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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of July is a time for us to reflect on the history of our country, and for us as Sons of the Utah Pioneers, to reflect upon the journeys of our ancestors to the Great Basin. During the past 247 years we have had many events that have defined our country. We often reflect on the actions of the great and well-known leaders of the day, but rarely on the individuals that were, for the most part, nameless, faceless, and unsung; the foot soldier in the Continental Army that spent hours marching in the inclement weather or sat huddled around a fire to keep warm, or the clerk that kept the minutes of the meetings as a new form of government was

discussed and established. These little-known individuals are the ones that followed the leader's orders without question. We are a product of their actions, and we owe them a great debt for what they accomplished on our behalf, without fanfare or awards. Why are their histories lost to us? Because they were not written down or verbally recorded and passed on to the next generation.

We as Sons of the Utah Pioneers rejoice in the leaders like Brigham Young or Parley Pratt, but do we remember those faithful brothers that cut the trails over the Rocky Mountains and slept under the stars, those that stayed behind to plant crops, and the families that followed their leaders to an unknown land that was foreign to them. These individuals are our ancestors, and they made us who we are. I have ancestral families that left both England and Denmark in search of a better life for their children and grandchildren. We know that they left their motherland and sailed to the Americas and then crossed the plains and Rocky Mountains to settle in Zion. Their life thoughts and goals are lost to history because the stories were not told and passed on to their children and grandchildren.

This month between the fireworks, picnics, and parades take the time to verbally tell your children and grandchildren the stories of your life, your loves, and goals. Then put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and record your stories, thoughts, and impressions for all to read and rejoice in.

In the past years we have had the opportunity to look at the qualifications of two individuals that were nominated to be president elect. This year we received only one nomination for this position. The Executive Council, National Board and Past Presidents Council have reviewed this individual's qualifications and have unanimously agreed to accept Val Parish as President-elect for 2025, without a formal election. This is not the first time these Councils and Board have decided to forgo the election and I am sure it will not be the last. We welcome Val Parish as President-elect for 2025. His term of office will start at the National Encampment in September 2024.

Happy 4th and 24th!

John Clayton  
2023 National President

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# Calendar of Events

MONDAY  
**24**  
JULY

## DAYS OF '47

SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL ON TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM  
FEATURED SPEAKER: ELDER JAMES W. MCCONKIE III  
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP



MONDAY  
**17**  
JULY

## SUPER DUPER DAY


THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK 10AM - 5PM  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 10:00AM: GAIL MILLER  
DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR SUP & DUP MEMBERS



**7-9**  
SEPTEMBER

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE COTTON MISSION CHAPTER  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND



OCTOBER  
DATE  
TBD

## Brigham's FALL FAMILY SOCIABLE



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).

## PIONEER DAY 1936

By Richard D. Kirkham, AVP Pioneer Stories (Source: [The Pioneer Magazine, Vol 1, No 2 July 1936](#))

What was Pioneer day like 87 years ago? How did they celebrate then? Some things were different and surprisingly some of the traditions are much the same. One difference is that events of the week of July 22 to 24th were called "Covered Wagon Days" back then. Here is list of those events:



**RODEO** - Wednesday, July 22, 1936 at noon was the official opening of the "[Covered Wagon Days](#)" celebration. The activities of the day included a parade of rodeo cowboys, cowgirls, trick riders, clowns and Indians. The event also included the official opening of the World Congress of Rough Riders. Three full days of rodeo activities took place that year.

**SUNRISE SERVICE** - On Thursday morning, At 6:30 A.M. July 23, 1936, a Sunrise Service was observed at the site of the PROPOSED "[This is the Place Monument](#)". Bleachers were set up facing east and [David O. McKay](#) addressed the gathering. During his remarks, two men on horses came riding in from Emigration Canyon. They pantomimed the enactment of seeing the valley below them and then rode off. Nine more men on horseback appeared, followed by Brigham Young in a covered wagon leading a caravan of twenty more wagons! The entire company rolled in while a combined chorus sang "COME COME YE SAINTS". President McKay, then a member of the First Presidency, narrated the event and told of tentative plans for a Centennial Celebration to be held in 1947 at which time a monument would be built and unveiled at that spot.

**PROCESSION** - The Executive Committee then led the procession down The Old Pioneer Trail (then Broadway St.) arriving at 3rd South and State Street where a brief ceremony was held and a marker was placed to commemorate the first tilling of the soil in the Salt Lake Valley.

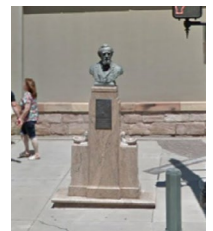
**MONUMENT UNVEILING** - From there the procession continued to the corner of Main and South Temple where another monument was unveiled in honor of Mr. [C.R. Savage](#), founder of "Old Folks Day". The monument was a drinking fountain!

**RADIO BROADCAST** - A radio broadcast was held from 8:30 A.M to 9:00 A.M originating from the Tabernacle. It featured the music of the [Singing Mothers of the National Women's Relief Society](#) along with music by the Temple Quartet, a mixed double quartet (you can listen to them [HERE](#)). Brother [Richard L. Evans](#), then director of KSL Public Events, was the announcer. His remarks included historic narration and descriptions of the progress of the caravan interspersed with tributes to the pioneers.

**PIONEER PARADE** - On Friday, July 24, 1936 the Pioneer Parade assembled at the intersection of South Temple and Main Street. The line then marched south on Main Street to 7th South, turned east to State Street, then proceeded North to Second South and then east to Third East to disband. The parade was divided up into 4 divisions and included veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I.

**CAVALCADE** - At 9 P.M. on July 24th, a presentation of the Utah Cavalcade was held and open to ticket holders. The event featured 80 musicians, 150 dancers, and choruses of 450 voices. [John Charles Thomas](#), a 45-year old distinguished American Baritone of that era who was at the height of his career, was the featured performer. A portrayal of the coming of [Father Escalante](#) to the Salt Lake Valley in 1776 followed by his band of Indian followers was offered. A proclamation of "Her Majesty, Utah" was given and Indians dressed in ceremonial clothing performed dances for the audience. At 12 Midnight the celebration was officially closed with the performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner"

While much has changed since 1936, one thing remains true to this day: Pioneer Day is all about celebration, having fun and honoring our loved pioneers.





# Monument Trek



## Abraham Lincoln Monument

NEW SALEM STATE HISTORICAL SITE, NEAR PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

At Lincoln's New Salem State Historical Site about 2 miles South of Petersburg and about 20 miles Northwest of Springfield, in Menard County, Illinois stands a larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln. The statue depicts Lincoln at the critical period of his life when he discarded the axe of the frontiersman and turned to the study of law. It is at the "Hilltop" entrance to the reconstructed village where Abraham Lincoln spent his early adulthood.

Dr. Avard Tennyson Fairbanks was the sculptor for this larger-than-life bronze statue, which became known as "Abraham Lincoln, Frontiersman" and was a gift to Illinois by the SUP (site #E) in 1954. The likeness of the statue was also chosen for use on the commemorative Illinois state quarter. Fairbanks' original Lincoln statue is displayed in the Fairview, Utah Museum of History and Art, 55 North 100 East, Fairview, Utah. (<https://fairviewmuseum.org/index.php>)



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

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAME .....CHAPTER

### NEW LIFE MEMBER

Ken Maxfield..... Murray

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Eli H Anderson.....Bear River  
 Clayne Arthur.....Centerville  
 Larry P Bell.....Sanpete County  
 William R Bleak.....Sugarhouse  
 Trevor Boardman.....Brigham Young  
 Lee Bowman.....Timpanogos  
 Dennis Calton.....Murray  
 Reid Carlson.....Maple Mountain  
 John Eldredge.....Lehi  
 Robert Empey.....Eagle Rock  
 Roy E Funk.....Sugarhouse  
 John Gardner.....Washington DC Area  
 Ted P Hawkins.....Timpanogos

NAME .....CHAPTER

Clark B Hinckley.....Salt Lake Pioneer  
 Phil Maughan.....Eagle Rock  
 Philip Edward Murphy.....Timpanogos  
 Allan Nichols.....Timpanogos  
 Hoyt Pace.....Sugarhouse  
 Brent Rhees.....Cotton Mission  
 Kim H Rosser.....Sugarhouse  
 James E Seely.....Morgan Pioneer  
 Anthony J Selino.....Washington DC Area  
 Gary Sessions.....Bountiful  
 Steven G Smith.....Mesa  
 William Stewart.....Brigham Young  
 Chris Thompson.....Sugarhouse  
 Norman A Van Dam.....Washington DC Area  
 Mel S Wardell.....Eagle Rock  
 Matthew Wharton.....Mesa  
 Scott J Winget.....Sugarhouse

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## BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



*Darren Parry*

Darren Parry spoke to the Box Elder Chapter at their June picnic dinner in Brigham City. Parry has been an unselfish and outspoken servant of his people, the Northern Shoshone, who were the primary inhabitants of northern Utah before Europeans came to settle. He is a direct descendant of Chief Washakie, many of whose people were massacred by US Cavalry near Preston, Idaho, in the winter of 1863. Darren has chosen the difficult responsibility to teach the history of his people's mistreatment by the new settlers, while at the same time being an active member of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose pioneer ancestors often ignored, misunderstood, or even committed some of the tragedies experienced by Native Americans. Parry has successfully raised funds for the tribe's quest to build a learning center on the land where the Bear River Massacre took place, at that time known as the village of Boa Ogoi. The land was acquired by the tribe in recent years and is naturally considered a sacred place because of the many Shoshone men, women, and children whose lives were violently taken there.

## CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



*Parowan old rock church*

For our activity in June, our chapter supported efforts to raise funds to renovate the Old Rock Church in Parowan. During Old Rock Church Days in Parowan on June 16-17 a number of activities were supported by our chapter. They included a quilt show, a barbecue dinner, a pioneer program featuring award winning director TC Christensen who is just completing production of a new film Alma Richards: Raising the Bar, and a silent auction of many donated items and services. Pioneer games and many other activities to raise funds for the renovation were conducted in the adjacent park on Saturday.

This historic building is one of the oldest remaining meetinghouses in Utah. Construction began in 1861 and wasn't completed until 1867. After its completion, the Rock Church served as a meetinghouse for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a town meeting place, a community recreation center, the first Latter-day Saint seminary in Parowan, a schoolhouse, a dance hall, and for a time it housed the Parowan State Academy and Parowan High School.

**UPCOMING IN JULY** is our town meeting in the Rock Church in Cedar City on the 24th where we will honor our modern-day pioneers and essay contest winners.

## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



*Collins Kofford her family*

Our June Centerville Chapter meeting was devoted to the Tomorrow's Pioneers Scholarship and the 4th grade early Utah history contest winners from schools in our local area. The funding for these awards is provided each year by the dues from our Centerville Chapter members. Our board member Paul Boss discussed the purposes of the school programs and the benefit to our students and the community. He then presented the two winners of the contests and introduced those who accompanied them to the evening's event. The winner of the high school scholarship was Rebekah Franklin from Viewmont High School who was chosen by the seminary faculty. She expressed her

appreciation to the chapter and said she will be using her scholarship at BYU. Her mother Christina told about her daughter's accomplishments and how she helped her community, her church, and her family members. The 4th grade winner for the early Utah history contest, Collins Kofford, read her essay to our members. She told an interesting story of her great grandmother who was the only one of her family who immigrated at that time to the United States and then came by oxen team to Utah in 1848. Collins mother and father, Jackie and Quinn, then spoke about their daughter. Collins was also accompanied by her her 4th grade teacher, Delaney Werbelow .



*Rebekah Franklin, her mother Christina and Paul Boss*

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



*Rex Jensen stands by Levi Savage monument*



*The Group at Milford Park*

Dr. Donald R. Hinton and his wife Ada Lu attended the Cotton Mission June 27 dinner meeting. Don spoke to us after the dinner. Both Don and Ada are Hurricane natives, attending Hurricane High School. Don served a mission to Hong Kong as a young man and he and his wife were called to serve as mission president and matron of the China Hong Kong mission in 2000-2003.

A monument was unveiled and dedicated to honor Levi Savage May 17, 2023. The monument was spearheaded by Cotton Mission chapter member Rex Jensen with support by the Cotton Mission Chapter. The monument is located in front of the Toquerville town hall. It includes a bronze

bust of Levi Savage, four bas reliefs, and three bronze plaques outlining Levi's life and service to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to the Southern Utah area. The plaque records the contribution of the Cotton Mission chapter.

The Cotton Mission Chapter also held a wonderful trek to the Minersville area on June 10 which included visiting the Union Pacific Railroad station in Milford as well as tours of the old Milford hotels. We enjoyed learning about the Dominguez and Escalante trek at the Heritage Park and visited the ghost town of Frisco, home of one of the riches silver mines in America.

## HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



*Derrall Eves*



*Mt. Trumbull school house*

**MAY'S ACTIVITY:** We did something different this month. Instead of meeting at the Legion Hall at 6:30, we met at the Hurricane Stake Center at 6:00 for a marvelous meal. After eating, we moved into the chapel to listen to Derrall Eves keep us spell bound as he told us about his involvement with the movie series "The Chosen." He talked about the difficulties that were encountered just because of some people from other Christian Faiths who didn't want anything to do with it because a "Mormon" was involved. He talked about times he was invited to speak to groups where people would leave when they found out who he was, and getting to the point that he had overcome those challenges and people come in great numbers to listen to him. He told us what a good man the producer of "The Chosen" was, and his dedication to being as scripturally accurate as possible, but telling the Savior's story putting Him in a setting as realistic to His time on earth as possible. Our time with Derrall was Amazing. Derrall was made one of our Modern Day Pioneers.

**JUNE'S ACTIVITIES:** On the 10th we made a trek to Bundyville and learned of the history of that community and the school house that still stands there. It is in its 3rd evolution. A few years after it was built it became too small and was rebuilt to accommodate the growth. That building stood until the 1960's when it was burned to the ground by vandals, and has since been rebuilt. Today it serves as a reminder of what was, housing a small museum with pictures and artifacts to aid in that reminder. David Hinton and David Isom presented short histories. We then proceeded up to Mount Trumbull and Nixon Springs where we viewed several monuments and had lunch. Getting there we were blessed to pass through a cattle drive, which was an added attraction.

**ON THE 28TH** we will meet to honor one of our own as a modern-day pioneer. We will meet at the Legion Hall, and the dinner will be pot-luck. It will begin at 6:30, our usual time.

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



*David and Tamara Rencher*

Our speaker on this evening was David Rencher. He is pictured with his wife Tamara Rencher. His subject matter was "Family Search Resources." David Rencher is the Chief Genealogical Officer, Family Search for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has worked in genealogical roles for the Church for over 40 years. Family Search is the largest genealogical research tool in the world and is maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Genealogy research began in the Church in 1894. In 1938 microfilm use was introduced. In 1984 Personal Ancestral File started. In 1998 digital cameras were introduced. And in 1994 Family Search started. Microfilm digitization began in 2004. There were over

two million rolls of microfilm that had to be digitized at that time. Mobile apps began being introduced in 2014. In 2017 collecting of African oral genealogies started. Family Search currently has over 3,300 record collections with 13.3 billion searchable names plus images available. The Church provides webinars for learning genealogical research and other tools and resources without charge to the public.

We are grateful to David for the wonderful information presented to us that teaches us of the progress that has been made to research our family names, histories, and ultimately perform their sacred temple ordinances when applicable.

## LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



*Stained Glass Windows*

On June 17th 2023, the Lehi Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers went on a trek to the Roots of Knowledge at Utah Valley University. It was a wonderful time spent viewing and learning about the stained-glass windows depicting events all throughout history. We

spent over an hour with a guided tour and frankly could have spent three times as much to really study them all. We enjoyed our time together and highly recommend visiting the exhibit.

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

**MAY MEETING:** Brent and Lori Whiting from Mapleton were our speakers for our meeting in May. Their income from rental properties allowed them to go earlier in their lives with their children to perform service missions. They went to countries in Central and South America and in Africa connecting with Saints in branches in those countries to serve them in ways that they were inspired to do. But most of their presentation was on when they were called as mission president and companion to go to Africa again. This time they served in the countries of Zambia and Malawi. There were some locations in their mission where the Church had not been established and there were many people waiting to be baptized. One man by the name of Weston was an early organizer. When under the direction of President Whiting a branch was established and 54 people were baptized. Later that number came up to 90. They were serving their mission when Covid 19 struck the world. Some missionaries under their direction could not leave because their countries, including the Pacific Islands, were not allowing people to

come into their countries. One missionary from Tonga served for three and half years. But things got better. The Whiting's presentation was an inspiration to all of us as they witnessed once again of the Church's dynamic growth in Africa.

**JUNE MEETING:** Our speaker for the month of June was Jim Hamilton who is a member of our Maple Mountain Chapter. He shared with us a little known account from early history of how two young men helped protect the life of the prophet Joseph Smith. One of these young men was the great-great grandfather of Brother Hamilton. William Law had been a member of the Counsel of the Twelve but had been excommunicated from the Church. Now he gathered together a group of men who also had been excommunicated who plotted to kill the Prophet. Those two young men, with last names of Scott (a great-great grandfather of Brother Hamilton) and Harris (who was connected to Martin Harris) were also invited to the meeting with a belief that

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they too were not in favor of the Prophet. The first meeting was followed by two other meetings which the two young men were invited to. After each meeting the two young men met with the Prophet to let him know what the group was planning to do. In the last meeting there was an invitation to kill the Prophet. All made a covenant, sworn under the contents of the Bible, to do so, accept the two young men.

They were told they would be killed if they didn't agree. But somehow they were able to escape and headed for the river where in hiding they again connected with the Prophet. At that point Joseph Smith said that his life wouldn't last long. And yes we know the rest of the story of how his life was taken soon after in the Carthage Jail.

## MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



*Matt Wharton*

The Mesa Arizona Chapter conducted via Zoom its monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, June 1st. The business of the chapter was discussed and our June 2nd Thursday of the Month gathering was planned. We met live and in person on Thursday, June 8th for our annual ice cream social. The event took place at a local music studio in order for The Brass Cats - a Big Band group in which our Past President Matt Wharton is a part - to play a magnificent set of big band music. We made ice cream sundaes and tapped our feet. A video of the performance may be viewed

[HERE](#). Another excellent gathering of the Mesa Arizona Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers as we suspend our meetings until September.

The Chapter trekked to the Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors Center on June 13th. SUP Area VP and Mesa Chapter Trek Committee Chair Bill Snarr made arrangements for our group to tour the facility with full time sister missionaries, and then visit the on-site Family History Center to print out our family fan charts. Ice Cream at Sweet Retreat followed.

## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



*Brigham Young home Port Byron, NY*

Brent Metcalf gave a Pioneer Moment about his wife's second Great Grandfather, Abraham Day, who served in the Mormon Battalion. Richard Lambert, president of the Brigham Young Association, talked about preserving Brigham Young's first home in

Fort Byron, New York which he is trying to preserve. He also spoke about the great battle in the sky seen by Heber C. Kimball, his wife, Brigham Young, and others the night of 22 September 1827 when Joseph Smith received the gold plates from Angel Moroni.

## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



*Dr. Parry Demonstrates Paris Tabernacle Organ*

PIPES AND PIONEERS. The Portneuf Chapter of SUP embarked on its 2023 annual trek. This year's excursion was all about "Pipes and Pioneers." The June excursion included chapter members and spouses. Physician and musician, Dr. David Parry, was the host and leader of the trek. Dr. Parry of Pocatello, Idaho is an accomplished organist. He led the group to Montpelier, Idaho where he played the historic Austin Organ built in 1918 located in the Montpelier Tabernacle. This pioneer era pipe organ, now over 100 years old, thrilled all present as Dr. Parry

demonstrated the instrument's versatility. While in Montpelier the group was also able to see the activity of earth moving equipment on the temple grounds immediately next door. From Montpelier the trek continued to Paris, Idaho where Dr. Parry also demonstrated the 1928 Poll Organ housed there. The acoustics of the building combined with the musical talents on display gave everyone a powerful connection to the pioneers who settled the Bear Lake Valley. The trek ended with a delightful barbecue at the vacation home of the Parry family located in West Bear Lake.

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



Elder McConkie of the Seventy

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations. There will be no regularly scheduled luncheon for June, July or August for the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter. But we are pleased to once again co-sponsor the annual Sunrise Service in the Assembly Hall at Temple Square, as a gift to the community. The service includes the traditional Flag Ceremony conducted by the Mormon Battalion Association, introduction of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Royalty, music by the Salt Lake Valley Combined Institute Choir, and an inspiring message.

After the Sunrise Service, stick around for the Downtown Days of '47 Parade.

**When:** Saturday, July 24, 7AM

**Location:** The Assembly Hall at Temple Square

**Speaker:** Elder James W. McConkie III will be speaking at the event. Elder McConkie was sustained as a General Authority Seventy on April 2, 2022. He has also served as president of the Czech/Slovak Mission and is a founder and director for the Wallace Toronto Foundation, a non-profit providing assistance in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

## SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah

At the June 1 dinner meeting Gerrit J. Dirkmaat spoke to us. Gerrit is an associate professor of Church history and doctrine at Brigham Young University. He received his PhD from the University of Colorado in 2010, where he studied nineteenth-century American expansionism and foreign relations. His dissertation was titled "Enemies Foreign and Domestic: US Relations with Mormons in the US Empire in North America, 1844-1854." He worked as a historian and writer for the Church History Department from 2010 to 2014 with the Joseph Smith Papers Project and served

as a volume coeditor/historian for Documents volume 1, the lead volume editor on Documents volume 3, and has continued to work as a volunteer editor for the Joseph Smith Papers project on Administrative Records, Council of Fifty, Minutes, March 1844-January 1846 and Documents volume 8. He is the coauthor, along with Michael Hubbard MacKay, of the award-winning book *From Darkness unto Light: Joseph Smith's Translation and Publication of the Book of Mormon*, published by the BYU Religious Studies Center and Deseret Book.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Scholarships

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, June 15 at the American Fork, Utah Senior Citizen Center. Dr. Mark Bezzant conducted the Scholarship Presentations for 2023. Dr. Bezzant described the requirements for the high school Pioneer Values Scholarships, which requirements are basically to show how the students has maintained high pioneer values, which are found in connection of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Mission Statement, while enduring trials and tribulations which normally would be unbearable. The American Fork, Lone Peak and Pleasant Grove High Schools all participated this year in the program. There were six \$1,000 awards given to the six recipients this year. Each student attending the meeting had opportunity to tell Timpanogos Chapter

member their plans for the future and give thanks for member support. Lastly, the Creative Arts Scholarships, both visual and written, with a theme of "I am a Beneficiary of Pioneer Greatness" were discussed or displayed. Some entries with art were shown and some students who had written entries read what they had submitted. Again, the Creative Arts entries related to the remembrance of pioneer ancestors and the influence the ancestors have had on the student. Dr. Bezzant also described the Elementary School Scholarship Program. There were nine elementary school involved this year. Fourth grade students wrote essays concerning the new Utah State Flag. Students were to write whether they were for or against

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the new flag design. The first place award was ten \$5.00 bills totaling \$50.00. Second place received six \$5.00 bills for \$30.00. Third place received four \$5.00 bills for \$20.00. The excitement of the students and the enthusiasm

for the scholarships by the teachers and the Alpine School District is great. Mark said the essays would be delivered to Utah Governor Cox for his review.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Kathi Cheyenne Jensen*

The featured speaker was Kathi Cheyenne Jensen. Her topic was: "My Four-Year Odyssey Documenting Early Church History Sites in Photographs." She is an award-winning photographer and has focused her earlier work on nature and landscape photography. She is a prominent photographer of eagles and has

been featured in several galleries. Her program for our meeting was entitled, "Faith in Every Footstep" and chronicled her experiences following the impression to capture church history sites in photography. She shared a PowerPoint slide show that highlighted many of her photographs at church sites.



# NATIONAL NEWS

## PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

*By Bill Tanner, Pioneer Magazine Publisher*



We are saddened to report the untimely death of our Past National President David B. Wirthlin on June 17, 2023. He was playing tennis and bent over to pick up a ball and when he stood up fell backwards and cracked his skull. This led to an internal hemorrhage which took his life.

He will be remembered as the president for two major events he was able to achieve; First, he established our relationship with This Is The Place Heritage Park, which is now known as SUPER DUPER Day. Second, he was able to make an agreement with the Deseret Book Company to purchase the Pioneer Magazine to be sold in all their stores.

His service in the church has included a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Switzerland Austria mission. It was there he gained a love for the people and deep commitment for the gospel of Jesus Christ. He served as a Bishop, Stake President, Mission President in the Frankfurt Germany Mission, Mission President of the Provo Missionary Training Center, Counselor in the Temple Presidency of the Salt Lake Temple and President of the Nauvoo Temple. Throughout his life David found joy in service to others. He was very active in community affairs and with University of Utah Alumni Association. We pay honor to his wonderful wife, Ann, and family.