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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to March and the newest edition of the Trail Marker! I hope you enjoy reading its content. On February 26th we held our annual Chapter President's Council at National Headquarters. It was wonderful to be together once again after missing that opportunity last year because of Covid. It included the National Executive Council, Area and Program Vice Presidents, and the following Chapter Officers: Presidents, Presidents-elect, treasurers, secretaries, Librarian/historians, and others, and their spouses. Following the general session, break-out sessions were held for Chapter officers, treasurers,

secretaries, and their spouses. These sessions were followed with lunch which was an added opportunity to mingle, share and hopefully gain additional insight on successful chapter development. Please ensure you have two upcoming events on your personal calendar. First, the National Headquarters Clean Up Day on April 16th. It is a wonderful time to help control our facilities expenses by giving a helping hand to make our National Headquarters look its best. It is held from 9:00-12:00 noon and includes lunch. And second, the National Historical Symposium on April 23rd. It is something you will not want to miss. Each of the five presenters are outstanding.

March is a month that is looked forward to with great anticipation. After all, it is the first month of Spring which this year begins on the 20th. It refers to the Vernal (which means fresh or new like the Spring) Equinox when the sun is directly over the equator, making the day and night equal in length. March brings the promise of longer and warmer days as the Northern Hemisphere starts to tilt toward the sun. It is also the day when the Sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west. It is the time when we return to "Daylight Saving Time" on March 13th. Do not forget to "Spring forward".

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Two other fun dates that are celebrated in March are Pi Day and St. Patrick's Day.

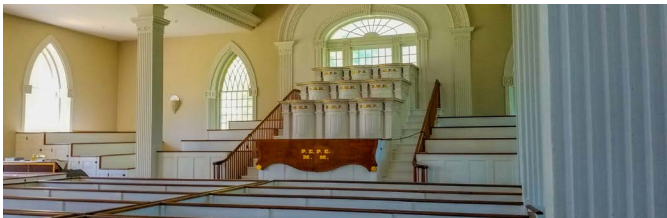
Pi Day occurs on March 14th and is a day of celebrating the wonder of mathematics. The 14th of March was chosen because the value of Pi is often taken as 3.14. It is an outstanding day to celebrate by having your favorite "pie" with your family during your Monday Night Family Home Evening.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. According to folklore, it is the day we wear a green shamrock. The shamrock is a clover but a clover is only a shamrock if it has three leaves. Hence, all shamrocks are clovers, but not all clovers are shamrocks. The reason the shamrock is used to symbolize this holiday, according to folklore, is because it was used by the early saints to help explain the Trinity. You might think of a way you could use it to share with your family.

Here are some other significant things that occurred in the month of March in Church history:



**March 26, 1830:** The Book of Mormon is published, each copy selling for \$1.25.



**March 27, 1836:** The Kirtland Temple was dedicated by Joseph Smith.



**March 17, 1842:** The Relief Society was organized in an upper room of Joseph Smith's Red Brick Store in Nauvoo, Illinois. Twenty women were present that day. The

society, organized under the mission of charity, soon grew to over 1,000 members. Not only did women serve together and organize themselves to meet the needs of their community, but they also learned together and increased their spirituality and personal commitment to their faith. It disbanded for a short time in 1844 after the death of Joseph Smith and the exodus of Latter-day Saint to the Salt Lake Valley and was reorganized in 1867.



**March 22, 1847:** The Mormon Battalion arrived in Los Angeles, California 175 years ago.



**March 25, 1849:** The first public meeting was held on Salt Lake Temple Square.

From all of us here at the National Headquarters, we wish you the very best and happiest March and wonderful new beginning as Spring blossoms around you. Please know that we are constantly thinking about you and appreciate the privilege to serve you. May the Lord's blessings ever attend you and all those you love.

**CHALLENGE:** I hope you took last month's challenge and found 2-3 stories regarding your father's grandfather on his father's side to share with your family. I found several stories about Moses Washington Gibson which I will share with my children. This month find 2-3 stories about your father's grandmother on his father's side (one of your two great grandmothers on your father's side) that you want to share with your children. Write them and share them.

*Larry M. Gibson*  
 Larry M. Gibson  
 2022 National President

# Calendar of Events

SATURDAY  
**16**  
APRIL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN-UP DAY

9AM - NOON • LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
PLEASE BRING GLOVES & GARDENING / WORK TOOLS



SATURDAY  
**23**  
APRIL

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEERS ENTERING THE  
SALT LAKE VALLEY & THE MORMON BATTALION ENTERING CALIFORNIA



SATURDAY  
**23**  
JULY

DAYS OF '47


SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM  
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP



**8-10**  
SEPTEMBER  
**2022**

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE HOLLADAY, MILLS, JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE  
& SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTERS  
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



**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.



## PIONEER STORIES

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

### ENDURE TO THE END "FATHER MORLEY," FOUNDER OF MANTI

by Richard D. Kirkham

At the age of 26, Isaac Morley served in the War of 1812 holding the position of captain in the Ohio militia. That same year Morley married his first wife, Lucy Gunn, with whom he eventually had seven children.

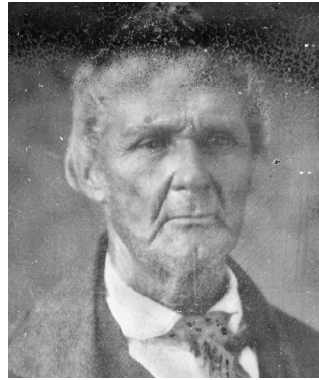
Morley was an early settler in the Western Reserve wilderness area of northern Ohio, and created a productive farm in the region near Kirtland, Ohio. While in this area, he joined the reformed Campbellites, under the ministry of Sidney Rigdon. Eight additional families joined in 1830. The society was sometimes called the "Morley Family," as Rigdon caused a row of log houses to be built on Morley's farm, where a number of the society's members could live periodically.

On November 5, 1830, Isaac was baptized into the newly organized Church of Christ by Parley P. Pratt. He had been introduced to the teachings of Joseph Smith when Oliver Cowdery and several other missionaries passed through Ohio. He was ordained an elder shortly after his baptism.

When the Latter Day Saints began to settle in Kirtland, Morley opened up his home to them. Joseph Smith and his family lived with Morley when they first came to Kirtland. Morley later built a small house for them on his farm, where Joseph's and Emma's twins, Thaddeus and Louisa, were born and died only three hours later on April 30, 1831. Isaac's daughter, Lucy, and her elder sister kept house for Emma while she was ill.

Isaac was ordained a High Priest on June 4, 1831, by his friend, Lyman Wight, and was immediately selected for a leadership position. He was ordained on June 6 as First Counselor to Bishop Edward Partridge and served until Partridge's death in 1840.

On June 7, 1831, Isaac was asked to sell his farm and act as a missionary while traveling to Independence, Missouri with Ezra Booth (D&C 52:23). Morley and Booth were chastised for lack of obedience three months later (D&C 64:15-16). In Missouri, Morley faced the violence generated by disagreements and misunderstandings between Church settlers and Missouri residents. In July 1833, a mob of about



500 men demolished the home and printing office of William W. Phelps at Independence and tarred and feathered Bishop Partridge. Morley and five others stepped forward and offered themselves as a ransom for these men. After negotiation, peace was granted as the Saints agreed to move to Clay County.

Returning to Kirtland in early 1835, he attended the Temple dedication and was among the first to receive the washing and anointing ordinances. In 1835, Isaac served a mission with Partridge to the Eastern States. Revelation came through the Prophet: "Behold I am well pleased with my servant Isaac Morley and my servant Edward Partridge, because of the integrity of their hearts in laboring in my vineyard, for the salvation of the souls of men."

Isaac returned to Missouri with his family in early 1836, and helped establish the city of Far West where he was called as the patriarch of Far West and ordained by Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and Hyrum Smith. After the expulsion of the Saints, Morley was called as president of the Lima Stake in 1840; and later a member of the Council of Fifty. However, because of persecution the Morleys fled to Nauvoo with the Saints and from there to Winter Quarters, and on to the Great Salt Lake Valley. Morley settled in what is now the Sanpete Valley and established a winter camp into the south side of the hill on which the Manti Utah Temple now stands. When supplies ran low, the Utes helped settlers haul food on sleds through the snow. The settlers and members of the Ute Sanpitch tribe referred to him affectionately as "Father Morley." He supervised the building of the first schoolhouse and the first gristmill as Manti became known as a prime agricultural area.

Isaac Morley served as a senator in the general assembly of the provisional State of Deseret. He represented Sanpete county in the legislative council of the Utah Territory from 1851 to 1857. During his last years, Morley spent most of his time on his calling as a patriarch, conferring priesthood blessings on thousands of church members. He died at age 79 on June 24, 1865, in Fairview, Utah.

# Mormon Trek

## Far West Cemetery

South-West Quadrant of the Kerr & Winchester Roads Intersection



Far West was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1970. In 1999, the Mormon Historical Sites Foundation funded an archaeological exploration to determine the precise location of the cemetery site about a mile northwest of the Temple lot. It is estimated about 200 Saints were buried on this sacred ground. Here, without disturbing those interred by use of ground penetrating radar, they discovered dozens of "anomalies" deep underground in a 50x250 meter plot.



A few notable burials at the site remind us of the persecutions the Saints faced during this difficult time in our history:

**David W. Patten**, President of the Quorum of the Twelve and the first Apostolic martyr of the last dispensation. Patten was mortally wounded in the battle of Crooked River and died a few days afterward. Elder Heber C Kimball wrote,

*Immediately on receiving intelligence that Brother Patten was wounded, I hastened to see him. When I arrived he appeared to be in great pain, but was glad to see me. He was conveyed about four miles, to the house of Brother Winchester. . . . He lived about an hour after his arrival, and was perfectly sensible and collected until he breathed his last.--Although he had medical assistance, yet his wound was such, that there was no hope entertained of his recovery; this he was perfectly aware of. . . . Speaking of those who had fallen from their steadfastness, he exclaimed, "O that they were in my situation; for I feel I have kept the faith, I have finished my course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give to me," and etc. . . . A few minutes before he died he prayed as follows: "Father I ask thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, that thou wouldst release my spirit and receive it unto thyself:" and then said to those who surrounded his dying bed, "Brethren, you have held me by your faith, but do give me up and let me go I beseech you." We then committed him to God, and he soon breathed his last, and slept in Jesus without a groan. This was the end of*

*one who was an honor to the Church and a blessing to the Saints: and whose faith and virtues and diligence in the cause of truth will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his memory will be had in remembrance by the Church of Christ from generation to generation.*

The Prophet Joseph Smith wrote: "There lies a man that has done just what he said he would - he has laid down his life for his friends."

**Gideon Carter**, a faithful and successful missionary. When the brethren were making their way through the aftermath of the battle, they mistook him for the enemy and left his body. When it was discovered he was missing several days later they returned and recognized him. Oliver Huntington recalled,

*One day I saw a crowd around a wagon not far from our house, so I ran up to see what was going on; I climbed up and stuck my head over the edge of the box and the first thing my eyes met was the familiar face of Gideon Carter, and although the cursed, worse than in human mob, had dug his eyes out with sticks he still looked like him still. Gideon was killed in the River Battle, had a ball hole in his breast and a large gash of a sword in the back side of his head.*

**Lyman Sherman**, a member of Zion's Camp and an inaugural member of the Seven Presidents of the Seventy. On January 16, 1839, Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and Hyrum Smith, wrote Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball to call Sherman and George A. Smith to replace Thomas B. Marsh and Orson Hyde in the Quorum of the Twelve, due to apostasy. Heber reported back to confirm that George A. had been ordained to the quorum, but Sherman had died soon after he and Brigham received the letter. Sherman's health had been compromised from being driven from his home during the previous winter. Kimball concluded that it was not the will of God for a man to take Hyde's place as he later repented and returned to his former position in the Quorum.

# 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 high quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: [rolandleefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rolandleefamily@gmail.com)
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor 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.

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

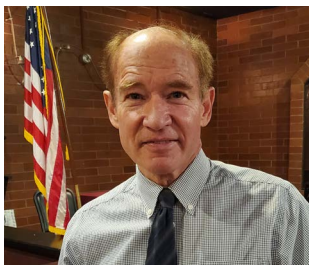


*Tobler Family Band*

On Valentine's Day, 2022, the Boulder Dam Chapter met at the home of LeGrande and Billye Nielson for dinner and a night of entertainment. We had a meal which included chicken, baked potatoes and a variety of salads and desserts. We heard a history from Earl Leavitt about his McBride family that came across the plains in the Martin hand cart

company. He told of the trying experiences they endured, but the wonderful legacy they left for their descendants. The evening ended with the Tobler Family Band playing songs and the audience was invited to sing along. A great evening with good food, laughter, and music.

## CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



*Bruce Smith*

We held our monthly meeting on February 3, 2022, and had 48 people in attendance. We are still working to build our chapter's meeting attendance to pre-covid days of 80+ individuals. Our speaker for the evening was Bruce Smith who gave a fascinating story of the Pilgrims who held their first Thanksgiving in the New World 401 years ago. Jeanine Perry, the wife of chapter member Dale Perry, has a direct ancestor, Mary Chilton, who was a young 13-year-old on the Mayflower. After boarding a small boat that took people to shore from the larger ship, she jumped out of the boat and waded to shore, making her the first female to touch the soil in the New World. Bruce used an interesting first person narrative as he told the story through the eyes of William Bradford, William Brewster

and others. They left England and went to Holland because of their non-conforming religious views and disagreements with the Church of England and the resulting persecution they encountered. They used the term Separatists to disconnect themselves from the politically domineering Church of England. After a few years in Holland it was apparent that the group needed to find a new refuge place and looked toward the New World. They even had to abandon their first ship, a leaking old vessel called the Speedwell, and relocate to the Mayflower as they began their voyage. Bruce recounted a few experiences in the New World and the effects those events have had on us as a nation and as a Church and how grateful we should be for those "Separatists."

## COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Elder Tingey



Modern Pioneer Awards

The Cotton Mission Chapter meeting was held February 15 at the Washington Community Center. Brother Roger Erickson gave a stirring pioneer moment followed by dinner, catered by the Golden Corral Restaurant. Our after-dinner speakers were Elder Kent and Sister Jean Tingey, who currently serve as the St. George Temple Visitor Center directors. They shared inspiring experiences they have had sharing the message of “hope” with guests at the visitors center. One visitor traveled a long distance and was deeply troubled about a

family matter. He sat staring at the Christ sculpture and was deeply moved as he felt the spirit in the visitors center. Elder Tingey listened to his story and helped give him hope through the message of Jesus Christ. Elder Tingey encouraged everyone to bring friends to the visitors center and promised that they would be moved spiritually. It was a truly inspiring evening.

Modern Pioneer Awards were presented to chapter members Ralph Atkin and Bill Chapman for many years of service to the chapter, the community, and the Church.

## JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



John Hartvigsen



At our chapter meeting on 9 February, Utah flag expert, John Hartvigsen, shared with us some of the background and history of the important “Life Guard Bear Flag.” The flag is indeed an American flag, with 13 stripes, a blue square canton with 13 white stars surrounding an American bald eagle. The 9-foot flag once belonged to Brigham Young and may have even flown from the Nauvoo Temple. “Life Guards” were part of Utah's Nauvoo Legion militia. Brigham Young handpicked the group, which was “Always Ready.” The flag was carried by the Mormon Battalion on its trek to California and it was there that the bear was painted in the center of the flag and is,

today, the oldest California Bear flag still in existence. Interestingly, the American bald eagle was not the original symbol painted on Brigham Young's flag. Perhaps because it was going to be used for a military expedition of the U.S. federal government, a new symbol had to be painted in the center of the stars, covering the beehive—a symbol of community—that once occupied that space. Upon close examination, one can still see this modification. The Life Guard Bear Flag's distinguished provenance identifies it as a product of the mid-19th century and The Sons of Utah Pioneers are honored to be involved in efforts to display and preserve it.

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



Randy Graham

Our speaker at the Maple Mountain February event was Randy Graham who spoke mostly about his fourth-great grandfather, John Portineus Green, who played a major role through his missionary work and other responsibilities in the early days of the Church. His wife was a sister to Brigham Young. Before joining the Church John was a preacher who preached wherever he could. Samuel Smith encountered him when he, Samuel, went on one of the

first missions of the Church. John wasn't interested in the Book of Mormon but agreed to take it to those he was preaching to. Though John was not interested in it, his wife, Rhoda Young, did read it and was converted. And so did Brigham Young and Heber Kimball read it encouraged by Samuel Smith. They too were converted. Ultimately, John did read it and knew it was true. He was baptized in April 1832 and soon went on the

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first of 11 missions. John and his wife Rhoda first met the prophet in 1832 and moved to Kirtland in 1833 where he was appointed to the High Council and again when he and his family moved to Far West. He participated in the Battle of Crooked River in Missouri in 1838 and afterward eventually

came back to Nauvoo where he was elected to the Nauvoo City council, and became the city marshal in 1843. At the orders of Joseph Smith and the city council he led the effort to destroy the Nauvoo Expositor press in June 1844 just before the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. He, himself, died soon after in September 1844.

## MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



*Dell Loveless*



*Gene and Jill Allred*

The Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their February luncheon last week at the Rock Chapel. A delicious barbecue chicken meal was provided by Birt Boys Barbecue. After the meal, Dell Loveless, daughter of SUP member Paul Dickson presented an informative discussion of family and personal histories. She displayed photos of several of her ancestors who's histories have had an impact on her life. She encouraged those in attendance to be involved in recording personal histories however simple or detailed they might be as this is the one thing that will be the greatest gift to your posterity. Following Dell, Gene and Jill Allred discussed their involvement as service missionaries with BYU Pathway. There are

currently more than 57,000 participants in the innovative and unique online education program serving students in 180 countries and all 50 US states. The Allred's service has spanned several years starting in Texas and now as virtual missionaries helping Brazilian participants complete their studies. They encouraged members to consider serving as Pathway and English Connect missionaries. They explained how these educational paths are both more convenient and less expensive than other associate and bachelor degrees while also blessing the lives of countless members and nonmembers of the Church worldwide in improving their employment opportunities.

## MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



*John Besendorfer*

The Mountain Valley Chapter held a meeting on February 23, 2022 at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was local historian, John Besendorfer. John made a presentation entitled "The History of Charleston, Utah." Mr. Besendorfer told about the early settlers of Charleston City. The first farmers put in crops at Charleston in 1859, and the first houses were built by George Noakes and William Manning late that year near Noakes springs. Manning and George Noakes were the only residents until 1863, when a few others moved in. By 1866, there were about a dozen families, and after that,

the population began to grow even faster. [6]Noakes was the first Presiding elder in Charleston. Until 1877, the branch was part of the Heber Ward. The Charleston Ward was formed in July 1877, with Nymphus C. Murdock as bishop. The ward had 397 members in 1930, with 467 people living within the ward boundaries.[6]In 1939, most of the town of Charleston was destroyed by C.C.C workers to make room for Deer Creek Reservoir. The Deer Creek Dam was completed in 1941 and water began to bury the old farmland. Today the population of the town is around 500 people.



## OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



*Ralph Aardema*



On 14 February 2022, the Ogden Pioneer Chapter, honored Ralph Carlyle Aardema, as a 21st Century Pioneer. Ralph is a sixth generation member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is a lifelong resident of Ogden, Utah. He was born in Ogden, Utah on 18 October 1944. After graduating from Ogden High School, Ralph served a mission to The Netherlands. After his mission he returned home and continued his education at Weber State College. Just as he was beginning his career in education, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After his honorable discharge from military service, he continued his career in education. His career in education includes teaching history & geography at West Jordan Junior High, teaching at T.H. Bell elementary, administrator at Bonneville High, assistant

principal at Weber High, assistant principal at Roy High, principal at Ben Lomond High, and serving as an administrator in both the Ogden School District and Weber School District. His career has been a hallmark due to his many initiatives and programs established to enhance the student experience while attending school. His church service includes service as a Bishop, Mission President (Slovinia Ljubljna Mission), a mission with his wife as an auditor in the Asia Area Office (Hong Kong), and Counselor in the Ogden Temple Presidency. Ralph is currently the Vice President of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter of SUP. He has been an active presence in the greater Ogden community for many years and is respected by all who know him.

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



*Steven L. Olsen*

What an exciting two months the Porter Rockwell chapter has had! Our December meeting featured Dave Newman, historian and well-known photographer from Salt Lake. He presented a pictorial history of Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen's original statue of the "Christus" displayed in the Cathedral of Copenhagen. An exact copy, formerly displayed in the North Visitor Center on Temple Square, has a unique history of its own, having been commissioned by Elder Stephen L. Richards and donated to the Church. Not having a place to display it at the time, the Church stored it until it was installed in the newly constructed Center where it was located until the building was demolished last year. He answered many interesting questions about Thorvaldsen and his work. Brother Newman would be happy to accept an invitation to speak to other chapters.

Our speaker in January was Steven L. Olsen, Senior Curator in the Church History Department. With a rich résumé of accomplishments dealing with events and places, his current assignment is with the restoration of the Historic Nauvoo Temple District. This ongoing project seeks to restore the city blocks in front of the temple to a semblance of what the area looked like in the 1840's, including nearby buildings that housed businesses and homes, gardens and pastures, and groves where many significant Church meetings were held, especially on hot summer days. Some of the facilities have been completed, but there is still much to do. He also discussed a few of the miracles associated with the re-building of the temple.

## PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Judge Murray



Judge Brian K Murray spoke on January 27, at the New Hong Kong Restaurant in the main hall to a capacity crowd. Judge Murray is a co-author of a book, "Pocatello Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 100 years of Service Past and Present, 1898-1998". His presentation was of the history of Pocatello and surrounding area and how Pocatello came to be known as the Gate City to the West. Starting from 40 acres on the Indian Reservation, how it became a Railroad town, and then into a major City. He was given a Gold Sons of Utah Pioneers Medallion and a member subscription by Chapter President Norman Rademacher at the conclusion of his wonderful talk.

An estimated 150 people listened to Andrew D Olsen, who was the featured speaker at a our luncheon on 17 Feb 2022 at the Caldwell Church building in Pocatello. He is Senior Editor for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the author of *The Price We Paid: The Extraordinary Story of the Willie and Martin Handcart Pioneers*; and co-author of *Follow Me To Zion, Stories from The Willie Handcart Pioneers*. Andrew used Powerpoint to show locations of the companies and rescuers at different points of the trek. He described written accounts of the various sufferings and hardships they went through and included many personal accounts of the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father.

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

The January meeting for our chapter was cancelled because our speaker contracted the Omicron virus and our state was in the middle of a spike. With the health of the state improving, we were able to hold our February 17, 2022 meeting at the Culinary Institute sponsored by Utah Valley University again and enjoyed a great meal with renewed fellowship. Our speaker, Neylan McBain, reviewed many of the historical firsts listed in her recently published book, *PIONEERING THE VOTE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SUFFRAGISTS IN UTAH AND THE WEST*. We learned Utah women were given the

right to vote in 1870 hoping they would vote out polygamy. When they didn't do so, women lost their right to vote along with all polygamists. The vote was reinstated to women in Utah, the third state to do so, with the State Constitution when Utah applied for statehood. Neylan McBain helped us celebrate Utah being among the first to recognize and benefit from women voting, being eligible to run for office, winning and serving well when elected. She reminded us and challenged us to maintain and recognize the rights of all citizens, or we can easily backslide.

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



Kate Lee

The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter is pleased to invite everyone to our March luncheon meeting. Please [RSVP](#) to ensure enough meals are provided.

**March Luncheon Speaker:** Kate Lee is the only artist ever to be fully commissioned by Deseret Book. Kate modified her initial artistic direction to focus on works of inspirational watercolor after a chance meeting with an inspired fellow artist. With a minimalistic style that conveys powerful family and gospel messages, Kate speaks to us through her art when words are insufficient.

**When:** Wednesday, March 9 at Noon.

**Location:** Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House (rear building of the complex), 411 E. South Temple.

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

At our February meeting, Jerry Higginson celebrated his 50th year as a member of the Chapter and was awarded the Modern Pioneer Award.

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations.

## SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



The Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held their pot luck dinner meeting on February 3. The guest speakers were the Deseret Peak Temple Visitor Center Missionaries Elder and Sister Alvord. The Alvords' presentation told of the current construction of the first Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Temple in Tooele Valley. The Topping Ceremony for the setting of the last steel beam occurred late January and 44 cement trucks were needed just for the basement floor. The Deseret Peak Temple will have the same floor plans as the Pocatello, Orem and Taylorsville Temple. Temple facts: the font will hold 1100

gallons of water and there will be 486 parking spaces. The Alvords received their mission call in July 2020 while living in Southern California and moved to Grantsville, Utah, in April 2021 for this calling. They introduced themselves by telling us about their Pioneer Ancestors. The Alvords started their mission at groundbreaking and will continue their mission until the temple is dedicated.

## TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



For the February chapter meeting of the Taylorsville-Bennion chapter, we had some of the women of the group give histories of their ancestors and how they met their husbands. We had Ann Bambrough, Beth Draper, and Kathy Eliason speak to us. A few of the other women gave brief histories of how they met their husbands. It was an enjoyable evening. We also recognized all of the women with a rose,

a kitchen towel (made by Ann Bambrough), and a box of chocolates. Dan Greenland gave a short history about his mother Eleanor and recognized her as the oldest sister that attends our chapter meetings on a regular basis. It was a wonderful way to show the women of the chapter that they are appreciated and to thank them for the support that they give to us as we participate in the chapter activities.

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



*Gaylen Ashcroft MP Award*

A Modern Pioneer Award was presented to Gaylen Ashcroft at our 17 February Dinner Meeting, at the Logan Country Club. This was in recognition of his lifetime contributions to Agriculture, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the BSA, the Logan Historical Society, to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He served on the Chapter Board, was the Editor of the Saw-Mill Newsletter

all for more than 20 years. In Agriculture his Pioneering contributions were in soil heat flow as related to atmosphere and affects of soil additives which have profound influences on plant growth. His contributions extended to all 50 states and 11 countries around the world. His Photo collections at USU total 740 slides in the Merrill-Cazier Library. His work will affect generations.

## TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Les and Barbara Langford*

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly chapter dinner meeting on February 17, 2022. Following dinner, the guest speaker was Les Langford. The PowerPoint presentation was entitled "Land, Lamanites, Latter-day Saints and Liberty." Les discussed how the history of the Pre-Emptive Land Act of 1830 coincided with the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and a new religion called "The Church of Christ", which was organized April 6, 1830. Les described how politics, land sales and steals, slavery, suppression of liberties and denial of religious freedoms were all a part of a history of a developing United States which had a dark and negative side to it, including the illegal removal several times of Native Americans and the persecution of members of the church. Les described how several of the political or judicial figures were also those who persecuted the Saints, including one individual who shot and killed a young

boy at the Haun's Mill Massacre. Along with the Governor of Missouri, Lilburn Boggs, even President Andrew Jackson was mentioned as taking measures counter to correct information or law. One example was the border of the state of Missouri, which, for the sake of political convenience against a population, is the only state in the nation which had a boundary change after its original lines were set. Besides those in higher political or law positions, Les also mentioned individuals who simply fabricated false information against the Saints, such as what happened after the Crooked River skirmish. While three Saints were killed, including David Patten, only one Ray County Militia man was killed. It was reported by at least two men the whole Ray County Militia had been killed, which created further persecution of the Saints and their leaders. Mr. Langford's presentation was very informative and enlightening.

## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



*Eric and Tami Erickson*

Eric and Tami Erickson were the featured speakers. They recently returned from a couple mission in the Lyon France Mission. Eric shared insights about the history of the Church in France, the current growth of the membership with 10 stakes and two missions (Lyon—South area, and Paris—North area). They began their service as Leadership and Member Support missionaries and were assigned to a small branch where they spent a lot of their time visiting less-active members to see if they were still interested in the Church. Tami told of an experience where she and Eric had visited an older sister who needed a blessing. As soon as Tami had walked into the sister's house, she felt the Spirit and knew that the French members loved the Savior. After four

months, they were brought back to the States because of the COVID pandemic. They used their time in ministering to family but were invited to return back to their mission as office missionaries—the mission president needed a couple desperately to help him administer the affairs of the mission. They returned in faith, trusting the Lord to help their family in their absence. For the rest of their mission, they watched the young missionaries adjust to the challenges of the pandemic restrictions. With great delight, the mission began to see as much success as they had back in 2019 before the pandemic. The Erickson's loved their mission and hope to be ambassadors of Couples serving missions if they are able.

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