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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This month I had the wonderful opportunity to speak to the Settlement Canyon Chapter in Tooele. My wife and I were immediately greeted as we walked through the door by President Brent Hunt and Alan Jeppesen as well as many wonderful and faithful Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives. I thank each of those in attendance that evening. We were welcomed, loved, and sent on our way, fed. Yes, that is the way of the pioneers, both in the past as well as now.

Many years ago, I attended a fireside at a youth conference. It was held in Fairview Utah, in a grove of trees. We were surrounded by the beauty of nature. Four youth shared stories about their ancestors. Each were proud of the fact that their ancestors were pioneers; proud that they were brave and able to overcome significant trials, including physical pain and even death in some instances. After the youth spoke, Joe Hanks, a great, great grandson of Ephraim Hanks spoke to us. He shared miraculous stories of Ephraim giving aid to the Saints in the Martin and Willey handcart companies. Ephraim Hanks was always serving others, which brought joy to his life and led to many life-saving miracles.

We too can follow Ephraim's example to achieve joy in this life. We can serve others, which is indeed serving God. If we focus on serving others then we can sing with conviction the phrase, "and should we die before this journey's through, happy day all is well!" We will go through many trials in life but can find joy in our sorrows if we worry more about others than about ourselves. I have felt that joy and attitude of service in those that attend the Sons of Utah Pioneers events.

YOU so inspire me. YOU are a modern-day pioneer that serves others. Your children and grandchildren are surely proud of YOU.

Val Parrish | 2025 National President

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FEB 22

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

Attendees: Chapter Presidents, Executive Council, National Board,
National Past Presidents, and National Office Staff

Date: February 22, 2025

Agenda: 10:00am Review, Recognitions, Encampment Details
10:45am Men's Leadership Training &
Women's Meeting with a Special Guest Speaker
12pm Lunch

Location: SUP National Headquarters, 3301 E Louise Ave, Salt Lake City

APR 19

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY

APR 26

NATIONAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

JULY 21

SUPER DUPER DAY AT THIS IS THE PLACE PARK

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 SUNRISE SERVICE

JULY 24

DAYS OF '47 PARADE

SEP 18-20

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT - OGDEN

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NATIONAL BOARD / CHAPTER PRESIDENTS CHRISTMAS DINNER

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PIONEER STORIES

THOMAS REES & REBECCA WILLIAMS, POOR WELCH CONVERTS

Compiled by LaRon Taylor, Dec 2007

Just 8 days before the Royal Astronomical Society was formed in England,¹ heaven sent a choice spirit to earth to experience mortality under the tutelage of Thomas Rees Sr., and Eleanor Furlong, his parents. Thomas was born in humble circumstances and remained poor throughout his life, yet he was rich in spirit.



Thomas was raised in the farming community of Talbenny, and married Rebecca Williams from the neighboring town of Walton West. They remained in Talbenny on a farm while raising their family, which eventually grew to twelve children. It was difficult to make a living on a farm, so the children had to help their father scratch out their meager living. Thomas Matthew Rees (Brigham Rees's son) wrote that the children began working the farm from sunrise until sunset when they were 6 years old, so they didn't have time for school.²

The physical description and character of Thomas Rees and Rebecca Williams was given by their grandson, Thomas Parley John: "Grandfather was a fine-looking man. I have heard it said that he was six foot two inches in his stocking feet. No one had a better friend than grandfather Rees was. When he was a young man in the old country, he was mowing hay with a scythe and in going from one field to another with the scythe over his shoulder, fell and cut his back. From this time until the day he died, he walked bent over, using two walking sticks"

The family struggled to maintain a living on the farm, which was referred to as the "North Crocket Farm". In 1865, Thomas sent Brigham (then 14 yrs old) to the home of a stone mason so he could learn to cut and lay stones because he wanted Brigham to have a better life than he. This would later prove a great blessing for the entire family.³

Thomas didn't believe in the teachings of the church that was forced upon them by England when they conquered Wales, but he had a strong belief in God. He believed that God had saved his life when he had fallen on the scythe because he was bleeding profusely until he prayed, and the bleeding stopped after the prayer. This probably set

the stage for his conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When the missionaries came, he and his family readily accepted the gospel.

After they were baptized in 1866, Thomas and his family wanted to go to Utah with the saints, but he didn't have the money to do so. Thus, their pioneer pilgrimage began on their destitute little farm in Wales with an

effort to save money for the journey. It took until 1868 for them to save enough to send Brigham and one of his older sisters to Utah. They sent them off with instructions to save money and help the rest of the family to come. Brigham sailed to the states on the steamship Colorado, traveled by train to Wyoming, and walked on to Utah from there.⁴ Records show that he arrived in Utah in 1869, so he must have been delayed enroute. Brigham would have been one of the last pioneers to walk to Utah before the Golden Spike was driven in Ogden.

When he arrived in Salt Lake City, he was told the only work was at the new mine on the west side of the valley, so he threw his blanket back over his shoulder and crossed the valley on foot in search of employment. His skills were needed, so he was hired by the Bingham Copper Mine and began saving money for his family back in Wales. It only took two years for Brigham to save enough money to bring the rest of his family to Utah. By that time, they were able to come all of the way overland on the train, so the journey was much easier for them.

This family lived a life of poverty as they worked to establish themselves in fellowship with the saints in Utah. Though poor in worldly possessions, they were truly rich in faith and were familiar with the peace that comes through obedience and love.

¹ *Today in History*, brainyhistory.com

² *Ancestors of Thomas Matthew Rees and Rebecca Ann Angell, Vol. 1, Family History excerpt*, pg.46

³ *History of Thomas Rees & Rebecca Williams and Their Son Brigham Rees, Ancestors of Thomas Matthew Rees and Rebecca Ann Angell*, pg 46-7.

⁴ *Official Castle Garden Immigration Index*, CastleGarden.org

Monument Trek



Take A Virtual Trek

**IS IT TOO COLD FOR A WINTER TREK?
TAKE A VIRTUAL TREK THIS MONTH**

When George Albert Smith and John D. Giles organized the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association (UPTLA) in 1930. They erected more than 100 monuments from Nauvoo, Illinois to Utah and throughout the west and one in eastern Canada.

The SUP began erecting monuments when it was organized in March 1933. Then the SUP adopted all of the UPTLA Monuments in 2007. The combined list of all the monuments was given to Stewart Radmall on a few pages; just listing the title and approximate city location. Stewart, Gerald Haycock, and others thereafter attempted to locate and document each of these monuments. From that effort, the first Master List Book was published in 2012. That's when Mark Walker was invited by Stewart in turning the previous research into a book with pictures, descriptions, and locations. This also led Mark to join the SUP.

The most recent versions of the book have been expanded to include corrected titles of monuments and plaques, locations including street address or directions in rural area, GPS location in two formats, and transcribed plaque or monument inscriptions. The Master List identifies nearly 480 monuments. Some monument locations are not known due to the monument or plaque being destroyed or lost, moved to an unknown location, or ownership retired to another organization.

The book is organized by Country, County (Province or District), and City (Rural Area). Most monuments now have a GPS associated with it. Some GPS locations have been captured by using Google Earth Pro. However, more locations have been visited by Rusty Harward who is providing new pictures and accurate GPS locations. He has

spent his vacation time for the past three years doing this effort.

Trying to determine the number of hours to keep the book current is impossible with Stewart's, Rusty's, and other's efforts.

This Committee is dependant on the outstanding help from Chapter AVP and Chapter Presidents in not only maintaining the monuments in

their geographical area, but also ensuring photos and data in the Master List are kept up to date. It is an all-organization effort to maintain the Master List!

Download the most current official SUP/UPTLA Master List and take a virtual tour using your own device by clicking this link: [Download the Monuments Book](#)

The updated Master List Book (version 5.1) is uploaded to the archive.org website for the world to view. You can also find a link to it from our own [SUP1847.org](#) website. On the SUP website home page click the Monument's Page link.

From the monument Page click which takes you to the archive.org website.

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- Have the book read to you
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Enjoy your winter trek from the comfort of your home this month!



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 should be one-paragraph (Less than 250 words) in MS Word or send as the text of an email. NO pdf files.
2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph to your email
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Clifford Blair Salt Lake Pioneer
 Duane Call. Brigham Young
 Paul Christensen Settlement Canyon
 Paul N Clayton Salt Lake Pioneer
 Kenneth Cope Salt Lake Pioneer
 Tim Decker Settlement Canyon
 David G Fredrickson Pocatello
 Kelly Glazier Hurricane Valley
 Matthew Grow Temple Quarry
 Tyler Ingram Settlement Canyon
 Milton Jenkins. Pocatello
 Gene A Sessions Ogden Valley
 Robert Spencer Red Rock
 Randy Walton. Pocatello
 David Wilkins. Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

NAMECHAPTER

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Donna PhillipsPorter Rockwell

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

A George Adamson JrOgden Pioneer
 George Herrmann Centerville
 Raymond M Hobbs WorldWide Pioneer
 Jim Weston Sanpete County



BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada

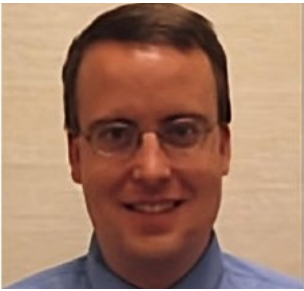


Clark County Museum

In January, the Boulder Dam Chapter toured the Clark County Museum in Henderson, Nevada. We were able to see the many eras of history of Southern Nevada starting with the Anasazi and the Paiute people. We learned about the various explorers who traveled the Old Spanish Trail through Southern Nevada. There was information and displays of the Old Mormon Fort that was originally established by Brigham Young and several

other settlements in Southern Nevada. Two exhibits stood out to our group: The Boulder City Train Depot, used during the building of Hoover Dam, and the Candlelight Wedding Chapel that once stood in the middle of the Las Vegas Strip. On February 14, 1987, 450 weddings were performed in the chapel—One every 3½ minutes. Outside we saw train cars and housing from the early 1900s. A good educational time was had by all.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Robin Jensen

At the recent Sons of Utah Pioneers meeting, Robin Jensen from the Joseph Smith Papers Project spoke on the translation process of the Book of Abraham. The Joseph Smith Papers, completed after nearly two decades, provide valuable insights into early Church history and are available in book form and online. In 1835, Michael Chandler sold Egyptian scrolls and mummies in the U.S., which Joseph Smith purchased. While modern scholars identify the papyrus as common Egyptian funerary texts, Joseph believed it contained the Book of Abraham. Without access to the Rosetta Stone, Joseph relied on his belief that all languages

stemmed from Adamic origins. His efforts to study the papyri may have served as a catalyst for revelation. Joseph's concept of "translation" was broad, applying to the Book of Mormon, inspired revisions of the Bible, and certain Doctrine and Covenants sections. After Joseph's death, Lucy Mack Smith retained the papyri, which later burned in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, leaving only ten fragments. Brother Jensen suggested Joseph's translation came from these surviving pieces. He concluded by emphasizing that revelation is not a mechanical process and bore testimony of the Book of Abraham as inspired scripture.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Al Matheson

On Saturday, January 11, the Cedar City Chapter of SUP sponsored our annual post-holiday dinner at the Iron County School District Office building in Cedar City. Our president, Eugene Humpherys brought the meeting to order and was our master of ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by April Richardson and Tanisa Crosby, two members of the Orchestra of Southern Utah, who favored us with several musical selections of pioneer era songs and more modern favorites on the flute and clarinet. We enjoyed a catered dinner of shredded pork, roast chicken, tortillas and all the fix'ins.

Potluck desserts provided plenty of options to satisfy any sweet tooth. The Pioneer "Minute" was provided by Al Matheson. He related stories from pioneer ancestors in his family and told us of some of the marvelous things accomplished by individuals in our local communities who carried on the pioneer tradition. Our ancestors and those who inspire us with their accomplishments are a gift to us. We are who we are because of what our forebears have done, and we need to pass on their legacy and values to the rising generation. About 60 people braved the cold weather to attend a very enjoyable evening.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Jeff Thorne

Our January meeting was held in our beautiful old Centerville Chapel's cultural hall. The building was built using rock from Centerville in 1879 making it one of the oldest LDS chapels still in use. It has been added to and remodeled several times. Our dinner was prepared by Ann and Bruce Collette, Bruce is our current chapter president. Our speaker for the evening was Jeff Thorne who was a past president of the Bountiful Chapter. Jeff spoke about the history of Antelope Island and his ancestor's involvement there. He had

seen other family history stories that weren't accurate which encouraged him to seek the true story. He, along with his son Tyson who works at the LDS Church History Library, did research which led them to the history of how bison (American Buffalo) ended up on Antelope Island. William White, Jeff's great grandfather came, in 1876. He was very successful in the cattle business and had other business related to raising and providing wholesale meat sales. An individual by the name of Buffalo Jones brought buffalo to the

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area to preserve the diminishing herds of buffalo which used to number in the millions but had become scarce in the U.S. by the late 1800s. John Henry White's Biography of 1893 stated the following. "Thursday morning John H. White, general manager of the Antelope Island Improvement Company, and William Glassman went out to the buffalo park to consummate the buffalo sale...." J.E. Dooly and J.H. White wanted to transport the buffalo to Antelope Island to preserve the herd and felt it would be a good breeding ground. It was a difficult

process to get the large animals to the island. According to John Henry Whites biography written several years later, they decided to drive the animals along a road to Farmington and then put them on a cattle boat. They also raised cattle on the Island, and by that time White & Sons owned one half of the island. At one time Buffalo Bill Cody offered them a large sum of money to purchase the whole island but they refused. The State of Utah purchased the Fielding Garr Ranch in 1981 including ownership of the herd of Buffalo on the island which now numbers between 550-700 continuing the legacy of the buffalo and the island.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Lyman Hafen

At the January dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter we enjoyed a meal provided by the Golden Corral Restaurant. Our new leadership for 2025 was installed and sworn in by area vice-president Bob Gurr. Our president for 2025 is brother Brad Allen. Our speaker for the evening was noted area historian and author Lyman Hafen. He has written over a dozen books and hundreds of magazine articles, most dealing with his views and remembrances of the early days in St. George and Utah's Dixie. He discussed the changes that have taken place in Dixie and some of the things we miss the most about "the old days." He was born in St.

George to a ranching family and became the Utah State high school All-around Cowboy in 1973. Lyman's family owns a ranch at Barclay Nevada, where they raise cattle. He told the story of a young hobo named Nels Anderson who was thrown off a train at Barclay and became acquainted with Lyman's grandmother Orilla Woods, who lived there as a teenager. He went on to graduate from college and became a professor later in life writing a number of important books. Nels stayed in touch with Orilla throughout the years. Lyman showed a book Nels wrote called "Desert Saints" which had a touching inscription to Orilla.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Cheryl Norman

Pictured is Cheryl Norman, the wife of Garth Norman. She gave us a wonderful power-point presentation entitled "Mesoamerica and the Book of Mormon" at our January 8th meeting. Her husband Garth passed away in 2021. She has continued his work through lectures such as the one given to us this evening. We sincerely thank you, Cheryl for the pictorial history of your husband's work you shared with us. Cheryl Norman even found the time to travel with her husband to help him in his archaeological trips and research. The pictures shown us included pictures of religious ordinances conducted by a Mayan. As a student at BYU in 1962, Garth made his way down to Chiapas, Mexico to see the excavations

that were taking place. When he saw the Izapa Stela 5 Tree of Life monument, he was captivated. After returning to Mexico in 1965 he was hired to be on the staff of the New World Archaeological Foundation where he meticulously outlined renderings of each of the many stelae, which continue to be widely used today. After moving in 1976 to American Fork, Utah, his continued research led him to connect the 260-Day sacred Maya calendar to Izapa at 15 degrees north latitude. Through precision in his studies, he determined that the art and architecture at Izapa and related ancient sites were constructed using the Babylonian and Egyptian cubits, indicating a connection between the Middle East and Central America.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain / Spanish Fork



Quentin Wells

At our dinner presentation we were honored to have Quentin Wells present to us the life of Daniel H. Wells, Quentin's Great Grandfather. Daniel H. Wells, a Nauvoo convert and close associate of Joseph Smith, played a pivotal role in both Church and state during the 19th century. After defending Nauvoo in the Battle of Nauvoo, he migrated to Utah, where he served as a territorial leader, attorney general, and mayor of Salt

Lake City, securing land titles for the city. He led the territorial militia in multiple conflicts, including the Utah War, and was Second Counselor to Brigham Young in the First Presidency. Wells also presided over the European mission, managed various businesses, and oversaw significant infrastructure development. His leadership and extensive contributions shaped Utah's culture, politics, and society during his time.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



The Brass Cats

The Mesa Arizona Chapter held its first gathering of the new year on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at the Evergreen Ward building in Tempe, AZ. After announcements, opening prayer, patriotic moment, Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner played on trumpet by SUP Area VP Matt Wharton, we enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner and were entertained by The Brass Cats five-piece band. The Brass Cats have played together for four years, after getting

together at the beginning of Covid to play music while everyone had shut down for social distancing. A highlight of their performances is the history of each song being given before it is played. They have played for 55-plus communities, assisted living communities, memory care, public libraries, and various other settings. Matthew Wharton leads the group of Tom Krech, Karen Beck, Kris Ramsey and Josie Torres.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



John Johnson



Essay Awards

Monday, January 20th, the members of the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers gathered for their first luncheon of the new year. Presiding was new Chapter president Gene Allred. After the opening activities, Rick London, Chapter board member over awards and scholarships presented the 2025 Essay awards. Winners were selected from over 60 entries from Mrs. Romero's English class at Morgan High School. They were judged by teachers and a panel of Chapter members. First place was awarded to Henry Bushman, son of Brent and Brook Bushman. He received a \$300 cash award. Second place winner was Kenadee Benson, daughter of Skyler and Ashley Benson. She received \$200. Third place was awarded to Mae Godfrey, daughter of Ryan and Natalie Godfrey. She received a \$100 cash award. Following the lunch provided by Larry's Chicken Inn, the members and guests were informed and entertained by John Johnson, a resident of Morgan. He is employed by the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints serving with the Temple facilities Service Division, Special Projects Department. His wife, Lisa is from North Wales of the UK, and they are the parents of 4 sons. He has worked for the Church for 21 years and currently oversees the maintenance of all temples in Europe, Africa and Canada. Brother Johnson explained some of the challenges in building and maintaining temples in 3rd world countries. Often the Temples are the nicest buildings in the country and many times materials and building skills are difficult to find. Government corruption, patron safety and procuring supplies, equipment and parts is always a challenge. He showed pictures of some of the newer Temples on the African continent. He closed with the comment that Temples are about the people, those that work and patrons that serve there. Despite the challenges, temples in these countries will change lives and will change nations with time.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Clive Romney

At our January 9 meeting it was a distinct pleasure to have Clive J Romney as our guest, who spoke to us and performed as well. He is involved with the Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts and especially wants to acquaint us with the products they produce (Books, Albums, Audios, Audio Books, Songs,) and any or all of the above about any pioneer we choose to memorialize, and also is hopeful we will find their work of great interest. Clive Romney is: a composer, songwriter and storyteller with hundreds of published work; a recording producer and engineer with thousands of published recordings; a performer and recording artist

with thousands of performances in diverse genres, two music CDs, and two storytelling DVDs; owner of Pitchfork Recording Studio with world-class capabilities; a former BYU, U of U, and Salt Lake Community College teacher of songwriting and music business classes; an entrepreneur and organizer who serves as Artistic Director of Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts; and served for 8 years on the board of directors of the Utah Arts Council. But Clive Romney, the man, cherishes the time he spends with his wife Bonnie, and his five children, their spouses, 25 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Bruce Stewart

When: February 12 at 12pm

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center,
(We are meeting in the main building while the Carriage House is under repairs. Feel free to park in the main level parking circle.)
411 E. South temple

Cost: \$25 Per Person

Speaker: Bruce G. Stewart

Bruce retired in 2013 after 40 years with Seminaries & Institutes. He received his Undergraduate and Masters Degrees from Brigham Young University and doctoral work at the University of Utah. Bruce was the Seminary Principal at Highland High School, and instructor at the Salt Lake University Institute and LDS Business College. He

was adjunct professor of Church History at Brigham Young University for 30 years. Bruce spent the last 10 years of his career in Church Education writing college curriculum for Institute students worldwide and was Director of Church History Workshops for Seminaries & Institutes. Bruce was part of the writing team for Great American Documents for Latter-day Saint Families, editor and author for Start to Finish Series on the Standard Works, and The Doctrine and Covenants Study Guide: From Start to Finish. Bruce currently serves as the National Librarian for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. In his free time, you can find Bruce with a good book, traveling the world, or wading the western rivers with his fly rod, hunting the wild trout.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Meredith Harker

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter meeting for January consisted of having a member of our community come and speak to us about her ancestors that were some of the first settlers in the Taylorsville area. We had Meredith Harker speak to us. Her second great grandfather-Joseph Harker was the first settler to cross over Jordan and settle in what is now known as the Taylorsville area. Joseph Harker was called on a mission

two weeks after he was baptized. He was assigned to oversee the Church cattle ranch. He built a cabin in the Taylorsville area in 1848. Joseph Harker had three wives and he served a total of seven missions. At the age of eighteen, he was put in charge of a hundred-acre parcel of land. It is amazing how the pioneers did so much at a young age to follow the Church leaders. It was a great meeting, enjoyed by all in attendance.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Old Library

Logan Temple Fork Chapter on 20 January 2025 installed Brad Clayton as president and Doug Lemon as President-elect at our dinner meeting. Joseph Anderson, interim Logan

Library director, presented a history of Logan Library from Reading Rooms in 1859 in St. John's Episcopal church to the present. Mae Hansen was the first librarian in April 1916.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Newell Knight

This month's Sons of the Utah Pioneers Timpanogos Chapter meeting featured a fascinating presentation on the life of Jesse Knight, given by his grandson, Newell Boyd Knight. Newell also authored the book "Uncle Jesse," which delves into Jesse's remarkable life as one of Utah's most influential pioneers. Known as the "Mormon Mining Wizard," Jesse Knight's life was marked by bold ambition and deep faith. He was at one time managing over 80 companies, including mining ventures, power companies, and even his own railroad. After being exploited by coal suppliers, Jesse started his own coal mine near Price, Utah, demonstrating his determination to create fair and ethical industries. Jesse's seven children played a significant role in his life, encouraging

him to build a grand home in Provo to entertain guests. This beautiful home, perched high above the valley, now serves as the Berg Mortuary. Highlights included Jesse and his wife Amanda's playful \$1,000 bet on a footrace, which Jesse won, only to discover Amanda paid the bet with money from their joint account. Another was the tender story of his daughters Jennie and Minnie: in 1887, Jennie recovered from a serious illness after a priesthood blessing. Tragically, Minnie, suffering from the same illness passed away shortly afterward. Before her death, Minnie prayed her sister would survive even if it meant she went in her place. A selfless act that demonstrated the deep love and sacrifice within the Knight family. Jesse's legacy of vision, faith, and determination continues to inspire.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Ken Hart

December Program: We enjoyed a two-pronged Christmas program with a beautiful musical number by Emma Jackson, who sang "In the Bleak Mid-Winter", arranged by Allen C. Whitworth. She was accompanied by Sam Ricks. Both of these talented young adults are from Rexburg and going to BYU-Idaho. Emma was recently released as a Service Missionary. The main speaker was Ken Hart, a long-time member and past president of our local chapter. His presentation was on Washington's Miraculous Victory at Trenton on Christmas Day and the Miracle at Long Island that saved the Colonies. His presentation was a special reminder of the Lord's Hand in delivering the colonies from the "Mother Gentile"—Great Britain.

January Program: Taking the Oath of Office, the following were installed as the officers of the Upper Snake River Valley Chapter: (left to right) Dan Sewell, President, Merrill Pratt, Past President, Doug Nielsen, President Elect, Doug Ladle, Secretary, and Ron Gibb, Treasure. Martell F. Grover, Area Vice-President, administered the Oath of Office. Program: Jody Cornilsen, Regional Outreach Manager of the Alzheimer's Association, was our speaker. She gave her presentation on "Medical Research and Insights About Alzheimer's Disease." Jody was assisted in her presentation by Jason Atkinson.

Upcoming Activities: February: Gerrett Dirkmatt (BYU Professor): How Brigham Young Kept Joseph Smith's Teaching Alive after the Martyrdom. This will be a video presentation from YouTube.