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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we enter the months of August and September, in many of our areas we find small family- owned fruit and vegetable stands popping up all along our local roads. The harvest season is upon us. Even our own gardens and fruit trees are producing a variety of tasty, delightful produce for our enjoyment and satisfaction.

When the advance party of Pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley, a few days before the main body of Saints, the first thing they did was to prepare the ground for the planting of beans, corn, and potatoes. When the main body of Saints arrived a few short days later, there were already five acres of land tilled and planted. This trend continued for weeks even though they knew that it would be a short growing season. However, they also knew that if the field was never sown, there would be no "reaping of the harvest", regardless of how small that initial harvest might be.

- The word "reap" refers to harvesting crops, which involves gathering what has been sown and cultivated over time. This metaphorical usage suggests that one must put in effort and patience before they can enjoy the rewards of their labor.
- The phrase "harvest" implies a bountiful yield or abundance, further emphasizing that reaping requires an investment of time and energy before it can lead to success.

Throughout history, agriculture has played a significant role in shaping human societies. As such, many idioms, such as "reap the harvest" related to farming practices have entered common usage in various languages.

Historically, agriculture was an essential part of human life, providing food and resources necessary for survival. The process of sowing seeds, nurturing crops, and finally reaping the harvest was a long and arduous process that required patience and hard work. Early Saints, as farmers today, had to be diligent in their efforts throughout the year to ensure a successful harvest come autumn.

Over time, this agricultural practice became synonymous with other aspects of life. People began using phrases like "**you reap what you sow**" or "**reap the rewards**" as metaphors for taking responsibility for one's actions or enjoying success after putting in effort.

Today, we still use this idiom to describe situations where we are experiencing either positive or negative outcomes based on our past choices. It serves as a reminder that our actions have consequences and that hard work pays off in due time.

As we all enjoy the fruits and vegetables of this harvest season, may we also reflect on this metaphor and consider what seeds we have sown throughout the year and what fruits we are reaping as a result of our actions. May the fruits of the seeds that we have sown be sweet, delectable, and nourishing to body and soul.

L. Nate Pierce | 2024 National President

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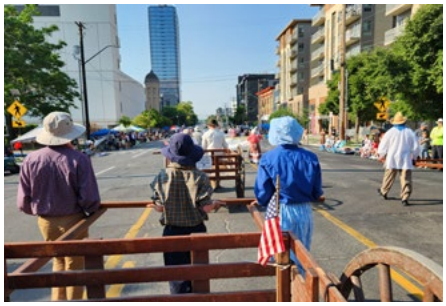
SUNRISE SERVICE AT SOCIAL HALL AVENUE CHAPEL





Elder Schumutz's Address will be soon posted to the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter Website, found HERE.

HANDCART PULL IN THE SALT LAKE PARADE





"The best part of participating in the handcart pull was seeing the reactions of the parade goers as we went by. They seemed genuinely touched by the spirit of sacrifice and effort embodied by the volunteers. It is the spirit of pioneering." - Joanna

"I can't wait to do it again next year." - Joseph, age 14



Calendar of Events

This year only one qualified candidate was nominated for National President-Elect for 2025.

SUP HQ will be sending out ratification ballots August 1.



THURS - SAT
19-21
SEPTEMBER

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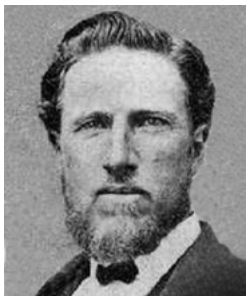
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PIONEER STORIES

LORENZO SNOW'S FIRST DEATH

Excerpt from The Saints, Volume 2, Chapter 22, " Like Coals of Living Fire"



Alma Smith



Ezra T. Benson



Joseph F. Smith



Lorenzo Snow



William Cluff

On the morning of March 31, 1864, a schooner carrying the two apostles and three missionaries dropped anchor in the outer harbor of Lahaina, Maui, in the Hawaiian Islands. While Joseph F. Smith remained on deck with the group's luggage, a small boat was lowered into the water, and Ezra Benson, Lorenzo Snow, William Cluff, Alma Smith, and the ship's captain climbed aboard and began making their way to shore.

In the distance, closer to the beach, tall waves swelled dangerously high over the reef. Having traveled in and out of the harbor many times as a missionary, William Cluff worried that the water was too rough for the boat. But the captain assured him that there was nothing to fear if they stayed their course.

Moments later, a massive wave struck the boat, lifting its back end out of the water. The boat sped rapidly toward the reef, where it caught another wave that raised its back end so high that the oars no longer touched the water. When the wave broke, the boat swung around and capsized, plunging the men into the churning swells.

For a moment, there was no sign of the passengers. Then William, Ezra, and Alma surfaced, gasping for air, and swam to the overturned boat. The men looked around for Lorenzo and the captain, but they were nowhere in sight.

Some Hawaiians saw the accident from the shore and immediately came to the rescue. As some rescuers fished William, Ezra, and Alma out of the water, others dove in to search for the two missing men. The divers quickly found the captain lying on the ocean floor, but there was still no sign of Lorenzo.

Suddenly, William spotted a Hawaiian man swimming toward their boat, dragging Lorenzo's body behind him. They swung the boat around, and William and Alma pulled the apostle out of the water and placed him facedown across their knees. His body was cold and stiff. He was not breathing.

When they reached shore, William and Alma carried Lorenzo up the beach, stretched him across the side of a barrel, and rolled him back and forth until water poured from his mouth. They then rubbed his arms and chest with a strong-smelling oil and rolled him across the barrel once more to make sure all the water was out of him. Lorenzo still showed no sign of life.

"We have done all that can be done," said a man from shore who assisted them. "It is impossible to save your friend."

Neither William nor Alma was willing to believe that God had brought Lorenzo all the way to Hawaii just to let him die. As a little boy, Alma himself had almost died when a mob attacked his family at Hawn's Mill, Missouri. The mob had killed his father and brother and shot him in the hip, obliterating the joint. He nearly bled to death in the smoke-filled blacksmith shop where he was wounded, but his mother had called on God for help, and the Spirit showed her how to heal his wound.

Acting on faith, William and Alma tried once more to revive Lorenzo. A thought crossed William's mind to place his mouth over Lorenzo's and blow as hard as he could into the apostle's lungs. He blew in and out, again and again, until he heard a faint rattle in Lorenzo's throat. The noise encouraged him, and he blew again until the rattle turned into a groan.

"What is the matter?" Lorenzo whispered at last.

"You have been drowned," William said. He asked the apostle if he recognized him.

"Yes, Brother William, I knew you would not forsake me," he said. "Are you brethren all safe?"

"Brother Snow," said William, "we are all safe."

Monument Trek



The Handcart

SUP #210 | DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS MUSEUM, 2104 LINCOLN AVE. OGDEN, UTAH
(GPS: N41 13 43.86, W111 58 31.68 ELEVATION 4314 FEET (41.2288500, -111.9754667).

This monument is on permanent display at the Ogden Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, 2104 Lincoln Ave. Ogden, Utah (GPS: N41 13 43.86, W111 58 31.68 elevation 4314 feet (41.2288500, -111.9754667). it represents one of the most iconic symbols of the pioneers in their migration to the Great Basin between 1856 and 1860.

In 1855, Brigham Young detailed the construction of handcarts: "I will give you my plan of building the carts take Iron Wood or Hard Hack for Hubs, turn them out about six inches long and five or six inches in the diameter, the axle trees should be of good hickory about 2 inches in diameter at the shoulder, and one and a quarter at the point, and about, four and a half, feet from point-to point, the hubs should be lined for boxes, with sole leather. The spokes should be turned or shaved out of hickory, long enough so as to make the wheel about four and a half, or five feet high. The spokes should be set bracing in the hub and seasoned. It will draw much easier built high than low so that the shafts may draw level; split out rims from good hickory, something like spinning wheel rims only thicker, and fasten them through and through with green hide and cover them also with the same when it can be done, the beds should be made out of one half inch stuff in order to be light, as possible. You will not need a particle of Iron and the brethren can come along with no trouble or perplexity of teams and save a great deal of expense." (Original Letter at LDS Church Archives)

This SUP monument is a handcart found in an antique shop in Bellevue, Iowa by Julius Geilman and Bill Terry, was purchased by the Ogden Pioneer Chapter, and restored by Julius and Bill. It is believed to be a handcart used by the Pioneers on their journey west and then used by missionaries when they returned east to start their missions.







CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph to your email
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BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER - Bountiful, Utah



Ryan Brown

For this month we held our annual potluck dinner. It was done at the Bountiful City Museum and was well attended, including special guests from the staff of the museum. At the meeting, our chapter President, Jeff Thorpe presented the award for our Modern-day Pioneer to Ryan Brown. Ryan is an 18-year-old member of our chapter and recent high school graduate with honors, who has attended regularly with us for the past two years. It has been a delight to have him and his father be a part of our meetings, with his love for, and remarkable knowledge of our Utah pioneer history. In fact, he presented at our May dinner-meeting with a very commendable and impressive slide presentation of Utah history through post cards. Dozens of vintage postcards were presented, detailing the progressing years of our history. The collection was his grandfather's who had joined us for the meeting. We made this Modern-day Pioneer presentation early in this year because this was Ryan's last meeting, since he had accepted a mission call to serve in the San Jose Chinese speaking mission. He is nearly fluent in Chinese. We will miss him and wish him God's love and guidance on his mission.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Alva Leon Matheson

For the second straight year, our chapter participated in the July 4th parade in Cedar City. Most members rode on a trailer, but a few braved the heat and walked the parade route. We were happy to be joined by 12 elder missionaries and 2 sister missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who really stirred up the crowd with their enthusiasm.

On the morning of the 24th, we held our annual townhall meeting at the Rock Church in Cedar City. Colonel Alva Leon Matheson was our featured speaker who provide lots of insights into the role and importance of history. We also heard the winning pioneer essay read by Max Young, our overall contest winner from Enoch Elementary. He told the story of his 5th great grandmother, Ann Jewel Rowley, who was a member of the Martin Handcart Company and lived an extraordinary life. Don Anderson, a past president of our chapter, was awarded the Modern Pioneer Award.

We invite everyone to our symposium on Nov. 1 & 2, topic: John C. Fremont – Early Explorations, Parowan Experience, and Political Activities. Speakers at the Rock Church in Cedar City on Friday evening Nov. 1 will be followed by a trek on Saturday to the Parowan monument, Buckskin Flat at Fremont Wash, and Fremont Valley and petroglyphs will be led by Al Matheson.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Greg Chrifstofferson

When: September 11 at 12pm

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

Cost: $25 Per Person

Speaker: Greg Christoferson, president of the National Mormon Battalion Association since 2021, has had a longtime interest in the Mormon Battalion, especially the Southern California portion of the trail. While living in Irvine, California from 1977-2010, he studied that portion of the trail, visited it numerous times, and took many visitors on tours of the SoCal trail, including bus tours. He prepared a trail guide and recommendations for the Boy Scouts of America in the San Diego Council, which is used in earning a Scout uniform patch commemorating the Mormon Battalion's trek. Greg currently serves as an Area Church History Specialist in Lehi with an assignment in writing temple histories. He is an active member of the Mormon History Association, having twice served on its Executive Board. He has edited numerous Church history books, presented papers at conferences and is published in The Journal of Mormon History.

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

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Ted Vanderwerken

At the July Dinner Meeting of the Tooele Settlement Canyon Chapter Ted VanDerwerken, who recently retired as choral music director at Tooele High School with over 32 years of teaching experience gave wonderful insight into the inner workings of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and his travels with the Choir to the Philippines and Mexico City. Ted's musical background started in upstate New York in a musical family. He sang in renowned choirs like the BYU Men's Chorus, BYU Concert Choir, Mormon Youth Chorus, and Utah State Chamber Singers. He even achieved the honor of singing with the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square for the past 7 years. Ted has a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from Utah State University. He also holds an Administrative Endorsement from Utah State University. Ted's passion for music extends to teaching. He spent 10 years at Tooele Junior High before dedicating more than 20 years to inspiring students at Tooele High School with his love for choral music. During those 30 plus years the Settlement Canyon was honored to listen to Christmas music presented by groups Ted put together for our enjoyment at Christmas time.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Taylorsville Dayzz Parade

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter has had a busy summer. In June, we participated in the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade while walking and pulling a handcart. We want to thank Riley and Beth Draper for their support in this event, along with the missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For our chapter meeting in July we had the privilege of having the Days of '47 Royalty, consisting of Attendant Korissa Behunin, Queen Elizabeth Rampton and Attendant Tiffany Gunnell, come and speak and perform their talents for us. It was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance. Individually the Royalty performed for us. Korissa played the harp, Elizabeth sang, and Tiffany performed a dance. They are very talented and a joy to watch them perform.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Andy Lorimar

July was a great month for the Temple Fork Chapter. We enjoyed patriotic and pioneer memories and activities. Our monthly dinner meeting and presentation was held at the Logan Country Club where we heard from Andy Lorimar. Andy is a media and filmmaker who has made many documentaries and teaches at a local charter school. This was very informative and enjoyable.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



DJ Bawden

On July 11th our Timpanogos chapter had the best evening of laughter, tears of joy, and head-to-toes in chills! We enjoyed the most unique and inspiring presentation by DJ Bawden, artist and sculptor for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. DJ's wit and humor had us on the edge of our seats all evening. It was a treat to see an array of his work. He walked us through his incredible life's journey to becoming the sculptor and artist he is today. DJ is the epitome of listening to and following the spirit when prompted. Heaven has truly found a voice through his art. A favorite story of significance was his world-renowned bust of the prophet Joseph Smith. His sacred path to creating the masterpiece was a testimony-building tale of wonder. When people ask him why he chose the likeness of Joseph Smith that he did, he said he has a hard time explaining it's because he has seen him, plain as day, on multiple occasions. Instead, he tells people he uses mathematical equations, Joseph's actual head measurements, bone structure, and the hallowed death mask of the prophet. DJ sculpts for many Christian denominations, and a tapestry of other faiths. He left us with the challenge of preparing ourselves for personal revelation by reading all of Moroni chapter 10. Moroni 10:5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.