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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



June has arrived and the summer sun is now with us for the next several months and brings with them several important days for the SUP. The first is Father's Day on Jun 19th - when we focus on our forefathers and all they sacrificed and gave to the benefit of all who followed. More than 50 years after Sonora Louise Smart Dodd's initial efforts to have fathers recognized, Father's Day was established as a holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June by President Lyndon Johnson's Executive Order in 1966, yet it was still not officially recognized as a federal holiday until six years later.

The National President-Elect Nomination Committee is happy to announce that your candidates for 2023 National President-Elect / 2024 National President have been selected. We congratulate both Nate Pierce of Ogden, UT and Laird Dummer of Sandy, UT! You will find detailed introductions to each of these great candidates on the following page. These 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 in the Trail Marker. They will also be at [SUPer DUPER Day](#) on July 18th so you can get acquainted with them in person. Then on August 1st the ballots will be sent out and you can vote for your favorite candidate. The winner will be announced at the [National Encampment](#) on Saturday, September 10th.

Nearly all of our chapters are now meeting face-to-face, and it is wonderful to see and hear of their successes. It has been my pleasure to speak at some of them.

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best summer. Please know that we are thinking of you and appreciate the privilege it is to serve you. May the Lord's blessings pour out upon you and all those you hold dear.

Challenge: I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your father's grandmother on his mother's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Emma Spendlove which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your mother's grandfather on her father's side (one of your two great grandfathers on your mother's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.

Larry M. Gibson - 2022 National President

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2024 NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

I, **W. Laird Dummer**, am honored to be nominated and selected as a candidate for the president-elect of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

I was born on October 3, 1942, in Rexburg, Idaho but grew up in Burley where my father taught high school. In high school I participated in several sports including football, basketball, track, and golf. I was one of only two athletes that earned the varsity recognition for all four years of high school. During those summers I worked for my brother-in-law who had a 640 acre farm and a herd of Angus cattle.

After high school, I was called to the New England States, Truman G. Madison was my mission president for most of my mission. His powerful testimony and knowledge of the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith and Church History has been a lifetime gift of testimony for me.

After my mission I attended the University of Utah and earned a BA in sociology and a Master's in psychology. After my schooling I began working as a mental health clinician. As the organization grew, I transferred into full-time management in marketing and sales. After 26 years I left the company to join a start-up selling insurance online. In 2005 I started my own online health insurance agency, but have since sold the company and professionally retired.

I have been blessed with a strong heritage of Utah pioneers. Both my two paternal and two maternal ancestors, 3rd generation grandparents, were early Utah pioneers whose ancestors immigrated from Europe.

I joined the Holladay Chapter of the SUP in 2010 at the invitation of my brother-in-law, Lyman Losee. I served on their board of directors for a period of time and received valuable tutoring in running a successful chapter organization. Later, I became aware of the Temple Quarry Chapter in the Granite/Sandy area where I live, which had gone inactive. Over the next couple of years, we successfully revived it and I served as chapter president for a few years.

I am now serving the SUP as an Area Vice President. As a result, I am on the National Board of Directors. In addition to the Temple Quarry Chapter, I am assigned four other chapters. It has been an enjoyable experience, I have gained many new friends, and they have strengthened my belief that the SUP has great value to its members and to the future pioneers of our day.

I am the father of seven children and 22 grandchildren.



Let's get acquainted. I am **LeRoy Nate Pierce**, but you can call me "Nate." I was born in Tremonton, Utah, and lived on a ranch in Pocatello Valley on the Utah-Idaho border until I was five years old. My father took a job at Hill Air Force Base, and we moved to Brigham City, Utah. I had a wonderful childhood with lots of friends, goodly parents, and the freedom to just be a kid. I was a high school athlete - lettering in football, basketball, and track. I was a student government leader as the President of the Representative Council. I am the oldest of three children - one brother and one sister.

I attended college at Utah State University on an academic scholarship. I served a mission in Taiwan, Hong Kong, & Singapore. I married Ruth Ludlow after my junior year and then transferred to Brigham Young University, graduating with a BA in Political Science. Upon graduation I was commissioned as a U.S. Army Officer and spent two years on active duty. When I completed my obligation, I joined the U.S. Army Reserves as a Military Intelligence Officer and retired as a Colonel with 30 years of service. I continued my education at BYU, receiving an MPA degree in Public Administration, then went on to The American University in Washington, D.C., for a PhD in Public Policy.

I had a 40-year career as an executive in Federal, State and Local government. During that time, I was an adjunct professor at Weber State University and Brigham Young University for eight years teaching political science and public administration classes. I have served on and chaired many boards and commissions over the years, including: Ogden Pioneer Days Executive Director, Ogden Pioneer Heritage Foundation, Hospital Board, Museum Board, Boy Scout Council Commissioner, Insurance Company Board, and many others.

I have served in many positions in my Church: Branch President, Counselor to Bishop, Bishop, High Council, Mission Leader, Stake Executive Secretary, Gospel Doctrine Teacher, and currently am a Sealer in the Ogden Utah Temple. My wife and I have served two missions as a senior couple - Massachusetts Boston Mission (Office) & California San Diego Mission (Military Relations).

My first wife, Ruth, passed away in her early 40's, leaving me with six children. I am currently married to Anne Sellers, and we have been married for 28 years. We have 6 children, 23 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.


Calendar of Events

MONDAY
18
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY

THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK


OPENS AT 9:30AM DEVOTIONAL AT 10:00AM



SATURDAY
23
JULY

DAYS OF '47


SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER LYNN G. ROBBINS OF THE SEVENTY
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP
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8-10
SEPTEMBER
2022

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT


HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS
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BEGINS
16
SEPTEMBER

2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

10 DAY CHURCH HISTORY TOUR
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NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

It is time to register for the Sons of Utah Pioneers 2022 National Encampment to be held in Salt Lake City, **September 8-10, 2022**. This is an especially exciting year as we are commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley.

We have an amazing selection of tours to choose from, but they will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis, so please register early.

Along with the tours, we have wonderful speakers and entertainers lined up which include:

THURSDAY



Keynote Speaker: Elder LeGrand R. Curtis. Elder Curtis is the current Church Historian and Recorder, Executive Director of the Church History Department, chairman of the Book of Mormon Visual Library Steering Committee, and serves on the Scriptures

Committee. He returned from serving as President of the Africa West Area in July 2016. He has served on the Area Committee as an Assistant Executive Director of the Priesthood and Family Department, First Counselor in the Utah Area Presidency, and as Assistant Executive Director of the Church History Department. He was an adjunct professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU, former president of the Italy Padova Mission (1998-2001), and Area Seventy.



Entertainment: Brian Stucki. An accomplished oratorio soloist. Mr. Stucki's performances on the concert stage include the Utah Symphony, Avery Fisher Hall, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall with the American Symphony Orchestra and Milwaukee Symphony,

Honolulu Symphony, Acadiana Symphony in Louisiana, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Handel and Haydn Society, Virginia Symphony, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Boise Philharmonic, Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square; Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Pacific Symphony, Deer Valley Music Festival, Waukegan Symphony, and the Bach Chorale Singers.

FRIDAY



Entertainment: SunShade 'n Rain -

Feelings and memories are stirred no matter what your musical preference might be. The patriotic, semi-classical, rock-n-roll sounds of SunShade 'n Rain will cause a nostalgic stir in your heart. SunShade 'n Rain, now veteran entertainers, have headlined at Harrah's

Club, Fitzgeralds, Cactus Pete's, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Hershey Park, and the Grand Ole Opry. They have also traveled around the world performing in Malaysia, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Mexico City, Acapulco, Venezuela, and convention centers throughout the United States. TV appearances include ABC's Good Morning America with Regis Philbin and hosting the March of Dimes Telethon for 5 years.

SATURDAY

National Business Meeting: Hosted by Sons of Utah Pioneers national president, Larry Gibson.



Spouses Meeting Speaker: Joanna Stowell, Cokeville Miracle Survivor.

When Joanna Stowell was 11 years old, her elementary school was taken hostage. The Cokeville Elementary School hostage crisis occurred on Friday, May 16, 1986, in Cokeville, Wyoming, when former town marshal David Young, 43, and his wife Doris Young, 47, took 136 children and 18 adults hostage at Cokeville Elementary School. What came out of this terrorizing event turned out to entail dozens of spiritual experiences. TC Christensen used this true story to film "The Cokeville Miracle." Please take the time to view the movie before this very special Sons of Utah Pioneers event. Joanna will tell her own personal experience from this both spiritual and traumatic event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to Val Parish - Chairman of the SUP 2022 National Encampment at: valparish@hotmail.com

For More Information and to buy tickets [CLICK HERE](#).

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



PIONEER STORIES

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

LUCY GRANT THE FIRST SISTER MISSIONARY

When [Lucy] was about 12 years of age, her mother died. When her father [Heber J. Grant] told Lucy that her mother was dying, Lucy could not believe him. She hurried from the room and returned with a bottle of consecrated oil with which she implored him to bless her mother. He blessed his wife, dedicating her to the Lord. As the children left the room, he fell on his knees and prayed that his wife's death might not affect the faith of their children in the ordinances of the gospel. "Lutie" herself ran from the house feeling very bad, as she expressed in the following words: "I was stunned and shocked and felt my father had not sufficient faith to heal her. I went behind the house and knelt down and prayed for the restoration of my mother. Instantly a voice, not an audible one, but one that seemed to speak to my whole being said, 'In the death of your mother the will of the Lord will be done.' Immediately I was a changed child. I felt reconciled and almost happy." (*Marba C. Josephson, "Careers of Service to Young Womanhood," The Improvement Era, vol. 40, no. 12, December 1937*)

The Colorado Mission was five years old when Lucy Grant, 21, was called to serve as a missionary. She is generally acknowledged as the first "lady missionary" of the church, along with her companion, Fannie Wooley. The mission was organized in December, 1896, when Elder John W. Taylor of the Council of the Twelve was appointed to begin proselytizing work in that state. Accompanied by three elders, John H. Boshard of Provo, and Herbert A. White and William C. Clive of Salt Lake City. The four departed for Denver in December. A few days later, eight more missionaries were called to assist President Taylor. Within



a few weeks, a branch was organized in Denver and shortly thereafter, missionary work was extended to Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and other communities.

In November, 1900, the states of Nebraska, and North and South Dakota were added to the Colorado Mission, and work extended into New Mexico, Arizona and Wyoming. In 1901, Sisters Grant and Woolley arrived in the mission. Although they were not the first women to go into the mission field (wives of a few missionaries had accompanied their husbands previously), the two young women were the first to be formally called and set apart. Lucy Grant was the second daughter of President Heber J. Grant and his wife, Lucy Stringham.

Lucy served faithfully and, after her return home, married George Jenkins Cannon in the Salt Lake Temple. The couple became the parents of seven children. Prior to her mission, Lucy Grant was a Sunday School teacher, organist, secretary and counselor in her ward Primary. At 18, she became president of the ward Mutual Improvement Association. Returning from her mission, she served on the MIA boards of two stakes and in 1917, she was called to the General Board of the MIA. She served for 32 years as a board member, a counselor to two presidents, Martha H. Tingey and Ruth May Fox, and finally, as president for 11 years, from 1937 to 1948.

One of the major accomplishments of her presidency was the restoration of the Lion House as a social center. Lucy Grant Cannon died May 28, 1966, at 85, revered and honored for her service to the church. (*Church News, February 1974*)

Monument Trek



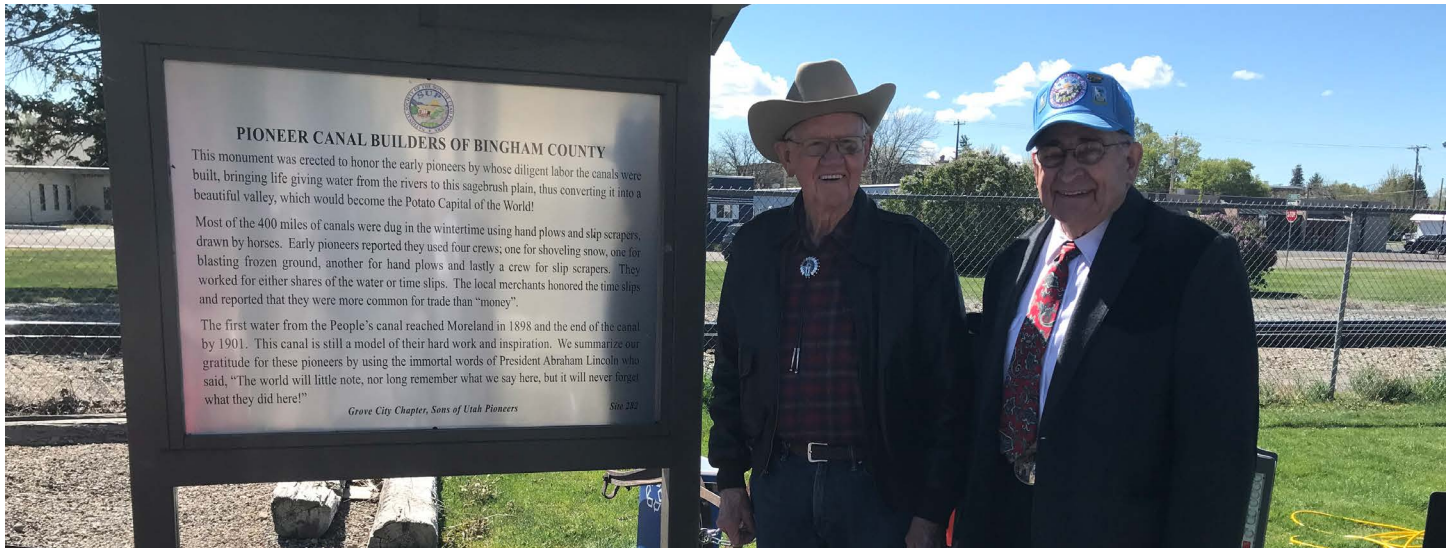
Pioneer Canal Builders of Bingham County

SUP's Newest Monument Dedicated in Blackfoot, Idaho

On May 21, 2022, SUP National Past President Bradley Clayton dedicated the "Pioneer Canal Builders of Bingham County" (SUP site # 282) located at the Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot, Idaho. Fifty people attended and heard the history of the four hundred miles of hand-built canals constructed by the pioneers of Bingham County presented by Rulon Hillam. Attendees included Rulon Hillam, Monument Project Manager; Mark Carroll, Blackfoot City Mayor; Mark R. Bair, Bingham County Commissioner; Tish Dahmen, Executive Director of the Blackfoot Potato Museum; David Williams,

SUP National Area Vice President; Bradley Clayton, SUP National Past President; Stewart Radmall, National Area Vice President for Monuments; and Mark Walker, National Area Vice President for Monuments. Alongside the monument were two implements used to manually build the canals, a hand plow and a slip scraper.

Kudos to the Grove City Chapter, Joel Robinson, and all the members of the chapter for supporting this impressive monument.



CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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

1. Write up a short (one paragraph) article in MS Word (or send as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 high 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.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Orrin G Hatch..... Salt Lake City
 Iviv Verdell Hinton Hurricane Valley
 Terry L Taylor..... Eagle Rock

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

John L Theler..... Porter Rockwell

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Gaylen Atkinson..... Cotton Mission
 Ed Bunker Timpanogos
 Robert Eyre Brigham Young
 Carl M Johnson..... Brigham Young
 Eric Leavitt Cedar City
 John W Olsen Grove City
 Richard Parmenter..... Timpanogos
 Carl N Remkes Sevier Valley
 David Roberts..... Upper Snake River Valley

NAMECHAPTER

NEW FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gary Anderson..... Temple Fork
 John Bagley Upper Snake River Valley
 Arthur E Ball..... Mills
 Dan Catlin..... Hurricane Valley
 Ken Elsey..... Timpanogos
 Eric Erickson..... Upper Snake River Valley
 Ron Hepworth Pocatello
 Bryan K Murray Pocatello
 Jerry L Murray Maple Mountain
 Kent W Reese Timpanogos
 Brent Richardson Pocatello
 N Craig Simmons..... Pocatello
 Steven G Smith..... Mesa
 Eugene Judd Westwood Pocatello
 Brad Winder Hurricane Valley

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Lonely Dell



Pipe Spring

The Boulder Dam Chapter met at the Hurricane Pioneer Museum where we met our tour guide, Dave Isom, who lives in Hurricane and is very familiar with the fascinating history of the area. From there we traveled to Temple Hill in Hildale, Utah where Dave spent several minutes showing us the sights (compounds) and explaining what we were looking at. Hildale was the religious center of the FLDS religious sect. Next on our trek was a stop at Pipe Spring National Monument. Pipe Spring has a rich history of Native American, early explorer, and LDS pioneer history. We then traveled a few miles farther to Moccasin, Arizona, an early Native American and LDS pioneer town. We went to The Big House that provided lodging for

the early Saints who traveled the Mormon Honeymoon Trail from Arizona to the St. George Temple to be married. We traveled through the Kaibab Forest, the Vermillion Cliffs towards the North Rim of the Grand Canyon before arriving at the Visitor's Center area of Lee's Ferry. We saw many wonderful sites including the old highway bridge and some California Condors that stay by the bridge. We traveled about ten miles to the Lonely Dell Ranch where Emma Lee lived. It is near the Colorado River where the early ferry that was operated by John D. Lee was located. This was a truly great experience for all who attended. We all learned things that we didn't know and were able to correct some misconceptions that we had.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Scholarship Winners

The Box Elder Chapter had our dinner meeting on May 11. We enjoyed a dinner catered by Idle Isle Cafe. The food was very good and the visiting was enjoyable. After the dinner, we presented \$1,000 scholarships to three high school seniors (pictured). Allyson Hunsaker from Box Elder is planning to continue her schooling at Weber State in the medical field to be like those that helped

her family through their many hard times. Erica Payne from Bear River High School is planning to continue her schooling at USU in Logan and serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Larisa Forsgren from Box Elder High School is planning to attend a year at Weber State and then serve a mission for the Church and finish her education in nursing school.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



John Beck

Galloping ponies, a doomed wagon train, stone knives, and islanders in the desert were among the fascinating topics touched upon on the west desert trek of the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Forty members and guests, led by chapter member and historical expert, John Beck, first traveled to Grantsville, partly following the old Pony Express trail. In Grantsville we were treated to a demonstration of stone knife knapping by local SUP and DUP members and visited the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and Donner-Reed Museums. From Grantsville we drove to the site of Iosepa, a town settled by Pacific

Island (mostly Hawaiian) immigrants in 1889. The site was abandoned in 1917, after completion of the Hawaiian Temple. We returned to Provo via Johnson Pass and Johnson Spring. Our group included four descendants of Luke Johnson, for whom the pass and spring are named. Luke Johnson, one of the original twelve apostles of the early Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, was excommunicated in 1838, but was later rebaptized by his brother-in-law Orson Hyde, and settled near Johnson Springs. He is the only person ever to have served as an apostle then later as bishop in the Church.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Old Maternity Hospital in Overton

On Saturday, May 21, Roice Nelson led us on a trek to the Moapa Valley in Nevada. He arranged for Bill Johnson, a lifelong resident of the area, to be our guide to many historic sites in the area including the Logandale Schoolhouse Museum where Robin Maughn, curator of the museum, regaled us with much of the early history of the valley and where many original artifacts are housed. Other areas visited included the St. Joseph pioneer cemetery, sites of original pioneer homes, the site of an old fort above the Muddy River, the old maternity hospital in Overton that now

houses the local chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (see photo), and the St. Thomas cemetery which is a national historic site where previously buried pioneers were moved prior to the flooding of the old town of St. Thomas by the rising waters of Lake Mead. Our final stop was the Lost City Museum which is built on an ancient Pueblo Indian site and which contains many Native American artifacts found in the area.

Coming up June 20th is a Potluck luncheon in the Rock Church in Cedar City that will feature John Yardley as our speaker.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Blair & Caroline Morris

Our meeting was held at our new event location in Bountiful with 61 in attendance. Don Olsen gave an overview of our upcoming trek to Roots of Knowledge located on the Utah Valley University campus. The featured speakers for the evening were Blair and Caroline Morris who were recently released from the Salt Lake City Utah Temple Square Mission where Blair served in the mission presidency. Sister Morris explained that the Temple Square Mission was officially created in 1995. Only sisters serve there along with some senior couples. The missionaries give tours of the Temple Square area including the Assembly Hall, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Church History Museum, the Tabernacle, and the various monuments

located on Temple Square. President Blair Morris then spoke and stated that they had worked with over 600 sister missionaries during their three years serving there. Many of those sisters were first generation members and were learning Church procedures which they then can use as they return to their own countries. The sisters spoke over 40 languages. He explained that part of his duties included helping the young sisters who were nearing the end of their missions to prepare for life after their missions, including applying for various schools, work opportunities, and other activities they might need. He was also kept busy giving blessings to those sisters needing the comfort and healing that the Lord can provide.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Lonely Dell Ranch

On May 14 about 30 people participated in a trek led by Royce Griffin which featured five stops at points of interest and covered some 300 miles. The stops were: LeFevre Overlook with amazing views of the Grand Staircase looking to the north. Next was the Dominguez-Escalante Marker and Interpretative Site where Royce and Rex Jensen reviewed the 1776 trip of the Spanish Fathers at this site. They crossed the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry, established in 1874 by John D. Lee, which is the only place where the Colorado River is readily accessible from both banks for hundreds of miles. We visited the Lonely Dell Ranch with its lush orchards and gardens. We then visited Navajo Bridge which was completed in 1929 and provided the first direct highway route between

Utah and Arizona. A highlight was seeing two California Condors loafing under the abutments of the new bridge. We finished the day trip by stopping at Jacob Lake, named after Jacob Hamblin where many of our group stopped here at the store and purchased some of their famous cookies on the return trip home.

May 24 Dinner Meeting. We awarded nine scholarships to high school seniors. Durant McArthur chaired the project and conducted the ceremonies while President David Humphrey and his wife Virginia made the presentations. Recipients included: Brynlee Christiansen, Rachel Brown, Kailani Zufelt, Samuel Edwards, Kassidy Bundy, Kala Ojeda, Spencer Wilde, Emma Hansen and Grant Taylor.



Scholarship recipients

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



David William Wilkey

Our dinner meeting this month featured guest speaker David William Wilkey and his beautiful wife Lynne. He gave a very interesting history of his life here in Southern Utah. He told us about the development of the Sand Hollow Golf Course and his part in it. He told of his life in golf and his connections with many of the golf legends and of his experiences on the golf courses in Scotland. He told of his working on a deal connecting the Sand Hollow Course with

several courses in Scotland. Lynne told the story of David's brother in World War II and of his bravery in saving the lives of many before his life was taken!

June's Activity: We will have the honor of hearing the life story of John Nock and Emma Spendlove Hinton who were among the early settlers of Virgin, Utah. Our presenter will be Donald Hinton, a native of Hurricane, and a continual resident of Southern Utah.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah

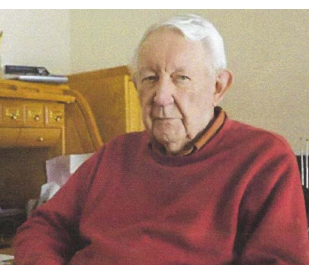


Scholarship Recipients

What a thrill it was for our Chapter membership to be able to award two scholarships this year. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1000. The scholarships were awarded to Adeline Stauffer and to Katharyn McDougal (pictured). Both are from the Riverton High School. Both of these young women were acquainted with each other since they are in the same seminary class. Our special thanks to David and Jan Treseder

for their many hours spent in the gathering of information on all scholarship applicants and with their work with the Riverton High School. And, of course, special thanks for the committee members who helped with the review of all applications received and agreeing upon those whom would receive these awards. Our sincere thanks to all of you who did so much.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Dale W. Adams

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on May 25, 2022 at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Dr. Dale W. Adams, retired Ohio State University Professor. Dale has a great passion for family history, research, and writing. About four years ago, Dale started reading obituaries as one source of family history data. He found so many people die and leave no footprints at all. The only evidence of their life is an obituary. Dale started a personal service project to find an obit in a newspaper, copy

the obit and upload it to the deceased person memories in FamilySearch.org. In the past three years he has uploaded 30,000 obits. He now gets numerous phone calls and emails from people who think he is their relative because an obituary has been added to their relative's file. Dale says it is an activity that isn't damaging to your health and doesn't cost much. Dr. Adams presented information in the Chapter Meeting about how to use the Utah Digital Newspapers' collection of 3 million pages of history as a tool in personal research projects.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Salt Lake Cemetery Visit

On Monday, 9 May 2022, at 10:00 a.m., forty-five chapter members and several guests met at the Pleasant Valley Library in South Ogden and carpooled to the Salt Lake City Cemetery to visit the gravesites of ten prominent individuals in the history of the Church. We gathered at the cemetery sexton's office and divided into four groups and then the groups rotated to the four major sites for brief presentations on the individuals who were buried in the proximity of the four gathering places. The gravesites that were visited are as follows: Presidents of the Church --- Joseph F. Smith, Joseph Fielding Smith, Wilford Woodruff, George Albert Smith, and Thomas S. Monson; Notable individuals in Church History --- Jane Manning James, Orrin Porter Rockwell, William Clayton, Emiline

B. Wells, and Karl G. Maeser. The weather was a little chilly and there was a constant breeze, but everyone dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Everyone left the cemetery at about 12:30 p.m. and drove to the Chuck-A-Rama Buffet. Everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch before getting back in the cars and heading home. The presentations at each of the sites were informative and the individuals in each group contributed their individual knowledge and experiences that they had over the years with President Thomas S. Monson and President Joseph Fielding Smith. Thanks to our TREK managers, Bob Lee and Rob Scott, as well as the presenters - Reed Richards, Bob Lee, Randall Parkinson, and Nate Pierce -- for making this event a great success.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Bolshevic Mike's House



Ron Lecturing

On April 30, members of the Porter Rockwell Chapter, accompanied by members from the Salt Lake and Jordan River Temple Chapters, and their spouses and friends, boarded a bus bound for the coal country of Helper and Price in Carbon County. Ron Watt, a long-time member of our chapter, was born and raised in the area and served as guide, lecturer, and expert in the history of the county and the rise and fall of its coal industry. Enroute, he told of historical sites along US Highway 6 - places like Thistle, Soldier Summit, and Mill Fork Cemetery. He described the history of the D&RGW and Union Pacific Railroads and the role they played in transporting coal in the early days of mining. Ron produced many photos of how some of Carbon County's mining towns looked in their active days,

allowing us to compare with the way they look today - abandoned ghost towns in most cases. Fortunately, the bus driver was able to navigate the narrow mountain lanes to various sites along Spring Canyon Road -- places like Standardville and Latuda, and the old Mutual Company Store with its stone walls still standing, and "Bolshevic Mike's" cabin, built into a large rock overhang. The group then spent mid-day touring the Helper Railroad Museum and eating lunch in the Balanced Rock Eatery, with Ron providing narration along the way. Then, off to the old town of Kenilworth, no longer a mining town, but still inhabited, even with a store! Finally, the group toured Price, with its Catholic Church, park, USU Eastern Utah campus, Greek Orthodox Church, and Main Street.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah

Our May Salt Lake Cemetery Meeting/Trek was held on Monday May 9th. We formed carpooling groups and met at the Salt Lake Cemetery at 11AM for an orientation and tour. We observed graves of and heard short presentations on various church leaders and other prominent Utah leaders and pioneers. At 1:00 PM we met for lunch at the Salt Lake Chuck-A-Rama

May trek. The International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers have placed over 600 Historic Markers to date, and this presentation combined a selection from slides of over 400 of them, combining back stories, Utah history, Mormon

Pioneer history, and an intriguing personal account of the "adventure". Marguerite is an engaging presenter, and gave a delightful presentation. Marguerite Mower is a history traveler and during the pandemic, sought to find some of the historic markers placed by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The journey has become more than she expected it to, with her having now visited over 400 markers in multiple states and placing hundreds of miles on her car. Marguerite worked in Alpine School District as a Special Education teacher at Pleasant Grove High School and as a Teacher Leader. She is the DUP Captain for the City Creek Camp and serves as Chairman on the Utah State Library Board.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Elder Lynn G. Robbins

There will be no June Luncheon for the The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter, but we are pleased to invite you to the Days of '47 Sunrise Service, just prior to the parade.

Speaker: Elder Lynn G. Robbins of the Seventy, currently serving as chairman of the JustServe Steering Committee, priesthood adviser of the Welfare and Self-Reliance Services Department, assistant executive director of the Correlation Department, and a member of the Area Committee. He has also served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy; has supervised the North America

Southeast and Southwest Areas; served in the North America Central Area; as President of the South America South Area, Central America Area, North America West Area, and the Uruguay Montevideo Mission.

When: Saturday, July 23rd at 7-8am.

Location: The Assembly Hall at Temple Square.

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SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Brent Hunt

Settlement Canyon Sons of Utah Pioneers learned in its May meeting of the trials and triumphs of the Lincoln Highway as it traveled through Tooele County. Brent Hunt, a local history buff who also serves as chapter president, shared photos and commentary on the nation's first transcontinental highway. The nearly 3,400-mile road which served the public between 1913 and 1928, was conceived in 1912 by Indiana entrepreneur Carl G. Fisher and initially financed privately by Goodyear and Packard Motor Company. It traversed 14 states from New York Times Square to San Francisco. In order to meet the challenges of the harsh desert floors and steep mountain passes of western Utah, the project included three separate Tooele County routes over the years. The first route traveled south through Skull Valley and eventually hooked up with

the Pony Express Route before heading west to Irapah near the Utah and Nevada border. Another route turned south near Lake Point and traveled through Tooele City and Stockton before eventually connecting with the original route. In the summer of 1919, a young Lieutenant Colonel named Dwight D. Eisenhower participated in the first Army transcontinental motor convoy including a challenging experience through Tooele County. The expedition consisted of 81 motorized Army vehicles that covered a distance of 3,251 miles in 62 days. The expedition was manned by 24 officers and 258 enlisted men. Mr. Hunt shared a news clip from the Tooele newspaper telling of how the community rallied, welcomed, and fed the military men in a downtown gathering.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Museum Trek

Temple Fork Chapter members visited the DUP Museum in Logan, Utah. The DUP had executed a 99 year lease in 1963, for the use of the old Federal Building on Main Street. Northern Title Company purchased and renovated the facility with an elevator and a new entrance on Federal Ave. The Museum features the first settlers beginning with the

Native Americans, the explores, and then the pioneers. Each with instructional panels and artifacts, all of which will be rotated according to season and historical time lines. There are educational and interactive areas for children and a basement for activities. There is also a large storage area for artifacts, which can be rotated in and out.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Mr and Mrs Arnold K. Garr

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly chapter dinner meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The guest speaker was Arnold K. Garr, Professor of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham Young University. Brother Garr is the author of "Joseph Smith: Campaign for President of the United States". The catalyst for getting Joseph Smith running for President of the United States was the "Extermination Order," issued by the anti-Mormon Governor Lilburn Boggs. The Saints were directed by revelations to collect and publish an account of their persecutions to seek redress from the federal government. Joseph Smith took this record to President Van Buren of the United States without any success in obtaining redress. This was a turning point for Joseph Smith who decided to run for President of the

United States on an independent ticket. The platform for Joseph Smith was called "General Smith's Views of the Powers and Policy of the Government of the United States." The most important plank in the platform was to give the President of the United States more power, which included the president having power to send an army to suppress mobs rather than requiring a governor of a state to make the demand. He was also interested in doing away with slavery. Joseph Smith was martyred on June 27, 1844, thus ending his brief campaign. What good did Joseph Smith's campaign do? First, it did influence people for the good. Second, as many future leaders of the church attested, it prepared future leaders of the Church.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Recipients

April Meeting: Brent Mendenhall spoke about the Pioneer Spirit of the Upper Snake River Valley. He is a long-time resident and County Commissioner for Madison County, has served on the school board for ten years, was a mission president to the Denver Colorado North Mission, and is a fan of all things in the Upper Snake River Valley. His presentation invited us all to see ourselves as Pioneers—just like the early pioneers who settled the valley.

Entertainment in the Upper Snake River Valley: The Saga of the Westgate Playmill Theater. A special part of their presentation was two songs performed by their daughter Hannah and Andrew Rice, a cast member. They sang two songs that are part of a show (Bright Star) being featured this summer.



Roger Merrill

May Meeting: Four seniors were honored as recipients of the "Carry On" Merit Award. They are: Dylan Goodwin (Rigby), Whitney Wells (Sugar/Salem), Hayden Angell (South Fremont) and Kayden Hansen (Madison). Roger and Heidi Merrill, owners and directors of the Playmill Theater in West Yellowstone, were the speakers. Their topic was: Pioneering

Upcoming Activities: June 16th: Greg Palmer "Pioneering the Church in Mexico. July 24th Pioneer Fireside "Our Pioneer and Pioneering First Responders." August 8th: Day-long Trek to Pocatello. August 18th: SUP Picnic in Smith Park. September 17th: Scott Bradley, "The Founding of the United States and the Restoration of the Gospel." October 20th Doug Conway, "Nick Wilson—The White Indian Boy."