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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Early this year the Executive Council spent a great deal of time developing a Strategic Plan for the National Society. As part of that Strategic Plan our number one priority has been to increase membership each year of the five-year period (2023-2027), so by the beginning of 2028 we would have a national membership over 2500. Our goal this first year, 2023, has been to have a net increase of 5% (100+) in our overall National membership. I know that many of you have been working hard to achieve this goal. As a result of your diligent efforts, we are on target to accomplish it. Now that we will have accomplished this goal in year #1 (2023),

we cannot rest on our laurels. We now look ahead to year #2 (2024) to do the same thing again.

In support of moving forward with our membership goal, the Executive Council, in conjunction with the SUP National Board, has developed a "Membership Enhancement TOOLBOX". This TOOLBOX has been distributed to each chapter president. The TOOLBOX is designed to share ideas and strategies on recruiting, increasing activity levels, increasing awareness and exposure of SUP in our communities, and methods to generate a greater level of enthusiasm in our chapters' membership.

During 2024, in addition to maintaining our increase in overall SUP membership, our Major Goal is to increase public awareness of the National Society and local chapters through participation in community events and activities where we can have a visible presence and be viewed as a viable community partner. We desire chapters to give serious thought and focus on improving their general public image by participation in community events and activities which will increase public awareness, visibility, and "attractiveness" of SUP as a viable organization.

National SUP will be working diligently to upgrade and enhance our organization's website, strengthening our library assets and services, maintaining the quality of the Pioneer Magazine, and utilizing other electronic media to "get our message out to the public". We need to demonstrate that we are "alive and well"! If we do these things our numbers will grow, our members will be energized, and the future of SUP will be bright.

We all need to do a better job of demonstrating that we are a vital and valuable asset to our communities and to our members. Hopefully, we can all pull together to make us even better tomorrow than we are today. I know we can!

L. Nate Pierce
2023 National President

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L Nate Pierce taking Oath



Mule Tour Wagons in front of Temple



Elder Mathew S Holland



President Elect, Vall Parrish, taking oath from L Nate Pterce



2024 Natl. Pres. Nate Pierce, 2023 Natl. Pres. John Clayton, 2022 Natl. Pres. Larry Gibson



Pres Elect Val Parrish, 2024 President L Nate Pierce, Past President John Clayton



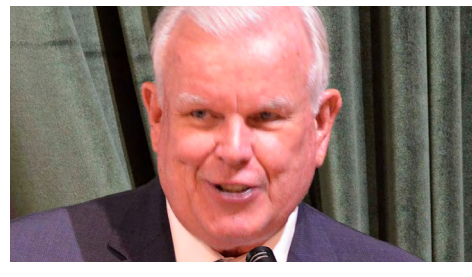
Southern Utah Heritage Choir



National Board Meeting



Bar None Wranglers



Elder Stephen E Snow



NATIONAL NEWS

NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR



National Headquarters held a Thank You party for John and Diane Smith, former National Library Director and welcomed the new Library Director, Bruce Stewart. We appreciate the Smith's 6 diligent years of service, bringing the Library into the modern age!

MEET OUR NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT VAL PARRISH



We would like to introduce you to our new National President-Elect who was sworn into office at this most recent National Encampment held in St. George. Val was born in Ogden, Utah; grew up in Clearfield and currently lives in Taylorsville. He married and was sealed to Allison Phillips in the Salt Lake Temple in 1982. They are the parents of

three children and have 6 grandchildren. Val earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Utah State University with a major in marketing and a minor in Japanese.

Val served as President of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter for 5 years, which included organizing and conducting the Days of '47 Sunrise Service Celebration in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square each of those years, and served as Chairman of the 2022 National Encampment in Salt Lake City. Val has also represented the Sons of Utah Pioneers on the Pioneer Park History Committee and led the efforts to replace the SUP Pioneer Square Monument at Pioneer Park. Val received the Modern Pioneer Award in 2021.

In his service to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Val is currently serving as the 1st Counselor in the Fayette Branch, supporting those who are experiencing homelessness in the Salt Lake valley. Prior to this calling, he served as the Branch President of the Oxbow Branch Correctional Facility and served on the Salt Lake County Prisoner Services Committee. Other church callings have included Bishop, High Counselor, Stake Mission Leader, Stake Employment Specialist, Elders Quorum President and full-time missionary in the Japan Nagoya mission.

Val has received the Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, and the James E. West Fellowship Award - Diamond Level from the Boy Scouts of America. He currently serves as the Chair of District Operations on the Executive Committee for the Crossroads of the West Council. Prior to this position, he was the Vice President of Alumni, helped write several national training programs, and was the Chairman of Daily Stage Shows and Associate Chairman of the Merit Badge Midway at National Jamborees in Virginia.

Professionally, Val worked at Fidelity Investments for 25 years until retiring in 2017. He was most recently the Director of Learning and Development and was the national lead facilitation director for the New Manager Program and led the Principal Facilitator Manager team across the country.

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



PIONEER STORIES

Please submit your stories to our Pioneer Stories Director, Rich Kirkham at rich@richkirkham.com

THE HONEYMOON TRAIL

By Richard D. Kirkham, AVP Pioneer Stories

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a primitive wagon road was the principal travel route between the Mormon settlements in northeastern Arizona and southern Utah. In the late 1870s, colonists had been sent by church leaders to pioneer new settlements along Arizona's Little Colorado River. As the new settlements were remote and isolated, many goods and services could only be obtained from the established communities of southern Utah. After 1877, the Arizona members also traveled to St. George, Utah to conduct church business and have their marriage vows solemnized in the newly-completed St. George Temple. So many newlyweds traveled the wagon road that it came to be known as "the Honeymoon Trail".

Couples would travel in small groups for safety and companionship to make this long-distance trek across the varied and rugged terrain of northeastern Arizona and southwestern Utah. This journey typically began in mid-November and required many weeks of hard travel to complete. The wagons jolted across deep dry washes and slick rock, bogged down in deep sandy soils, and became mired in muddy stream crossings. At Lee's Ferry, John D. Lee and his wife Emma provided regular ferry service for travelers, at one of the few feasible crossings of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Their journey then took them to Kanab, Utah, south to Pipe Springs, Arizona, finally heading north into Washington County. Here, the Honeymoon Trail followed Fort Pierce Wash and headed north through the Warner Valley into St. George.

The spring at the historic Fort Pearce site was a popular overnight camping spot for these travelers, some of whom inscribed their names and the dates of their visits on the rocky cliff faces at the spring. After their marriage ceremonies, the newlyweds would often spend the winter months in St. George, enjoying the social activities of this established community and purchasing needed supplies. They began the long trip home in the early spring. The



Honeymoon Trail continued in use well into the 20th century, when modern highways were finally constructed across northeastern Arizona.

Lyman Hafen, founding editor of the St. George Magazine, wrote about the Honeymoon Trail "reenactment tradition" that started in 1978.

"It is a history relived each September as the Honeymoon Trail Company rolls across the sagebrush, beneath vermilion cliffs, on toward St. George. The tradition began in 1878 as young couples came out of Arizona to be married in the St. George Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Because the long ride home over the rough trail became the honeymoon for these newlyweds, the way became known as the Honeymoon Trail. The trail was in use up to the 1920s, when highways and automobiles replaced it. Then it was forgotten, except to the cattlemen who rode it for many decades -- until the National Park Service Bicentennial in 1975. That year, Mel Heaton of Moccasin, Arizona, led a wagon trek from Pipe Springs National Monument to St. George over the original trail. He has made the trip every year since, bringing hundreds of people on the five-day, 75-mile pilgrimage each fall. Traditionally, the trek ends on the Saturday of the Lion's Dixie Roundup Rodeo. The group, dressed in pioneer wear, comes into the south end of the city and rides to the temple, the final destination. Then they ride in the parade later that day. Alyn Chamberlain and Joseph Mitchell came along on the 1983 trek and were married in the St. George temple at the end of the trail."

The joyful reward of The Honeymoon Trail was the beautiful temple and the promise of eternal union made possible through the sealing ordinances that take place inside its sacred walls. Today 18 sealing rooms are devoted to joining families together forever. How great are the blessings of those who made sacrifices, both long ago and today, in order to receive everlasting blessing in the House of the Lord.

Monument Trek



Mormon Hollow

Glenmoore, Pennsylvania (GPS: N40 05 17.68, W75 44 43.86)

There is a building at 991 Little Conestoga Road in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania that has a rich heritage for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Presbyterian Church. The building was originally constructed in 1830 and donated by Edward Hunter, a Quaker, to the citizens of Chester County for educational purposes, insisting that "they would allow all persons and persuasions to meet in it to worship God." Initially the building was called the West Nantmeal Seminary and later the name was changed to the Wallace Township Seminary.

In 1839, two Latter-day Saint missionaries arranged to use the building which outraged the locals. Edward Hunter told those outraged people: "When I gave the lease for that land and helped build that house, it was particularly agreed and stated in the lease that people of every religion should

have the privilege of meeting there to worship God. Now those Mormons are going to have their rights, or else the lease is out and I'll take the Seminary."

In January of 1840, the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. preached within the building to the Brandywine Branch.

Edward Hunter was baptized October 8, 1840. At that time there were 130 members of the Church in Chester County which became known as "Mormon Hollow." Edward became the third Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and died at the age of 90 in 1883.

The site is memorialized by a SUP Monument (SUP site #116) as well as an accompanying monument memorializing the use of the building by the Presbyterian Church.



Photo Courtesy of Steve Kruman

WEST NANTMEAL SEMINARY



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 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!

CHAPTER ETERNAL

NAME	CHAPTER
Bud E Lowe.....	Box Elder
Frank (Bunk) Robinson	Cotton Mission
David Summerhays.....	Cotton Mission
Harvey Zilm	Mesa

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

NAME	CHAPTER
Frank Allen.....	Cotton Mission
Clifford H Childs.....	Mills
Dwight Dummer	Temple Quarry
Hugh Hall.....	Porter Rockwell
David M Hirschi.....	Hurricane Valley
Burton S Johnson	Mills
William Lee Johnson	Boulder Dam Chapter
Brigham Johnson	Cotton Mission
Leonard Lyman	Jordan River Temple
Fulton Marshall	Washington DC Area

NAME	CHAPTER
James McConkie.....	Salt Lake Pioneer
Matthew McGhie	Washington DC Area
Todd Newman	Bear River
Les Petersen	Temple Quarry
Kyle R Probst	The Mountain Valley
Scott W Richards	Temple Fork
William (Ed) Seegmiller	Mt Nebo
Alan Shields	Hurricane Valley
Dwayne Vance	Mills
Fran H Washburn.....	Cotton Mission

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Bar None

The Boulder Dam Chapter ended our summer recess by attending the St. George Encampment. Our members enjoyed great food, interesting tours, wonderful music and learning about the history of the Cotton Mission in Southern Utah. We also learned about the life of Erastus Snow and his involvement in the Cotton Mission. Participating in Friday's tours, members traveled to the Valley of Fire in Southern Nevada and to the Pipe Springs

settlement in Arizona and places in between. After returning from the tours on Friday and enjoying a great meal, we ended the day listening to the Southern Utah Heritage Choir. The spirit after their performance was felt by all. On Saturday at the conclusion of the encampment was a tour of the St George Temple. We thank all those involved in planning this encampment. A good time was enjoyed by all.

BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah



Michael Moody

For September, the Bountiful Chapter heard a presentation from Maria and Michael Moody. Brother Moody worked in the Church's music program for 35 years. He talked about helping create the 1985 hymn book. He is also helping a little with the new

hymn book. They then talked about and showed us pictures of the many missions and assignments they did for the church around the world, including Haiti, Jerusalem, and Africa. We are thankful for the service the Moodys have done for the church.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Transcontinental National Monument

At our September 13 dinner meeting at the Academy Building, we were pleased to hear both Brigham City Mayor DJ Bott and City Administrator Derek Oyler fill the SUP members in about exciting new developments in Brigham City. First was a proposed new Utah State Monument celebrating the Golden Spike and the joining of the transcontinental rails in 1869. This new monument will be dramatic, with a forty-foot high golden spike as the centerpiece to be located only about 200 yards west of I-15 near the Brigham City and Corinne exit. The land for the monument park has been acquired and detailed plans are well underway. The second news was that

the historic Brigham City railroad station—which many SUP members were closely involved in preserving—will be relocated to improve access after the viaduct on West Forest Street is constructed. SUP members were presented with slides showing the plans and locations of roads and the new overpass to relieve congestion caused by the railroad's frequent blocking of traffic when freight trains pass across West Forest Street. And last, an ambitious timeline for the completion of the long-awaited overpass was presented. Our current Brigham City officials have welcomed opportunities to keep citizens informed about the city's activities and challenges.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah

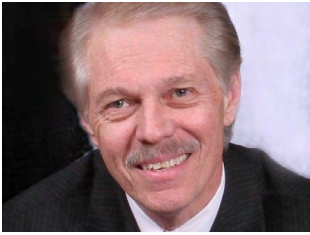


Pioneer Village

On August 17 the Brigham Young Chapter held its monthly dinner meeting at the Pioneer Village "Carriage House" in Provo, Utah. The meeting was attended by about 60 members and guests and was wonderfully conducted by Bill Giauque the Director of The Village. The program was nicely presented by three sister docents (Elaine Brewster, Lori

Walker and Kathy Worthen) recounting their experiences and enthusiasm as volunteer hosts at The Village. Their works, and that of other village volunteers, are a wonderful representation for the Brigham Young Chapter and a significant contribution to the Provo community. Kathy Worthen was

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Gary Smith

given the Modern Pioneer Award by the Brigham Young Chapter for her significant contribution as director of volunteer activities at The Village for a number of years.

September: E. Gary Smith was the featured speaker for our September meeting. He grew up in Utah and attended local schools. In 1965 he and his wife Elizabeth Shaw Smith moved to California where they practiced law for 25 years. He is the co-author, with Irene M. Bates, of *Lost Legacy: The Mormon Office of Presiding Patriarch*. He authored a second edition published in 2019 and has published other church related articles.

Gary provided an informative and thought-provoking lecture tracing the

history of the Office of Presiding Patriarch of the Church. He gave a brief summary about each of the men who served in the position starting with the Joseph Smith Sr. until Eldred G. Smith, who in 1979 became the Patriarch Emeritus of the church. In this position he no longer presided over stake patriarchs or joined the General Authorities for their deliberations. He did continue to give blessing until he died on April 4, 2013. He stated that some members have been concerned about the demise of the position, but his testimony has been strengthened. He recognizes and accepts that changes in church governance need to be made over time and can occur when directed by the Lord's prophets.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Old Sorrell Trail

We would like to thank the Cotton Mission Chapter for hosting an excellent National Encampment this past month. We had eight of our chapter members attend the encampment, most with their wives as well. We particularly appreciated being able to tour the remodeled St. George temple which was our temple for many years before the Cedar City Temple was dedicated.

In October, we are looking forward to a trek up Cedar Mountain following the Old Sorrell trail to the Jensen Sawmill which provided much of the lumber for building the Old Main Building to house the state-sponsored teacher training school which eventually became Southern Utah University. Also in October, we are planning our Bread and Milk Social at which officers for the next year will be sworn in.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Amber Larsen

Our September Centerville Chapter featured guest speaker Amber Larsen. Amber is an Accredited Genealogist. She graduated from BYU with a degree in Family History-Genealogy and currently works for FamilySearch Research Wiki. Amber displayed a quote from Amy Harris that helps sum up the importance of family history and genealogical research. It states, "Genealogical consciousness is a way of being, a way of thinking about your place within and responsibility to the generations surrounding you." She explained some history regarding record keeping in England and its importance to family history. The records were kept by various churches in England and there was no set way to record events so each priest of a parish decided how to do it. William Dade from England developed a specific way to organize records in his parish that became a standard for record keeping at

that time. Amber then gave a brief history of genealogy record keeping in Utah starting 13 November 1894 with the Genealogical Society of Utah with Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Canon, and Joseph F. Smith as original organizers. She then explained that in 1938 the microfilming of records began, and it has continued to develop through the years to the sophisticated processes we have today using available technology. In 1999 FamilySearch became the official title and in 2009 FamilySearch.org was launched. It is "dedicated to preserving important family records and making them freely accessible online." One of the interesting facts she mentioned was that 80-90% of FamilySearch users are not members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There are 16.88 billion searchable names and images available for searches.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Mule Tour Wagons in front of Temple

The Cotton Mission was thrilled with the turnout of over 300 people at the SUP national encampment September 7-9 in St. George, Utah. Cotton Mission chapter member Durant McArthur was the program chair assisted by many others. The speakers were scheduled to be Elder Jeffrey R. Holland and Steven Snow, but due to Elder Holland's illness and hospitalization his talk was presented by his son, Elder Matthew Holland. National leadership meetings were held and a presentation given by writer Lyman Hafen and artist, Roland Lee. We enjoyed performances by the Heritage Choir which was stunning, and the delightful hoe-down music of the Bar None Wranglers. Especially enjoyed were the wagon rides provided by

the Hurricane Chapter. The meals were catered by the Golden Corral restaurant with efficient serving by well-trained volunteers consisting of youth from the wards. The program was carefully choreographed to use the St. George East Stake Center facility which was also being used as the headquarters for the Open House of the newly remodeled St. George Temple. A special temple tour for just the SUP encampment attendees was arranged and conducted by Elder Holland. Minutes after the conclusion of the encampment, crews began the complete re-arranging of the the stake center for the open house tours. Thanks to all who assisted and those who made the effort to attend this well-organized national event.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



David Hirschi

August's Event: Our meeting this month featured David Hirschi, son of Tom and Kay Hirschi and a seminary teacher here in Hurricane. He has spent a great deal of time on the history of basketball in the history of Hurricane High School. It was interesting that he had pictures and information all the way back to 1925. His presentation was interesting and very informative. Our little community has had some wonderful athletes who lived here during our fairly short history as a community. Thank you, David, for a wonderful evening. Besides the very special presentation, we enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner, and the association of some very wonderful people.

and the business meeting for the men was instructive. The afternoon dinner and talk by Elder Holland, given to us by his son Elder Matt Holland was wonderful. After the Encampment, we were all able to take a tour through the Newly Restored St. George Temple. WOW! What a beautiful place. The pictures do not do it justice. Our chapter was represented by 8 couples.



Lee & Merlin Placing the Plaque

September's Events: We just completed our National Encampment in St. George. The first evening we were treated to a wonderful meal and entertainment and listened to Elder Steven Snow give us a detailed history of his ancestor Erastus Snow. The treks the next day were wonderful, and Saturday's meeting for the ladies with artist Roland Lee and author Lyman Hafen was fascinating,

In the place of our September meeting that was going to be held on Wednesday the 27th, we have a very fun trek for members, families and friends for the unveiling and rededication of a new plaque at the Gould's Sheep Shearing Ranch on Saturday, September 23rd. We will meet at 8:00am at Zion's Bank. Then drive to the ranch southeast of town. A potluck continental breakfast and program. We also plan to have a professional sheep shearer there to demonstrate the use of tools and give some history. A great event for young families as well as our members. Drinks and paper goods to be provided by the chapter. The meeting we would have had on Wed. the 27th has been postponed until next February.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



*A portion of the
30 guests at our picnic*

On Wednesday, September 13 we had a most wonderful relaxed “picnic in the park”. We enjoyed sloppy joe Hamburgers, salads, plenty of chocolate deserts, and best of all fresh corn-on-the-cob with lots of butter. Anyone hungry yet? We hold this picnic every year after our summer break. It is always a successful way to start another year

of SUP chapter activities. We also enjoyed visiting with each other and catching up on each individual’s summer and family status. Our Chapter President, Ron Hardy, gave an introduction of the events planned for the next few months which include a proposed chapter trek on Saturday, October 14th.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Glen Toleman

The Mesa Arizona Chapter resumed activities in September after our traditional July - August summer break. We conducted our monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, September 7th. The business of the chapter was discussed and our upcoming “2nd Thursday of the Month” gathering was planned. We met live and in person at our new meeting home, Evergreen Ward building in Tempe, AZ, on September 14th for a delicious pot luck dinner, excellent

trumpet and triple bass music by current Past President Matt Wharton, and a marvelous presentation on “Using Technology To Do Your Family History.” Family Search experts and Arizona Beehive Magazine columnists Glen and Lynne Tolman walked us through familysearch.org, giving us a fascinating tour of places on the site we rarely visit, but should. A video of the presentation may be viewed on YouTube, [HERE](#).

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Calvin R. Stephens

On Monday the members of the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers returned from the summer break for their September luncheon. A great meal was provided to them and many of their wives, who were in attendance, by Larry’s Spring Chicken Inn. Following the meal, Calvin R Stephens, accompanied by his wife, Lynette addressed the group. President Stephens received his master’s degree in LDS history and doctrine from Brigham Young University. He has been a popular instructor at the Ogden LDS Institute, BYU-Jerusalem Center, and BYU Education Week. He served as the president of the California San Bernardino Mission and as a member of the Church’s Materials Evaluation Committee. He and his wife, Lynette Davis Stephens, are the

parents of four children. President Stephens served a year at the BYU-Jerusalem Center as a visiting professor accompanied by his wife, Lynette who acted as a tour guide for the beautiful facility. Together, they had many spiritual experiences with the students while living, teaching and touring the country. He acknowledged that it is also a land of turmoil and hatred and that there were a few scary situations. However, they came to know and love many wonderful people, both Arab and Israeli. The Jerusalem Center is well known in the area and the “Mormons” are respected and protected by good people on both sides of the conflict. He also discussed the historical significance of Jerusalem and its prophetic future as a peaceful world capital during the Millennium.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



Dave Newman

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 14 of September, 2023, at the Wasatch County Senior Center in Heber City, Utah. The guest speaker was Dave Newman, retired Brigham Young University Professor. He shared a presentation on the Smith Family Locket and the supposed daguerreotype of the prophet Joseph Smith.

This month the chapter also had a trek exploring and discussing some of the few

remaining historic homes in Midway. The trek was held on 29 September 2023. Two busloads of members of the chapter and others joined in learning and discussing some of the remaining historic places in the Midway part of the valley. Special thanks to those who helped prepare the trek as well as the senior center for providing the buses and the boxed lunches.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



L. Nate Pierce

L. Nate Pierce was 21st Century Pioneer speaker. Nate told about his parents and family being sealed in the Logan Temple, his high school athletics, mission in the Southern Far East Mission, and marriage to Ruth Ludlow in the Salt Lake Temple. He said the day he graduated from BYU their first child was born and he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. He talked about his military service, working in a

Senate Committee on Aeronautical & Space Sciences, the Carter Whitehouse, and his 42 years government service. He told of the death of his first wife and marriage to Anne Sellers, being Bishop twice, serving in scouting, being Executive Director of Ogden Rodeo, community service, being called as a sealer, serving two senior missions with Anne, and National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers membership and service.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Touring the Central Bishop's Storehouse

On July 27, we enjoyed a visit to the Bishops' Central Storehouse in northwest Salt Lake City, just west of the Salt Lake International Airport. This facility receives packaged goods from many Church Welfare production operations and then ships them to all the regional bishops' storehouse locations in North America and other locations throughout the world. More distant distribution sites are supplied by local purchases to support local economies and facilitate faster responses to local emergencies. Forty chapter members and families toured the 536,000-square-foot warehouse where

30-foot-high shelving holds tons of food and other supplies ready to be pulled for loading and shipping via a complex matrix of Deseret trucks and privately contracted carriers. The familiar "Helping Hands" vests and gloves are shipped from this location. Getting around was easy in the little shuttles. We traveled through dry storage, cool storage and freezer rooms, as well as truck loading and unloading docks. With 30-ft high storage racks, it felt like hiking through the slot canyons of southern Utah.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Carl Hobbs and Jody Nelson

Portneuf Pioneers and Grove City Chapters, joined together to hear the Spudnik Story from Carl Hobbs, founder. Carl was attended by Jody Nelson of Tyhee, Idaho and other family members. Spudnik is a manufacturer of Potato Handling and Harvesting Equipment. We met together in Blackfoot, Idaho to hear Carl Hobbs (94 yrs old) tell his story how

he started the business. Spudnik started as a very small family operation and today it is a multinational company owned by a German Company. After the lunch and talk we journeyed to the Spudnik Facility, west of town, for a tour.

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Attending the National Encampment

Three members of the Portneuf Pioneer Chapter made the long trip from Pocatello to St. George to enjoy the 2023 SUP National Encampment. Rich Kirkham, Bruce Winegar, and Kenyon Hart, all past presidents of the chapter, attended the encampment. The theme "From Isolation to Destination" headlined the encampment and was appropriately so named. St. George is bursting at the seams and is growing into a desert oasis metropolis. The weekend included tours to pipe springs, and a visit to Colorado city. The tour of the St. George Temple was a special highlight and won the hearts of all who attended because of its spectacular beauty and fine workmanship. SUP was the first public group to have the opportunity to attend the open house. Uplifting and informative presentations by Elder Steven E. Snow, and Elder Matthew S. Holland were

especially noteworthy. Both speakers shared heartfelt admiration for the sacrifices of the pioneers who settled what became known as the Dixie territory of Utah under exceptionally difficult circumstances. Each participant to the encampment received a copy of the book "Where Two Streams Meet" written by award-winning author Lyman Hafen. This delightful compilation of stories provided wonderful insights and additional appreciation for Washington county, its inhabitants, and history and is highly recommended reading. On the return trip home we took turns reading the book out loud, filling the hours of the long ride home to Pocatello with delightful stories of St George. The Portneuf Pioneers, thank and congratulate the Cotton Mission chapter for an outstanding 2023 encampment.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Mary Ellen Elggren

When: Wednesday, October 11, at 12pm. Please email jedavis2012@gmail.com to RSVP.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple.

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Mary Ellen Elggren is a past President and current Board Chair of the Brigham Young Family Association; founder of the Utah Tour Guide Association; a Preservation Utah docent; liaison to the Joseph and Emma Hale Smith Family Foundation; and serves on the Board of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers as Trek Advisor. In addition, Mary Ellen has also served as a docent guide at the Utah State Capitol, helped establish the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, served on the executive board of Clive Romney's Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts, helped establish the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, and has worked in cooperation with the Utah Office of Tourism and Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts.

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

2024 President: Jody served a mission to Korea, and afterward finished his Communication's degree at the University of Utah. After that, he completed a Masters of Health Services Administration Degree. He currently works with Intermountain Health in their Hospice Department in South Jordan, having worked in the Hospice arena for approximately 20 years. He has created a foundation with a current emphasis of building a respite home for children with life-limiting illnesses and medically complex issues. Jody is not interested in what's impossible, for he believes that anything is possible. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Chapter President and is looking forward to getting to know all of you amazing people in the chapter and your families. Together, we can do something monumental. Together we can carry on the spirit of pioneering.



*Jody Davis
20224 Chapter President*

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Greg Christofferson

For our September Chapter meeting we had Greg Christofferson from the Mormon Battalion Association come and speak to us. Greg is currently the President of the Mormon Battalion Association. He explained to us what the Mormon Battalion did and what their purpose was. One of their responsibilities was to create a trail from Tucson to San Diego for future wagon trains and handcarts to follow in their journeys. On July 4, 1847, the Mormon Battalion raised the first American flag in California. The Mormon Battalion was promised by Brigham Young that if they

would do everything asked of them and live a righteous life that no harm would come to any of them. Several of our Chapter has ancestors that was part of the Mormon Battalion. It was an enjoyable evening to be together.

We have had one of our members pass away during September. Bruce Wasden, who was 94 years old passed away on September 13th at home. Bruce will be missed by our Chapter. It was a joy and blessing to all of us to have been associated with Bruce throughout many years of his service to our Chapter.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Brook Richan and Mack Wilburg in Korean Missionary Singing group

The Timpanogos Chapter dinner meeting was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the American Fork, Utah Senior Citizen Center. The guest speaker Brook Richan is from Provo, Utah. Brook made a presentation about the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra on Temple Square. Mr. Richan sang as a tenor in the Tabernacle Choir for nine years until he turned 60 years. Choir members are not able to continue singing with the Choir after their 60th birthday. Brook told us about interesting events during the years he

served in the Choir. Mr. Richan also presented information about the requirements to become a Choir member as well as an insight into other details about the Choir's performances.

One interesting fact is that Brook Richan and Mac Wilberg served as missionaries in Korea together. Mac and Brook performed with a small group of missionaries in special musical programs as noted in the picture below.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Rick Davis

Summer Picnic: Fried chicken, corn-on-the-cob, and good friendships were served up on August 31st at Smith Park. Forty-five chapter members joined in the fun. The program speaker was Rick Davis, Madison County Coroner from 1982-2019. His topic was "My Experiences as the First Person to Tell You that You are Dead!" Until retirement, Rick's life focused on three activities: teaching

Humanities courses at Ricks College/BYU-Idaho, operating Davis Photography for 22 years, and serving as the Coroner for Madison county. He got into the coroner role because of his photography skills. Since he is not affected by blood or gruesome scenes at accidents, he has been able to provide a great service in this role.