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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Thanksgiving! This is a wonderful time of year to pause and count our many blessings. I am thankful to live in this great country and in a community that is rich in the history of our Mormon Pioneer settlers. I am also thankful to be a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I was taught at an early age to always be in the right place, with the right people, doing the right things. I am honored to be a member of an organization that helps me fulfill these childhood instructions I received.

This past month I attended the John C. Fremont Symposium Trek sponsored by the Cedar City Chapter. Wayne Hinton is a great friend to me and my wife Allison, and I so appreciated his invitation to attend this enjoyable event. Wayne was joined by Richard Sanders and Jay Jones in presenting an amazing evening of history. There is no better setting than in a Sons of Utah Pioneers gathering to learn and socialize with individuals that strive to live the values of the Mormon Pioneers. Please follow Wayne's lead in extending invitations to your friends and family to attend your chapter activities. An absolute truth is that *we go where we are invited, and we stay where we are appreciated*. It is each of our responsibilities to make sure invitations and appreciation are abundant in our actions.

As we approach this Christmas season, I want to wish you an additional portion of joy and happiness with your friends and family. One of our Pioneer Values is Faith in God. I am extremely grateful for the many stories that were written for us to read by our pioneer ancestors. They often spoke of the strength that they received from our Savior Jesus Christ. He helped carry and sustain them on their journey amidst great trials and tribulations. I pray that we also will allow the Savior to walk with us every day as we take on our personal life challenges.

Val

Val Parrish | 2025 National President

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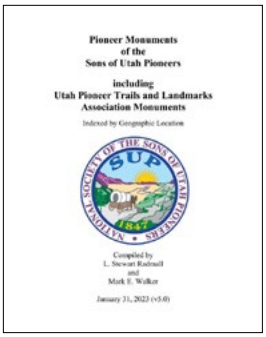
STEWART RADMALL

JOINED THE SUP 01-01-1962 | LIFE MEMBER SINCE 09-28-1983









Stewart was part of the forces assigned to initiate a ground attack on Japan to end the WWII Pacific effort. He was stationed in Alaska, waiting for the order, when the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, eliminating the necessity for a ground troop invasion.

In about 2009, the Branch Presidency for the Harrison Regent Retirement Center Branch needed a new Executive Secretary. Stewart accepted the position and is still serving in the branch leadership as both the Executive Secretary and the Branch Clerk. He takes all his assignments seriously and accomplishes his responsibilities with exactness and honor. He performs his SUP duties in the same manner.

Stewart has always been a tinkerer with things electrical. In his younger years, he worked in an electrical repair shop doing odd jobs and paid attention to what the electrical engineers were doing, which has carried forward throughout his life. One example of his tinkering is a homemade box in his office that alerts him when mail has been delivered to his mailbox. When he buys a new car, he always adds lights and accessories that didn't come standard. In all his tinkering, accuracy and exactness are the norms.

Stewart has always been involved with community activities. He was involved with the "All Faces West" pageant during the Pioneer Days celebration in Ogden, commemorating the arrival of the pioneers in 1847. This pageant ceased to exist in the late 1960s. He was also heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America Lake Bonneville Council, holding executive positions.

While serving in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP), he initiated the creation of a book of SUP monuments; detailing their locations and descriptions with high-resolution pictures. With some help, he put together a 191-page book based on the information collected about each monument in 2010. He has continued this effort, recruiting Mark Walker to assist. Since then, the SUP Master List of SUP and UPTLA monuments has been vastly improved, made more accurate, and up to date. The current version (5.1) is 511 pages includes Chapter sponsors, exact locations with GPS coordinates for most, and descriptions or transcriptions of the plaque texts.

As a successful businessman, Stewart used computers early and became proficient in their use. This has been a plus for him as the "Monument's Director," as he has always employed computers to gather and organize monument information. However, he does have his days with computers when they don't do what he wants and he is probably frustrated by the fact that he can't tinker with them.

He approaches his involvement with the SUP like he has with his involvement in business, church, and community affairs. He served as the President of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter in 1975. Around 2005, he was instrumental in planning and completing the placement of a SUP monument in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania, memorializing a building constructed by Edward Hunter, a Quaker, in 1830. The purpose of the building was to "allow all persons and persuasions to meet in it to worship God." The Prophet Joseph Smith preached in that building in January 1840.

Stewart was always concerned about his good friend and associate, Bob DeBoer, who served as the president of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter in 2008. Bob, one of our older chapter members, could only get around with a walker. No matter who was driving, Stewart insisted that we pick up Bob and his walker so he could attend the meeting. This demonstrated Stewart's willingness to assist and support not just fellow SUP members but anyone in need.

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Ogden Pioneer Chapter have been made better organizations by the efforts, dedication, and loyalty of L. Stewart Radmall!

PIONEER STORIES

HEBER FINISHES HIS OWN STORY

THE STORY BEHIND "THE LIFE OF HEBER C. KIMBALL," BY ORSON F. WHITNEY

Thrilling Experiences by Solomon Kimball, p. 54-59

The Lord, through the Prophet Joseph, instructed [the Apostles] to keep a record of all principal events of their lives, which made it doubly important. I well remember the interest manifested by my father [Heber C. Kimball] in relation to such matters. He had been an apostle for twelve years, and one of the First Presidency for twenty. During the drivings and mobbings of the Saints he had lost the part of his journal that contained an account of his second mission to England. This he felt keenly, as it made a break into one of the most important periods of his life. When time permitted, he had Brother Thomas Bullock come to his house, and they sometimes spent a week or two straightening out these records and compiling history. In order to do this, they had to wade through hundreds of pages of blurred and dingy journals, and package after package of old, musty letters. Father would then let this work rest for a year or two, or until the spirit came upon him again. He would then get Brother Robert Campbell, or some other competent man, to assist him. He continued in this way as long as he lived. After his death, there was nothing more done with his history until the fall of 1876. . . . We knew that he had prophesied that Edward W. Tullidge would write his history, so I visited Mr. Tullidge several times in relation to this matter. He finally agreed to write the history and publish three thousand volumes for three thousand dollars. He was present when father made the prediction concerning him, and knew about the lost records.



Solomon Kimball

With this fact in view, and while writing the history of the Prophet Joseph and President Young, he made a note of any historical facts bearing upon this part of father's life. This advantage enabled him to write the history in about six months. In the meantime, I had taken up a labor with my father's family, and found the majority of them not in sympathy with this movement. However, I managed to collect thirteen hundred dollars in cash and five hundred dollars in real estate. This I turned over to Mr. Tullidge, and from that on it seemed like fate was against us and we were forced to let this work rest here. That summer I went to Arizona, where I remained nine years. After I returned, I spent several weeks visiting the family. The history spirit came upon me again stronger than ever. I was quite successful in uniting the family upon this subject. I was out of means, and went to Mayor Armstrong to see if I could get employment. He told me that the jailor had just broken his arm, and that I could come to work the next morning. Soon after I had commenced work, it seemed to me at times as though I was in the very presence of father. I could plainly feel his spirit working with me. It became so strong that I could not rest until we had called the representative members of the family together and laid this subject before them. At that meeting a committee of five was chosen, and we decided to employ Bishop Orson F. Whitney to write the history over again. He was our father's grandson; while, on the other hand, Mr. Tullidge had publicly declared himself to be an apostate. We had a settlement with him, and he was allowed thirteen hundred dollars for his work. He deeded the real estate back to us and let Bishop Whitney have his manuscript of the history. The "boom" came soon after, and we sold the lot for just eighteen hundred dollars clear of expenses. Those of us who had contributed the eighteen hundred dollars nine years before received back the exact sum that we gave, and this put the family on an equal footing. Before I went to Arizona the Kimball estate had been divided and the administrators discharged. When I returned, we found four lots on the hill that had been overlooked, and which were almost worthless when I went away, but now had become valuable. We sold them for four thousand five hundred dollars, which was just enough to carry this enterprise through. This belonged to all of us, and we now were all in sympathy with the movement.

The day that the history was to be taken to be bound and placed upon the market, one of the most wonderful events of my life took place. As I was giving the prisoners their breakfast, imagine my joy and satisfaction when I heard the voice of my deceased father saying to me that he had something more to go into the history, and would give it to me as a reward for my faithfulness in helping to bring that work forth. As soon as I could get the prisoners to work, I took a pencil and tab, and father told me what to write. Under his dictation I wrote for about thirty minutes, and a minute or two before I had finished, several prisoners who were doing janitor work, came into the room, and father's spirit left. I undertook to complete the unfinished part but was unable to do so. Then I began to feel uneasy, fearing that Bishop Whitney would reject the communication. I went into the old Council Chamber and prayed to the Lord to prepare his mind to receive it. When he came to work that morning, I told him that I had just received a visit from father, and he had given me something more to go into the history. I handed him the communication. He read it over carefully and said, 'That is splendid." He completed the unfinished part, and edited my mistakes. We decided to say nothing about it, and it went into the history in that form. This event was kept quiet until the spring of 1906, eighteen years later. At a High Priests' meeting, held in the Brigham Young Memorial building at that time, I was called upon to speak. The moment I stood up it seemed to me as though my father was standing by my side. I was so filled with the Spirit of the Lord that I for the first time made this event public, Bishop Whitney being present at the time.

Monument Trek



Wilford Woodruff's Farm 1850

1604 SOUTH 500 EAST SALT LAKE CITY | UPTLA #137
GPS: N40 44 04.13, W111 52 36.79 ELEVATION 4310 FEET (40.7344806, -111.8768861)

Wilford Woodruff's Farm has been memorialized by a SUP monument (site #137) erected by the Holladay Chapter in 2007. His Farm was 20 acres located between Kensington Ave. (about 1500 South) and 1700 South and 300 East to 500 East. This rich farmland was irrigated with water from Parleys Creek and Emigration Creek. Wilford Woodruff farmed here for over 45 years, providing for his family. He also grew numerous experimental crops. His journal refers to wheat, potatoes, cotton, sugar cane, melons, currants, madden, indigo, strawberries, apples, grapes, and "bushels of crickets".

Wilford Woodruff was one of the first pioneer settlers of the Salt Lake Valley and was the fourth President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and other "Mormon Pioneers" came here to escape persecution for their religious beliefs. Four of the original Woodruff family homes remain on 500 East and 1590, 1604, 1622, and 1636 South.

The Woodruff Villa was the main home of Wilford Woodruff from 1892 until his death in 1898.







CHAPTER NEWS

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Ginger Ewell

OCTOBER. The Boulder Dam Chapter has been busy. In October, we went down to see the ancient native petroglyphs on the many rock faces of Grapevine Canyon. It is located ten miles west of Laughlin, Nevada, by Christmas Tree Pass. The canyon is named for various native grapevines in the region. There is a famous petroglyph panel showing five big horn sheep. We then went to the base of Davis Dam on the Colorado River below Laughlin, where Jacob Hamblin had spotted a Yankee gunship coming up the river in Black Canyon. He thought it might be headed to the Mormon settlement, but it was actually on a scientific expedition.

NOVEMBER. For November, we had a guest speaker, Ginger Ewell. She talked about Emma Smith, her trials, her sacrifices, and support of the prophet Joseph Smith. After a wonderful evening with Sister Ewell, we had dessert.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Ken Cannon

OCTOBER. Our October dinner meeting was excellent. Richard Hanks spoke about his father, Marion D. Hanks. We remember Marion D. Hanks. His son gave us insights into his father's life that we never knew of. Marion D. Hanks was a trailblazer. He was responsible for many of the programs the Church has initiated.

NOVEMBER. George Q. Cannon played a critical role in Utah's journey to statehood through his strategic leadership and resilience. A respected congressman despite controversies surrounding his citizenship and polygamy, Cannon's charm won over his peers in Washington, D.C. However, his practice of polygamy made him a fugitive with a $45,000 bounty. After over a year in hiding, he was arrested, but his decision to turn himself in demonstrated loyalty to the United States. While imprisoned, Cannon befriended guards, taught Sunday school, and maintained strong relationships with congressional allies who sent him gifts. Recognizing that the LDS Church was seen as resilient and industrious, Cannon helped improve the Church's public image by working with railroad lobbyists and investing in favorable newspaper coverage. Cannon also negotiated with government officials, arguing that leniency would yield better results than harsher measures in addressing polygamy. His intelligence and influence earned him the praise of President Wilford Woodruff, who called him "the smartest man in the Church." The LDS Church's eventual renunciation of polygamy, led in part by Cannon, was instrumental in securing bipartisan support for Utah's statehood. Cannon's efforts, rooted in strategic diplomacy and faith, were essential in the creation of the state of Utah and cemented his legacy as a pivotal figure in LDS and American history.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



John Fremont

Our chapter sponsored the John C. Fremont Symposium on November 1st & 2nd. It began on Friday evening in the Rock Church in Cedar City with three featured speakers. We were pleased to have our national president, Val Parrish and his wife, in attendance. Dr. Wayne Hinton provided a review of the life of John C. Fremont up through his first four expeditions to the west exploring routes for a possible railroad and mapping many areas previously unexplored. Jay Jones covered Fremont's fifth expedition that took place in 1853-54. This was the expedition where his party was stranded in a snowstorm near present day Paragonah and was rescued by the saints in Parowan. The monument recently rebuilt and dedicated in Parowan on Main Street is in recognition of this event. Dr. Richard Saunders covered the remaining period of Fremont's life. He focused on the influence of Fremont's wife, Jessie Benton Fremont, his run for President of the United States as the candidate of the newly formed Republican party, and his activities in the military and in politics. He brought out many of the characteristics of Fremont, good and bad, that made him such an interesting person. On a brisk Saturday morning, November 2nd, we were led on a trek by Col. Leon Matheson to many of the sites referenced the previous evening and other sites along the Old Spanish Trail.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Terry Jessop

We were privileged to hear from Terry Jessop. When he was called to serve as a young elder to Italy, he was promised by Elders Delbert L. Stapley and Ezra Taft Benson that he would perform many miracles like the ancient Apostles Peter and Paul. Brother Jessop then talked about being a 19 year old called to go to the headquarters of the Catholic Church in Italy. They started the first little branch in Naples because there were no members there except those on a military base. During Christmas time the elders and sisters decided to go around the city singing Christmas carols. The BBC was in the area, and the producer of the broadcast needed some Christmas music to be played as background music for their special about the Pope's visit to the city and asked them to sing some carols. They sang We Thank Thee O God

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for a Prophet as one of their "carols" and then continued with some Christmas carols. Some 32 million viewers around the world watched that broadcast, so Elder Jessop wrote in his weekly report to his mission president that they contacted 32 million people that week! He was then called as one of eight elders to open the city of Rome and dedicate it along with other elders. During his dedicatory prayer he felt inspired to say, "I bless this city and the people here with the knowledge of one day they will enjoy the blessing that every other member of the Church has including temple blessings, and one day there will be a temple built for the participation of the saints here in this city." Later in his life he was privileged to be in charge of all the music for the open house and dedication the Rome Temple. He attended every dedication session of the temple and at the last session, which was led by Elder Eyring, he felt a voice saying to him, "Terry, one day you will be able to walk again." He had been unable to walk for many years because of an accident and spent a long time in care centers recovering. Two years later he was able to give up his wheelchair and walk. After his mission he was an administrator with President Eyring at Ricks College and then became the Director of Continuing Education at Dixie College. He speaks nine languages and currently teaches immersion in French, German, and Spanish for Davis and Weber School Districts.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Monument Dedication

At our November meeting Raymond Keuhne spoke to us about the amazing efforts of LDS saints in east Germany after World War II. Kuehne is the author of the 450-page history: Citizens of a Communist State: A Documentary History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in East Germany, 1945-1990. Keuhne described the extraordinary efforts of Elder Thomas S. Monson to establish a temple there. Humorously, Three active LDS branches wanted the temple in Karl Marx stadt, but it was eventually built in Freiburg, a city that is actually in Karl Marx county.

On November 9, the Cotton Mission chapter, under the direction of David Peterson, was able to place a long-awaited monument at the south St. George site of the terrible Escalante 2 oil rig disaster of 1935. That fateful day in history occurred when city dignitaries and citizens had gathered to witness the oil come in, but instead lost their lives when the oil rig blew up. That tragic event ended the oil business in St. George before it got started, and due to the painful memories was rarely spoken of after that. The site was never marked, and has remained a desert waste until today. Now, after much effort and many contributions, a beautiful and informative monument has been placed and representatives of many of the deceased were present to take part in and witness a touching dedication service. We are so pleased to finally have an appropriate monument that will forever honor and remember those who lost their lives in this terrible, but significant historic event.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



We are so grateful for our President Brad Winder who has videoed most of our dinner meetings and treks this year. He also has posted them on our HVSUP Facebook page and has created a YouTube site that you can go on to view past all of our meetings. You can find these at: (441) Brad Winder - YouTube and on Facebook at HERE.

OCTOBER'S ACTIVITY: This month we had the privilege of having our National President, Val Parrish, come to speak to us. He gave us information to help us understand the value of the National Office that continues to be improved. It has now been turned into a Family Search Center. After listing all of the programs National provides it became very evident that we are blessed to be a part

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of this wonderful organization that teaches about the values of our Pioneer forbearers. Val spoke about the courage, faith in Christ and determination of our ancestors and the success they had in establishing a legacy in the desert. He spent time honoring his great grandfather Henry Strong Parrish and the legacy he left his family. All in all the night was a wonderful success. We had a wonderful attendance, and Val indicated that he had never been to a pot-luck dinner that was so fantastic. Thank you all for your support of this wonderful chapter.

NOVEMBER'S ACTIVITY: Our dinner this month was one week earlier than normal because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and the early Christmas SUP dinner. We met Nov 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Brick Church Cultural Hall at 300 south 100 west. Dinner was again pot-luck, and had the privilege of honoring another Modern-day Pioneer.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Ted Stewart

Pictured is Theodore "Ted" Stewart, our speaker for this November evening's program. Ted Stewart became a U. S. District Court Judge for the District of Utah after being nominated by President Clinton July 27, 1999, and subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate. He is now retired from active duty within that court. He and his brother Chris Stewart have co-authored some excellent books. Two in particular were referenced this evening - Seven Miracles that Saved America and Seven Tipping Points that Saved the World. His brother Chris is a retired member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Utah. The following are quotes from the Introduction to their book, Seven Miracles that Saved America: "At critical times in our nation's history, God provided miracles to save us. And there are miracles yet to come. Why? Because America still represents something important to Him. Because there is still much good around us. Because there are still enough patriotic citizens seeking for the good of, praying for the blessings of, and sacrificing for the benefit of this nation, as to ensure our continued existence as the 'shining city on the hill'". "This is God's chosen nation, His magnificent cause. And because this is true, we still have reason to hope." Other comments during his presentation, "God's help to our nation during the American Revolution resulted in our success. It is scary to think what we would be living under if we had lost the American Revolution." "The history of the United States of America shows that people can govern themselves. No kings or dictators are necessary. We now enjoy God given rights in the USA which are not present in other countries". "At the end of World War II, the USA was stronger than any other country because we were a nation of good people and blessed by God." Thank you Ted Stewart for sharing your great wisdom and experiences with us. You inspired us and caused us to be aware of our freedoms and from Whom these freedoms originated.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Maple Mountain / Spanish Fork



Ukraine Temple

This October for our Dinner/Presentation we were honored to have Kolya Onyshchuk, accompanied by his wife, Violetta. Kolya and Violetta shared with us their insights on the introduction of the Church in Ukraine, including stories of the early Ukrainian pioneers, the Ukraine Temple, and the current situation regarding the war with Russia.

Kolya grew up in Ukraine and served a mission in Russia, as did his wife, Violetta. He played a vital role as the mission driver and "go-to" person for mission presidents. After coming to the U.S. for his education, Kolya graduated from Salt Lake Community College and is now employed in Utah. Kolya and his wife are the parents of 3 children.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Arizona Memory Project Genealogy

The Mesa Arizona Chapter held its monthly Board Meeting on November 7th. Mesa Chapter's monthly gathering was held on Thursday, November 14th 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 shared a pot luck dinner while treated to musical entertainment by Matt Wharton. Following dinner, we participated in a presentation by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records on "How to use the Arizona Memory Project for Genealogy." The Arizona Memory Project (AMP) helps researchers discover information related to the history and government of Arizona by providing access to primary sources in Arizona archives, museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions. Visitors to the site will find some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and multimedia that chronicle Arizona's past and present. Our Chapter has been focusing on family history, and every chapter member, and non-member have family history in common, if they do not have pioneer heritage in their families. The presentation wonderfully reinforced this approach.

MORGAN PIONEER CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Rici and DeeWynn Johnson

On Monday the 18th of November, the Morgan chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers gathered for their November Luncheon. Chapter member, Blair Scoresby, presented the pioneer minute and told the inspiring story of his paternal grandfather and his many years of public service. After lunch, provided by "Larry's to Go" restaurant, the featured speakers for this month were Elder Rici and Sister DeeWynn Johnson of Mountain Green. They are currently serving as Senior Missionary Coordinators with the Weber Senior Services Missionary group. Elder Johnson is a native of southern Idaho and his wife a native of Magna. They met at Utah State University. After graduation in 1972, Rici received his commission in the Air Force and started pilot training in Texas. This would lead to a 26-year career and many different places to call home including multiple states and Spain. After retirement from the Air Force in 1998, Rici worked for Boeing as an instructor pilot taking them to China for 6 years. As a couple they have served missions for the Church in Buenos Aires and San Diego and now as Senior Missionary Coordinators. Their current responsibilities include providing senior service missionaries to staff local operations like the cannery and Bishop's Store House. They provide support to Bishops and Stake Presidents and church welfare operation managers. Elder and Sister Johnson discussed the many different types of senior service missionary opportunities that are currently available, both part time, full time, away from home and at-home Their many years of military and church service has given them opportunities to meet people from many walks of life and cultures while also sharing the gospel.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Cemetery

Members of the Porter Rockwell Chapter brought shovels, rakes, and hoes to help with the Fall spruce up at the Bingham City Cemetery near Copperton on October 19th. The chapter has helped maintain the property for the past three or four years either during the Spring or the Fall. This historic cemetery operates on a low budget and relies on volunteers to do most of the work. This year, the team consisted of Ned Arnold, Tim Nicolaysen, Wil Keil, Ron Watt, Bill Jeppson, Jim Backman, Tyler Bond, and Karl Blake. The Jencks family organization, which manages the record-keeping duties for the eight-acre facility, has "discovered burials from 30 nations and 38 states in the US, plus Veterans of 7 wars and much more.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Bill Bleak

At our November meeting we were treated to two presentations from Bill Bleak and Judy Scott about one of their ancestors. Both ancestors were born in England, joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and came to the Utah Territory. Many thanks to Bill and Judy for sharing these stories. Here are brief notes, of course much more was shared. James married in 1849 and shortly after they joined the church, he served in the White Chapel branch, eventually was its President, served in the London England Conference, then in 1856 he and his family sailed to Boston enroute to Utah, and crossed with the Martin Handcart company, suffering all along with those in that company. He served long with devotion after coming to Utah and lived until in his 89th year when he died in St. George, Utah, having been active in the St. George Temple as recorder and positions in the Stake High Council. The father of 33 children, more than 152 grandchildren, and didn't know how many Great and Great-great grandchildren. Rachel married in 1836 and her husband died in the factory, the family suspected he was pushed because he was a "Mormon", then they worked to be able to go to America, and she remarried, but he was abusive but eventually decided to behave better so he could go with them, besides they couldn't leave England without his consent. On the ocean voyage the ship, General McClellan struck an iceberg and the passengers had to bail water until they reached New York in 1864. They joined the Rawlins Ox Train at St. Joseph, Missouri, and he was not kind, making Rachel and her girls walk most of the way. Rachel lost a lot of weight, her eyesight, and near Fort Laramie, Wyoming she contracted Mountain Fever and died and was buried by the side of the road, and her husband died of Mountain Fever soon after they passed Fort Laramie. This left the girls without mother or step-father, but they reached the Great Salt Lake Vally in September 1864.

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Tooele, Utah



Richard Droubay

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the Settlement Canyon Chapter monthly dinner meeting, Richard Droubay gave a wonderful account of the challenges and rewards of serving as chairman of the open house committee and Dedication at Deseret Peak Temple. The last public tour of the Deseret Peak Utah Temple was held on Saturday, Oct. 19. During the open house period, which started on Sept. 29, Richard Droubay, of Tooele, chairman of the open house committee, reported that the temple had 130,911 visitors. Over 11,000 volunteers from Tooele Valley participated in helping during the open house and contributed over 35,000 hours of volunteer service. In addition, service missionaries and their leaders, along with Latter-day Saint sister missionaries, contributed over 7,000 hours of volunteer service. “We had thirteen committees that consisted of about 125 additional volunteers that contributed an additional 10,000 hours of service,” Droubay said.

Visitors from far-ranging areas like Russia, Germany, the Philippines, Korea, Italy, the countries of Georgia, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Canada, and from many of the States, traveled to Tooele to tour the temple. The furthest stateside visitors were from Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, and Florida. “We were amazed at the broad response to this Open House but more amazed at the comments from so many of the visitors on the beauty of this temple,” Droubay said. “Many also commented on the serenity and peace they felt while inside the Temple. “Personally, my wife and I were thrilled to be part of this great event. We witnessed so many good things during the four-week open house period. So much kindness, so much appreciation for this Temple.” Deseret Peak Utah Temple dedication was on Sunday, November 10, 2024, by President Russell M. Nelson.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Bill Hardesty

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter had a change of venue this month for their chapter meeting. We met at the Taylorsville Heritage Center. We had a presentation by Bill Hardesty about the Mormon Battalion. He related a few stories and experiences of the Battalion and what they went through. We then recognized our veterans of the chapter and had each one give us a brief introduction to when and where they served. We then had a presentation by Jim Oliphant who is the Club President of the Summit Vista Veterans Organization. He gave us a brief history of what Veterans Day is and that it started on November 11, 1954. Jim Served in the Army flying the CH54 helicopter that was responsible for rescuing downed aircraft and other military vehicles. The CH54 helicopter is the world's largest helicopter and has 9600 horsepower. It was a very interesting evening, enjoyed by all in attendance. We enjoyed a dinner catered by Olive Garden. For our December meeting on December 9th, we will be entertained by the Taylorsville High School Madrigals. Our meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Once again, we will be holding the chapter meeting at the Taylorsville Heritage Center.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Bruce Bower

On 18 November 2024, Brother Bruce Bowers, presented his exploration of the Gizeh Pyramid, as an Alter to God, the most studied Architecture. A Sacred structure, with Geometric measurements which give testimony of Gods Creation. He showed us the Entrance, the descending passage, a passage to the Queens Chambers, and an ascending passage to the upper Kings Chamber. He used the Golden ratio of Phi to show the Pyramids relationship to the earth, the moon and the stars. Then he gave testimony of the 3 levels, the symbol of 7, the sacred red granite Tablets, the sarcophagus, and the time line evidences of the creation, and of Adam to Jesus Christ, the capstone. He used the following Biblical references: Isa. 19:19-20, Eph. 2:20-22; Gen. 15:18, as substantiation. A full presentation is on YouTube "The Great Pyramid of Enoch (An Altar to the Lord)"

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Cindy Healey, Modern Pioneer Award

A Modern Day Pioneer indeed! In March 1991, Cindy Healey was called as the eighth sister missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve in Poland, a land just emerging from communist rule. Upon arriving in Warsaw, her journey to the mission home took her through the gates of the infamous Warsaw Ghetto, a poignant reminder of Poland's painful Holocaust history. Her mission motto, "Seek first to understand and love," guided her as she first learned to appreciate the traditions and rich culture of the Polish people. Due to restrictions, missionaries couldn't openly proselyte and had to rely on their creativity. They set up tables in town squares with pictures of Christ, inviting curious passersby to ask questions. "People who love Christ are granted the light of Christ," she observed, gaining a profound appreciation for shared faith. Empty grocery stores, food lines and horse-drawn carts still working fields reflected the lingering hardships of communism, even as Western culture began to seep in. Carrying proper documentation for safety was essential to missionaries, and learning Polish was both humbling and a little humorous for Cindy. After months of study and prayer, the language "clicked" during an argument with her landlord, where she suddenly realized she was translating what he was saying for her companion—a special experience with the gift of tongues. Cindy witnessed historic moments in Poland's religious history, including President Russell M. Nelson dedicating the first chapel there. She read his dedicatory prayer, which promised a bright future for the Polish saints. Today, land has even been dedicated for a future temple. Cindy extended her mission as many times as she was allowed, and we wished the same for her presentation! The spirit was strong, and her message powerful.