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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we are headed into a brand-new year! 2016 was a very interesting and different year in many ways, but, as far as the Sons of the Utah Pioneers is concerned, it was a great year. Under the direction of our National President James C. Hurst, and our immediate past president Tom Alexander, we made many great strides forward in the management

and financial operations of the association, the biggest being the "Heritage Pioneer Sustaining Fund", which was put in place in April. This fund will allow us to cover major operating expenses without going out to the general membership every 3 to 5 years seeking extra donations. Also, Jim and Tom were able to secure major financial grants which have allowed us to do some important upgrades to our building such as new carpeting, a new sound system, and repairs of the leaking roof. This coming spring we will be resurfacing our parking lot.

"The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers" will be 84 years old in 2017. It was organized on March 29, 1933, through the efforts of 10 men in one chapter. The national dues that year were \$1.00, and

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remained that amount for many years thereafter because of the Great Depression and post-depression era. In 1999 the membership was 2000 in 42 active chapters.

As of the beginning of this year, we have a membership of 2055 in 46 active chapters, however, we have 301 members who are unaffiliated with any Chapter. They are our "At Large Members." The only contact they have with membership is through the "Pioneer Magazine" and the Internet-based "Trail Marker".

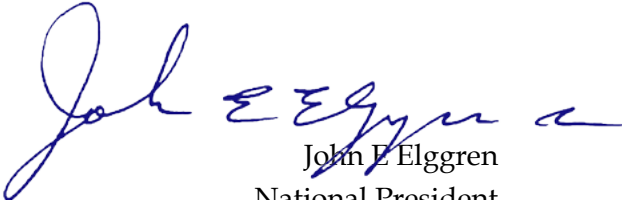
One of my goals this year is to bring to the "At Large Members" more and better contact with the Association through modern technology such as the Internet, videos, Social Media and organizing a new "Online Chapter." Along with this enhanced contact, we need to make our programs more attractive to youth as well the older generation.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2017. As national president, I will strive to bring the Association more fully into the technology era, and bridge the gap between generations, which will surely benefit both.

The ideals and purposes of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have always been:

- 1 - To preserve, by worthy endeavor, the heritage of our pioneer forefathers, and
- 2 - To foster the same spiritual elements of success of the pioneers who conquered, transformed, and settled the great wilderness of the West: namely faith in God, devotion to family, loyalty to country, freedom of conscience, commitment to work, service to others, cooperative industry, and indomitable integrity.

It is our responsibility to share these important concepts with the younger generation, and make them fully aware of these values. This is my goal for 2017.



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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.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

PIONEER MAGAZINE (BOOK) UPDATE



The special combined issue of Pioneer magazine is printed and is available.

The 232-page book has been delivered to the Post Office for mailing to all members and subscribers. It is also available for purchase at the Church History Museum, and at SUP

Headquarters. It will shortly be available on-line from the [SUP Store](#).

The new book presents a walking tour in print of the one-year-old exhibit at the Church History Museum entitled "The Heavens Are Opened: The Early History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." The Museum is located on West Temple St. in Salt Lake City, immediately west of Temple Square.

The "Heavens Are Opened" exhibit includes many video and interactive graphic presentations, as well as a new film depicting the First Vision. Included throughout are important historic artifacts from the early days of the LDS Church in New York, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. All of these are documented in this beautiful new book published by the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Some who have already seen the book have commented that it is almost better than the actual exhibit, because the reader can focus on the stories and artifacts one page at a time.

The new book represents issues 2, 3 and 4 of the 2016 volume of Pioneer magazine. Regular quarterly Pioneer magazine issues will resume during the first quarter of 2017, and continue normally throughout the year.

We are grateful for the patience and trust of our subscribers as you have awaited this new publication. We are hopeful that you will find the new book to be worth the wait.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

This new program is doing well and is a great help in keeping the SUP as a functional entity. Current subscriptions to this are bringing in \$1800 per month. If you would like to participate, see the website for a form.

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 21](#).

PIONEER STORIES EDITOR

This is a new position established by the board. LaRon Taylor has accepted this responsibility. He will collect pioneer stories and provide them as appropriate to the Trail Marker for inclusion there. If you have stories of your pioneer ancestors, forward them to LaRon at lrt68@justrawspeed.com See the article on [page 10](#).

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.

Brigham's BALL 2016

The 2016 Brigham's Banquet and Ball was a great success. The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers donned their pioneer finery to swear-in their new national officers, followed by pioneer dancing and merriment in the SUP Headquarters Building.

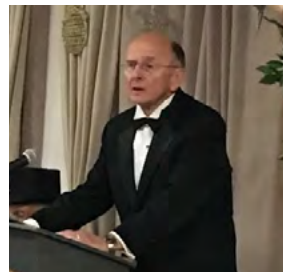
Dil Strasser, 2010 National Past President, and his wife Diane made a wonderful Christmas dinner. The swearing-in of National Officers included our new National President John Elggren, and National President-Elect Keith Van Roosendaal. New members of the National Board included Tony Tidwell, AVP of Salt Lake East, Wayne Hinton, AVP of Cedar City, and his cousin David Hinton, AVP of Utah South. The SUP is grateful for the service and dedication of the Hinton Family.

John Elggren, 2017 President, described his main focus for the upcoming year: bringing the Sons of Utah Pioneers into the modern era through greater use of online technology and social media. He stated his hope to make chapter activity flourish for out-of-town members and any other members unable to attend chapter meetings. He also described plans to open Youth Chapters, specifically targeting younger pioneers of tomorrow.

After dinner and speeches, the party moved downstairs to the Ballroom where Clive Romney and his musical group *Willingly* led pioneer dancing. Even non-dancers enjoyed the music and conversation among friends. SUP Building Manager Linda Sorensen set up a photo-booth for portraits. The evening ended with our new 2017 President John Elggren dancing alone with his wife Mary Ellen. It was a magical evening and we are excited to do it again next year!



Jim Hurst and John Elggren



Tom Alexander



John Elggren

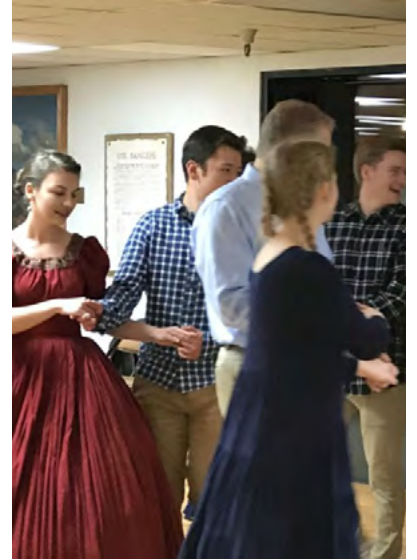


John Elggren and Keith Van Roosendaal being sworn in by Tom Alexander



All the Officers waiting to be sworn in

Brigham's BALL 2016





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

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JANUARY
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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JANUARY
NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL - 11:30AM
Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah.
- FEBRUARY 25**
CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL - 10AM
- FEBRUARY 25**
NATIONAL BOARD MEETING - 1PM
- APRIL 8**
NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
- MAY 6**
HEADQUARTERS CLEANUP & CELEBRATE HEATHER'S BIRTHDAY
- MAY 13**
NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
- 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.

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](#)



NEW SUP PRODUCTS COMING SOON!

The SUP will have leather products available for purchase through the National Office. Call 801-484-4441 for inquiries. A detailed flyer will be available in January.



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.

Monument Trek

Preston, England



We recently received information on a significant memorial project that is being developed in Great Britain. While we have many monuments here in the United States, there are relatively few in Great Britain, so we are passing this on for your information.

The project revolves around this old farmhouse built in 1750.



The farmland once connected with this farmhouse was sold to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1992. The Preston Temple, the Preston MTC and the Stake Center, were built on that land and dedicated in 1998. Land that once grew crops and raised cattle is now harvesting and nurturing a spiritual crop.

Now, some eighteen years later, the Harwood farmhouse and the neighboring temple gardens are about to be reunited with the common purpose of turning the hearts of the children to their fathers.



A Memorial Wall with engraved granite walls, statues, stained glass, gardens and a Visitor Center will be erected to recognize:

- British reformers such as John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, George Wishart, John Knox, etc.
- Translators of the King James Bible
- Passengers of the Mayflower
- 400 Protestant martyrs and 380 Catholic martyrs through whom we enjoy religious freedom
- Amazing work of Restoration forerunners such as John Wesley, John Bunyon, George Fox, George Whitford and others
- British musical contribution
- Influence and faith of many British authors, poets and statesmen
- Victorian LDS emigrants who saved the early Church (many of whom are probably your ancestors)
- "Stay and build" pioneers of the 1950s and 1960s

Such a rich tapestry of faith is worthy of recognition and remembrance. Likewise the memorial is designed to record significant milestones, such as marriage and death of current Church members – a permanent reminder of love and legacy engraved forever in stone. Within the Visitors Center, photos, stories and artifacts will tell the British story and missionaries will be able to add their details to the Mission Wall. We are also teaming up with some sculptors and stained glass artists who will create a visual feast of inspiring art work which can be memorialized in honor of your ancestors.

Details of this project are still coming.

You can visit the website for this project: www.hartwoodpioneerwall.co.uk to learn more about this and follow the progress.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NAME..... CHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Grant Hann Eagle Rock
 Brent Scharman..... Holladay
 Jeffrey BoothOgden Pioneer
 Ryan CurtisSalt Lake City
 William Skinner Upper Snake Rvr Valley
 Noel NellisOgden Pioneer
 Dale Spencer Red Rocks

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

McKay JensonSevier Valley
 Thomas Giles..... At Large Member
 Gary B WhippleCenterville
 Darryl Nelson Bountiful
 Tom B Browning.....Eagle Rock
 Dan Belinski.....Morgan Pioneer

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS MEMBERS

J David Blanch Carruth..... Temple Quarry
 Brian Tiata FisoBrigham Young
 Thomas Frank Dickson.....Morgan Pioneer
 Terry Alan Wheelwright.....Morgan Pioneer
 Richard A. Lawrence.....Ogden Pioneer
 Andrew Elliott McCain.....Morgan Pioneer
 Jon Eric Yorgason.....Morgan Pioneer
 Zachary Cannon Evans..... At Large Member
 Carl Spencer..... Sevier Valley
 Jerrold Q Billings Mills
 Jim Andersen..... At Large Member
 Kenneth Welty At Large Member
 Scott Watts At Large Member
 Richard E Turley Jr..... Pioneer Heritage
 Robert C PehrsonMesa
 W Burke Johnson Sevier Valley
 S Clark Smith..... Mills
 Phil Anderson..... Timpanogos

NAME..... CHAPTER

F&F CONVERTED TO ANNUAL

Lee A Workman Upper Snake Rvr Valley
 RJ Addams..... At Large Member
 Michael J HansenSettlement Canyon
 Kelly Lundeen.....Hurricane Valley
 M Wesley Cox..... At Large Member
 Patrick C StevensMt. Nebo
 James W. Woodland Portneuf Pioneers
 Stephen Rawlins Timpanogos
 Thomas L Kirkham Sr..... At Large Member
 James Brown At Large Member
 Paul Taylor..... At Large Member
 Jay L Johnson..... Red Rocks
 Louis Clements Upper Snake Rvr Valley

SUSTAINING HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

Rawney Ellis Bountiful
 Grenn Clark Centerville
 Grant Hann Eagle Rock
 Merlin Wright Grove City
 Louis Pickett Jordan River Temple
 W Boyd Christensen Mills
 Dean William Hurst.....Ogden Pioneer
 Dick H Jardine.....Ogden Pioneer
 J Paul Riley Temple Fork
 Thomas G Meecham The Mountain Valley
 Edward M Bunker Timpanogos
 Lorimer T ChristensenSalt Lake City

CHAPTER ETERNAL

NAME..... CHAPTER DATE OF DEATH

Harold K Monson... Cotton Mission 11/18
 David S Huefner... Holladay 11/22
 Vernal A Andersen ..Settlement Canyon .. 11/04
 Paul WoodSalt Lake City..... 11/02

PIONEER Stories

We invite you to submit a pioneer story of one of your ancestors. They will be collected, saved and eventually posted on the Pioneer Stories website once it is repaired. Please keep the stories focused on significant events in that person's life that will inspire the reader, rather than just dates and places. One story will be selected each month for publication in the Trail Marker, and should be two pages or less in length. If you have a picture to go with the article, please send it separately so the editors can get a quality reproduction. Send your stories to: lrt68@justrawspeed.com. Thanks Everyone, LaRon Taylor.

REFLECTIONS ABOUT AMOS COX

FROM THE PEN OF CLEESA COX ~ SUBMITTED BY DAVID HINTON



Amos Cox

Amos Cox, born 8 October 1856 at Manti, Sanpete County Utah, was the son of Orville Southerland and Mary Elizabeth Allen Cox. When Amos was a small boy they were called to go to the Muddy in Nevada and settle that part of the country. After many L.D.S. families had built canals set out orchards and vineyards and got the land to producing, the State of Nevada

were unable to meet it. We were told to get out, so grandfather and grandmother moved to Orderville, Utah where they later joined the Order.

Father remembered the long tables where everyone ate and where the butter was put on the bread and then scraped off so it was called bread and scrape, but he also remembers some very good meals that were served, which tasted especially good after a long day of working with a hand scythe.

My father as well as Sister Brady Englestead has told me of how her sister who was about 14 years old had been sick for months, and got so she wouldn't eat, and although they had the elders administer many times, still she seemed to get worse. One day she said "If you will have Amos Cox administer to me I think I will get well." Father was only 17 years old at the time and had never administered to anyone in his life, but they sent for him out in the field where he was scything grain. He said he was dumbfounded, but told them he would come. There in the field he asked Heavenly Father what to say and said he believed it was one of the most humbling experiences of his life. He went to the house, washed his hands, and sealed the anointing. He promised the girl that she would get well, then when he looked at her and saw how frail and pale she looked, he was scared and so weak that he had to sit down. In a few minutes the girl asked for some bread and milk. She ate all of it, and wanted

more, but her mother was wise and told her that she must not eat too much at once, but could have more later. Father then went back to the field. The girl improved from that day on and lived to raise a large family.

Father seemed to have the gift of healing. I have seen several persons whom the doctors had given up, but lived after father administered to them. I also saw a case of someone who didn't live, but father was using tobacco at the time as a doctor had told him to so as to remove the fat from around his heart, but father felt that was why the Lord did not hear his prayer, because he was breaking a commandment.

Father was married to Sarah Arletta Palmer 10 July 1876. I think it was in the Endowment house; anyway he said he was endowed in Salt Lake City. After they had been married a number of years they had no children. It was during the time of polygamy and as the government was trying to get the manifesto through. Father went to Mexico and married my mother Grace Ellen Chestnut on the 4th of June 1894. They were married by Brigham Young Jr., son of President Brigham Young, who was down there for that purpose.

Father and mother are the parents of eight children. As there were no doctors in the L.D.S. Colonies at that time, Aunt Letty took care of the confinement cases with father's help sometimes in Chuichupa, Garcia, and Pechaco, the Mountain Colonies. Later they did some of that work in Colonial Juarez. Father also set broken bones, extracted teeth, and treated snake bites. He said that with the help of the Lord they never lost a case.

Father also practiced the blacksmith trade and went as a guide with mining men from Boston and other Eastern cities. When I was about 12 years old, father sold a mining claim for five thousand dollars and we moved to Juarez. Father invested part of the money in the electric light company and bought a blacksmith shop and a home with the other part. We had electric lights, a telephone, an Edison Phonograph and linoleum on the floors, something we had never had in Chuichupa. Also an organ of which we girls were very proud.

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



Ken C. Hansen

The dinner speaker at our November meeting was Brother **Ken C. Hansen**, a resident of Bountiful for the past 33 years. While a young man he served a mission in Japan. His mission president was Edward Y. Okazaki. During his mission he became very interested in the Japanese religion and culture. He later graduated from Utah State University in history and Japanese. He has taught history for the University of Utah at its Bountiful campus.

Brother Hansen provided a very interesting evening for us by drawing likenesses between some of the religious practices of the Japanese and Christians--especially teachings and practices of the LDS Church. He relied on his Master of Arts degree to help us appreciate the symbolism in the Japanese buildings that are seen in LDS Temples and buildings.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

The December meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter saw our new board members for 2017 sworn in by our area Vice President **Don Burton**. The new president will be **Ralph Atkin**, who started his year of leadership by serving pie to the members during dinner. He'll be a great president. After

dinner we enjoyed a musical treat from **Abe Young**, and his pioneer band. Abe told historical vignettes of the early days in Utah's Dixie in both word and song accompanying himself on guitar, and backed up by Harmonica and "tub" bass.



New Cotton Mission Board Members for 2017



Abe Young and his Pioneer Band

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HOLLADAY CHAPTER - Holladay, Utah

The December Meeting of the SUP Holladay Chapter is always a “don’t miss” event. For some time the event has been arranged and directed by Past President and Board member, Pete Riches, and includes both music and spoken word. The musical portion of the program this year included the **Chris and Ellen Van Dam Family** that provided wonderful string instrument and piano pieces and included most of their large family. The talents and skills of their young family members are exceptional. In addition, the group joined in singing Christmas Carols, led by **Verla Busby** and accompanied by **Carolyn Losee** at the piano.



Van Dam Family



Signe Jacobsen

Our first speaker was **Signe Jacobsen**, who had lived in South Africa, described the customs and activities of Christmas in that part of the world. Trees are decorated on Christmas Eve and the Christmas holiday lasts for about a week. Since it is summertime there, the outdoor activities associated with Christmas are similar to what we do here on the 4th of July.

Pete Riches spoke of the importance of the Savior in our lives and wished us all a great holiday season. He also expressed appreciation for being a member of the Chapter and for the associations we enjoy.

Our final speaker was our Chapter President, Read Howard, who also emphasized his appreciation for our chapter members and our blessings of having the gospel in our lives. He emphasized the true meaning of Christmas and the influence of the Savior in helping us conduct our personal lives.

Presenting each of the ladies with a beautiful potted poinsettia plant always concludes the December evening.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

Our December monthly Chapter meeting was a musical evening consisting of inspirational and entertaining music of the season. The men and women of *The Mountain West Chorale* performed for us, directed by Richard Pearce. We thank this group for such a beautiful program of sacred Christmas music.

At this Chapter meeting, names of our new officers for the year 2017 were announced. They are: **Alan Schmidt** will become our immediate past Chapter president; **Jay Ostler** will become our Chapter president for 2017; **Guy Moore** will become our Chapter president-elect for 2018; and **Thayne Smedley** accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer.



The Mountain West Chorale

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LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

The Lehi Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held a dinner meeting in October and had *Rockwell/Winterer* come to sing and play their guitars for us. They have been playing together for about a year and a half. **Dan Rockwell** started playing guitar in the Beatles era and played in high school bands like most kids those days. After graduation, he played in many local bands and travelling rock bands for 25 years before giving up the volume and nightlife for classical ear and voice training and acoustic instruments. **Tony Winterer** is a retired School Teacher and Administrator of 36 years. His main instrument is the guitar, but also plays the mandolin and banjo. Tony has been actively playing in rock and hillbilly bands for over 45 years. We enjoyed their music and some didn't want them to quit.

In November we had our dinner meeting and held elections. Our new President is **Val Tucker**, President Elect is **Merrill Carson**, Past President is **Bob Beecher**, Secretary/Newsletter is **Ronald Norviel**, Treasurer is **Ronald VanLeuven**, Assistant Treasurer/Calling Supervisor is **Lynn Nielsen**, and additional board members are: **Melvin Anderson, Doug Lovell, Richard Ferguson, DeVere Fowler, Dan Olds and Mike Poulos**.

We had a very interesting speaker, **Mitchell Rodriquez**, on his use of drones to take pictures for companies to use in their advertising as well as beautiful pictures of places and buildings that can only be seen from a "birds eye view". Some of the panoramic clips we viewed were breathtaking.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain, Utah



Frederick G. Williams



Coral Y. Williams

Our December speakers at our chapter dinner meeting were **Frederick G. and Carol Y. Williams**. Carol, a professionally trained coloratura soprano, shared with us the story of her conversion to the Church at the age of 12 by attending mutual with a childhood friend and having a warm spiritual experience as she attended the Beehive class. Here she found answers to questions that were labeled mysteries in her previous church.

She also shared experiences she had with membership in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir after their move to Utah from California in 1999. She concluded by singing a beautiful Christmas song, accompanied by her husband.

Dr. Williams, currently a professor of literature in Portuguese at BYU and the author of a 900-page book on the life of his second-great grandfather, Frederick G. Williams, second counselor to the Prophet

Joseph Smith from 1833-1837, built his remarks around the multiple references to his ancestor in the Doctrine and Covenants. From these citations, we learn of the many roles Dr. Williams played in early church history. Besides being the Prophet's counselor, they included being scribe to the prophet, a member of the first high council for the Church, printer for the early LDS hymnal and Book of Commandments, physician for the citizens of Kirtland, justice of the peace in Kirtland and contributor of land for the Kirtland Temple and other Kirtland buildings. He moved to Missouri with the Saints and then back to Nauvoo where he died in 1842 in full fellowship in the Church. His wife and son, Granger, emigrated to Utah and maintained the Williams heritage in the West. The evening provided a rich understanding of this important yet often unrecognized early church leader plus the bonus of Sister Williams' history and musical talents.

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MILLS CHAPTER - Salt Lake City and Millcreek, Utah Areas

Our December meeting featured the Utah Chamber Artists. They are based in Salt Lake City, Utah and were established in 1991 by Music Director **Barlow Bradford**. The ensemble consists of forty singers/players. Besides presenting the traditional and revered repertoire of the past, the group provides audiences with contemporary works and regularly commissions new music. The musicians perform out of their love for great music and a genuine desire to enrich the lives of their listeners.

Utah Chamber Artists is a major artistic force along the Wasatch front in Utah, but they also enjoy a broader reputation. The choir has been heard on the National Public Radio program "First Art," appeared on the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's weekly broadcast, performed with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, and sung on various occasions with the Utah Symphony. In 1996, the choir was invited to perform with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Bradford conducted the ensembles in a concert tour of Israel, which culminated in a studio recording of the John Rutter "Requiem."

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho

The Portneuf Pioneer December Gold and Green Ball was another wonderful success. The Dance was held in the historic Tyhee Church just north of Pocatello. We danced the night away to the music of **Steve Riley**. The hors d'oeuvres were heavenly with cookies and punch and all kinds of treats. The floor show included a Christmas concert by "Praise Ensemble" singers led by **Wayne Winters**. Pictures by the Christmas tree for all were taken by **Kenyon Hart** and 2017 officers were installed.



The Praise Ensemble

RED ROCKS CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah



2017 leadership of the Red Rock Chapter include: **Don Burton**, area vice pres; **Marlin Brown**, newsletter editor; **Bruce Harris**, pres.; **Roger Chamberlain**, pres-elect; **Gerald Spencer**, past pres.; **Ron Ford**, secretary; **Brent Chamberlain**, board member; **Reid Sherratt**, treasurer; **Russ Keller**, board member. **Dale Spencer** and **Larry Rhodes**, board members were unavailable for the picture. (Photo courtesy **Randy Merrell**).

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SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

We were honored to have the LDS Business College Institute Choir as our guests at our December meeting, which was held on November 30th, due to their schedule. We were most delighted to hear their performance. Their director, **Richard T. Decker**, let us know in the beginning that he had only half of their total number in attendance (“I don’t know where the rest are!”), but no matter, theirs was a fine performance. It is very encouraging to see these young people giving of themselves for the enjoyment of others. Our thanks go to them and their directors and leaders.



LDS Business College Institute Choir

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Mark and Colleen Bezzant

The December Chapter Meeting speakers were the new 2017 Chapter President, **Dr. Mark Bezzant** and his wife **Colleen Bezzant**.

Colleen Bezzant was the first to speak and gave accounts of Pioneer stories of her family and personal experiences that she had. She spoke first of the

Christmas spirit and the sacrifice Jesus

Christ made for all of us. She then spoke of her wonderful heritage beginning with a great grandfather who was taught the gospel in England by Wilford Woodruff before joining the church. He came to America just as the mobs were driving the saints out of Nauvoo. He later joined the Mormon Battalion, became ill on the trek and was left on the side of the road as if dead. An individual appeared and administered to him and then disappeared. It was thought that the individual may have been one of the three Nephites.

Colleen spoke of a faithful grandmother who lived to be ninety-nine and a half years old and who had spent the last ten years of her life in bed. Colleen went on to discuss her own family and how they all worked in a hardware store

and learned the skill of how to treat people. Her mother had taught her to “kill them with kindness.” Colleen reminded us that we should all carry the light of Jesus Christ to the world.

Mark Bezzant shared personal experiences. As a child, Mark’s mother had a disease that damaged her heart; consequently a doctor suggested that she have an abortion due to her poor health. However, she had a priesthood blessing that she would grow to maturity and have a family. There would be no abortion! Mark’s mother went on to raise 7 children and lived to the age of 74.

Mark related stories of Colleen’s ancestry and a great great grandfather, Eli B. Kelsey, who was the teacher for the children of Joseph and Hyrum Smith when word came of their deaths. Eli was so admired by Brigham Young as a teacher that Brigham asked him to be the principal of the school in Salt Lake City where Brigham’s many children were educated. Eli crossed the plains four or five times bringing others to Zion.

Mark related how the Bezzant’s came to Pleasant Grove and through much hard work helped turn the desert into a rose. Mark spoke of how he almost drowned as a two year old, but was saved by a noble woman who was listening to the spirit. He stressed the need for all to keep the heritage of the pioneers alive and pass the torch to the next generation, never letting it die until that blessed day when Christ comes again.

CHAPTER NEWS

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Russ Akina

Russ Akina was the Temple Fork Chapter November speaker. He is Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Logan. He began his talk with a bit of information about himself, how he got employment in Logan, and how he feels about Logan and Cache Valley.

He had lost his job and was looking for a new one. He got a call from his sister in 1994

saying there was a position open in Logan, Utah. He sent a resume and then came to Logan to interview.

As he drove into Cache Valley, it reminded him of “Little House on the Prairie.” He saw all the green and fell in love with the Valley. There have been a lot of changes in population and recreational activities in the Logan area since that time.

The Logan Parks and Recreation Department has a stewardship for over 397 acres of parkland, 32.6 miles of trails and trail connections, 44 youth and adult recreation programs, the Logan City Cemetery, Logan River Golf Course, Logan Aquatic Center, Logan Skate Park, and the Logan Recreation Center.

This position has helped Russ learn to sharpen his communication skills. He knows it is important to listen and to respond to concerns of the public. He believes that whatever we do in the public eye, everything matters.

Russ is an advocate for public trails. One of his responsibilities has been to acquire property along the Logan River from private individuals so that there is land for trails. Many people do not want trails or a park next to their house. Most projects have challenges; planning is very important; and sometimes projects take longer than he had hoped they would take.

The Temple Fork Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers recently presented a Modern Pioneer Award to Casper’s Ice Cream, Inc. and Paul Casper Merrill the current Chief Executive Officer.

The development and growth of Casper’s Ice Cream has been a pioneering effort by three generations of the Merrill family. The business was started in 1925 by Paul Merrill’s grandfather, Casper W. Merrill. Three of Casper’s four sons—Richard Merrill, Derwin Merrill and George Kay Merrill—have spent many years in the company with responsibilities for management, production, accounts, sanitation, engineering, sales, and marketing. Most of Casper’s granddaughters and grandsons and many spouses have also worked in the family business.

Casper started the business by taking some of the milk and cream from the family dairy farm and making ice-cream mix in a ten-gallon milk can. He froze the mix into Casco nut sundaes and Fat Boy ice cream sandwiches, he then sold them at Richmond’s Black and White Days, the 4th and 24th of July celebrations, and the Cache County Fair and Rodeo. He taught his four sons to hawk (sell) them at the Rodeo by yelling: “I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. It will freeze your teeth, curl your hair, and make you feel like a millionaire. Only 10 cents.”

Casper Merrill had a great philosophy of life and left a legacy that people could be successful in life if they would work hard, pay a full tithing, spend less than they make, save for the future, and serve in their church and community.

Consequently many of Casper’s posterity have served in presidencies of Relief Society, Primary, Young Men, Young Women, Stake Presidency, High Council, Scouting, Mayor, City Council and other church and civic positions.

When Casper retired, Paul’s father, Derwin Merrill became Chief Executive Officer. Under his direction, the Fat Boy manufacturing was changed from a batch-freezing operation to a continuous-line operation using a tunnel freezer designed and built specifically for Casper’s Ice Cream.

Paul Merrill is the third-generation Merrill operating Casper’s Ice Cream. Paul graduated from the School of Business at Utah State University. He is very optimistic, a great organizer, and has a keen ability to rally mid-management corporate employees around the company goals and mission statement.

When Paul became President of the Company in 2002, annual sales were at \$4 million. In 2016, the sales surpassed

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\$30 million, which equates to producing over 80 million novelty ice cream bars. These Fat Boys are sold in over 6,800 grocery, C-store, and club stores in the United States. With the completion of a new 75,000 square-foot factory being built, Casper's production capacity will allow sales to grow to four times the current sales.

From its beginning, Casper's Ice Cream has manufactured Fat Boy ice cream sandwiches and nut sundaes on a stick. In addition to producing Fat Boys in several different flavors, Casper's Ice Cream has recently begun selling numerous flavors of ice cream in two-quart containers under the "Red Button" label. They also co-pack ice cream products with several different labels for other companies.

Paul is certainly a Modern Pioneer in an ice cream business that has been pioneered through three generations of Merrills.



Paul Merrill (center), CEO of Casper Merrill Ice Cream, holding the modern Pioneer Award presented by George Montrose (left), chapter president. Derwin Merrill, Paul's father, is on the right.

TRAIL MARKER

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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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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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Gift Subscriptions Recorded by National Office

4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION RECOGNITION

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

- 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.

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

SIGNED:

Name of Donor

Date _____

Acknowledged:

President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Date

ACKNOWLEDGED:

Corporate Secretary

Date

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