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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of my fellow Pioneers, with the Thanksgiving celebration behind us and the Christmas season fast approaching, my thoughts have turned to memories of Holidays past.

It was tradition in our family to meet together at our Father's Mother's home with all her children and grandchildren to celebrate Thanksgiving, with 9 grown children and spouses and scores of grandchildren we had quite a group. Together we enjoyed turkey with all the fixings, but the things we remember 50 years later as we meet as a family are the chores we did together and the games we played.

Christmas has always been filled with memories, waiting all morning long for the return of our father from his shift at the fire department to see what Santa had placed under the tree. The fried scones breakfasts that were lovingly prepared by our mother and father. The evening parties at my mother's Mother's home to celebrate Christmas and watch my grandfather distribute the gifts that Grandma and he had worked all year to provide each and every child, grandchild, and great grandchild. These gifts were a labor of love that were made with loving hand and a reminder to us of the gift of our Savior that was provided by a loving Father.

One of the fondest memories I have of Christmases past are of carefully getting the old box out that contained our nativity display. The figures had been reverently wrapped in tissue paper the keep them clean from the dust and gently placed in the old box to wait for the arrival of another Christmas. My mother would remove the figures one by one and place them in the stable, that looked to be 100's of years old

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to my young eyes, as she arranged each figure she related their importance to the story of the first Christmas to my eager mind. The last figure was mine to place and it was the baby Jesus that I with my young hands gently placed in the manger.

These traditions burn bright in my mines eye and are a source of immense joy to me and my family. During this Christmas season I challenge you to renew your old beloved traditions and create new traditions that will be cherished by you and your families for years to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



John Clayton  
2022 National President

# NATIONAL NEWS

## 2022 RMD OPPORTUNITY

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers isn't just a source of Pioneer history and a research haven... It also is a place for helpful personal modern information, as well.

For example, there is a wonderful program that can have these benefits for many people:

- Helps you do good for yourself while you do good for the S.U.P.
- Lower Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and federal income tax (and may even help you in other areas that are affected by AGI)
- Can satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) tax obligation for the year
- Avoids taxes on RMDs that you didn't want to..but are forced to take
- Doesn't require itemization of deductions to benefit from
- Is applicable to people age 70 ½ and older
- Will not have any income tax withholding
- Is available to people with a traditional IRA

Chances are, by now you have found great value in the snippets of general information above. To find out how to take advantage of this special IRS provision, and have a discussion regarding this and your personal situation, please contact Steve Kruman at (435) 463-2778 or [wiseradvisor@reagan.com](mailto:wiseradvisor@reagan.com)

**If you have not already taken your RMD for 2022, there is still time to take advantage of this provision if you do so by 12/31/2022. If you already have taken your 2022 RMD, you can still benefit from this in 2023, so be sure speak to Steve before taking your 2023 RMD, as this program can only be used as your first IRA withdrawal in a calendar year.**

Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.



# PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: [suponline.org/pioneer-stories](http://suponline.org/pioneer-stories).

## ALL IS WELL

Following the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, William Clayton served in the capacity of clerk to President Brigham Young during the Saint's exodus to the West. Clayton's wife, Diantha Farr Clayton, stayed back in Nauvoo because she was expecting a child.

While camped at Locust Creek in Wayne County, Iowa, about 130 miles from Nauvoo, Clayton received word that Diantha had given birth to a healthy son. Clayton noted in his journal the spirit of the joyous news. Although there is no mention in his diary of why he wrote it, William Clayton is believed to have penned the hymn -- later retitled "Come, Come, Ye Saints" -- at the request of President Brigham Young, that the Saints might have a hymn to rally around in their discouragements and trials.

The hymn served that purpose, and each night, as the pioneer trains made camp, when someone would begin singing "Come, Come, Ye Saints," it became the practice of the pioneers for all to join in. The melody is from an old English song that appeared in "The Union Harmony and Original Sacred Harp".

William Clayton was born in England, converted to the church as a young man, immigrated to the United States in 1840. His skills and talents soon led to his appointment as secretary to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

William was one of the original pioneers of 1847, serving as clerk of the camp for President Young. He held civic and church positions, played in the Nauvoo Brass Band and was second violin in the first Salt Lake Theatre Orchestra.

In addition to "Come, Come, Ye Saints," he is also remembered for the hymn, "When First the Glorious Light of Truth," a tribute to the pioneers who gave their lives in crossing the plains.

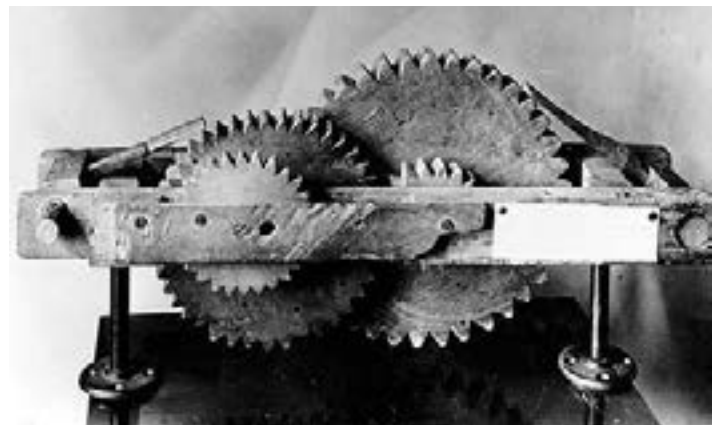
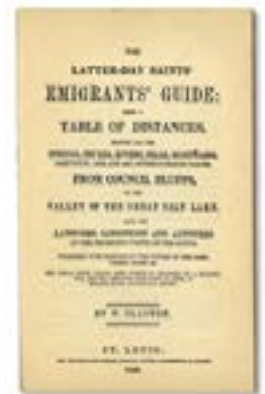
Former Tabernacle Choir conductor J. Spencer Cornwall, who has written a popular choral arrangement for "Come, Come, Ye Saints," says of the hymn, "Within the small space of its four stanzas (it) epitomizes the wearying hardships, the unfaltering faith, the indomitable courage, the unconquerable spirit of the Mormon Pioneers."



The first verse is a call to face hardship with courage; the second promises God's blessed remembrance; the third verse is one of assurance of eventual happiness; and the final stanza rededicates the pioneers' lives to their task; If they should die happy day and if their lives are spared, "O how we'll make this chorus swell All is well! all is well!"

Clayton's contributions to the Trek were many for a man with so many talents. During his trip across the plains, Clayton was tasked with recording the number of miles the company traveled each day. He tied a red flag onto one of the wagon wheels and counted the revolution of the wheel. He would multiply the number of revolutions by the circumference of the wheel. The

process was painstaking and after three weeks he sought for a easier method. Apostle and mathematician Orson Pratt helped develop a design that would use a set of wooden cog wheels attached to the hub of a wagon wheel. The company's carpenter, Appleton Milo Harmon, built the prototype and encased to protect it from the weather. The device showed every quarter mile of travel and completed a revolution every ten miles. In 1848, Clayton returned to Winter Quarters, and remeasured the entire journey again with a new roadometer built by William A. King.





# Monument Trek



## Eden Utah Monument

Eden Park, 2100 N 5600 E (GPS: N41 17 50, W111 48 55 elevation 4859)

A new monument was recently dedicated in Eden, Utah at the Eden Park, 2100 N 5600 E (GPS: N41 17 50, W111 48 55 elevation 4859), memorializing the people who influenced the establishment of this small mountain valley community.

The monument consists of seven plaques and a statue of David Eccles, Utah's first multimillionaire. The plaques tell the story of the Northwestern Shoshone sojourners, honors those responsible for the monument's construction,

memorializes Eden's first settlers, tells the story of David Eccles and his remarkable rags-to-riches accomplishments, displays a statue of a youthful David Eccles, tells the story of Eden's founding on July 15, 1865, and shows a map depicting the layout of Eden in 1871.

This is a remarkable monument that is a must see for a chapter trek.



# C H R I S T I A N E N E W S

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

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3. Email to: [rolandleefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rolandleefamily@gmail.com)
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

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

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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### CHAPTER ETERNAL

Gerald Haycock ..... Temple Quarry  
Lynn E Thomsen ..... Squaw Peak

### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

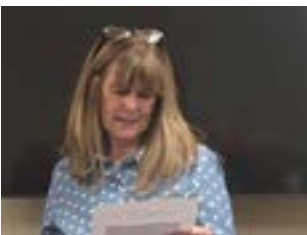
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Peter G Czerny ..... Hurricane Valley  
Norman L Bennion ..... Salt Lake Pioneer

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



Julie Steele

For November, the Boulder Dam Chapter was captivated by our guest speaker, Julie Call Steele. She was born in the Mormon colonies of Mexico and raised in Colonia Dublan. She shared her experiences of growing up in the colonies. Julie presented us with a brief history of the original settlers in 1885. She spoke of their challenges of traveling from Utah to Mexico, and there

establishing towns, ranches, and fruit orchards. She told us about the early settlers encounters with Poncho Villa and other rebel groups throughout the years and the miracles that not only protected individuals but communities also.

Following her presentation, she was asked many questions by those in attendance.

**BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah***Ron Anderson*

At their November dinner meeting with 54 in attendance, the Box Elder Chapter enjoyed a presentation by Ron L. Andersen on the many likely connections between Abraham Lincoln and the Latter-day Saints. Ron is the author of several books on Lincoln and the Saints. He is a leader in the Bountiful SUP chapter and has served in many Church callings. While it can't be said with certainty

that Lincoln and Joseph Smith ever met, it is known that Lincoln had a copy of the Book of Mormon while serving as president of the United States, and the attention that frontier media in Illinois gave to the Saints would not have been overlooked by the future president while he practiced law and served in the Illinois state legislature.

**BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah***Lisa Olsen Tait*

Lisa Olsen Tait, a senior editor to the new Church History, SAINTS, spoke to the Brigham Young Chapter of the SUP, on Thursday, November 17th. The Church History Department employs historians and professional story tellers to ensure SAINTS is both accurate and enjoyable to read. The charge given to the editors is to ensure that every fact in the books, even the weather, is backed by citations. The SAINTS volumes have been very well received. Over 1 million books have been sold, another 1 ¼ million have been read digitally (the series is available at no cost on iPhones) and 500,000 have been listened to by audio. The four volumes in the series are THE STANDARD OF TRUTH, which covers church history until 1846 and centers

on the Nauvoo period. NO UNHALLOWED HAND is focused on the church in Salt Lake and extends church history through 1893. BOLDLY, NOBLY, AND INDEPENDENT starts with the dedication of the Swiss Temple and tells the story of the ever-expanding church. The final volume, SOUNDED IN EVERY EAR, is expected to be published in 2024. The Saints historical series has been so popular because history is told through the eyes of real saints brought back to life through their gripping journals. One example is Helga Meiszus, who lived in what became East Germany, needing to decide between joining the Beehive Girls or Hitler Youth. To know more of these interesting individuals and their stories, read SAINTS.

**CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah***Mindy Benson  
Modern Pioneer Awardee**Suzanne Morris receiving  
Modern Pioneer Award for  
Deceased husband*

For our November activity we held an awards banquet and potluck dinner on the evening of the 7th at the Iron County School District offices. Holding it in the school offices was appropriate as we awarded the Modern Day Pioneer award to J. Clair Morris, a long-time educator and school administrator in various Iron County area schools. Many of our current SUP members had him as a teacher or as a supervisor when they were teaching. Sadly, he passed away a couple of weeks after the chapter board nominated him. So, the award was presented to his surviving wife, Suzanne, posthumously by Harold Shirley (see picture with other family members). Harold also

presented a Distinguished Service Award to Mindy Benson (see photo with her sisters). A short time after approving her nomination for the award she was named as the new president of Southern Utah University. She has provided the university and the community with many years of service in various capacities and is well deserving of the award and a beloved member of our local community. The chapter has scheduled our next activity for after the holidays in order to allow members to enjoy all the activities associated with Christmas and New Years with their families.



## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Scott Christensen & Nauvoo Temple

Our chapter met on November 8th and enjoyed a meal and visiting before hearing from Scott R. Christensen our guest speaker.

Scott has worked from 1989 to present as an Historian/ Archivist for the Church History Department. He is responsible for acquisitions and training initiative in the United States and Canada. Scott began by explaining the extent the Church goes to in preserving various artifacts and historical documents in climate controlled environments. There are 25 miles of shelving used to keep official records of the church and there are four million patriarchal blessings stored by the Church. Brother Christensen had a great experience when

he and other Church historians attended meetings in Cedar City Utah in 1997. As he was looking at the artifacts in an exhibit that had been kept by the Cedar City DUP, he saw an item that initially looked like a mirror in a large, old frame. Upon closer examination, he could see it was actually a daguerreotype photo that was barely visible because of decades of particles that had built up on the plates. As he looked at the mirror at an angle, he could see there was a picture of the old, original Nauvoo Temple. Once cleaned and restored, that photograph, along with other sketches and known measurements, became the critical item used by architects to rebuild the Nauvoo temple.

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Dr. Jeffery McKenna

Author Jeffery J. McKenna spoke at our dinner meeting November 15. McKenna has written an exciting and informative historical novel called Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot. In this book, Steve O'Dell, a modern eighth-grader, learns what patriotism means as he races through history trying to save one of America's most forgotten heroes. This book spans across generations as it links the sacrifices of the heroes of 9/11, WWII, and the American Revolution. "My main focus was to entertain young readers while helping educators share America's history in a way that impacts their students and helps history come alive," Jeff said. Jeff's love for his country is what has fostered his love for writing. He loves to reveal forgotten heroes and help them come alive for young Americans.

We also heard from David Leavitt who is the president of "United We Pledge" a non-profit organization taking huge steps to inform today's youth about American History. They have funding in place and have started construction on Liberty Village, a re-creation of historic buildings significant to the founding of America's freedom. Modeled after the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama, Liberty Village will feature authentic Colonial-era buildings where children and youth can go back in time. Teachers portraying the roles of famous American historical figures like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Abigail Adams will help raise awareness about patriotism and teach American history to the youth. The village is located near Hurricane in southern Utah.



Dennis Leavitt

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Don Clark

Our speaker this month is Donald Clark. Don's service to his Church included being a member of a Temple Presidency in Spain, service in Puerto Rico, and service for many years in Brazil. In Brazil he served as the Director for Temporal Affairs located in Sao Paulo. That responsibility included, for the whole country of Brazil, real estate transactions, Church construction

programs, printing and supplies, finances, maintenance and repairs to buildings and membership information. In Brazil, he also served as a mission president responsible for all the missionary work in the area. Don's theme was the pioneers he met and served with in these countries. The dictionary defines a pioneer as one who

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prepares for others to follow. Don added that a pioneer is one willing to sacrifice all they had for the Church. Don shared the stories and pictures of three of his missionaries who, after their missionary service ended remained close to the Church. They all became Pioneers by such service and by marriage and raising a family. Some had difficulties after being released as they tried to move back into society as

their families had disowned them. Don closed by reminding us that we are all pioneers within our families including multiple generations. Thank you so much Donald Clark for this marvelous presentation and for bringing your daughter, Jackie, and her husband Blaine Ober.

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



*Ken Alford*

The Maple Mountain Chapter heard on November 17th the amazing, but little-known stories of church history from Ken Alford. Ken is a professor of church history and doctrine at Brigham Young University and is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army. He served in numerous assignments during his almost 30 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. He spoke of many things we were already familiar with, but revealed many additional little-known details. Ken told of the outfit that Emma Smith wore when she accompanied Joseph on the night he went to retrieve the gold plates. She wore a bonnet and a nice dress. She thought it was important to wear her best for such an important occasion. But of course, she didn't see the plates at that time because Joseph hid them in a log, then put them into a box and showed them to no one at the time. When those

who were in Liberty jail tried to break out, Hyrum's wife Mary Fielding Smith, had no hard feelings knowing that they were risking their lives. Later because Hyrum had been killed, she traveled alone with her children on the trek West to the Salt Lake Valley. Others tried to persuade her not to go by herself. She promised the train captain she would arrive to the valley first, which we knew. But we didn't know that she received a fresh pair of oxen from family in Salt Lake Valley just a few days before the final push, giving her the advantage to make good on her promise. Brother Alford had many more stories to tell about the early pioneers which fascinated us because the details were not familiar to us. It was a delightful evening and took our minds back to the early days of the Church.

## MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



*Dave Newman*



*Joseph and Emma*

The Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their monthly luncheon on Monday November 21. A delicious meal was again provided by Birts Barbeque. Following the meal those in attendance were enlightened and entertained by photographer and historian Dave Newman. Dave is a first generation American. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Berlin Germany. He operated a successful photo studio in Holladay Utah for 35 years and authored 6 books for the photographic industry. Dave earned a master's degree in photography in the US, the United Kingdom and in Korea. He was awarded the title of "International Photographer of the Year" in 2020. Dave has

presented lectures and programs throughout the United States and other countries. Brother Newman presented historical documents and photos of Joseph Smith and many others. He discussed the recently discovered photo locket handed down through the Smith family that very well may contain the only known photo of the prophet Joseph Smith. His discussion compared the photo to other original paintings and artifacts including the prophet's death mask. He presented an interesting discussion of its authenticity and the evolving history of photography at the time the photo was taken. Brother Newman's presentation was both insightful and inspiring.



## MT NEBO CHAPTER - Nephi, Utah



*Iroquois*

Our Mt. Nebo chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers had a great meeting on October 27 with our wives & other guests. The meeting began with a great meal from Catmull Catering, then we enjoyed an amazing presentation by Parker Garlitz. He talked about our early American history, and early LDS history that went clear back to the Jaredites and the Iroquois Confederacy. He referred to “slow motion miracles” between the two histories that not only linked them together but showed

the hand of God in events that took place. It was interesting to see how many years today’s California was controlled by Spain, then how many years it was controlled by Mexico, without either country discovering gold in the American River. Yet, it was discovered almost simultaneously with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. He was also careful to document all that had been proven in order to separate fact from conjecture. It was an inspirational evening that all enjoyed.

## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



*Marlin K. Jensen*

The November meeting of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter was with partners and was held in conjunction with members of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. There were over 250 individuals in attendance. After a wonderful holiday meal with all the trimmings we were treated to a piano duet by chapter member Rick Jones and his wife. The guest speaker was Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Emeritus General Authority Seventy and former Church Historian. Elder Jensen gave a wonderful discourse on how to study history - taking into account the context and environment of the times. He also encouraged everyone to “not study church history too little.” He

spoke on and answered four questions that we would likely want to ask him, but probably wouldn’t. They are (1) Has or does the Church ever “covered up” its history? (2) What are the most “sticky” historical issues? (3) What do you enjoy most about Church history? (4) What should we read if we want to get better educated on Church history? He then closed by encouraging each of us to “catch the spirit of Church history”, then quoted from the D & C 88:118 “... seek ye diligently ... words of wisdom, yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.”

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



*Emily Marie Crumpton-Deason*

“The speaker at the Porter Rockwell Chapter meeting in October was Emily Marie Crumpton-Deason, a Church History Consultant with the Church History Library. She explored the topic of monuments and memorials, how they differ in nature and purpose, and why it’s important to know these differences. She used the experiences of Harriet Wheeler Young, Clara Decker Young, and Ellen Sanders Kimball (the only three women who accompanied the 1847 Pioneer Vanguard Company) to examine how forms of commemoration and memorialization impact how we interact with history. She first gave this presentation at the SUP Symposium on April 23 earlier this

year. She explained that although the terms “memorial” and “monument” are frequently used interchangeably in common speech, there is a subtle difference in meaning that can affect the way we remember and revere our ancestors and events that are significant in societies and families. If I we ignore these differences, we may affect our reverence for a person, event, or significant site. Our combined November and December meeting on December 7 will feature Matthew Godfrey, Senior Managing Historian for Outreach and Engagement for the Church History Department. He will talk about the sugar industry in early Utah.

## SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



*John and Diane Smith*

John Smith is the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters Librarian and his wife Diane works with him. He gave us an excellent overview of the workings of the National Library and the ongoing efforts to digitize all the holdings, which are massive. Over the years there had been thousands of books and other materials stored in boxes, and they have now placed all of it on shelving, created a catalog listing, and slowly imaging and indexing those items. They could use some more volunteer help, so please contact John at [jssuplib1@gmail.com](mailto:jssuplib1@gmail.com) if you can help. John is from the line of Jesse N. Smith, cousin of

Joseph Smith, was born in Globe, Arizona, moved to Salt Lake City when he was 15, is a graduate of Weber State University with an Accounting Degree, and his career was with the State of Utah Unemployment Insurance. He was an auditor, tax chief, and program manager. He joined SUP after taking his father and mother, Gerald and Dorothy Smith, to meetings and after a few months he joined, then became Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer, 2022 SUP Encampment Committee, National Treasurer, and Library Director.

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



*Kenneth Cope*

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations. Our December Luncheon details are as follows:

**When:** Wednesday, December 14th at Noon.

**Location:** Thomas S. Monson Center, Main Building Banquet Hall, 411 E. South Temple.

**Cost:** \$25 per person.

**Speaker:** Few musicians have touched a culture or genre as deeply and intensely as has composer, producer, performer, songwriter, and singer Kenneth Cope. "I decided a long time ago that I was going to devote my energy and my talents to making the name of Jesus Christ greater on the earth."

## TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



*Bill Tanner*

For the month of November, the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had Bill Tanner, National Pioneer Magazine Director, speak to us at our dinner meeting. He talked about the Initial Pioneer settlement of Utah County. It was very interesting. He told us about Alexander Williams and his experience with settling and organizing Utah County.

He told us of his own great grandfather, Joseph Smith Tanner and his role as a Bishop during the period of 1871-1891. He told us of Cyrus Dallin who made some of the early Angel Moroni statues for the Temples and the Brigham Young Statue. He talked about several other men that had major roles in the settling and the beginnings of the settlements in Utah County.

We also heard from Jerry Davis, one of our own chapter members. He told us of George Washington Hill and how he helped with getting to know the Indians in the area when the pioneers first were coming into the valley and how he had baptized over 100 Indians in one day. It was a great meeting. We do invite anyone that would like to attend with us each month to come to our dinner meeting at Jim's Restaurant in West Jordan at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month. For December, we are privileged to have the Taylorsville High School Madrigals come and perform for us. This is always a great evening.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



*Ron Anderson*

The Temple Fork chapter held their monthly chapter meeting and dinner on November 17th at the Logan Country Club. The meeting began with President DeLoy Johnson recognizing all those who protected our freedoms and safety at home and abroad. He mentioned by name each chapter member that has served in the United States military or as a police officer. It was humbling to be surrounded by so many who have served. Following a fabulous meal

our guest speaker was Ron Anderson. Brother Anderson has an extensive knowledge of both Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln. He shared how both Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln were men of faith and that it is quite likely they had met before the Prophets death. This presentation was very informative and inspiring. The Temple Fork Chapter would like to wish all of our fellow pioneers a Very Merry Christmas.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Kyle Fox*



*Follow the Flag*

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on November 17, 2022 in the American Fork Senior Citizen Center. We presented the Modern Pioneer Award to Kyle Fox from Pleasant Grove, Utah, who was also our speaker. In 2015, Kyle's heart turned to red, white and blue when he had the idea to surprise the community on July 4th with a giant American flag draped in Pleasant Grove's Grove Creek Canyon. With the help of a few friends, and zero permission, Kyle pulled it off, and ignited a spark of patriotism in the community beyond his wildest dreams. After hanging the flag in Grove Creek Canyon, it quickly became apparent how much people in northern Utah county love their country and craved community-involved patriotism. Kyle's one time flag hanging stunt became an annual event, and a non-profit named "Follow The Flag" was born. Over the years, the organization has grown to include many

different missions surrounding the American flag, honoring our veterans and promoting patriotism. Kyle is the recipient of numerous awards, including the George Washington Medal of Honor and the American Freedom Foundation award, but if you ask him what his greatest accomplishment in life is, he will tell you being a husband and father. Kyle said that the Follow The Flag program is being guided by our Heavenly Father and is being directed by Him in the most unusual ways, which people young and old, can be taught the proper meaning and respect for the flag, which in today's world is sometimes mentioned with disrespect or dishonor. Colonial Flag took on the project of making the world's largest flag, which weighs 400 pounds and is one quarter of an acre in size. It is 154 feet long and 78 feet wide. It takes experts in various fields to place over Grove Creek Canyon or any other location.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Lynn and Delynn Bradshaw*

The father/son team of Lynn and Delynn Bradshaw gave an overview of the Potato Dehydration industry which they pioneered in southeastern Idaho. Lynn introduced a 20-minute video that was prepared for the company's 100th anniversary in 2018. The video told how the company started out as a sheet metal shop in 1918 in Idaho Falls. Now the company exists because of the potato industry. In working relationships with their customers, they have developed numerous machines to accommodate various processes for potatoes. The company's mantra is: "Be loyal to the partner who brought you to the dance." The fabrication part of the business

began with Tater Tots, and they have developed a dehydrating process and potato flakes and a huge drum dryer, among other things. Idaho Steel has products in every country but Iceland, which country has no potatoes. Lynn was a salesperson to Idaho Steel and the owner of Idaho Steel asked him if he would like to buy the business, which he did. Delynn was a trained welder and came to work for Lynn and later other family members joined the team. The three family members eventually purchased the company from Lynn, and they believe the synergy of their respective talents is a good blend for continued success.