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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas. I love this season of the year. It is a special time to remember the Savior and the love that he has for each of us. I am grateful for our pioneer ancestors who set an example for us. They looked to the Savior for strength. They traveled from far away to find a place that God had prepared for them. I am sure that they felt discouragement and exhaustion on their travels, but the Savior helped and sustained them on this journey. I honor my ancestors and your ancestors who made it possible, with much hardship, to live in the circumstances that we do today.

I want to recap some amazing accomplishments that took place across our organization in 2024 due to all of your efforts to work together.

- We published multiple Pioneer Magazines and Trail Markers together
- We met and collaborated as national and chapter boards and committees together
- We completed 2 national headquarters clean up days together
- We attended a National Symposium together
- Past Presidents have met and counseled together
- We did leadership training together
- We joined with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to sponsor SUPER DUPER day together
- We organized the Sunrise Service together
- We marched in a parade with handcarts together
- We enjoyed a national encampment together
- We enjoyed a church history tour trek and many chapter treks together
- We trained chapter leadership together

And most importantly,

- We had many remarkable chapter meetings with food, presenters, and fellowship together.

Each of you helped to make these accomplishments happen.

I am so grateful to be a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, and I want to thank each of you for your service to this wonderful organization. Your loving examples of the pioneer spirit will continue to have tremendous effect on your chapter members, and ripple effects across their families.

I pray that 2025 will be filled with joy for each of you and your loved ones.

I leave this message with you, in the name of He whose name we celebrate, even Jesus Christ, Amen.

Val Parrish | 2025 National President

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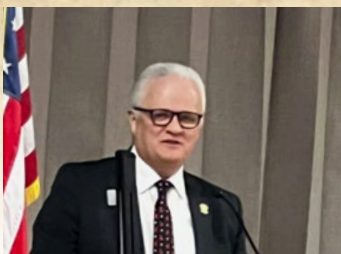
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Calendar of Events

FEB 22	CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
APR 19	NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN UP DAY
APR 26	NATIONAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM
JULY 21	SUPERDUPERDAY 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
DEC 6	NATIONAL BOARD/CHAPTER PRESIDENTS CHRISTMAS DINNER

NATIONAL NEWS

National Board Christmas Party





PIONEER STORIES

ISRAEL BARLOW'S ACCOUNT OF MISSOURI PERSECUTIONS

A letter by his wife Elizabeth Haven to her second-cousin Elizabeth Bullard; from The Israel Barlow Story, p. 142-143

With much pleasure I commune with my dear friends far away in the East, which my frequency in visiting will boldly testify. weeks and months have rolled away in rapid succession since I left my friends far behind in N. E. for the land of Zion. But O! how Zion mourns, her sons have fallen in the streets by the cruel hand of the enemy and her daughters weep in silence. It is impossible for my pen to tell you of our situation, only those who feel it, know. Between five and seven thousands men, women and children driven from the places of gathering, out of the state from houses and lands, in poverty to seek for habitations where they can find them. The saints are coming as fast as possible; they have only to the 8th of March to leave the state. The Prophet has sent word to have them make speed, haste out of the state. About 12 families cross the river into Quincy every day and about 30 are constantly at the other side waiting to cross; it is slow and grimy; there is only one ferry boat to cross in. For 3 or 4 weeks past it has been beautiful weather and the roads great for traveling, which has made it very favorable for the brethren, but now it is rainy, the roads very muddy within three days. The stakes of Zion will soon be bereft of all her children....

*"Zion our peaceful happy home
"Where oft we joined in praise and prayer,
"A desolation has become,
"And grief and sorrow mingle there.
"Her virgins sigh, her widows mourn.
"Her children!n for their parents, weep;
"In chains her priests and Prophets groan
"While some in death's cold arms do sleep...."
(composition of P. P. Pratt while in jail.)*

We look upon our present with sorrow and much anxiety. We must now scatter in every direction just so we can find employment. Some of our dear brethren, who have mingled with us in praise and prayer are now buried with the dead; some who a few months ago seemed to run well in the strait and narrow path have to our astonishment and grief forsook us and fled; our Prophet is still in jail and many others whom we love. To look at our situation at this present time it would seem that Zion is all destroyed, but it is not so, the work of the Lord is on the march.

Never has there been a time since the church was first organized, that the work spread so fast as it has within the past 6 months. The Mormons have been the general topic of debate in this upper country, in the Western and Middle States and also in the Eastern states. I see by the papers, that we have come up in remembrance there, though far from the truth sometimes. Many have now a curiosity to hear which previous to past difficulties



would not so much as listen; but now anxious to hear both sides, the Elders can thereby preach the gospel to them. Much good will ultimately result in [from] the past to bring about the purposes of Jehovah.

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. Many have been sifted out of the church, while others have been rooted and ground in love and are the salt of the earth. I have understood that some of the Missourians begin to tremble for driving us from the state and intend to leave also, lest God should pour out his judgment upon the inhabitants. I doubt not but that there are many honest hearts in Missouri. You will learn from Charles' letter' before you receive this, that President Rigdon has been liberated from jail. He gave an account last Sabbath how he was set at Liberty. He remarked that it was a miracle and indeed it is, but cannot stay to recite the particulars. If I could sleep with you one night, think we should not be very sleepy, at least I could converse all night and have nothing but a comma between the sentences, now and then.

When we shall enjoy the society of the Prophet, and know the will of the Lord concerning the church, we know not. We sigh and long for his deliverance. The word of the Lord is precious unto us. even as it was in the days of Samuel the Prophet, for since the ancient Prophets and apostles have been killed, the people have changed the ordinances and broken the everlasting covenant, and there has been no open vision.

We want to know very much how the few Saints in Hell have stood affected while Zion has been scourged. Have any departed from the faith? I hope not. It is only those who stand amidst all these trials unto the end, that will at last be found worthy of a crown of glory. These scenes try us exceedingly and we are to be tried (everyone who inhabits the Celestial kingdom) like gold seven times purified, Therefore if any think that they, will not come among us because we are tossed and driven about, rest assured that they will be tried in some way until they are purified for the kingdom of Christ.

I often think of the church. the little branch which I left in Hollistan, think that I shall soon see some of them in this country. I presume that you often meet with those who delight to boast over you concerning our situation here, and you feel no doubt that it is as much as you are able to endure.

God will lay no more upon us than what we are able to bear! I felt that trials were hard to endure alone when there [in mass], but they were comparatively nothing to what I have passed through since.

Monument Trek



Temple Camp & Supplication Hills

**SUP #85 | GPS: N40 59 09.0, W111 26 55.3 ELEVATION 5458 FEET (40.9858333, -111.4486944)
LOCATED BETWEEN HENEFER AND ECHO, UTAH ON HIGHWAY 65**

This monument is between Henefer and Echo, Utah on Highway 65 (Old Highway 30). If you are traveling southeast on Interstate 84 from Ogden, take exit 115 to Henefer and then turn left and go over the freeway on Highway 65. The monument is 3.1 miles on the left.

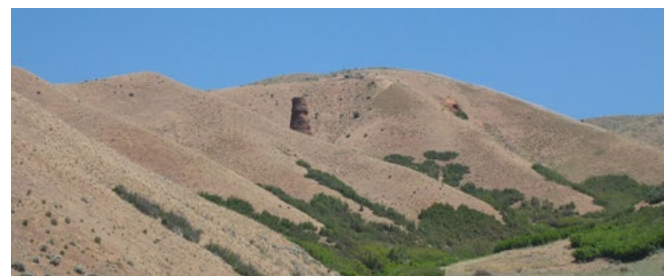
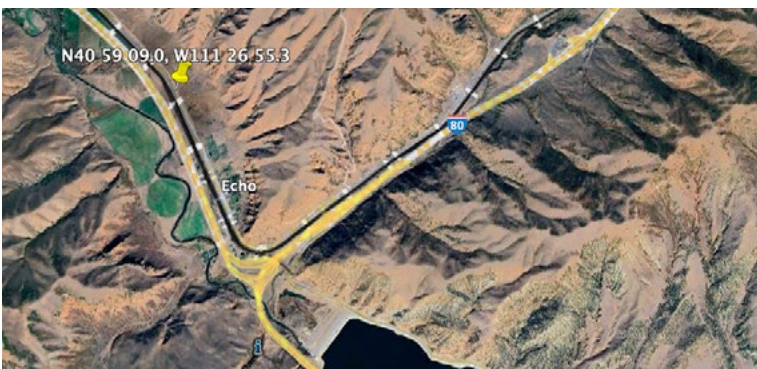
On Saturday, July 17, 1847, Brigham Young and the main group of pioneers left their camp a mile up Echo Canyon and due to Brigham's illness, traveled only 2½ miles. Their camp of July 17-18, was .4 miles west of this marker on the east bank of the Weber River. Sabbath meetings were held in the Temple Camp on the 19th. Brigham Young was washed and anointed for a blessing of health, then he fell into a deep sleep and awakened feeling much better. Their prayers were answered.

At about 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, four members of the Quorum of the Twelve and six other brethren, ascended the

high and steep "Supplication Hills" to the northeast of this marker. After walking about 2 miles from the Temple Camp to the top of the mountain, they dressed for temple prayer and pled to the Lord in behalf of President Young and others who were sick in camp, the saints who were following, and for their own wives and children who were left behind at Winter Quarters.

Before rejoining the camp, they rolled large rocks down from the top of the mountain to amuse themselves. As they returned, they passed by a lone conglomerate column (Sentinel Rock) about 125 feet high, which is visible to the northeast of this marker. They also told of seeing other chimney-like rock towers situated in nearby hollows.

SUP #85 was sponsored by the Centerville Chapter in 1998.



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

Eric Tait Cedar City
 Gene Atkinson Ogden Valley
 Clarence Bigler Mt Nebo
 Scott Findlay Box Elder
 Andy Lorimer Temple Fork
 Walter H Parry Jordan River Temple
 David Trousdale WorldWide Pioneer
 Jeff Underwood Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)
 Paul Clayton Salt Lake Pioneer

NAMECHAPTER

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Phil Evans Ogden Pioneer
 Roger Holyoak Pocatello (Portneuf Pioneers)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Carol Nuttall Jordan River Temple

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

Reed Miller Timpanogos



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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Swearing In

The Boulder Dam Chapter activity for December was our annual Christmas dinner. We met at Ned and Sue Shamo's home in Boulder City. It was very well attended and the ham and trimmings were great. After our meal, Randy Dyer gave a pioneer minute about his wife's great-great grandparents traveling to Nauvoo and then to the Salt Lake Valley.

The new officers were sworn in by Bob Gurr. Our new president elect is Doug Thompson and Randy Dyer is the new president. We look forward to some great activities in 2025.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



The Chauntenettes

The December meeting of the Brigham Young Chapter was a spectacular event. After being served a delicious meal catered by Magleby's Fresh we were treated to a moving program of Christmas music by the Chauntenettes, a women's chorus who has been in existence for over 70 years. The theme for their presentation was "Christmas Around the World" and for over an hour they performed Christmas music from Germany, Austria, France, Spain, Africa,

Caribbean, United States, England, Poland, and many other countries. The accompaniment was laced with a variety of instruments, including cello, flute, tambourines, drums, and more. Several soloists also performed beautiful numbers, and a member of the choir signed while several of the numbers were performed including the closing number, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The musical feast was immensely enjoyed by all who attended.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Desert High Chamber Choir

The Cotton Mission Chapter enjoyed our annual dress-up Christmas dinner and program in December. After introducing our guests, the dinner was catered by Golden Corral Restaurant. The program was presented by the Desert Hills High School Chamber Singers. Their presentation was outstanding, ranging from carefully arranged traditional numbers to animated and comical acapella music. It was evident that the director Joseph A. Woolf has a close bond with this group as the quality of the music was amazingly professional. This

small dynamic auditioned group, ranging in age from fifteen to eighteen years, rehearses daily at seven o'clock in a zero hour for-credit class. They also participate in the larger DHHS Concert Choir, which meets during the regular school day, and some are in a third auditioned women's choir, "Treble Singers." They have a strong love for choral music and are disciplined in a variety of music genres and languages. These students are disciplined in their studies as well, needing to maintain commendable grades to continue membership in this choir.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Mountain Ridge Madrigals

Pictured are the Mountain Ridge Madrigal singers and dancers from the Mountain Ridge High School located in Herriman, Utah. This group is directed by Mr. Kelly DeHaan. There are 16 young men and 16 young women in the chorus of performers that make up this elite performing ensemble. This performance this evening definitely won

the "WOW award" for the year with their performance. Their musical selections were performed with precision and grace. It was wonderful to see how much appreciation and respect that Mr. DeHaan has for each of these students. And, it was equally impressive as to how much each student appreciates their director, Mr. DeHaan. Kelly DeHaan has

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had a positive influence on tens of hundreds of students during his teaching career. At the beginning of their performance, Kelly DeHaan gave tribute to Tarara Adams, wife to John Adams, who recently passed away. The Adams at one time were members of our SUP Chapter. They enjoyed their careers in the entertainment industry. Tamara had a leading role in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints production of

the movie "Mr. Krueger's Christmas." She was the mother of the little girl in the film who befriended Mr. Krueger performed by Jimmy Stewart. Tamara and her husband previously gave us a presentation on her experiences working with Jimmy Stewart in the filming of this movie. Again, thank you to the Mountain Ridge Madrigal Choir from the Mountain Ridge High School and your leaders for once again leaving us inspired by your good works and your amazing future as young adults.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Area VP Matt Wharton

The Mesa Arizona Chapter held its Annual Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 12th 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 Area VP Matt Wharton, we provided 45 attendees with our traditional chili, corn bread and pumpkin pie dinner. All food was either provided by or donated to the chapter. Entertainment this evening began with some

Christmas stories read by Trek Director Craig Linford, which was followed by wonderful Christmas songs sung by Brother Warton while playing his guitar. For our grand finale we enjoyed a White Elephant Gift Exchange, directed by Grace O'Brien (wife of Mesa Chapter President Michael O'Brien)! That was a hoot and will for sure be repeated next Christmas! Excellent ending to 2024 for the Mesa Chapter.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



*Verl Mecham
Pioneer of the Year Award*

On Monday the 16th of December the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held their final luncheon of the year. With the wives in attendance the large gathering enjoyed a holiday meal from Larry's. During the meeting Alan Turner, representing the national SUP organization swore in the Chapter board members for 2025. Outgoing Chapter President George Hopkins, then presented the chapters award for "Pioneer of the Year" to local longtime Morgan resident Verl Mecham. He was accompanied by his wife of 70 years, Deanna and daughter, Sherrie Rich. Verl was a successful business owner and energetic community volunteer. This dedicated and industrious man has served the Morgan Community for his entire life. Whether it is pushing snow out of someone's driveway, working to keep flood waters from threatened

homes and properties, faithfully serving in his church callings or supporting the athletes at Morgan High School, he could be found serving and making Morgan County a better place to live, work and play. Verl and Deanna have five daughters, 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He has served as a Bishop three times and as President of the Morgan Stake. Verl and his wife completed an 18-month mission in Missouri at Adam-ondi-Ahman. Congratulations Verl and thank you for all you have done for our community. Following dinner, the group enjoyed the music of husband and wife duo "Stampeed" from Ogden who played an entertaining collection of older and newer Christmas songs. Their unique talent had the audience singing along at times and laughing at their more light hearted songs.



Stampeed Band

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Dr. Kent Tingey

OCTOBER SUP MEETING. We were pleased to have Dr Kent Tingey, retired vice president at Idaho State University as our Speaker and Modern Pioneer Award Recipient. Dr Tingey served under three different University Presidents at ISU. He talked about each of the presidents and their approach to having LDS, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as students. The sentiment about members of the Church had changed from a very antagonistic environment to one of recruitment and favorable treatment, such as going to Ricks College to recruit students and enacting policies that contributed to recruitment of Ricks graduates and other member students to ISU. The actions of all three presidents helped to increase the number and percentage of Church members on the ISU campus. As the University Vice President, and a Church member, Tingey played a role in enacting the changes that were made--a modern pioneer.



*Steve Hayes Julie Rademacher
Dirk Driscoll*

NOVEMBER SUP MEETING. Portneuf Pioneers had a presentation by Steve Hayes former NBA basketball player from Aberdeen, a local High School. Steve talked about growing up in Aberdeen as an LDS youth. He played basketball for Aberdeen High School and winning the State

Championship. He had a couple of friends from his High School days, Ken Parks and Earl Burdick from the Bear Lake High School basketball team. Aberdeen and Bear Lake had played each other five times that year with Bear Lake winning three times including the District Championship. At state Aberdeen won the championship beating the team, Grangeville, who had beaten Bear Lake in the opening game of the tournament. Bear Lake won their next two games and the Consolation Championship. Steve went on to play basketball at Idaho State University for four years including the year they beat UCLA in the NCAA basketball tournament. Hayes is 7ft tall, which helps. He played for ten or eleven different NBA teams. The theme of his presentation was being a member of the Church in the NBA. He entertained us with several experiences that occurred to him throughout the league. He mentioned locker room experiences, friendships formed, and how he was treated by different players. He also talked about his experiences with local congregations when he could attend church. It was interesting that he was introduced by a classmate in high school who is the Temple President of our Temple in Pocatello, Idaho. They were also classmates of our Area Vice President's wife.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



George A. Bonnet

When: January 8 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: GEORGE A. BONNET

Brother Bonnet was responsible for the construction of the Tahiti Temple and has served as Physical Facilities Manager for Western and Eastern Europe and, afterward, the United Kingdom and Africa. He was the first director for temporal affairs in Africa, the first area office of the Church in West Africa, and oversaw the Accra, Ghana Temple. He then served five years in the Office of the Presiding Bishopric. Since August 2019, he has been part of the project management team for the Salt Lake Temple Renovation.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Tooele Valley Choral Society

At our monthly dinner meeting, the Settlement Canyon Chapter celebrated with a Christmas dinner and being entertained by the Tooele Valley Choral Society. Executive

Board members supplied turkey, ham, and side dishes. Chapter Members were asked to bring vegetables, salads, desserts, or their favorite Christmas dish.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Taylorsville HS Madrigals

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a wonderful chapter meeting for December. We were entertained by the Taylorsville High School Madrigals. This has been an annual event for our chapter for over 10 years now and has been enjoyed by all that attend each year. It is wonderful to see such wonderful talent that these young people have and the willingness that they have to share that talent with us. Our next meeting will be on

January 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center. Our speaker for this meeting will be Mrs. Pat Harker. The Harker family is an original Taylorsville family and has had a big influence in the area throughout the years. It should be an enjoyable and informative evening where we invite anyone that would like to attend with us.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Jeff Barnes

Temple Fork Chapter met on 16 Dec. 24 at the Logan Country Club at 5:30 pm, and Brother Jeff Barnes provide some historical replays of Tabernacle Christmas programs and spot lighted some of the guest artists out of his

Collection of all the Christmas Concerts. Pres. Garth Sweeten announced our 2025 President Elect will be Douglas Lemon with Bradley Clayton as President.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



*Elaine Brewster and
Meghan Delate*

The spirit of Christmas filled the hearts of all who gathered for the Timpanogos chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Christmas dinner on December 19th. We enjoyed a truly magical evening that intertwined music, storytelling, and the legacy of our pioneer ancestors. Elaine Brewster, a former Tabernacle Choir member and gifted storyteller, shared heartfelt tales of faith and courage, drawing us closer to the spirit of those who came before us, while her enchanting touch on an instrument called the hammered dulcimer wove a spellbinding

melody through the room. Meghan Delate, an award-winning singer and a transplant from South Africa, graced the evening with her angelic voice, filling the air with warmth and a palpable spirit. As bells were passed out for the audience to ring during the sing-along, the gathering became a beautiful symphony of community, heritage, and Christmas cheer. Together, these tender moments created an unforgettable experience that left every heart inspired and uplifted.