engaged in many Church callings and Church related activities such as working on the Nauvoo Temple at the age of 14 and soon after at the age of 15 he received the sacred ordinance of the endowment. By the time he was 18 he had immigrated to Salt Lake and then to Provo. He assisted in building Fort Utah. George was good friends with Owen Porter Rockwell and made friends with the nearby Indians in and around Provo and even learned their language which allowed him to be a wonderful help to the Saints in

that area. He also went on a mission to the Indians in Las Vegas. His son Willard was engaged in many Church related activities as well which was highlighted by his family's call to serve in Palmyra, New York. There, he and his family met with hatred and initially was not accepted by the residents of Palmira. Over time he earned the trust of the people who learned to admire him for his skill in boxing and finally other things. He built a boxing ring where he, without hesitation, quickly knocked out the community's biggest and toughest men. That was the time that things got better for him and his family. The people's hearts were changed and they knew that it wasn't bad to have "Mormons" in their midst.

## MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



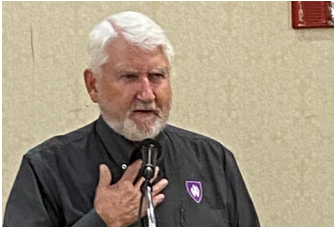
*Dave Newman*



The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 22, June 2022, at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Dave Newman, retired Brigham Young University Professor. After retiring as adjunct professor of Fine Arts at BYU, (Adj. Prof. Fine Arts BYU-H, PPA Master of Photography, UK Fellow, SWPP, British MPA) he lectured and presented programs and seminars in photography in South Korea, England, Canada, Denmark, Germany and Mexico. He is both a graduate and staff member of the University of Utah and Brigham Young

University. Newman lives in Sandy, Utah and is a new member of the SUP, in the Temple Quarry Chapter. This particular program has been presented in England, Wales, Chicago, Ill., Springfield, Ill., Nauvoo, Ill., Hawaii, Arizona and elsewhere. Dave Newman presented on the history of the Christus statue which was originally built by Bertel Thorvaldsen from Denmark. He led us down an in-depth look at the creation and history of the original as well as the creation and history of the Christus that was in the North Visitor Center on Temple Square in Salt Lake City Utah.

## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



*Dr. Gene Sessions*

The featured speaker for the June Luncheon of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter was Dr. Gene A. Sessions. Gene is the Brady Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. A native of Ogden, he received his PhD from Florida State University in 1974 and joined the faculty at Weber State University the following year. Dr. Session's subject was LATTER-DAY PATRIOTS: NINE MORMON FAMILIES AND THEIR REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERITAGE. His presentation came from a book that he authored several years ago as part of the Church's celebration associated with the Bicentennial of America. He discussed nine different individuals who were the ancestors of prominent families in Church History: Joseph Smith, Jr., John Young, Daniel Wood, Ezra Taft Benson,

Daniel H. Wells, Edward Bunker, John Brown, Christen Golden Kimball, and Hartman Rector, Jr. Each of the above-mentioned individuals were selected based on their ancestors' experiences in the war and of their own part in the growth and development of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Many members of the Church have a distinct and extensive Revolutionary War heritage - a heritage sometimes obscured by the important events accompanying the establishment of the Church in western New York State in 1830. The stories that Dr. Sessions related illuminated some of the breadth of our American Heritage while telling the story of "Mormonism" as it affected the lives of a few descendants of participants in the Revolution War.

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



*?Days of '47 Royalty*

At the June 9 dinner meeting we were introduced to the Days of '47 royalty which are shown in the accompanying photo. Queen: Caroline Johnson from North Salt Lake, attending BYU, Art History and Curatorial Studies, passion for Highland/Scottish dancing. Anna Johnson from Ephraim, Weber State, Interior Design, Technology, Violin Performance, Professional Sales, dances Western Swing,

ambitions are interior designs for temples, and nonprofit housing for homeless veterans. Arielle Cline from North Salt Lake, BYU, Flute Performance Major to become a classical musician, Physician Assistant prerequisites. Has toured with "Three Reds", a classical crossover music group in Mexico, Japan, Taiwan, Hawaii, California, and New York City.

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



*Elder Lynn G. Robbins*

We hope to see all of you at the Days of '47 Sunrise Service our Chapter hosts annually on the 23rd of July at 7AM. We have just been notified that they are relocating us to the Tabernacle, due to the Assembly Hall beginning renovations this month. The Mormon Battalion will honor us with the flag ceremony which feels more like an historic reenactment. Elder Lynn G. Robbins of the Seventy, recently released as Church Historian and Recorder, will be our Keynote

Speaker. In addition, the Salt Lake Valley Institute Choir will once again finish the hour with one of the most incredible renditions of "Come, Come, Ye Saints" you may ever hear.

**When:** Saturday, July 23rd at 7-8am.

**Location:** The Tabernacle at Temple Square.

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



*Thomas Lee*

Temple Fork Chapter has been honored with repeated visits by a German Exchange Student Leon Dunke, sponsored by Brother Jeff Barns. Leon has been attending Sky View High School participating in track & field and swimming. He presented a power point of his heritage at our 19 May Dinner. Brother Thomas R. Lee, former USU, Brigham City Campus, President and a former YSA Stake President presented his Heritage at our June 16th Dinner Meeting. He and his wife Kathie

served a CA mission. He and his wife have Mormon Battalion ancestors, which he shared stories about. Brother Lee's ancestors were taught the gospel by Parley P. Pratt. Brother Lee also discussed his Danish ancestors and the patronymics of the "Lee" name, meaning the middle land. From about 1860-1904 the naming customs changed and individuals began choosing surnames according their work or area they lived such as North, South or middle land.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*LaMar Adams*

Timpanogos Chapter held their dinner meeting on June 16, 2022 in the American Fork Senior Center. The guest speaker was Dr. L. LaMar Adams. Dr. Adams is a former Professor of Ancient Scripture at BYU and is the author of 8 books including "The Living Message of Isaiah". He and his wife served 8 missions for the Church and he was National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in 2011. Dr. Adams topic was "Isaiah's Prophecies of Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Pioneers." Brother Adams began his presentation by saying he will explain "The Grand Key for Understanding Isaiah." By the end of the evening, all will know for sure Isaiah is speaking about Israel, its scattering and then also its gathering to Christ. Brother Adams referred to Third Nephi 23 where

the Lord admonishes all to search the words of Isaiah diligently, "for great are the words of Isaiah." The Savior said that Isaiah saw all things concerning these latter days including temples, missionaries, prophets, priesthood and the restoration. There are three references which talk about the Prophet Joseph Smith, one of which talks about the Book of Mormon coming forth. Adams concluded his remarks by testifying that not only Isaiah, but other prophets saw our day and the profound and wonderful promises given to the people of the Lord. The greater knowledge we gain on earth and the more we become like Christ brings the greater glory and exaltation. In closing, he said, "May we sacrifice all to come to the Lord."

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

Our monthly program began with a report from Louis Clements about three miracles, out of hundreds, which occurred when the Teton Dam failed in June 1976. Greg and Tammy Palmer were the guest speakers. Their topic was "Pioneering the Church in Mexico." Greg served as the Mission President of the Vera Cruz, Mexico Mission from July, 2018, to July, 2020. Greg reported that the first settlements of Mexico happened at Vera Cruz because it was a major seaport. The name means "True Cross." The land of Mexico was dedicated in 1881 by Moses Thatcher and Saints fleeing the persecution

for plural marriage settled in the Colonies the late 1880s to 1912. The first mission was established in 1955 in Vera Cruz. Sister Palmer related the stories of her grandparents on both sides of her family line. Each of them had connections to the Church in Mexico. Many of them had stories of great sacrifice, danger, persecution, and perseverance to serve missions and settle in that land. For example, Hannah Elizabeth, a great grandmother, had to hide in a mining tunnel for six weeks during the winter to avoid detection because she was pregnant in a plural marriage.