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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recently I attended a celebration at Weber State University marking the successful conclusion of the DREAM 125 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. Weber State was founded 125 years ago and in commemoration of that anniversary the goal of the campaign was to raise 125 million dollars to support the university in its journey on a path of growth and excellence. President Wight reported during the celebration that not only had the original goal been reached, it had been exceeded by more than 25 million and sustaining donations were still coming in! The source of this success was demonstrated with the introduction of a recent "heavy hitter" who had written a check for five million dollars. Of course, the applause of the full auditorium was loud and prolonged. Then, a remarkable example of a second primary source of success was introduced. This was a "senior" alumnus, a live-alone widow, who had for the past fifteen years faithfully sent a monthly \$10.00 check to the University. She had never missed a payment! The applause and cheers to this announcement

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shook the very walls! The message was crystal clear. A primary backbone of any enterprise like this was the sustaining regular donations, small, medium or large, that flow from patrons dedicated to the mission of the institution.

Membership dues of the Sons of Utah Pioneers do not provide the necessary revenue to fund the operations of the National office and its support of over 40 Chapters. This is not new, it hasn't for many years. In spite of past efforts by dedicated and responsible National officers to economize, it has been necessary to conduct a fund drive every four or five years to raise funds necessary to avoid deficit spending. These periodic drives have been an irritant to many long term members. This year under the able leadership of Tom Alexander, Past National President, the Executive Council, with unanimous support from the Chapter Presidents Council, Past Presidents Council and the Board of Area Vice Presidents decided to replace the periodic drives with a process successfully used by most colleges and universities.

A new SUP membership category has been designated the *Heritage Sustaining Member* for those who accept the invitation to participate. Currently Area Vice Presidents and Chapter Presidents have been asked to identify several members of their chapters who have a commitment to the SUP Mission and are financially able to make a regular monthly, bi-monthly or annual donation of any amount their budget will support. It is possible to arrange for an automatic withdrawal from a credit card account so that the donation might hardly be missed each month. Eventually, the invitation to participate will be extended to all members of our SUP Society. Although the funds are indeed necessary, this will not be a "hard sell" project. It will be by invitation designed to appeal to committed SUP members who can afford their designated sustained donation. Additional information is available from the National Office or from any member of the Executive Council. The SUP website also has information about this new membership program at: sup1847.com

The benefits from the new membership program are already being realized with the installation of a much needed upgrade in the sound system and repair of a roof drainage problem at our National Headquarters Building. You will be hearing much more about this in the weeks and months to come. Our conviction is that there are many SUP members with the same degree of commitment and persistence as that widowed senior Weber State Alum who faithfully wrote her monthly check in support of her beloved alma mater.

Jim Hurst
National President, 2016
jhurst@uwyo.edu

Special Request for all Chapter Presidents

The Chapter information page on the SUP website has been updated. However, we have incomplete information on the meeting times and places for many chapters. Would each of you please look at the [Chapter List](#) page on the website and then update or correct the information shown for your chapter? Corrected or additional information should be e-mailed to Heather at the SUP office at sup1847@gmail.com.

The [Chapter Update Form](#) found on the website is useful for making these corrections. [Click here](#) to access this form that can be filled out on-line, saved and e-mailed to Heather.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Annual Members

Corey Noyes	Pioneer Heritage
Clive H Walker	At Large
Paul C Toone	Morgan Pioneer

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bryan Hurst	Ogden Pioneer
James A Saxton	Morgan Pioneer
Robert Thompson	Hurricane
Danny Campbell	Hurricane
Russell Keller	Red Rock
Brad Hurst	At Large
Craig Call	Ogden Pioneer

NATIONAL CALENDAR

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

- May 7, National Symposium, National Headquarters See [page 6](#)
- June 25, National 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 22](#)
- July 25, Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7:00 a.m.
- August 27, National 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.**
- October 22, National Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- October-November, National Training meetings
 - October 22 – North Utah Ogden
 - October 29 – Idaho
 - November 5 – South Central Utah
 - November 12 – Salt Lake City
 - November 19 – Utah County

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. We have an excellent nominating committee consisting of: Dil Strasser, Grant Barton, Booth Maycock, Ramon Johnson, Bill Tanner, and David Jacobs. Tom Alexander, past-president, serves as chair.

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. A nominee must have served for at least a year as Area Vice President, Program Director, or Chapter President. We need excellent candidates to succeed our current excellent president, Jim Hurst and president-elect, John Elggren.

Nominations should be submitted either to Heather at the national office (801-484-4441, or e-mail sup1847@gmail.com) or to Tom Alexander (801) 375-8797, thomas_alexander@byu.edu), 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](#).

Coming National Conventions.

2017 The Centerville, Utah Chapter will sponsor this one.

2018 Convention will be sponsored by the Washington DC chapter. This will be a wonderful event, plan now on attending.

2019 Convention will be sponsored by the Cedar City Chapter

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

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 6](#) for details on this. Tickets can be purchased from the Store at our website <http://www.sup1847.com/store/may-2016-symposium>

No tickets will be sold at the door, so rush to the website and get yours now!!

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

The Wight Cemetery is rededicated

The Wight Fort Cemetery was rededicated on Saturday, April 16.

This monument is administered by the Jordan River Temple Chapter and was refurbished by that chapter with help from the DUP and Eagle Scout Isaac Burton. It is located on the South side of the road between 3200 W and 3400 W on 9000 S, West Jordan, Utah.

In the fall of 1854, construction on a fort began about 100 yards northwest of this cemetery. The uncertainty caused by the Walker Indian War and Brigham Young's urging to "Fort Up" had created a flurry of fort building that year. This fort was constructed from stones, mud, and logs, the walls being twelve feet high.

The fort enclosed two and one-half acres, seven log cabins, several other buildings and a part of Bingham Creek, which at that time had a "nice flow of water". The fort was named for the Lewis and Nancy Wight family including two sons. With the Wight's were John Irving, Joseph Stacy, J. H. Murdock, John Loveless, John Elmer, and Sheldon Cutler who worked on the fort through the winter. The fort was finished and occupied by the spring of 1855.

The cemetery was located on this site after the pioneers had discovered the grave of an Indian baby. Lewis' son, Lyman and his wife, Harriet, buried their firstborn child neat the Indian grave. Later John Irving buried his son here also. From that point, the area became a community burial ground. There are many unmarked graves.

The Cemetery is now owned/operated by West Jordan City.



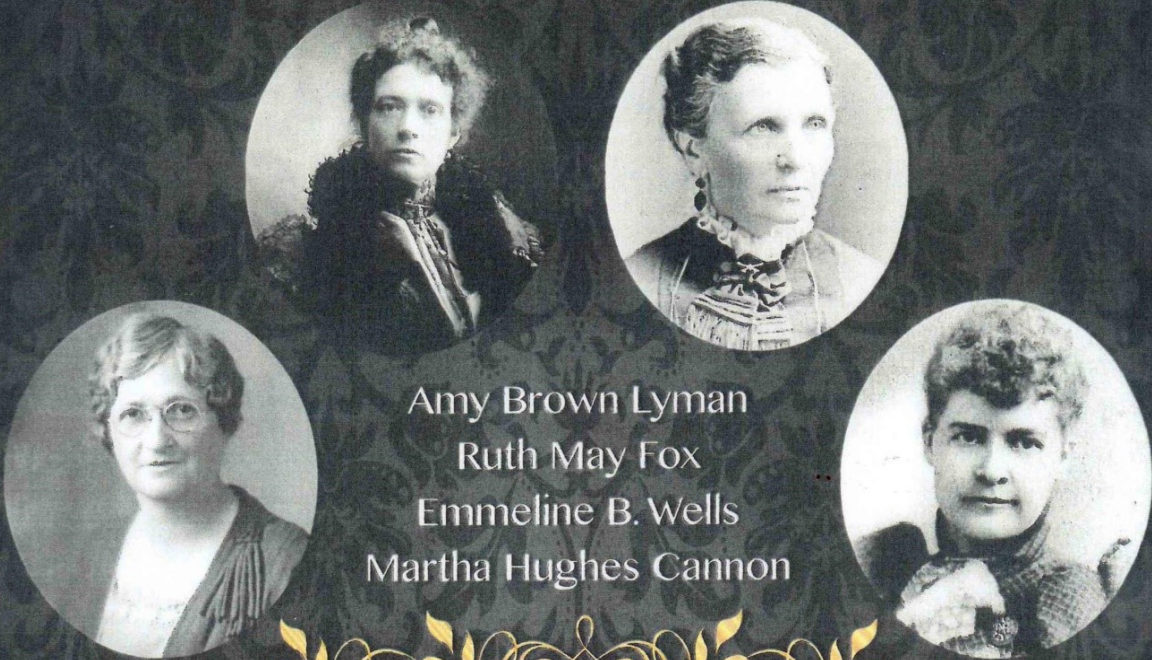
Mark Walker and President Jim Hurst at the Wight Cemetery Monument

The National Office is looking for volunteers to work in the Library and also some light Office Assisting. Anyone interested please contact Heather Davis sup1847@gmail.com or [801-484-4441](tel:801-484-4441).

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
\$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

Compiled by Roland Lee, rolandleefamily@gmail.com

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.

Editor's note: The chapter reports are much more interesting when a synopsis of the talk is given.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo – Orem, Utah)

Our March dinner meeting featured a pioneer vignette by **Richard Cardall** about his great-great grandfather Ebenezer Beesley.

Ebenezer Beesley was a hymn writer. There are thirteen of his hymns in the current Church hymn book; he had written over 100 hymns during his lifetime. Richard said that his great grandmother's favorite hymn was "Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words." Ebenezer was the director of the Tabernacle Choir from 1880 to 1889.

Ebenezer was born 1840 in England. In 1859 he married his 18-year-old childhood sweetheart Sarah. Sixteen days after their marriage they boarded a ship to New York.

Richard stated that the heart of his vignette is Ebenezer's and Sarah's migration across the plains in the Rowley Handcart Company. Each person in the company was allocated one pound of flour per day, two pounds of bacon per week, and a few crackers. Half way through the journey the company was attacked by a band of about 600 Sioux Indians. The Indians demanded food and took all of the bacon. Each person then had only one cup of flour per week to survive on; they were at a point of starvation. Richard's great-great-grandmother recorded in her journey that when the food was gone, they prayed and as they proceeded they found fresh bread and cheese on a rock along the way.

Where did it come from out in nowhere? They were grateful for their blessings.

The March dinner meeting speaker was **Stan Taylor**. His presentation topic was "Peace, Security, and Intelligence."

Stan Taylor has worked for the U.S. Senate where he was a senior staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He is on the Board of Editors of the academic journal "Intelligence and National Security." He served as a Senior Missionary working as an International Affairs Analyst for the Quorum of the Twelve.



Stan Taylor

Stan stated that peace and security are very illusive and seldom obtained through the ages. The more civilized the world becomes it seems to become more violent. He used for examples the description of the devastation and violence from 1348 to 1648 that included the one-hundred and thirty-year (great religious schisms) wars that left entire regions

devastated with significant decrease in population. The treaty ending the war resulted in the modern concept of sovereign states. Relative peace and security lasted for about 250 years and ended with World War I (WWI).

Present day wars are not so much about state sovereignty, but ideologies of hate, carnage, and destruction.

He then discussed the significance of sound intelligence to success. Root of intelligence: inter-; el-legume or vegetable. Therefore, intelligence is the ability to pick out good fruit and

vegetables. Intelligence to a nation's security is essential. He related various intelligence operations during WWI and WWII. Stan quoted the sixth century Chinese General Sun Tzu, "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah)

At our dinner meeting on April 6th **Brad Archibald**



Brad Archibald

spoke to the Centerville Chapter about Chief Washakie and the Shoshone Indians. The Shoshone tribe of Indians was settled in Northwestern Wyoming, Northern Utah, Southern Idaho, and North Eastern Nevada when the Mormons arrived.

Brother Archibald told about the good relationship Washakie had with **Brigham Young** and other Church leaders. They were quite peaceful compared with some other tribes. Because of some provocations on the part of those living in Southern Idaho, Colonel P. E. Connors marched his California Volunteers from Salt Lake to confront the Indians. This action took place 29 January 1863, and became known as the Bear River Massacre. Men, women and children were killed practically wiping out that tribe.

Brad and his wife **Becky** live in Tremonton. He has served as a bishop and he and his wife are currently serving as missionaries at the LDS Conference Center. He spoke highly of the good relationships he and his family have had with faithful LDS Shoshone Indians. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

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 little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah area)

The April dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was a scholarship awards night recognizing students from our local St. George high schools. Among the criteria for the scholarship was an essay on one of their "favorite pioneer ancestors whose life is an example to them." The essays highlighted the challenges and triumphs of their ancestors in being true to their ideals. One story told of their ancestor hiding the prophet Joseph Smith in his home and facing the mob willing to give his life for the prophet. All of the essays were inspiring stories.

This year's recipients of \$1000 scholarships are: **Kayson Bundy**, Enterprise High School; **Macey Widdison**, Pine



Scholarship Awards Recipients

View High School; **Jasmyn Ellis**, Desert Hills High School; **Macey Jae Stucki**, Snow Canyon High School; **Kaylynn Larkin**, Tuacahn High School; **Joseph Allen Dean**, Dixie High School; **Kaden L. Smith**, The Success Academy; Kaden was awarded the "Charles Clayton Educational Endowment."

Kevin Jenkins of the St George newspaper, The Spectrum, gave a "Moment in History" and spoke of the history of newspapers in the St George area from the earliest newspaper in the area, The

Veprecula, which only had four workers and was hand written, through to our Current newspaper, "The Spectrum, which came into St. George in the 1970's.

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

GROVE CITY CHAPTER (Blackfoot, Idaho)

The presentation for our March SUP meeting was given by **Dayle Holm**, who had served 12 years as Sheriff of Bingham County.



Dayle Holm

Dayle spoke about the early history of lawmen in Bingham County and presented the Grove City Chapter with a book about the history of sheriffs in Idaho.

Dayle told of the great responsibilities of the sheriff, stating that while others such as the county commissioners have

lots of authority and responsibility (and control the purse strings), the sheriff has the sole responsibility for decisions that are made regarding law enforcement on a countywide basis. He told about how other law enforcement agencies sometimes come into the county without coordinating with the

sheriff, and how that it creates many problems that wouldn't exist if proper coordination were to be done.

Dayle related some interesting stories about how the sheriff is the interface with the public, being the only elected lawman, so when people have a complaint or problem, the sheriff is the one they contact, or perhaps complain about (or to)! By law, the duty to enforce the law, serve papers, conduct sheriff's sales, etc. all fall under the responsibility of the sheriff. By the nature of the job, then, it is easy to see how that the elected sheriff can be the focal point for complaints that anyone can have regarding the way the law is enforced. The sheriff must not only win elections, but he must often walk a fine line to fairly decide how his department will enforce the law. This system seems to work well, however, because most of the sheriffs have good common sense that allows them to fairly enforce the law and provide for the security of the citizens of the county.

We all gained a greater understanding and appreciation of the difficulty and complexity of the sheriff's department.

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER (Hurricane, Utah)

April's Event: We gathered at the Legion Hall to a marvelous dinner, socializing, and learning. The only sadness to the event was the small number of members who attended. Those who came had a great time. Our speaker was **Mike Beckstrand**. He grew up in California, and as a child came through the St. George area a number of times. He said the problem was, that it was always in the middle of the summer and he couldn't understand why anyone would live here.

Then, in 1983 he and his family moved to St. George. He said that he now understands why people live here, and he loves it. Mike was an athlete in his own right,

playing basketball, but also has a son who was sought after by many universities throughout the country, and a granddaughter who as a junior is setting records in the same sport and has committed to attend BYU. Mike's ancestry was the subject of his remarks, and it was fascinating. His grandfather grew up with Pres. David O. McKay. As a result, as a young boy, Mike was told to go tell President McKay who his grandpa was, and got several minutes alone with the prophet. His presentation was marvelous and very informative. All who came were grateful to have been there.



Mike Beckstrand

LEHI CHAPTER, (Lehi, Utah)

We had great March and April dinner meetings. **Donald Ripplinger** was entertaining and answered lots of question about the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in our March meeting.

In our April meeting **Ron Andersen**, BYU Education Week Instructor left us wanting more than could be covered in his allotted time. He is willing to come back again for a future meeting. He has a series of eight lectures that he delivers for his BYU audiences. Most



Ron L. Anderson

people do not know that Abraham Lincoln took to the White House more knowledge of the Latter-day Saints than any other President, before or since.

Here are some of the highlights of the presentation. First of all some answers to some of his questions:

#1 What did the Nauvoo Mormons do with his name that was on an election ballot in 1840? The answer was they struck his name so there would be

an equal number of Democrats and Whigs.

#2 Did he vote for the Nauvoo Charter while he serving in the Illinois legislature? The answer was yes

#3 Who were some of the 20-plus Mormon friends that he knew personally? This was his answer. There were approximately 150 Church members of the Springfield Branch. He probably knew most of these members. We do know, through journals, that he was friends with the Samuel Mulliner, Briant Stringham, and Nicholas Grosbeck families (all Mormon families).

#4 While President, why did he not draft any Utah young men to fight in the terrible Civil War? We do not know why he did not draft the Utah Mormons. My speculation is that he was inspired by God to not draft them because the Civil War was His promised chastisement for the sins against the Saints and for their killing of the Prophet of this Dispensation. See D&C 87, 101, 103. Also there were some in the audience that speculated it could have been because he was honoring his "If you won't bother me I won't bother you" deal with Brigham Young. Also possibly because the Mormons protected the telegraph lines and pony express route through Wyoming. Again these are all speculation.

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."

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

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



Award Recipients and chapter leaders

The third annual Mapleton Heritage Night was held on March 31, 2016, in the Mapleton City Office multi-purpose room. Over 130 people were in attendance. The program was jointly sponsored by: the Mapleton Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, the two Mapleton camps of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, and the Mapleton Historical Committee. Mapleton mayor, **Brian Wall** greeted the guests and participants to begin the program.

The evening consisted of the recognition of eight 4th grade student winners who submitted essays about their pioneer ancestors, with the four first-place winners reading their essays. Also, two early pioneer families, Perry and Holley, were spotlighted through talks from family members, **Jack Perry**, **Paul Holley** and **Kerry Bird**, and informative displays of pictures and artifacts. In addition to these two families, several Italian families who moved into Mapleton from Italy, via Carbon County, in the early 1900's were featured. They included the Antonino, Bleggi, Carnessaca, Canton, Perrero and Buffo families. The history of these families in Mapleton and the role they played in the development of Mapleton was presented through an informative power point display by **Gary Antonino**, a grandson of the early Italian settlers.

Of the several score of essays written by the 4th grade students, two essays were selected by each respective school to be featured at our heritage night. The first place winners were **Water Rose**, Hobble Creek; **Leah Pollock**, Mapleton; **Renaissance Brooke**, Maple Ridge; and **Liberty Williams**, Sierra Bonita. These winners shared their very interesting and well-written essays describing their ancestors. Young **Liberty Williams**, a granddaughter of Laotian refugees, told the story of her grandparents' escape from war torn Laos, and their eventual meeting an American who became a friend to their family and who sponsored them to come to Orem, Utah in the 1960's. Is it any wonder that this young 4th grader's first name is "Liberty"?

Lee Nelson, president of the Chapter, in his best story telling way, introduced each of the three featured families, Perry, Holley and Italian families, with stories of his experiences with them. Each of the featured families have made significant contributions to the community over the years and had great posterities, many of whom still remain in Mapleton.

It was a wonderful evening filled with opportunities to learn about and savor the history of the pioneers of Mapleton and delight in the stories told by the winners of the 4th grade pioneer essay contest.

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

Memories of the March Meeting of the Mills Chapter.

Our musical number was **Emily Williams** and **Leslie Henrie**, piano and violin. They played “If You Could Hie to Kolob” and “A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief.”

Our speaker was **Ellis Ivory**, Executive Director of “This is the Place Heritage Park,” located at 2601 East Sunnyside Avenue in Salt Lake.

He talked about the significance of the park and the many recent changes and improvements that have



Building at This Is the Place Park

been made. He showed slides of the buildings, grounds and told a few very interesting stories about their origins and history. Inside one of the buildings there was a glass-sealed mineshaft. He discussed the importance of mining for the early economy of the state and how it was a major draw for people to come to the area. He also talked about the importance that mining played in the development of the state of Utah and that more money had been taken out of the Oquirrh Mountains than any other area in the world.

He also presented slides of the new buildings, the 58-foot tall teepee, and one of the trains. There is a host of interesting bits of information nestled around the many items of activity available at the park. One of the most interesting was the old Blacksmith Shop.

He talked about the 550 Native American tribes, how and which ones were connected to the site. He talked briefly about the role played by this connection between the early Utah settlers and various tribes.

In short, it would be well worth your time to visit the website and then visit the park.

More information can be found at <http://www.thisistheplace.org>

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.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan Valley, Utah)

Report of February 15th chapter meeting.

John Paige, member of the month, talked about two of his ancestors, John Marriott and Christopher Layton. This history comes from his mother's family who were from England and goes back to AD 1250. In 1620 their ancestor, Captain Francis arrived in Williamsburg and was a member of the House of Burgesses. He also became a friend to Thomas Jefferson. Their family was part of a group that started William and Mary College. They also fought in the War of 1812 and the American Civil War. Some family members were present in the South Pacific on Dec 7, 1941.

Following a journey from England, they sailed up the Mississippi River arriving in Nauvoo in 1843. Here they met with and talked to the Prophet Joseph. They had all of their provisions and wagon ready to go west, but were asked to give these to another family so they could make the trip to The Valley. They did so, and instead came in 1851 in the Lorenzo Snow Company. Following their arrival they settled in Marriott, in West Ogden. Later the family moved to the Morgan area.

Our Guest Speaker was **Ben Jones** who spoke about their mission to South Africa.

Ben lives in Henefer with his wife **Jill**. He and his wife are currently serving as Church Service Missionaries assigned to the Summit Physical Facilities Group. He also recently returned from serving as the Executive Secretary to the Africa South East Area President as a Senior Missionary. The Africa South East Mission Area consists of 34 countries. He talked about the recent ground breaking for a temple in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When that ground breaking took place, Elder Christofferson, speaking in French, commented that there would be many more temples



Ben Jones

built on the huge African continent.

The first missionaries arrived in 1853. Many challenges have gone on with Apartheid, where the whites controlled the country with 9 different classes of people all according to their race.

Between 1948 and 1994, there were numerous atrocities

that came from both sides, involving both whites and coloreds.

The bright side of all of this is that Nelson Mandela helped to get Apartheid stopped. As he was attempting to get it stopped, he was put in a small jail cell for 18 years on Robin Island near Cape Town. Following Robin Island, he spent more jail time for a total of 26 years. When Nelson Mandela was finally released, his people revered him and then honored him when he passed away.

Ben described some of the activities they experienced during their mission. He and Jill handled all of the African missionary applications, and made recommendations as to where they should serve. He was told that he would know where to request that they serve, and found that this was indeed true because he was guided in making these determinations.

He finished with his testimony that Christ lives and died for us. He witnessed many miracles while in South Africa.

MURRAY CHAPTER (Murray, Utah)

Our speaker, **Ron Andersen**, recently retired with the LDS Church as a career development consultant for individuals in the U.S. and Latin America.

He is author of three books on Abraham Lincoln: *Abraham Lincoln-God's Humble Instrument* (2010) and *Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith, How Two Contemporaries Changed the Face of American History* (May 2014). This second book reveals the remarkable religious and political similarities of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith and their dramatic impact on our nation's history. His third book just released in January 2016 is written for young readers, ages 7-14 entitled *Ingenious Abe*.

Ron is the founder and president of the Lincoln Leadership Society and has been an engaging speaker to audiences throughout the country. He is a

regular speaker at BYU Education Week on these topics. He recently served on the Young Men General Board of the LDS Church. Married to **Kathleen Brown**, they are parents of five children and ten grandchildren and reside in Bountiful. We greatly enjoyed our evening with this knowledgeable and informative speaker!



Ron Anderson

OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah)

Our April speaker was **Steven L. Olsen**, Senior Curator in the Church History Department. Steve spoke to us about the Priesthood restoration site in Harmony, Pennsylvania.

The Church retains and remembers historic sites to witness unto God that we remember.

Messages specific to this site are:

- The roles of translator, prophet and Apostle were all initiated in Harmony; as Joseph was engaged in each of these roles as well as that of seer
- From this site came more scripture than from any other place in the world!
- The Restoration of the Priesthood is a process that began in Harmony and is still continuing. We do not yet have all the keys of the Priesthood.



Steven L. Olsen

The Church now owns a large tract of land surrounding the site where the Priesthood restoration began and has done some wonderful development there. (See the map)

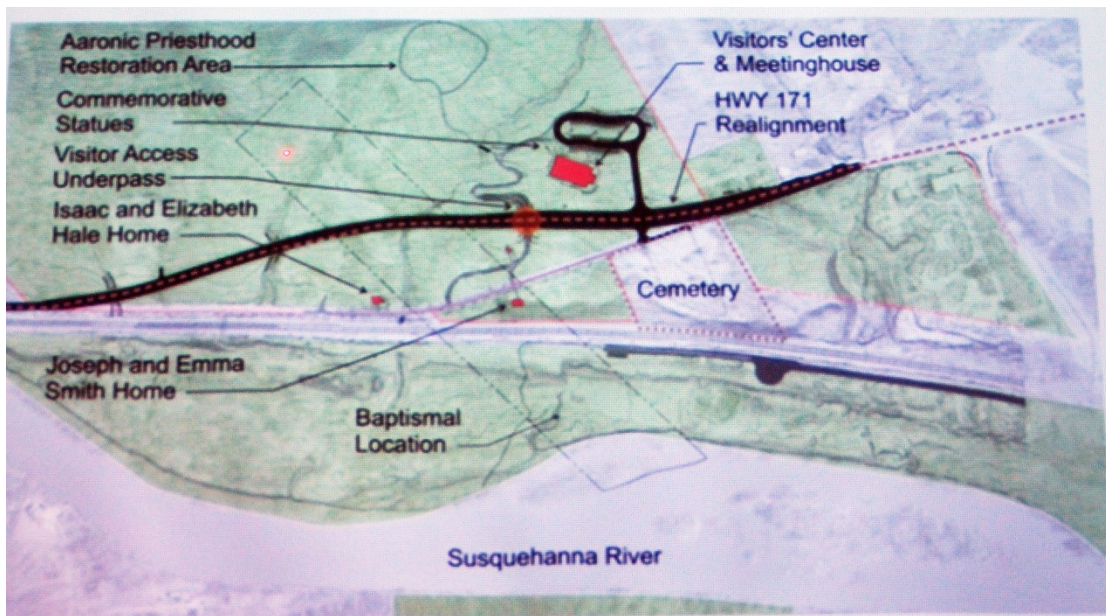
- The site of the Joseph and Emma Smith home has been researched and the building reconstructed.
- The Isaac Hale home has also been researched and reconstructed.
- Highway 171 was moved up the hill leaving the home site as it was in 1829.
- Two large monuments commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood and the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood. These are copies of the originals that are on Temple Square.

- A visitor center and chapel have been constructed.
- Access has been arranged with the railroad so that visitors can safely go down to the banks of the river.

He pointed out that the appearance of John the Baptist was in a wooded section north of Joseph and Emma's home where they had privacy rather than down by the river as often depicted. The Susquehanna River was about 10 feet above flood stage on May 15, 1829 and heavily involved in commercial traffic.

He told us quite a bit about the translation of the Book of Mormon. Basically we only know what Joseph said – that it was done by the gift and power of God. One definition of the word translate is to render one thing in terms of another. Joseph's translation of the Book of Mormon was not a word for word transliteration, but a rendering of the contents of the plates in our language.

He gave us one final thought to ponder: The truths of the restoration are logically and chronologically before the truth of the restoration.



Map of the Priesthood Restoration site

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?"

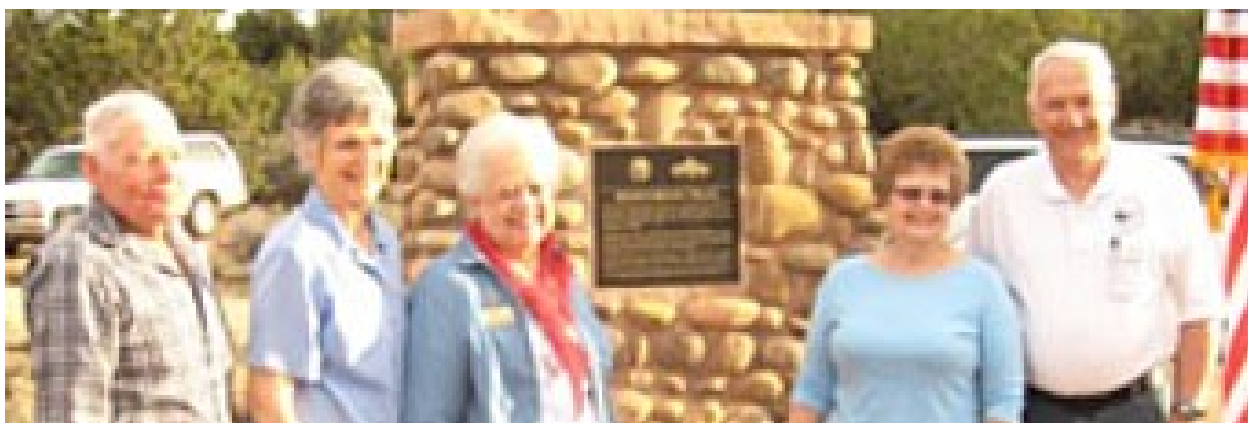
RED ROCKS CHAPTER (Kanab, Utah)

The Red Rock Chapter and Kane Company, Daughters of Utah Pioneers combined funds and erected a Honeymoon Trail Monument. The plaque reminds us of our pioneers who traveled this route to the St. George Temple to be united in eternal marriage.

In place of the regular monthly meeting, we met for the dedication of the monument on April 7, 2016. (Directions to the monument: Turn east in Kanab on Highway 89 at 89A intersection. Travel approximately 15.2 miles. Turn right (south) between Highway markers 49 and 48 on gravel road for .4 mile. You are there!)

SUP and DUP establish monuments and markers to commemorate pioneers and events surrounding their heritage. We are fortunate to have a part of this history right here in our back yard.

A large stone, donated by the **Trevor and Ila Leach and McAllister families**, was found on the Honeymoon Trail and it will be placed near this monument. It shows the imprint of wagon wheels as they rolled along for over 50 years.



Pictured are sons and daughters of Utah Pioneers: Gerald Spencer, past president Red Rocks Chapter; Joyce Rhodes, president Margery Stewart Camp; Maurine Smith, international DUP president; Nayna Christensen, vice president, Kane Company; and Don Burton, area Vice President.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah)

On Thursday April 7, **Jeffrey D. Meservy** gave a presentation on the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies. Brother Meservy is Director of the Taylorsville Utah Redwood Institute of Religion, Seminaries and Institutes of Religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Brother Meservy was raised in Centerville Utah, served a mission in Rosario Argentina, attended

Ricks College, then received a degree from the University of Utah in Political Science, a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Utah, and a Juris Doctorate from Concord University School of Law. He is married to **Lorinda Mitchell** and they have five children. He loves to be found often on the pioneer trail.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield and Monroe, Utah)

The Chapter Meeting held March 28th featured the reading of the history essays by the winners of this year's Essay Contest. **Mia Lewis** represented Koosharem Elementary. She was accompanied by her mother **Allison Lewis**. **Jennie Anderson** represented Pahvant Elementary and was accompanied by her mother **Stephanie Anderson**. **Daken Douglas**, who was a finalist also attends Pahvant Elementary. Daken was out of town so his essay was read by **Marilyn Hawley**.

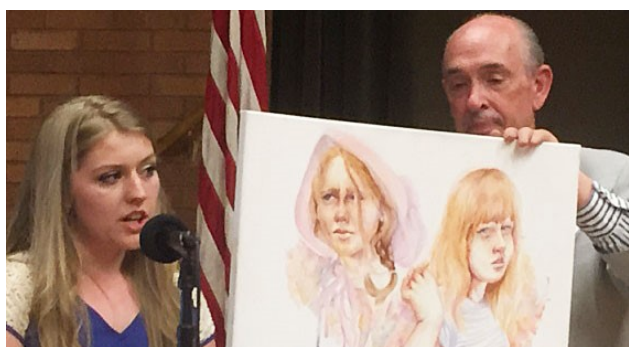
Following the reading of the essays we had the pleasure of viewing a video entitled, "Plow a

Straight Furrow". This was a dramatization of the history about the Jonathan Heaton family. This family which they said now has a posterity exceeding 14,000 lived in the Alton, Orderville, Pipe Spring (Moccasin) area.

The time we spent together no doubt brought to mind histories of our own progenitors and the importance of passing these histories on to the younger generations

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (American Fork, Utah)

April 21, 2016 The Chapter Meeting had two major features. First was the presentation of Creative Arts Scholarships to three Modern Pioneers. First place is **Rebekah Mecham** of the American Fork High School for her painting. Second place is **Regan Reichert** from the Lone Peak High School for his painting. Third place is **Rebecca Adams** from the American Fork High School for her poem.



Rebekah Mecham and her painting

Second, our guest speaker was another Modern Pioneer, **Marcus Menti**, who was one of the missionaries featured in the movie "Freetown". Brother Menti started his presentation by saying that he was the first in his family to do a number of things such as being the first to serve a mission and the first to go through the doors of a college.

Brother Menti discussed the experience of missionaries fleeing from the civil war in Liberia. He stated that unlike the movie, which depicted seven missionaries in a small Toyota Corolla, there were actually nine missionaries in the car with either four in the



Marcus Menti

front and five in the back or three in the front with six in the back for two days of traveling. He said it was "a beautiful, messy sight to behold".

Brother Menti told of one of the missionaries in the car, John Gay, who due to the tribe in which he belonged, was sought by the rebels, but was as if invisible when the missionaries passed through fifty different checkpoints. Each checkpoint approach was preceded by fervent prayer. It was a true miracle.

All of the missionaries had similar backgrounds in becoming members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had much in common with their missionary work.

Brother Menti asked the question, "Why do some succeed when others fail in troublesome times. He answered the question by saying that they succeed because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The spirit of how the gospel is taught and having a living prophet to help us understand the scriptures gives us

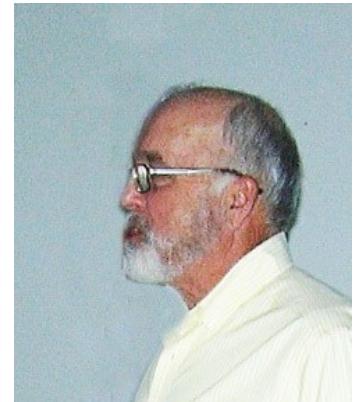
strength. The spirit of the African pioneers is strong. Even with nine different missionaries from nine different groups or tribes they succeeded. There was much fasting and prayer in their decision to leave Monrovia to travel to Freetown. After arriving, some were sick with malaria. During their recovery, they wrote of their experience, which became the basis for the movie "Freetown". The civil war took the lives of a half-million people.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER (Rexburg, Idaho)

President **Alton Wilde** welcomed 47 members, spouses, and guests. **Gordon Timothy** led and **Janet Timothy** accompanied us in singing an opening hymn, "How Wondrous and Great" An opening prayer was given by **Dan Porter**. The pledge of allegiance was led by **Ron Gibb**. Alton Wilde introduced guests and those with June birthdays and anniversaries and led a celebration song for them. A special musical number was given by **Grant Johnson**. We had a great dinner of corn bread, chili, and cookies.

Lynn Smith discussed the 24 July Fireside at the Rexburg East Stake Center, 7:00 p.m. and

introduced the speaker, **John Bagley**, who told about his family and two missions, and of the Rexburg Flight Museum.



John Bagley

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,
"Who was THAT?"

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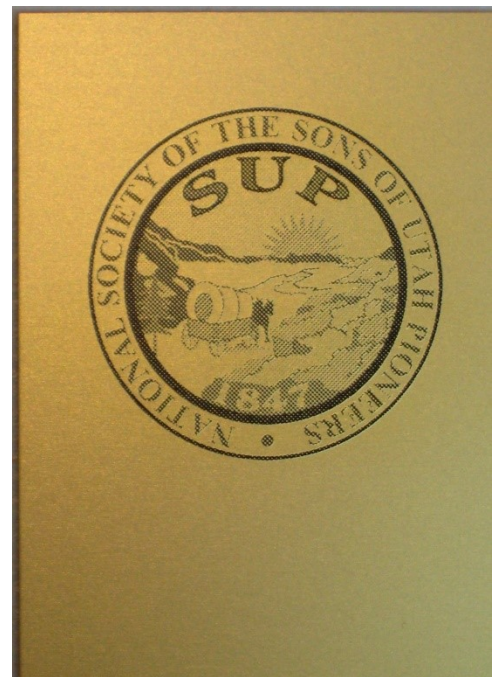
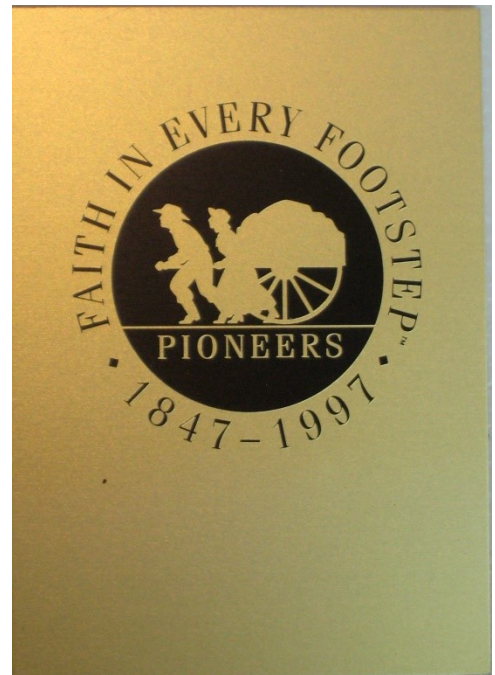
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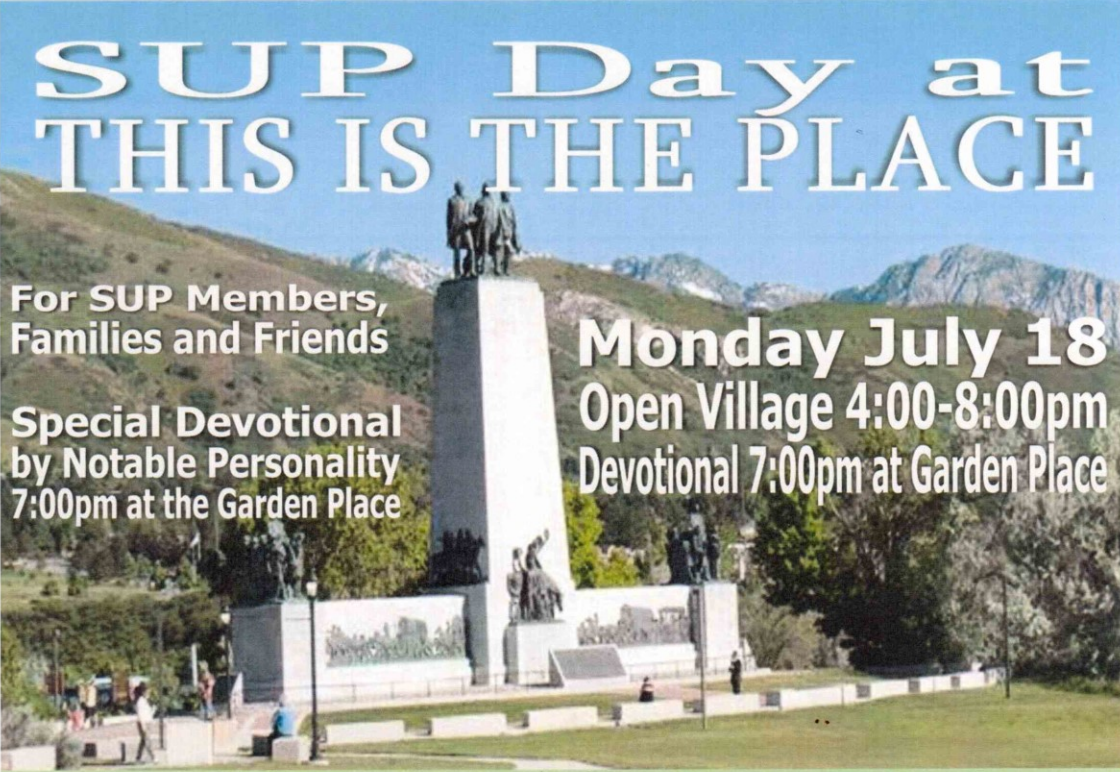
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<p>John Houston's Gospel Choir</p> <p>Thursday Evening Entertainment</p> 	<p>Western Singer Eric Dodge and his Band</p> <p>Friday Evening Entertainment</p> 	<p>Paul Reeve & Lyman Hafen</p> <p>Saturday Morning Women's Meeting</p> 
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<p>Zion Nat'l Park & Grafton Tour</p> <p>Visit the stunning red and white cliffs of Zion, a site that was sacred to the Paiute Indians, & the Pioneer Ghost town of Grafton.</p> 	<p>Kolob Canyon's & Fort Harmony Tour</p> <p>See the grandeur of Kolob Fingers and visit Old Fort Harmony and an incredible Wildlife display!</p> 	<p>Hurricane Mesa Missile Test Site</p> <p>Visit the missile test site that has pioneered the way for supersonic jet flight and safety!</p> 
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Our Saturday Convention's Keynote Speaker is none other than the famous Historical Fiction writer, and author of numerous church doctrine books!

Gerald N. Lund

He taught Seminary and Institute for 34 years and helped write curriculum. He also served in the 2nd quorum of the Seventy!



A Few of his authored books:
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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.

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