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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of June is a time for us to prepare and plan our summer activities, as Sons of the Utah Pioneers we have a unique resource to help us plan our summer trips. We have historical monuments throughout the Western United States and Europe. By going to our website and clicking on the monument tab you will find a list of monuments, their location and coordinates, a picture, and a brief description. You can use this information during your planning to make your pioneer heritage a part of your summer activities.

During the month of July there are activities that you need to put on your calendar. Starting with SUPer DUPer Day at This is the Place Monument on July 17th, at 10:00 AM in the Pioneer Heritage Center, a devotional will be held with Gail Miller as the keynote speaker. Discount tickets are available for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

On the 24th of July the Salt Lake Pioneer chapter is hosting a morning side starting at 7:00 AM in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square, the keynote speaker is Elder James W. McConkie III of the Seventy. There will be a flag ceremony and beautiful music. What better way to begin your 24th of July celebrations. The 24th of July parade will start shortly after the morning side, those that are able can take part in the 24th of July parade by pulling handcars in honor of the handcart companies and others that traveled the hot dusty plains to make Zion their new home.

This day will be filled with celebrations in the family backyards, small communities, and other activities that we can take part in. During those down times take the time to gather your family around you and relate the common and not so common stories of your ancestors.

September 7 - 9 is the National Encampment hosted by the Cotton Mission Chapter in St George, Utah. There will be wonderful walking and traveling tours to historical locations in Southern Utah. Elder Jeffery R. Holland of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles will be the keynote speaker, depending upon his health at the time of the encampment. Elder Steven E. Snow Emeritus General Authority Seventy and former Church Historian, Clare Tobler and the Bar None Wranglers, and Southern Utah Heritage Choir will educate and entertain us as we enjoy each other's company and delicious foods. Plan on attending the Encampment. See the Calendar of Events in this issue of the Trail Marker, or call the National Office for additional information and to sign up.

John Clayton
2023 National President

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Calendar of Events

MONDAY
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JULY

DAYS OF '47

SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT 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



SATURDAY
19
AUGUST


Brigham's FALL FAMILY SOCIABLE



7-9
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

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



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.

PIONEER TOWER BUILDERS

By Richard D. Kirkham, AVP Pioneer Stories

William Burt was born in Scotland in 1832. His father was a master plasterer. William learned the trade from his father. At age 19 William met missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized a member of the church. He soon emigrated to Utah aboard the ship The Constitution landing in New York harbor in August 1868.

At the time of his arrival in Salt Lake City, the beautiful and elaborate Salt Lake Theater building was just being built. There was a 120 foot ornamental cornice to be run, but no one had been found who could do it. Someone who had heard that 36 year old William Burt had just arrived in Utah and told the contractor of this plasterer from the "old country". He was contacted to see if he was able to do this intricate work. This was Burt's first job in Salt Lake City. According to Burt family history, William and his helper ran the cornice in one day. He was paid \$100.00 for himself and \$20.00 for his helper. To earn \$100.00 in one day in 1870 was a great blessing and must have meant that he was a good plasterer. Later he also did plastering in the Lion House.

Burt eventually went to St. George to work on the Temple there. He was put in charge of all the plastering of this pioneer House of the Lord, doing all of the ornamental molding and casting throughout the temple himself. In the volume "Temple of the Most High" it mentions how William Burt worked on the St. George Temple as a master plasterer. The book also relates that when the site for this temple was dedicated, President Brigham Young took the first shovelful of dirt from the foundation and made this statement, "There will not be any persons who will lose their lives on any of the works of this temple."

Both William and his son, John, labored together on the St. George temple. One day John was plastering at the top of the temple nearly 90 feet above the ground, a man with him stepped off the scaffold causing the plank on which John was standing to tip. He jumped onto a scaffold 3 or 4 feet below but the plank broke and he went right on through, falling 84 feet to the ground landing on scattered rock and dirt. The workmen rushing to him found him still conscious and in just ten days he was walking around the



William Burt

streets of St. George! The fall did not disable him in any way and he was soon able to be back at work on the temple. For a man to fall 84 feet onto rocks and be able to be back to work in a few days was certainly a direct fulfillment of President Young's promise!

One of the great messages in the Book of Mormon is the story of King Benjamin who preached to his people from the top of a tall tower. King Benjamin commanded the tower to be built so his words might be heard.

From that platform Benjamin gave his people a 'new name' and invited them to enter into a covenant with the Lord. A careful reading of the story might make one wonder, "Who were those that built the tower?" Logic tells us that because there was a tower there had to be tower builders. Those who do this important work are precious to the Lord. Their offerings are not unnoticed by Him.

Tower builders in all dispensations are those who make it possible for the rest of us to actually hear the word of God. Tower builders are those behind the scenes faithfully doing their part so that "His name can be exalted". William Burt was never a prophet or king. He never served as an apostle or a great church leader. But he was a tower builder. He used the skills and abilities the Lord had given him to build the temples of the Most High God. May we be grateful to William and John Burt, and to all the tower builders who have come before us, and also those who mingle amongst us today.



Monument Trek

Hole In The Rock

ESCALANTE, UTAH



FROM HWY 12 TO HOLE IN THE ROCK IS APPROX 6-8 HOURS ROUND TRIP. Only AWD/4WD vehicles with durable tires should be used from Hwy 12 to Devil's Garden. After Devil's Garden only 4x4 vehicles should be used. After Dance Hall Rock, a high-clearance 4X4 jeep or other all-terrain vehicle is recommended, and please drive slow. Always carry enough water when venturing in the desert!

MILE 12.0, DEVIL'S GARDEN: Half a mile from the main road are spectacular natural rock formations, similar to Goblin Valley State Park.



MILE 36.4, DANCE HALL ROCK: A 40 foot tall solid sandstone amphitheater. The pioneers set up a base camp near here and held dances in the natural theater.

MILE 37.1, 40 MILE SPRING: This area served as a base camp and rendezvous point because the main trail ended here. A member of the advance party of scouts, Platt D. Lyman, commented on the terrain ahead: "It is certainly the worst country I ever saw."

MILE 39.1, CARCASS WASH: A major obstacle for the pioneer expedition, as well as the site of a tragic vehicular accident that took the lives of 13 Boy Scouts on June 10, 1963.

MILE 50.1, HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK ARCH: A commemorative SUP plaque is mounted in stone next to the road, pointing out a natural arch at the top of the Kaiparowits Plateau. Careful observation will reveal faint remains of wagon tracks to the side of the road.

MILE 61, HOLE IN THE ROCK / LAKE POWELL: A commemorative SUP plaque is mounted in stone at the top of the crevice. What was intended to be a short-cut, put the pioneers against this obstacle that took six-weeks to blast and chisel through, enough to have tried anyone's faith. Finally, the way was opened, and, using multiple ropes as balance and counterweight, at the entrance, top, and bottom of the narrow opening, everything began to be lowered through.

C H R I S T I A N I T Y

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

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

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL

David F Paulsen Mills

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Bonny Cotton Mission
 Winston Foutz Boulder Dam Chapter
 Gavin Foutz Boulder Dam Chapter
 Gilbert Jennings Cotton Mission
 E James McEwen Eagle Rock

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 John Bramall Hurricane Valley
 Mike Eagar Cotton Mission
 Ken Elsey Timpanogos
 Peter Michael Hansen Cotton Mission
 John Hartvigsen WorldWide Pioneer
 Bryan K Murray Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 Wayne Lloyd Ogden Sevier Valley
 Michael Quinn Washington DC Area
 Rockie Ricks Temple Fork
 Greg Romriell Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FIRST YEAR MEMBERS

Jeffrey Beal Murray
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 Alan Cook Washington DC Area
 DelRay Davenport Upper Snake River Valley
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 Ron Fraser Maple Mountain
 Stephen Gentry Temple Fork
 James Hamula Brigham Young
 Michael L Helm Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 Lee E Howard Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim
 Scott F Jensen Box Elder 23
 Robert Love Snow Horse
 Kelly Pitcher Temple Fork
 Chad Pope Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 Duane Quistberg Porter Rockwell
 Rulon Joel Robinson Grove City
 Scott Sharp Bountiful
 J Bruce Wardle The Mountain Valley

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Mormon Fort Service Project



Thom and Kathryn Christensen

WORK PROJECT: The Boulder Dam Chapter has been busy this past month. At the end of April, we participated in a work project at the Old Mormon Fort in Las Vegas, Nevada. A drip line system had been laid out in their back property to water plants and bushes. We were tasked to dig trenches 3-4 inches deep to bury the drip line. We spent 2 1/2 hours on a Saturday morning digging these trenches. It was hot and we were tired when finished.

MEETING: On Thursday, May 11th, we gathered at the 5th Street Chapel in Boulder City for dinner and guest speakers. Our speakers,

Thom and Kathryn Christensen, talked about their mission to Russia from 2015-2017. Thom, a lawyer, served as associate area legal counsel for the Europe East Area in Moscow. During their time there, Russia passed a resolution prohibiting the missionaries from proselyting. Thom participated in discussions to resolve this issue. Kathryn worked with local saints to find service projects to keep missionaries busy and at the same time have opportunity to share the gospel. A great evening filled with food and entertaining stories.

BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah



Dr. Tanner

For May, the Bountiful Chapter heard a presentation on the Pioneer Magazine by the publisher Dr. Tanner. We learned that the Pioneer Magazine started in 1936 as a newsletter for the SUP. It included pioneer stories, chapter news, and information about SUP markers. It was filled with advertisements. In 1995 ads were reduced and historical

subjects were more focused on. In 2004 the Trail Marker was created to become the SUP newsletter. No chapter or SUP news was now included in the magazine. In 2015 advertising stopped, it was printed in full color, and each issue started to focus on one subject. We are thankful for all those who developed the Magazine into what it is today.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Scholarship winners

We met at the Brigham City Academy and enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner catered by Idle Isle Cafe. The business part of the evening was the presenting of three \$1,000 scholarships to High School Seniors from

Box Elder and Bear River High Schools. The Honorees were Paige Udy, Andria Hunsaker, and Gibsen Scott. We hope this helps them to increase their education and accomplish their goals in life.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



James D'Arc

James D'Arc, former Curator of the Arts and Communications Archive and the Motion Picture Archive at Brigham Young University, gave a thought-provoking presentation on the significance of the film "Brigham Young" and its impact on the Church and Utah's culture. "Brigham Young," produced by 20th Century-Fox attracted large crowds and sold-out theaters across the United States. Unlike previous films that portrayed the Church in a negative light, this film aimed to offer a more

positive depiction. President Grant supported its production by providing historical assistance. The film premiered in Salt Lake City in 1940, drawing sold-out audiences at seven theaters. However, President Kimball later expressed his disapproval of the film's depiction of Brigham Young, as it suggested he had doubts about his divine calling, which contradicted historical accounts. Professor

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D'Arc shared clips from the film highlighting instances where historical accuracy was compromised for dramatic effect. Joseph Smith was portrayed as an idealized, hardworking American, while Brigham Young initially displayed uncertainty but eventually asserted his divine revelation to guide the Saints to Utah. The film culminated with the portrayal of a miraculous event involving seagulls, reinforcing Brigham Young's claim as a

prophet. Professor D'Arc acknowledged both President Grant's and President Kimball's perspectives, suggesting that Brigham Young's depiction aimed to emphasize his resilience in the face of uncertainty. The actor who played Brigham Young eventually joined the Church. The film sparked discussions about its historical accuracy and the varying viewpoints within the Church leadership.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Fillmore Statehouse Museum



Group at Cove Fort

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, our chapter took an all-day trek to the Utah Territorial Statehouse Museum in Fillmore with stops on the return trip to Cove Fort and Beaver. The Utah Territorial Statehouse Museum was once the capital building for the Utah Territory. The site was selected, and construction was initiated at the request of Brigham Young, the governor of the Utah Territory at the time. It was selected because it was at the very center of what was then the State of Deseret and had ample water and materials to support a community. Designed by Truman Angell, only the first of four wings was completed between 1851 and 1855, and it only served a short time as the territorial capital and site of annual legislative sessions. It is now a state museum

with many artifacts on display from the early history of the building and the Fillmore area. We also stopped at Cove Fort built under the direction of Ira Hinckley at the request of Brigham Young in 1867. It served as a telegraph and stagecoach station, and as a stopover for travelers heading south to settle in other areas of the territory. It continued to operate into the 1880's. We made a brief stop at the old Beaver Court House which is now a museum and has historical statues on the grounds. The big attraction in Beaver, however, was ice cream from the Beaver Creamery. Upcoming in June is a potluck luncheon being jointly held with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in an ongoing effort to improve our cross organizational ties.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



LuJean Clark (center)

Our May Centerville Chapter meeting featured a local speaker, LuJean Clark. She is the coordinator for the Centerville south Stake Humanitarian Service project and has been in that position for over a decade. She moved to Centerville in 2010 from Idaho where she helped her husband on their 500 acre potato farm and raised their six children and thoroughbred racing horses. For 19 years she was the publisher of The Country Register, a paper which featured boutiques shops, quilting and craft shows throughout Utah and parts of Idaho. When LuJean started with the Humanitarian effort in Centerville in 2011 there were six people involved and

in 2012 she became the coordinator. Under her direction, there are now 67 women and men meeting together in that effort. LuJean spoke about the organizations that the center helps supply items to which include Lifting Hands, Bountiful Food Pantry Ronald McDonalds House, Shriners Hospital, various other hospitals, and many other service organizations. Some of the organizations receive newborn kits and hygiene kits that go to areas such as Africa. Last year the Centerville group made 500 Christmas bags and stockings filled toys, coloring books, etc., and distributed them to families in need.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

Our dinner meeting was our annual Awards Banquet for the scholarship awards. Nine scholarships were given out to graduating seniors from area high schools. Applicants needed to write an essay about an ancestor or person they admire from history. Judges had an extremely difficult time

choosing among the applicants, as all were stellar students in both academics and community involvement, as well as financial need. The scholarships may be deferred for missions before attending universities of their choice.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



The Hughes



Derral Eves

APRIL'S EVENT: We met this month to honor the Over All Winner of the Elementary Essay Contest. Her name was Elizabeth Hardinger. She did a most incredible job of telling about her great grandmother. Perhaps one of the best we have ever had. We also had the privilege of listening to Brother and Sister Hughes tell us about the building of the Red Cliff's Temple. They shared time telling about some of the experiences they had during the construction of this beautiful edifice.

The National Symposium was also held this month in Salt Lake. Our chapter was

represented by Paul and Jo Covington, and David & Gerri Hinton. The topic of discussion was on Zion's Camp, and the presenters were very well prepared. The information was phenomenal. Glen Rawson was the keynote speaker at the dinner, and his raw and real ability to tell stories was wonderful. These are wonderful events. Look to attend next year!

MAY'S EVENT: We met this month at the Hurricane Stake Center May 24th. We were honored to hear from Derral Eves, a co-producer of "The Chosen." This was an amazing experience for everyone.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

At our May Chapter meeting we presented our annual scholarship to a graduating Riverton High School senior as well as an award to the fourth grade student's pioneer essay. Also Ron Hardy, our Chapter President, received the Modern Pioneer Award.

Scholarship: Our graduating High School Senior \$1,000 scholarship award goes to Alison Ballard. Her parents, Robert and Rebecca Ballard and her sister, Brook were also present this evening. Brook accompanied Alison on the piano while she performed a beautiful solo on the cello.

4th Grade Essay Winner: Brielle (Bree) McCleary won the financial award for her 4th Grade pioneer essay on her great great grandparents. Her parents, Chad and Cortney

McCleary also attended with her. And, additionally, we were honored to have Bree's fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Kerrie Wardell in attendance in a supporting role as well. Now, that is an example of the wonderful dedicated teachers we have in Utah. Bree is a student at the South Jordan Elementary school.

Modern Day Pioneer Award: Ron and Marilyn Hardy had many family members attending our meeting where Ron received the Modern Day Pioneer Award. Their daughter Jenny recited an interesting biography on Ron's life. Congratulations to Ron and his family for winning this award as a result of your years of service to the Sons of Utah Pioneers and to your community efforts.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

The Lehi chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers gathered for a dinner meeting on May 8, 2023. There were 41 members and guests in attendance. Brother LaVar McAllister shared a pioneer minute with us about his ancestor. Then we all sat down and had a wonderful meal. Afterward, Les Langford

addressed the group about the extraordinary life of an ordinary man, Stephen Markham. He was a man trying to follow the Saviour's advice - "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." We would do well to be little kinder, more patient, and be peacemakers.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Pot Luck

The Mesa Arizona Chapter conducted via Zoom its monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, May 4th. The business of the chapter was discussed and our 2nd Thursday of the Month gathering was planned! We met live and in person on Thursday, May 11th for dinner and Game Night. After our opening prayer, announcements, stories and "dad jokes," we enjoyed a patriotic moment where we were treated to the bugle call

"To The Colors" played by Past President Matthew Wharton on his trumpet. Following the Pledge, "The Star Spangled Banner" was also played by Past President Wharton on the trumpet. After sharing another marvelous potluck dinner, we played games and enjoyed one another's company. Another excellent gathering of the Mesa Arizona Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS: This was to be the last gathering until September for the summer break. Present at the meeting were both of the 2023 High School Scholarship recipients and their parents. This year there were 14 applicants for the two \$1000 scholarships. Each applicant submits the standard High School Scholarship Application and a short essay required by the SUP. Final recipients are then selected by a consensus of both the SUP and the High School Scholarship committees, this year's recipients were Alyssa White, daughter of Chad and Michelle White and Leineta Mafi daughter of Siosefa and Shana Mafi. We congratulate these young ladies and wish them the best in their future educational pursuits

Andersen. Brother Andersen has worked his entire career with the LDS Church in personal and career development in the U.S. and Latin America. He is the author of four books on the remarkable faith and righteousness of Abraham Lincoln and of his connections with the early Mormon Church. Ron is currently the President of the Bountiful Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. President Lincoln believed in a higher power and the existence and need for personal revelation to make difficult decisions as president of the United States. Senator and Apostle of the Church, Reed Smoot, would address the US Senate in 1927 and state that President Lincoln's faith in God made him a guide, prophet and seer. Although President Lincoln would never align with a single religion he said he never stopped believing in God, the scriptures and prayed for daily guidance.



Ron Andersen

SPEAKER: The featured presenter at the luncheon was educator and author Ron L.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Jay H. Buckley

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 25 May 2023. The speaker was Dr. Jay Buckley, Director of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, at Brigham Young University. The topic of Dr. Buckley's presentation was "The Mountain Men of Yellowstone". Jay teaches in the History Department at BYU and will share wonderful information about several Mountain Men and their contributions in the development of the one-hundred-year-old, Yellowstone National Park.

months. One project that that members of the chapter have help with is in connection with the Heber Valley Historical Foundation which has digitized local historian and former SUP member Dr. R. Raymond Green. He gathered and compiled over 160 binders of history of the valley. Familysearch has also taken an interest in the collection and are digitizing it in a higher format where it will be available and searchable through the book section on Familysearch. Other items held by the local family history center are also being digitized and will be made available through the local library and other websites.



Dr Green Collection

The chapter will be taking a hiatus for the summer months. Treks and other service projects will take place over the next three

MT NEBO CHAPTER - Nephi, Utah

Our Mt. Nebo Chapter had Dennis Shirley speak at our dinner meeting on April 28. He is a wildlife biologist and renowned bird expert, and recently returned from an expedition to Antarctica. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his PowerPoint presentation about that formidable piece of the

world. Naturally, he had some amazing bird photos, but the scenery was also surprising; and we totally enjoyed his insights. Some members even seemed intrigued with the thought of going down there, but not me.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Tour of SUP Headquarters

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter 8 May trek was to the National SUP Headquarters in Salt Lake City. Thirty of us carpooled from Washington Terrace. After lunch Pat Cook, SUP office manager, gave us a tour of the building which President Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated in 1981. It was delightful to see the

artwork and artifacts in person that we had read about in the last two issues of Pioneer Magazine. We did not see the Bear Flag, because it is in storage waiting restoration. John and Diane Smith gave us a tour of the SUP Pioneer Library, with its vast collection of books, documents, and memorabilia.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Scholarships

SPEAKER: The Porter Rockwell Chapter's March and April meetings were very informative and rewarding. In March, William "Bill" Tanner, publisher of the Pioneer Magazine, took us through the history of the magazine from its early years to the present, relating many of the decisions and miracles that make the magazine the gem that it is today. Among the miracles, how a story about the (then) Mormon Tabernacle Choir was rescued from the trash after having been cancelled over copyright issues. Brother Tanner has overseen publication for over eight years.

Daniel Adams (insert) (Herriman HS/ University of Utah).

Chapter President Bill Jeppson played a recording of an interview with a chapter member's great-grandmother who, as a child, met and interacted with Orrin Porter Rockwell. In the recording she related a few of her memories of him. Very fascinating.

TREK: On Saturday, May 6, 2023, approximately 40 members of friends of the Porter Rockwell Chapter traveled from Draper to Nine-Mile Canyon located between Price and Duchesne. The canyon's name was likely taken from an old John Wesley Powell map and was off by one canyon, for the canyon is really about 45 miles long. En route to Price, chapter member Ron Watt, church historian and native of Carbon County, shared historic information along Highway 6 as we traveled from Spanish Fork to Price. As we got into Nine-Mile Canyon, we were joined by Ben Mead, an 84-year-old resident rancher who delighted us with his knowledge of the canyon area. He lives there with some family members and operates a guest ranch. The bus stopped multiple times so we could explore several amazing petroglyphs.

SCHOLARSHIPS: At our April meeting the chapter honored five graduating high school seniors with scholarships toward their college careers. Each student wrote an essay explaining how their own life has benefited from the foundation laid by the pioneers who settled Utah in the nineteenth century. The recipients in the attached photo are, from left to right, are Cael Crosby (Corner Canyon HS/Utah Valley University); Regan Danielson (Mountain Ridge HS/Brigham Young University); Eliza Fowler (Mountain Ridge HS/Brigham Young University); Trenton Crawford (Corner Canyon HS/Brigham Young University); and Jackson



Tour group

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

The Salt Lake City chapter held their meeting on May 23. We celebrated the growth of the church in the Germany Berlin Mission, through the experiences of Brent and Esther Jane Ward, just returned as Elder and Sister Ward. And being joined by a young returned missionary, Kaden J. Cook. Their story is a current version of those we celebrate as Sons of The Utah Pioneers remembering the earliest beginnings of the restored gospel. Those first missionaries went to proclaim the restoration and were met with trials, difficulty, rejection, and gradually we heard such reports as "I labored to support my family and in the fall of 1837, I went to Canada on a mission and raised a branch of 29 members - Zera Pulsipher". Elder and Sister Ward live in the Salt Lake Ensign Stake, Canyon Road Ward and served from October 2021 until April 2023 in

Frankfurt an der Oder. Frankfurt (Oder) has around 60,000 inhabitants, is one of the easternmost cities in Germany. The city is located about 50 miles east of Berlin, in the south of the historical region Lubusz Land.

Elder Kaden J. Cook started his missionary journey in June 2020 and due to Covid travel restrictions began at home MTC to Clovis, California, to Leeds, England, and finally to Freiberg, Germany where he served until June 2022. We also enjoyed music by Rosemary Olsen and Anna Pugsley who favored us with musical works from German Composers, also by Jacob Tenison, a National Vocal Competition winner who sang in the language of Germany.

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.

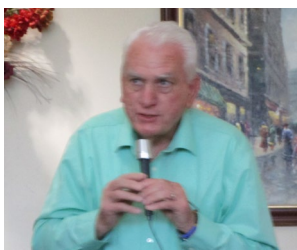
After the Sunrise Service, stick around for the Downtown Days of '47 Parade.

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.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Mike Rose

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a very interesting dinner meeting for May. We had Mike Rose come speak to us about the American Revolution. He gave us several items of information that you don't hear about very often. It was sort of a behind the scenes type of presentation. It was very informative and interesting to hear about things that

happened during the American Revolution and leading up to the American Revolution that isn't part of history taught in the schools. Mike Rose is an author who has written many history books that shares information about events and about places that isn't normally given to the public. Great evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Dr. Bill Tanner

With the last of the snow having melted in Cache Valley it is official, spring has sprung. The entire valley is a deep green carpet caused by all of the plants coming back to life after a seven month winter. The Temple Fork chapter did not hibernate during the long dark days of winter. The chapter remained active with many great dinner meetings and speakers. May 18th was no exception. Dr. William "Bill" Tanner, publisher of the Pioneer Magazine was

our guest speaker. Dr. Tanner gave a great presentation on the history of the Pioneer, its origins, its present status and the future of the Pioneer. Many thanks go out to the committee who writes, edits, does the graphic designs and publishes the Pioneer. The Pioneer is one of the premier magazines being published today and is completely advertisement free. We hope everyone had a great Memorial Day and say to all "Keep Pioneering".

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Laird and Vaudys Dummer

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the American Fork, Utah Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker was Laird Dummer, National Area Vice President of the Salt Lake East Area. Brother Dummer was accompanied by his wife, Vaudys. Laird gave a presentation about the Haun's Mill Massacre. One of Brother Dummer's ancestors was killed at the Massacre but his Second-great Grandfather, James McBride, was not killed and he later wrote about his experiences. In August 1874, James McBride wrote in his journal, "I feel to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things

and bear testimony of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I hope my dear children, that you will fully appreciate the value of this little history I have left you. May God bless you my children, your father James McBride." Laird stated, "For me, this is a powerful statement as to why The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers' mission of honoring and knowing our ancestor's stories and history is a catalyst in helping each of us weather our personal challenges and tragedies as well as help us to become a better person with cherished pioneer values."

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Award recipients

"Carry On" Merit Award: Our annual award program was featured this month. Each year the Chapter chooses high school graduates from the four local high schools who have been nominated by their seminary teachers and principal to receive the "Carry On" Merit Award. The award symbolizes the Pioneer Spirit in overcoming hardships and trials. A beautifully framed picture by Al Rounds and a \$600 cash award is presented to the recipient to help them with their educational or service-oriented future activities.

Program: After a tasty meal of Bar-B-Ques, chips, salads, and cookies, we enjoyed a presentation by Ron Anderson, the president of the Bountiful SUP Chapter. He has lectured frequently on the topic: Similarities Between Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln.



Ron Andersen