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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Mother Nature is certainly giving us a taste of what the pioneers had to endure with the snow and cold temperatures that we are having throughout the entire area. The pioneers had winters like this every year. In 1847, 170 years ago, the winter was especially hard on the faithful saints who were forced to stop their journey west and winter-over on

the freezing banks of the Missouri River in Nebraska. Not only was the weather difficult, but they also had many other hardships before finally arriving in the Great Salt Lake Valley. By comparison our lives are very easy and comfortable. Just count your blessings!

This month, on February 25th, we will hold our annual Chapter Presidents Council session at 10:00 AM at National's Headquarters. All new Chapter Presidents, Immediate Past Presidents and Presidents elect are invited, and this year we are expanding the invitation to a very special group. The Spouses of the above-mentioned officers are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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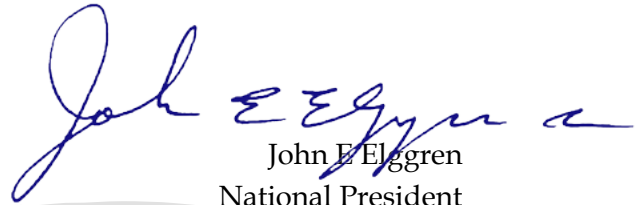
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We are going to introduce our new initiative, which will bring our association into the modern age of technology and appeal to today's modern youth. Please plan to attend and RSVP to Heather, so we will know how many we will have attending the lunch.

If you are reading this, you are one of just 50% of the membership of the Sons of Utah Pioneers who have or use email. Our webmaster, David Mower, sends our Trail Marker out by email to just a little over a thousand members, which is the number of our members for whom we have email addresses. The other thousand plus members either do not have email, or do not use email. There may also be some who have come into the email era, but have not yet given us their email address.

In the next couple of months, we, as the Executive Council, would like to see if we could significantly increase the number of our members who have access to this, our national online monthly newsletter, "The Trail Marker".

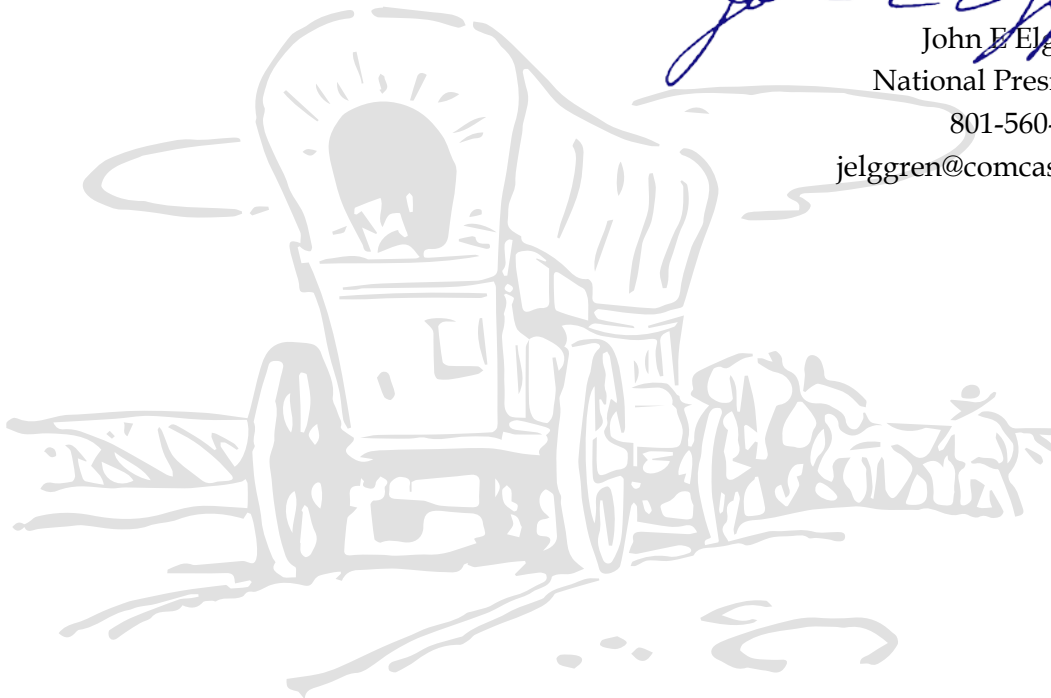
Please enjoy this edition, and we welcome your comments anytime!



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section is for National or individual Chapter announcements. It may be a request for help or just letting the members know what is going on. All items must be SUP related and any costs involved must be clearly stated. Contact the Trail Marker editor, Don Lee, at donlee0938@gmail.com to place any request.

NATIONAL DUES

In the past each chapter has been responsible for collecting the National dues and forwarding them to National.

Now, each of you who pay your National dues annually will be asked to pay them directly to National Headquarters. Refer to the letter sent in October for the coming year. This letter contained a form you can send in OR you can just go to sup1847.com, click on the "SUP STORE" tab and pay your dues right there. This should remove some of the workload from the chapter treasurer who will now only be responsible for the chapter dues and it will make it easier for you to pay your National dues. Those purchasing Lifetime Memberships should deal directly with National.

BSA & SUP ACTIVITY PATCH

The Sons of Utah Pioneers, Holladay Chapter, and the Boy Scouts of America, have joined together to provide an SUP Activity Patch for Cub and Boy Scouts of all ages. [CLICK HERE](#)



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The symposium this year will be on Saturday, May 13. The theme is: 'Pioneer Legacies'

The lectures will be given in the Canyon Rim Stake Center at 3301 East Louise Ave (2920 S.), SLC; approximately 2 blocks from the SUP Headquarters Building, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The dinner will at 6:00 p.m. in the National Headquarters building (address - 3400 East Louise Ave, 3400 So SLC). The Keynote Speaker at the dinner is Cecil O Samuelson, Salt Lake Temple President. His subject will be 'Temples and Their Significance Today and in the Millennium.'

Cost for both events is \$25.00 per person or Symposium only \$15.00 and Dinner only \$20.00. All registration must be made by April 30 for tickets to be mailed or ready for pickup at Will Call. Mail check to SUP HQ or sign up with card through the SUP website.

MODERN DAY PIONEER

We have been striving to start a new feature to honor some of our members who are modern day pioneers. Unfortunately this seems to be like Home Teaching, everyone likes the idea, but no one wants to do it. Consequently this feature will be sporadic, appearing when we have material for it. So please, if you have someone in your chapter who you would like to honor, submit the information to the editor. Nominations for this will be accepted from any member of the SUP. Please send a write-up of up to 500 words and a good quality picture to the editor, Don Lee at donlee0938@gmail.com.

NATIONAL NEWS

(Send National News submissions to SUP1847@gmail.com)

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL SUP PRESIDENT-ELECT 2018

It is not too early to begin thinking about nominations for President-Elect 2018 to become our National President in 2019. The National Nominating Committee must have nominated one or two candidates for the office by June 15, 2017 pursuant to the National election which is held annually at the National Convention, scheduled this year for September 14 - 16 in Centerville, Utah. The requirements of office for the National President-Elect are: having served for at least one year in one of these offices: Area Vice President, 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. Nominations and questions may be forwarded to: Jim Hurst, Past President 2016 at 801-876-3457 or by email at jhurst@uwyo.edu.

SUSTAINING HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

Sustaining Heritage Memberships are a new elevated level of membership for those who wish to demonstrate a more robust commitment to the Sons of Utah Pioneers and all that we value. A member can elevate their membership level by arranging to have automatic monthly transfers from their credit card or bank account to the SUP. This process not only automatically pays the members regular dues for the year, but provides a more robust donation to the SUP on a sustained monthly basis. The minimum amount is \$10.00 a month. Currently the range of monthly amounts includes \$25, \$50, and \$100. Also, if a person chooses to have a Sustaining Membership by a single annual payment that can be arranged. For more information contact the SUP Office at 801-484-4441.

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 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. Please see [page 20](#).

ATTENTION SUP MEMBERS

If you look at the SUP website at sup1847.com, you will see several new photos of SUP members and activities. We think there may be many more pictures in the hands of our chapters and members, and many of them are likely better than those we are presently using. We would like to invite everyone to send in their pictures of SUP interest: meetings, treks, conventions, speakers, historical places or events, etc., that you feel would add to the website. Please send jpg formats if possible, and send them to bfolkman@hotmail.com. We can crop and edit them, so don't worry about that unless you feel it is necessary.





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

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FEBRUARY

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - 6PM

Those expected to attend: National SUP Executive Council, National AVPs (Area Vice Presidents), National Program Directors, Pioneer Magazine Publisher, National Officer Manager.

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FEBRUARY

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL - 10:00AM

Meet at the National Office.

MARCH 21

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 8

PAST PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL COUNCIL

MAY 6

HEADQUARTERS CLEANUP & CELEBRATE HEATHER'S BIRTHDAY

MAY 13

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 20

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

JULY 8

NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

July 17

SUP DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE PARK

SEPTEMBER
14-16

NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CENTERVILLE

OCTOBER 14

NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2017 - Sponsored by the Centerville Chapter September 14 - 16

2018 - Sponsored by the Cedar City chapter.

These are wonderful events, please plan now!

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Convention in any of the coming years, please send your proposal to the National Office. All chapters are welcome to apply! We are looking ahead to facilitate scheduling.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NAME CHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dwight Holman Box Elder
Alvin L Poarch Porter Rockwell
Irvin Tom Nelson At Large
Mark D Callister At Large
Kent R Brooks At Large
Michael W Nelson At Large

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Gilbert Isom Squaw Peak

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS MEMBERS

Isaac S Johnson Red Rocks
Matthew E Walker At Large
Brent L Walker At Large
Dann O'Rourke Harmony
Jerome Kruman Harmony
Jack Dyott Harmony
Bryce Kruman Harmony
Alan Wayman At Large
Daniel Hart At Large
William Zentner Settlement Canyon
Eric Thomas At Large
Steven Hart At Large
Jacob Hart At Large
Kevin Porter Little Salt Lake
Dale Bettridge Little Salt Lake
Terrance Cooper Little Salt Lake
Jeffrey Hayes Eagle Rock
Blaine Bambrough At Large
Steven Shamo At Large
Gene Davis At Large
Jim Davis At Large
Gary Harshberger Taylorsville Bennion
Peter Wheeler Snow Horse

NAME CHAPTER

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Rod Pearson Settlement Canyon
Bill Conway Upper Snake River Valley
Melvin J Lund Maple Mountain
Bruce Ackerman Harmony
Anthony Rombola Harmony
M Russell Miller . Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
Russ McAdams Timpanogos

SUSTAINING HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

Ronald Andersen At Large
Philip Smith Richards At Large
David C Jensen Jr Box Elder
Val M Roberts Box Elder
Ronald Dean Layton At Large
J Alden Richins Centerville
Robert Thornley Cotton Mission
Willard G Erickson At Large
Alan Turner Morgan
Michael J Bennett Mills
T Lee Durrant Mills
Sheldon L Chappell Pioneer Her.-Can.Rim
Hans J Frohlich. Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim
Keith Wallin Salt Lake Pioneer
Ralph C Jones Sevier Valley
Alan Wright Box Elder

CHAPTER ETERNAL

NAME CHAPTER .. DATE OF DEATH

Ed Dahle At Large 12/24/2016

PIONEER Stories

One pioneer story is going to be included in the Trail Marker each month, but all will be saved to be added to the Pioneer Stories page of the SUP website when the program is completed.

*All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. Please submit them so we can be moved & inspired also.
send to: "LaRon Taylor" lrt68@justrawspeed.com.*

LOVINA SMITH WALKER

BY DON H. LEE



Lovina Smith was born on the 18th of September 1827 in Manchester, New York, just 3 days before her Uncle Joseph got the plates for the Book of Mormon. She is the oldest child of Hyrum and Jerusha Barden Smith. She was not quite 4 when the family moved to Kirtland, Ohio. Here she watched the growth of the Church and particularly the building of the Kirtland Temple.

She was barely 10 in October 1837 when her mother died. On the advice of his brother, Joseph, Hyrum married Mary Fielding. Lovina had mixed feelings about her father marrying so soon after her mother's death, but she grew to love and respect her new mother.

It was in Nauvoo where Lovina's life took some drastic changes. To begin with, she met a young man, named Lorin Walker, and in the spring of 1844 she accepted his proposal of marriage and the two made plans for a fall wedding. Then came the events of June 1844! On Saturday, June 22nd, Joseph and Hyrum crossed the Mississippi in an unsuccessful effort to forestall mob actions. This caused Lovina to make some changes to her plans for marriage; she realized that if she wanted her father to be there for her wedding, it would have to be soon.

On Sunday, June 23, Joseph and Hyrum returned from across the Mississippi; as they approached Hyrum's home, Lovina came out to meet them.

Joseph, in his loving manner, chided her; "Lovina, when are you going to get married?"

To which she replied, "Uncle Joseph, we were just waiting for you."

"Go get your beau," Joseph responded. Lovina and Lorin were married that evening with the family present. The next morning Joseph and Hyrum left for Carthage.

Joseph had asked Lorin to take care of Emma if anything happened to him, so after the martyrdom Lorin and Lovina lived in the Mansion house with Emma and when the Saints left Nauvoo, they stayed with Emma to provide help for her. They lived in the Mansion House until about 1849 when they moved to Macedonia where the Smith sisters, Catherine, Sophronia and Lucy were living.

It was there where Lorin's brother William found them in the spring of 1856. While Lorin and Lovina had wanted to travel west to be with the Saints, they had not yet been able to accumulate the needed supplies for that journey. With William's encouragement, they began their westward movement by traveling with him to Iowa City, the jumping off spot for the immigrant trains. William had been asked to help with the outfitting of the trains as the groups came in and Lorin and Lovina stayed with him and helped in that work. Lorin was good at working with wood and was soon busy helping to make a new device that the Church was experimenting with - the handcart.

Through the early summer they worked to get several trains on their way. The travel season was about spent and the crews were getting ready to close down the camp when the Willie Company arrived having been delayed by transportation. They also reported that another group, the Martin Company, was behind them and they all wanted to get to the valley that fall. Everyone went to work and did their best to get these people ready for making the trip so late in the season.

By the time all the companies were on the trail and the camp was cleaned up ready for the next year's efforts, it was too late for them to go across the plains, so they went as far as Florence, Nebraska and spent the winter there.

In the spring, Lorin's brother, William, headed west, but Lorin's skills were needed in Florence and he was prevailed upon to stay there for a while.

It was in the fall of 1859 when they had an unexpected visitor, Lovina's brother, John, arrived in Florence having traveled from the Valley. John's plans were to go on east as far as Nauvoo, visit with Emma and other family members and then head west in the spring, hopefully with Lorin and Lovina with him.

So it was that in the spring of 1860, Lorin and Lovina with their six children crossed the plains in the John Smith Company, arriving in the Valley the 1st of September.

They settled in Farmington where they lived for the next several years.

In October 1876, Lovina was expecting her 13th child, but things were not going well. On Sunday morning, October 8, the child was delivered, but Lovina gradually slipped away and died that afternoon. She was buried in Farmington, but her remains were later moved to the Smith family plot in Salt Lake City.

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee, rolandleefamily@gmail.com

Please send news about chapter meetings and treks, including pictures to Roland Lee at: rolandleefamily@gmail.com by the 23rd of each month. We prefer submissions in the MS Word format, rather than a PDF file. If you can attach the original photos in jpg format, that would help as well.

Editor's challenge to EVERY chapter – Please send me news of your chapter. We would love to hear from you. One of the functions of this section is to provide suggestions for speakers and activities. With that thought in mind we will be including contact information as it is made available to us.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Elder Klebingat

On January 3 our speaker was **Elder Jörg Klebingat of the First Quorum of the Seventy**. Elder Jörg Klebingat was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2014. At the time of his call he was serving as president of the Ukraine Kyiv Mission. He served as a member of the Europe East Area Presidency

from August 2014 to August 2016. He is currently serving at Church headquarters as an Assistant Executive Director in the Temple Department and as an Area Assistant in the North America Southeast Area.

Elder Klebingat received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian and a master's degree in organizational behavior from Brigham Young University, and he began his career working for several consulting companies. Prior to his call as mission president, he worked for many years with the Church in positions such as Kyiv Ukraine service center manager, Europe East Area director for temporal affairs, and Europe Area distribution supervisor.

Since joining the Church in 1985, Elder Klebingat has served in numerous Church callings, including a full-time missionary in the Colorado Denver Mission, Young Men president, elders quorum president, high councilor, bishop, and mission president.

Jörg Klebingat was born in Zweibrücken, Germany, on December 19, 1967. He married Julia Poltorak in August 1991. They are the parents of three children.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

The monthly dinners of the Sons of Utah Pioneers are an enjoyable social activity with spouses and friends, filled with Patriotism, recognition of a Supreme Being, Philanthropy, and interesting speakers who speak about our Utah Heritage.

Dr. Craig Dunn was the guest speaker for our January meeting. His topic, "The Martyrdom Of the prophet Joseph Smith." He presented information from non-LDS sources that added additional insight into the events leading up to the martyrdom. From these additional sources it was shown that Joseph's bid for the Presidency of the United States was so strong that individuals from outside of the

state of Illinois were sent in to participate in the assault on Joseph. From the information Dr. Dunn presented it seems that political assassination as well as religious persecution contributed to the murder of Joseph Smith at Carthage, Illinois in June of 1844. Dr. Dunn's message was highly interesting and the evening was a very pleasant social night out.



Dr. Craig Dunn

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EAGLE ROCK CHAPTER - Idaho Falls, Idaho

The Eagle Rock Chapter held its monthly meeting at Chuck-a-Rama, Idaho Falls, ID on December 19, 2016. **Lynn Bradshaw**, Area Vice-President conducted the meeting and installed new Officers and Board members. Eagle Rock Chapter, Past President **Joe Stewart** was recognized for his outstanding leadership and insights he provided during the 2016 year. **Don Knight** was recognized with an appreciation plaque for his 25 years of service as Treasurer for the Eagle Rock Chapter.

Installed as new Officers and Board Members were: President - Kent Terry; Past President - Joe Stewart; President Elect - Sterling Emfield; Secretary - Terry Taylor; Treasurer - Adrian Sparks. Installed as Board Members were: Tomorrow Pioneers - Sterling Emfield; Chapter Fund



Eagle Rock chapter new officers

Raiser - Arlo Billman; Monthly Program - Tom Browning; Communication and Program Agenda - Brent Waters; Membership Recruiter - Don Hayes; Trail Marker - Gale R Mattson; Monuments - Davidjon Stosich; Pioneer Heritage and Historian - Bob Welker; Treks - Adrian Sparks; Treks Assistant - Bill Cox.

HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

Our chapter started out the New Year with a very informative and productive meeting that featured speeches from the new **National President of the SUP, John Elggren, and his wife, Mary Ellen**. Not only is John our new president, but is also a member of our chapter and we enjoy the benefit of John and Mary Ellen's service and companionship regularly at chapter meetings. In addition to hearing from the two speakers the officers and directors who will lead us this year were sworn into office by SUP National Vice-President, Tony Tidwell.

President Elggren talked about the new changes in the way the National SUP organization is doing business and the need for each of the SUP members to update their internet and computer skills to become a better part of the new programs. He also noted that younger people are much more "savvy" with the computer than most of those of our generation and spoke of things that the National Office can do to communicate with them. It was noted that the SUP organizational growth is about constant and that we need to improve our recruiting of younger members. He mentioned ways that are being incorporated to do that. He showed us a copy of the newly released one-time expanded Pioneer Magazine as one way of generating interest. He also noted that members should receive their copy of the issue within a week and that this should be a good way to get people interested.



Mary Ellen Elggren and John Elggren

John's wife, Mary Ellen, also addressed us. Mary Ellen is a current missionary at the Church Genealogy Library and noted the Genealogy Library is the most visited site by visitors in Salt Lake City. She talked about the expansion of the missionary program downtown and the new expansion and relocation of the Discovery Center to the first floor of the Genealogy Library. The new Discovery Center provides a person's ties to their ancestors' locations and history and many other facts about their ancestry. Information and photos about your own immediate family can also be created there and saved and recorded. Our chapter recently had a trek to the old location, but it was not very well attended because of the busy time of year. We encourage all SUP members to visit the new site, it is amazing. -- Submitted by Lyman Losee and A. Tom Nelson

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HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

On December 3 we met at the Hurricane Stake Center for our traditional Christmas Dinner with nearly 80 people in attendance. Catered by the Golden Corral, we were served mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Turkey, rolls and dressing, green salad, pie and ice cream for dessert! Towards the end of the meal, Jay Evans and his brother in law entertained us with Christmas and Western music! Their performance was outstanding!

This evening, our new board was presented and sworn in by Don Burton, our Area VP, who will be replaced in 1917 by David Hinton from our chapter.

On January 19th, at the legion hall, we met to participate in a wonderful dinner. The room was packed, and we had to set up an extra table to house everyone. The reason for the crowd? **Antone Bringham**! Besides being a great presenter, his subject was about the history of the Bringham family. His family played such a huge role in the settling of this area, and there are so many families here that have intermingled with the Bringhursts, that there was a lot of interest. He brought with him several books, and some items to display that have been heirlooms in his family.

Thank you Antone, not only for an incredible journey through your families past history, but for the service and dedication you have shown to the Sons of Utah Pioneers over the last many years.



New Hurricane Valley Chapter officers include: L to R: Steve Wilcock, David Isom, Paul Covington, Tom Hirschi Pres., Chris Woodbury, Pres. Elect., David Hinton, Richard Black, Gail Hinton & Dan Wilcock. Gerry Buckner is not pictured. He is our Past President for 2017.



Antone Bringham

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Quentin T. and Pat Wells

Our program for January was speaker, **Quentin T. Wells**, great-grandson of Daniel H. Wells. Daniel Wells has a special history of activity in the settling of the Salt Lake City area during the early days in pioneer history.

Daniel Wells lived in Nauvoo when the saints came there from Missouri seeking a peaceful place to settle. Daniel was friendly and a sympathetic non-member of the Church. He eventually was baptized in 1846 and joined the pioneers being one of the last members to leave Nauvoo.

In 1857, he was called to be Second Counselor to President Brigham Young. He served as a counselor for twenty years.

Daniel Wells was elected mayor of Salt Lake City in 1866 where he served for ten years. At one time, he served as the Public Works Director in Salt Lake City. In that position, he was responsible for the building of many early buildings in the city.

Daniel Wells is also known as a military leader in both Nauvoo and Utah. He led the territorial militia in four Indian conflicts and a confrontation with the U.S. Army in the Utah War. He ran businesses in lumbering, coal, mining, manufacturing, and gas production. He also developed roads, ferries, and railroads. He had a family of seven wives, which included thirty-seven children.

Quentin T. Wells recently finished a book on the life of Daniel H. Wells. It is titled *Defender, The Life of Daniel H. Wells*. Thank you Quentin for this most interesting presentation. And thank you for bringing your wife, Pat, on this occasion.

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LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



David Ogden

On January 9th we had our installation, dinner, and a presentation by **David Ogden** on the southern expedition headed by Parley P. Pratt. Our new officers and board members were sworn in by Dan Adams, the area VP for the Sons of Utah Pioneers. We had a nice ham dinner and then the presentation.

Dave told us interesting things about Parley P. Pratt and his group that went south from Salt Lake City, under the direction of President Brigham Young, to determine what areas would be habitable for future settlement of some of the 70,000 people that were in the Salt Lake Valley. The party travelled from Salt Lake City south across the rim of the Great Basin to the Virgin River near future St. George.

Pratt's party of fifty set out in the winter of 1849-50. They followed the Spanish Trail and other existing paths but also found new routes. As they went, they noted possible town

sites, agricultural and mineral potential, water supplies, and other resources, creating an often-followed blueprint for the Mormon push south.

Their descriptions of the Utes and Paiutes, including leaders Walkara and Arapeen, are among the most valuable parts of the journals. The Indians welcomed the travelers but were suffering from disease, increasing white settlement and travel in their territories, and trade in Indian slaves. Such encounters helped shape future relations with the tribes. Made in the depth of winter, the arduous journey included many hardships and adventures but had a permanent impact on Utah history.



New Lehi Chapter officers

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

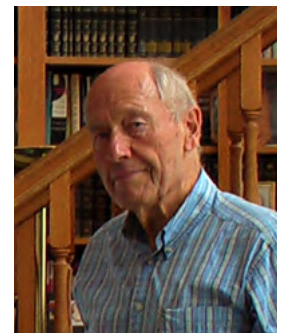
We were excited to have a famous native Mapleton scientist speak to us in our January chapter dinner meeting. **David Allan** is the world-wide expert on global time, a topic most of us know very little about. Because of his brilliant pioneering research abilities that evolved from his master's thesis at the University of Colorado, he helped develop the atomic-clock timekeeping system for the US and the world. Atomic clocks are the most accurate time pieces in the world. Their accuracy is "much better than a billionth of a second in a day. The benefits of high precision timing are way beyond most anyone's comprehension. If you did away with precision timing, you would be back in the dark ages."

After receiving his Master's Degree in physics at the University of Colorado in 1965, he joined now-named "National Institute of Standards and Technology" at Boulder, Colorado where he pioneered in developing precision time. He has received numerous awards world-wide for the work he has done to improve the atomic clock.

Unique in his contribution to time is his background in the Church and his search for the meaning and purpose of our time on planet Earth and its relationship to eternity. His mottos are "Truth is Light and Light is Love". In his

remarks to our chapter, he shared with us his scriptural research that has scientifically strengthened his testimony in the divinity of the Book of Mormon, of the relationship of time from the Garden of Eden when the earth was "nigh unto Kolob", to the movement of fallen earth to its present location in the universe, and to its return to its initial place when it becomes celestialized. He reaffirmed the reality of Noah and the flood and that this event, which is largely denied by science, effectively alters the conclusions geologists have made about the history of the earth.

Much of his research and experiences are captured in his book, "It's About Time, Science Harmonized with Religion" that was published in 2016. Chapter members went away from this meeting with much respect for the intellectual pioneering that our speaker has done and is doing, and with much to ponder and consider



David Allan

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MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City East / Millcreek, Utah



Dr. Leslie Henrie and accompanist Jeffery Price

Our January meeting featured **Dr. Leslie Henrie**, a local professional violinist, violist, and teacher. At the meeting, she played music from the pioneer trail as well as provided us the stories behind the music and the

life on the trek west. The violin was a common instrument that accompanied the travelers, as it was easy to carry and quick to tune. It also provided a great melody making singing along quite easy. The music on the trail was often the means to cheer hearts and make the trek a bit more bearable.

Dr. Henrie favored us with a performance we will long remember. Her stirring melodies surpassed the best found in Abravanel Hall. The spiritual uplift from her performance inspired us all to better works. Her rendition of a Poor Wayfaring man of Grief conjured memories of the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. Her rendition of Savior

Redeemer of My Soul reminded us that we are always in His debt, since it is not in our power to do anything that is close to repayment. But we can love and serve and live in harmony with His will.

Dr. Henrie received her Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance at the University of Utah in 2001 and her Masters of Music degree in Violin Performance at the University of Kansas in 2006. She completed her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in violin and viola performance and pedagogy at the University of Utah in 2013. She performs and records extensively with many other professional organizations in the Rocky Mountain region, including the Utah Symphony, Boise Philharmonic, Vivaldi Virtuosi, Utah Chamber Artists, and the LDS Church.



Mills Chapter board sworn in

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah

At the December 19 meeting of the Morgan chapter, **Val Carter** was recognized as our Modern Pioneer of the Year for his many years of service he has rendered where he has blessed both North and South America. Among other things, he has served as a mission president and also a MTC President in Brazil. Allen called him a true nobleman of the Father. Val has also served as a temple worker for many years, has turned to indexing where he has submitted over 100,000 names.

Speaker for the evening was Brother **Bob Poll** who read a short poem taken from his earlier days called "Christmas Eve on the Desert". The poem talks about the man I was, the man I am now, and the man Heavenly Father looks down on and knows is my future self. He then told us we need to follow our future self. The Master of Christmas died so we might live. He closed by bearing his testimony and admonished each of us to get ready and be prepared for the Saviors Second Coming.

We were favored to have Dennis Barker entertain us with his talent on the violin. He was the concertmaster while attending Weber High School, and has been playing for many years since that time. He has also played in many orchestras over the years. His violin was manufactured in Italy in 1740, and his bow was made in France in the early 1800's.

Our new officers were sworn in by Dave Jacobs, the National Regional Vice President. Those serving include: Alan Turner -- President; Brent Rasmussen - President Elect; Ken Hicks - Vice President; Allen Medaris - Past President; Russ Stebar - Executive Secretary; Stephen Dickson - Treasurer; Paul Dickson - Membership; Forrest Terrell - Pioneer of the Month; Gerald Betournay - Treks and Tours; Lee Nelson - Pioneer Heritage, Scholarships and Essays, Newsletter (temporarily); Calvin Stephens - Programs; Randy Bell - Monuments; Van Nelson - Publicity/News; Bill Warner - Historian; Tom Guffey - Directory; Richard Wiscombe - Fund Raising; Mark Francis - Recognition Program

CHAPTER NEWS

MURRAY CHAPTER - Murray, Utah

The Murray chapter was once again greatly entertained by the **Taylorsville High School Madrigal Choir**, following our delicious dinner on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Meeting at the Murray Heritage Senior Center, we first ate dinner catered by the Golden Corral. While finishing our meal, choir members began arriving. Some of them had been going since very early that morning, and ours was their choir's sixth performance of the day, and their last for that very busy Christmas season. Still with energy and zest in their voices they sang, danced, filled our hearts and even made us laugh. They are truly amazing, and we felt very blessed to experience their love for music, their talent, and their ability to add such joyfulness at Christmas. Having this choir perform for us has been a tradition that we have

enjoyed for several years, and for good reason. Kudos to their choir leader who year-after-year instills in them the desire and talent to sing and entertain.



Taylorsville High School Madrigals

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Ryan Combs

On January 5, **Ryan Leavitt Combs** spoke to our chapter. Ryan works in the LDS Church History Library, currently managing the Early Mormon Missionary Database and various other projects. He previously worked at the Harold B. Library as a Subject Librarian for Religion and Ancient Scripture. He attended BYU to study History and Biblical Hebrew at the University of North Carolina--Greensboro for a Masters in Library Science. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Provo with their three children and another baby on the way in February.

This database can be found at this link [Mormon Missionary Database](#), and ought to be checked out. After his presentation I used it to look for the missionary who baptized an ancestor in 1842 hoping to locate where my ancestor was living at the time. I did not find what I was specifically looking for, but did find much information that will help to complete the picture. A sister in our ward is working on this project and she told me they are reconciling this database with the FamilyTree in FamilySearch. The first time I looked for the missionary I found 3 references, a week later there were ten, showing they are very actively working on this project.

CHAPTER NEWS

SETTLEMENT CANYON - Tooele, Utah



Robert Hansen

On Thursday Jan 5th, **Robert Hansen** told a fascinating piece of LDS immigration history that very few know about, and has been largely lost, even by those who are descendants of those immigrants

involved. After the LDS Church was established in Utah the Perpetual Immigration Fund was established to help especially European converts to join the body of the saints in Utah. Through this fund, money was loaned to those who couldn't pay their own way to travel to the headquarters of the church. As those converts became established here in Zion, they then were expected to pay back those loans so that others could take advantage of this program.

The well-known handcart program was a part of this effort and except for the fateful year of 1856 was very successful. Starting in 1860, the church experimented with a new way of helping people travel. In these years, Utah found itself dollar poor but oxen rich. Brigham Young's answer to this problem was to send Ox teams from Utah to where the Transcontinental Railroad ended at the Missouri River. Converted European saints would then make the final 1000-mile trek to Utah with these oxen teams that carried their belongings as well as the necessary food stuffs to complete their journey.

Some of Robert Hansen's ancestors were part of these "Down and Back Wagon Trains." Unluckily, these very ancestors ended up on what unpopularly became known as the "Abner Lowery Cholera Train." Of the 201 Danes who left by ship in 1866 to travel to Utah, 101 died of cholera along the way. It is suspected that this water-borne intestinal bacteria that, untreated, eventually meant death, was contracted from contaminated water supplies on the ocean voyage from Denmark to New York. From New York, various routes by rail and steamship brought them to a new steamship landing on the Missouri River about 40 miles from Florence, Nebraska. The bacteria that had taken hold while sailing over the Atlantic Ocean, incubated and finally manifested itself at various locations along the route from Denmark to Salt Lake City, usually ending in burial

in whatever caskets from sheets to odd lumber that could be cobbled together. In order to keep wolves from getting at these remains, a smudge of burned buffalo chips were scattered over the burial plots.

Because of the alcohol and sexual immorality at the already established jump off landings at the end of the railroad, as well as shortage of supplies caused by the Civil War still raging, Brigham Young sent church agents to establish its own jump off point and procure their own supplies. This jumping off point was named Wyoming, Nebraska. The coordination from church headquarters of oxen teams, wagons, food and other supplies sent from Utah and purchased in Nebraska and other places that needed to be on hand when these converts arrived at Wyoming, Nebraska is breathtaking in scope, especially considering that the only communication at that time was by telegraph.

In one line of Hansen's ancestry, a family consisting of husband, wife and 5 children, became a husband and one son by the time they arrived in Utah. In other situations, entire families were claimed by the dreaded cholera which is easily taken care of by antibiotics today. In quite an irony, the one surviving son of this particular Hansen family was called back to Scandinavia as a missionary, leaving wife and children behind. After serving his mission he returned to Utah 16 years after being that only child in his family to survive the original Trek. On the return from his mission, in a party of 541 travelers, he arrived back home without a single death in the group. What a difference 16 years can make.

John and Carol Cluff will be our guest presenters on Thursday February 2nd. Come join us to explore the beginnings and history of our local Rush Valley.



Settlement Canyon chapter leadership

CHAPTER NEWS

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER - Richfield, Utah



In January, the story of Kirtland, Ohio, was shared by **John and Sue Southwick** who just recently returned from a mission assignment there.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



David Manoa and Jeff Olsen

Entertainment at the December dinner meeting was provided by **David Manoa and Jeff Olsen**. They performed a program of Christmas music with a Hawaiian flare, accompanying their singing with ukuleles. They began their program with a Hawaiian Christmas song. They said that Elvis Presley was very popular in Hawaii and his music is still very popular. They sang one of his songs, "Blue Christmas."

Hawaiians have embraced some of the mainland music, but with a twist. The duo had individuals come up and hold signs to help the group learn some Hawaiian words associated with "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Then everyone joined in singing the song and laughing at the comical version.



Jenae Butler

After several other songs, they ended their program by having the group sing along as they rendered "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and "Silent Night."

Jenae Butler spoke at the January dinner meeting. She had worked 20 years with Deseret Industries. Deseret Industries began in 1938. The Logan store was one of the earliest to open. The store has been located in several different places in Logan. When it was moved to the current location in 2006, it had the most successful open house on record for the Deseret Industries.



Officers for 2017 (shown in the photograph left to right): James Thomas, Programs; DeLoy Johnson, Membership; Garth Sweeten, Treasurer; Gaylen Ashcroft, Sawmill editor; Adrian Gale, Auditor; Jeff Barnes, President elect; Richard Berrett, President; Paul Riley, Programs

The operation of the facility is largely done by the 156 volunteers who work there. The Logan store receives about 1,900 items each day from donors. There are approximately 1,100 purchases per day. Items that are not sold in a reasonable amount of time are sent to the humanitarian center and are distributed to those in need. The Logan store is usually over stocked and can share with other stores.

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2.5"X3.5" ANODIZED ALUMINUM "FAITH IN EVERY FOOTSTEP" MARKER

In 1997, a Church committee created a marker to be attached to the graves of Pioneers who arrived in the valley prior to the coming of the railroad. These were sold to anyone who wanted to attach one to the grave of his or her ancestor, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847. (\$15 EACH / \$13 EACH FOR MORE THAN SIX PIECES)



SUP LOGO MARKER

Recently a Modern SUP logo marker similar to the "Faith" marker has been provided for use by chapters and members to establish site numbers on monuments and other purposes for which attaching an SUP logo with an inscription is appropriate. The surface can be laser-etched for inscriptions at your local trophy shop. (\$15 EACH / \$13 EACH FOR MORE THAN SIX PIECES)



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The SUP will have leather products available for purchase through the National Office. Call 801-484-4441 for a detailed flyer.

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Recommended for those under age 56 who would like to join

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CHAPTER AWARDS

There are two chapter awards that are out and revised for 2016. One is Chapter Recognition and the other is Chapter Excellence. Chapter presidents should look at these and evaluate their chapters on them. Please see the attached forms on the following pages. Submission deadline for the awards is 15 February 2017.

The list of requirements is the same for each award, but the rules are slightly different.

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish ONE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ALL of them.

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through ONE (or more) 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 RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish THREE of the following criteria,
For the Chapter Excellence Award, the Chapters must do ALL of them.

- Accomplish 90% "NET" National annual membership renewals by February 28, 2016.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year. (*"NET" means paid memberships from the previous year, less deaths, move-aways, full-time missionaries, and other valid reason at the discretion of the Chapter President.*)
- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually.

3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish THREE of the following criteria,
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- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year.
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1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
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Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION RECOGNITION

For the Chapter Recognition award, Chapters will accomplish ONE of the following criteria,
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- 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.



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
National CHAPTER RECOGNITION Awards

Report Form for 2016 Year Due February 15, 2017
(Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 2016)

1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ONE** (or more) of the following activities:
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2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Chapters will accomplish **THREE** of the following criteria:

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The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
National CHAPTER EXCELLENCE Awards

Report Form for 2016 Year Due February 15, 2017
(Complete All Criteria Listed before December 2016)

1. PIONEER VALUES

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow’s Pioneers (Youth) through **ALL** of the following activities:
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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.

JOIINT 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

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