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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to all who attended the Presidents' Council meeting. Congratulations to chapters which earned Chapter Recognition and Chapter Excellence Awards. Strive to have your chapter qualify for an award in 2021.

National Clean-up Day at Headquarters is April 18th and an excellent National Symposium is on April 25th. There are registration forms and specific information regarding the Symposium in this Trail Marker. Remember the upcoming National election. You may submit nominations

beginning April 1 and running through April 30th for National President-elect.

July 20th is the annual SUPer DUPer Day at This Is the Place State Park. Tickets are half-price for SUP and DUP members and families. The park is open from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p.m. At 5:30 the Devotional begins with President Dallin H. Oaks, First Councilor in the First Presidency as speaker.

July 24th will feature the Sunrise Devotional at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. Elder Allan F. Packer is the speaker. The Devotional is followed by the Days of 47 Parade. Come and walk with us as we pull Handcarts in remembrance of the Handcart Companies of the 1850's.

Register early for the National Encampment at Rexburg in September. Forms and information are included in the Trail Marker. Excellent tours and entertainment are planned.

March is Women's History month. The National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers will observe the month with the mailing of the spring issue of the Pioneer Magazine. This issue is entirely devoted to the theme of Women's Suffrage.

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Worldwide, observance of the Ides of March and St. Patrick's Day occur this month, but I want to discuss two important March events from Church and Utah history.

In June, 1829, Joseph Smith took a few manuscript pages of the nearly finished translation of the Book of Mormon to 23 year-old E. B. Grandin to discuss a possible printing contract. Egbert Bratt Grandin apprenticed as a printer at age 18. In 1827 he purchased the Wayne Sentinel, a weekly newspaper at Palmyra published in a print shop rented from his older brother, Philip.

Joseph found Grandin to be dubious. The Prophet went to other printers but returned to Grandin who on August 17, 1829 contracted to publish five thousand copies for \$3,000.00. Doctrine and Covenants 19:26 instructed Martin Harris to "not covet" his property but to impart it freely to the printing of the Book of Mormon. He accordingly mortgaged part of his farm to pay this exorbitant fee.

As insurance, Oliver Cowdery made a second transcript of the original. During the printing, the copy pages were taken from the Smith log cabin to the print shop each day and were then conveyed back to the cabin at the end of each day's printing. However, for most printing from Helaman Chapter 13 through Mormon the original transcript was used rather than the copy.

The entire first edition was not ready for sale until early summer, but on March 26, 1830, the first copies of the Book of Mormon went on sale. It did not sell well so Martin Harris himself tried desperately to sell the book. Slow sales necessitated the sale of Harris' farm.

In 1978, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bought the Grandin Building and restored the print shop. At the dedication on March 26, 1998 of the Book of Mormon Historic Publication Site, President Hinckley contrasted the 5,000 copies printed in 1830 to the more than 88 million copies printed from 1830 to 1998. Today, 158 million copies have been distributed worldwide.

The second month of March event was the opening of Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution on March 1, 1869. Organizer and first president, Brigham Young, was the first customer as he purchased \$1,000.00 worth of goods for his large family. With nearly 150 branches in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, and even one in South Dakota, ZCMI played a significant role, especially in Utah's economy, for over 100 years. In the 1870s and 80s ZCMI sales from Utah's roughly 100 stores represented one-third of the total expenditures in Utah.

ZCMI imported goods in volume in order to buy as low as possible, to sell low and to divide the profits with the people. It was owned and operated by Church members and encouraged and promoted local manufacture and consumption designed to increase economic self-sufficiency.

As a wholesale and retail merchandise operation, ZCMI purchased goods made locally and imported goods from the East which were sold to independent ZCMI outlets. Cooperative ZCMI stores set up in local communities carried a sign inscribed with "Holiness to the Lord, Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution" alerting customers to the affiliation. The wholesale side of ZCMI ended in 1960, but retail sales keep it as the 18th largest chain store in the United States.

ZCMI sold everything from clothing to wagons and machinery. It even had its own factories including the "Big Boot" which manufactured 83,000 pairs of shoes a year, and a clothing factory which produced the famous "Mountaineer" overalls. Fashion shows sponsored by Vogue and others became a major ladies' attraction.

Some claim ZCMI was the first department store in America. It was the first to own a clothing factory and one of the first stores in the west to use women salesclerks. In 1946 it installed the first escalator in the Western United States. ZCMI was also one of the first stores to make home deliveries, initially by horse drawn wagons, later with automobiles.

In 1999 the Salt Lake mother store was sold to St. Louis-based May Department Stores Company. For two years the store continued to carry the ZCMI name. It then became known as Meier & Frank. In 2005 the store was rebranded as Macy's. In 2007 the landmark Salt Lake ZCMI store was demolished to be replaced by the City Creek Center. The ZCMI façade was restored and placed on the west face of Macy's to remind us of earlier days when ZCMI was Utah's major shopping destination.

As Sons of Utah Pioneers, we honor our pioneer legacy when we remember these special occasions from our rich history.



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NATIONAL NEWS

2020 CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The 2020 Chapter President's Council was a great meeting. Most of the chapters were represented. The Chapter Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Treasurers and Librarians all received important information and instruction for smoothly running their chapter. The spouses also had their own meeting. Then we had a yummy luncheon with entertainment by Mike Erickson and Rebecca Croft. We appreciate Meyer's Catering for their food and for catering for us for many years. Thank you to all who came from near and far! It was so good to see you!



Chapter Recognition Awards



Chapter in Excellence Awards

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAME CHAPTER

NEW ETERNAL MEMBERS

LaMar Farr Mesa
 Jack Maxwell.....Red Rocks
 James L Perkins Settlement Canyon

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dennis Adamson Timpanogos

FAMILY & FRIENDS CONVERTED TO ANNUAL MEMBERS

Clarence Johnson Washington DC Area
 Eric Adams Cedar City

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Edward F Bates.....Holladay
 Mervin Reid Mills
 Ric Sterzer Upper Snake River Valley
 Nick Allison Upper Snake River Valley
 Kenneth Dicus Upper Snake River Valley
 Terry Asay..... Lehi
 Bradford Kelly Ence..... Mt. Nebo
 Danny Gunnell.....Brigham Young

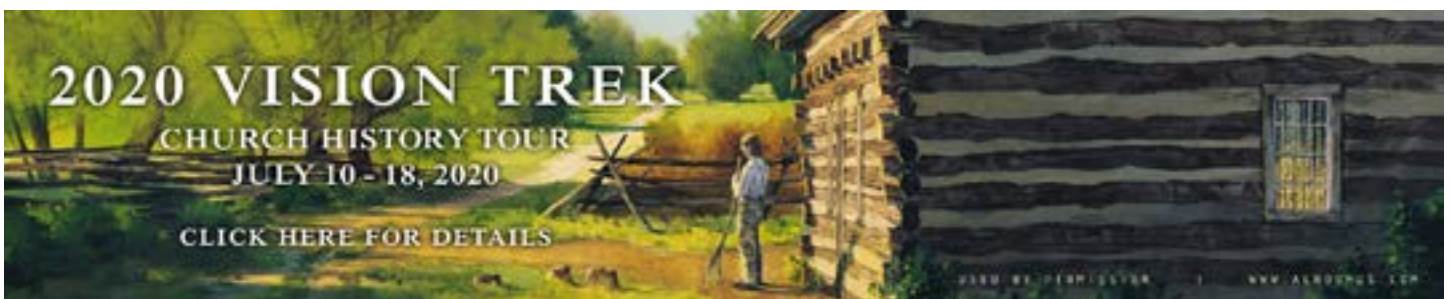
NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Carol Siebers..... Grove City

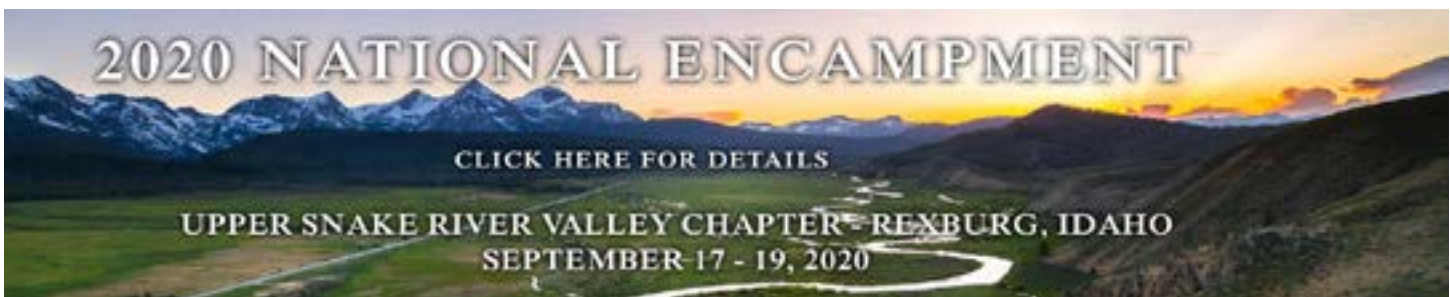
Calendar of Events

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

MAR 17	NATIONAL BOARD MEETING 6PM
MAR 25	MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING 6PM
MAR 28	PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL 11:30AM
APR 18	NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN-UP DAY 9AM-NOON
APR 18	NATIONAL BOARD MEETING 12PM
APR 25	NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AT SUP HEADQUARTERS
APR 29	MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING 6PM
MAY 19	NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:30PM
MAY 19	NATIONAL BOARD MEETING 6PM
JUL 10-18	2020 VISION TREK



JUL 20	SUPER DUPER DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK
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2020 SUP HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY

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Katherine Kitterman is the Historical Director for Better Days 2020. Katherine has extensive research experience in American women's history and Mormon history, as well as public history training in historical interpretation and public programming. She has recently taught as an adjunct professor for the Church History and Doctrine department at Brigham Young University.

Katherine earned her B.A. in International Relations and German Studies from Brigham Young University, and also earned a Master of Public Policy degree at BYU. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in American History at American University in Washington, D.C., where she has worked to bring history to life at the Smithsonian Institution, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Woodrow Wilson House. Katherine's dissertation analyzes the rhetoric of Mormon women's struggle for suffrage in nineteenth-century Utah, highlighting the two-way connection between suffragists in West and East.



A lifelong Utahan, **Tiffany Greene** enjoys visiting new places, spending time outdoors, and studying the past. She graduated as a Service-Learning Scholar from the University of Utah with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a History emphasis. She has served at William Penn Elementary as a member of the PTA board and member/chairperson of the Arts Committee as well as various leadership positions in her church. She is currently the scoutmaster for troop 8005--her daughters all-girl troop-- in the Scouting-BSA organization. In addition to being the primary caregiver for her 4 children, she also worked for 20 years as a licensed pharmacy technician before getting an opportunity to work in a history-related field. She has enjoyed her time working as a historical research consultant for Better Days 2020 over the last 18 months, where she has specifically worked to uncover the history of the rural suffrage movement in Utah. She and her husband Ryan live in Millcreek with their 4 kids; Annabelle, Isaac, Eleanore, and Owen, and their dog Cooper.



Matthew C. Godfrey is a general editor and the managing historian of the Joseph Smith Papers. He holds a PhD in American and public history from Washington State University, and has served as the lead historian on three Joseph Smith Papers volumes: *Documents, Volume 2*, *Documents, Volume 4*, and *Documents, Volume 7*. He is also the author of *Religion, Politics, and Sugar: The Mormon Church, the Federal Government, and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, 1907-1921* (2007) and a coeditor of *The Earth Shall Appear as the Garden of Eden: Essays in Mormon Environmental History* (2019). He is married to Carrie Huber and has four wonderful children.



Richard E. Turley Jr. is former Assistant Church Historian and Recorder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the author of numerous books on Latter-day Saint and Western U.S. history. He was one of the founders of the Joseph Smith Papers project, initiated the *Saints* four-volume history, and has recently published a book on Joseph Smith's First Vision titled *Joseph Smith, Teenage Prophet*.



Richard Holzapfel was born in [Blackfoot, Idaho](#), and moved regularly as a child, due to his father's naval career. In addition to his native state, his family resided in [California](#), [Hawaii](#), and [Maine](#). Richard attended BYU, [Hebrew Union College](#), and the [University of California, Irvine](#) (UC Irvine), receiving [B.A.](#), [M.A.](#), and [Ph.D.](#) degrees respectively, with an emphasis in Middle Eastern Studies, Jewish History, Ancient History, American History, and Nineteenth Century American Religious History.

He met Jeni Carol Broberg at BYU, and they were married in 1978. His first book, *Old Mormon Nauvoo 1839-1846* was released in 1990 and received the citation for Significant Contribution from the John Whitmer Historic Association. He is the author of the state history textbook used in Utah public schools, *Utah: A Journey of Discovery*. Richard taught at BYU from 1993 until 2018 when he began working for the LDS Church's Missionary Department overseeing the development of worldwide missionary curriculum.

Richard Holzapfel and his wife reside in [Springville, Utah](#) and are the parents of five children. [3]

In 2007, Holzapfel assisted the More Good Foundation in launching [Christ.org](#), a website intending to bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

PIONEER Stories

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. **Submitting Stories on the SUP website is currently unavailable.** You can still search existing stories, but you won't be able to submit stories to the website until the problem is resolved. Our website is found by going to SUP1847 and clicking on [Pioneer Stories](#).

JOHN CARLING & EMELINE KEATON

*John Carling, b 11 Sept., 1800, Kingston, Ulster, NY, md Emeline Keaton 1 Sept., 1830, d 2 Apr., 1855,
Fillmore, Millard, UT.*

The year 1800 began the nineteenth century with some notable events. The Italian physicist Alessandro Volta invented the electric battery, providing the first source of a continuous circuit. John Chapman, better known as Jonny Appleseed, began scattering religious tracts and apple seeds in pioneer communities throughout the American Midwest.¹ In that same year, John Carling was born and began his quest which would leave a legacy of his life with thousands to follow. He was the son of Abraham and Sarah Freer Carling and was welcomed into the world by two older sisters. Two years later, his sibling inequality balanced out with a new baby brother.

Kingston is located along the Hudson River about 100 miles north of New York City. It is a beautiful, green area with rolling hills and numerous lakes and rivers.² As a young man, John moved eight miles southeast to the town of Esopus. He learned the trade of carpentry and joined the Dutch Reformed Church while in that small community. Records don't tell us how John met Emeline Keaton, but we know he married her on 1 Sep, 1830. Emeline was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Joanna Paine Keaton, who had been in New York State for several generations. In fact, both the Carling and Keaton lines had been in the southeast part of New York state for several generations. The Carling blood line is said to be from the Puritan Fathers, descended from the Huguenots, who left France at the time of the Reformation and went to Belgium and Holland and then to America.³ The Keaton line is reported to be of Dutch descent.

John was a skilled carpenter, cabinet maker, mason, tinner, cooper, blacksmith, and shoemaker. While in Nauvoo, he did a good deal of work on the temple. According to the Historical Record, "President Smith approved and accepted a draft for the font made by Brother Wm. Weeks." His acceptance led Weeks to stop other architectural activities and begin carving a set of twelve oxen to support the proposed font. After laboring six days, he assigned Elijah Fordham, a



convert from New York City, to complete the carving. Elijah, assisted by John Carling and others, spent eight months perfecting the oxen and the font and completing the ornamental moldings for the baptistery area of the Nauvoo Temple.⁴ This record does not mention John Carling, but the following is quoted from the Heart Throbs of the West: "While John Carling was carving beautiful work on a mantle in Nauvoo, Brigham Young came to him and asked if he couldn't make a pattern of an ox as

they wished life-sized oxen on which to rest the baptismal font. Brother Carling went home and drew a picture of one of his own oxen. He then pinned planks together with hardwood pins and glue and taking his carpenter's pencil, saw and drawing knife, he carved the first pattern of the first oxen used in Latter-day Saint Temples. John was a modest man, never seeking honor, thus this instance is not recorded in the Church history, but this is a true story nevertheless."⁵

Life was good for a time in Nauvoo, but the Carling family ran into great misfortune in 1844. Emeline gave birth to their last child, John Warner, on 14 Nov, 1843, but the birth was very hard on Emeline, so she suffered a great deal. Somehow, they had become acquainted with Anne Green Dutson while in Nauvoo, and she helped nurse Emeline over the next two months. Unfortunately, the struggle was more than Emeline could endure, so she passed away on 1 Jan, 1844. This was a very hard time for the family.

Nevertheless, life went on. Ann Green Dutson had been abandoned by her husband, so she helped the family through their time of mourning, and eventually she and John were married. She became a devoted wife and mother to the young family and also brought two of her own children into that new family. Subsequent years saw two more children added to their family.

Ann Green Dutson had the distinction of having Joseph Smith set her apart as a midwife. He told her that she

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would be successful if she used herbs in her work. She soon gained the reputation of "herb doctor." A partial list of her remedies includes:

- Saffron was steeped and the tea was given to the new born babies to clear their skin.
- Yarrow was steeped and the tea was used in tonics. Sometimes the leaves were bruised and used for ointment for wounds.
- Tansy was steeped alone or with yarrow and the tea was used by girls and women with female troubles.
- Tame Sage tea was given to people with colds and fever.
- Wild Cherry Bark was steeped as tea.
- Inner Bark of Quaking Aspen tea was used as a spring tonic. Very often it was given to a young mother who may have developed a fever.
- Wild Sage was steeped and the tea given to individuals with mountain fever or neuritis.
- Rhubarb Roots were dried, ground very fine, mixed with soda and magnesia, and were given as a laxative or for a fever.
- Senna Leaves and raisins were steeped together and the tea was given to children who had worms.
- Desert Root tea made was used for people who had kidney or bladder trouble.
- Elderberry Bark, Root and Berries were all used in different medicines.
- Dandelion Roots were used to make a tea that was given for liver trouble.
- Wild Grape Root was steeped with tame sage and mixed with honey and given for canker.
- Plantain Root leaves were bruised and were used for a poultice to draw out infection.⁶

When the Saints were being driven from Nauvoo, John Carling & his son Isaac V. Carling worked at making and mending wagons for the exiled saints so they could move out of Nauvoo. The mob violence became so intense that the Carling family decided to leave with the main body of saints. Brigham Young sent Heber C. Kimball to inform John that, if he would stay until all of the saints had been

provided with good outfits, not a hair of their head would be harmed. They remained as requested, though some wives complained that they would all be killed. "The morning they were to leave, they were counseled to get to the ferry boats before the mobs were astir, and upon arriving at the ferry, the captain hurried them onto the boat and admonished them to be quick because they could see the mobs coming. Some were on horses, and others running, but all with guns in their hands, and they were cursing and swearing. As the saints left the shore, they could hear the leader of the mob ordering his men to shoot. But as the men came to the shore, they stood still. It is told by some that two shots were fired but they missed the people in the boat. Thus the hand of the Lord was with the saints and they were protected."⁷

John was sheriff for some time, a Judge of the Court, and a bishop's counselor. In Dec, 1854, John served as a Representative of the Territorial Legislature and served on a Committee on Counties. Since the new State Capitol wasn't yet complete, he attended meetings of the Legislature in Salt Lake City. On his return from one such meeting in 1855, he caught a severe cold which later turned to pneumonia and John Carling died 2 April, 1855. He passed away quietly while the world was watching Ras Kassar, Ethiopian ruler, conquering neighboring regions and establishing himself as ruler. John Carling was a faithful saint that contributed a great deal to the exiled saints who needed wagons for their journey west. Many family histories have a brighter ending because he got those pioneers on the road when they were so desperate for help.

1 *World Timeline, History Channel website; year 1800, <http://www.historychannel.com/timeline/>*

2 *Satellite imagery of the Earth, Google Earth, Google.com*

3 *Biography of John Carling, Nauvoo Records Office, author unknown.*

4 *History of the Church, Vol. 4, pg. 446.*

5 *Heart Throbs of the West, Kate B. Carter, Vol.4, p.260*

6 *Heart Throbs of the West, Kate B. Carter, Vol.3, p.137*

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

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

Monument Trek

The Hill Cumorah, Palmyra, New York



Part Three in Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the First Vision

The extinction of the Nephite nation took place at “the land of Cumorah, by a hill which was called Cumorah” (Mormon 6:2, 5), the same hill referred to by the Jaredite nation centuries earlier as Ramah (Ether 15:11). Moroni, the son of the Prophet Mormon, continued as steward over the Book of Mormon record at least twenty years after his father was killed in battle at this site (Mormon 8:5-6), and eventually deposited the sacred record into the hill. We do not know how much longer Moroni continued on after the plates were hidden, but he finished his earthly work as a martyr. President Thomas B. Marsh told Brother Higginson that he,

became very anxious to know something of the fate of Moroni, and in answer to prayer the Lord gave Joseph a vision, in which appeared a wild country and on the scene was Moroni after whom were six Indians in pursuit; he stopped and one of the Indians stepped forward and measured swords with him. Moroni smote him and he fell dead; another Indian advanced and contended with him; this Indian also fell by his sword; a third Indian then stepped forth and met the same fate; a fourth afterwards contended with him, but in the struggle with the fourth, Moroni, being exhausted, was killed. Thus ended the life of Moroni. (Moroni, Dali Petersen, p. 77)

However great a life he led, it seems his duties were even more amplified after his earthly ministry. As Elder Orson Hyde declared,

This same angel presides over the destinies of America and feels a lively interest in all our doings. He was in the camp of Washington; and, by an invisible hand, led on our fathers to conquest and victory; and all this to open and prepare the way for the Church and kingdom of God to be established on the western hemisphere, for the redemption of Israel and the salvation of the world.

This same angel was with Columbus, and gave him deep impressions, by dreams and by visions, respecting this New World. Trammelled by poverty and by an unpopular cause, yet his persevering and unyielding heart would not allow an obstacle in his way too great for him to overcome; and the angel of God helped him – was with him on the stormy deep, calmed and troubled elements, and guided his frail vessel to the desired haven. Under the guardianship of this same angel, or Prince of America, have the United States grown, increased, and flourished, like the sturdy oak by the rivers of water.” (JD 6:368)

In 1823, several years after the young Prophet Joseph Smith's visitation from the Father and the Son, Moroni appeared to him four times in one night, unfolding prophecies of the scriptures and declaring them to soon come to pass.

From that point on, the Messenger took on the role of Joseph's personal tutor to become the Prophet of the Restoration, meeting with him yearly at the Hill to instruct him. Finally, after four years, the Prophet “obtained them [the record], and the Urim and Thummim with them, by the means of which I translated the plates; and thus came the Book of Mormon.” (History of the Church, 3:28)

Many years later, President Brigham Young shared,

I will tell you a story which will be marvelous to most of you. It was told me by Porter [Rockwell], whom I would believe just as quickly as any man that lives. When he tells a thing he understands, he will tell it just as he knows it; he is a man that does not lie. He said that on this night, when they were engaged hunting for this old treasure, they dug around the end of a chest for some twenty inches. The chest was about three feet square. One man [Martin Harris] who was determined to have the contents of that chest, took his pick and struck into the lid of it, and split through into the chest. The blow took off a piece of the lid. . . . Porter describes it so [making a rumbling sound sinking into the ground]; he says this is just as true as the heavens are.

President Young continued his remarks, that after the Prophet had translated the record,

. . . the angel instructed him to carry them back to the hill Cumorah, which he did. Oliver says that when Joseph and Oliver went there, the hill opened, and they walked into a cave, in which there was a large and spacious room. He says he did not think, at the time, whether they had the light of the sun or artificial light; but that it was just as light as day. They laid the plates on a table; it was a large table that stood in the room. Under this table there was a pile of plates as much as two feet high, and there were altogether in this room more plates than probably many wagon loads; they were piled up in the corners and along the walls. The first time they went there the sword of Laban hung upon the wall; but when they went again it had been taken down and laid upon the table across the gold plates; it was unsheathed, and on it was written these words: "This sword will never be sheathed again until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our God and his Christ." (Journal of Discourses, 19:37-38)

In 1831, the Saints left New York and Pennsylvania for Kirtland, Ohio. Animosity in the region appeared insurmountable and for many years any Latter-day Saint visiting the area was probably met with opposition.

On a Church History tour in 1878, Elders Orson Pratt and Joseph F. Smith wrote to President John Taylor,

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In a beautiful little grove on this memorable hill, we bowed in humble and fervent prayer, rendering prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the treasure of knowledge and truth so long concealed beneath its surface, to be brought forth by the gift and power of God to us and the world in this dispensation. The spirit of prayer, of blessing and prophecy rested upon us so that we rejoiced exceedingly.

Due to increased persecution from polygamy, the US government confiscated the properties of the Church, but still allowed the Saints to rent them. This caused tithing income to fall dramatically as members felt it unjust to pay rent to our persecutors for our own facilities. Once President Woodruff issued the Manifesto on Polygamy, the government returned the properties but still expected the Church to pay the unpaid debts from rents. In 1899, President Lorenzo Snow received a revelation on tithing that resurged the funds of the Church. In the April 1907 General Conference, President Joseph F. Smith finally announced that the Church was debt free. Two months later, Elder George Albert Smith purchased the Smith homestead. Upon finding hostility in obtaining other properties, President Smith called Willard and Rebecca Bean to Palmyra to live on the homestead and recover the other sites for the Church. Rebecca related, in a 1964 fireside, incidents from her twenty-five-year mission to Palmyra,

. . . the time came when the Church was anxious to have the Hill Cumorah. We had the Joseph Smith farm with the Sacred Grove and our people were so happy to be able to come there. The first time we ever went to the hill we tied our horse and buggy to a post and started to walk up the hill. A man came running up to us with a shotgun and said, "Nobody steps on this property who belongs to the Mormon Church!" Willard said, "Do you own it?" He said, "No, but I work here and you can't go up there." So we just looked at it and came home. And that is the way we found things there.

After about five years of negotiations and overcoming prejudice, James H. Inglis agreed to sell his portion of the west side of the hill. The remainder of the hill was owned by Pliny Sexton, who was renting it out as part of a large farm, the tenants being those who were antagonistic toward the Beans. When President Heber J. Grant and Charles W. Nibley visited



Pliny Sexton

Palmyra, Willard took them to meet Mr. Sexton and even took a photograph of him holding the printer's copy of the Book of Mormon. Although they weren't able to convince him to lower the price of the property, Willard recorded in his autobiography that Nibley prophesied, "When the Lord wants us to get possession of that hill, the way will be opened up."

Pliny Sexton died in 1924, but his heirs were extremely antagonistic toward the Church and had no desire to sell the land to them. So, Willard took a different approach and befriended C. C. Congdon, the lawyer who oversaw the Sexton estate, although he didn't have any decision-making power over the property.

One day Congdon called Willard to his office and told him that the family would be willing to accept the Church's offer, which was half of Mr. Sexton's asking price; and the deal would now include additional property around the hill. That day Willard wrote the First Presidency to inform them of the deal, but they had already sent a telegram to him that said, "See lawyer of Sexton estate and get definite offer for Hill Cumorah" Another two days passed, and Willard received another telegram stating, "Terms satisfactory. Close deal." They then sent a more in-depth letter thanking him for his diligence in obtaining the property, and added, "We had already noticed the singular coincidence of your writing to us the very same day and possibly the same hour that we were writing to you." (Willard Bean Autobiography)

Once the Church obtained the Hill, Torleif S. Knaphus, a Norwegian born sculptor, desired to propose that a monument be erected and had already sketched out some designs. He hiked Ensign Peak where he presented the designs to the Lord in prayer and received a spiritual confirmation regarding one of the sketches. The Brethren immediately accepted the idea and put Torleif to work. They also unanimously selected the same sketch that was pointed out to him on Ensign Peak. Knaphus approached a local bricklayer, Elwin Clark, to pose for Moroni, but felt Elwin's face would appear to young for the statue. While walking in Salt Lake City towards his studio, Knaphus saw a man who had the perfect face for the statue of Moroni. The man turned out to be Hyrum Don Carlos Clark, Elwin Clark's father. (BYU Studies, 2004, 13:1-2)



Returning from his mission in England, Gordon B. Hinckley was present at the Monument's dedication and wrote:

Then in July 1935 came the crowning achievement of twenty years of labor. On a beautiful summer morning a great crowd gathered at the hill. They had come from over the nation and included a number of the General Authorities of the Church. This writer, on his way home from a mission in England, was among that crowd.

On the summit of the hill was a canvas-draped monument. At an appointed signal four trumpeters raised their gleaming instruments. In sharp clear tones "An Angel From On High" echoed across the placid countryside. The flag - the Stars and Stripes - fluttered in the wind, and it never looked more beautiful than it did over that hill sacred and important to the history of America.

Then the canvas shroud fell from the monument, and the figure of Moroni looked out across the quiet fields which in his day of life had been scenes of carnage and sorrow. To a returning missionary the picture of that summer day is unforgettable.

Local speakers, men who had known the hatred of generations, paid tribute from the stand. And Willard Bean, who had quietly overcome that hatred, smiled in satisfaction. He had fulfilled the mission to which he had been called by the Presidency of the Church twenty years earlier. (Provo Herald, April 4, 1942)

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Compiled by Roland Lee

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada

On February 22, 2020, the Boulder Dam Chapter ventured to Death Valley, California. As we followed the Old Spanish Trail for part of the way, we visited various places.

Our first stop was at the China Date Farm Ranch. This ranch was established in the 1850's by a Chinese man who had worked at the Borax Mine. He supplied fruits, vegetables and meat for the local miners. Later "date palms" were planted around the desert oasis and is still in business today. We enjoyed "date shakes" and "date bread".

We stopped at Ashford Mill which at one time was a small mining town built around 1914.

We stopped at Mormon Point. Many Mormons looking for gold and silver riches in this region is how it got its name. There is nothing there but the sign, but it overlooks the salt pan of the valley and in spring has lots of wildflowers.

We visited "Badwater Basin" which at first glance looks like water but it is really salt crystals. Looking up the mountain above the area is a sign that says Sea Level showing that we were 300 feet below sea level.

We took the scenic loop known as Artist's Palette and were able to see the beautiful scenery.

We visited Furnace Creek and Salt Creek. Salt Creek is famous for the pupfish that is only found in Death Valley. We also visited the Harmony Borax and saw a 20-mule train wagon.

We found out that there are so many interesting things to see, we could hardly do it in one day.



Ashford Mills



Harmon Borax - 20-mule train wagon



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BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Shanna Smith

For our February meeting, we had a special meal and special music by Shanna Smith. She has spent many years working with children in Tavaci, teaching them music and giving them experience to perform and has a beautiful voice herself. She entertained us with humorous experiences that led into love songs. It was very relaxing and enjoyable to experience. Thanks Shanna for a memorable time.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah

At the February 13 dinner meeting Members of the chapter were treated to a fiddling music presentation by members of the Lund Family. The Lund Family has performed in many settings here in Utah.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Wayne Hinton, President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Topic was, "The Thomas Rice King Family Gospel Plan United Order at Kingston, Utah, 1877-1883."

Dr. Hinton enlightened members attending on the United Order. The United Order was established to overcome the depression at the time, teach moral godly Christian principle. Very few locations participated in the United Order. Most that started were short lived. Orderville was the exception.

Thomas Rice King bought 3500 acres to start United Order with headquarters with nine families in the charter and rapidly increased to 156 members. The order's goal was to be self-sufficient not relying on outside goods. Fruit orchards, mills, post office, irrigation systems were established. Members lived in close proximity and dined at a common long table. All was going well until Thomas King passed away.

Members of the Order started to leave after his death. Major factors in the demise of the Kingstone/Orderville United order were death of the kingpin Thomas King, resignation of the Relief Society President, draught, unusual extreme cold weather, and most important selfishness.



Lund Family



Dr. Wayne Hinton

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CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah

On Friday, February 14th, the Cedar City Chapter held its annual Valentines Sweetheart Supper in the historic Rock Church in Cedar City. Special thanks to Curtis Terry and Mark MacLamore for heading up the event. Curtis also did double duty by giving the Pioneer Minute presentation. He related some of the history behind Fairview, Utah, and his ancestor's role in coming up with the name for the town based upon the "fair view of the valley" that could be seen from the foothills of the town.

Everyone always enjoys getting together and socializing a bit before dinner while enjoying the table decorations which included an ample supply of chocolate. The delicious meal provided included 13 different kinds of homemade soup to choose from, along with a tossed salad, rolls and a piece of sheet cake made especially for the occasion. The evening ended with our kicking up our heels a bit with our sweethearts on the dance floor.

We look forward to our next event on March 8th when Michael and Marian Pickerd will relate some of their experiences while presiding over the Rome Italy Mission.



Curtis Terry Pioneer Minute



Valentines Supper

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

At the Cotton Mission dinner meeting February 18 we enjoyed hearing from Clawson "Tuffy" Ruth. A self-proclaimed "Jack of all Trades," Tuffy led a most interesting and varied life going from a ranch hand to project supervisor of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project.

A native of St. George, and taught to be a good "hand" by his father, Tuffy left school after the seventh grade to become a ranch-hand in Wyoming at the whopping salary of \$3.00 a day. Over his lifetime he worked for: the US Lime Mine near Las Vegas, Nevada; 3 different construction jobs in the Virgin River Gorge, one of which was high scaler foreman; the Nevada Test Site in various positions, mostly in miner and mechanic positions; as the rig mechanic on the Glomar Explorer a research vessel; and after that as a rig mechanic in deep ocean drilling off the coast of France. Each time an interesting job ended he would return to the Nevada Test Site.

"It took me 35 years to earn a 10 year pin," he said.

Tuffy discussed his work as a Project Supervisor on the Yucca Mountain Project and fielded questions about the construction and status of the controversial project. The area was selected for the storage of nuclear waste because it was isolated on land that had already been contaminated by testing. Massive underground tunnels were created in rock



Tuffy Ruth

that was impermeable to rainwater percolation. Individual storage capsules were created for the waste materials that literally could not be damaged. Getting the material to the site proved to be the challenge as many states were fearful of having trains and trucks carrying the storage capsules pass through their lands. According to Tuffy, those trains would be safer than many of the trucks using the highways today are. Nevertheless the Nuclear waste site still remains unused as negotiations continue.

Following his talk, Tuffy answered questions for a good 30 minutes about the project.

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EAGLE ROCK - Idaho Falls, Idaho

Our Eagle Rock Chapter held our monthly dinner and meeting of 2020 on Friday evening February 21st, at our new location, the Senior Citizens Center in Shelley Idaho. This was our second time at our new location beginning at 6:00 pm. We will continue having our meetings on the third Friday of every month at this new location and time as it makes it possible for more members to attend and a better possibility of bringing in new members.

After covering the upcoming National and local events we enjoyed an excellent presentation.

It was given by Kirk and Cherie Clawson on their mission experiences as Self-Reliant missionaries in the Australia Melbourne Mission. They discussed the various departments that are covered in the self-reliant program. Half of them cover the temporal side of being self-reliant and the other half covering the spiritual side. They emphasized the importance of how these programs work together to bring balance into individuals' lives. The Self-Reliant program has been a great boon in reactivating members because it gives the active members greater interactivity with others.

The Clawson's were so excited about serving their mission because they felt like modern day pioneers because as they helped others with their trials, they were helped by them with their trials. They are planning on going on other missions because of the pioneering feeling. Several of us who have also served missions have also felt that pioneering experience. We just need to remember to write our experiences down so our future generations will be able to be excited to have their own.



Kirk and Cherie Clawson

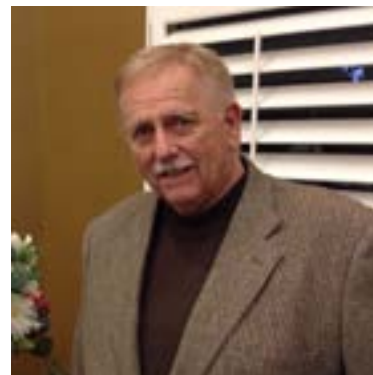
JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

Our speaker at our February meeting was Dave Newman. In addition to teaching photography at the College and University level, he is a professional photographer. At our Chapter meeting, his subject matter was on a true-to-life likeness of any pictures of the prophet Joseph Smith. Joseph Smith died in 1844, which was shortly after the invention of photography in 1839 by a Frenchman.

Dave said there are over 150 pictures of Joseph Smith. Some are rough sketches, some are paintings, and a few are

daguerreotype – or on metal, like copper. He showed pictures of many of these picture likenesses to our group during his presentation.

His presentation included pictures of the death masks of Joseph and of Hyrum Smith. He even had a picture of the mold that formed the death mask of Joseph Smith. Our thanks to you Dave for such a most interesting and informative presentation on this interesting subject. Well done!



Dave Newman

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LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

On Monday, February 10, 2020 Lehi SUP board member, William Leach, gave a presentation on The Mormon Pioneers to the Lehi Branch of The Sons of Utah Pioneers.

After singing a verse from the song, Come, Come Ye Saints we learned The Mormon pioneer story is not just one story, it is many stories, and it is not one group, but many groups of wagon companies and handcart companies that interconnect and intersect each other over the course of hundreds of miles in what we now call, "The Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail."

No matter where these pioneers started their journey, they forsook all they knew – family, friends, employment, personal belongings, and their entire way of life in pursuit of a faith that offered a better, nobler life. Most boarded numerous ships over the years sometimes taking 11 weeks or more to come to America, and some getting very ill, while others dying enroute to America.

Interestingly, this sojourn of 1,300 miles from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City was the largest organized westward migration in America's history. Unlike other pioneer groups heading west, the first Mormon pioneers prepared the way for the many Saints who would come later. As they traveled, they made roads and prepared bridges and other ways to cross rivers and streams. They also produced maps of the trail and recorded information that would be helpful to the next companies of pioneers, such as good places to camp or feed the animals

Whether you were part of a covered wagon company or handcart company unless you were of ill health or extremely aged, you likely walked the entire 1,300 miles. Whether you were in a wagon train or handcart company the journey was slow, dusty, difficult, and dangerous.

Mr. Leach read a number of excerpts from pioneer diaries describing their joys, sorrows, adversities, and miracles. Mr. Leach shared an excerpt from the Francis Webster diary which reads, "We suffered beyond anything you can imagine, and many died of exposure and starvation. . . . [We] came through with the absolute knowledge that God lives, for we became acquainted with Him in our extremities!"

And according to one researcher, "At the literal and spiritual low point on the trail William Clayton wrote the hymn, 'Come, Come, Ye Saints' April 15, 1846. This song came to characterize the hopes and desires of the persecuted and driven pioneers during their exodus to the West: Clayton's four short verses . . . describes the hardships and determination of the pioneers and is considered an American epic, and has been called "one of the most beautiful hymns of western history."

Toward the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Leach discussed lessons we can learn from these pioneers such as: Faith, courage, sacrifice, hard work, trials, gratitude, and love.

He closed by adding, this pioneer spirit of courage, faith, sacrifice and resilience is in our blood, it's in our DNA. Years from now our Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren will tell amazing stories of the choices we have made which changed their lives, as these pioneers have changed ours.

These great souls are part of us, it is our heritage, and we should be inspired to do more, and be more – and like our Pioneer ancestors did – "To Carry on, Carry On, Carry On!"



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MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

Our speaker for our chapter dinner meeting was Brad Clayton, the 2021 President-Elect for the National Sons of Utah Pioneers. A great-great grandson of pioneer William Clayton, Brad shared with us his pioneer heritage, his background with the SUP organization and his vision for its future. Brad has lived in Grantsville for the past 35 years. He served as a law enforcement officer in the Utah Highway Patrol for 30 years. He has also been a volunteer member of the Fire Department in Grantsville for a number of years. He joined the SUP in 2005 when the Twenty Wells chapter was formed in Grantsville.

During his presentation he demonstrated with audience participation an important factor of evidence from a legal standpoint. "If it isn't written it didn't happen." And then he told a story of one of his grandfathers for whom there

is very little known. Then recently someone discovered a picture of a man they claim to be the grandfather but there is no name on it and no one can without question say that it is him. The point was to encourage us to keep a journal and write our life's stories for future generations so that we do not disappear and are lost. This is consistent with the four mission statements of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. And then he encouraged us not to only keep our own journals but to talk about and share our pioneer stories of our ancestors that are written and verifiable in talks and lessons with others and particularly with the youth.

We left the evening feeling that the National Sons of Utah Pioneers would be led effectively, consistent with its mission statements, for the year 2021.

MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City / Mill Creek, Utah

February's Speaker was Ron L. Andersen on Abraham Lincoln. Ron Andersen recently retired from the LDS Church as a career development consultant for individuals in the US and Latin America. He is the author of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith, Abraham Lincoln, God's Humble Instrument, and Ingenious Abe. He is the founder and president of the Lincoln Leadership Society and has been a speaker to audiences throughout the country. He is married to Kathleen Brown Andersen and they are the parents of five children and ten grandchildren.

He has discussed how the 16th president of the United States met several Saints in Springfield, Illinois during the early 1840s. "Lincoln took more knowledge about the Latter-day Saints to the White House than any other president."

Lincoln hired Mulliner to do his laundry while he was a young single lawyer. It is thought that when returning his laundry, Mulliner would discuss her life in the church with the future politician — mostly telling him about her husband's mission in Scotland and gospel principles.

Andersen believes that Willard Richards and other Mormons dined with the Lincolns in Old Globe Tavern while the group of saints boarded there two weeks before a trial over an old search warrant for Joseph Smith.

Uniquely, Mary Lincoln attended the warrant trial of Joseph Smith, which was highly controversial at the time — since it was considered unseemly for women to attend trials

and to participate in government affairs.

During this trial, Lincoln was across the street in legislative session at the Illinois State Legislative building. In fact, the State House session was adjourned when someone shouted, "Joe Smith is running away," after someone saw a horse bolting outside when Joseph Smith exited the trial. It is possible that Lincoln could have seen the Prophet from the window of the legislative building during the commotion, noticing that he was not on the runaway animal.

The same week, Joseph Smith was offered a floor of the legislative building to hold religious services — which was packed with members and non-members alike. Though the service was noted in Lincoln's ledger, there were no sightings of the public official.

Lincoln also advocated for the Nauvoo Charter in 1840 and personally congratulated John C. Bennett, despite the Saints writing him off the ballot, when he first ran to become a national congressman.

Interestingly, Lincoln never belonged to a specific church and never spoke against specific Christian denominations, but he did believe in revelation, keeping God's commandments, keeping the Sabbath Day holy, reading the Bible, praying and having no vices, Andersen said.

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During his presidency, Lincoln checked out the Book of Mormon for nearly eight months from the Library of Congress, along with some anti-Mormon literature, which he promptly returned within four days.

Lincoln was also asked about his stance on the Mormons by a church member sent by Brigham Young. Lincoln was reported as saying, "If he'll leave me alone, I'll leave him alone," talking about Brigham Young. The 16th president held to his promise by not drafting any Saints from what would become the state of Utah to the Union Army during the Civil War.

Keith VanRoosendaal gave the Pioneer Minute On Muddy Creek

Muddy Creek is a sacred place. Nestled in the southwest corner of Wyoming, Muddy Creek was part of the Immigrant Trail used by the pioneers to travel to Utah. (For years, Wendy Peterson, who oversees treks at Muddy Creek has supplied handcarts for SUP in its parades.) Located east of Evanston, the creek meanders through a draw creating a serene, quiet peaceful setting.

Brigham and his party arrived at Muddy Creek on July 9, 1847. When the pioneers first camped at Muddy Creek they were pleased with the grass and water for their stock. Between 1847 and 1869, sixty to seventy thousand pioneers crossed through the Muddy Creek Camp. In 1858, Johnston's army of 2000 men camped there.

In November 1856, the rescue companies camped there with the Martin and Willey Handcart Companies on their way back to the Salt Lake Valley.

In 1869, the first transcontinental railroad created their railroad line through this area.

Known deaths on the Muddy Creek include Peter Andersen Phelsted, Anna Hansen, Catherine Jones Bennett, Ann Hansdattter Jensen, and Lauritz Larsen.

This year 15 members of the Chinese Overseas Pioneer Association, including one ninety year old sister, walked in the July 24th Parade with the SUP pulling handcarts borrowed from the Muddy Creek.

Next Month's Speaker will be Judge Sheila McCleve

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah

Eric Wilde was the featured speaker at the February Luncheon of the Morgan Chapter or the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Wilde presented a brief history of Croydon, Utah. Wilde is from Croydon and obtained his high school education in Morgan. He is a lover of history but cautions that history is full of bias, full of motive and human mistakes, but is very valuable. Down through civilization, when groups of people from within or without take over the government they destroyed the physical historical records so the people would forget who they are. He warned that even today in our country there are people who are attempting to rewrite the history of the United States and even the world.

The first people to live in the Croydon area were the Indians. For a long time it was believed that the Indians in this area were Utes. Current historians believe they were Shoshone Indians. An unusually large tribe of about 1500 Shoshones were in this area. There were smaller branches that broke off from this group. They would come up the canyon, pick a place to stay and fish and hunt until the conditions became so unsanitary that they would move up stream 10 miles. This process was repeated several times.



DUP Queen



Eric Wilde

Eventually they moved to Wyoming and Idaho during the summers and returned to this area again.

The Indians learned early to live off the white man. When Johnson's army came, they would barter and trade items, including their wives and children. The army abused Indian women. Finally, to get away from the army, the Indians moved to Rich County for the winter. One of the chief's

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wives had been brutally abused by the army and wanted to return to her father in Sanpete County. She walked through Echo Canyon and made it as far as Henefer Flats when the chief caught up with her. She refused to return with him and was killed by the chief.

When the railroad came, the 1500 Indians moved to Henefer Flats. For the most part, the people of the Croydon/Morgan area got along with the Indians. There were more radical Indians that participated in the Black Hawk Indian War here. Many Morgan area residents received a pension of \$8 a year from the war, probably serving as Home Guards.

The first pioneers that came to this area came in November. Some lived in their covered wagons, others in dugouts. One family built their house to the square and lived all winter without a roof. Conditions were hard. One of the women wrote the mice were so bad they would drop on her as she slept and bugs were terrible. She said she would trade her cow for one house cat. The people who moved here were not farmers. There was a false spring that winter and they planted half their potato seeds, which froze in March. They went hungry for long periods of time. A small road was built up the canyon in 1854. The following year it was decided that a better road was needed to be able to get out in winter, which they built the following year. By the time the railroad came through Croydon had a large population. Two to three hundred Chinese railroad workers also live in

the Canyon. Many people from Croydon also worked with the railroad. Had the railroad not come the people living here and in the Salt Lake County would not have survived.

Rick Barnes provided the Pioneer of the Month Report. Barnes spoke on his third great-grand parents, William and Ellen McKay. William and Ellen were from Scotland and were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1850. While they were happy to join the Church their parents were not. They decided to emigrate and left in 1856, sailing to New York. They stayed in New York for a year, raising money for the trip west. They spent another year in Iowa working, including their five children. They finally purchased an outfit of two steers, two cows, an old ox, and an old wagon to haul supplies of a family of seven. A friend told Ellen that she would never get to Utah in an outfit like that. She responded that she would walk all the way if she had to. As they were ready to leave Iowa City, there was a lame woman and her daughter that no one wanted to be burdened with. The Captain asked Ellen to take them. She and William talked the matter over and decided to take Mrs. Garvey and her daughter with them. Ellen and the children walked almost the whole way. When they arrived in the valley, Mrs. Garvey got out of the wagon and walked away without even a thank you. With winter coming on, Ellen made pants and dresses for the family from the tent and wagon cover. The McKay's left a great heritage for their family.

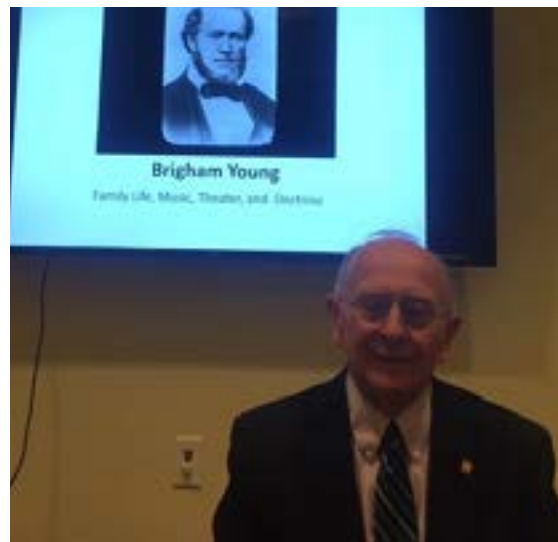
MT NEBO CHAPTER - Payson, Utah

The Mt. Nebo Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held their monthly chapter meeting at the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Veteran's Home in Payson on February 27. After a great meal provided by Magelby's Fresh the members were educated and entertained by a presentation on Brigham Young by Dr. Thomas Alexander.

Dr. Alexander is an American historian and academic who is professor emeritus from Brigham Young University. He has taught History at BYU for almost 30 years and has served in leadership rolls of various local and historical organizations. He is a past president of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers organization.

Dr. Alexander has recently published a book on Brigham Young titled "Brigham Young and the Expansion of the Mormon Faith".

Dr. Alexander stated that often people do not know Brigham Young



Tom Alexander

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as a father or husband and his presentation concentrated on the family life of Brigham Young. This included his relationship with his wives, children, his homes, and his day to day family schedule.

Brigham Young had 55 wives and 56 children by 16 of them. Only 46 of his children reached adulthood. Several of his wives were older, so he called them grandmothers, and they were supported and provided for by Brigham but they did not live with him. Several of Brigham's wives were involved in his businesses including managing his grist mill and tree farm. One was the director of the all women hospital in Salt Lake City.

Brigham built several houses in Salt Lake City for his families, including the Lion House and Beehive house. These are still standing on Temple Square and can be toured. There was a set routine in his homes that included all the family gathering for meals and devotionals.

Brigham believed in education and many of his children, both sons and daughters, were educated at universities, including West Point. Some were sent overseas for education and training. He advised all of his children to take advantage of being exposed to art, industry and inventions throughout the world.

Several of Brigham's children served missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints in various parts of the world, including England, Europe and the Pacific Islands.

The Mt. Nebo Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers meets each month at the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Veteran's Home in Payson at 6:30. There is a catered meal followed by a presentation. We welcome new members. Dan Howlett is the Membership Chairman and can be contacted at 801-361-0188 for information. Next month the presentation will be by Bruce A. Van Orden on W. W. Phelps.

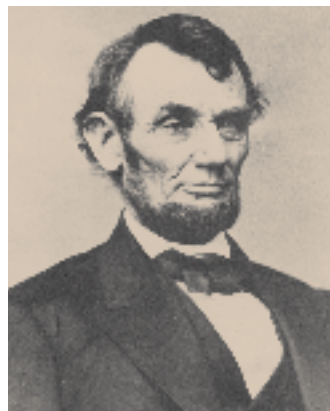
MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah

Mark Shurtluff, former Utah State Attorney General, was our January speaker and gave a very interesting presentation about the Mormon Battalion, which was both a great sacrifice and a great blessing for the Saints when it was called into service in 1847 by President James K. Polk to help prosecute the Mexican War.

The Battalion's 2,000-mile march from Ft. Leavenworth to San Diego proved LDS loyalty and patriotism, developed relationships that later proved very valuable, placed LDS members at critical points in the exploration and development of California and other western territories at the end of the war, and provided many thousands of dollars in cash (through uniform allowances and wages) to assist the main body of the Saints to equip and supply themselves for the trek west.

We're making steady progress on our efforts to memorialize the Cutler Hill Cemetery in Midvale and we're still seeking information on those whose graves are located there. If you have any information about graves in the cemetery or family members who might know more, please contact our chapter president, Pete Robison at pete@probbins.com

Our February speaker was Frank Nielson who gave us a presentation on the wit and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln.



Abraham Lincoln



Daniel H. Wells

Lincoln was not a handsome man, but was noted for his dry sense of humor. He often told jokes at his own expense. When he was introduced to the LDS pioneer Daniel H. Wells in Nauvoo in 1841, he exclaimed: "Prepare to Die! I swore that if I ever met a man who was uglier than I am, I would shoot him."

To which Daniel promptly replied, "Shoot away. If I am as ugly as you are, I don't want to live."

The two were friends ever after, and many remarked on the resemblance between them as the pictures below confirm.

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PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Matt Heiss

What constitutes a “modern pioneer”? Our guest speaker in January, Matt Heiss, told stories of people in our own lifetime who have accomplished feats every bit as significant as those of our pioneer ancestors. Brother Heiss is manager of Global Support and Acquisitions for the Europe and Africa Areas in the Church History Department. He has had direct contact with many of the folks who played a role in preserving the Church in Eastern Europe during the Iron Curtain years, helping mitigate recent natural and political disasters in those

areas, and helping establish the Church in Africa, even since before 1979. Here are just three examples of such modern-day pioneers.

1. He told of an amazing, faithful family in the Democratic Republic of the Congo who embraced the gospel fully. Though the wife was disabled and the husband, a blind tailor, wanted to be self-reliant. Brother Heiss displayed a beautiful dress that the brother had sewn, and which hangs in Brother Heiss’s office.
2. He then told of the horrific earthquake in Armenia in 1988, and the devastation that took place there. Jon Huntsman and philanthropist, Armand Hammer, set up

a cement factory. One stalwart member of the Church, David Horne, supervised the operation of the cement factory, which produced materials to house 30,000 Armenians left homeless following the earthquake. He also coordinated the shipment and delivery of more than 70 railcars of food to residents during the subsequent two severe winters. Tragically, Brother Horne was lighting a propane heater in his Yerevan apartment when it exploded. He was brought back to Salt Lake City and subsequently died from his injury. His wife, Jeanne, who worked with her husband in helping the Armenian people, described him as a “quiet man, doing what he loved to do and doing it well. He was a man of great integrity and his word was always his bond.”

3. In East Germany, when the Iron Curtain existed, members of the church remained strong and devoted. President Benson visited the members after World War II and gave them encouragement. A brother, whose first name was Walter, led out, and the saints found ways to worship in cities like Leipzig. When they had no place to meet, they found other ways to congregate. In about 1987, after much fasting, prayer, and patience, the East German government granted a building permit for a church-built meetinghouse, two years or more before the fall of communism there. Their faith, belief and steadfastness, despite all odds, were the building blocks for the strength of the Church in eastern Germany. Today there are two temples in Germany.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

The Portneuf Pioneers of Pocatello, Idaho enjoyed presenter Libbie Lystrup who spoke on the life and works of Minerva Teichert, a famed pioneer artist. Minerva grew up living somewhere between Pocatello and American Falls likely in the area of Indian Springs, Idaho. As a teenager she became acquainted with a local cowboy named Herman Teichert and even though he wasn't a member of the Church she fell in love and married him. They lived in the Power County area for a few years and then bought a ranch in Cokeville, Wyoming where she lived the rest of her life. Her husband Herman joined the Church many years and served in the local Bishopric in Cokeville. She had been sent by the Brethren for art training in the East. She did most of her painting in a back room where



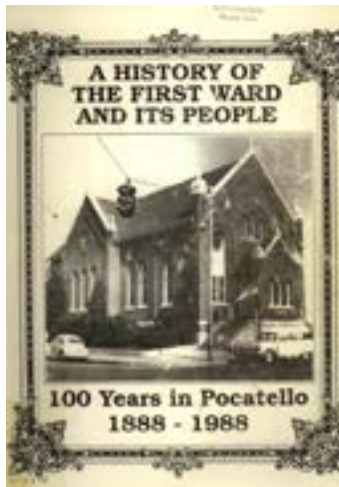
Libbie Lystrup

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she hung the paintings on a wall. She was mostly unknown and undiscovered until near the time of her death. The Church and BYU obtained all of her paintings. One painting was placed in the old original Pocatello First Ward building. It now hangs in the Pocatello Stake Center in the multi purpose room. A video recording of a Cokeville neighbor who had served as a model for Minerva was shown giving more of an insight into Minerva's characteristics. Libbie's husband Jim assisted with the presentation.



1st Ward History



Teichert Painting

RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah



New Officers Sworn In



(before)



cemetery cleanup (after)

At our February dinner meeting the Red Rocks Chapter presented our "Modern-day Pioneer Award" to Larry Smith of Kanab and a member of our chapter. Larry has been a member of the local chapter for around 14 years. When the chapter took on the project of cleaning up a pioneer cemetery in Johnson Canyon (14 miles east of Kanab) it was very much in need of attention (see photos). After the group originally cleaned out the weeds with shovel and weed whacker, Larry took over the leadership of a more clean project and almost singlehandedly brought the cemetery to a much more respectable condition (see photos). The chapter is very grateful to Larry for his leadership in this project and are happy to recognize him as a Modern-Day Pioneer.

The Executive Committee of the Red Rocks Chapter were recently sworn into office by Dave Isom (left) Area Vice President. Left to right: Ron Ford, monuments, Bob Gurr, pres-elect, Bob Woods, secretary, Marlin Brown, newsletter,

Russell Keller, past-pres., Randy Merrell, president, Larry Rhodes and Gerald Spencer, committee members. Photo courtesy Nancy Merrell.

January speakers Bob and Shirley Johnson served a mission in the California Los Angeles Mission and served in the Santa Monica Institute for Santa Monica Community College. Their first class had 17 non-members and 15 members in it. Bob talked about the challenge it was to teach to both members and non-members in an institute



Bob and Shirley Johnson

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setting. Bob told of how they would receive inspiration very quickly on how to teach and work with the kids.

Brother Johnson taught the 6 points of a Righteous Person and how many of us are righteous people but we do not think that we are. The six points of being a righteous person are: (1) Accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ, (2) Be Baptized, (3) Make Covenants, (4) Strive to keep those Covenants, (5) Repent, (6) Keep trying.

He also said that their Mission President taught that we need to invite everyone we meet and not wait. Brother Johnson told how missionary work is like a big magnet that we are pulling through the cities of the world to attract the House of Israel to the Gospel Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints.

Sister Shirley Johnson talked about how sacrifice is required in missionary work as exemplified in this story of Parley P. Pratt. Parley was deeply in debt and his wife Thankful was seriously ill which caused Parley to be hesitant about serving another mission. Heber C Kimball blessed Parley with specific promises: Thankful would be healed and would give birth to a son, their first after nine years of marriage, and Parley would fulfill a mission in Canada. Heber C Kimball said, "Go forth in the ministry, nothing doubting. Take no thoughts for our debts, nor the necessities of life for the Lord will supply you with abundant means for all things." These promises were fulfilled. Upon arriving in Toronto, one of the first people he came in contact with was Leonora Cannon who is a great great aunt of Shirley Johnson and the wife of John Taylor, who later became the third President of the Church. This story shows that through sacrifice many miracles are brought to pass that will bless many people through generations to come.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

January Meeting: William W. Tanner spoke January 9 about John Tanner who had three wives. His first two wives died following child birth. His third wife Elizabeth Beswick raised his children who were living at home. He had 21 children, 7 died in infancy, 16 were born before he and Elizabeth were introduced to the gospel by missionaries Jared and Simeon Carter in 1832. All but the three oldest children who were married at the time and had homes of their own, joined the Church when they were of age. In the Book published in 1942, John Tanner and his Family, there were listed 180 grandchildren and 845 great grandchildren.

In 1834, John Tanner of Lake George, New York, was a wealthy man with holdings of a hotel, several homes, two large farms, an orchard, dairy, sawmill, an island, and more than 2,200 acres of timber land, which when all were sold allowed him to eventually give over \$50,000 to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (\$50,000 in 1835 → \$1,460,079.55 in 2020).

In December of 1834 he, a recent convert to the church, was impressed through a dream or vision that he was needed in Kirtland, Ohio, therefore sold all his properties and left on Christmas morning with his numerous children (9) and several neighbors for the 500 mile journey, arriving on a Sunday, January 1835. He was just in time to loan the church \$2,000 to pay the mortgage on the temple. He also

loaned the temple committee thirteen thousand dollars, signed a note for thirty thousand dollars with the Prophet and others for goods purchased in New York, and made "liberal donations" toward the building of the temple. There is no evidence that any of these loans were repaid.

John Tanner suffered from a severe leg disease, which Doctor Black informed him that due to the canker if his leg was not amputated he would die. He thanked Dr. Black for his kindness, said no to the amputation, and to Dr. Black's protests said "...no, this leg and I came into this world together and together we shall leave it". Dr. Black protested again, to which John said "...I and my leg will be leaving." He had not put weight on the leg for six months, walking with crutches, and due to this visit decided he would go home, settle his affairs, do all the good that he could, and prepare for his demise.

At this time he encountered a pamphlet announcing a lecture by the missionaries on The Doctrine of Mormonism, and as a Baptist lay minister he thought he would attend to expose them, but after hearing out the missionaries, Simeon and Jared Carter, he asked if he could have a copy of the Book of Mormon to examine it further. For several days he compared it closely to the Bible, then was asked by the Elders if he would accept baptism, and he said he knew the

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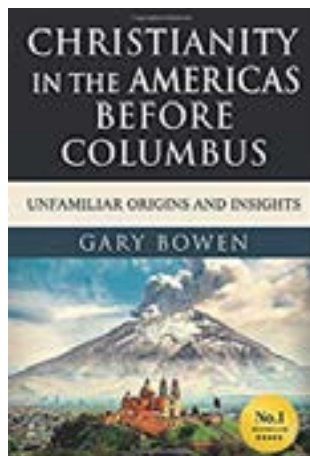
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importance of baptism, but could not because of his leg, to which Elder Carter asked if he believed that Christ had healed a crippled man by the Pool of Bethesda, and that his disciples, Peter and John, healed a man lame from his birth at the gates of the Temple. John Tanner said he did believe that, and was told that if the priesthood was again on the earth would it not follow that healings could once again be done, then was asked if he had faith to be healed, and said he did, so Elder Carter commanded him in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Melchizedek Priesthood to rise up and walk, which he did, discarded his crutches, was healed, and requested baptism that very evening, walked 1/4 mile to Lake George, and was baptized.

From that time on he gave his all, also what he gave up, one was alcohol, coffee, tea, and tobacco the moment he heard the word of wisdom, his wealth, some of his family died, all earthly possessions, time with the family to serve missions, and much more. He not only understood the law of consecration, but he lived it!



Gary Bowen



February Meeting: At the Salt Lake City chapter February 15 meeting Gary Bowen, a member of our chapter spoke to us about his newest book, *CHRISTIANITY In The AMERICAS BEFORE COLUMBUS: Unfamiliar Origins and Insights*.

Who was Fray ("Friar") Servando Teresa de Mier? What did he do and what did he write? Fray Mier was born in 1763 in Monterrey, Mexico, and died in 1827 as a guest in Mexico's Presidential Palace. He came to be the most popular man in Mexico. Two centuries later, Fray Mier is unknown even in his native Mexico. Why and how did this happen? The life

and writings of Fray Mier is a "Mier Paradox" described in *Christianity in The Americas Before Columbus: Unfamiliar Origins and Insights*. Dr. Mier's writings give unfamiliar origins and insights to the history of Mexico before and after Columbus.

Mier writing: "And, who does not know of the blasphemies of the incredulous against the Christian religion, whose divinity, they say, was testing them for sixteen centuries, up to crushing their bones, with its expansion into all the world by only twelve men, and with the universality of the Church; and in the end a New World was discovered where nothing was known of it? It is false. Throughout America, monuments and vestige evidences of Christianity were found, according to the unanimous testimony of the missionaries."

Upcoming: The March speaker will be Craig Anderson, President of the Twenty Wells Chapter, is the current president of the Twenty Wells Chapter in Grantsville, Utah. He will be speaking on what it was like in Utah in the summer of 1846. I (David Smith) call him the walking encyclopedia as he has a great interest in Utah history, a brilliant memory which is full of interesting and fascinating information about Indians, pioneers, and Utah history.

The Twenty Wells Chapter has a pioneer museum in Grantville. The 1800s saw thousands pick up roots and head west for a better life. Some sought fertile soil, hungered for gold, or craved a life free of persecution. In the fall of 1846 the renowned and ill-fated Donner-Reed Party was on its way to the fertile ground of California when it got bogged down while crossing Tooele County's Great Salt Lake Desert. To avoid perishing, and to save invaluable, thirst-craved oxen, the party began to toss personal belongings and leave wagons behind to lighten loads.

Many of those items have been recovered and are on display inside Grantsville's Donner-Reed Museum. The museum, built from an old pioneer schoolhouse, not only contains Donner-Reed artifacts, but also relics from local pioneers, Native Americans and others who called Tooele Valley home. Furthermore, relics from the Mormon Battalion that went to California and returned add to the mix with wagons, a cabin, old jail, and blacksmith shop from the early white settlers. Memorabilia from the life of former LDS apostle J. Reuben Clark, who grew up in Grantsville, is also housed there. For free guided tours, call (435) 884-3767 or Grantsville City Hall at (435) 884-3411.

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SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

Val Parrish, Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter president, invites you to the March 11, noon, luncheon meeting for the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Richard Turley, managing director of the Church Communications Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$25 per person. Parking is validated for the Joseph Smith Memorial Building parking lot.

Richard E. Turley Jr. currently serves as managing director of the Church Communications Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Previously, he served as managing director of the Church History Department, the Family History Department, and the Public Affairs Department. He has published numerous books and articles on Latter-day Saint and Western history, including most recently Joseph Smith, Teenage Prophet.



Richard E. Turley Jr.

SANPETE CHAPTER - Manti / Ephraim, Utah

A very special dinner and meeting was held at Snow College for the Sanpete SUP monthly meeting of February. After a very wonderful meal, catered by the college, Snow College President Dr. Bradley Cook and his wife Jen offered comments about their ancestors' lives and their "Visions of the Future" for Snow College. This was well received by all those present; and offered a glimpse into what is currently being considered as the college continues to grow.

The Pre-History of Utah: Archaeological evidence dates the earliest habitation of Native Americans in Utah to about 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. Paleolithic people lived near the Great Basin's swamps and marshes, which had an abundance of fish, birds, and small game animals. Big game, including bison, mammoths and ground sloths, also were attracted to these water sources. – Ron Snowden

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah

"THERE ARE PRINTERS AND THEN THERE ARE PRINTERS"

These are the exact words uttered by Dr. William Tanner as he explained the process and sometimes frustration that goes into gathering photos and art work, finding writers willing to research and submit their labors to the committee that oversees the printing and distribution of PIONEER the gorgeous and fulfilling magazine of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. When one becomes a member of Sons of Utah Pioneers, part of one's yearly dues goes to pay for this collector quality magazine. Dr. Tanner is head of the committee of writers, artists, photographers, layout and finally printing and distributors of this quarterly jewel. Nearly everyone who works on PIONEER does so as a service to the art they love and are professionals in their fields. It is truly a labor of love for those so involved, but with so many moving parts and permissions required, it can be a frustration that greatly tests the patience of this volunteer effort.

When Dr. Tanner said, "there are printers and then there are printers," he was paying the highest compliments to the Tooele Transcript Newspaper that has the final leg of the process, and always does a wonderful job of meeting deadlines so we can all have our copies of this endeavor. He couldn't say enough good about our local Tooele Transcript printers who produce a thick papered, glossy magazine that rivals any in the country. Most members said they read it from front to back and then file it away for future reading again when a question of Utah's history comes up.



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For example this last issue contains 68 pages of the beginnings of the magazine and how it evolved to the work of love, art and yes, frustration that goes into such a marvel that we all wait for every quarter.

Dr. Tanner tells of one issue that ended up being 9 months late in distribution. They had made the decision to make the magazine quite a bit larger so that the writers could sink their research and creative juices into a something of real substance. The only problem was that it became too large to be mailed out under the license and cost that had been the norm. But, working together with Bruce Dunn and the rest of the Tooele Transcript staff they found a way to meet the postman's demands by deeming it a supplement to the Tooele Transcript Newspaper. This very issue is the one that he is holding up in the photo taken during the last dinner/history meeting of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Settlement Canyon Chapter.

Dr. Tanner named some of the previous issues that really became a hit with the members. There have been past issues about Blacks in the Church, written by a University of Utah Historian and Instructor. Also, an entire issue was just about the scroll developed by CCA Christensen to teach the Indians and others about the gospel. They have put together

several issues working hand in hand with the Church History museum and the Tabernacle Choir on Temple Square, The Constitutional Convention history before Utah was given statehood, and the Colony Issue about the early pioneers sent out by Brigham Young to colonize the west have been a couple of the more successful issues. "The Heavens Were Opened" became such a collector's edition that many of that issue were hard bound. He generously presented a hardbound copy to Betty Lee who was closest in age and birth date to him that evening. "Women's Suffrage" and the leadership of Utah in that process is the present issue they are putting together now.

All in all it was a wonderful evening of good pot luck dishes to consume, followed by Dr. Tanner's presentation that was also wonderful to consume. If you have interests in history and the pioneers, you've got to join us the first Thursday of every month. You don't have to have a Utah Pioneer in your ancestry to join us. Pot Luck dinner starts at 6:30PM followed by quality presentations such as Dr. Tanner regaled us with.

Don't miss our March 5th dinner meeting. Ron L. Andersen who has researched and written several books about Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith will join us. He'll probably bring several copies of his books that you can purchase if so inclined.

SEVIER CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah

Those who made it to the January meeting had an enlightening evening learning about Pioneer Franklin Spencer, after whom we have a street named here in Richfield. It was interesting to hear from his descendent Carl Spencer about how Franklin came to Utah after being accused (falsely it appears) of causing a train wreck and the deaths of several Union Soldiers after the Civil War. Then as Bishop in Salina, and Stake President for many years in the Stake which covered much of South-central Utah. He was also as part of the group of Mormon settlers in Mexico.

Thanks to Carl Spencer and Dennis Larson for a great evening. It was a reminder to me of how we are blessed with the comforts we enjoy in our valleys today as a result of our Pioneer ancestors. The settlers and farmers had to do a lot of hard work to make reservoirs, canals and ditches to bring water to the land, clear away the sage brush, and grow their crops.

I remember my father telling how he helped with work



on the Koosharem Reservoir in the early 1900s using his team of horses and Fresno scrapper. I remember the Fresno in our back yard in Koosharem when I was a child.

Our February meeting will be in the LDS church in Central Valley where we will hear a short history of the Central Valley area by Dale Woolsey, then be entertained by him and some local youth. Be sure to invite your friends and come.

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TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Tom Taylor

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had another great Chapter Meeting in February. We had all of the officers of the chapter sworn in for another year. We had a great guest speaker-Tom Taylor-come and spoke to us. Tom is the founder and head coach of Pictures and Stories Inc. Tom and his wife, Allison, create family stories from information given to them by families. They compile it all and create a book for the family. Tom explained to us how important it is to write our personal histories and have them saved in book form for future generations.

Tom gave us some great thoughts to think about concerning our personal histories:



New officers

- If you don't write your life stories, who will? Will they get it right?
- Books are important
- Stories of your life is your greatest asset.
- Your life is interesting.

Everyone in attendance was truly filled with thought of preserving their life stories. That fact and we had another wonderful meal at Jim's Restaurant, made a great evening for all in attendance.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Jeff Barnes Modern Pioneer Award



New Chapter Officers



Speaker Steven L. Olsen

Institute Instructor Kent Haddock Speaker at February Dinner

Kent Haddock, an LDS Institute instructor as well as a professional photographer, was the featured speaker for the February dinner of the Temple Fork Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He now lives in Wellsville, with previous homes in Henderson, Nevada, Encino and Van Nuys,

California, Montpelier and Bloomington, Idaho, Garden City, Utah, and Grand Junction, Colorado.

His talk focused in three areas, first, a brief overview of the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith, especially on the prophet's claim that "the Church will fill the world", a prophesy that

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is now being fulfilled. He then reviewed the life of a close relative, William Matthews, who was converted with his wife to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England. In the process of their conversion, they each lost their families. They booked onto a ship from England to the United States in 1855, and his wife died of tuberculosis while on the ship. Their son, Samuel, while only 12 years old, drove a three oxen team with a wagon to Utah. William later married a midwife, Charlotte Smith, and moved to Montpelier, Idaho where he was called to be a Bishop, serving for many years. His son, Samuel, was later called to be a Patriarch in the Bear Lake Stake.

He then discussed his service in the Baptistry of the Logan Temple, commented especially on the great faith exhibited by the youth who come so early to participate in baptisms at the temple before returning to attend school.

Brother Haddock then provided a special poem, entitled "The Dash", by Linda Ellis. The following is the text of this most touching poem:

The Dash by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral
of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning . . . to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke
of the following date with tears, but he said what
mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent
alive on earth and now only those who love them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars . . .
the house . . . the cash. What matters is how we
live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things
you'd like to change? For you never know how much
time is left that can still be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation
more and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear
a smile . . . remembering that this special dash might
only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's
actions

to rehash . . . would you be proud of the things
they say about how you lived your dash?

TEMPLE QUARRY CHAPTER - Salt Lake County, Utah



Ron L. Andersen

The Temple Quarry Chapter's February 2020 dinner meeting featured Ron L. Andersen who served on the Young Men General Board for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2009-2015. His topic was the similarities between Joseph Smith's run for the Presidency of the United States compared to Abraham Lincoln.

Brother Andersen has studied these two men extensively and maintains a following of thousands of loyal Lincoln admirers through his Lincoln Leadership Society that which he founded in 2009. Defenders

of Religious Freedom is Andersen's fourth and recently released book on the monumental lasting influence of Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln.

He posed a question: Why did Joseph Smith run for President? Through a review of the Missouri persecutions and the redress petitions that the church made to the local, state and federal authorities, it became clear no political office at any level would provide justice for the Saints. So Joseph Smith decided to run for President himself in order to correct the legal barriers the situation.

When Joseph Smith went to Washington DC to petition redress from President Martin Van Buren, there was an actual legal barrier in the U.S. Constitution that prevented Federal intervention in state affairs. Unless a state's governor

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requested assistance, the Federal government could not legally take action to preserve the personal liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. That meant that states like Missouri could violate a citizen's rights and the Federal government could not do anything about it.

While there were other political considerations, there was a hint of "legal" truth when President Van Buren said "your cause is just but I can do nothing for you."

After all this, Joseph decided to run for President himself. In 1844, he published a 12-page pamphlet outlining his Presidential platform for the upcoming election. Among other things, it included abolishing slavery and ensuring that all personal freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution

were afforded all citizens despite the actions at the state level. The pamphlet was sent to every local, state, and federal official at the time.

As is well known, Joseph was martyred before the election was held. However, a very interesting fact is that President Lincoln's platform for his run for President was identical to the one outlined in Joseph Smith's pamphlet except for one or two items. This included abolishing slavery and guaranteeing personal liberties.

Sixteen years after Joseph's pamphlet was published, President Lincoln succeeded using it. The 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution abolished slavery and guaranteed the constitutional rights to all U.S. citizens despite a state's actions.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Allen Christensen



Tabitha's Way 1

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Twice a year the Timpanogos Chapter participates in gathering a donation from the members to contribute to Tabitha's Way, a local food pantry. Dennis Adamson is the chair of the chapter service project. Dennis announced that this evening our chapter members have filled his pickup with food and items to be donated to Tabitha's Way. A very successful project.

The guest speaker for the evening is one of our chapter members, Dr. Allen Christensen. Allen's presentation was entitled, "Pioneers, Native Americans and Jews."

"During my three years as a mission president, I read the Joseph Smith History in the Pearl of Great Price, 36 times, or every Fast Sunday. I also read many of the cross references. Fascinatingly, among the Scriptures quoted by Moroni to

Joseph Smith the night of September 21, 1823 was the entire 11th chapter of Isaiah. In that context, I find Isaiah 11:12 especially intriguing: "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." The title Israel rightly belongs to Joseph (1 Chronicles 5:1) and then, subsequently, was conferred upon Ephraim by Jacob (Genesis 48:17-20 and JST Genesis 48: 5-11).

I have been interested in people, their history, culture and legends. Those were topics frequently discussed in my parent's family. By the time I was five, I knew I wanted to see the world. Since boyhood, I have been fascinated with the founding accounts of the Church, especially the pioneering and Utah territorial periods including our relationships with Native Americans. Members of the Pawnee tribe helped the 7th Handcart Company ford the Loup River. The Loup was reportedly the most dangerous of all such river crossings due to the quicksand in its bottom. My Christensen forebears were a part of that company. My great-grandfather, Niels Christensen, was a 12-year-old when they forded the Loup.

Ultimately, a mature Niels Christensen raised horses as a part of his farming operation. He had a two-year old horse that had not thrived. A Native American came looking for a horse. My great-grandfather told him about this one. They went to the bottom lands to see the horse. The Ute liked what

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he saw. In after years, my dad remembered the price paid for the horse was a pair of buckskin gloves, two buckskin blankets, two raw hides, a buffalo robe and two dollars in silver.

I have a 6th great-grandmother, who was a full-blood member of the Iroquois Confederacy, probably a Mohawk. Her Native American name was Josnorum Scoenonti, her English name was Running Deer. Today she has many descendants who are Latter-day Saints including some who have been General Authorities. Notable among them is the late A. Theodore Tuttle of the Seventy.

My years at the University of California, Davis, became a time when I began developing some close friendships with Jewish people and acquiring a deep interest in them. I home taught Lt. Col. Louis Besbeck and his wife. She was a Latter-day Saint. He was a Jew. In those two years, not once did I hear of his experiences. As a young commissioned officer, he had been part of the Bataan Death March. He did not breathe a word about that. Until I met Lt. Benigno at Mt Samat in Bataan, Philippines and read the horrific suffering of the Martin Handcart Company written by my great grandfather, Langley Allgood Bailey, I did not understand why. Langley wrote that when the rescuers arrived "that night someone stole and ate the leather straps from the saddles, for hunger is a mild name."

Nineteen died that night. Graves were dug in the snow. Wolves came and tore up the dead bodies. The next morning he saw a young lady of about 16 walking in the snow leaving blood prints of her heels and toes. On leaving that morning he saw his brother, John, attempting to drive the wolves away from the bodies he had helped bury. John had to run for his life. Then Langley wrote: "I refrain from writing about the suffering of these folks. It can never be told." (Journal of Langley Allgood Bailey, edited by Allen C. Christensen, p.8)

Lt. Benigno described his wounds and capture, of his escape through the jungle and making his way across the open sea to Cebu in a Banka boat, a motorized canoe, where he spent the remainder of the war as a guerrilla. I attempted

to question Lt. Benigno. He said, "I cannot talk about that. Let me just say that because of what happened here and on Corregidor, it has made it difficult to forgive the Japanese." (Journal of Allen C. Christensen, XIX:121-122.)

We had five LDS Placement Students who lived with us a combined total of 15 school years. The four daughters are Navajo; the son's stepfather is a Hualapai. Our only daughter, who was a volunteer for LDS Social Services in St. Louis, Missouri, has never been able to have children of her own. While we were serving in New Zealand, she and her husband went to China and adopted a daughter. In reflection, she said that the experience of having four Navajo sisters in our home taught her that she could come to love deeply an individual of another culture.

In 2009, I became involved in an agricultural development effort with the Navajo and Hopi people. It involved intensive gardening and reclaiming badly eroded soils. I visited with a number of people who had been participants in the LDS Indian Placement Program. Few of those on the reservation had remained active in the Church, yet all were pleased with the placement experience and were seemingly much better off, physically and financially, than had been their parents. Progress is somewhat generational.

In conclusion, I rhetorically pose these questions: What would our lives be like had not Nephi, Jacob and others recorded in detail these experiences and scriptural insights? What special thoughts and insights may our grandchildren miss if we do not write and preserve our personal record and the record of those from whom we have come?

Your officers have asked that we make the preservation of personal and pioneer histories a priority for our service. I hear some silent questioning of ability to do that. I refer you to 1 Nephi 19 and ask, "Which account of the exodus or flight from Jerusalem and the subsequent adventures of Lehi's family do you think is probably the best written—Nephi's first or second effort?" You will discover, as you become involved in this effort that your mortal trek has also been enriched and your abilities have increased." Allen ended his presentation with a strong testimony.

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



New Officers

The monthly program on Thursday, February 20th, was very successful with seventy-three attendees. After the welcome, F. Martell Grover, Area Vice-President, swore in the new officers for 2020: Steve Parkinson, President; Doug Conway, President Elect; Doug Ladle, Past President and Secretary; and Ron Gibb, Treasurer.

The musical number was provided by Steve Thomas and his daughter, Clara. They performed a piano/violin number entitled, "Thais" by Jules Massnet. Clara is a sophomore at Madison High School and has already received several awards in her young-music career. Steve is a professor of music at BYU-Idaho and the Assistant Dean of the College of Performing Arts.

The short historical presentation was made by Louis Clements on "Rexburg in the days of the Spori Sisters—1890's." Elizabeth Spori Stowell and Annie Spori Kerr, were the daughters of Jacob Spori, founder of the Ricks Academy—now BYU-Idaho. Their memories were captured in an oral interview that Louis summarized. Libby was born in the tithing building where grain was stored. Annie remembers drawing water from a well that had two buckets on opposite ends of the rope so one was up when the other was down the well. She also remembered dancing above the Flamm Company store.

The speaker for the evening was Bill Conway, long-time member of the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The theme of his life has been, "So many interesting things to do—so little time to do them!"

In his presentation, he recounted the many avenues of interest he has pursued during his lifetime. A list of his "licenses" show this fascination: Aircraft Power and Mechanics license, Pilot's license, Ship's Captain license, a Ham Radio license (where he learned Morse Code and had to send and receive thirteen words-per-minute), and most importantly, a Marriage license—to Barbara. They have five children and Doug Conway, his oldest, is a new officer in the chapter.



Bill Conway

During his career, he taught English in American Samoa for three and a half years, then at the College of Hawaii (now BYU-Hawaii), and eventually fulfilled a long-term career at Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho.) He was a consultant in technical writing and many trips to Alaska in this capacity. One year he lived for six weeks at Perdu Bay by the Artic Ocean during the summer season.

He authored the first program for Teaching English as a Second Language. This program was recently recognized fifty years later at BYU as the largest program of its kind in the United States.

His hobbies are centered around building things: i.e. sail boats, airplanes, violins, and small engines. He enjoys painting in acrylics and has painted between 30-35 pictures. He has sailed extensively around the Northwest, Hawaii, and Samoa. He has published a book on Technical Writing and fulfilled a church mission with Barbara to Mongolia. He and Barbara have many nail-biting stories of sailing adventures on stormy seas, travels to sixty-eight state parks in Idaho, and avoiding arrest at the Russian border while serving as a missionary in Mongolia.

It's easy to recognize Bill as a Jack-of-all-trades—and Master-of-all-of-them! He represents the Pioneer Spirit of forging ahead into new adventures and creating items of great quality and utility that make life rich and productive.

YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT!

The following are the Election procedures as approved by the National Board in 2017!
Read carefully and Nominate someone between April 1 and April 30, 2020!

ARTICLE 8 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 8.1 National Nominating Committee: Nominees for the position of National President-elect shall be selected by a committee comprised of three (3) members selected from the Past National Presidents Council, three (3) members of the National Executive Council, one (1) current Area Vice President, and the Immediate Past National President, who will serve as the chairman of this Committee, but will vote only in the case of a tie vote. The chairman shall determine the time and place for the meetings of the Committee and shall give notice of such meetings in a timely fashion. The Committee shall consider all candidates nominated for National President-elect by any current active member of the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and shall select two candidates who meet the requirements for the office of National President-elect as described in Section 8.2, and are deemed most qualified. If a nominee shall withdraw before the National Encampment, the Committee shall nominate another candidate.

Section 8.2 Requirements of Office for National President-elect: A candidate for the office of National President-elect must have served for one year in at least one of these offices: Area Vice President, a National Program Director, or Chapter President. He must be an active member of a chapter, be current in the payment of his dues, and must give written consent to his nomination stating that he will be able to discharge the duties of his office.

Section 8.3 Nominations for the office of National President-elect may be submitted by any active member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Self-nominations are also welcome. No later than April 1st of each year an announcement will be transmitted to every member that nominations are open and encouraged. Acceptance by a nominee must be confirmed and validated by completion of an acceptance form and submitted to National by April 30. A copy of the nominee's personal summary and a written statement of the nominee's interest in serving as National President-elect, neither of which shall exceed one type written page, is necessary to complete the nomination process.

Section 8.4 No later than May 15th the National Nominating Committee shall meet and, through personal interview and review of nominee documents, select the two nominees to be the finalist candidates in the Society's general election. The finalist candidates' personal summary shall be made available through the Trail Marker and communication to all chapter presidents and members, according to current election policy.

Section 8.5 The general election will take place during the month of August. No later than August 1st an official ballot and the personal summary for each of the two candidates shall be mailed to every active SUP member of record. Voting will occur by returning the official ballot to the SUP Headquarters, postmarked by August 31st.

Section 8.6 No later than September 10th, all votes shall be tabulated. The two candidates will be notified of the results at the discretion of the Nominating Committee. Public announcement of the election results and swearing in of all new National executive officers will be held at the National Encampment. The term of office for the Elected Members of the National Executive Council will begin and end with the National Encampment each September.

The following is required to place anyone in nomination for National President Elect for 2020:

- Name and Chapter of Member making nomination.
- Name and Chapter of Nominee
- Nominee's personal summary (not to exceed one page).
- Nominee's Statement of why interested in serving.
- Nominee's signed & Dated permission agreement.

Please mail or deliver this form to:

**Tony Tidwell-2020 Nominating Committee Chairman
National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 East Louise Ave
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109**

No later than April 30, 2020!

National President-elect NOMINATION PERMISSION FORM 2020

I _____ consent to become a candidate for the office of President-Elect of National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

I _____ commit that I will serve the entirety of my terms, including President-Elect, President, and Past- President; encompassing 3 years. My desire will be to enhance the program of Sons of Utah Pioneers and to support SUP Policies and Officers.

I give my permission to have my name published as a candidate and in such manner as are necessary in becoming a candidate. This of course will include not only ballots but other items which may be necessary.

Signed _____ Date _____



NATIONAL SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS TREK

2020 VISION

JULY 10 – 18, 2020
9 Day Tour



It is the 200th anniversary of the First Vision and the last year of the Hill Cumorah Pageant. It is the right year to make this important pilgrimage.

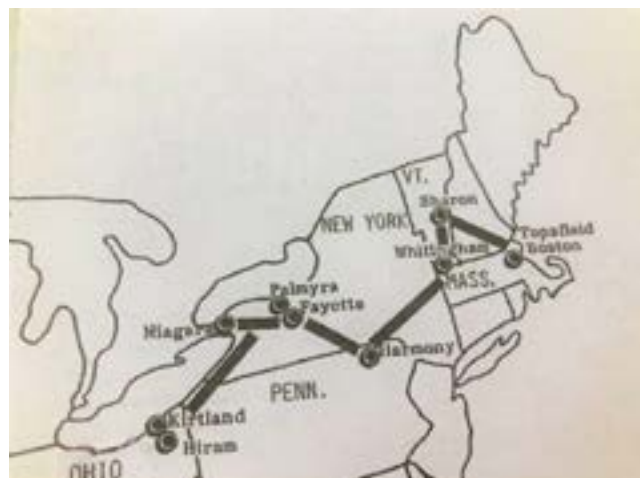
TOUR STOPS INCLUDE:

- *BOSTON & TOPSFIELD – ancestral home of the Smith family in the new world
- *REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITES – preparation for restoration of Christ’s Church
- *SHARON VERMONT – birthplace of the Prophet two days before Christmas 1805
- *WHITINGHAM VERMONT – birthplace of Brigham Young in 1801
- *HARMONY PENNSYLVANIA – Recently restored site of the Priesthood Restoration ...and first home of Joseph Smith and wife Emma Hale
- *FAYETTE NEW YORK – Book of Mormon completed, Church is organized in 1830
- *PORT BYRON NEW YORK – Brigham’s first home with wife Miriam Works
- *PALMYRA – Joseph’s boyhood home, sacred grove, and Hill Cumorah Pageant
- *MENDON NEW YORK – Samuel Smith encounters Young and Kimball families
- *NIAGARA FALLS – Worldwide attraction also visited by the early saints
- *HIRAM OHIO – John Johnson Farm, scene of many visions and revelations in D&C
- *KIRTLAND OHIO – The Church’s first temple, restoration of the sealing power

FLY into Boston and home from Cleveland



TOUR COST: TBA
SPACE IS LIMITED to reserve your seat
CALL Pat at SUP: 801-484-4441



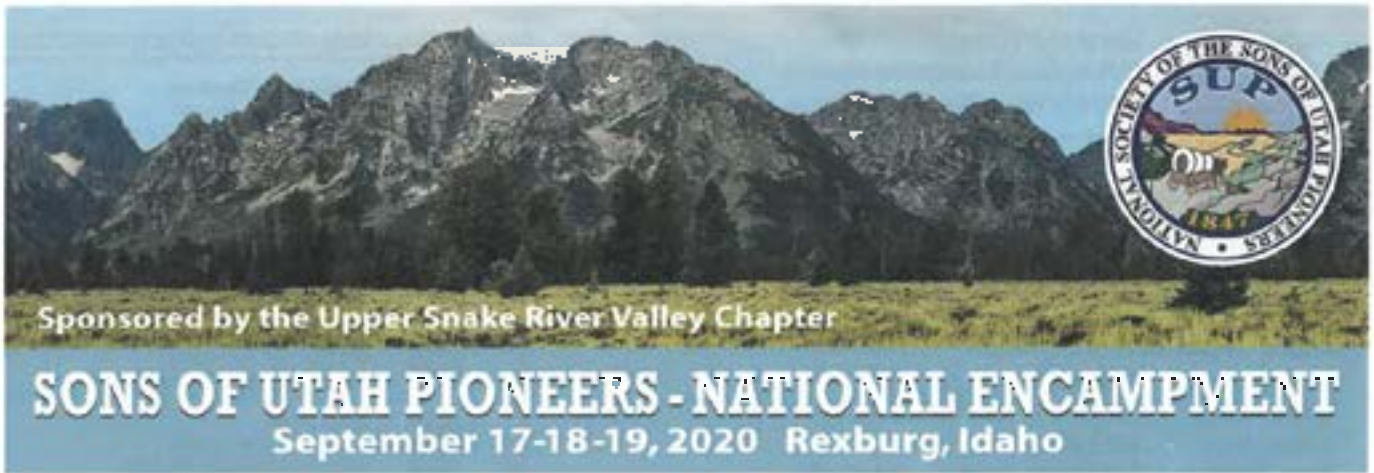
SUPer DUPER Day July 20, 2020



This is the Place Heritage Park

REDUCED ENTRANCE FEE
Noon to 6pm
Devotional at 6:30pm





Sponsored by the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS - NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

September 17-18-19, 2020 Rexburg, Idaho



TOUR #1
 Leaving Rexburg—Visit the Fort Hill Replica in Pocatello. Also the Bannock County Historical Society Museum, the Museum of Eden, and the original ECMI building including Kirkham's Old Car Collection and Shoshone Bannock Tribal Museum. Hosted by Portneuf Chapter—Full day tour



TOUR #2
 Leaving Rexburg—Visit Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot. Also tour Spudnik Equipment Manufacturing Company which makes potato diggers, planters and harvesters for world-wide use. Hosted by Grove City Chapter—Full day tour



TOUR #3
 Leaving Rexburg—Hosted tour of the INEL Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls. Government site features research and development of nuclear energy technologies, and support of National Defense and Homeland Security. Also visit the first nuclear plant to produce energy. Hosted by Eagle Rock Chapter—Full day tour



TOUR #4
 Leaving Rexburg—Travel to Heniman State Park, Upper/Lower Mesa Falls, Johnny Sack's historic cabin by Big Springs. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Full day tour



TOUR #5
 Leaving Rexburg—Tour of the Idahoan Potato Processing Plant in Lewisville, Idaho. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



TOUR #6
 Tour Rexburg's Legacy Flight Museum, the Museum of Rexburg (history of 1976 Teton Dam Flood), Rexburg Historical LDS Tabernacle walking tour, Romance Theater restoration project, and Rexburg's own Florence's Exquisite Chocolates. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



TOUR #7
 Escorted tour of the Brigham Young University Campus and many of its buildings. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour

Full-day Treks (tours) are from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm—Transportation by highway bus is included.

Half-day Treks (tours) are from 8:30 am until Noon, and from 1:30 until 5:00 pm—Transportation by van is included.



**Sons of Utah Pioneers
2020 National Encampment Schedule
Hosted by Upper River Valley Chapter**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2:30-5:30pm Registration - Rexburg South Stake Center / 5200 S 2041 W
5:30pm Welcome Program
6:15pm Banner Program / Musical Presentation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Registration
8:30am-5:00pm Full Day Trek - Tours 1, 2, 3 or 4
8:30am-Noon Half Day Trek - Tours 5, 6 or 7
Noon-1:30pm Half Day Trek - Lunches at Stake Center
1:30-5:00pm Half Day Trek - Tours 5, 6 or 7
6:00pm Dinner Program / Musical Presentation

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00am-11:00am Registration
8:00am-9:00pm National Board Breakfast
9:30am-11:30am National Business Meeting (cultural hall)
9:30am-11:30am Spouses Meeting (chapel)
Noon-2:15pm President's Banquet Luncheon Program
Keynote Speaker Presentation

REXBURG AREA LODGING AND ACCOMMODATIONS



AMERICINN by Wyndham
208-356-5333 — 54 rooms
Just off US20, Exit 332, first right



HAMPTON INN by Marriott
208-497-0472 — 56 rooms
Just off US20, Exit 332, second right



SPRING HILL SUITES by Marriott
208-527-9065 — 80 rooms
Just off US20, Exit 332, second right



MOTEL 6
208-532-7201 — 42 rooms
Just off US20, Exit 332, right, then left



QUALITY INN
208-459-1311 — 50 rooms
Just off US20, Exit 334, first right



SUPER 8 MOTEL
208-881-9772 — 41 rooms
Just off US 20, Exit 332, first right



SHEFFIELD RV and Camping
208-356-4182 — 5362 S Hwy 191
Hwy 10, past IAP 125, Left off Station to right



THOMPSON'S RV Park
208-356-6120 — 4443 S Hwy 191
4 mi. south on Hwy 191



WAXSTONE LAKE RV Park
208-356-3581 — 2744 S 2000 W Hwy 30, ex 1347
West of Hwy 10, turn right Hwy 30, left onto 17th street

Registration Form—September 2020 SUP Encampment

Registration and payment:

- Register by credit card online: www.sup1847.com
- Pay with credit card by phone - Call National Office
- Mail registration with payment to: Ken Hart, 367 Salem Avenue, Rexburg, ID 83440

For more information:

F. Marshall Grover / 208-351-5035
Doug Ladle / 208-419-2376

Participant Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____
Phone () _____ Email _____ SUP Chapter _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Encampment (Convention) Choices—Prices are per person:

Discount Registration (before Sept. 1)	\$110	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Registration (after Sept. 1)	\$135	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Thursday only (Sept. 17) Registration	\$45	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Friday only (Sept. 18) Registration	\$45	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Saturday only (Sept. 19) Registration	\$45	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____

Trek (tour) Selection:

Tour #1—Fort Hall Replicas / in highway bus	\$60	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #2—Potato Museum, Spudnik / in highway bus	\$60	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #3—Idaho National Laboratory / in highway bus	\$60	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #4—Hairmen State Park / in highway bus	\$50	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #5—Idahoan Potato Plant / in vans	\$20	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #6—Legacy Flight Museum / in vans	\$20	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Tour #7—BYU-Idaho Campus Tour / in vans	\$20	Member \$ _____	Spouse/Guest \$ _____	Total \$ _____

Friday Lunch/Sandwich Choices (Circle one for each person):

Member: Roast Beef Turkey Ham Veg Spouse/Guest: Roast Beef Turkey Ham Veg

LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Board, at their final meeting of the year on December 13, 2016, gave final approval by unanimous vote for the creation of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society. The Legacy Society of the SUP is a planned giving recognition Society for members and friends who intend to make a bequest from their estate, trust or will to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon the donor's passing and fulfillment of the bequest the SUP agrees to use it according to the wishes of the donor or as needed by the SUP. By creation of the Legacy Society the SUP provides the process by which such bequests can be made. The form defining this new option is provided here for your information and consideration.



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Statement of Pledged Bequest for _____, Donor Benefitting The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Name _____, Donor

Address _____

This form confirms my expressed intent to make a bequest from my estate to augment *The Legacy Fund* for The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by signing this statement of pledged bequest I have qualified to be a member in the *Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society*, which is the planned giving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of my bequest arrangement as they stand to date:

_____ (Donor) Bequest Commitment: \$ _____ (approximate value)

or _____ % of his estate

- Upon fulfillment of the bequest, the Sons of Utah Pioneers agrees to utilize the gift to augment *The Legacy Fund* for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- The SUP agrees to use the Legacy Fund in facility maintenance and improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications, or other SUP approved projects and programs.

LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENTS

Should the bequest be made at or above the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 the donor may choose to establish The (Name) _____ SUP Legacy Endowment.

LEGACY SOCIETY CONTINUED...

- In support of the SUP's greatest needs the SUP agrees to make annual distributions either from the interest generated from the endowment or until the fund is exhausted.
- The SUP agrees to use the name of this endowment when reasonably possible in facility maintenance or improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications or other SUP approved projects or programs.
- Good faith effort will be made to clear any press releases with each other (Donor and SUP) prior to any such media releases.
- The SUP is hereby authorized to comingle this gift, and any additions thereto, with the consolidated Investment funds of the SUP, provided that this fund be credited with its pro-rata share of net investment income in the same manner as other consolidated funds are credited with income.
- Should inadequate investment returns from the endowment fund necessitate invasion of the corpus of the fund, the SUP reserves the right to do so.
- If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the income from this endowment shall not be needed for the purposes set forth above, then the SUP is authorized to use the endowment for such purposes as similar as possible to the original intent and which will serve to honor, in an appropriate way, the generosity of the donor.
- Should any of the above be violated by either party, or should it be mutually deemed appropriate, the name of the endowment fund may be changed.

JOINT UNDERSTANDING

While it is the SUP expectations and the donor's intention that this pledged bequest be fulfilled, should unforeseen circumstances require cancellation or modification of these terms, the donor may do so in writing to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

SIGNED:

Name of Donor

Date _____

Acknowledged:

President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Date

ACKNOWLEDGED:

Corporate Secretary

Date

*The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 East 2920 South Louise Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84109*

Do Something Monumental!



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

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

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

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



IRA Charitable Rollovers Are Extended Permanently

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

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

- ✓ To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to the SUP
- ✓ Gifts made from your IRA (up to the \$100,00 annual calendar year limit) are not reportable as taxable income
- ✓ The gift cannot be used for any income producing Planned Gifts
- ✓ The gift will qualify toward your Required Minimum Distribution Obligation

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



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for **2019** Year Due February 15, 2020

Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2019 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

1. PIONEER VALUES EXCELLENCE

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ALL** of the following activities:
 - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
 - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council February 23, 2019.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council will attend the 2019 Fall Training in October or November.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and eight or more Chapter Board Meetings during the year.
(may not conflict with National Events)
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually.
(may include National Events)

3. COMMUNICATION EXCELLENCE

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby. news media for publication. The submission does NOT need to be published to qualify.
- Chapter or chapter members gave _____ Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscriptions during the year. The goal based on chapter membership is _____. (See scale)

2019 Gift Subscription Scale:

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions
20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
30-39 Members	4 Gift Subscriptions	90-99 Members	10 Gift Subscriptions
40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	11 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
 - Clean, repair or improve two existing monuments or markers.
 - Maintain or restore one Pioneer-era structure that is available for public view.
 - Organize Members to accomplish a specific project in SUP Library in cooperation with Library Directors.
 - Other Historical Preservation Projects with written permission from the National Executive Council.

Chapter _____ Signed By _____

Revised: October 2018

2019 Chapter President



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

National **CHAPTER RECOGNITION** Awards

Report Form for 2019 Year Due February 15, 2020

Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 31, 2019 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

- Chapters will accomplish **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
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 - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

- Chapters will accomplish **BOTH** of the following criteria:
 - Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council February 23, 2019.
 - Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council will attend the 2019 Fall Training in October or November.
- Chapters will accomplish **TWO** of the following criteria:
 - Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
 - Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.
(may include National Events, and may not conflict with National Events)
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(may include National Events)

3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

- Chapters will accomplish any **THREE** of the following criteria:
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Chapter _____ Signed By _____

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

3301 East Louise Ave, SLC Utah 84109

NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

I authorize and request NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS to initiate debit entries to my account, by and through AUTOMATED PAYMENT SYSTEMS, hereinafter called APS, and to debit the same to such account as indicated below at the depository financial institution indicated below. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until APS has received written notification from me of it's termination in such time and manner as to afford APS and depository financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Member Name: _____, Member Number: _____, Chapter: _____

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner if different from Member: _____

Bank or Institution Name: _____

Bank or Institution City, State: _____

Account Type: Checking Savings Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX)

Bank Routing Number: _____

Bank Account / Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Expiration Date: ____/____/____, Credit Card Billing Zip Code: _____

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____.

Payment Amount: \$25.00 \$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 Other Amount: \$ _____

Payment will be Monthly unless otherwise indicated here: _____

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK / CREDIT CARD IMPRINT
HERE**