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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of May brings with it the beauty of young animals, flowers on the fruit trees and the flowering plants that are pleasing to our sight. Prior to the first day of May we had the opportunity to prune the trees and clean up the winter debris around our National Office. I thank you all for the hard work done to make our facility ready for the National Symposium. The preparation included the return of the Bear Flag from being restored and again taking its prominent place in the entrance foyer of the National Office. We thank the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter and others that contributed to the restoration of the Bear Flag. The Brigham Young family grandfathers' clock has again taken its place in the library after the case was restored to its old glory and the clock mechanism was repaired.

The work was a precursor to the National Symposium that was held at the Canyon Rim Stake Center and the National Office. During this activity we learned of the trials and blessings of Zion's Camp. Zion's Camp was commissioned by the Lord to redeem Zion in the Missouri region, and later disbanded and by revelation told that the redemption of Zion would have to wait. We learned that the redemption of Zion is still going forward, and we are all a part of the redemption and that temples are a part of the redemption.

Brother Glenn Rawson was the evening keynote speaker, he spoke about Elijah and how The Sons of the Utah Pioneers are part of the fulfillment of the prophecies of Elijah of turning the hearts of the children to the hearts of their fathers. He then told us stories of individuals who served in Zion's Camp. The stories were about common activities by common people but are of great interest to those of us that followed them. He encouraged us to record our common experiences, sometime in the future these stories that we record will be of significant importance to those who follow us, just as the stories that were told by Brother Rawson are of interest to us.

I challenge you this month to do as Brother Rawson requested, to record your common experiences.

John Clayton
2023 National President

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DAYS OF '47

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



MONDAY
17
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY

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



SATURDAY
19
AUGUST

Brigham's
BALL


FAMILY SOCIAL
AT NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS



7-9
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE DIXIE ENCAMPMENT, COTTON MISSION &
HURRICAN VALLEY CHAPTERS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND



NATIONAL NEWS

RESTORED



A special Thanks to Martell Grover and Brad Clayton for restoring the Grandfather Clock owned by Fanny Young Clayton to its former glory. Come see it in the SUP National Library!

2023 NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



The 2023 National Symposium was exceptional. The speakers were outstanding. The Dinner was delicious! Our thanks to Meier's Catering! The Keynote Speaker was very enjoyable! Thanks to all who participated!



CLEAN UP DAY



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



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ORSON SPENCER: TO BE LEARNED IS GOOD

If They Harken Unto The Counsels of God

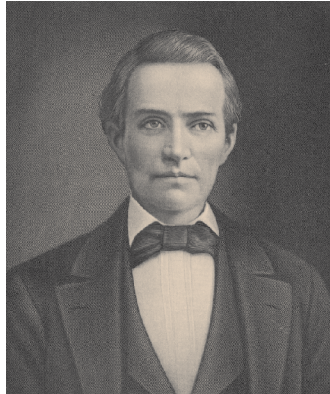
In 1850, only three years after the pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley, President Brigham Young named 48 year-old Orson Spencer as the first Chancellor of the University of Deseret, the institution that later became what is now known as the University of Utah. But who was Orson Spencer and why was he appointed to such a prominent position?

Born in 1802, Orson was one of the most educated early members of the Church Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was a man of great academic achievement, high competence, deep devotion and great sacrifice to the Church and the cause of Christ.

As a youth, Orson grew up in Massachusetts and he loved sports. At age 14, Orson caught typhus fever and battled the sickness for nine months. For two weeks it was thought he would not survive. His sickness caused a fever in his leg and as a result he limped the rest of his life. He was a boy of delicate health but he had a brilliant mind. Orson attended upper level schools, graduating with high honors. For a time, he studied law and taught Astronomy, Hebrew, Philosophy and Mathematics.

When Orson was 27, he married Catherine Curtis, age 19. He earned a living as a Baptist minister until his brother, Daniel, shared the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ with him. Orson and Catherine were soon baptized, along with his brother, Hyrum. The three brothers and their families gathered with the Saints in Nauvoo where Orson ran a store, taught school and was even elected mayor of Nauvoo in 1845. He formed a close friendship with the Prophet Joseph Smith, which became a blessing to him all of his life. Orson was asked to write letters to U.S. President Polk and Governor Thomas Ford, telling of the persecutions the Saints were facing.

After the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Orson and his brothers followed the leadership of President Brigham Young and headed west. But in freezing cold weather, his sick wife Catherine passed away at age 35. Orson turned back 30 miles to bury Catherine in Nauvoo, next to their



Orson Spencer

baby Chloe who had died 6 months earlier. Orson was left with 6 motherless children, all under the age of 13.

Brigham Young called Orson to preside over the European Mission. Orson built his children a cabin, tearfully hugged each child and then set out for England. Kind relatives checked on his six children who kept house, herded the cattle, made their own clothes and fended for themselves. Food was scarce, so the children ate lots of cornmeal. Wilford Woodruff learned of the children's situation,

admired their sacrifices, and brought them flour and pork. The first winter was the hardest. The children came down with the measles. Letters from their Dad arrived from England, but the money he sent never made it. Brigham asked Orson's children if they would be okay with their Dad being gone another year. Ellen, the eldest at age 15, said, "If it is thought best, we would like it so, for we want to do it for the best." The others agreed.

In 1848, during his 2 year mission in England, Orson wrote a series of letters, sharing gospel principles with a Reverend Crowel, which he later published under the title of "Spencer's Letters". A copy of the letters was put in the Salt Lake Temple Time Capsule in 1892 and opened 128 years later, in 2020.

Following Orson's release from his mission, he returned to his family in Utah. That is when Orson was named Chancellor of The University of Deseret, or what is now The University of Utah. He had 40 pupils. Two years later, in 1852, Orson was called again to preside in Europe. He also served a mission to Cincinnati, and was sent to preach the gospel to the Cherokee Nation, where sadly he became very ill. He returned to Saint Louis, and died there on October 15, 1855 at age 53. His remains were brought in a covered wagon by a family to the Salt Lake Cemetery.

True to the faith to the end of his days, Orson Spencer's life is a witness to the truth of the words of Nephi who said, "To be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God." (2 Nephi 9:29)

Monument Trek

Fort Lemhi



The Salmon River Mission - UPTLA Site #116

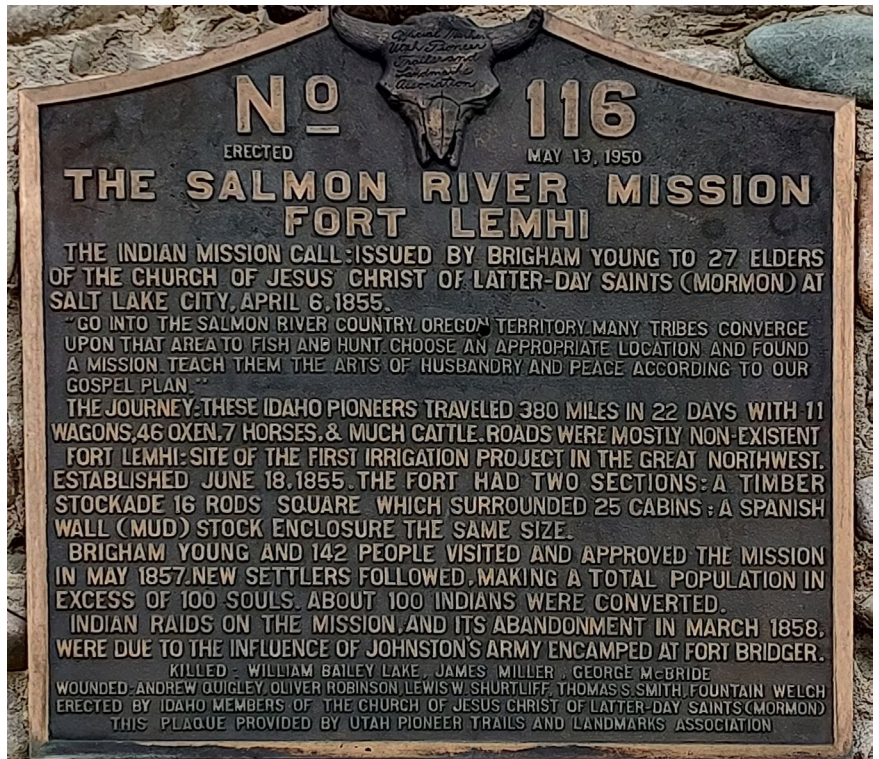
On April 6, 1855, Brigham Young called 27 elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to establish the Indian Mission in the Salmon River Country, Oregon Territory (now Tendoy, Lemhi County, Idaho). The purpose of their call was to “found a mission” and teach the Native Americans “the arts of husbandry and peace according to our gospel plan.”

Those called traveled 380 miles in 22 days with 11 wagons, 46 oxen, 7 horses and “much” cattle over non-existent roads. They established Fort Lemhi in June of that same year. Brigham Young and 142 people visited the mission two years later in May 1857. During its existence, Fort Lemhi had a population of more than 100 souls and about 100 Native Americans were converted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Due to the influence of Johnston’s Army encamped at Fort Bridger and raids by Native Americans, the fort was abandoned in March of 1858.

The site is located at Tendoy, Idaho. From Idaho Highway 28 turn east on Agency Creek Road (a/k/a Tendoy Lane) and travel a short distance to the old highway 28 and turn left (north) to Fort Lemhi on east side of the road. (1.8 miles in all from the turnoff). Climb on footpath to top of hill in cemetery. Access is available on private property and by permission only. The ranch manager is John McDaniel (541-823-3018).

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Compiled by Roland Lee

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Million Dollar Courthouse

For April, the Boulder Dam Chapter decided to visit Lincoln County, Nevada and explore some of its colorful history. Along the way, we stopped to visit Ryan Henge about 30 miles south of Alamo, Nevada. In 2017, Ryan Williams completed a life-size Stone Henge, a solar calendar, a large sundial, a chessboard, and a maze. There were vintage train cars to be viewed as well as some different animals, such as a camel. We then traveled through Alamo and Caliente, NV and stopped for lunch in Pioche, NV. We learned some interesting facts about the towns we passed through. Alamo was known for its prime range for feeding mostly stolen horses in the late 1800's. Caliente was a major train stop for the Union Pacific for

many years. The Spanish style train depot was being renovated at the time of our trek. For most of the history of Lincoln County, mining was the leading industry for many years. The early mining days in Pioche were notorious which led to many shootings. It's said that "Boot Hill" had 72 shooting deaths graves before someone died from natural causes. After lunch at the historic Silver Café in Pioche, NV, we journeyed to the Lincoln County Museum, the \$1,000,00 Lincoln County Court House, and Boot Hill Cemetery. On the way back, we made a visit to the Cathedral Gorge National Park where buff-colored cliffs and canyons can be viewed. A long day, but a great adventure into a colorful past of the state of Nevada.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Box Elder Trek

Members of the Box Elder Chapter joined together for a Monday morning trek to the Brigham City airport. That may not sound exciting, but we visited the hanger operated by Ultimate Aviation where we were hosted by Norman Wright, an electronics engineer turned antique aircraft restoration expert. The depth of his technical and aviation history knowledge is remarkable. Among other things, he has become one of the foremost restorers of DeHavilland aircraft from the WWII era. One of the aircraft we

saw undergoing maintenance was a British DeHavilland Vampire with a Goblin engine, first flown in 1943. A Vampire was the first jet to take off from an aircraft carrier and had many other firsts. The aircraft in the photo inside the hanger (there were about six aircraft inside the hanger and others outside) was built in 1958 and is still flown in airshows and races today. Mr. Wright's summary comment about the work his company is involved in was, "These aircraft were designed to fly, not sit in a museum."

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Professor Robert Freeman

Many years ago, Professor Robert Freeman gave a short introduction about members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who served in the military. At the conclusion of Bob's remarks, a veteran rose saying, "Everything I have in my spiritual vitality I attribute to that time." That statement from an anonymous soldier motivated Bob to find and document stories that created such transformations. Professor Freeman showed us pictures of saints meeting in the theatres of war and on ships ready to storm beaches. One

pilot named his plane, the Mormon Mustang, another chaplain named his jeep, Mahonri Moriancumer. Bob is collecting stories from all soldiers representing all countries. Enzo Busche was drafted by the German Army as a 14 year old near the end of WW II. He said he was barely trained and very grateful to be captured. The Americans released him when he promised to go home and never again take up arms. Kenneth Burnett was an American aviator, shot down over occupied territory

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and cared for at great risk by a local farmer. He hid in a barn during a surprise gestapo raid. Their goat offered no objection. When a black gestapo boot tried to enter the barn, the goat charged the boot with great objection, preserving the life of the aviator and the farmer. Bob closed with a touching story of five Borgstrom boys from Tremonton, Utah,

all serving in WW II. Four of the five boys were killed. General Mark Clark promised the surviving boy would never be called again to serve his country. Yet, the father answered his son would be glad to serve in similar need. Professor Freeman concluded with, "All gave some. Some gave all."

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Larry Kacher

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, was our trek to the Ft. Pearce Historical site and to the Samuel R Knight Santa Clara History Museum. Ft. Pearce was built in 1866 to protect the local settlements from attack during the Black Hawk War. The Knight Museum in Santa Clara chronicles the history of the area from the time the Shivwits Indians dominated the area, through LDS missionaries coming to teach the Indians, through settlement by LDS pioneers from Switzerland, and up until the present day.

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, our chapter sponsored our annual General Authority devotional in the Cross Hollow Stake Center in Cedar City. Elder Larry S. Kacher was the featured speaker who related his experiences and the progress of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Middle East and North African areas of the church. North and West Africa is the fastest growing area of the church and presents many challenges that are being overcome in miraculous ways. We were also entertained by the LDS Institute Choir from Southern Utah University with a couple of numbers that were beautifully performed.

Upcoming in May is a trek to the Old State Capital museum in Fillmore.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Claude D. Newby

Our speaker for the evening was Claude D. Newby. He initially served in Germany in the Army but after six years moved his family to California and worked as a correctional officer at Alcatraz. He then moved to Utah and worked in law enforcement and attended college and subsequently earned two master degrees. He returned to active duty in the Army as a chaplain and retired after 33 years. During his military time he received five Bronze Stars and three purple hearts and many other medals. Brother Newby was raised as a Baptist and his mother instilled in him a love for the Savior, and by the time he was 13 he had read the Bible. While he was in the military he met a person who was carrying the Book of Mormon and noticed the way he

behaved and was impressed with him. During the time he and his family were together, two missionaries came by their home, and his wife was so excited about their message, they met with them and were later baptized. When Brother Newby decided he wanted to return to military service, he submitted papers to be a chaplain and was interviewed by Boyd K. Packer. He told various experiences he had while serving in Vietnam as a chaplain. He told of being in a helicopter crash while on his way to see a soldier who had requested a blessing. He miraculously survived the crash and was able to make it to his bedside. Brother Newby many times felt the protection from the Lord as he served the soldiers of Viet Nam.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Stan Bronson and Corry Jones

Our dinner meeting April 18 featured Blanding residents Corry Jones and singer/songwriter Stan Bronson who shared the incredible story of the "Hole in the Rock" pioneers on the San Juan mission. Stan Bronson is a well-known singer who delighted us with original tunes and storytelling about the epic trek. A Deseret News article reported the following about the Hole in the Rock trek:

"In January 1880 some 250 undaunted Utahns answered a call and with faith set out on an "impossible journey" that took them through some of the most desolate and rough terrain on the North American continent. The Hole-In-the-Rock expedition, or San Juan Mission, as it came to be known, is the story of Mormon pioneers who answered

a call to go to the Four Corners area of southern Utah to serve as a buffer between lawlessness and civilization. They settled Bluff and other surrounding communities in what is now San Juan County. These intrepid saints went forth not for money or personal gain. Unlike earlier pioneers, they were not fleeing persecution or seeking a place where they would find freedom of religion. This group lived in prosperous Mormon communities in comfortable homes and ran successful businesses or farmed land much more productive than where they were going. Even more astonishing, they went as families. About one in five of the company were children 6 years old or under."

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Durant McArthur

March's Activity: On this night we had the privilege of having Durant McArthur, the director of this year's National Encampment that will be held in St. George on the 7th through the 9th of September. According to what he told us, this encampment looks to be very interesting, having Elder Jeffery R. Holland as our Keynote speaker and Elder Steven Snow to speak also. Our Hurricane Chapter is also helping as our President David Isom will lead a trek to Hildale and Pipe Springs. Brother McArthur also spoke to us of his families settling here in the "Land of Dixie." His presentation was most interesting.

It was so wonderful to hear him speak, and also visit with so many of our members.

April's Activity: We will again meet at the American Legion Hall on the 4th Wednesday in April which is the 26th day of the month. We will have the privilege of hearing from the winner of our Elementary Essay Contest, and then have our Keynote speaker, Dennis Hughes, head of construction of the Red Cliff's Temple. It should prove to be very interesting as we learn about the construction of this new temple, and perhaps when it could be finished.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Laird Dummer

Our speaker this evening was Laird Dummer. His wife, Vaudys, accompanied him. His subject matter was the Haun's Mill Massacre which occurred on October 30, 1838 in the area near Far West, Missouri. Seventeen were killed and 14 bodies were sadly just dumped in a dry hole that had been dug for a well. All men and three young men totaling seventeen were killed while hiding in the blacksmith shop. The attackers were anti-mormons dressed as Indians and were from the neighboring areas. A Church

member named Jacob Haun purchased 40 acres on Dec. 7, 1835 on Shoal Creek. This is where the mill was located and consisted of a mill, a blacksmith shop, a few houses and a population about twenty to thirty families at the mill itself. This group of Mormons turned this area into a settlement camp area. Fifteen were wounded including one woman. No women were killed during this terrible unbelievable tragic event. Northern Missouri was in an uproar the last week of October

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as mobs were heard of in every direction. The mobs burned houses and crops, rustled cattle, detained prisoners, and threatened the Saints with death. Even Governor Boggs

issued his satanic "extermination order" at this time - October 27, 1838. We thank Brother Dummer for his presentation and lecture on this historic and tragic event.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Jim and Janice Comer

The Lehi chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers assembled for a dinner meeting on April 10, 2023. There were 37 members and guests in attendance. After the prayer, pledge, and business items, we were treated to a delicious catered BBQ dinner. At the conclusion of visiting and eating together, local residents, Brother and Sister Jim and Janice Comer charmed us with stories of their mission serving on the Mormon trail at the Sixth Crossing of the Sweetwater River in central Wyoming. They told the story of how the Willie and Martin handcart companies and the Hodgett and Hunt wagon trains left too

late in the season and were caught in winter snowstorms. They talked of the rescue sent from the Great Salt Lake Valley to bring them across the plains. There were a few tender moments and tears, as sorrows were shared of hardships on the journey. Faith and joy were also felt as we heard the testimony building experiences of many youth groups who visit each year to walk in pioneer footsteps. We are all grateful for the men, women, and children who persevered the deadly and miserable conditions to find peace and rest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All is well!

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

For several years now the Maple Mountain Chapter has sponsored an essay contest for 4th graders from the three elementary schools here in Mapleton. Our member, Brad Brinkerhoff, and his wife, have continued to work with the schools this year and years past to organize the essay contest. Three winning students are chosen from each school, and invited to come with their families to read their essays. Our chapter found it delightful again this year to listen to the

stories that were written by the students of their pioneer ancestors. It was not only delightful to hear them but it brought memories of our own pioneer ancestors. Those students whose essays were graded by their school were rewarded a healthy cash prize from our chapter. They went away happy after reading their essays and receiving their prize and so did we after hearing them.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



The Mesa Arizona Chapter Board met via zoom for our 1st Thursday of the month meeting on April 6th. The business of the chapter was conducted and we planned our next chapter 2nd Thursday gathering. We met on April 13th at the cultural hall of the LDS ward building on Center and 1st Street, downtown Mesa. We opened with a few puns by chapter comedian Craig Linford, heard some brain teasers and stories by Trek Committee Chair Bill Snar, announced our next trek to the Phoenix Arizona Temple,

conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, and enjoyed a trumpet rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner played by Past President Matthew Wharton. We then shared a potluck dinner. Following dinner, Chapter Secretary Lowell Heaton took us on a virtual tour of Pipe Springs, AZ. Lowell was born at the fort in Pipe Springs and has a marvelous family history associated with the area. A YouTube video of the event may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/j9iq7BnxLmI>

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah*Georges Bonnet*

On Monday April 17th the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their monthly luncheon. Many of the members wives were in attendance. After chapter business and a delicious meal provided by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn, Georges Bonnet, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints addressed the group. Brother Bonnet was born in Germany and raised there and in France. He joined the Church at age 16 and served a full-time mission to Tahiti. After returning home he studied at LDS Business college, BYU and finally at Arizona State where he earned a BS degree in Construction Engineering. He and his wife Carolyn have lived in Utah, Arizona, Louisiana, Tahiti, Germany, South Africa, Ghana and England while employed by the Church. Brother Bonnet supervised the construction of the Tahiti temple and has served as physical facilities manager for both the UK and Africa. He established the first area office of the

Church in West Africa. Brother Bonnet served in the office of the Presiding Bishopric for five years and since August 2019 has been part of the management team of the Salt Lake Temple renovation project. Brother Bonnet currently serves as a sealer in the Jordon River Temple and he and his wife are Primary teaches in their Ward. They have six children and foster a young woman from Ghana. Brother Bonnet discussed the doctrinal foundation of Temple construction, President Nelson's announcement of the Salt Lake Temple renovation, the scope of the project and its historic implications. He showed renderings of the final plans for the Temple and the surrounding Temple Square gardens and buildings. Thank you, Brother Bonnet, for a very informative and inspiring discussion. We all left with a greater appreciation for the importance and unprecedented scope of the project.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah*Laird Dummer*

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 27, April 2023. Laird Dummer was our speaker. Laird had to be rescheduled back in February due to weather. Laird Dummer is currently serving as one of the National Area Vice Presidents as well as an officer in his local Temple Quarry chapter. Laird and his wife Vaudys have lived in the Sandy/Granite area for about 40 years. They have 7 married children and 22 grandchildren which are the delight of their lives. He has a master's degree in psychology

from the University of Utah. Laird Dummer, will be speaking on the Haun's Mill Massacre in which his 3rd great grandfather, Thomas W. McBride, was one of the 17 people killed. He will be sharing journal entries from his 2nd great grandfather, James McBride who was there but not killed and church history scholars who have documented the events leading up to the tragic day of the massacre and stories of those killed and those who survived and exemplified incredible faith, courage, and commitment to carry on.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah*Kenneth L. Alford*

During our 10 April chapter meeting we enjoyed Dr. Kenneth L. Alford's 19th-21st Century Faith-Promoting, but little known, Church History Stories. During his presentation he shared circumstances surrounding Joseph and Emma going to the Hill Cumorah in September 1827 for Joseph to receive the Gold Plates from

Moroni, that both Martin Harris and Oliver Cowdery had received visions of the Lord and traveled to Harmony, Pennsylvania to assist Joseph Smith with translation of the Book of Mormon. He discussed an attempted breakout from Liberty Jail in which Hyrum used an auger to make a hole in through

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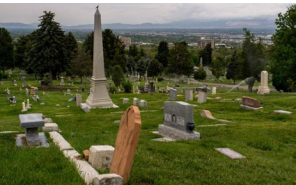
the logs in the lower room. Their breakout attempt was discovered before they were able to escape. Ken shared a story or two about Mercy Fielding, Mary Fielding Smith's little sister (who was a plural wife of Hyrum Smith). He shared several stories of Latter-

day Saint experiences during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq including Taliban bomb attack on Elder William K. Jackson's armored SUV and the calling of a wartime District President in Iraq.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Carlton Christensen



Salt lake Cemetery Trek

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations. Our upcoming Luncheon details are as follows:

When: Wednesday, May 17 at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple.

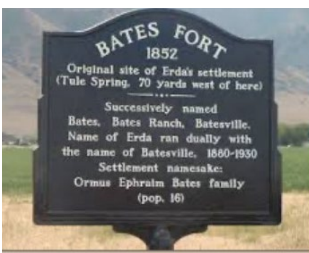
Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Carlton Christensen is chair of the board of the Utah Transit Authority, a position he has held since 2018. He has also served on the Salt Lake City Council for 16 years, the board of Shelter the Homeless, and is an honored recipient of the NAACP Salt

Lake Branch Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. Carlton has dedicated his life to improving the lives of his neighbors—no matter where they reside. During 25 years of public service, he has consistently brought people together to collaborate in the public interest. His work has helped those without shelter, transportation, or hope, and benefited communities of all colors, faiths, cultures, economic means, sexual orientations, and political views.

Trek: Immediately following the luncheon, we will meet at the Salt Lake City Cemetery for a private historic tour. Golf carts will be available for those who are not able to walk distances.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Bates Fort Erda

At the April monthly dinner, John Bryan presented the History of Erda, originally known in Utah as Batesville, settled after 1851, first known as Bates Fort, Bates, Bates Ranch then Batesville, named after Ormus Ephraim Bates, he and his pioneer family, originally from New York (state), settled the place in 1852. Thirty-five years elapsed before today's name Erda showed up in 1887 on official

records of the Tooele County seat. Not at all surprising was the persistence of locals to continue to use the original first town name another 15 years or more into 1902-3 beyond official acceptance in 1887. At the time; no name place commission existed, to rule when to change a name. So, colloquialism or informal conversation (banter), stretched this name change out over years.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Jan Myers

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a very wonderful and informative meeting in April We had Sister Jan Meyers and Chris Opfar from the Taylorsville Temple site come and speak to us. Sister Meyers explained what the missionaries do on the Temple site as part of the visitors center that is located there and she related a few experiences that she and her husband have had while serving at the

Temple site. Chris Opfar is the construction superintendent at the Temple site. He said the he has to report to the Church each week of the progress. He told us that the Temple is built on Joseph F. Smith's original property. He explained that the Temple has several items of pioneer architecture throughout the Temple. He explained to us how the Temple has been

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constructed and some of the materials used in the construction. He told us that the stone for the Temple is from Italy and Turkey. The Temple is a total of nine stories for a total of 217 feet high. The Temple is getting close to

completion and that the scaffolding will come down mid May. We also had our new chapter officers sworn in by Kyle Andersen. It was an enjoyable evening had by all in attendance.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Steven Gentry

Greetings from the Cache Valley. The Temple Fork Chapter held its monthly chapter and dinner meeting on Thursday, April 20th at the Logan Country Club. Following a wonderful meal we were blessed to hear from Steven Gentry of Nibley Utah. Steven gave us an overview of his pioneer history and his family tree that follows his ancestry through his great great grandfather, Charles W. Penrose. Steven then explained his lifelong

service to the people of the Navajo Nation. As a 19 year old missionary he was assigned to the Navajo Nation and had many faith promoting experiences during his service. He became fluent in the Navajo language and returned to the Navajo people following his graduation from BYU. He taught school and seminary and served as Branch President during his years on the Nation. He still speaks fluent Navajo and tried to teach us a few words or phrases.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Susan Easton Black and George Durrant

A large crowd of 130 people attended the Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 in the American Fork Senior Citizen Center, American Fork, Utah. The guest speakers were Susan Easton Black Durrant and her husband George Durrant. George Durrant, a gifted writer, briefly talked about visiting American Fork Main Street

as he was growing up in American Fork. Susan Easton Black Durrant gave a brilliant presentation about the "Last 20 days of the Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith". Many unknown details about the Prophets activities in Nauvoo and Carthage were given by Susan to the delight of those in attendance.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho

Our speaker for April was Bill Riggins, the Honor and Inclusion Officer at BYU-Idaho. He also has taught in the Department of Religious Education and served as a Mission President. His presentation was entitled, "What are the Challenges our Youth are Facing—What I have Learned as the Honor and Inclusion Officer at BYU-Idaho." Bill began his talk by expressing his thoughts about pioneers through his conversion story and then moved on to telling his experience of helping his granddaughter with a project about the Donner Party. These pioneers made many mistakes and thus they were in peril for their entire journey. The question was asked "at what point does a human mind break? What circumstances would exist to drive a person to cannibalism? Do we understand what our children and grandchildren

are experiencing at this time of life? Our grandchildren are experiencing challenges that will take them away from divine teachings and drive them to wrong choices? At what point does a child decide to be a boy or a girl. Do you see the similarities between the Donner Party and the children of today? Our youth of today have choices to make that will impact their whole life, just like the Donner Party. They need to be prepared and taught divine principles. There were challenges for them that could not have been known ahead of time and there were those challenges that they had control of. Such as, from mother nature. As well as human errors. The lessons from the Donner Party were outlined in Brother Riggins PowerPoint. (For a copy of his PowerPoint slides, email me at ladled@gmail.com and I will send it to you.)