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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every day I wonder how life became so fast paced. True, there are still the same twenty four hours in each day, just like there always has been, but how did things get going so fast? I am sure that the pioneers of yester year thought life moved a little slow as they spent countless hours walking beside a wagon or pulling a handcart. Yet today, in modern times, we often find ourselves wondering how things became so hectic. I am the same as many of you; I embrace the busy times but also find myself cursing how busy I am.

COVID caused each of us to slow down our pace of life. I often have SUP members tell me that while it was hard to stay isolated or distanced from family, friends and events they had participated in for years, they enjoyed the peace that came from slowing down. Many took this slower pace to do family history work, update journals and share stories and testimonies with loved ones. Our struggles and hard times also bring forth opportunities and blessings.

Each one of us has been affected by COVID, but through countless prayers around the world by good people the pandemic is retreating. Prayers were answered in the form of good and wise scientists and doctors being able to develop a vaccine. By good and wise people following the guidance of national, state and local leaders as well as following the guidance and example of our religious leaders. The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is definitely a recipient of these blessings. Yes we did stop all in person meetings for a year and yes we did cancel many traditional activities but we are being blessed for our efforts to stop the pandemic. We were able to hold an in person symposium in April and have resumed in person board and other leadership meetings. Masks are no longer required at our headquarters building and many chapters are again meeting in person. Our traditional pioneer celebrations are all scheduled for this summer including the SUPER/DUPER day at Heritage Park, The Sunrise Service, the 24th of July Parade and the annual encampment in September. As

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our lives return to normal please remember the peace you felt as you were forced to slow down. Take time each day to slow down, reflect on what's important and share your family history with those you love.

Yesterday we celebrated Memorial Day. Memorial Day has taken on many different appearances since it was first observed to honor those who lost their lives in the Civil War. Memorial Day is now often a day for parties, family outings and sporting events. In 1971 the date of Memorial Day was changed by congress from May 30th to the last Monday in May in order to provide a three day weekend. Often the memory of the fallen soldiers is lost in all of these other activities. I have always enjoyed visiting cemeteries on Memorial Day, looking at the flags placed at each veteran's grave. I also enjoy seeing families visiting a lost

loved one, gathering around the grave sharing memories and often shedding tears. What a great opportunity to teach the next generation about their family. However we don't need to wait for a holiday to tell our loved ones some family memories and history. Take every opportunity to share yours and your family's stories with those you love.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Trail Marker. It is filled with great pioneer stories and chapter activities.

Brad Clayton
2021 National President

Monument Trek

The Bear Flag Dedication



Everyone is invited to the dedication of the SUP's latest monument.
Tuesday, July 20th at 6PM | SUP National Headquarters



The Bear Flag was used in Nauvoo, and went with the Mormon Battalion on their march to California, and could possibly date back to 1838 with the Saints in Far West. Following its return to the Utah Territory, the Bear Flag was carried by the *Life Guards* until they were disbanded.

It's owner, Eldred G. Smith, emeritus Patriarch of the Church, wished it to be donated to the SUP after his passing. Gary Smith, Elder Smith's son, has just honored his father's wishes and will now be proudly displayed in the SUP's National Headquarters.

NATIONAL NEWS

2021 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The National President-Elect Nomination Committee are happy to announce the Candidates selected for 2022 National President-Elect/2023 National President. Congratulations to John Clayton of Farmington and Wally Breitenstein of Lehi! These 2 gentlemen have risen to the top with enthusiastic support from their local chapters. They are both talented, knowledgeable and dedicated to serve the SUP for the next three years and beyond.

We will spend June and July getting to know them. They will submit articles and photos to the Trail Marker and they will be at SUPer DUPER Day on July 19 meeting the membership in person. Then August first the ballots will be sent out and you can let us know your favorite candidate. Please contact us if you have had a recent address change. The winner will be announced at the National Encampment on Saturday September 18th.

WALLY BREITENSTEIN



I, Wally D. Breitenstein, am extremely honored to be nominated as a candidate for the position of President-Elect in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I am always looking for a new challenge where I can not only grow, but also where I can use acquired talents in doing service for my fellow beings. What a better place to serve than with the Sons of Utah Pioneers!

As an introduction, I was born in Seattle, WA in 1945. I lived there until I graduated from high school. I then immediately joined the US Air Force. I was a member of the Air Force for four years. I am extremely proud to have served my country during that time.

Upon return to Seattle, I enrolled at the University of Washington, majoring in Russian Language and Literature. During that time, I also joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After a year as a member of the Church, I embarked on a two-year mission to Taiwan.

Upon return from my church mission, I continued my education, but at Brigham Young University. I graduated in 1974 with a BA degree in Russian and Chinese. The Department of Defense immediately hired me as an analyst, linguist and translator.

I spent five years back East. During that time, I married Sonja Mirjam McCoy. Sonja and I traveled extensively up and down the coast visiting national and church historical sites. We found many areas where our ancestors had lived.

Sonja and I eventually decided to return to college.

When we got married, Sonja had not yet finished her college degree at BYU. While she attended BYU, I worked a night job to support the family. I also did translation work. As soon as she graduated, I returned to school, eventually earning a MS degree in Computer Science. I went on to work for Eyring Research Institute and Novell, Inc., in Provo, as a computer systems engineer. Concurrently, I was a member of the Utah Army National Guard. I deployed a couple times supporting the efforts to resolve the Iraqi issues of 1990 and 2003.

Sonja passed away suddenly in 1995 from complications due to surgery. She was only 42. I still had six children to care for. I arranged my work hours so that they would have a parent at home when they returned from school. I kept them involved in school, church, and other learning opportunities. It was a sacrifice, but it worked out. Four years after Sonja's passing, I met and married Judith (Judy) Olding. She has five children of her own.

I retired from my civilian and military careers by 2007. Judy and I decided immediately that we would not sit idle in retirement. We joined Kiwanis International and the SUP in 2008. We both love service, and both organizations allow us to do that in a grand way. I also serve with the Provo Freedom Festival and am involved with other voluntary community endeavors.

Over the years I have had many callings in the church, including in a Bishopric and on a High Council. We have served several short- and long-term church missions together.

In the July Trail Marker I will expand on my leadership roles that I have experienced over time.

NATIONAL NEWS

2021 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

JOHN CLAYTON



I am humbled and honored to again be nominated for President Elect of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to those who supported me in last year's election. I have been a member of the SUP for over 20 years and have had the privilege of serving my fellow members in many different

capacities. Currently I am serving as the President of the Snow Horse Chapter located in Layton, Utah, the Program Director of the Pioneer Trails and as the Liaison between the SUP and the Boy Scouts of America.

I was born and raised on the west side of Salt Lake City, Utah. I attended West High School where I had the opportunity to be on the swim team, the color guard, and the ROTC Staff. Upon graduating from high school, I joined the Army Reserve and did basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and completed my advanced training at Fort Riley in Kansas. I was then called to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Florida South Mission. After returning home from my mission, I met and fell in love with my sweetheart, Kathleen Nicolaides. We have been married for 45 years and we have been blessed with four children and five grandchildren. I attended and graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. I spent the next seven years working for Chicago Bridge and Iron at various locations in the western United States. I then had the opportunity to join my older brother at Rocky Mountain Fabrication where I have worked for the past 38 years.

I am an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I have served as a Stake Executive Secretary, Stake Young Adult President, Counselor in the Stake Young Men's Presidency, Counselor in the Elder's Quorum, Ward Clerk, Ward Financial Clerk, Ward Mission Leader, High Priest Group Leader, Ward Facilities Manager, Explorer Advisor/Priests Advisor, Varsity Advisor/Teachers Advisor, Assistant Scoutmaster/Deacons Advisor, Cub Leader, Primary Teacher and Youth Teacher.

Aside from the SUP I have thoroughly enjoyed volunteering my time and talents to the Boys Scouts of America in the Farmington Bay District. Some of my favorite roles were as a Roundtable Leader, Order of the Arrow Advisor, Vice Chair for the Cubs, Training Chair and Training Scoutmaster and Cub Pow Wow Group Leader. While serving as Vice Chair, we developed and started a Cub Carnival where as many as 500 boys and their families were able to experience the joys of outdoor games and treats for an evening. I also love nature and wildlife, which has led me to be the Secretary and Treasurer for two Wetland and Wildlife management associations. It is also very important to me that I find time to donate platelets on a regular basis. I have been given the precious gift of sight from two organ donors and donating platelets is a small way that I can pay it forward to others in need.

I pledge that I will do everything in my power to uphold the Mission of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers if I am voted in as President Elect. I promise to preserve and protect the heritage and sacrifices of our past and future pioneers.

2020 SOUVENIER
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Calendar of Events

MONDAY
19
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY


THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK • OPENS AT 10AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PRESIDENT DALLIN H. OAKS



FRIDAY
23
JULY

DAYS OF '47


SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER DAVID F. EVANS OF THE SEVENTY
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP



THURS -
SATURDAY
16-18
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER
REXBURG, ID
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2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.



PIONEER STORIES

THEIR LIVES WERE SPARED

The remarkable story of two boys who should have drowned, but didn't!

By Richard D. Kirkham - Great Grandson

"The children were just standing there staring, pointing into the ditch. Something didn't look right", said Marc Wride as he recounted the story of how he saved the life of a little boy from drowning in Provo, Utah. "I was a newly married student at BYU at the time. I was studying at the kitchen table of the little trailer that my wife and I had rented. Suddenly a strong urge came over me, prompting me to get up from my studies, cross the room, and look out the window."

Neighborhood children often played around the ditch that ran by Marc and Lynne's new place. But these children weren't laughing and running around like children usually do. "They were just staring down into the water," Marc said. "They had sad and worried looks on their faces. That's not how children usually are. I could sense that something was terribly wrong."

Without a second of hesitation, Marc flew out the door and ran over to where the children were gathered. He recounts, "As I looked down to the bottom of the ditch where the water was flowing, I was horrified to see the near-lifeless body of a little boy. He was slowly breathing the cold water in and out of his lungs. I could instantly see he was nearly gone. He was making no effort to move or to get out of the ditch and the children didn't seem to be assisting him in any way. To me it was as if the world had suddenly stopped!"



Marc immediately jumped into the water and pulled the little boy's near-lifeless body back to the surface, the boy's life was literally in the balance. In the few moments that followed, a miracle happened. Marc continues, "He started coughing. Water gushed out of his little lungs. He came back to life right in front of my eyes!"

Who is to say what prompted Marc to leave his studies, to look out the window at that particular moment? What destiny had this little boy been preserved to perform? Perhaps neither we nor Marc Wride may ever know the answer to that question in this lifetime. But we can ponder and gain some perspective from the destiny of another boy who similarly should have drowned in 1620 during the crossing of the Mayflower from England to America. We know much about his life, his posterity, and his destiny.

The young man's name was John Howland. He was the 17 year-old indentured servant to John Carver, New World Colonist and future Governor of Plymouth Colony. During the 66-day voyage of the Mayflower, there were several violent storms. On one such occasion, the Mayflower tossed severely causing her to nearly capsize. Young John Howland fell overboard. By all accounts, that should have ended his life, but the Lord had other plans for him.

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William Bradford, another prominent passenger on the Mayflower, reported: "In these storms the winds were so fierce and the seas so high the Pilgrims were forced to remain below deck. And one of them John Howland came above and, with a roll of the ship, he was thrown into the sea; but it pleased God that he caught hold of a rope that was trailing in the water and held on though he was several fathoms under water till he was hauled up by the same rope to the brim of the water, and then with a boat-hook and other means got him into the ship again and his life was saved; and though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after, and became a profitable member both in church and commonwealth."

John Howland went on to live a remarkable life. Perhaps he was not as famous as some of others aboard the Mayflower at the time but he has since become a linchpin in history to those for whom he has served as progenitor.

Elder M. Russell Ballard, ninth great grandson of John Howland, wrote, "About four years after they arrived in the New World, John married fellow Mayflower passenger Elizabeth Tilley, a brave and committed daughter of God. They eventually had 10 children and nearly 90 grandchildren. But that is not where the story ends. Today, an estimated 2 million Americans trace their roots to John and Elizabeth. Their descendants include three U.S. presidents — Franklin D. Roosevelt, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush; American poets Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; and two influential

19th-century American religious leaders — the prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum Smith. Think about it for a moment—the existence of these political leaders, poets, and prophets hinged on this one young man finding and grabbing a rope in the ocean and holding on tight to be saved. It was a miracle!"¹

Imagine, had John Howland's life not been saved that day in 1620 the Prophet Joseph Smith would not have been born! The pioneers, including many of John Howland's descendants, would not have gathered in Utah nor would they have spread out across the world carrying the message of the gospel. The entire restoration hinged on John Howland's remarkable grasping of a haphazard rope trailing a ship in the middle of an ocean storm.

So who knows how the rescue and survival of an unknown lad in Provo, Utah will play out in the histories yet to be written? Who knows who will esteem this once nearly-dead boy as an example of pioneering inspiration in their family stories? While we may never know, we do know the Lord knows each of us and is aware of all of us all. He is our loving Heavenly Father. He is ever mindful of each of us. He knows your destiny. He has said, "I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up."²

1 - "The Lord's Hand" President M. Russell Ballard, DCU Center, Worcester, MA, October 20, 2019

2 - D&C 84:88

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

THE TRAIL MARKER 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 paragraph) article in MS Word (or send as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. 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 canceled their chapter meetings due to the Corona Virus situation. Others have reported on other events and service projects, while some have kept meeting monthly via "Zoom" technology.

NEW MEMBERS **WELCOME!**

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

Farrell R Winter Bountiful

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Donald R Larson Hurricane Valley

Michael Sudlow Cedar City

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

CONVERTED FROM FRIENDS & FAMILY

Hal Armstrong Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

Merlin Hansen Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

Doug Smith Upper Snake River Valley

Paul Wright Washington DC Area

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FRIENDS & FAMILY

Alan Buchanan Temple Quarry

John A Cluff Timpanogos

Rick Erickson Cotton Mission

Val W. Kendell Timpanogos

Steve Kroff Hurricane Valley

Gregory J Radmall Timpanogos

Bill Weekes-Ruesch Hurricane Valley



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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Eldorado Canyon Old Eldorado Mine

With restrictions lifting, the Boulder Dam Chapter is outdoors again. In April 2021, we gathered at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Boulder City, NV for a Dutch oven dinner of chicken, potatoes and salad. We heard a pioneer history from Clare Tobler and then enjoyed Dutch oven cobbler and ice cream.

In May, we explored the Techatticup Mine area in Nelson, NV. We explored the Old Eldorado gold mine. Our mine guide, Bruce, explained the workings of the mine and its history dating from the 1860's to early 1900's. Approximately six million dollars was excavated from the mine. We explored the area and had lunch outside at the Werley's Store.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Tom Alexander and Bob Folkman

The Chapter held its second in-person dinner meeting of 2021 on May 12, with sixty members and spouses in attendance. Members were excited to return to a version of normal that included a new meeting location in the restored Academy Center on Brigham City's Main Street. The building was originally the famous Christensen brothers dance studio that has been fully restored. Brigham City's Idle Isle Restaurant catered our dinner. 2015 SUP National SUP President and prominent historian Tom Alexander spoke to the chapter after dinner. His subject was The Move South in 1857-58 when most

residents of northern Utah from Brigham City to Salt Lake City evacuated south to Utah County in the face of the advancing US Army. Tom detailed the planning that sent available food supplies to Provo to support the thousands of temporary residents. Tom's carefully organized PowerPoint helped us understand the political moves in Salt Lake City and Washington DC that prevented a shooting war from breaking out between the Latter-day Saints and the invading army.

We were pleased that Marily Alexander accompanied Tom to Brigham city for the meeting.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Leavitt Hanger

The Cedar City Chapter has been busier as we see the end of the pandemic in sight. We have added in person activities to our monthly virtual tours. Our April tour was of the Carthage Jail with Sisters McDaniel and Edward-Kevin being our guides.

We held our first potluck dinner in more than a year in the Leavitt hangar at the Cedar City airport where we enjoyed delicious food and an overview of SUPonline.org from Derrick Rowley the site administrator.

Now that things are opening up we plan on more activities than normal this summer with a monthly virtual tour, an outdoor trek and many other activities on a monthly basis. Our next trek will be family oriented using ATVs or other appropriate vehicles to visit "The Edge of the World."



Silver Reef Museum

Later in the month, we took a trek with 52 participants into the back country of the area just north of St. George visiting the Silver Reef Ghost Town, the charcoal kiln in the Children's Forest, the Danish Ranch overlook, petroglyphs, silver mines, dinosaur tracks, and finally, the ruins of the Babylon Mill silver assaying site on the banks of the Virgin River.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Trek to Grafton



Essay Awards at Little Valley school

The Cotton Mission participated in the Washington City Cotton Days Celebration, one of our flagship events. Elementary school classes came by every 15 minutes to learn about pioneer life, see our displays of antiques, and even get to pull a handcart. We brought a stagecoach, covered wagon, buggy and more to put on display, courtesy of Dean Terry. Both chapter members and their wives dressed up in pioneer costumes to conduct the tours. Don Burton was the event chairman.

We presented \$20 in gold dollars to the 4th grade essay winners at each of our area elementary schools. Many of our chapter members helped read and score the essays. Eldon Larkin chaired this event.

The Cotton Mission chapter also joined together with the Hurricane chapter for a Saturday trek in May to learn more about the Virgin River towns of Springdale, Rockville and Grafton. Leon Lewis taught us about the history and folklore of these important pioneer towns.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Skylar Reeves scholarship

For the first time since February, 2020 we held an in-person chapter meeting the evening of May 13, 2021. The occasion was the awarding of our annual \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Herriman High School in Herriman, Utah. This year's winner of our scholarship is Skylar Reeves. Since his parents were not able to attend our chapter meeting, Skylar's older brother, Aiden, represented the family and read a letter from Skylar's parents to us

thanking us for the recognition and honor given to their son with this scholarship. In addition to hearing from Skylar and his brother, we were delightfully entertained by Elizabeth and Rebeca Bingham. These two sisters sang some solos and duets--beautiful musical numbers for us. The whole evening was delightful to all in attendance. Thank you to all who participated.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah



Liberty Jail

Imagine the possibilities! Covid-19 has certainly taken a toll on many activities of our SUP organization. However, the Lehi Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers were treated to an incredible tour of Liberty Jail on Monday, May 10, 2021. Serving as tour guides were President and Sister Esplin, Site Directors of the Church's Missouri Historic Sites (which includes Liberty Jail), and it was all done via Zoom. Location of the old Liberty Jail, now an historical site, is enclosed within the walls of a Visitor Center. At the Visitor Center, guests are able to hear the story of this poignant period of time and walk around the perimeter of the jail.

So much torment and indignation occurred to the Prophet Joseph Smith, his brother, Hyrum, Sidney Rigdon, Lyman Wight, Caleb Baldwin, and Alexander McRae. They had been arrested, falsely accused of treason, and incarcerated "from December 1, 1838 until April of 1839". President Esplin walked us through all these brethren endured - including living conditions, which were difficult at best, as they slept on a floor made of stone... with very little straw that could be used for their comfort. All this during the coldest part of winter.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah

Craig Huff, manager of the Deseret Meat Plant in Spanish Fork, was our speaker for our May virtual SUP event. Brother Huff spent only a little time speaking about the meat packing plant, but gave our SUP members a wonderful update of what the Church is doing in its welfare and self-reliance programs. He quoted Elder Faust in saying the Priesthood's responsibility is to assist those who are in need both temporally and physically. What was earlier established to meet the needs of church members largely in the United States, fails to provide that assistance in the Global Church. Many avenues of assistance have thus been changed. For example, needy families in Central America where a Bishop's Storehouse is not available now take a list of items they need to a local grocery store that then bills the local ward or

branch. He expanded our knowledge of what the Church is doing to harvest peanuts, beans, grapes, sweet corn and other things for current community food banks. The church no longer has plants that harvest their animals, but the animals are sold "on the hoof". The Spanish Fork plant is the only church operated meat plant. The plant purchases its meat from processing plants, repackages it, and ships it in Church trucks to food banks and bishop's storehouses throughout the country. Funding for the resources of the welfare system comes not only through fast offerings but through Church run farms and ranches that sell their products and are profit oriented. So, the ability to assist in member's temporal and physical needs has expanded to meet the member's needs, not only in the United States, but throughout the world.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter has selected its 2021 Scholarship Recipients. These awards, for \$1,000 each, were presented to these outstanding seminary graduates by Don Beesley, Scholarships Chairperson, and Nate Pierce, Chapter President, at the April Chapter Meeting (Zoom). Later in the day certificates were delivered to them in person. The first recipient was Colby Jones from Fremont High School. Colby is planning on attending Weber State University in the Fall and majoring in Youth Counseling. After graduating from Weber State University, he plans on pursuing a graduate degree in Counseling at the University of Utah. His essay was A Brief

History of Orvil Leon Carnahan, his great-grandfather. Even though he was not a pioneer who crossed the plains, he is a "pioneer" in Colby's eyes. The second scholarship recipient was Daisy Hall from Weber High School. Daisy is still deciding on which college to attend - Ensign College, to pursue a degree in business, or the University of Utah - to pursue a degree in Digital Marketing. Her essay was A Brief History of Heber C. Kimball, her fourth great-grandfather (from his third wife), who was the First Counselor in The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Darren Parry

On May 5, 2021 the Portneuf Pioneer Chapter listened to Darren Parry talk about the history of the Bear River Massacre that took place on a cold January 29, 1863, in Franklin County Idaho. The US Army staged an attack on the unsuspecting Shoshone encampment gathered at the confluence of the Bear River and Battle Creek. Hundreds of Shoshone people were killed including women and children. Darren Parry is the former Chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation and is an advocate for the Shoshone people. Darren serves on the Board of Directors for the American West Heritage Center, in Wellsville, Utah, the Utah State Museum Board, the

Community Advisory Board for the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the American Indian Services Board and Weber State Universities National Advisory Council. He is the author of "The Bear River Massacre; A Shoshone History" and teaches Native American History at Utah State University. His passions in life are his family which includes his wife Melody, 9 children and 13 grandchildren. His other passion is his Tribal Family. He wants to make sure that those who have gone before him are not forgotten. It is also important to him that all people's perspectives are heard and respected. He is an excellent speaker and his presentations highly recommended.

RED ROCK CHAPTER - Kanab, Utah



*Roger Chamberlain
presents check to Orderville*

Roger Chamberlain, representing the Red Rocks Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers, presented a check for \$250 to Orderville Mayor Bob Caruso to help in funding the Long Valley Veterans Memorial to be built in Orderville. Included with the memorial will be a monument representing the United Order and the settlement of the communities in Long Valley.

The Red Rocks Chapter of the Sons had another Zoom meeting for our regular monthly meeting May 6. We enjoyed a tour of the Liberty Jail, where we were told of all the inconveniences of such a infamous place, along with the suffering that Joseph Smith and other Church leaders went through while incarcerated in that place. However we were reminded on the other hand that some of our most beautiful scriptures were received in that place.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



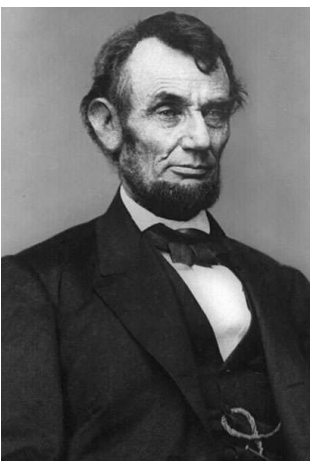
Terry Givens

Val Parrish, president of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is pleased to invite you to the June luncheon meeting June 9 at noon. Author Terry Givens will speak to us. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting. Click [HERE](#) to join with us.

A New York native, Terry Givens did his graduate work in intellectual history (Cornell) and comparative literature (UNC Chapel Hill). In 2019 he retired from the Jabez A. Bostwick Chair at the University of Richmond to be Neal A. Maxwell Senior Research Fellow in

Provo. He has been a commentator on CNN, NPR, and in the PBS/Frontline documentary, The Mormons. Givens's work has been called "provocative reading" by The New York Times and includes a two-volume history of Mormon thought: Wrestling the Angel, and Feeding the Flock, and several books with his wife Fiona (most recently All Things New: Rethinking Sin, Salvation, and Everything in Between). UNC will release his new biography, Stretching the Heavens: Eugene England and the Crisis of Modern Mormonism, in July.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah



Abraham Lincoln

On Thursday May 6th, 2021, The Settlement Canyon Chapter was fascinated to learn why Joseph Smith the Prophet campaigned for President of the United States in 1844. In a virtual presentation by noted historian, researcher, author and Abraham Lincoln specialist, Ron L. Andersen laid out an impressive theory of how the Prophet's campaign could well have become reality. It had a lot to do with Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation that ended in the Civil War costing almost one million lives. By opening up Doctrine Covenants sections 87 and 101, and combining them with records

of both Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln, members were led to understand the fatal flaws of the Constitution that prompted the Prophet to run for the Presidency after exhausting all other means of redress to church members in the Missouri conflicts. Because of his early martyrdom, Joseph was unable to complete the tasks assigned by the Lord. It was then left for Abraham Lincoln to finish this heavenly decree. Along with historical papers, Brother Andersen has written at least three books dealing with this topic. For more information, Andersen can be contacted at discoverlincoln@gmail.com

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Handcart Children Sculpture

On the evening of May 20, 2021, the Timpanogos Chapter held a ZOOM Chapter Meeting. The guest speakers were sculptors, Roger and Stephanie Hunt. The Hunts have 40 years of experience of sculpting and bronze casting. They spoke about their work creating sculptures for “The Pioneer Children’s Memorial at the This is

the Place Heritage Park”. A power point presentation was given showing pictures and video of the bronze casting process. Brother and Sister Hunt testified of the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they created numerous bronze pieces for the memorial in remarkable time.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Award winners

Our May meeting featured Brother Nathan Williams, Religion Professor at BYU-Idaho. His topic was “The First Vision—It’s Journey Out of Obscurity.” Using slides and quotes, Brother Williams described the twelve stages through which the story of the First Vision has progressed. These stages were: 1) The Experience. 2) Written Document. 3) Shared Experience. 4) Missionary Tract—Orson Pratt’s tract written in Scotland in 1947 is an example. 5) Canonized Scripture. 6) Artistic Recreation. 7) New Narrative. 8) Sacred Past. 9) Swiss Army Knife Version. 10) Contention Event. 11) Keystone Event. And 12) Proclamation. Brother Williams combined scholarly insights, accurate information, and a humble witness of this sacred event in his presentation. This was his third presentation to our Chapter and it will certainly not be his last.

Four high school seniors were honored as recipients of the “Carry On” Merit Award in our meeting. They each received a beautiful, framed picture by artist Al Rounds of a young girl pulling a handcart on the Mormon Trail. They also received a check for \$500.00 to be used for service or educational purposes. They were nominated for this award because of their perseverance through hard times and their loyalty to family, the Church, and pioneer values. The recipients were: Cameron Stailey from Rigby, son of Wendy and Shane Stailey; Emma Gwilliam from Madison, daughter of Crystal and Nathan Gwilliam; Mariah Willis from Sugar-Salem, daughter of Loreen and Bryant Willis; Mallory Tews from South Fremont, parents not known at time of newsletter and excused because she was competing in the state softball championship tournament.



Nate Williams

