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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past month we held a wonderful encampment hosted by chapters in the Salt Lake area, with sessions at our national headquarters. We enjoyed the company of fellow pioneers, great entertainment, and excellent food. Our wives had the special opportunity to listen to Sister Stowell present her experiences as a child in Cokeville, WY. We had engaging tours to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints facilities in the Salt Lake Valley as well as businesses and museums in Salt Lake and Utah Counties.

A group of our friends completed a trek to the east coast of the United States where they visited historical sites of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and The United States of America.

We had a change in the leadership of the executive board of The National Society The Sons of the Utah Pioneers. We installed a new president, John Clayton, a new president-elect, Nate Pierce, a new past president, Larry Gibson, and said goodbye to Brad Clayton. As the executive board, we look forward to working for you and with you this next year.

We have seen changes in the world with the death of Queen Elizabeth and the crowning of a new King. We have seen inflation at a level most of us do not remember. The space program has scheduled missions to reach the moon and beyond. Countries are attacking their neighbors to gain some unknown goal. All these events form our understanding of the world we live in, but have we taken the time to look at the simple events that shape us? These events can be as simple as what we had for breakfast or as complex as the birth or death of a family member.

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These simple events shape us as individuals and will be of interest to our children and our children's children and beyond. We need to record these experiences and feelings for them, for without a record they will be like my family where my grandfather left us knowing little to nothing about himself, other than the facts he was born, married, fathered 5 children, worked as a stone mason, and died of the Spanish flu. We have no knowledge of who he was or of his thoughts and feelings.

One of the mission statements of the National Society of The Sons of the Utah Pioneers is to come to know our fathers and turn our hearts to them. My challenge to us this month

is research the history of one of your fathers and to come to know him as a real individual that had feelings, hopes, and desires and not just another name on the pedigree chart. To aid you in your search, I would recommend that you spend time in our library; it has one of a kind books and resources.

This next month we have the opportunity to help shape our government by voting. I encourage you the research the candidates in your area and vote.

John Clayton
2022 National President

NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL TREK WAS WONDERFUL



SUSAN LOFGREN AWARDED 2022 NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Susan has devoted 25 years of service to Pioneer Magazine.



NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Sons of Utah Pioneers 2022 National Encampment in Salt Lake City is now in the books. It was an inspiring event. Thanks to all who participated in celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Saints entering the Salt Lake Valley. We are so grateful to our pioneer ancestors who continue to inspire us and set examples for us to follow. We were repeatedly reminded of our Pioneer Values during this three-day encampment. We were inspired by the words

of Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr. Of the Seventy and Joanna Stowell, a survivor of the Cokeville Elementary School hostage crisis. We were also entertained and inspired by our musical guests, Brian Stucki and SunShade and Rain. Our tours took us from downtown Salt Lake City to Kennecott to the Tooele valley. We experienced trains, cars, and many historical church treasures. I look forward to our 2023 Encampment in St. George. See you all in St. George!



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.

YOU WILL NEVER BE AFRAID OF THE DEAD

FROM THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH CLEMENTS KENDALL | BY DAVID HINTON

Elizabeth Clements was born at Liberty, Clay County, Missouri on May 17, 1836. It was in Missouri that she spent her younger childhood. Her mother, Ada Clements, washed and ironed clothes for the Prophet Joseph Smith's family. Elizabeth and her brothers delivered the finished articles in a little wagon.

Ada had a good sized copper bucket and when the clothes were ready to be delivered, she would say to the children, "Now you must shine up the bucket real good and we'll fill it with popcorn and apples and you may take it to Joseph and Emma along with the wash." They had to use vinegar and salt, and would work so hard to get it shiny enough that they could see themselves in it. Then they would fill it with choice apples and popcorn and go merrily on their way.

Joseph and Emma would be so pleased with them. Joseph was so kind to all, especially children, whom he loved very much. Whenever he met them he would shake hands with them and always had a kind, loving word for them.

On one of these trips to deliver laundry with her brother the Prophet asked Elizabeth if she would like to see the Egyptian Mummies. She was very thrilled at the thought and, of course, very curious, but she felt it a great privilege to be allowed to see them. The mummies were kept in the attic where they wouldn't be destroyed. In those days there weren't any stairways in the houses such as we have now, and in order to get to the attic one had to climb a ladder which was straight up along the wall. She told Joseph in a very timid voice that she would like to see them. She was a little frightened while climbing the ladder to the attic. But when at the top she saw the room with the curious looking things, and Joseph seeing that she was a little frightened stepped to her side, laid his hand on her shoulder and said, "Come little one, do not be afraid." He took her by the hand



and led her to them saying, "Touch them and you will never be afraid of the dead."

This she did and he then placed his hand on her head and gave her a blessing. He told her she would be a great nurse and would care for and administer to many, and that she would accomplish various other needed services during her lifetime.

Her mother, Ada Clements, along with some of her children, went west with the Saints. However, Elizabeth was not among them. She had to stay behind. Later, in 1852, she joined Captain Zabriskie's company helping to care for his wife who was a semi-invalid. They left after her mother's company had set out for Utah. All those who were able to walk did so to relieve the weight of the heavily loaded wagons. Many interesting things happened to Elizabeth while crossing the plains.

Elizabeth made it to the Salt Lake Valley where she met Levi Newell Kendall, her sister Eliza's husband. Levi went to Elizabeth's mother Ada and asked for Elizabeth's hand in marriage. She became Levi's second wife and bore him 12 children. They moved to Springville in 1858, and, true to the Prophet's blessing, Elizabeth, besides rearing her own large family, was called to do nursing, and also to help prepare the dead for burial. She became a midwife and delivered hundreds of babies for which service she usually received farm produce in lieu of money.

Throughout her life Elizabeth learned much about life and death and what it means when it says in the scriptures: "Thou shalt live together in love, insomuch that thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die, and more especially for those that have not hope of a glorious resurrection. And it shall come to pass that those that die in me shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them." (Doctrine and Covenants 42:45-46)

Monument Trek



The Old Pleasant Grove Fort

UPTLA #133

The Pleasant Grove Fort was constructed in 1853 when Brigham Young called for the Saints to "Fort UP" to protect the settlements the pioneers had already established.

The Pleasant Grove Fort was constructed with a two-foot six-inch rock wall from three to five feet high encompassing four city blocks square. The private homes faced the center of the Fort. In the center four blocks, the barns and a community corral were maintained. The fort's culinary water was flumed into the fort.

Markers were placed to memorialize the four corners of where this structure was constructed in Pleasant Grove, Utah. The main monument is located at 300 South 200 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah (GPS: N40 21 36.49, W111 44 08.77 elevation 4621 feet). Three other smaller monuments mark each corner of the fort: The South West Corner by the Bungalow Parking Lot; The North West Corner Monument; and The North East Corner Monument.

This UPTLA monument was erected in 1958 by the Explorer Scouts Timpanogos District B.S.A. and Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association.



CHURCH 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 should be one-paragraph (Less than 250 words) in MS Word or send as the text of an email. NO PDF FILES please.
2. 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 will we re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

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David GilletteSalt Lake Pioneer
Paul LeFevor.....Mills
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mark LawyerTwenty Wells

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Dan Maker..... Brigham Young
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Doug Owen..... Eagle Rock
Will Smith WorldWide Pioneer
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William Stebbing Mesa
John M Walser Cedar City

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Darlene Bunker..... Timpanogos

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Sunshade 'N Rain



In September, some members of the Boulder Dam Chapter enjoyed the activities of the National Encampment in Salt Lake City, Utah. The members were able to enjoy interesting topics from speakers and listened to wonderful music. Brother Cutis talked about the Vanguard Company that came in the Salt Lake Valley and then we were entertained with the music and songs of Brian Stucki. Several tours were available,

but our members enjoyed the Tooele, Utah tour which included The Benson Grist Mill, Tooele Valley Railroad Museum, and the Anderson/Clark Farm. Some members went to the Stadler building where trains are built. An evening with Sunshade 'n Rain performing group had everyone singing and tapping their feet to a lot of "oldies" songs. A great atmosphere and an opportunity to renew old friendships.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



David Excell

The Cedar City Chapter experienced an early change in leadership in September. Our president, Rick Perry and his wife, moved to North Carolina at the end of August. Fortunately, David Excell, our president-elect, was willing to take over as president a couple of months early and Don Anderson agreed to

serve as past president for another year. We appreciate their willingness to extend their service and look forward to their leadership. Upcoming activities include our annual Bread and Milk Supper and a trek to Peter's Leap in October and an SUP Awards Banquet in November.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Ron L. Anderson

Our Centerville Chapter met on September 13th to enjoy our meal, our friends, and an outstanding speaker, Ron L. Andersen. Brother Andersen has served as a member of the Young Men General Board, Bishop, counselor in a stake presidency, and many other callings. He is retired from employment by the church as a manager of field operations LDS employment Resource Centers in the US and Latin America. He has authored four books on the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith and is a regular lecturer at BYU Education Week on that topic which was also the topic of his presentation to us. During his presentation, Ron pointed out several interesting points regarding Lincoln and the Church such as a quote by Reed Smoot who was an Apostle and Senator. In a speech to the U.S. Senate he stated: "It was Lincoln's faith in God that made him a guide, a prophet and

a seer" as a leader of our country similar to our prophets who lead our church although Lincoln never joined any Christian church but stated "I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures." Ron also stated that Lincoln had a "far deeper understanding of the Latter-day Saints than any other President" and we know he had a copy of the Book of Mormon in the White House that he checked out from the Library of Congress for eight months. Brother Anderson pointed out that the Saints were spared the horror of the Civil War as they were settling 350 communities in Utah and soldiers were not drafted from Utah during that time and immigrant converts passed freely to Utah. Ron also stated that at a later date, Lincoln's political platform was almost identical to Joseph Smith's platform 17 years earlier.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Reuben Wadsworth

The Cotton Mission Chapter held their annual Scholarship fund raising dinner on September 20 at Rod Orton's lovely retreat in Pine Valley, UT. The speaker was historian Reuben Wadsworth who discussed the Supersonic Research Site on Hurricane Mesa. The Hurricane Test facility was a USAF launch complex with a 12,000 foot rocket research track that launched a rocket ejection seat from a supersonic sled. This was the longest track in the US. The track had water brakes with 34 tons of force. The test site was closed on June 20, 1963 and is privately

owned and managed by United Technologies Aerospace Systems. Reuben Wadsworth is a Southern Utah native who grew up in Bountiful, Utah. He is a national parks, Italy, and history aficionado. He graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelors degree in journalism. He holds a Masters degree in history from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he wrote his thesis on the history of the Zion National Park shuttle system. He is an adjunct history instructor at Utah Tech University and has published three books.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah



Darren Jensen

Chapter member, Darren Jensen, was our September chapter meeting speaker. Darren shared with chapter members some of the events that God influenced to enable the successful restoration of the Gospel through the prophet Joseph Smith. This included the volcano explosions in 1815 and 1816 that created bizarre weather conditions around the world, including in the New England area where the Smith family lived. 1816 was known as the year with no summer. It was the third year of crop failures for the Smith family, and they were inspired to move to Palmyra, New York where the climate was milder. Unknown to them but known to God, this would bring them closer to the hill where the ancient Nephite plates were buried. Darren then introduced another event that affected the restoration; the life of John Lathrop, a Puritan preacher who was

banished to America because of his actions against the established church in England. John became one of the most ardent preachers of religious freedom. His descendants included many signers of the Declaration of Independence, US Presidents, and was the 5th great grandfather of Joseph Smith, and also of several other presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was also the 10th great grandparent of our speaker. Darren shared with us many of the events in his ancestor's life that led to his immigration to the United States. Using the FamilySearch app, we learned that several of our chapter members were also descendants of this man who was raised up to pave the way for freedom in a land where the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ could take place.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Marvin K Jensen

On Monday the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers gathered with spouses at the Rock Chapel for their summer social after a three-month break. Catered by Hinds Quick Stop, members enjoyed a wonderful Hawaiian Luau with chicken and pulled pork. This month's presenter was emeritus general authority and historian for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

saints, Marlin K. Jensen. Elder Jensen was born in Huntsville. Professionally, Elder Jensen was an attorney in private practice in Ogden, Utah. In 1989, Elder Jensen became a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy. He served in many callings including executive director of the Church Historical Department. In 2004, he replaced D. Todd

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Christofferson as executive director of the Family and Church History Department and became the first Church Historian and Recorder to serve since 1997. He served in this capacity until 2012 and was then designated an emeritus general authority. Elder Jensen stressed the importance of studying Church history and that historical issues that may seem challenging and complicated become simple and relevant when studied in context. He recommended

the study of the historical series "Saints" and the nearly completed *Joseph Smith Paper Project*. In 2001 the *Papers Project* was created to collect and publish all known writings of Joseph Smith. The project has expanded into a 30-plus volumes and a multi-year effort. Elder Jensen talked of the importance of written records and of having Church historical records open and transparent to all. The more we read and understand history the less controversy there will be.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Daniel township marker

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 28, September 2022, at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. Our guest speaker was County Librarian, Alice DeFriez. Alice has

compiled interesting information about early settlers of the township of Daniel. She has collected old photographs of people and places in Daniel. A wonderful audio and visual program was presented.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Historic District Mansion

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter Meeting was held on Monday, 12 September 2022. Over 50 of us met at the Chuck-A-Rama Restaurant for a great lunch buffet and conversation between members. After the lunch we all carpooled to the Weber County Main Library (2464 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, UT) and gathered for an introduction to Ogden City's Jefferson Avenue Historic District. We then took a walking tour of the Historic District. Our guide/presenter was Mr. Greg Montgomery, recently retired Ogden City Director of Planning. Greg has worked in city planning and historic preservation for over 40 years. Greg gave us a tour to view several of the historic mansions built

by early Ogden Area business moguls in the "hay-day" of Ogden's industrial/commercial growth and development (1880's - 1920's). The homes of prominent families included the following: Eccles, Pingree, Hinckley, Rich, Browning, etc. Greg shared the history of the homes and pertinent facts about the families that built the homes. The history of these homes and families is part of the rich heritage of the greater Ogden area. The influence of these families reached way beyond the borders of our local area - state-wide, nation-wide, and internationally. What a great place to live and enjoy the prominence in history that our area holds.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Jim Backman family Pioneer Day

The Porter Rockwell Chapter was very visible in the July 24 Pioneer Day Parade. Several members and their families pulled handcarts and represented the Sons of Utah Pioneers well. Our chapter normally takes a hiatus during the summer, so the parade was a great opportunity to continue the pioneer spirit throughout the season. We are excited to resume meeting on September 28

when our speaker is scheduled to be Spencer McBride, associate managing historian of the Joseph Smith Papers. He is the author of multiple books on the history of religion and American Politics, including *Pulpit and Nation* (2016) and, more recently, *Joseph Smith for President* (2021). He is a descendant of Utah pioneer Rueben McBride.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Adams Love

Thank you for everyone that helped and participated in our co-sponsorship of the National Encampment. It was a great success.

Our October Luncheon details are as follows:

When: Wednesday, October 19th at Noon.

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

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Adams Love will be speaking about his experiences as a former Mission President of the Missouri Independence Mission, including Adam-Ondi-Ahman and many other sacred Church history sites. Adams also served as Stake President of the Layton Hills Stake. His roots are deep in Layton being a descendant of Elias Adams (Adams Canyon) and Christopher Layton for whom Layton is named.

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

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Bob Young

Bob Young was the excellent presenter at our September dinner meeting of the Settlement Canyon Chapter. When Bob was younger, a family member gave him a book about his great-great grandfather- Edwin D. Woolley. After joining the Sons of Utah Pioneers Bob finally took the book from the shelf and unlocked the life story of this wonderful pioneer. He found out that Brother Woolley (who Leonard Arrington called a "middle wagon" man) was the grandfather to many renowned people including J Reuben Clark and Spencer Woolley Kimball. Born a Quaker, Brother Woolley converted in 1837 after meeting Joseph Smith's family. Throughout his life Edwin Woolley was the

Church historian called by Joseph Smith, oversaw the tithing house in Nauvoo, served as Brigham Young's personal financier and was the Bishop of Salt Lake's 13th Ward for 27 years. Bob related that Joseph Smith had the revelation about plural marriage in the Woolley's home. He also told of how Edwin Woolley's wife gave birth to their first child, a daughter, on the prairie while heading to Zion. That daughter became the mother of J. Reuben Clark who later became a First and Second Counselor in the First Presidency. Bob Young told of Edwin Dilworth Woolley's four life lessons: 1- Don't Complain, 2- Go to the Source, 3- Stay Positive, and 4- Be Faithfully Consecrated to the Lord.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Laird Dummer

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had another great chapter meeting this month. We had Laird Dummer, candidate for president elect of the National SUP for the year 2023, speak to us. He presented information about Hawn's Mill and some of the history of that event. It was very informative and interesting. He related it in regards to his third great grandfather, Thomas McBride, who was there

at the time. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the presentation and all were fed very well with a nice salmon dinner. We are looking forward to our chapter meeting in October where John Elggren, National SUP Treasurer, will be speaking to us. All are invited on October 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Jim's Restaurant in West Jordan.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Shauna Valentine

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on Friday, September 16, 2022 in the American Fork Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker was Mrs. Shauna Valentine, who spoke on "The Mormon Trail Experience." Sister Valentine has lived in Nebraska for 28 years. For sixteen of those years, her calling in the Church was Director of Public affairs for her stake and the Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa Region. One of her greatest experiences came from working on the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Mormon Trail. Showing slides throughout her presentation, Sister Valentine described the Mormon Pioneer journey from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley and other areas in the West. Some facts about the trail of 1846 to 1869 were that it was used for 23 years. There were 70,000 Mormon pioneers using it in about 10,000 vehicles. They

traveled about two miles an hour (oxen with a heavy load) and averaged 10 to 15 miles a day. The "window" for leaving was between April 15th and May 30th. It took 111 days to cross the 1,032 miles. From 1856 to 1860, there were the Handcart pioneers. There were about 2,962 handcart pioneers which represented 4.23% of total pioneers. They are an iconic symbol of pioneer Mormonism. All handcart companies traveled with supply wagons that carried tents, extra food and other provisions. There was one wagon for every 100 members of the company. It is interesting that from 1861 to 1868, the Utah Saints would send wagons "Church Trains or 'Down-and-Back Trips'" to pick up pioneers in the east and transport them back to the Salt Lake Valley. Sister Valentine shared many stories of pioneer families that was enjoyed by the chapter members.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Scott Bradley

To celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Constitution, our chapter sponsored a patriotic fireside featuring Dr. Scott Bradley. He is a constitutional expert from Logan, Utah, who has published a book *To Preserve the Nation*.

He also hosts a weekly question/answer program over the internet. (To learn more about him and his resources, visit his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ToPreservoetheNation>) Dr. Bradley's topic was "The US Constitution and the Founding of the Restoration." He outlined the events that connected the political

establishment of the constitution so that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints could be restored. He shared important quotes of latter-day prophets who have encouraged us to protect and preserve our liberties by being active in politics.

Seventy members and friends attended the fireside and it was well received. Several bought Bradley's book, *To Preserve the Nation*. This fireside was successful in promoting patriotism and an appreciation for our national heritage.