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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Month of September brings many changes, our children and grandchildren start a new year of school, the days are getting shorter, and the leaves will start to change color. Just as the world has changes, the Sons of Utah Pioneers have our own changes. At the upcoming National Encampment this month, we will say farewell to Larry Gibson as our past president and welcome to a new President Elect. We have had many successes this year with the presentation of our five-year plan and a new tool box of ideas to help in recruiting new members. We attended the National Encampment last summer in Salt Lake City where we enjoyed pioneer fellowship. We have enjoyed the learning

experience of the National Symposium on Zion's Camp and the opportunity to visit This is the Place State Park on SUPer DUPer Day. We listened to inspirational stories and music at the Days of '47 Sunrise Service and pulled handcarts in the downtown Salt Lake City parade. We set a yearly goal of increased membership which we are about to meet.

Yes, we as a society accomplished a great deal in the past year, there are many challenges that we have yet to address to make our organization stronger in the future. One is to continue with the goal to increase membership not just for the numbers but to preserve our heritage and values. Another is to make the Sons of the Utah Pioneers more visible to the public with the Pioneer magazine, our Library, and being present in various community activities. A committee has been tasked to review our current by-laws and make recommendations to bring them up to date, when the by-laws are modified and approved, we will start reviewing our current policies and updating then as need.

These achievements and goals are only possible because of you and your efforts to make this organization successful. I want to personally THANK YOU for your support this last year as your National President and fellow pioneer. Without your support, and the support of the members of the Executive Council, we as a group would not have been able to achieve what we have this year.

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I leave you with this challenge: to take time to record your history no matter how uneventful you might think it may be; someday a child, grandchild or some unknown person, will read your record and it will be a blessing to them.


I love you and our Pioneering heritage



John Clayton
2023 National President



Calendar of Events

<p>7-9 SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT</p> <p>HOSTED BY THE COTTON MISSION CHAPTER KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND</p>	
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<p>OCTOBER 21</p>	<p><i>Brigham's</i></p> <p>FALL FAMILY SOCIABLE</p> <p>BEGINS AT 1PM AT SUP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS</p>	
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**COME AND SEE!
THE BEAR FLAG MONUMENT
HAS A NEW DISPLAY AT SUP
HEADQUARTERS.**

**WE APPRECIATE
BRAD CLAYTON'S
HANDY WORK.**



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



PIONEER STORIES

Please submit your stories to our Pioneer Stories Director, Rich Kirkham at rich@richkirkham.com

HE HITCHHIKED TO THE TEMPLE

The Life of Pioneer James Jensen Jr.

By Richard D. Kirkham, AVP Pioneer Stories

James Jensen Jr. lived a life that was anything but simple. He was born in 1864 in Brigham City, Utah just two years after his parents immigrated from their home in Denmark. At age four James lost his mother to illness. He was put into foster care. At age 16 he moved with his family to a new settlement called Snowville, Utah where he lived until at age 21 when he came across an advertisement in a newspaper promoting adventure and opportunity in the Wyoming Territory. Excited by the prospects, he left his parents in 1885 to set up a homestead in Grover, Wyoming. He was one of the first settlers in Star Valley.



struck. It was the 1930s and a bank failure combined with the loss of a crop finally broke James financially.

Looking on the brightside, James realized that being stripped of all worldly possessions left him in a perfect position to turn his heart once again to the temple. On more than one occasion he told his family that he was almost afraid to die because he would have to face those whose work was not yet completed. He would rally his family to send money to hire researchers to help them search out their ancestors in Denmark.

He met Eliza Hepworth in the new settlement. She was 20 and he was 25. They traveled to Logan, Utah so they could be married and sealed for time and for all eternity. The experience of making sacred covenants in the house of the Lord sunk deep into his soul. Even though he lived far away from the Temple, he longed to return to the House of the Lord.

But before that could happen, life would test him and his new family severely. In 1897 he was called to serve a mission to the Scandinavian countries and with great sacrifice he left Grover and fulfilled an honorable mission there. Upon return to Wyoming he was called to serve as bishop of the Grover Ward, succeeding his father who had been bishop for more than a decade.

As the years passed and his family grew older, he could see that his sons would soon be seeking a fortune of their own. Most of the homesteading opportunities in Star Valley were gone. Unless they relocated, James would be separated from his family. Jointly they made a decision to move to Metropolis, Nevada where land opportunities had just opened up. Alas, typhus struck and fortunes turned. The Nevada enterprise ended in failure. Having lost nearly everything, they moved to Oakley, Idaho, to be near kin. They had barely started over when the Great Depression

struck. James worked odd jobs to earn enough money to purchase bus fare from Oakley to Salt Lake City so he could do temple work. When there was no money he would hitchhike. On Monday he would go out on the highway and thumb his way to Salt Lake City and then to the Temple. He worked day after day in the Temple and spent the nights at his sister's home. His niece who lived in Ogden said, "Uncle Jim, you sure travel light, don't you?" He laughed and said, "I sure do!" He had only a change of clothes in a paper bag. She said, "On Friday evening you would see Uncle Jim back in Ogden with us. I'd wash his clothing and on Monday morning he was ready to return to the temple. He'd stay with us for about three weeks at a time. We looked forward to his visits and loved every minute."

James Jensen loved the temple. He made sacrifices that seem unimaginable for those of us who live close enough to go in ease. Now we can use our smartphones and computers to research ancestors in ways that were unimaginable in his day. All too often we complain and place other priorities before the work of salvation that goes on in the House of the Lord. Try to imagine what James would have given to have the blessings of the temple that we now take for granted. In spite of our trials may we all be more committed and faithful to the work of salvation that is made possible through the restoration of the gospel and the ordinances of the temple.

Monument Trek

Hurricane Canal



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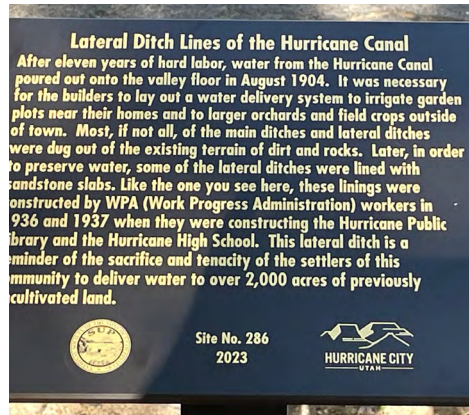
While you are in the area attending the National Encampment at St. George, you can stop by Hurricane, Utah to see the newest SUP Site.

The 7.5-mile (12.1 km) canal was built starting in 1891 and completed in 1904. The work included a diversion dam on the Virgin River, the 12-foot (3.7 m) wide canal grade with an 8-foot (2.4 m) wide by 4-foot (1.2 m) deep channel, and a series of flumes and trestles. Work was done by local men, mainly between November and May.

After more than eleven years of hard labor, water from the Hurricane Canal poured out onto the valley floor in August 1904. It was necessary for the builders to lay out a water delivery system to irrigate garden plots near their

homes and to larger orchards and field crops outside of town. Most, if not all, of the main ditches and lateral ditches were dug out of the existing terrain of dirt and rocks. Later, in order to preserve water, some of the lateral ditches were lined with sandstone slabs. These linings were constructed by WPA (Work Progress Administration) workers in 1936 and 1937 when they were constructing the Hurricane Public Library and the Hurricane High School. This lateral ditch is a reminder of the sacrifice and tenacity of the settlers of this community to deliver water to over 2,000 acres of previously uncultivated land.

This newest site was dedicated this summer by the SUP Hurricane Valley Chapter and Hurricane City, Utah



Canal Builders Tools



THE TRAIL MARKER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

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

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Terree Hoggard Timpanogos
 Anne Wirthlin.....WorldWide Pioneer

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 Robert (Rob) McCleve..... Cotton Mission
 Ryan Miggin..... Bountiful
 Isaac Morley Mills
 Mark H OlsenHurricane Valley
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 Kenneth Dudley Reber Cotton Mission
 John Rose..... Cedar City
 Paul K StevensonOgden Pioneer
 Brent R Tippets..... Jordan River Temple
 Loren Webb..... Cotton Mission



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CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Group at Lion's Mouth

On Saturday, August 19, 2023, the Cedar City Chapter held its annual breakfast on Leigh Hill in Cedar City. Following the breakfast Roice Nelson and Kevin Kilcoyne led us on a trek to several historic sites in Iron and Washington Counties. The first stop was Lion's Mouth, a shallow cave off from the road to Pinto where some unusual pictographs are found (see picture). We then stopped at Page's Ranch, an abandoned house and property on the National Register of Historic Places that was a boarding house and way station for travelers in the early 20th century. At the old pioneer cemetery in Pinto, we replaced the old

worn-out flag with a new one. Sack lunches were enjoyed in Pinto where we learned the history of the area from our host, Rick Heaton. In Newcastle we visited a couple of monuments relating to the Old Spanish and California trails which used to run through the area. Last stop was Old Irontown where the early pioneers and later entrepreneurs struggled until 1884 to make iron from the rich ore deposits in the area.

Next month we look forward to supporting our St. George friends at the SUP National Encampment.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



T. Randy Judd

The Cotton Mission met for our monthly dinner meeting on August . We enjoyed hearing from Dixie native T. Randy Judd who says he was "raised on Pepsi and Twinkies" in his father's candy store, the famous Thomas Judd Store on Tabernacle Street in St. George. Brother Judd shared

his experiences and discussed Dixie history. He attended Dixie State University and met Carolyn Orton on a blind date and within a few months they were married and off to BYU. Brother Judd has served as a stake president, temple sealer and served in the St. George Temple presidency until 2016.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



213th

JULY'S EVENTS: The 24th of July had a very special event take place. After the parade, a few members and friends of the SUP met in front of the old Reeve Hotel to dedicate the site of one of the few remaining pioneer lateral ditches. We would like to thank Lee Beatty for all of the hard work he put into making this happen. We would also like to thank Art Reck, and Merlin Spendlove for their hard work and dedication to see that things were ready. David Isom introduced the program, Lee Beatty read the plaque, David Hirschi of the city council spoke about our pioneers and getting water to the valley, and David Hinton dedicated the historic spot!

4000 enemy Chinese attempted to overrun 240 southern Utahns. Members of the 213th killed 500 and captured 800 Chinese soldiers. All 600 original southern Utah members of the 213th came home alive. Many say it was their faith, obedience and commitment, with a Supreme Being's watchful care that spared their lives. Their training was so good that they were sent to Korea where they experienced an "unbelievable" battle. Those on duty that night were just under 300. The video was marvelous to watch, and those in attendance were richly rewarded.



Captured Chinese

AUGUST: Wednesday the 23rd: David Hirschi was our speaker for this month. He is a seminary teacher here in Hurricane, and comes from some of the earliest Hurricane pioneer settlers. He has done much research on various aspects of Hurricane's history.



Pioneer Ditch Dedication
July 24, 2023 7

JULY 26TH: At our dinner meeting, Gerry Buckner provided a video of the Miracle of Kap Yeong in Korea during the Korean War. It told the story of heroism and faith leading up to and during a miraculous battle when

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Corey Smallcanyon

The Lehi Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers had a great month! First, we continued to visit local markers in our Local Lehi History Tour. On Saturday, August 5th, 2023 we gathered at the John Austin Cabin in downtown Lehi to visit an early pioneer home built in 1868. This home was lovingly restored by the Lehi Chapter about a decade ago.

On August 14th, we also gathered for an evening of fun, friends, food, and a featured speaker about early pioneer and

Native American relations, presented by Corey Smallcanyon. It was a very interesting discussion about the difficulties faced by everyone in the early years of pioneer settlement. Mr. Smallcanyon presented documented writings from both perspectives that challenged us to always love one another. There were over 50 people in attendance and everyone enjoyed socializing and being fed physically and intellectually.



Lehi History Tour

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Calvin R. Stephens

When: Wednesday, September 13, at 12:30pm. Please email valparrish@hotmail.com to RSVP.

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

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Calvin R. Stephens taught 37 years for the Church Educational System. During his years as an educator with CES, he served as an instructor at the Ogden LDS Institute of Religion and BYU Jerusalem Center, as well as 12 years as a writer and manager for College

Curriculum. He has also served as President of the San Bernardino California Mission, First Counselor in a Stake Presidency, Bishop, and is currently serving as a Sealer in the Ogden Utah Temple. Calvin was released from the Church Materials and Evaluation Committee in December 2022.

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

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Deseret Peak Temple Site

Kevin Shields spoke at our August meeting. He is the Landscape Architect assigned to the Deseret Peak Temple. Some of his favorite temple projects include the Paris, Rome, Sapporo Japan, Tijuana Mexico, Mesa Arizona Renovation, Nauvoo Temple Restoration, Philadelphia, and many of the nearly 150

others he has directly worked with in some capacity, including site selection, design elements, consultant instruction, project reviews, and construction administration. He says working with consultants throughout the world has been a great bonus to work with such talent.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a great dinner meeting in August. We had the opportunity to listen to L. Nate Pierce, National SUP President elect. He told us a bit about his personal life to start off with. Then he talked about some of his ancestors. All sixteen of his ancestor lines were pioneers. His great great grandmother, Martha Webb Campkin came across with the Willy Handcart Company with five children. After telling us about his ancestors, Nate explained the importance of recording our histories for

future generations. He explained that the histories can be written in chronological form, collection of stories, or poetry as some examples of how to start recording our histories. It was an enjoyable evening, enjoyed by all in attendance. At our October meeting we will have the privilege of hearing about the Mormon Battalion. Anyone can attend our dinner meetings held at Jim's Restaurant in West Jordan at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Val Parrish

Our August dinner meeting and program was an exciting and exceptional event. As usual we met at the Logan Country Club and had a delicious dinner. Following dinner it was our pleasure to have Val Parrish as our speaker. Val will be installed as the National Sons of Utah Pioneers President Elect at this year's national encampment in St. George. After hearing Val's message it was evident to all that the SUP will

continue to be in good hands, as if there were any questions. Val gave us an overview of his pioneer history and included several family heirlooms as visual aids. This was another great meeting of the Temple Fork chapter and we thank president Kelly Sanders and his board for providing excellent monthly meetings and activities.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



David Ouimette

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the American Fork, Utah Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker was David Ouimette who is employed by Family Search International. The name of his presentation was "Celebrating Family History Around the Globe," Brother Ouimette has traveled to 70 countries around the world to see the archives of family history documents preserved in their country, in churches, in villages and in homes. He and his

team are sent by Family Search International to negotiate contracts to digitize and preserve family history artifacts in various countries. Brother Ouimette showed pictures and talked about visiting the following countries; Iceland, New Zealand, India, Denmark, Mongolia, Ireland, Iraq, Ghana, Ethiopia, Morocco, Israel, Nepal, Poland, Thailand, China, Samoa, and Oman. David testified how wonderful people throughout the world were and that everyone is a child of God!

WASHINGTON DC AREA CHAPTER - Washington, DC



Merrill Osmond

The recently reactivated Washington DC Area Chapter has steadily been growing under the leadership of Chapter President Michael Quinn of Mt. Airy, Maryland. Many thanks to L. Lamar Adams, previous National President and departing senior missionary at the Washington DC Temple Visitors' Center, who encouraged the chapter's reactivation and provided advice to the new board on how to get started, how to govern, and how to grow. Also, thanks to Steve Kruman, National SUP Area Vice President, who drove down from Philadelphia on several occasions to advise and to swear in our new officers. Our dinner meetings in March, April, May, and June included the following presentations:

- **March**--Lamar Adams--"Isaiah's Prophecies of the Restoration, Joseph Smith & Latter Day Pioneers"
- **April** - Lamar Adams - "The Exodus as a Pioneering Prototype of Things to Come"
- **May** - Elder Merrell Osmond (a new senior missionary in the temple visitors' center) presented a wonderful audio-visual testimony and introduction to his family

and many of the entertainers he has worked with over his 60-plus year career. Elder Osmond had excellent AV assistance from one of the young missionaries. Afterwards, Paul Smith presented a Washington DC Temple memento to Elder Osmond and it was gratefully accepted.

- **June** - C. Paul Smith told the story of "The Overmountain Men" and how they likely won the Revolutionary War for America in the weeks preceding the Yorktown surrender of Cornwallis. The battle between British troops and the Overmountain Men took place on October 7, 1780, at King's Mountain, South Carolina. The Overmountain Men used silence and stealth as they ascended the ridge of King's Mountain to surprise the British troops. The battle lasted only an hour. The crucial Patriot victory at the Battle of King's Mountain turned the tide of the Revolutionary War and set the nation on the road to independence.

The chapter is steadily growing and hopes to keep up the momentum that has been generated.