

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to this month's Trail Marker. I hope that 2021 is treating everyone well. While COVID continues to rage across the country we can find hope in the fact that there is an available vaccine that will punch COVID in the face. We have been asked for almost a year now to wear a mask, social distance and limit gatherings. In addition to these simple steps, we can follow the example of our leaders in our country, state and church by making an appointment and rolling up our sleeves and being vaccinated. While COVID has shut down in-person chapter meetings

there are many chapters that are meeting monthly on ZOOM. This past month my wife and I have attended many ZOOM chapter meetings; all were fantastic. All chapter presidents have been encouraged to share the date, time and login information for chapter meetings with the national office so this can be sent to each chapter. We are finding many SUP visitors to chapter meetings in addition to their own members. We are indeed a national organization and ZOOM helps us fulfill that mission.

For many years now I have thought about the persecutions and hardships that the early Latter Day Saints endured. We all know the stories about being mobbed, murdered and driven from their homes by evil men that had hate for the Latter-day Saints, just for hates sake. The expulsions from New York, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois led the Saints to the Great Basin. Here life was hard. Crickets, grasshoppers, drought, troubles with the Native Americans and the United States Government were common occurrences. Some faltered and fell away. I doubt any of us will be driven from our homes by mobs, murdered in the street for being LDS, face starvation from a cricket infestation, or be attacked because we moved into someone else's home lands. Yet, many of our family and friends are losing their way. The mobs and crickets of today are those who spread the anti LDS (Mormon) message to those we love and care for. Many also are looking for instant proof and fail to follow with faith. The modern mobs

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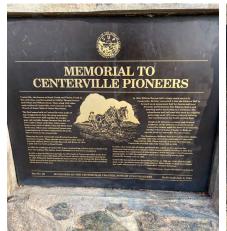
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may not run people out of their homes or kill them in the street, but their message is just as real and deadly to a soul. We all know who the leader of this modern day mob is.

So how do we fight this war that has been waged on everything good? Each one of us has read the stories and journal entries of the pioneers who were driven west and settled in the Great Basin. Each of us has gathered strength from these stories and the testimonies born by our ancestors. They gave us strength to be who we are today. Now it is our turn to pass on our strength to the next generations. Write your story and testimony and give a copy to your children, grandchildren and friends. Let them know your thoughts, feelings and that you have a testimony of the restored gospel. When they have doubts and struggles, they can look to you for strength to get through a hard time. Don't be silent. Sit them down and also tell them face to face. There is a war going on, good vs evil. We are the soldiers of good.

In January my wife Mardee and I took a personal trek to Davis County Utah. We visited the Heber C. Kimball Gristmill site in Bountiful and the Memorial to the Centerville Pioneers in Centerville. We found these sites on sup1847.com using the monument map. It was a great afternoon trek and we learned many things about the South Davis County area. Take time to get out, take a personal trek, and explore our pioneer history.

Have a great February and be "Pioneer Strong"

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Brad Clayton 2021 National President



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NATIONAL NEWS

2022 CHURCH HISTORY TREK PLANNED

Due to hotels and venues being too unsettled to work with, the Trek has once again been postponed to 2022 as a Fall Foliage Church History Trek. An Itinerary will be sent out this March.

If there are any members who have prepaid and desire a refund, please send a request to the National Office in writing. Otherwise, we will retain the deposit and you will remain registered with the 2022 Trek.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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Hal Campbell Ced	dar City	Don Madsen	Cedar City		
Vern Hunter Bo	ox Elder				
Clyde "Pete" Neilson	olladay	FAMILY & FRIENDS CO	NVERTED TO ANNUAL		
Kent Williams Brigham	Young	Randy Baker	Mills		
		S Daniel Bartholoma	Holladay		
NEW LIFE MEMBERS		John Froyd	Cedar City		
Jeffery Pearce Ogden	Pioneer	Francis Gasser	Mt. Nebo		
Reed Richards Ogden	Pioneer	Les Langford	Timpanogos		
Paul WoodburySpri	ingville	Jeffery Pearce	Ogden Pioneer		
		Reed Richards	Ogden Pioneer		
NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS		Loren Louis StegelmeierUp	per Snake River Valley		
Robert Drabant Ced	dar City	Ric Sterzer Upp	oer Snake River Valley		
Michael Kirkham Eag	le Rock	Don Strack	Centerville		
Trevor MaglebyTemp	ole Fork	Harry Sutherland Upp	oer Snake River Valley		
Kenneth Stucki Eag	le Rock				



FEB 16 FINANCE COMMITTE MEETING | 2:30PM

FEB 16 NATIONAL BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM | 6PM

FEB 23 PIONEER MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD | 6PM

FEB 27 CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL VIA ZOOM

APR 24 NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM | MORE DETAILS COMING SOON



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

OF UTAH STATEHOOD SUP NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM April 24, 2021

LEGACY OF PIONEER VALUES

The SUP is a values driven Society based on our Pioneer Ancestors Legacy. These values include:

- Courage in the face of adversity
- Unwavering commitment to a higher good
- Honoring covenants made with God and promises made to each other
- Readiness to sacrifice for the welfare of others
- Foresight to choose the promises of the future over the security of the now
- To be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become



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.

IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

At age 18, young Utah pioneer Jane Grover experienced a miracle when her life was threatened and in peril.

Jane was the eldest daughter of prominent Utah pioneer, Thomas Grover who was born July 22, 1807 in Whitehall, New York. In her own words, Jane tells the remarkable story of what happened to her during the summer of 1848 when she and some other neighbors went to the woods to pick berries.

"One morning we thought we would go and gather gooseberries. One of the little girls and I strayed some distance from the others. Suddenly we heard shouts. We

walked within sight of Father Tanner, who had taken us out that morning in his wagon.

"We saw some Indians gathering around, whooping and yelling. Others came and joined them. We got into the wagon with Father Tanner. Suddenly, four of the Indians took hold of the wagon. Two others held the horses by their bits. Another Indian came to take me out of the wagon. I then began to be afraid as well as vexed, and I asked Father Tanner to let me get out of the wagon and run for assistance. He said, 'No, poor child, it is too late.'

"Father Tanner's face was as white as a sheet! The Indians had commenced to take his watch and handkerchief. And while doing this, they were trying to pull me out of the wagon.

"I began silently to appeal to my Heavenly Father. While I was praying and struggling, the Spirit of the Almighty fell upon me, and I arose with great power, and I talked to those Indians in their own language. They let go the horses and wagon and stood in front of me while I talked to them by the power of God. They bowed their heads and answered 'yes' in a way that made me know what they meant. Father Tanner and the little girl looked on in speechless amazement.

"I realized our situation. Their calculation was to kill Father Tanner, burn the wagon, and take us women as their



Iane Grover

prisoners. This was plainly shown to me. When I stopped talking, they shook hands with all of us and returned all they had taken from Father Tanner, who gave them back the handkerchief. By this time the other two women came up and we hastened home.

"The Lord gave me a portion of the interpretation of what I had said, which is as follows: 'I suppose you Indian warriors think you are going to kill us. Don't you know the Great Spirit is watching you and knows everything in your hearts? We have come out here to gather some of our Father's fruit. We have not come to injure you; and

if you harm us, or injure even the hair of our heads, the Great Spirit will smite you to the earth, and you shall not have power to breathe another breath. We have been driven from our homes and so have you. We have come out here to do you good and not to injure you. We are the Lord's people, and so are you; but you must cease your murders and wickedness. The Lord is displeased with it and will not prosper you if you continue in it. You think you own all this land, this timber, this water, and all these horses. You do not own one thing on earth, not even the air you breathe. It all belongs to the Great Spirit."

Jane Grover was a modern day David who when confronted with her Goliath was able to stand and say to her foe, "The Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47).

May we all be as faithful and brave as Jane Grover. Like Jane and David may we have the courage to "speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and you shall not be confounded before men; For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment, what ye shall say."

See "An Evening of Historical Vignettes," Ensign, Oct 1972, 86 Memories of Jane Grover, Family Search



LAKE ERIE, OHIO





THE MORMON HISTORIC SITES FOUNDATION MARKER READS:

Fairport is an excellent harbor, and affords a safe moorage for shipping"- so wrote Oliver Cowdery, one of the first latter day saint missionaries to bring the message of the restored gospel to the Kirtland region. Fairport Harbor played a transitional role during the 1830s for many Mormon migrants, who believed they were obeying divine instruction that counseled them to "go to the Ohio." Hundreds of converts passed. through this harbor on their way to and from the town of Kirtland, which lay just twelve miles southwest. Many saints were guided by Fairport's beacons of light, which shone upon the waters of Lake Erie. For those incoming saints, the Fairport lighthouse signaled a new ray of hope, and for those missionaries embarking from her banks, new paths to travel in the quest for more converts to Mormonism.

This was a meaningful place of comings and goings. From here, significant Latter – Day Saint missions were launched,

including the first mission of the quorum of the twelve (1835), and also the first mission of the church to England (1837). it was also where Joseph Smith greeted his ninety three-year-old grandmother, who had traveled hundreds of miles to see her family. here, Latter-Day Saint families were charged with emotion as they greeted loved ones and also bid them farewell, knowing that it would be many months before they would once again embrace.

Fairport was also a place of active commerce that influenced the daily life of the saints in this area. From here, Newel K. Whitney, a Mormon merchant, shipped many casks of ashes from his Kirtland ashery to the east. In 1847, Fairport reached a peak in commercial prosperity, witnessing nearly three thousand vessels coming in and out of her harbor. Yet by this time the saints had left the region and in the same year had begun settling in the Salt Lake Valley.

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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 one- to three-paragraph article in MS Word (or as the text of an email)
- 2. Attach 1 or 2 quality photographs as jpgs to your email (Do not include them in the boy of the document)
- 3. In the email subject line just put your "Chapter name" (nothing more)
- 4. Email to: 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/publicity chairmen provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

Note: Most of the chapters have canceled their chapter meetings due to the Corona Virus situation. Some have reported on other events and service projects, while some have been meeting via "Zoom" technology.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah

On Saturday, December 12, Al Matheson, with the added knowledge of Wayne Hinton, led the Cedar City chapter on a fun and adventurous trek to many pioneer sites east of Hurricane. The pioneer history of the area was reviewed during visits to the Hurricane canal bringing water from the Virgin River, Stout's Sheep Bridge used to herd sheep to the mountains in the summer, the unique Rockville Bridge, the pioneer town of Grafton, the Kokopeli petroglyphs and the old sheep camps where annually thousands of sheep were processed early in the last century. The weather was cold, breezy, and with a few snow flurries, but not bad enough to discourage this hearty bunch of 17 adventurers. We were

grateful to Al for treating the group to lunch at The Edge of the World in Hildale.

On Monday, January 4, the chapter was treated to an online presentation by SUP National Past President Wayne Hinton. Wayne led us through some of the early history of SUP, which is now almost 88 years old having been founded on March 29, 1933. Originally restricted to men who directly descended from early Utah pioneers, it is now open to all good men as it seeks to foster admirable character traits in its members.

Wayne explained in detail the workings of the Executive Council and all the other governing boards which meet on a regular basis to further the goals of the organization and manage daily operations. SUP has 46 chapters and approximately 2000 members. Each quarter it publishes 4200 copies of Pioneer Magazine. Wayne explained the typical operations of each local chapter and all of the events, service projects, symposiums and treks that the organization sponsors. The national headquarters in SLC houses a library with many documents and artifacts and is linked to the Church History library in SLC. We are grateful to have Wayne as a valuable member of our chapter.



Grafton Ghost Town

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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah

On January 4, 2021 the board members of the Cotton Mission Chapter SUP met in the upstairs meeting room of Cache Valley Bank. The session was conducted by our new 2021 president David Humphrey. Others attending were Max Turpin, Rick Bentley, Kent McComb, Rex Jensen, Don Burton, Mel Duehlmeier, Brent Miner, Royce Griffin, Roland Lee, Bill Chapman, and area vice president David Hinton.

We were also joined later by Thad and Racquel Stewart. Thad was honored by receiving a "Modern Pioneer" award. Ordinarily that presentation would be done at a chapter dinner meeting, but the Covid distancing requirements have prevented our having those meetings. Thad was honored for his service to the Cotton Mission Chapter as well as his lifetime of service to the St. George community and the LDS Church. Long-time friend and chapter member Roland Lee gave a tribute to Thad prior to his receiving the "Modern Pioneer Award," an etched glass plaque. Pictures were taken by Bill Chapman.

Royce Griffin discussed ideas for treks during the Covid and presented the board with a list of 15 different historic locations to consider. One idea is to have smaller groups of four or five couples select different treks and report on them later. Chapter members are asked to select their top 5 or 6 and email them to Royce.

Area vice president David Hinton reported that the SUP National Headquarters is facing a financial predicament due to the Covid shut-down of the headquarters building in Salt Lake City. Income has been lost from groups who previously rented the building for events. A discussion was held, and a proposal accepted for the Cotton Mission Chapter to donate \$1000 to help with the financial deficit.

Chapter member Derek Rowley was commended for his fine work in building the new SUP online web site which is packed with great historical information including life stories.



Roland Lee Presenting



Roland Lee, Thad & Racquel Stewart receiving Award

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah

2020 has been a exciting and crazy year! We have seen much in the way of revelation being fulfilled and history repeating itself. As I read the book of Mormon this year with my family it was like I was reading current affairs rather than history from long ago.

That being said we have seen hard times in southern Utah before and have risen above. A friend of mine recently told me that in Hurricane, during the depression of the early 1900s, Hurricanites didn't have money before the depression, they didn't have money during the depression,

and they continued to make do with what they had after the depression. The things we have the most of is our family, our love of freedom and our God.

I grew up in Hurricane in the 1970s and 1980s when the swimming pool was behind the high school. We floated the canal in giant inner tubes for fun, and we swam at the Pah Tempe Hot Springs. It is simple memories like this that will keep our country, our area, and our families headed in the correct direction.

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We have big plans for 2021 and beyond for our chapter of the sons of the Utah pioneers. We may need to meet through ZOOM for a few more times but we can also reach out to each other through telephones, meet each other at the grocery stores, and support our community anyway we possibly can. Sons of the Utah pioneers is an essential part of our local society. We have been around for a long time and will be around for a long time to come with your help. It is living by the values of our Pioneer forbearers that we can keep what we have been given.

We have plans of reorganizing our Board of Directors, continuing our world-class historical speakers, as well as going on many historical treks this year and beyond. We will continue our scholarship programs and even expand them. We will continue our essay contest with the elementary schools, we will preserve our heritage and history for those that come after us so that they may learn from our Pioneer heritage, and not be doomed to repeat some of the disastrous parts of our history. Looking forward to a amazing 2021 and years to come. –President Clint Lawton

DECEMBER 2020 EVENT: Last month we were not able to hold a dinner meeting because of the Pandemic, and so we chose to hold a virtual event. The San Diego Mormon Battalion Visitor's Center took us on a tour of their facility! We were blessed to have not only those from our chapter who joined the tour, but we had members from the Red Rock, Cotton Mission, Iron Mission, Dixie Encampment, and Boulder City chapters join with us as well.

We were greeting by two charming young lady missionaries who began by tell us a little about the history of the Battalion, then they let actors tell us the story. Pictures on the wall came to life as they began talking to us and telling their story! It was fascinating to see smoke from fires go from one picture into another, or pioneers opening doors and windows to let us in, or to talk with us. For those who joined it was a great experience. We thank the visitor's center for taking on this tour!

JANUARY 2021 EVENT: We held a virtual meeting via ZOOM with Elder Steven E. Snow, an emeritus member of the Quorum of the Seventy and former Church Historian. He spoke to us about one of his ancestor, Erastus Snow.

Elder Snow was born in St. George. From 2012 to 2019 he served as the Church historian and recorder and the executive director of the Church History Department. He served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy from 2007 to 2012. This included supervisory responsibility for the Utah Areas as well as the North America Central Area. He also served as executive director of the Priesthood and Family Department and as President of the Africa Southeast Area.







Erastus Snow

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

Our Virtual Chapter Meeting was Held January 14th. On this night, we had eleven families participate on Zoom. Our program was a video shown on the Donner Party. It was an excellent film with many positive comments from our audience.

Due to the continued pandemic virus, our next chapter meeting will also be held February 11 on Zoom. We find that Zoom presentations do serve the needs of our Chapter during this pandemic time when gathering in person is not possible. Let us hope and pray that soon we can once again gather together. Our speaker will be Pam Todd. She is the Kearns, Utah Historical Society Director. She will speak and teach on the subject of Camp Kearns. This military camp was established during World War II in Kearns. This will be a very interesting topic as it relates to an important element in our Utah history.

We have a couple of Treks planned for as soon as the weather improves and the affects of this pandemic become under control.

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MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah

The November "Pioneer of the Month" presentation for the Morgan Chapter of the SUP featured Rob C Thurston. The presentation was available virtually due to Covid restrictions and is still viewable on YouTube. Brother Thurston shared the contents of a box found in his grandmother's basement, valued by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the University of Utah at more than 2 million dollars. Inside the forgotten box was a treasure trove of 190 historical documents and artifacts from early Church history. These included journals, letters and other documents of his great great-grandfather and early pioneer, Jessie C Little.

The pioneer journal documented the movements of the advanced party of the first pioneer company under the direction of President Brigham Young into the Salt Lake Valley. It also locates for the first time the planned site for the Temple in Salt Lake City. Also found were multiple letters from Church leaders to Brother Little and from him to others including the "War Letter" to then, US President, James Polk. Jessie Little would serve 20 years in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church and later would be sent to help settle Morgan Valley. He would run the local grist mill, bishop's storehouse and serve as the first postmaster of Morgan. Also included in the documents were Brother Little's 1891 Fourth of July Celebration speech, the 1850 "Declaration of the Kingdom of Deseret" and his 90 page history of Morgan Valley. Brother Thurston expressed gratitude for his pioneer heritage and that this particular box of history had not been discarded as worthless papers.

The Morgan chapter of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers presented their annual "Modern Pioneer" Award for 2020 to Alan Turner. The presentation was made at the monthly chapter board meeting. This Award is given to a member of the chapter each year who exemplifies the spirit of our pioneers, with faith, service, determination and duty to God and Country.



Alan Turner

Alan and his wife, Linda are the parents of six daughters. He was an educator at both Bonneville High School and the Ogden ATC. Alan served his country and retired as a Major in the Air Force Reserves. He has served in many church callings and community organizations including Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife served a full time mission to Zimbabwe.

His daughter shared "My father has taught me by example the importance of dedication and doing your best with what you have been given. He has shown his willingness to serve in the church and carry on the legacy of temple service from our ancestors. I am also proud of his service in the military and his years in the Air Force Reserve. He taught me to love this country and recognize the price so many have paid for it throughout the decades. He never missed an opportunity to teach."

Alan has been a member of SUP since 2009 and is currently serving as the Area Vice President.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah

On 11 January the Ogden Pioneer Chapter installed its officers and board members for 2021. The President for 2021 is L. Nate Pierce.

Nate Pierce has a BA (Political Science) and MPA (Public Administration) degrees from BYU and a PhD (Public Policy) from The American University in Washington, D.C. He is a

retired executive with Ogden City and Weber County. He is a retired U.S. Army colonel. His earliest pioneer ancestors include: Peter Nebeker who came west in 1847 in the 4th company of Saints under the leadership of Abraham O. Smoot; Martha Webb Campkin, a widow, who came

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L. Nate Pierce

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west with five young children in the Willey Handcart Company (1856); and Thomas Young who came west with the Abraham O. Smoot Company (1856).

The other Ogden Pioneer Chapter officers for 2021 include: D. Edgar Allen, Past President; Reed M. Richards, President Elect; Edward G. Kleyn, 1st Vice-President; Ralph C. Aardema,

2nd Vice-President; David K. Richey, Secretary; and, Noel R. Zabriske, Treasurer. They were sworn in by area Vice President Alan Turner.

Chapter members are proceeding on procuring funding for the new Kit Carson monument. Coordination with South Ogden City is progressing on the RAMP grant to assist in the development and placement of the new monument.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho





The Portneuf Pioneers chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers gathered upwards of 130 friends and family members to virtually tour the beautiful Mormon Battalion Historic Site in San Diego, California, on Thursday, January 28, 2021, the day before the 174th anniversary of the Mormon Battalion's entrance into San Diego after a harrowing 2000-mile trek from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The tour, arranged by chapter past-president Rich Kirkham, was hosted by former Pocatello residents Brad and Danzelle Allen, now serving as Presidents of the visitor's center. As if the group were actually there, President and Sister Allen took the large group on a walking tour of the facility, escorted and led by two sparkling sister missionaries, Sisters Thomas and Van Holten. To highlight the walking tour, an interactive video presentation showing the hardships and success of the 2000-mile trek was interspersed with narratives from the sister missionaries. In just over 40 minutes, the Portneuf Pioneers group experienced the 2000-mile journey which took the Mormon Battalion six months to complete.

The Mormon Battalion was a group of about 500 Latterday Saints who joined the United States Army in 1846, during the Mexican-American War, to help provide financial support for their families and other Mormon pioneers. Serving under the direction of army officers from July 1846 to July 1847, the Mormon Battalion marched 2000 miles across the southwestern United States. Although the battalion never engaged in battle, 20 members died during the journey west.

The soldiers of the Mormon Battalion made several contributions to the settlement of the American West. They improved trails as they moved west, others helped build Fort Moore in Los Angeles, and still others helped build Sutter's Mill

and witnessed the discovery of gold there, which prompted thousands of people to migrate to the West Coast. Most battalion members eventually reunited with their family members and friends in the Salt Lake Valley or in Iowa and Nebraska.

After the virtual tour of the visitor's center, President and Sister Allen took time to answer questions as well as renew long-standing friendships with many of the participants who had known them and/or had served with them in church callings in the Pocatello area. Brad Allen served most of his career with the Boy Scouts of American, including his time as the senior executive of the Boy Scouts of America in Pocatello during the 1990's.

The Portneuf Pioneers Chapter of the Utah Sons of the Pioneers is based in Southeast Idaho's Bannock County and named after the peaceful Portneuf River that flows through the region. The chapter welcomed many friends and visitors including Sons of Utah Pioneer National President Brad Clayton and President Elect Lar Gibson.

To learn more about the Porrtneuf Pioneers visit www. portneufpioneers.org. To learn more about the Mormon Battalion and the Mormon Battalion Historic Site in San Diego, click <u>HERE</u>.

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SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Bruce & Alynda Kusch

Parrish, Val president of the SUP Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter is pleased to invite you to the February 10 luncheon meeting of the chapter. Bruce C. Kusch, president of Churchowned Ensign College, will be our guest speaker. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting.

Bruce C. Kusch became the 13th president of Ensign College on April 17, 2017. At the time of his appointment, he had been serving as the Chief Academic Officer since March 2016. President Kusch began his academic career at BYU-Idaho in August

department. In July 2008 he was appointed Associate Academic Vice President for Curriculum, serving in that role until June 2012 when he and his wife, Alynda, were called to preside over the Mexico Cuernavaca Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon his return to BYU-Idaho in July 2015, he served as Associate Dean for Online Programs until beginning his employment at Ensign College.

Prior to joining the BYU-Idaho faculty, President Kusch worked in the high technology industry in Silicon Valley, CA in various sales, marketing, general management, and consulting roles. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix, an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management, and a PhD in instructional design from Idaho State University.

Both President Kusch and his wife were born and raised in Southern California. They are the parents of four children, and 15 grandchildren.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah

2002 as a member of the faculty of the Business Management

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is back in action. It's taken us old guys a long time to get up to date with social media, but luckily we have a few of the younger generation among us. We are meeting virtually; the only difference is we don't have to haul all that equipment from the basement of the James L. Bevan Tooele Pioneer Museum (pictured). Members and their wives can sit at home in their sweats and sox and eat their own dinner, rather than bringing pot luck with them to the meeting location. Do we really

miss setting up table and chairs and then taking them down afterward as well as vacuum up and clean the kitchen etc.? Nah! But we do miss the social part of seeing and sharing made up stories with one another. Maybe this vaccine will allow us to do that social part soon. Until then, this virtual stuff ain't bad!

Our first virtual Dinner (non-dinner) education meeting was about the tremendous effort of restoring the outside of the museum to its Carnegie Library status, and doing lots of



Tooele Pioneer Museum

knew things to the inside as well. All that work, and along comes Covid. Well, it's still there waiting to be enjoyed by one and all in post-Covid days. Which we hope will start in May. We are quite happy with the results and hope you will be too. When I start naming names, I'm sure to forget someone, but the following SUP members did the Yeoman's job of making this happen; Glen Stevens, Joe Brandon, Robert Hansen, John Bryan, Wes Saling, Brent Hunt, Rick Henwood and, and, and whoever else I've forgotten. They treated us

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all to a great power point presentation showing progress from the beginning to the end. Oh; and we want to thank Mayor Winn and the Tooele City Counsel for squeezing out the funding for this most worthy project.

Last month, through the power of social media, we were treated to a presentation about the life of Tooele Resident, and later Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Francis M. Lyman whose headstone is the largest in the Tooele City Cemetery. Joe McBride who had lived in Tooele all his life until a few months ago when he moved to Daybreak, gave the presentation from his living room to ours. Again, I sat with my feet up and ate ice cream while learning some fascinating things about this Utah Pioneer. I'm pleased to call myself a Son of Utah Pioneers.

Paul Bambrough, Area Director for the SUP, presented and sustained the incoming Board of Directors for the Settlement

Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in this same virtual meeting. He even wore his official SUP shirt. Also present was Tooele County's own and new National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Brad Clayton from Grantsville. The newly sustained board is Past President – Alan Jeppesen, 2021 President – Kyle Anderson, President Elect – Brent Hunt, Secretary – Albert Bottema, Treasurer – Robert Hansen, Chapter Awards – Kay Reese, Historian – Jerry Hansen, Membership – Howard Yerke, Scholarships – LeRoy Rose, Newsletter - Richard Kroff, Museum Director – Glen Stevens, Grant Specialist – Brent Hunt, Publicity – Darrell Smith.

Our next virtual Dinner (non-dinner) and Educational Meeting will be on Thursday February 4th at 6:30 PM. Bruce Dunn of the Tooele Transcript Newspaper will present the History of the Tooele, Utah Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which at one time included all of Tooele County.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah





On January 21, 202 the Timpanogos Chapter held their ZOOM Chapter Meeting. The guest speaker was Brad Clayton, SUP National President.

President Clayton discussed the importance of preserving our histories for our posterity and others. While in the police academy, he was taught that "If it isn't written, it didn't happen." This principle has been a guiding influence in developing his own history and that of his pioneer ancestors. Encouraging our members to write their histories, President Clayton quoted Martin Luther King Jr. "You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step." President Clayton took time to show his ancestral chart, which from the testimonies of various individuals on the chart, gave him

strength in his own life. He told a story about George Q. Cannon while he was on a mission in Hawaii. When returning from a walk on a beach, natives asked him who the person was with him who was dressed in white? George Q. replied that it was the Savior.

A significant ancestor was William Clayton who wrote in his journal about crossing the plains and mountains traveling to the Salt Lake Valley. The journal gave a

glimpse of the hardships of the pioneers which would offset the glamorous allure that sometimes we of today view the pioneers. Especially poignant was William's mixed emotions as he first saw and then entered the Salt Lake Valley. His feeling of joy of arriving was offset by the sadness of leaving his family behind. He recorded, "If I had my family with me, how happy I would be."

One ancestor, Frank Paramore, died during the 1918 Flu Pandemic and did not leave much of a history. President Clayton describe this as kind of a "black hole" where no light can escape. President Clayton advised that we should not

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have a "black hole" in our family histories. He also advised us that it is important to verify for accuracy information to be recorded for histories or temple work.

President Clayton discussed how we can expand preserving historical information. Some thoughts were to record what might be told around campfires. Include pioneer stories in our testimonies and in talks and lessons we give. Does your story include your memories of ancestors you know? Look for opportunities to share pioneer stories with

posterity and with friends. Invite others to join a Sons of Utah Pioneers chapter. Work with tomorrows leaders and develop the interests of youth. Record the memories of ancestors.

President Clayton said he had put together a book of his life titled "Thirty Years And Then Some." He gave it to his family and friends for a Christmas gift. He stated, "I could die and they would know me." President Clayton finalized his remarks by saying, "The stories are out there of the ones we know and the ones we discover. They need to be preserved for those who follow us."

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Lori Henderson



Willard & Rebecca Bean



Willard Bean the Fighter

January's Zoom Meeting featured the Willard and Rebecca Bean Family and Their Experiences. SUP Members of the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter were delighted to join with the Sanpete Valley Chapter on Friday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Lori Henderson. Lori lives in Spring City and is a granddaughter of Willard and Rebecca Bean.

The Bean family served the longest duration Church mission in the modern era of 24 years when they were sent to Palmyra, New York. Their mission was one of great difficulty but also with wonderful spiritual experiences.

Willard and his family were recently featured in the movie, The Fighting Preacher.

As part of Lori's presentation, we heard some marvelous stories about the Bean family and the history of the Church in Palmyra, New York and particularly the history around the Hill Cumorah.

We appreciate the invitation by Russ Hatch of the Sanpete Valley Chapter to join them in this very interesting presentation.

UPCOMING: JANUARY 28TH, 7:00 P.M. SUP EVENING AT THE MORMON BATTALION. This will be a live presentation. All members of SUP are invited to attend "An Evening at the Mormon Battalion." It will originate from the Mormon Battalion Visitor Center in San Diego, CA.

WOULD YOU STILL LIKE A TAX DEDUCTION, OR BETTER THIS YEAR (AND NEXT?)

As the year heads towards its close, many people consider donating funds to non-profits, like the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Members and friends would really be helping out the Sons of Utah Pioneers at this time, since our revenue, especially from building use donations, is far short of normal years, but our fixed costs of operating and providing everything National does for Chapters and their members have not shrunk....

So please consider a year end, or just after year-end donation.

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 yeare), 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!



above email.

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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 <u>NEW</u> 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 1st year is \$35. Any new member is eligible to join the F&F program. At the end of the F&F 1st 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. 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

Signature:

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LEGACY SOCIETY

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



The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Statement of Pledged Bequest for . Donor

Benefitting The National Society	y of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
NameAddress	
This form confirms my expressed intent to make the Legacy Fund for The National Society of the signing this statement of pledged bequest I have Pioneers Legacy Society, which is the planned give Pioneers. The following are the specific terms of date:	e Sons of Utah Pioneers. I recognize that by e qualified to be a member in the <i>Sons of Utah</i> ving recognition Society of the Sons of Utah
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LEGACYSOCIETYCONTINUED...

- 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.
 JOIINT 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

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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.



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 $\frac{1}{2}$, 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 <u>wiseradvisor@reagan.com</u> to learn more!

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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 EXCELLE	NCE					
	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 yo						
	Pioneer Biographies written by you						
	Pioneer Values Scholarships awar		al high schoo	ols.			
	2. STRENGTHENING MEMBEI	RSHIP/LEADERSHIP EXCE	LLENCE				
	Chapter Executive Council will attend Cha	pter Presidents Council. Februar	v 2020.				
	Chapter Board Members and Chapter Exe			20 Fall Training	g in October	or November.	
_	Accomplish a "NET" increase in National n						
	("NET" means paid memberships not inclu						
	Hold eight or more Chapter Meetings and						
		nay not conflict with National Events					
	During Pandemic months Chapter Boa	ord will maintain monthly con	tact with C	hapter Mem	bers.		
	Chapter Members participate in one or m						
_	OR During Pandemic months 50% of Cha			•			
	3. COMMUNICATION EXCELL	ENCE					
	Publish a chapter newsletter 4 (or more) t	imes each year. During Pandem	ic months p	ublish a chapt	er newslett	er every month	
	Submit details and pictures from chapter	events to the Trail Marker 4 (or i	more) times	each year.			
	Submit at least 1 article about the Sons U	tah Pioneers, Chapter or Nationa	al, to local or	nearby. news	media for p	oublication. The	
sub	mission does NOT need to be published to	qualify.					
	Chapter or chapter members gave	Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscri	ptions durir	ig the year. Th	e goal base	d on chapter	
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			10-19 Members	2 Gift Subscriptions	70-79 Members	8 Gift Subscriptions	
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	4. HISTORICAL PRESERVATIO	N EXCELLENCE	40-49 Members 50-59 Members	5 Gift Subscriptions 6 Gift Subscriptions	100+ Members	12 Gift Subscriptions	
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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.
- 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 Gift Subscription 60-69 Members 1-9 Members 7 Gift Subscriptions 8 Gift Subscriptions 10-19 Members 2 Gift Subscriptions 70-79 Members 20-29 Members 80-89 Members 3 Gift Subscriptions 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 RECOGNITION

- ☐ Chapters will accomplish **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.

Cnapter	Signed By						
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NATIONAL HERITAGE SUSTAINING MEMBER



AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

I authorize and request <u>NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS</u> 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.

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