

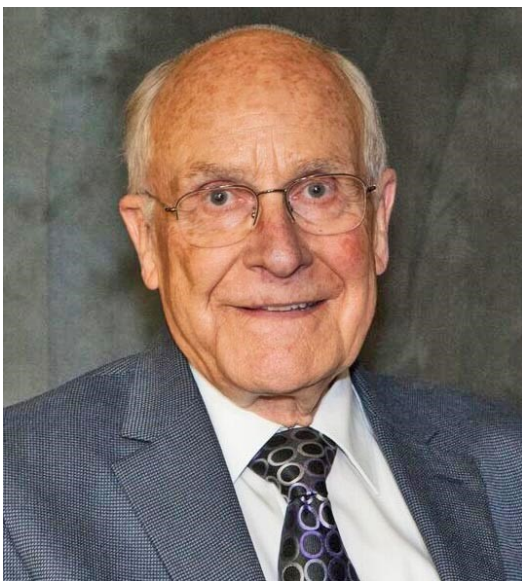
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Leadership at the National level for the Sons of Utah Pioneers is focused in the Executive Council and the Board of Area Vice Presidents. The Executive Council consists of the National President, President-Elect and Past President. The National Treasurer and Office Manager also meet with the Executive Council as non-voting members. The Executive Council meets weekly at the National Headquarters, usually for 2 1/2 hours. Counsel and advice is regularly sought from members of the Past Presidents Council and the Program Directors who serve with assigned responsibilities.

There are 17 designated geographical Areas, each consisting of up to five chapters. An Area Vice President serves as a connecting liaison between National and the Chapters. Area Vice Presidents and Program Directors meet once a month for a scheduled two hour meeting. The commitment and dedication of all of these administrators, who serve voluntarily without compensation, is nothing short of phenomenal. So, in

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addition to routine matters such as budget management, headquarters building repair and maintenance and staffing concerns, what do these leaders do to maintain and enhance our SUP Society in the pursuit of our Mission? Here are some examples from the past few months:

- **Chapter Recognition Award Expansion:** These awards are presented annually to those chapters meeting specific portion of the criteria listed on the form. Each year a few stellar chapters go beyond just the required minimum and complete all of the criteria. Beginning this year, those chapters that complete all the criteria as specified will be recognized with a Chapter Excellence Award. The title of the program will henceforth be known as the **Chapter Recognition & Excellence Awards**.
- **Creation of an On-Line Chapter:** Scores of our SUP members are unable to participate regularly in chapter meetings and activities because they live in remote locations, have employment that restricts their involvement or have health problems. Many of these members have access to on-line resources and would benefit from monthly "meetings" on line. Steps are underway to create an **on-line chapter** to serve this purpose. Anyone interested in pioneering this effort is invited to step forward and let us know of your interest.
- **New Member Recruitment:** Informal surveys have indicated that by far the greatest number of new members have been introduced by relatives or by friends. Accordingly, as a new emphasis on building our membership, each chapter President is encouraged to designate every month of **April** as **Bring a Son or Grandson as a guest** to the chapter meeting. The month of **October** is designated as **Bring a Friend as a Guest** to the chapter meeting. These guests will be given a special welcome and information describing our Society and encouraged to become members.
- **SUP Heritage Sustaining Member:** A new membership classification has been created. This unique member category will designate those current members whose commitment to SUP and personal resources enable them to provide sustained financial support to the SUP. A prudent SUP leadership is determined to avoid a general increase in member dues, and yet is faced with inflating expenses for maintaining an aging headquarters building and general operating demands. This new member designation will recognize those who provide sustained assistance to help solve these problems. More information can be found on our website – <http://www.sup1847.com/>
- **Trial Marker delivery expansion.** It is now possible for member spouses, widows of deceased members and other interested persons to receive our SUP monthly newsletter. Information on this new availability is contained in this edition of the Trail Marker.

These items represent the efforts of the combined SUP leadership to maintain the vibrancy of our Society of The Sons of Utah Pioneers in pursuit of achieving success in honoring the goals of our SUP Mission. Stay tuned for additional initiatives in the future.

Jim Hurst
National President, 2016
jhurst@uwyo.edu

NATIONAL CALENDAR

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

- April 30, SUP Building Clean Up, 10:00 to 12:00.
- May 7, National Symposium, National Headquarters [See page 5](#)
- June 25, Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- July 18, SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park [See page 21](#)
- July 25, Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7:00 a.m.
- August 27, Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- September 22-24, 2016, SUP National Convention in Hurricane, Utah. [See page 22](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Annual Members

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Jay Monson | Snow Horse |
| Craig Anderson | Ogden Pioneer |
| Cleveland Karren | Washington DC |
| Jeffrey Fairbanks | Modesto-New Hope |
| Jay Richard Larsen | Temple Fork |
| Marvin O Jensen | Morgan |
| Mark Francis | Morgan |
| Robert Heywood | Mesa |
| Mark Heywood | Mesa |
| Craig Anderson | Ogden Pioneer |
| Arthur Whittaker | Snow Horse |
| Glenn G Kimball | Sevier Valley |

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Lee Kirkham Sr | At large Member |
| Thomas Lee Kirkham Jr | At Large Member |
| Mathew Wharton | Mesa |
| Russ McAdams | Timpanogos |
| Robert Parrish | Timpanogos |
| John L Johansen | Timpanogos |
| Jimmy R Webber | Twenty Wells |

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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| Robert J Smith | Brigham Young |
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March 4, 2016

How children perceive their grandparents

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to
SUP1847@gmail.com.

Nominations needed for 2017 president elect

Here is your chance to participate in the election of the next President Elect.

We invite members of the SUP to nominate outstanding men for president-elect of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The nomination must include information that explains why the man you have nominated would be an excellent SUP president. You should get the approval of the nominee before sending in his name. Nominations should be submitted either to Heather at the national office or to Tom Alexander, current Past President.

Deadline is May 2nd.

Status of Speakers' Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau is growing! It is up to six names now. Thanks to those who have been submitting names.

Now, we need your help to make it continue to grow and to make good use of it. So if you have a speaker that you want to recommend, be sure that they are willing and then send the information to the webmaster. (david.mower@gmail.com) He will then add that to the list. When you are in need of a speaker, go to the website and see if someone meets your needs.

The Speakers' Bureau will reside permanently in the *About/Forms and Documents* section of sup1847.com. To see the Speakers' Bureau now, click [HERE](#).

Applications invited for 2017 and 2018 National Conventions.

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Convention in either of the coming years, please send your proposal to the National Office. We are planning for both years to facilitate scheduling. All chapters are welcome to apply! Deadline for applications is May 2nd.

Spring Clean Up is coming!

Put Saturday April 30 on your calendar to come and help us clean up the building and grounds for the coming summer. Wear your work clothes and gloves. [See page 5](#)

The National Symposium

Our next major event is the National Symposium that will be held in Salt Lake City on Saturday, May 7. This promises to be another outstanding program. See [page 7](#) for details on this. Tickets can be purchased from the Store at our website <http://www.sup1847.com/store/may-2016-symposium>

National Past President's Luncheon Meetings

We need your advice on SUP programs and activities. We meet at the Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah at 11:30 a.m.

All past SUP National Presidents and their wives are cordially invited. We have reserved a separate room. Just pick up your lunch and come on in and have an enjoyable time together.

The Dates are: June 25, August 27, and October 22, 2016

2016 Spring Cleaning at SUP

3301 E. Louise Ave. (2920 S.) Salt Lake City, UT 84109

Saturday, April 30th 8AM – Noon

Please bring your own gloves *and any items listed below* that you can.

On larger items like wood chipper or chain saw, please call or text **Linda** and report what you can bring.

Otherwise, she will try to rent some of these items. **801-824-0669**

There will be refreshments/brunch!

Please RSVP to Linda at any one of the following by April 28th:

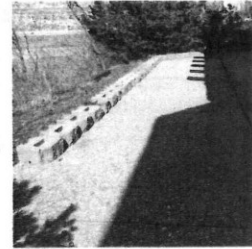
- supbuildingmgr@gmail.com
- Cell Phone: 801-824-0669 (You may text!)
- Work Phone: 801-484-4441 ext.2 (Leave message)

Out Door Work

- **Tree & Bush Trimming**
 - Rakes (We have a couple)
 - Shovels (We have a couple)
 - Trimmers (We have one)
- **Weed removal in Lawns**
 - Weed knives (We have at least one)
 - Grass sidewalk edger (We don't have a motorized one.)
- **Trash Removal**
 - Pick up trash around perimeter of parking lot and around building.
(We have trash bags and latex gloves.)
- **Removal of dead wood**
 - Chain Saws (We do have one on loan from a member.)
 - A wood chipper?
 - Wheel barrows. (We have two)
- **Outdoor window washing**
 - Supplies to clean windows with. (We do have one long pole)
 - Stair ladder (We have regular ladders, but none of the kind that will go on stairs.
Some of the office windows will not be reachable without one of these.)
 - Ideas on how to get hard water stains off the windows.
 - Steel wool?
 - Razor Blades?
 - Some kind of solvent? We will have some LimeAway. I tried vinegar and it didn't touch it. Let me know if there is something you know of that will work.

Out Door Work – Cont

- **Aerating lawn**
 - Aerating machine?
- **Moving 80 lb blocks from Parking lot to patio and building a wall about 4 ft high.**
 - Hand trucks (We have one and have started this project.)
 - Bobcat or Skid Steer or Electric cart with trailer, etc.?
 - Would like to have wall completed on this day.



In-Door Work

- **Upstairs Kitchen Cleaning**
 - Any cleaning supplies you would like to bring (We do have cleansers, sponges, mops, etc.)
- **Someone to be in charge of “warming” and serving refreshments/brunch**
 - To be served at noon.
 - Linda will buy the food and have it in the kitchen the day before.
- **Downstairs Kitchen**
 - Need to clean out cupboards removing old food items that have been left over the years.
 - Any cleaning supplies you would like to bring.
- **Sewing blackout curtains (Linda has started these, with no pattern. It’s some make-shift curtains made out of taffeta, if someone would like to just sew together and hem.**
 - Sewing machine and black thread. (We do have one PAFF machine)
- **Indoor window cleaning.**
 - We have some supplies.
 - Extra microfiber rags would be nice if you can bring some.
- **Table Leg Repair?**
 - Please call Linda if you have experience and/or ideas how to fix broken table legs.
- **Table washing**
 - Magic Erasers would be wonderful! (We will have some.)
 - Water pails. (We have a few.)
 - Putty knives for removing gum under tables. (We have a couple)

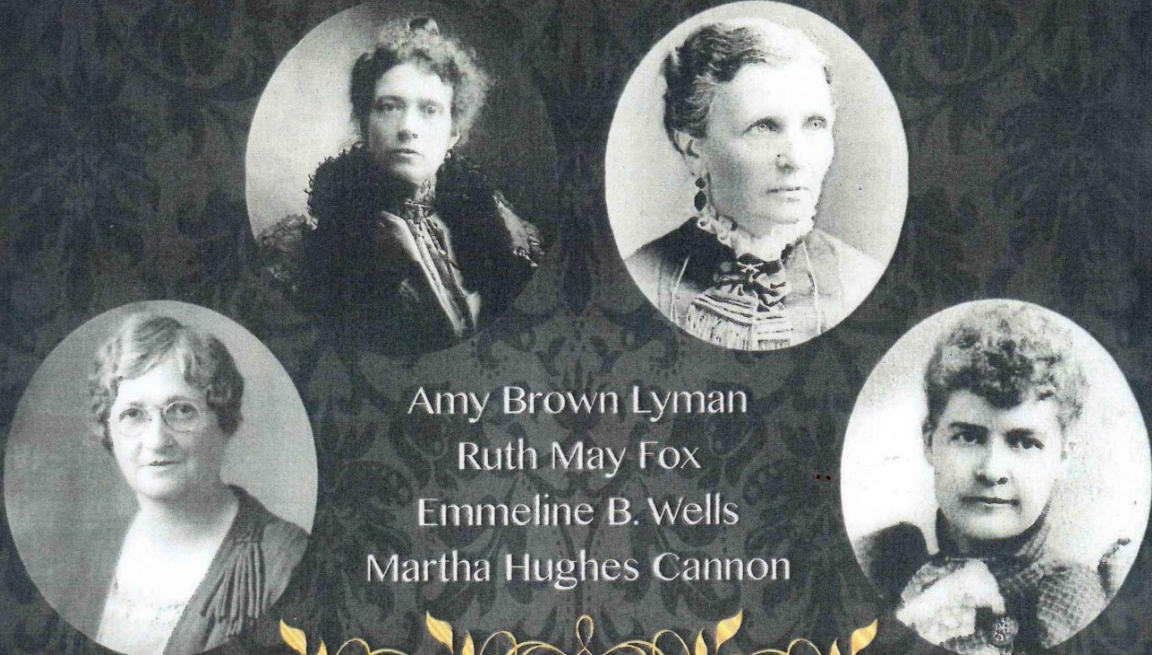
Again, please call or text Linda if you have questions about any of these projects.

801-824-0669


National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Annual Historical Symposium


with Keynote Speaker
Bonnie L. Oscarson
General President of the Young Women



Amy Brown Lyman
Ruth May Fox
Emmeline B. Wells
Martha Hughes Cannon



The Legacy of Early Utah Women



May 7th, 2016

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers presents
The 2016 Annual Historical Symposium

THE LEGACY OF EARLY UTAH WOMEN

Dinner & Keynote : 6:00-8:00PM - National SUP Building - 3301 E Louise Ave, SLC
Symposium : 1:00-5:00PM - Canyon Rim Stake Center – 3051 South 2900 East, SLC



Bonnie L. Oscarson, General President of the Young Women - Keynote Address

Bonnie L. Oscarson earned a bachelor's degree, with an emphasis in British and American Literature, from Brigham Young University. At the church's April 2013 general conference, she was sustained as the new general president of the Young Women organization, succeeding Elaine S. Dalton. As president of the Young Women, she is an ex officio member of the church's Boards of Trustees/Education. In 2015, President Oscarson became the first female member of the LDS Church's Missionary Executive Council.



Carol Cornwall Madsen - Within the Radius of the True Light, The Life of Emmeline B. Wells

Carol Cornwall Madsen is professor emeritus of history and was a member of the former Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for LDS Church History, both at BYU. She served as associate director of the Woman's Research Institute, established a course in U.S. Women's History, and inaugurated a Best Article Award in Women's Studies at BYU. She also served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Utah State History and is a past president of the Mormon History Association. She has authored more than fifty articles on Utah and Mormon women and written or edited six books. Emmeline Wells has been the focus of her research for many years and the subject of two of her books.



Mary Ellen Shields Elggren - Ruth May Fox: The Last Living Pioneer, The Forgotten Suffragist

Mary Ellen Elggren has spent over 30 years producing and guiding hundreds of LDS Church history, cultural heritage and U.S. history tours as the 3rd generation owner of a company founded by her grandmother, Vida Fox Clawson, the daughter of Ruth May Fox. She is the founder of the Utah Tour Guide Association where she continues as trainer in the Guide Certification Program. She is a docent at the Utah State Capitol and for the Utah Heritage Foundation. She assisted establishing the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area along historic Highway 89. She currently is Board Chair of the Brigham Young Family Association and serves on the National SUP Board as Trek Advisor.



Kate Holbrook - Giants in Relief Society from Hyrum to Thistle Valley

Kate Holbrook is a Specialist in Women's History for the LDS Church History Department. She is coeditor of *The First Fifty Years of Relief Society: Key Documents in Latter-day Saint Women's History* (Church Historians Press, 2016) and *Women and Mormonism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* (University of Utah Press, 2016). Her dissertation, *Radical Food: Nation of Islam and Latter-day Saint Culinary Ideals: 1930-1980* (Boston University, 2014) explores the everyday theological priorities carried in food. She received the first Eccles Fellowship in Mormon Studies at the University of Utah for that work. She is also co-editor of *Global Values 101* (Beacon Press, 2006).



David Hall - Amy Brown Lyman: From Pioneer Daughter to Innovator

Dave Hall received his B.A. in history from UCLA, his Master's degree from BYU, where he was very fortunate to be mentored by outgoing SUP president Tom Alexander, and his Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara. He has published in a variety of venues has won awards from the Mormon History Association and the Western History Association for his writing. His biography of Amy Brown Lyman, "A Faded Legacy: Amy Brown Lyman and Mormon Women's Activism, 1872-1959," was published this past October by the University of Utah Press.

MAIL IN REGISTRATION TO: 3301 East Louise Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

All registration must be in advanced, no registration will be accepted at time of event

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Chapter: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

| Both Symposium & Dinner | Dinner ONLY | Symposium ONLY |
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| \$25.00 per person | 6:00 - 8:00 PM, May 7th, 2016 \$20.00 per person | 1:00 - 5:00 PM, May 7th, 2016 \$15.00 per person |
| # _____ attendees = \$ _____ | # _____ attendees = \$ _____ | # _____ attendees = \$ _____ |

- Pay by Check (please mail check, with this registration form, no later than April 28th, 2016)
- Pay by Card (please contact National SUP office to pay: 801-484-4441 or go to www.sup1847.com)

CHAPTER NEWS

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Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information, pictures and upcoming events 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.

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. See also the Speakers' Bureau on the website.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo – Orem, Utah)

Jim Kearl spoke at our March dinner meeting. He is the A.O. Smoot Professor of Economics at Brigham Young University and Assistant to the University President for the Jerusalem Center. His presentation topic was centered around the “Church in the Holy Land” and the “Jerusalem Center.”

History of the Church in the holy land in this dispensation starts with the missionary journey of Orson Hyde a member of the Quorum of the Twelve. **Orson Hyde and John Page** at the April 1840 General Conference were assigned to take a mission to the Jews to dedicate the land for the gathering of the Jews. Orson traveled to New York and was raising money for the trip. In late 1840 Orson was still in New York waiting for John Page. Due to a letter published in a Nauvoo newspaper stating that the Lord was not pleased with Orson and John, Orson decided to travel to the Holy Land without John.

After a long and difficult journey he arrived in Jerusalem and stayed at a monastery.

Sunday, 24 October 1841, Orson went to the Mount of Olives, built a stone altar, and offered a prayer dedicating the land for gathering of the Jews. Jim Kearl read part of the dedicatory prayer and emphasized that the prayer dedicated the land for the gathering of the Jews and not for proselyting. The prayer included a blessing upon the land that it would be fruitful and no longer be barren. Jim noted that the Holy Land has been dedicated a number of



Jim Kearl

times by latter-day apostles (1873, 1898, 1902, 1927, and 1933) and none of these dedications were for proselyting; all for the gathering.

In 1972 Harold B. Lee organized the first Jerusalem Branch (Jerusalem District); there are now four small branches.

Jim continued the discussion on how the Hyde Park and the Jerusalem Center were established. Jim wanted to make it clear that the Church owns no land in Jerusalem. The Hyde Park land was purchased by the Orson Hyde Foundation, LLC, the park developed and then donated to the city. The Jerusalem Center sits on leased land; 49-year lease with an automatic extension for another 49 years.

Jim emphasized that the center is part of BYU and not the Church. It is to be used for educational purposes with no proselyting (it is not a Church facility). The study abroad program at the Jerusalem Center has equal emphasis on Arab, Muslim, Israeli, and Jewish Holy Land history.

Jim showed the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies hosting video. The video can be viewed at <http://jerusalemcenter.ce.byu.edu/video>.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah)



Haven Barlow

Haven Barlow, who was a State Legislator for 42 consecutive years (longer than any other legislator in Utah history), and was president of that governing body three times was the speaker at our dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, 1 March 2016. While a legislator he gave *life saving support* to the Utah

Symphony. In the field of education he supported the establishment of Weber State College as a four year school, and secured funding for the Weber

State Davis Campus. He also helped establish the Davis Applied Technology College as well as other technology colleges throughout the state of Utah.

Haven played a major role in preserving the Bountiful Tabernacle, which was built during the time of Brigham Young while Haven's great, great grandfather was the bishop. Haven chose to center his message to us on the importance of preserving historical buildings using the Bountiful Tabernacle as an example. He told us what he did to keep the building from being torn down. We have the modernized Bountiful Tabernacle today as a result of Haven's work.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah area)

Our March meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was a trek to nostalgic, historic sites a little north and west of St George--an agricultural land of small towns that were settled in the pioneer days of Utah and Nevada, but today they are small, aged, and show the signs of time. Modena was a thriving stop on the railroad where you had to get off and go by horse and wagon if you were going to the towns south of there. The town of Panaca, settled by the Mormons, thought they were in *Iron* County, Utah, but learned that they were in Nevada and they hold the title of being the only

“dry. No-gambling” town in Nevada .

We ate lunch at the Silver Café in Pioche and laughed at each other as we tried to eat those Dagwood style hamburgers.

Pioche boasts of their million dollar courthouse that was

only supposed to be a forty thousand dollar venture which was finally condemned a year before they got the bond for it payed- off.

The guest historians at each site shared marvelous stories of their city's glory days, but the gold and silver in the mines ran out. Their high quality alfalfa turned the towns into farming communities, but with the new refining techniques, there is hope that there is still “gold (or other valuable minerals) in them thar mountains,” or tailings. What a marvelous adventure the day was.



Durant McArthur discusses the history of Pioche NV

GROVE CITY CHAPTER (Blackfoot, Idaho)

Martell Grover, of Rexburg, and a descendant of **Thomas E. Ricks** gave an interesting presentation at our February 25 program about Thomas E. Ricks, early pioneer, to our Grove City (Blackfoot) Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. His presentation was well attended and well received.



Martell Grover

Grover narrated a slide presentation that illustrated the life of Thomas E. Ricks. He related how Ricks, with his family, joined the Church, and traveled across the plains with the Mormon pioneers. He was a young man when he crossed the plains and was wounded during the trek. As a result of the wounds, Ricks wore

a built-up platform soled shoe and limped for the rest of his life. In spite of his handicap, Ricks was not deterred from serving in any capacity to which he was called, including exploration to southern Utah, and other areas.

He built railroads, flour mills, and was involved in many other enterprises and ultimately became a man of some wealth.

Ricks lived and helped to develop several areas, such as the Cache Valley area, and was well known for settling in the Rexburg area where he helped build up the community, including building and supporting the Ricks Academy (now BYU Idaho). Ricks served as a Bishop to the LDS ward covering the area of most of Eastern Idaho. He later served as a Stake President over substantially the same area. He was largely responsible for building up and strengthening the Church in the area. His family now numbers in the thousands.

Grover related a number of highly interesting stories from the life of Thomas E. Ricks, which served to illustrate the challenges faced by the pioneers and also showed how they overcame obstacles and laid the groundwork for the prosperous circumstances in which we now live.

2016 SUP Pocket Calendars

Now available from the National Office for \$4.00 each

You can order them by calling the office (801-484-4441) or by going to the website and to the store. Or, just drop into the office and pick one up.



HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah)

A Trek Though Time was the subject of the Holladay Chapter's March meeting. Four Countries: Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and England were represented with each having their own location for their presentation. The time was allocated so that each member could attend two sessions (two countries or two sessions with different presenters in the same country). There were pictures, artifacts and other memorabilia at each station. It was a well-planned team effort that involved fifteen presenters and the event increased the appreciation of our pioneer ancestors for all those who attended.

Most events that honor pioneers focus on the Nauvoo exodus and the trek across the plains. While all pioneers shared that common part of the trek that extended from the American frontier more than a 1,000 miles to the desert in the mountain west, that was only a tiny part of the story for most pioneers. We learned of pioneers that left their homes in beautiful Luzern, Switzerland and traveled hundreds of miles to a seaport and others who left quaint villages in Sweden and Germany. All



Blind Hans Ulrich Bryner, Jr. holding onto back of wagon

gathered in Liverpool, England with others who didn't even speak the same language but were united in worshipping the same God.

There they boarded ships that were tossed on the rough seas for a journey that lasted six or more weeks. When they finally reached America the prospect of walking to Zion must have seemed like a picnic after the long fight with seasickness and the plagues that often accompanied sea travel.

But before they could begin the hike to Zion many had to journey in cattle cars from the East Coast to Omaha, Nebraska. One of these pioneers, **Hans Ulrich Bryner, Jr.**, was blind and traveled all the way from Zurich, Switzerland to the Salt Lake Valley. The last 1,000 miles of this journey he found his way by holding onto the back of a

covered wagon. The pioneers that came from Europe endured great hardships as they traveled over 4,000 miles before they even began the trek to the Salt Lake Valley. And most of them were soon called to move on to other settlements shortly after they arrived in the Valley. Let us never forget that the pioneer story did not begin at Winter Quarters nor end in Salt Lake Valley.

Friends and Family membership

Recommended for those under age 56
For those with limited time

Click [HERE](#) for an application form

Regular membership

Pay annual dues or become
a life member

Click [HERE](#) for an application form

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER (Hurricane, Utah)

For our March event we gathered at the Hurricane Legion Hall to mix and mingle with our members, and partake of a fantastic meal and friendship. After the meal our **Mayor, John Bramall**, stood to address us. His message touched on a number of items. One being, the importance of knowing who our ancestors were, and the importance of Family History Work so we can become better acquainted with those of our family who came before us, who helped to make us who we are .

John talked about his ancestry, and what he had discovered about his relationship to families here in Hurricane, even though he himself is a transplant, but having lived in Hurricane for the past 24 years and raising his family here.

He talked about some of the things that are happening here in Hurricane, with roads, and improvements to different areas of Hurricane, as well as state land management instead of federal land management. His talk was interesting and compelling.



Mayor John Bramall

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (South Jordan, Utah)

Our speaker was **Steven L. Olsen**. Steven is the Senior Curator in the LDS Church History Dept. His theme was the restoration work being done on Church Historical properties. By way of pictures, he took our audience on a tour of the Priesthood Restoration site in Pennsylvania along the banks of the Susquehanna River. It was here Joseph Smith met his wife, Emma. It is also the location where much of the translation of the Book of Mormon took place. John the Baptist bestowed the Aaronic Priesthood upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery at this site. Also, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery baptized each other here.

Shortly thereafter, Peter, James, and John conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood upon Joseph and Oliver



Steve Olsen

at this location. As portrayed, this is indeed a significant place when it comes to LDS Church history.

Steven showed pictures of the interiors of the homes recreated to be typical of the homes built in the area at that time. Included in his presentation were pictures of the recreated Hale home, where Emma spent much of her childhood.

We learned from Steven that there are two types of Church Historical properties that are never moved. One is Temple sites, and the other are historical sites where original restoration events of the Church occurred.

Editor's comment – if you ever want to travel to this site in Pennsylvania, I suggest you log into LDS.org historical sites and obtain a map.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Spanish Fork & Springville, Utah)

John C. and Naomi Riding spoke to the Chapter on February 25 about the pioneers of the Church in Ghana, Africa, where they served as mission president and companion and later as temple president and matron. Adding to the information they gleaned while in Africa they also served in the Church History Library for a year and half documenting the growth of the Church in the English speaking countries of West Africa including Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ghana. The latter part of the time in the Library was spent writing an extensive history of the Church in Ghana. They shared with the chapter members the stories and pictures of several individuals who are the true African pioneers.



John and Naomi Riding

Billy Johnson was converted to the Church after feeling compelled to start a church of his own since the Church was not in Africa at that time. In the process he met others who also felt directed toward a church as the Book of Mormon came into their hands. The book became their primary teaching tool, and since they have great faith in visions and dreams, Billy and others had no hesitation in believing the Joseph Smith story. In time Billy established 10 branches of the unofficial “Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ghana Mission”. He cried with great emotion in 1978 when he heard over BBC that the priesthood was going to be granted to all worthy males. Senior missionaries soon came and the Church was officially established.

Other pioneers such as **Isaac Addy** and **Dr. Emanuel Abu Kissi**, and their wives, were inspired to move back to Ghana, their homeland, from London where they were converted, to help establish the Church. Their contribution to its growth in Ghana was remarkable. Another, **Emanuel Bondah**, at 14 years old, wrote to President Kimball and expressed his great desire to be baptized and receive the priesthood. President Kimball read his letter in a meeting of the senior leadership of the Church and shortly after received the priesthood revelation. Brother Bondah was eventually baptized and became one of the stalwart leaders of the Church and is serving as a patriarch at the present time.

A sister by the name of **Pricilla Sampson-Davis**, after having the Church introduced to her in Holland, came back to Ghana where she was baptized and inspired by a dream to translate the hymns into her native tongue, ‘Fanti’. Later she translated the Book of Mormon and other Church literature.

The Church is growing rapidly, not only in Ghana, but in many African countries. Just one indication in Ghana: The Riding’s came home from their mission president assignment in 2004. There was one mission at the time that covered Ghana, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Today there are six missions covering the same territory. Today is the day of the African in the growth of the Church. The pioneering spirit in Africa was clearly evident as John and Naomi shared their experiences with the members.

MILLS CHAPTER (Salt Lake City and Mill Creek, Utah area)

.The February dinner meeting featured filmmaker **Patrick Parker** who showed some excerpts from his feature film, "Just Let Go." This is the story of **Chris Williams**, the Salt Lake City man who forgave the drunk driver who caused a 2007 car accident that killed his pregnant wife and two of his children. What many may not know is how that monumental decision has and continues to bless lives. "It has allowed a terrible tragedy ... to be



Patrick Parker

turned into, in many aspects, a tremendous blessing. That has been one of the most fascinating things to experience," Williams said in a recent interview with the Deseret News. "To see the lives blessed since the crash, it has been overwhelming how many positive things have come from it."

"Forgiveness of both self and others may be the most important thing any of us could learn in our lives. The movie should remind us that each day is precious and that each of us is given the choice to forgive and let go. I used to believe that to be forgiven was to be free, but I've learned over the

years that true freedom lies in being able to forgive."



Terry Welch

Terry Welch spoke at our January dinner meeting on a variety of similarities and differences in the trails and treks of the Mormon pioneers and the Oregon/California trail pioneers and others. Here he is describing a mouse trap. He went on to discuss the many groups

who were motivated to "go west." He listed a number of the things that they all faced on the trail such as mosquitoes, buffalo, etc. He pointed out the differences related to migration, religion, the fact that they had a two-way trail, destinations, organization, and bringing the poor. The mortality comparison was enlightening and not what we expected. He provided an amazingly fine presentation with a wide variety of informative subjects while remaining focused on the main items. His presentation was well cited. You can watch it on our web page, www.supmills.com

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.

MURRAY CHAPTER (Murray, Utah)

Richard Howe spoke of his father and grandfather—both of whom were pioneers that crossed the Plains to Utah the year prior to the railroad.

Richard pointed out that for the pioneers to come to Utah would be like someone going to Mars today—it was likely they would never go back or see their homeland again.

Richard's ancestors settled in South Cottonwood, and he displayed a painting of the adobe home they built as they farmed the land. The Civil War was in full blaze in the east, and President Abraham Lincoln asked Brigham Young to assemble a group of soldiers to protect the telegraph lines in Wyoming. His grandfather Richard Howe (by his same name) was one of those called, as was Ira Hinckley (Grandfather to Gordon B. Hinckley). This group served for only 90 days, but they completed the task, and Brigham Young complimented them for living church standards while on duty. This service made his grandfather Howe technically a veteran of the Civil War.

Along with farming, Grandfather Richard ran a cooperative store and served 39 years as his ward's Sunday School superintendent. He displayed both a hat his grandfather wore as a soldier and his hymn book he sang from in church meetings. Grandfather Richard served on the county building committee and was the president of a bank. So in short, he was born in poverty in England, immigrated to the US

and Utah, served in the Civil War, and died while serving as a bank president.

Grandfather Richard's son and our presenter's father, was a teacher and principal of a small school, Whittier Elementary in Hunter, where one room had grades 1-4, and the other room had grades 5-8. Those students who completed all the grades graduated from the 8th grade.

Eventually, he had responsibility for the roads in Utah as the State Roads Commissioner, similar to UDOT today. As a boy, Richard remembers men coming to their house looking for work on the roads, and he remembered these men looking very poor.

His father was a strong man who learned good habits in the pioneer home where he grew up, like going to bed early because they had no lights. He would go to bed around 8:30 and be up by 4 in the morning to light the fire or water the garden. He encouraged all his children to get an education.

In 1950, Richard himself ran for the state legislature. He was reminded of the good reputation of his father when picked up his literature and had to tell the printer that he wouldn't get paid until Monday. The printer said, "Well, I usually don't get paid from anyone who loses an election." But then the printer asked, "Now what's your name? Are you related to Mr. Howe?" When Richard said that was his father, the printer said, "He's an honest man, so I will let you take the literature—I'll trust you because of him."

A traveler to a remote island remarked on how heathy the locals look.

"Yes, it's the island" said an attractive resident. "When I first arrived I was bald and toothless. I was so weak I couldn't even walk. And look at me now!"

"That's amazing," said the traveler. "So, where are you from?"

"I was born here," said the man.

From AARP Bulletin, March 2016

OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah)

Our speaker for March was Ron L. Anderson who told us about Abraham Lincoln and the early Mormon Church.

Lincoln knew a lot about the Prophet Joseph and may have met him although there is no documentation on this. When Joseph was in Springfield, Illinois for a trial to see if he should be extradited to Missouri, the courtroom was on the 2nd floor of an office building and Lincoln's law

office was on the 3rd floor of the same building. As the trial was about to begin, 3 women appeared at the door of the courtroom, although their attendance was unusual the judge invited all three to come in and sit behind the bench with him. One of the three was his daughter and another was Mary Todd Lincoln.

It is interesting to note that Lincoln checked out a copy of the Book of Mormon from the Library of Congress, kept it for about 8 months, and returned it shortly after he had issued the Emancipation



Ron L. Anderson

Proclamation. He felt that God was behind the war and was certain that he had to free the slaves.

Lincoln was a very religious man although he never joined any of the existing sects. He once commented: "I have had so many evidences of God's direction in many situations when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above." At another time he observed:

"I am a humble instrument in the hand of God." And again: "I talk to God . . .

I would place my whole reliance on God."

He never spoke against Brigham Young or the Mormons and one time commented, referring to Brigham, "If he will leave me alone, I will leave him alone." Even though there was much negative feeling about polygamy and it was called one of the twin relics of barbarism Lincoln never spoke against it and generally ignored it.

RED ROCKS CHAPTER (Kanab, Utah)

Following a delicious roast beef dinner our chapter presented an honor to a member of our communities as a "Modern Day Pioneer." **Israel Mack Esplin** was born July 30, 1934 in Orderville, Utah to **Lucy Heaton** and **Lawrence Esplin**. His ancestors were among those who were sent to the Muddy Mission and later settled in the Kane County, Utah area. Mack spent some of his early years at their homestead in the Oaks (North Fork) and all his life in Orderville. He has worked the same fields as his father and grandfather. He has seen many changes from digging ditches to sprinklers, from horse-drawn farming to tractors. Mack attended school in Orderville and excelled in basketball and track. He



Mack and Peggy Esplin

met **Betty Marie Brinkerhoff** and they were high school sweethearts. Instead of attending college, he started cutting timber soon after high school graduation. He and Betty married in September in the St. George Temple. For over 40 years Mack cut timber and ran the farm and ranch in his spare time. He and Betty have five children.

Each spring the family would plant a large garden and raised crops to share with others. Along with working with cows and raising crops for the animals, Mack would jump at the chance to work on a CAT (Caterpillar tractor). He loves to make watering holes, roads and clearing the land. He hopes to have a CAT waiting for him in Heaven

(along with all his dogs). Even to this day (now in his eighties) Mack loves to be working hard, even when he may not feel well. Mack lost his wife Betty when she was 62. He met and married **Peggy Curtis** in 2003. Together they served a working mission to Nauvoo. He worked in the blacksmith shop and drove a team of horses. One great trait Mack taught his children was to stick with it and work hard. He has taught his children and grandchildren how to do just that. He is quite a man and he loves the Lord, his family and his way of life.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Our speaker on Thursday, March 3rd, was Ron L. Andersen, founder of the Lincoln Leadership Society.

He shared some personal characteristics of Lincoln, who believed in revelation, kept God's commandments, observed the Sabbath Day, searched the scriptures, prayed, preached, never smoked, drank alcohol or gambled. One quote from Lincoln: "I have had so many evidences of [God's] direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will; that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above."

There were 23 ministers in the locality where Lincoln lived and when he ran for President of the United States against Douglas, twenty of them were supporters of Douglas who was for Slavery, and 3 ministers were for Lincoln who was against Slavery. Lincoln said, "I know there is a God and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know that His hand is in it. If He has

a place and a work for me--and I think He has--I believe I am ready. ...with God's help I shall not fail. I may not see the end; but it will come and I shall be vindicated; and these men will find that they have not read their Bibles aright." *The Soul of Lincoln, William E. Barton.*

When asked about the Mormons, he was silent on their doctrine, and on polygamy, even though in those times the newspapers were full of "... the twin relics of barbarism, slavery and polygamy."

Justice cannot be done in this short report to the richness of the presentation that brother Andersen brings to the subject. You would have to hear it to appreciate it. We are grateful that Ron visited with us and shared his information. He obviously is a passionate student of Lincoln, and we were delighted to have the opportunity to be his audience.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER (Tooele, Utah)

Chad Robert Parker gave an honest and heartwarming account of his newly published novel “Sterling Bridge” to members and friends of the



Chad Parker

Sons of Utah Pioneers Settlement Canyon Chapter on Thursday March 3rd at the TATC in Tooele. Several attendees at Mr. Parker's presentation lived in Tooele during or shortly after the real life events that were the basis for his short novel, and can testify to the divided town Tooele was then. Future film interests dictated that this work not be a long all-inclusive book.

“Sterling Bridge” tells the true story about **Sterling Harris'** unwavering attempts to bring New Town and Old Town Tooele into one cohesive, pull-together community. As a concerned teacher and football coach, Mr. Harris managed to pull this off, using every means available to him. He visited

unwilling students and athletes in their homes and in their gathering places such as Home Town Bakery that still exists today, and various LDS gathering places like cultural halls, where dances that excluded the non-LDS New Town teenagers were held. In the process he garnered several Utah High School Football Championships at a time when smaller schools competed against the larger city-based high schools with their much larger student bodies. He even claims one more state championship because Box Elder High School refused to play Tooele one year for that coveted crown.

Most importantly were the principles of unity and working together for the good of the whole that flavor the 126 pages of this novel. Real people and real happenings as told through the memories of some present during these times, as well as children and others recalling what had been told to them, limit in some minds the actual day to day story. As explained by the author, several situations were blended together to make the story more readable, and at times the order of the story is changed for the same reason. What doesn't change is the undeniable principles and example of one of Tooele's greatest citizens, Sterling Richard Harris.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield and Monroe, Utah)

Our February 22nd meeting included a presentation by author **Mike Rose**, about his book, “Salina Utah



Mike Rose

Massacre”, which portrays events that occurred in Salina in 1945. The meeting was most interesting and well received by those attending. Mr. Rose sent us a nice letter following his visit to our

Chapter. He has always been interested in history, especially the little known and oft forgotten stories that have slipped through the cracks over time.

We met at the church building located at 200 N 400 W Richfield. Mr. Rose is involved with some in the Salina area in the preservation of the CCC/POW location as a historic site. Significant effort has been made on maintaining some of the remaining buildings and some initial construction of a nice monument has been accomplished

TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION CHAPTER (Taylorsville, Utah)

Our monthly chapter meeting was delighted to honor our sweetheart couple, **Jerry Davis** and his sister, **Beverly Davis Lowrey**. They are faithful members and attend all chapter activities. Jerry has been our scholarship representative.

Merlin and Barbara Bradley, Church Service missionaries, assigned to the Addiction Rehabilitation Services of the LDS Church, were our guests for the evening. They were not able to discuss personal information, but were very enlightening about the services offered and their experiences in helping those in need of their services. They are a caring, loving couple who work well together. This has become a lifetime calling for them.



Merlin and Barbara Bradley

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (American Fork, Utah)

March 17, 2016 Chapter Meeting Speaker was **Dr. John Gawrys**. The title of his presentation was "From Altar Boy to High Priest".

Brother Gawrys began his presentation by giving a little of the history of Poland where he and his ancestors were from. He stated, "If You're Polish, you're Roman Catholic" and then proceeded to give his life story. He began life loving religion and the Catholic Church but

then gradually discovered and investigated The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At five years of age, he was enrolled in the Holy Trinity School. In the first grade, he became an altar boy and served in that position on holidays, holy days and each week for nine years. He grew to love the Catholic Church and has very fond memories of Catholics. While he was in the 8th grade, a nun whispered in his ear, "I hope you become a Priest", which he considered.



Dr. John Gawrys

Brother Gawrys attended a number of schools and through such ended up with a teaching position in Lexington, Massachusetts. He came in contact with various individuals belonging to the Mormon Church and in innocence even asked one how many wives he had. One LDS individual who had an influence on Brother Gawrys' life was **Dr. Henry Issacson**. Dr. Issacson gave John a job, but had a number of conversations with him about the church, including the question, "Would you like the missionaries?" to which Brother Gawrys always replied "No thanks".

Brother Gawrys described how he was invited to attend the Hill Cumorah Pageant, but didn't really know what he was looking at. He described his interaction with missionaries and how he was somewhat surprised that they were trying to convert him. He rejected the offer for baptism four times. The missionaries, however, were so polite and humble that he did not want to kick them out. They were conversant on the scriptures and did answer his questions, which very much interested Brother

Gawrys. One missionary finally told Brother Gawrys, "I know the Savior wants you to be baptized", which sparked the realization in Brother Gawrys of a personal relationship with the Savior. From there, it became a matter of prayer and the acceptance of Joseph Smith, modern-day apostles

and prophets and correct gospel teachings. He not only became a member of the church, but became a very good member, serving in a variety of prominent positions and going on a mission to, where else, but Poland.

Bird Facts

Ranger Rick, March 2016 issue, published by the National Wildlife Federation

The fastest bird in level flight

The common Swift (Europe, Asia and Africa) has been clocked at nearly 70 mph

Fastest migration

The great snipe covers 4200 miles in 3 ½ days for an average speed of 60 mph

Which bird flies the highest?

Rupert's griffon vulture has been recorded flying as high as 36,000 feet. It has special blood cells that make a little bit of oxygen go a long way.

Which bird is fastest in a dive?

The peregrine falcon exceeds 200 mph in a dive towards its prey.

How long can a bird stay in flight?

The alpine swift (West Africa) has been recorded as staying airborne for over 200 days.

What is the longest migration?

The arctic tern migrates every year from pole to pole and back again. Since it doesn't fly in a straight path, its total distance is about 43,000 miles. It does stop on the water at times to rest and refuel.

Longest nonstop migration flight

The bar-tailed godwit migrates between Alaska and New Zealand, a non-stop flight of over 7000 miles in eight days.

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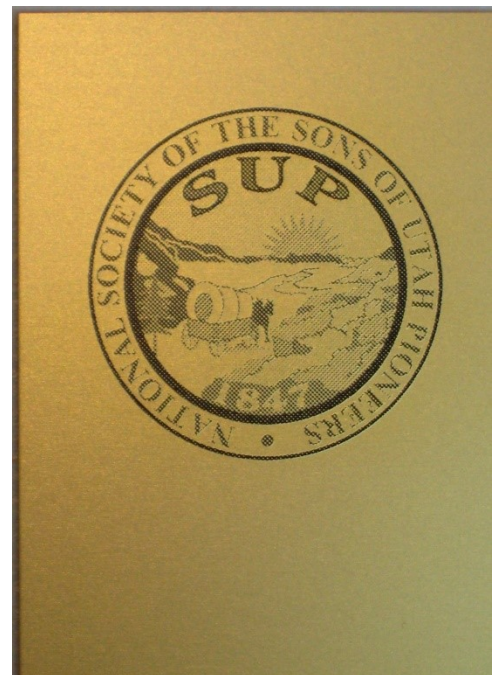
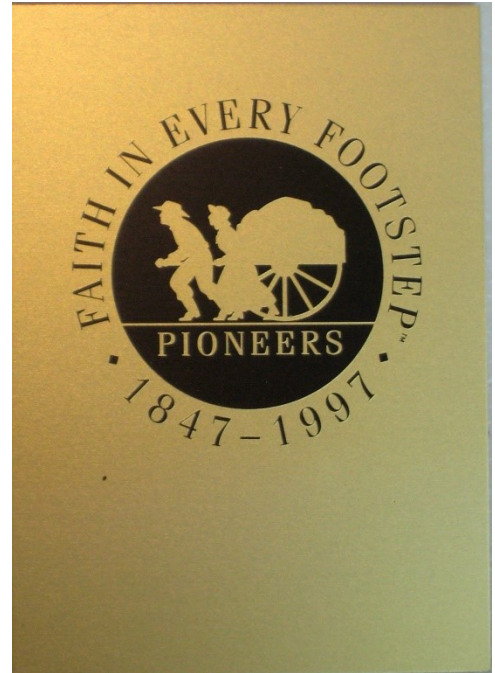
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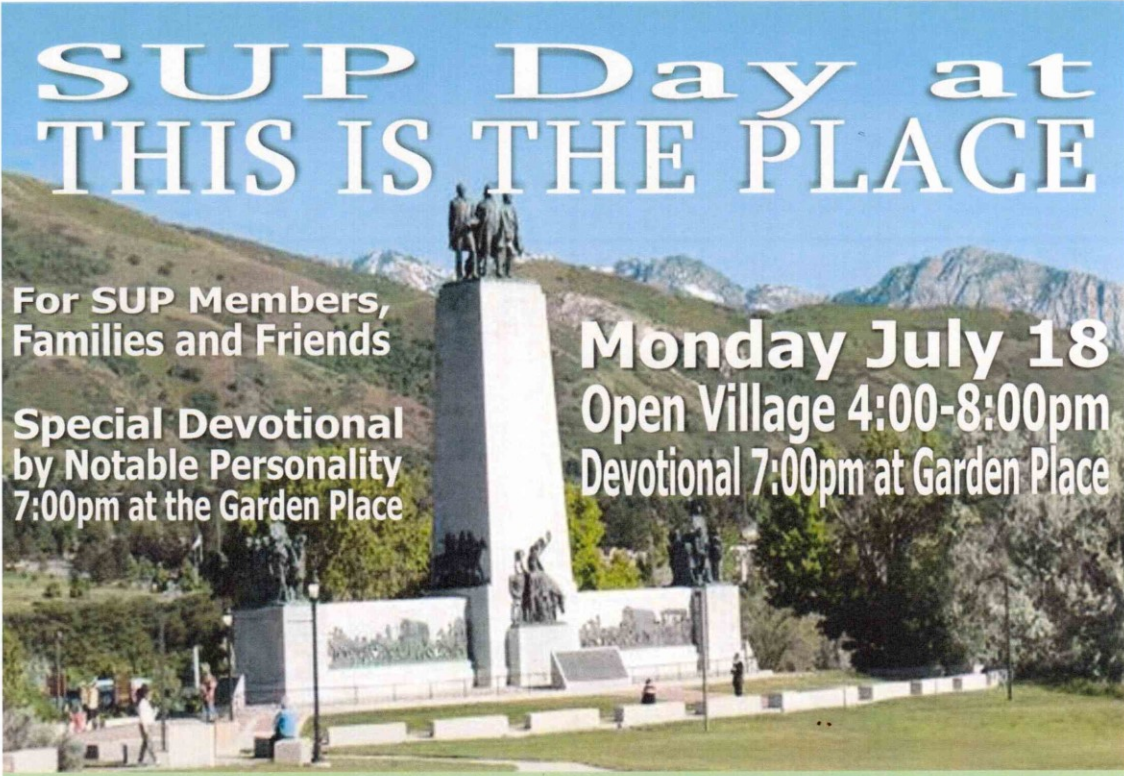
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Thursday Evening
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Friday Evening
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Zion Nat'l Park &
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Visit the stunning red and white
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TOUR INFORMATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Check in and welcome. Hurricane Stake Center 700 South and 700 West

6:00 p.m. Burrito Dinner (Choice of Chicken, Pork, Roast Beef, or Vegan)

7:30 p.m. ERIC DODGE CONCERT (Fine Arts Building 100 S. 100 W.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

7:30 – 8:15 Check in for New Arrivals

8:30 a.m. TOURS DEPART

HURRICANE STAKE CENTER

12:00 LUNCH (Tours 2 & 3 meet at Hurricane Stake Center for lunch. **Tour 1** will eat lunch at Zion National Park

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Tours 2 & 3 Leave from Hurricane Stake Center

6:00 p.m. Chicken fried Chicken Dinner at Hurricane Stake Center

7:30 p.m. JOHN HOUSTON'S GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT AT THE FINE ARTS CENTER BLDG. 100 S. 100 W.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

7:30 – 9:30 Check in for new arrivals

9:30 – 11:00 National Business Mtg.

9:30 – 11:00 Spouse & Guest Mtg with historians Paul Reeve & Lyman Hafen (chapel)

12:00 Convention Banquet followed by Key Note Speaker GERALD LUND.

TOUR #1 ZION TO GRAFTON

This is a full day tour to the IMAX Theater in Springdale where we will view the BIG screen movie Treasure of the Gods which is a history and tour of Zion National Park. This will be preceded by a power point presentation on the giant screen of Louis Crawford's 1800 photos of the settlement of Zion Canyon, presented by Lyman Hafen, President of the Zion Park Natural History society. Lunch will be provided with a choice of Roast Beef, Turkey, or Ham sandwiches. Following lunch we will tour through Zion Canyon and then down to Rockville and the Ghost Town of Grafton before returning to Hurricane.

TOUR # 2 KOLOB CANYONS OF ZION NATIONAL PARK & OLD FORT NEW HARMONY

This tour is a half day tour (choose morning or afternoon). We will take air-conditioned buses to the Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park and then to old Fort New Harmony. We will also visit an amazing display of wildlife in the home of a collector that lives in New Harmony.

Tour #3 SUPERSONIC TEST TRACK

This is a half day tour (choose morning or afternoon). We will travel to the test track on the mesa above LaVerkin where we will tour this amazing facility. In the 1950's this test track was a top secret government facility that was built to test ejection seats for the Air Force. The facility is now privately owned and companies from around the world come to test on this amazing track. The one mile track sends specially designed sleds down the track at supersonic speeds. From the mesa the view is well worth the trek to the mesa.

Information on other local points of interest including the Hurricane Canal will be available at the check in desk.

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