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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of my favorite things to do each spring is the annual days of sheep shearing. I spent the past few days working sheep and pushing them into the sheering plant. My job is to get the sheep in the plant; I leave the sheering to the experts. In two days we sheered 2,500 sheep. The sheep have spent the last year growing warm wool coats that protected them in the winter. It may seem a little cruel, but even on a cold spring day the sheep are glad to be free of the weight and added heat. One of my favorite parts about sheering days is the comradery with friends and other workers as

you spend the days together. After a long cold winter I am outside enjoying life.

We are now in the late winter or early spring of the COVID pandemic. Warmer days are ahead. As things such as businesses, restaurants, recreation centers, churches and the like, begin to fully open we can and should be thankful. Thankful for inspired scientists who developed the vaccines. Thankful for government leaders that quickly responded to the pandemic and are quickly getting the vaccines distributed. Thankful for those who took the pandemic seriously, who wore a mask and physically distanced. Thankful for church leaders who gave us the example to follow. And most importantly thankful that our endless prayers to end the pandemic have been heard and answered.

The pandemic has also brought blessings that one year ago we could not have imagined. We as The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have become more National as our name states. Through Zoom meetings, members are attending chapters other than their own, gaining new friends and sharing in pioneer history. Virtual treks have been taken to church history sites across the United States, where the missionaries provide a guided tour. Events this year are planned and taking place, such as the annual symposium. The symposium on April 24th can be attended in person or by Zoom. Now members from our east coast chapters or chapters off of the Wasatch Front will have the opportunity to attend. SUP online is a great place to find pioneer stories, learn history and use

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the interactive monument map. Yes, with all of the negative aspects of COVID there have also been blessings.

I recently was driving in the southwest part of Cache County and came upon four monuments honoring the early settlers of the Mendon and Wellsville area. This valley was first inhabited by Native Americans who thrived in the area. The Mountain Men were the first known explorers in the area during the 1820's. They followed the rivers and streams searching for beaver to trap. This led them to what we know today as the Cache Valley. These trappers used the area to cache or hide their furs and supplies before taking them to the annual rendezvous. In the fall of 1856 the first Latter Day Saint settlers arrived in Cache Valley and settled in the area now known as Wellsville. Just a short distance to the north, Mendon was settled in 1859. I also stopped by the Wellsville Tabernacle and saw the grand building that the early settlers built. Incidentally Wellsville was named after my 2nd great grandfather, Daniel H. Wells.

When you are driving around and you see a monument, stop and check it out. It will tell some of the history of the area. Use the maps on SUP online or the SUP website and



find a monument as a destination. Stop, learn the history and share it with your family and friends.

Have a great month, be safe, continue to pray for a quick end to COVID and be pioneer strong.

Brad Clayton  
2021 National President

# Calendar of Events

APRIL

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 PRESIDENT-ELECT BEGINS**

APR 17

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY | 9AM-NOON**

## HELP KEEP OUR NATIONAL DUES LOW!

### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY

**WE NEED YOUR SKILLS!**

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING & REPAIRS  
GROUNDSKEEPING  
TREE MAINTENANCE  
KITCHEN & WINDOW CLEANING  
FURNITURE MOVING

**LUNCH WILL BE  
PROVIDED!**

**APRIL 17TH, 9AM - 12:30PM  
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TO REQUEST SPECIFIC NEEDS

APR 20

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING | 6PM**

APR 24

**NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM | 1 - 7:30PM**



## CELEBRATING *125* YEARS OF UTAH STATEHOOD

SUP NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
April 24, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION](#)

APR 27

**PIONEER MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD | 6PM**

MAY 18

**NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE | 2:30PM**

MAY 18

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM | 6PM**

# NATIONAL NEWS

## 2020 CHAPTER RECOGNITION & CHAPTER IN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This year the following chapters have met the required standards in pioneer values, strengthening membership & leadership, communication and historical preservation.

For The Year 2020

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF

Chapter Recognition Awards

THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Certified by the National Executive Committee

Cedar City Chapter  
Morgan Pioneer Chapter  
Porter Rockwell Chapter  
Portneuf Pioneers Chapter

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Cedar City Chapter       Ogden Pioneer Chapter  
Cotton Mission Chapter    Timpanogos Chapter  
Upper Snake River Valley Chapter

# PIONEER Stories

All of you probably have stories of your pioneer ancestors that moved you. **All members of the SUP are encouraged to submit to our database at: [suponline.org/pioneer-stories](http://suponline.org/pioneer-stories).**

## "SAVED BY GRACE" A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LOTT RUSSON

*By Richard D. Kirkham - Great Grandson*

Miracles of grace are well portrayed in the pioneer life of Lott Russon, born in Dudley, England, a place called "The Black Country" because coal was mined there.

Lott grew up in a very poor coal mining family. He was the only boy in a family of 6 children. His life was miraculously spared multiple times throughout his 88 years of life. Some of his survival stories have been passed down to his posterity to strengthen their faith as they face their trials in life.

When Lott turned 7 he was obliged to go to work as a rivet carrier to earn additional money for the family. By grace he was saved when at work a spike got loose from a machine, flew across the room and entered his skull like a bullet. He nearly died from the injury.

At age 13 his father was disabled in a coal mine accident so Lott took his place and became a collier. When Lott's father was well enough to walk, he came to the mine to check on Lott. Tragically he fell down the shaft and was killed leaving young Lott fatherless.

From age 13 on Lott became the provider for his family. Sometime later, after the death of his father, part of the mine collapsed where Lott was working, but by grace he and one other man somehow crawled two miles in darkness underground on hands and knees till they found the surface and returned back to the coal yard and to safety. Both men had been given up for dead.

By grace Lott survived a dozen other perils; a sudden flare of coal gas on the surface, burial under tons of rock when a mine roof collapsed, a freefall in an elevator car which dove some 470 feet when a cable jumped a pulley. He survived an underground methane explosion. He was buried in ice



*Lott Russon*

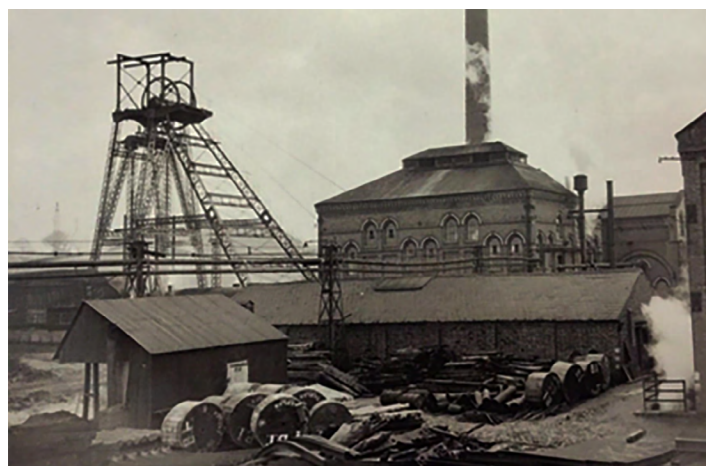
catastrophe. He lost his hearing when his skull was crushed by a steel bar. By grace and and by priesthood power his hearing was restored. "In all his ordeals it was by grace that he remained whole. He lost only a part of one of his fingers.

He joined the church when he was 24 but he could never earn enough money for his wife and 8 children to immigrate to Utah, so they stayed in Dudley and Lott continued working in the coal mines.

Eighteen years passed. Lott was 42 years old. Elder Nebeker, the missionary who baptized him, sent \$535.36 to him so his family could immigrate to Utah.

Lott was working in the mine the day

the money arrived. The mine was under threat of flooding and the pumps were working at full capacity to evacuate the water that was rushing into the shafts. Lott was fitting pipes down in the mine when his wife arrived with the news. What happened next was again the grace of God working in Lott's life.



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In his own words he records, "On Oct. 14, 1871, my wife came to the pit and had me called up. At that time I was with the other men laying down pipe and we were up to our waists in water. When she saw me she said, "Take off the wet clothes, Lott, and never put them on again. The money has come to take us to Utah." I said, "Let me go down and finish the job." She said, "No, Lott, you might get hurt." Reluctantly I complied. As I was taking off my clothes the alarm whistle sounded. Another accident happened and buried all the men in the mine. I alone was saved once again."

The ordeals in Lott's life didn't end with the arrival of the money from Elder Nebeker. Many more trials and tribulations followed, but by the grace of God he and his family were able to come to Utah and join the saints where they could build Zion.

They settled in Lehi, Utah where Lott, now in his mid 40s, started life all over again. But this time they were in Zion. Building a home and a foundation for their posterity who would have the blessing of growing up in the valleys near the Temples of God. Lott and his wife received their endowments and were sealed in the endowment house in 1872. Lott Russon lived 46 more years in Lehi, Utah. He died faithful in the faith at age of 88.

Lott's life gives new meaning to the verse we read in 2 Nephi 25:22 where it says, "We are saved by grace after all we can do." Surely it was by grace that Lott lived to see old age, bless his grandchildren, witness the gathering of Israel, and testify to the fulfillment of prophecy as Zion became established in the tops of the mountains of Utah.

## NEW MEMBERS **WELCOME!**

NAME .....CHAPTER

### CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

Lowell L Bryner ..... Holladay

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

**Steven Flint** ..... **Mesa**

**David F Paulsen** ..... **Mills**

**Jan-Erik Schow** ..... **Bear River**

**Roy Shaw** ..... **Porter Rockwell**

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Kimball Allen ..... Mesa

Steve T Bunnell ..... Upper Snake River Valley

LeGrand Curtis, Jr ..... Holladay

John Andrew Gallacher ..... Jordan River Temple

Lynn M Paulson ..... Ogden Pioneer

NAME .....CHAPTER

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

#### CONVERTED TO ANNUAL

Dennis Michael RussellPocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

Jake Smith ..... Springville

Richard C Smith ..... Brigham Young

Dean Andrus ..... Grove City

Terry Asay ..... Lehi

### NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Truman F Clawson ..... Salt Lake Pioneer

Dale F Imlay ..... Boulder Dam Chapter

Steve Robbins ..... Timpanogos

Jonathan Toponce Pioneer Heritage-Canyon Rim

# Monument Trek



## Why are Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association (UPTLA) Monuments Listed in the SUP Monuments Master List?

After attending the 1930 centennial of the Oregon Trail, July 3 through 6 at Independence Rock, Wyoming, an effort was led by George Albert Smith and John D. Giles to organize the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association (UPTLA). The association subsequently erected more than a hundred historic monuments and markers from Nauvoo, IL to Utah and throughout the west, and one in eastern Canada. Their goal was:

“to place one or more historical markers of one kind or another, in, on, or near every plain, desert, mountain, river, lake, spring, mountain pass, highway, railroad, settlement, town, city, county, old structure or building school house, courthouse, theater, meeting house, chapel, lodge or other place frequented by the people.”

(Vanguards-Scouts Department: Project Markers for Historic Spots” Improvement Era, November 1930, 51-52)

The culmination of this monument building was reached in 1947, the centennial year, with the dedication of the new “This Is The Place” Monument. The work did not cease, however, and attention to such recognition of historical sites continued. Unfortunately, when George Albert Smith, the organization’s president, died, the records of UPTLA monuments were not passed on. It is noteworthy to point out that the UPTLA engaged other local civic, religious, or historical groups to co-sponsor monuments placed in their area.

As time went on, the UPTLA membership diminished and the location knowledge of some of the UPTLA monuments

was lost. In about 2007, Frank Madsen, a National SUP Board member and outstanding community citizen, approached Stewart Radmall, National SUP Monuments Director and indicated that he had been contacted by the remnants of the UPTLA organization asking if the SUP would be willing to add the UPTLA monuments to the SUP published list and assume responsibility for them, as the UPTLA didn’t have a functioning organization at the time. This was proposed to the SUP National Board and approved. An incomplete list was provided to Stewart Radmall dated November 22, 2007, and that list was used to find, take pictures and categorize the UPTLA monuments into the SUP Master Monuments List. Some of the SUP chapters took on the task of refurbishing and repairing some of the UPTLA monuments in their area as needed, and it remains their responsibility to do so.

So, when you see a UPTLA monument you now know that the SUP has responsibility for it and a specific chapter has been assigned to provide stewardship over it. Some SUP monuments have never been found. However, through the efforts of Stewart Radmall and Gerald Haycock along with others (mostly Mark Walker, now National SUP Monuments Co-director working with Tyler Thorsted, of the Church Historical Department), most UPTLA monuments that still exist have been found and recorded in the SUP Master Monuments List.

The SUP Master Monuments List is available on the SUP1847.com website under the “[Monuments](#)” tab, and Free Digital E-Book link or directly via this link: SUP Master Monuments List



# CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

1. Write up a short (one to three paragraph) article in MS Word (or send as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 or 2 quality jpeg photographs to your email. **If the photo is of poor quality, it cannot be used.**
3. In the email subject line just put your "Chapter name" (nothing more)
4. Email to: [rolandleefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rolandleefamily@gmail.com)
5. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please have your secretaries or publicity chairmen take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

*Note: Some of the chapters have cancelled their chapter meetings due to the Coronavirus situation. Others have reported on other events and service projects, while some have kept meeting monthly via "Zoom" technology.*

## BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada

With the covid restrictions lessened, the Boulder Dam Chapter ventured out to the Valley of Fire Nevada State Park in February for a trek.

We met at the east entrance of the park and opened the trek with a pioneer moment about the Prince Family in St. Thomas which is a few miles from Valley of Fire. The family arrived in St Thomas around 1915 by wagon. A poem written by Uzelle Prince about "My Flour Sack Underwear" lead to some interesting discussions.

Our guide for the trek was Jim Pirtle. He talked about how the park had come into existence. He talked about the

Arrowhead Trail, which was a main road from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Los Angeles, California, passing through many cities including the area that would become known as the Valley of Fire State Park.

We visited several sites: petrified logs, CCC built cabins, the visitor center and Mouse's tank which was a hideout for a renegade Paiute Indian in the early 1900's.

We had a picnic lunch, catching up on the latest happenings in our lives. We then visited the White Domes, a section of white rock amongst all of the red rock and said our good-byes until our next trek in March.



Jim Pirtle and the Kleinmans



CCC Cabins



White Domes



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## CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



*Dane and Ruth Leavitt*

On Sunday evening, March 14th, we were treated to a fireside presented by Dane and Ruth Leavitt sharing some of their experiences and knowledge of the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in South Africa where he recently served as Mission President. The church first sent missionaries to South Africa in 1853. Early missionary efforts

were almost entirely focused on the white population until 1994, when apartheid ended. At that time there were 7,000 members in two stakes. The other major event that opened the doors for the gospel to be shared with all the people of South Africa was the revelation on priesthood in 1978. Since that time the church has grown rapidly and today has 70,000 members, 17 stakes, many districts and branches, and four missions.

English is the official language of the church in South Africa, but 11 languages are spoken in the country with English, Afrikaans, and Zulu being most common. Eight other

native tongues are also spoken. One of the great lessons of the Gospel is that people from all races and cultural backgrounds enjoy peace and love one for another when they become part of the family of God.

One of the main focuses of their presentation was the development of church leaders in South Africa. We were treated to a short video of the testimony of President Kybella, a former stake president and the current president of the Johannesburg Temple. President Kwaiwai, a district president, was logged in with us even though it was 2:00am in South Africa. He told his story and answered questions. These two brothers represented the growth of local leaders and are true modern African pioneers. President Leavitt related his belief that when God is ready for open up an area for the reception of the Gospel He will send those spirits to earth that are needed to accomplish this work. This is evident in the lives of these South African pioneers that established the foundation for the church in these last days. It was a real treat for us to get a glimpse into the miraculous growth of the church in South Africa.

We highly recommend these types of events to other chapters.

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

On Friday, March 12 the Cotton Mission chapter members and their wives enjoyed a trek to visit several historic sites in Washington City. This trek was previously scheduled for January but was postponed due to the weather. Unusual spring snow in southern Utah tried to sideline this trek again, but a good turnout of hearty souls braved the weather for a very rewarding and informative trek.

Our group gathered first at the historic Washington Heritage Pioneer Plaza where historian George Staheli explained about the unique historical features of Dixie's first city. We learned the history of Dixie's Cotton Mission and about the pioneer Cotton Factory first built in 1866. The factory flourished for a short time, but a softening

of the market after the Civil War made it less profitable. For a time it was the largest factory west of the Mississippi River.

Although not a real money-maker it was a great tool for binding the people. It gave them both work and a purpose which helped established Utah's Dixie. The factory was shut down in 1904, and was used for other purposes and businesses over the years. In 1985 Norma Cannizzaro started a major effort to re-furbish this important building. Today the building still exists as the home of Star Nursery and is a stately reminder of the Pioneer's heroic efforts to eke out an existence in the desert.

Thanks to Royce Griffin and his Trek committee for organizing this wonderful trek.



*George Staheli*



*Washington Trek*

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## HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

What a start to the year 2021 and what a difficult time we have been through! Not since the “Great Depression” have we had to deal with such challenges. As tough as they have been for us, nothing we have passed through could equal in kind to what the founding pioneers of Hurricane and the surrounding cities went through.

I am so grateful to be a member of this wonderful chapter. In the past 21 years I have learned so much and grown to truly love and appreciate my ancestors. What a challenge they had, what tenacity, dedication and love they



David Isom

had for the cause they espoused! Just learning more about them has made these years’ worth everything to me. I hope we can all feel the value of this wonderful organization as we move forward.

There were two meetings in March. Thursday, March 18th at 6:30 at the Legion Hall. There was a pot-luck dinner. David Isom was our speaker as he told us about his time working with the people in Hildale and Colorado City. The meeting was also broadcast over Zoom. This meeting prepared us for the Trek that took place on Saturday, March 27, to Hildale where we listened to



Ted Barlow

Ted Barlow give us details about life in Hildale. He then took us around the area and told us about the history of the community.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**On April 15** we will take the time at the beginning of the meeting to honor the winner of the Elementary Essay Contest, then we will turn the time over to Paula Hirschi Arriola to give us a history of the Workman Family in Hurricane. They were among the very first families to live in Hurricane. The dinner will be pot-luck at the Legion Hall and will also be broadcast over Zoom.

**On May 20** we will meet again at the American Legion Hall for a pot-luck dinner and will be privileged to hear from Leon Lewis, one of our local top personal historians, on the upriver communities of Shunesburg, Springdale and Rockville. This will again begin at 6:30 p.m., and will again be aired over Zoom as well.

**On the 31st of May** we will have a trek to the Shunesburg dwellings and surrounding sites. Visitors are only allowed into Shunesburg just once a year on Memorial Day.

**On June 17** Shirley Gubler Buckner will be entertaining us with the history of Henry Gubler from LaVerkin, and her mother Alice Isom Gubler. They gave so much in the pioneering of this region. –David Hinton

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

Due to the continued limitation on group meetings caused by the pandemic, we again held our March 11 meeting virtually on Zoom. Our presentation was found on YouTube and was a film entitled “The Peoples History of Utah - Colonizing the West”. This presentation was very well done and interesting to all who watched. There were at least twelve families that watched and participated in this gathering.

Our Next Chapter Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, April 8. Our programs chairman, Ron Hardy, is inviting a few of our chapter members to each present a five to seven minute presentation on a personal historical event or pioneer story they or their extended family have experienced. This will prove to be a very interesting evening as we gather together once more on Zoom.



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## LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

On Monday, March 8, 2022, the Lehi Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers were joined in a ZOOM meeting with guest speaker, J. Phillip Freestone, President of the Provo Temple. He shared the history of his great grandparents through the journaled words of his great grandfather, James Fall Freestone (1840-1917). Particularly mentioned was a cherished picture that was painted to capture an important event in his life. His ancestry story is one of humbleness, love, adventure and...tremendous faith! He writes:

*"My parents immigrated to the state of Ohio, settled on 40 acres of land in Hunterville, Harden County. They had a great deal of sickness and the farm was mortgaged for debt and sold. We went to Sandusky City and stayed there a short time, then went back and bought 20 acres of land. We started to clear up this farm. Mormonism found us about the year 1851."*

*"Previous to joining the Latter-day Saints, my parents belonged to the Methodist church. They got the spirit of gathering after joining the church. They heard the Mormons worked cows. They sold their little farm for a light wagon and hitched up two unbroken cows to the little wagon, put our effects in it and started for Zion, distant about 1700 miles."*

At the age of 9, James went into the woods every day and prayed to the Lord that *"if He had a people upon the earth, that I might belong to His people."* Later, he went to hear *"the first Latter Day Saint sermon I ever heard."* He *"believed every word" he heard and "never had doubt afterwards"*.

In August 1852, the family left with the Saints, averaging about 12 miles each day. Traveling through rain and mud, the company came to Pisga (Territory of Iowa) on December 25th, in a large snowstorm. James continued to go into the woods, every day, to pray.

Winter set in and they had no money. Circumstances were difficult. *"We stayed there a portion of the winter, then moved 20 miles to a place called Winterset."* He and his brother cut saw logs and husked corn. They received corn meal and fat beef for pay. His mother wrote a letter to the Branch President at Council Bluffs. The letter was read in a meeting and caused many to shed tears. They sent word back that if the family could get there, they would help them through.

Joining a company of 50 wagons, James writes, *"They let us have a young yoke of cattle to work with our cows. I drove sheep barefoot, a thousand miles across the Plains. We started on the*

*10th of June 1853. I was then 12 years old. A man accompanied me. We had a horse, which we changed in riding. We had a very good journey across the Plains."*

They got to the valley about mid-September and lived in American Fork one year. There, James was baptized. Later, moves were made to Mountainville and Alpine. Some hard times were met, including grasshoppers that *"swept almost everything off the land."* The Indians *"became very troublesome and we had to move into forts. President Young came there and counseled the people to build a fort wall, 14 feet high, 6 feet at foundation, which they did. I worked all summer on the wall. This was in the year 1855."*

He met his first wife on Christmas Day, 1867. They were married on February 15, 1868. He married his second wife on April 12, 1869. Both wives were from Denmark. His first wife had seven children and the second wife had twelve children.

He took both wives to visit his brother. They started just before the 24th of July, in order to celebrate with his brother. On their way, they camped in Provo Valley. The next night, they camped at the head of Daniel's Canyon. After eating their supper, the wives retired to make the bed in the wagon. James sat by the fire. *"He heard a strong voice say, "Go home"."* It went through him *"like electricity."* He told others he *"wanted to go home. They would not listen to me, so we went on. We traveled about 25 miles that day, crossed Red Creek and camped on the hill on the other side. We were then on the Indian Reservation; it was about 100 miles across it."* He turned out his horses. The next morning, he went to get them, but they were gone.

Searching for their tracks, he found some headed back the way they had come. He searched for them all day but couldn't find them. James then turned to the Lord in prayer asking Him to cause the horses to run from the thieves. He also asked for forgiveness for not heeding the voice he



James Fall Freestone & Horses

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had heard. In answer to his prayer, he found their tracks on a sand bar the next day. By that night, he was back in possession of his horses.

James had three sons serve missions. He performed temple work for some of their relatives and “paid into the Genealogical Society \$50.00 for the gathering up of our genealogy.

*I hope my children will continue to do the work that I have not been able to accomplish.”*

At the age of 74, he ended his “autobiography” with this request: *“If any of my children or grandchildren should have the opportunity of going back to Jackson Co., and be permitted to engage in the erection of that Great Temple, I want them to put \$25.00 – Twenty-five Dollars – in for me, in my name.”*

## MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

Our meeting was broadcast by Zoom and our attendance on Zoom is gradually picking up. Paul and Ginnie Snyder presented some amazing information about the Church’s cattle ranch in Florida as they served in the Florida Orlando mission. Paul worked long and hard days on the construction crew, remodeling the housing for the ranch hands and maintaining existing structures. Ginnie was a tour guide, driving a tour bus and giving the ranch’s history and current production. They served one day of the week in the Orlando Temple to highlight their experience.

The Church owns and operates three hundred thousand acres of pastureland, with nearly ninety thousand cattle, many horses and eighty five full time employees. Wildlife is plentiful including lots of snakes and alligators. The operation runs smoothly, is economically sound and is a for profit operation. It was a wonderful experience for our membership to see the beauty of the ranch and its operation.

## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah

Bruce Cardon was our featured speaker for our March Chapter Meeting. Bruce Cardon is the descendant of two pioneer families who were taught the gospel in the Piedmont region of Italy. The Cardon family immigrated in 1854, led by the Robert C. Campbell company and the Stalle (Staley) family followed in 1856, part of the first handcart company led by Edmond Ellsworth. Bruce grew up in Utah County and served in the Montana Billings Mission. He attended Brigham Young University, where he obtained bachelor’s and master’s degrees and met his wife, Lorina.

In 1849, Elder Lorenzo Snow (1814–1901) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles was called to establish a mission in Italy. As he was contemplating where to commence, he learned about the Waldensians, a religious community in the Piedmont mountains of northwestern Italy. The Waldensians had endured extreme persecutions over seven centuries because of their beliefs. Predating the Protestant Reformation by several hundred years, they preached that Christ’s early Church had fallen into apostasy. They separated themselves from the Roman Catholic Church and were declared heretics, driven from cities, tortured, and slaughtered. Rather than renounce their faith, they fled to the upper mountains. “A flood of light seemed to burst upon my mind when I thought

upon [the Waldensians],” recorded Elder Snow. In a letter home he wrote, “I believe that the Lord has there hidden up a people amid the Alpine mountains.”

In other regions of Italy, laws were not favorable for missionary activity. But two years before Elder Snow arrived, the Waldensians in the Piedmont region had been granted religious freedom after centuries of persecution. Not only that, but several among them had received remarkable dreams and visions preparing them to receive the missionaries’ message. Elder Snow, accompanied by two missionary companions, dedicated Italy for the preaching of the gospel on September 19, 1850. Elder Snow recorded, “From that day opportunities began to occur for proclaiming our message.”

The Italian Mission was active only 12 years, but during that time, 12 families and seven individuals were converted and immigrated to Utah. The Waldensians who embraced the gospel infused the Church in Utah with strength, and today tens of thousands of members trace their heritage back to the 72 faithful Waldensians who left the home of their forefathers to join the Latter-day Saints in the Rocky Mountains. Family names: Beus, Chatelain, Malan, Cardon, Stalle (Staley), Pons, Gaudin, and others are all familiar names in Weber County.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



*Modern Pioneer Award -  
President Hutchings with  
Elder and Sister Franco*

At our meeting on February 24, the Porter Rockwell Chapter presented its Modern Pioneer Recognition award to Elder Rodolfo and Sister Cristina Franco, a well known couple - not only in the South Valley area, but also throughout the Church, each with a record of distinguished service.

Immigrants from Argentina, they arrived in Utah in the 1970's and quickly established themselves in the community. An entrepreneur and familiar with clocks, Rudy joined with his father-in-law, Hugo Fraga, and established what became a chain of clock sales and repair stores in several cities in the mountain west. Known as Precision Time, one store was located in our chapter area at Southtowne Mall.

Meanwhile, Sister Franco was busy raising their three sons. Many members of our chapter remember Rudy as their stake president, while at the same time leading the Draper

Temple Open House committee. He and Sister Franco presided over the Argentina Resistencia Mission. Following their mission, he served as an Area Seventy.

Sister Franco has served in many positions including her present assignment as second counselor in the General Primary Presidency. You remember she was the one who spoke in last General Conference about an electronic player piano that was delivered to their home on a snowy day and was dropped and seriously damaged by the delivery people. In her talk, she said the dealer replaced the damaged piano with a new one, explaining that a repaired piano would never sound like a new one. The "rest of the story" is that the dealer did in fact repair the damaged one and gave it to the family. It now resides in the home of one of their sons. Elder and Sister Franco are a delightful couple and were our speakers at our February meeting, telling of many other experiences in their lives of service. Having lived in the Draper area for many years, they now reside in South Jordan in the Daybreak neighborhood.

That evening we also installed our chapter leadership for 2021, most of whom continued in their same roles from 2020.

## RED ROCK CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah

Our program for last month was the Mormon Battalion exhibit in San Diego. It was a 40-minute presentation by 2 sister missionaries and was really interesting. On zoom, they took us through the entire historical site and told many stories about the Mormon Battalion. In the part where the army officers came and asked for volunteers, there were none. When Brigham Young came and asked for volunteers, saying the hand of the Lord was in this, they got 500 who signed up. The contrast was amazing and I thought it so interesting how different everything was when the Lord is involved.

I think the hand of the Lord is in the Sons of Utah Pioneers as well. It is a means where we can remember the pioneers and the early saints and draw strength from their faith and perseverance. In our own tough times, we can look back to see how others of faith handled their difficult circumstances which inspires us in our own lives. The Lord asked that records be kept so that these stories will not fade into the past. The Sons of Utah Pioneers is an organization designed to make sure these records and stories don't fade into the past,

and with the Coronavirus pandemic, it is easy to lose sight of this purpose and just sit it out. Let's work together, pay our dues, and attend our meetings on zoom or in-person when that time comes.

Now a couple more things we learned about the Mormon Battalion: They fought no battles as promised by Brigham Young but they did fight the invading wild bulls, which had escaped the Mexican herds years before. They finally made it to San Diego and helped the people build their town. Then they went to San Francisco (Yerba Buena) where some participated in the gold rush, then they went back to Utah to join their families. On the way, they found what remained of the Donner Party in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The Mormon Battalion walked about 3 times further than the saints going to Utah from Council Bluffs to make the longest march in US military history and blazed the southern trail across the United States to California. An amazing accomplishment and yes, the hand of the Lord was in it then as it is now.

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## SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Doug Wilks

Val Parrish, Chapter president, invites you to the April 14 luncheon meeting of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Doug Wilks, editor of the *Deseret News*, will be our guest speaker. This will be an outstanding event that you will not want to miss. It will also be broadcast via Zoom, click [HERE](#).

Doug Wilks was named editor of the *Deseret News* in November 2016, increasing the strength and rigor of the news report and was instrumental in extending the reach of the *Deseret News* to millions of readers. Prior to his appointment, he worked as managing

editor of the News Division, leading a multi-platform newsroom for the *Deseret News* and KSL TV and Radio, and their digital platforms. Wilks has worked in the news industry for more than 35 years.

Prior to joining the *Deseret News* and KSL, he worked in various editing and leadership capacities in the team-structured newsroom of *The Press Democrat* in Santa Rosa, California, then part of the *New York Times Regional Media Group*. He also worked as city editor for the *Marin Independent Journal*, formerly with Gannett, and managing editor and city editor of the *Napa Valley Register*, then a Scripps League Newspapers publication. He is married to Christiana Wilks. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He currently serves the Church as a Stake President in downtown Salt Lake City.

## SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah

The headstone of Archibald McPhail symbolizes a magnificent story of the Mormon Pioneer Trail that this writer had never heard before though he traveled the trail four times and researched to lead three groups over it which included the infamous, but now sacred Rocky Ridge. As so many were, Archibald McPhail's story is one of immense courage and faith in the face of impossible odds.

McPhail, his wife Jane and several children were part of that ill-fated Willie Handcart Company of 1856 that was caught unprepared in the early snow and freezing temperatures of the Wyoming high desert. They were from Scotland and were headed to join the Saints of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Utah. Not only was McPhail responsible for his own family's safety but was put in charge of a group of 20 that shared a common tent. Two of the group were older single women that were always



lagging behind. On the day they traveled over 16 miles in deep snow and were forced to traverse Rocky Ridge, the second highest, steepest, and most rugged part of the trail through Wyoming, one of these women did not make it into camp. Archibald dutifully squared his shoulders, and on an empty stomach and exhausted body, trudged four miles back in the snow until he located her. She was on the other side of a frozen creek just waiting to die. When McPhail bid her to cross to him, she would not, afraid the ice would break, and she would die not only from starvation and exhaustion but also drowning in the ice bound creek. Brother McPhail crossed the creek and was carrying her across when the ice gave away. He was soaked to his waist but carried her the 4 miles back to their camp at Rock Creek Hollow.

By the time he got the woman safely to camp his clothes were frozen on him. Too frail to do anything else he crawled under a handcart where he lay with his head on his wife's knee as she constantly brushed away the accumulating snow. Jane had a small tallow candle that was the only source of comfort for either of them. She realized he would not live through the night. Her prayer was that the candle would remain burning until he died. Miraculously the candle kept giving it's light when upon Archibald taking his last breath, the candle went out.

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The day was November 6, 1856. Jane and the children made it into the Salt Lake Valley. Jane remarried, but still cleaned schools to finance her children's educations.

So many untold stories remain to be found. This one is one of several that the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers heard so beautifully told by word and photo at the chapter's regular monthly meeting on March 4, 2021. This was a virtual presentation by Jolene Allphin who has dedicated her life in discovering such stories of the 1856 Martin, Willie, Hunt and Hodgett companies and breathing new life into these courageous women, men, and children.

Jolene is the author of *Tell My Story, Too*. The book contains 300 biographical sketches and over 650 pictures of pioneers and rescuers of the Willie, Martin, Hodgett

and Hunt companies of 1856. Since 1999, in preparation for a Stake Pioneer Trek, Jolene has been researching, writing, and publishing stories of these people who paid such a tremendous price to reach the Zion of their hopes and dreams. Jolene has developed a deep love for these people and considers them friends whose stories of courage, faith and testimony continue to bless her every day.

Jolene served as a historical advisor for the movies *Ephraim's Rescue* and *17 Miracles* by T.C. Christensen. Jolene and T.C. Christensen co-authored the book *More Than Miracles*, published by Deseret Book in 2012. Jolene also co-authored an art, story, and history book with Andrew D. Olsen and artist Julie Rogers, published by Deseret Book in 2013. It is titled *Follow Me to Zion: Stories from the Willie Handcart Pioneers*.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah

On March 18, 2021, the Timpanogos Chapter held their ZOOM Chapter Meeting. The guest speaker was Eileen Anderson Peterson. Sister Peterson's presentation was titled "Growing Up in Palmyra." She stated, the church had not had a presence in Palmyra nor owned property since the Smith family had been driven out in 1830. A prejudice had been brewing in that region for 85 years.

When Susan Young Gates and a group of church members visited the Palmyra area in 1901 and as they were viewing the Hill Cumorah, they met the owner of the property, who told them that "No Mormon would set foot in my home" and "he knew all about Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and the Mormons," indicating they were all no good rascals and scoundrels.

In 1907 Apostle George Albert Smith was able to quietly obtain 100 acres of the Joseph Smith family homestead from Mr. Avery Chatman, who after many visits had become a friend of Elder Smith. Mr. Chatman was promised he could

live in his home until he could find a better situation. He stayed for seven more years. The church could then call somebody to move into the Smith home and begin to handle the 85 years of prejudice and change the attitude of citizens.

Willard and Rebecca Bean were called to serve as missionaries to oversee the property. As proselyting was not allowed in Palmyra, Willard and Rebecca Bean would hold street meetings on the corner of Canandaigua Road and Main Street (the four churches corner). Rebecca had a beautiful soprano voice, so she would sing, which would attract a crowd. Willard would preach. It caused traffic jams and citizens complained. Through a banker, who had become a friend of Willard, the Beans were offered the bandstand in a park to continue.

Willard was sitting on the porch of James English, who owned the West side of the hill. James surprised Willard by

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offering to sell a part of his farm if it was agreed to buy all the equipment, horses and cows along with it. Willard's heart jumped. The church was able to purchase the property on September 17, 1923. Five days later a conference was held by President Heber J. Grant which included 240 missionaries. B. H. Roberts was also present.

Willard had made a friendship with a Mr. Sexton, who owned the rest of the hill. By 1928, Mr. Sexton had passed away as well as his heirs who were prejudiced. Through Willard's efforts, the church was able to purchase the 110 acres of the rest of the Hill as well as two other small farms and the Old Grange Hall in Palmyra, which then was used as a church meeting house until about 1945.

In 1929, Willard began the process of placing a monument at the top of the hill and a visitor's bureau at the bottom. Although there was some reservation by authorities, Willard convinced them the church was gaining respectability and the effort proceeded. On May 27, 1935 the monument was placed on the top of the hill. On July 21, 1935, President Heber J. Grant dedicated the monument. David O. McKay was also in attendance.

Prior to Willard and Rebecca Bean leaving the Palmyra area in 1939, they were able to overcome much of the hatred toward the church and were so loved that the Lions Club held a social in their honor which many citizens in the community attended to express their love and admiration for them.

Sister Peterson's maiden name is Anderson. She then related how the Anderson family, her parent and siblings, were called to serve in the Palmyra area. She told of how her mother was inspired to go and how she discussed it with her husband Owen, who originally dismissed the idea. She related how her father Owen became interested and visited with President David O. McKay and other church leaders to determine what could be done on the church owned farms. This gave Owen a new outlook concerning a mission and the decision was made to accept a call. The Anderson family, consisting of Owen and Bessie with seven children and two other families totaling 24 all packed up and headed for Palmyra.

The Anderson family traveled 2,000 miles in six days in a 1926 Chevrolet sedan with nine people in the car and loaded with all their personal possessions. As they turned the final corner, Sister Peterson remembered seeing the monument. It permeated every fiber of her being as the most "breath taking beautiful sight I can ever remember." Further, "A feeling of immense calm came over me."

Sister Peterson explained that the church has purchased three farms in the Manchester and Palmyra area. Her parents and family were assigned to live and manage one of the farms. Her family would run the farm for eight- and one-half years.

Sister Peterson then explained the circumstance of teachers who refused to teach Mormon students and many of the students who were hostile toward them. Insults were common. Her two older sisters were told to sit in the back corner of the room with their desks facing the window. Teachers ignored them as much as possible. It was hard for the Mormon children at first, but by the end of the first-year things began to change. The children were bright students, courteous and polite, with high standards and they represented themselves and the church well. As time went by, they began to make friends with teachers and students. Other Mormon boys were on the school basketball team where they made good friends. Her mother and father served as PTA presidents and her father became the Industrial Arts teacher at the Manchester High School. Her father was also president of the Dairyman's League, which included about 200 dairymen from around the area.

Sister Peterson said they always had missionaries living in their home. They were assigned to teach visitors to the Hill Cumorah. Sometimes, during the Hill Cumorah Pageant, they would have 30 or 40 missionaries staying in their home or some in the barn sleeping on the hay and others in tents on the lawn. Her mother would feed all the people and the sisters had to do all of the dishes. They didn't mind too much having all those handsome Elders around.

The Anderson family had many more wonderful experiences while in Palmyra and they worked hard to do all that was required of them and the rewards were great! They weren't there to proselyte, but to be there to help and support the missionaries and to take care of church properties. They did have the opportunity, however, to be instrumental in conversions and baptisms.

Sister Peterson expressed how the Palmyra experience shaped her life, including gaining a strong and unshakable testimony and love for the Prophet Joseph Smith and his family. As these sacred places and events became a part of her life, she expressed that she will be forever grateful for the courage of her parents to accept a leap of faith in accepting their mission call.

Sister Peterson graciously answered questions from chapter members. Thus, ended another wonderful presentation to the members of the Timpanogos Chapter.



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## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Loren Stegelmeier*

On Thursday, March 18th, our monthly meeting featured Loren Stegelmeier, local veterinarian and missionary to several African missions and the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. With his usual flair for optimism and cheer, Loren shared several stories about his experiences. Loren was born on July 24th in Green

Timber—east of Aston. He met Ann Warner at the Blackfoot Fair and they married in 1956. They are the parents of eleven children—many of whom are also involved in the medical field. He graduated as a Doctor of Veterinarian Science in 1965 and they set up practice in Rexburg where he practiced for 35 years. His love and care of animals in the Upper Snake River Valley is highly regarded of all of us who have taken on animals to his clinic for health care.

Loren and Ann served their first mission to the Ivory Coast, West Africa. Even though they did not speak French, they fit right in with their love and service. Their second African mission was to Madagascar and a third mission was to Uganda. Loren shared several faith-promoting stories: A ship captain who was introduced to the Book of Mormon in South Carolina on a layover, obtained his own copy back in Africa, and was later baptized; a water project in Madagascar where a hydraulic engineer was raised up to help them bring fresh water to a needy village; and in Uganda they worked with 183 less-active members. Loren's testimony of God's hand in his life was evident in his presentation.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

“Carry On” Merit Award. These awards will be presented in May to four senior students, one each from South Fremont, Sugar/Salem, Madison, and Rigby high schools. They will receive a beautiful-framed pioneer picture and a cash award to help them with their education or mission plans. If you would like to donate to this Merit Award program, send your check to Ron Gibb, 329 W. 1st North, Rexburg, ID 83440. Your donation can be made through March and April. All donations are anonymous.

Pioneer Magazine, Spring Issue. This special edition will feature the History of the Upper Snake River Valley. Louis Clements has been instrumental in preparing many of the articles. The Editor of the magazine told Martell Grover, Area Vice-President, that he has never had such professional drafts submitted to him as he received from Louis. We all add a hearty “Well Done, Louis!”

**April 15th**, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Rick Macey—“Portraying Lehi in the Book of Mormon Videos.”

**May 20th**, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Nate Williams: The First Vison—It's Journey “Out of Obscurity.”

**June 17th**, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Ross Baren: Israel and the BYU-Jerusalem Center—My Experiences in the Holy Land.

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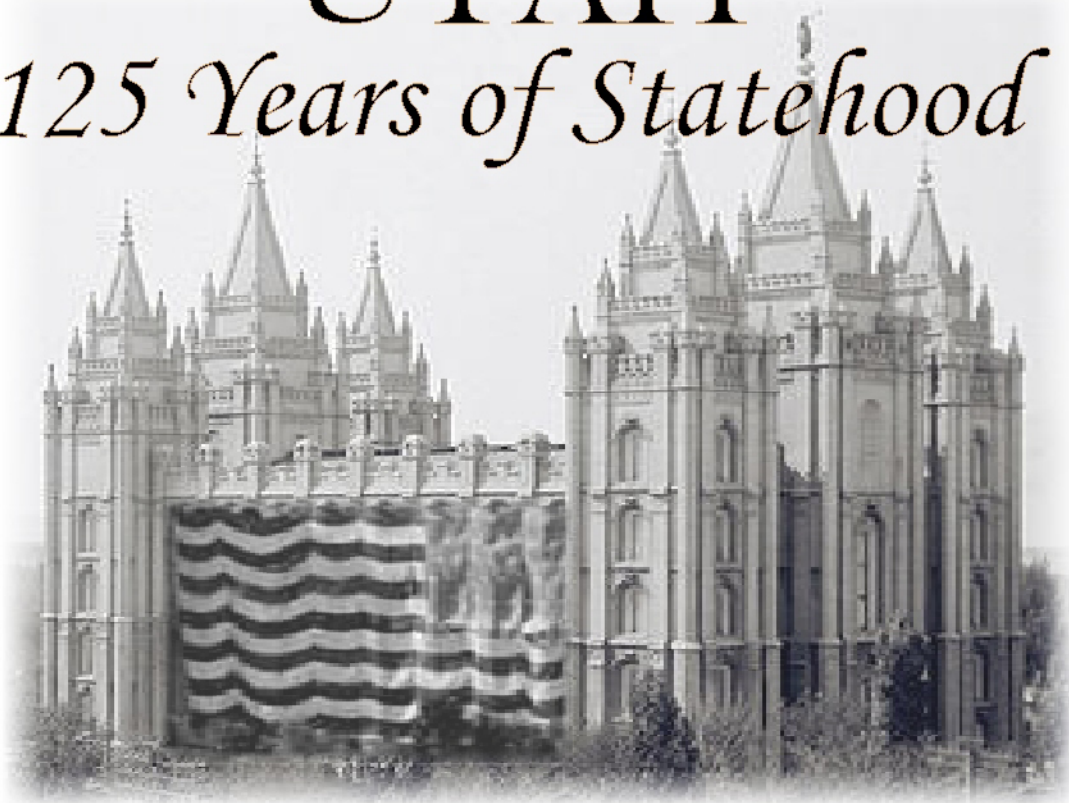
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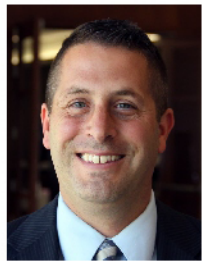
*Presenters*



**Thomas G. Alexander** is Lemuel Hardison Redd Jr. Professor Emeritus of Western American History (Brigham Young University) and author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of twenty-seven books and monographs and more than a hundred fifty articles. He has served as officer in many historical organizations. His prizes including the Evans Biography Award, the Western History Association Honorary Life Membership, and the BYU Karl G. Maeser Distinguished Faculty Lecture (the highest award given to a faculty member). Writings include: *Things in Heaven and Earth, the Life and Times of Wilford Woodruff, A Mormon Prophet* (2nd ed. 1993); *Utah, the Right Place* (3rd ed. 2003); *Brigham Young and the Expansion of the Mormon Faith* (2019).



**Katherine Kitterman** is the Historical Director for Better Days 2020, a nonprofit dedicated to sharing Utah women's history. She is the co-author of two recent books about the history of women's voting rights in Utah: *Champions of Change: 25 Women who Made History*, and *Thinking Women: A Timeline of Suffrage in Utah*. Katherine has previously worked as a researcher on the Saints project at the LDS Church History Library, and developed public programming in Washington, D.C. at Woodrow Wilson House, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Holocaust Museum. Katherine is currently a Ph.D. candidate at American University. Her dissertation analyzes the rhetoric of women's struggle for suffrage in nineteenth-century Utah, highlighting the two-way connection between suffragists in West and East.



**Matthew C. Godfrey** is a general editor and the managing historian of the Joseph Smith Papers. He holds a PhD in American and public history from Washington State University. He is the author of *Religion, Politics, and Sugar: The Mormon Church, the Federal Government, and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, 1907\*1921* (2007), as well as the co-editor of *The Earth Shall Appear as the Garden of Eden: Essays in Mormon Environmental History* (2019) and *Business and Religion: The Intersection of Faith and Finance* (2019).



Wayne K. Hinton is a retired professor of History from Southern Utah University where he taught for 38 years, 18 years as Department Chair. He has published four books, two of which won book awards, has contributed chapters to eight books, and published over 30 articles in professional journals. He belongs to many professional organizations and besides being past National President of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, he has been vice-chair of the Utah State History Society, national vice-president of the Old Spanish Trails Association, and has served on the program committee of the Mormon History Association. Wayne served as a researcher for two years at the Church History Library working on the Joseph Smith papers and the George Q. Cannon journals. He has given keynote addresses, participated in past symposiums and did a post doctorate in environmental studies which has led to several consulting opportunities with the National Park Service and the National Forest Service.



**Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr.** was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2011. He is the Church Historian and Recorder, the Executive Director of the Church History Department, and chairman of the Book of Mormon Visual Library Steering Committee. He also serves on the Scripture Committee and the International Coordinating Committee.

LeGrand Raine Curtis Jr. was born in Ogden, Utah, on August 1, 1952. He married Jane Cowan in January 1974. They are the parents of five children.

Elder Curtis has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Italy, bishop, high counselor, counselor in a stake presidency, stake president, president of the Italy Padova Mission (1998–2001), and Area Seventy.

His career includes work as an attorney and partner in the law firm Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar and as an adjunct professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.



**TOUR #1**  
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**TOUR #2**  
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**TOUR #3**  
 Leaving Rexburg—Hosted tour of the INL (Idaho National Laboratory) in Idaho Falls. Government site features research and development of nuclear energy technologies, and support of National Defense and Homeland Security. Also visit the first nuclear plant to produce energy. Hosted by Eagle Rock Chapter—Full day tour



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 Leaving Rexburg—Travel to Harriman State Park, Upper/Lower Mesa Falls, Johnny Sack's historic cabin by Big Springs. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Full day tour



**TOUR #5**  
 Leaving Rexburg—Tour of the Idahoan Potato Processing Plant in Lewisville, Idaho. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



**TOUR #6**  
 Tour Rexburg's Legacy Flight Museum, The Museum of Rexburg (history of 1976 Teton Dam flood), Rexburg Historical LDS Tabernacle walking tour, Romance Theater restoration project, and Rexburg's own Florence's Exquisite Chocolates. Hosted by Upper Snake River Valley Chapter—Half day tour



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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

2:30 -5:30pm Registration - Rexburg South Stake Center /2332 W 2000 S  
 5:30pm Welcome Program  
 6:15pm Dinner Program / Musical Presentation

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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 8:30am-5:00pm Full Day Trek - Tours #1, #2, #3 or #4  
 8:30am-Noon Half Day Trek - Tours #5, #6 or #7  
 Noon-1:30pm Half Day Trek - Lunches served at Stake Center  
 1:30-5:00pm Half Day Trek - Tours #5, #6 or #7  
 6:00pm Dinner Program / Musical Presentation

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

8:00am-11:00am Registration  
 8:00am-9:00pm National Board Breakfast  
 9:30am-11:30am National Business Meeting (Cultural Hall)  
 9:30am-11:30am Spouses Meeting (Chapel)  
 Noon-2:15pm President's Banquet Luncheon Program  
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 Tour #6—Legacy Flight Museum \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (in vans)  
 Tour #7—Visit BYU-Idaho Campus \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (in vans)

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If you itemize your deductions, then you can donate to the SUP that way before the end of this year and get the 2020 tax benefit therefrom.

Next, what do I mean when I also mention another idea, a “just after the year-end donation?”

**You may have heard of the “QCD” as a way to donate.** If you have ever seen Ed Slott ( the “reformed CPA” as he describes himself, speak on PBS—where he is their largest fund-raiser each year), the QCD, or Qualified Charitable Distribution is the superlative way to help a non-profit.

**How does a QCD work and when do I make one?** You direct money to go straight from your Qualified Retirement Account, your IRA, to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It’s that simple...but there’s one important rule. The QCD must be the first money out of the IRA in any given calendar year. So, making this donation just after the end of the year is ideal.. So, don’t take your RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) or any other withdrawals from your IRA until after your QCD withdrawal is processed if you want to get the tremendous tax benefit of having a charitable donation excluded from your income (since exclusions are better than deductions).

**Who is eligible to make a QCD?** This one is a fun one to answer. More people than you probably think! The QCD was set into law to provide people that wonderful tax exclusion once they attain age 70 ½. That was when RMDs had to be taken beginning at age 70 ½. Guess what? In recent legislation when they changed the RMD starting age for many Americans to begin those RMDs at age 72, they did not raise the QCD age! So, every IRA owner age 70 ½ and above can make QCDs.

**Is there a limit to the size of QCDs?** There is no limit on the downside, and each IRA owner can contribute up to \$ 100,000 per calendar year

Wait, I almost forgot!

**Are you one of those people who did not take a Required Minimum Distribution in 2020 because the tax law said you didn’t have to do that this year? Well, if so, and, if you did not take any distribution from a particular IRA you would like to make use for a QCD, then you could still qualify for that great tax benefit in 2020!**

**Who should I contact for help making a QCD or any other donation to the Sons of Utah Pioneers?** This educational article was prepared at the request of one of our AVPs and is not specific advice on donations for everyone, as people’s ability to donate and optimal strategies are different for different people. Please contact Steve Kruman at (435) 867-0900 or (215) 369-1554 to review the options discussed here, how to make them work for you, as well as other charitable giving strategies to help Do Something Monumental and keep this great organization going and growing! Thank you!



# SUP Family and Friends New Membership Applications

**National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers  
Since 1933**

SUP Family and Friends Membership: Men of all ages, of good moral character, principles and ideals, and desirous of perpetuating the goals of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, may become **NEW** members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for a special promotional term upon payment of \$35 dues.

1. All F&F Memberships received by National SUP during the year will continue until the member's membership anniversary of the following year.
2. The cost of a Family and Friends Membership for the 1<sup>st</sup> year is \$35. Any new member is eligible to join the F&F program. At the end of the F&F 1<sup>st</sup> year membership period, the member may renew as a regular S.U.P. annual member of \$60 for the next fiscal year. If the F&F member is under 56 years old, he may renew his F&F membership for \$35 for the new fiscal year. If he is age 56 or older, he must renew as a regular SUP annual member.
3. S.U.P Chapters normally have nominal annual dues to cover chapter expenses. A Family and Friends member may be asked to contribute chapter dues if he becomes active in his chosen chapter.
4. This membership includes the quarterly "Pioneer Magazine," and all other membership privileges to participate fully in the offices and activities of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

**Please enroll me in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers:**

Date of Application:   /  /  

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mandatory)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SUP Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor will pay yearly dues Y / N

You may join and pay membership fees on-line at [www.sup1847.com/store](http://www.sup1847.com/store). You may make a Visa or MasterCard payment over the phone by calling the SUP office at (801) 484-4441. Or send a check payable to Sons of Utah Pioneers to the following address:

Sons of Utah Pioneers  
3301 E. Louise Ave.  
Salt Lake City UT 84109

**I would like to receive the monthly newsletter, the Trail Marker, and other SUP updates by the above email. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**



### LEGACY SOCIETY

The National Board, at their final meeting of the year on December 13, 2016, gave final approval by unanimous vote for the creation of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society. The Legacy Society of the SUP is a planned giving recognition Society for members and friends who intend to make a bequest from their estate, trust or will to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon the donor's passing and fulfillment of the bequest the SUP agrees to use it according to the wishes of the donor or as needed by the SUP. By creation of the Legacy Society the SUP provides the process by which such bequests can be made. The form defining this new option is provided here for your information and consideration.



#### The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

#### *Statement of Pledged Bequest for \_\_\_\_\_, Donor Benefitting The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers*

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Donor

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This form confirms my expressed intent to make a bequest from my estate to augment *The Legacy Fund* for The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by signing this statement of pledged bequest I have qualified to be a member in the *Sons of Utah Pioneers Legacy Society*, which is the planned giving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of my bequest arrangement as they stand to date:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Donor) Bequest Commitment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( approximate value)

or \_\_\_\_\_ % of his estate

- Upon fulfillment of the bequest, the Sons of Utah Pioneers agrees to utilize the gift to augment *The Legacy Fund* for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- The SUP agrees to use the Legacy Fund in facility maintenance and improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications, or other SUP approved projects and programs.

#### LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENTS

Should the bequest be made at or above the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 the donor may choose to establish The (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SUP Legacy Endowment.

**LEGACY SOCIETY CONTINUED...**

- In support of the SUP's greatest needs the SUP agrees to make annual distributions either from the interest generated from the endowment or until the fund is exhausted.
- The SUP agrees to use the name of this endowment when reasonably possible in facility maintenance or improvement, student scholarships, monument construction and maintenance, publications or other SUP approved projects or programs.
- Good faith effort will be made to clear any press releases with each other (Donor and SUP) prior to any such media releases.
- The SUP is hereby authorized to comingle this gift, and any additions thereto, with the consolidated Investment funds of the SUP, provided that this fund be credited with its pro-rata share of net investment income in the same manner as other consolidated funds are credited with income.
- Should inadequate investment returns from the endowment fund necessitate invasion of the corpus of the fund, the SUP reserves the right to do so.
- If, as a result of changed conditions in the future, the income from this endowment shall not be needed for the purposes set forth above, then the SUP is authorized to use the endowment for such purposes as similar as possible to the original intent and which will serve to honor, in an appropriate way, the generosity of the donor.
- Should any of the above be violated by either party, or should it be mutually deemed appropriate, the name of the endowment fund may be changed.

**JOINT UNDERSTANDING**

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

**SIGNED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Donor**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledged:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**President, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**ACKNOWLEDGED:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Corporate Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

*The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers  
3301 East 2920 South Louise Avenue  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109*

## ***Do Something Monumental!***



Universities and non-profits across the country develop a sound financial footing through the generous donations of their friends. One of the most special ways to do something monumental is through the gift of life insurance. Extra, unneeded life insurance can be donated. Alternatively, a new policy can be started, allowing a person to make a modest monthly donation to pay the premium and, in return, getting themselves a charitable deduction while insuring the Sons of Utah Pioneers of a generous donation that was multiplied many times.

Life insurance donations are just one way to do something monumental. Below, is a larger list. Let us know which you would like to learn about. Please consider each of these ways:

- Life insurance donations (existing)
- Annuity donations (new or existing)
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Donations of appreciated stock or other assets
- IRA donations
- Something else you would like to consider: \_\_\_\_\_

To find out how you can do something monumental, please return this form to SUP headquarters, or contact our charitable giving specialist, Steve Kruman, at (800) 992-2778 or (435) 463-2778.



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### **IRA Charitable Rollovers Are Extended Permanently**

Support the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in a simple and highly efficient manner!

If you have reached age 70 ½, you can roll up to \$ 100,000 from your IRA to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

- ✓ To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to the SUP
- ✓ Gifts made from your IRA (up to the \$100,00 annual calendar year limit) are not reportable as taxable income
- ✓ The gift cannot be used for any income producing Planned Gifts
- ✓ The gift will qualify toward your Required Minimum Distribution Obligation

Contact our Planned Giving Specialist, Steve Kruman, today at (800) 992-2778, or email [wiseradvisor@reagan.com](mailto:wiseradvisor@reagan.com) to learn more!



## The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

# National **CHAPTER EXCELLENCE** Awards

Report Form for **2020** Year Due February 16, 2021

Complete All Criteria Listed before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

### 1. PIONEER VALUES EXCELLENCE

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ALL** of the following activities:
  - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

### 2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council, February 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council will be represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.
- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.  
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and eight or more Chapter Board Meetings during the year.  
OR (may **not** conflict with National Events)
- During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Treks annually. (may include National Events)  
**OR During Pandemic months 50% of Chapter Members belong to SUP Online.**

### 3. COMMUNICATION EXCELLENCE

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **During Pandemic months publish a chapter newsletter every month.**
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby. news media for publication. The submission does NOT need to be published to qualify.
- Chapter or chapter members gave \_\_\_\_\_ Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscriptions during the year. The goal based on chapter membership is \_\_\_\_\_. (See scale)

**Gift Subscription Scale:**

1-9 Members	1 Gift Subscription	60-69 Members	7 Gift Subscriptions
10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions
20-29 Members	3 Gift Subscriptions	80-89 Members	9 Gift Subscriptions
30-39 Members	4 Gift Subscriptions	90-99 Members	10 Gift Subscriptions
40-49 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions
50-59 Members	6 Gift Subscriptions		

### 4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE

- Chapters will accomplish at least **ONE** of the following criteria:
  - Establish one approved new monument or historical marker, or major reconstruction of an existing monument.
  - Clean, repair or improve two existing monuments or markers, **Or create historical information for the public.**
  - Maintain or restore one Pioneer-era structure that is available for public view.
  - Organize Members to accomplish a specific project in SUP Library in cooperation with Library Directors.
  - Other Historical Preservation Projects with written permission from the National Executive Council.

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: March 2020

**2020 Chapter President**

3301 East Louise Avenue \* Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 \* 801.484.4441 \* supnatloffice@gmail.com



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

Report Form for **2020** Year Due February 16, 2021

Complete Each Category According to Instructions before December 31, 2020 and Check Boxes Upon Completion

### 1. PIONEER VALUES RECOGNITION

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

- Recognize one (or more) Modern Pioneers from the local community each year.
- Recognize Tomorrow's Pioneers (Youth) through **ONE** (or more) of the following activities:
  - Frontier Life Essays written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Biographies written by youth at local schools
  - Pioneer Values Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at local high schools.

### 2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

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

- Chapter Executive Council will attend Chapter Presidents Council February, 2020.
- Chapter Board Members and Chapter Executive Council is represented at the 2020 Fall Training in October or November.

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

- Accomplish a "NET" increase in National membership, including Family and Friends, over the previous calendar year.  
(“NET” means paid memberships not including deaths, move-aways, missionaries, and other valid reasons to drop away)
- Hold eight or more chapter meetings and eight or more Chapter Board meetings during the year.  
**OR** (may include National Events, and may not conflict with National Events)

- **During Pandemic months Chapter Board will maintain monthly contact with Chapter Members.**
- Chapter Members participate in one or more Chapter Treks annually. (may include National Events)
- **During Pandemic months Members participate in personal Treks.**

### 3. COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION

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

- Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) times each year. **In Pandemic months publish chapter newsletter every month.**
- Submit details and pictures from chapter events to the Trail Marker 4 (or more) times each year.
- Submit at least 1 article about the Sons Utah Pioneers, Chapter or National, to local or nearby news media for publication.  
The submission does NOT need to be published to qualify.
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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

# National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

3301 East Louise Ave, SLC Utah 84109

## NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



## AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

I authorize and request NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS to initiate debit entries to my account, by and through AUTOMATED PAYMENT SYSTEMS, hereinafter called APS, and to debit the same to such account as indicated below at the depository financial institution indicated below. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until APS has received written notification from me of it's termination in such time and manner as to afford APS and depository financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner if different from Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type:             Checking                       Savings                       Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX)

Bank Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account / Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, Credit Card Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank / Credit Card Account Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Payment Amount:     \$25.00             \$50.00             \$75.00             \$100.00            Other Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be Monthly unless otherwise indicated here: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK / CREDIT CARD IMPRINT  
HERE**