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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Early in 2023 the SUP National Board and SUP National Executive Council adopted a Strategic Plan looking ahead for a five-year period. As part of the Strategic Planning process a Vision Statement was adopted in conjunction with bringing congruency between the Mission Statement and Values Statement. That Vision Statement is as follows:

A National Society with an International Influence
to
Honor and Preserve
the
Values, Memory, and Heritage
of
Pioneers for all generations

Recently while listening to a podcast that is popular with some members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, one of the commentators mentioned that with the explosive growth of church membership across the world that in many nations the members of the Church are experiencing some of the same things that the early Saints did here in America. The comment was made that for new members of the Church "… every day, somewhere in the world it is '1830'". Likewise, "… every day, somewhere in the world it is '1847' for many of the recent converts to the Church.

These PIONEERs in their countries are experiencing the same challenges and obstacles that the early pioneers of the Church faced in America. Although these new members of the Church will not likely face the perils of traveling for thousands of miles across "the plains", they will still be walking for miles and hours on dusty roads, traveling on rickety public transportation, or riding in a wagon pulled by a donkey in order to attend church on Sundays. They face abject poverty, little food to eat, and have little in the way of material goods. They experience prejudice, mistrust, oppression, and ridicule. Some of these nations are in constant upheaval and instability.

In spite of these difficulties, these Saints have great faith in God, devotion to family, loyalty to the Church and to their country, courage in adversity, personal integrity and unyielding determination. If these things sound familiar it is because these are the same values that we honor in our own pioneers. Although the SUP mission is not to honor Pioneers from across the world, we ought to recognize that there are people who are enduring the same hardships, difficulties, and troubles that our pioneer ancestors did, and they are doing it for the same reasons. We ought to accord them the same honor, memory, and heritage as we do our own Pioneers.

L. Nate Pierce | 2024 National President

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Nominations Wanted

There are Great Leaders within the SUP.
If You Know of Someone Who Would Make a Great National President,
Please Nominate Them by Clicking HERE!



Monday 22 July

SUPer DUPer Day

This Is The Place Heritage Park | 10AM - 5PM
Discount Tickets for SUP & DUP Members
Devotional by Emily Belle Freeman, General Young Women's President



Wednesday 24 July

Days of '47 Sunrise Service

Free to the Public • Held in The Tabernacle at Temple Square • 7am
Keynote Speaker: Elder Evan A. Schmutz of the Seventy
Music from the Salt Lake Combined Institute Choir & Days of '47 Royalty
Flag Ceremony by the Mormon Battalion Association



Wednesday 24 July

Days of '47 Parade

Make a Lasting Memory With Your Family & Come Pull Handcarts
In The Downtown Salt Lake City Parade • Pull Starts at 9am



Come pull a handcart with us in the Days of 47 Parade! Please call the National Office for details.

Sept 24 through Oct 3

Church History Trek

Historic Properties Return Tour
Missouri | Illinois | Ohio
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PIONEER STORIES

ISAAC RUSSELL

The Russell family had joined the Church in Toronto along with Mary and Mercy Fielding, John Taylor, and many others. Upon hearing Parley P. Pratt speak Russell declared, "This is the Gospel I have been looking for and am ready to live and die by." Isaac also brought many of his friends into the faith including William and Wilson Law, James Standing, and Theodore Turley. Together, these families joined the body of the Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, then moved to Missouri.

In a revelation given on July 8, 1838 (DC 118), the Lord states,

"And next spring let them [the Twelve] depart to go over the great waters, and there promulgate my gospel, the fulness thereof, and bear record of my name. Let them take leave of my saints in the city of Far West, on the twenty-sixth day of April next, on the building-spot of my house, saith the Lord."

By the winter of 1838, the Saints were driven out of the State of Missouri upon the infamous Extermination Order. Anyone affiliated with the Church were in danger, and Apostles were especially so. Several families became disaffected with the Church, believing the prophecy could no longer be fulfilled. Isaac organized the Alston Church, claiming to have received revelations directing him to remain in Missouri and await the Three Nephites who would lead them to a new safe haven. Several families remaining in Far West joined him.

The enemies of the Church in Missouri knew of the revelation concerning April 26 on the Temple Lot and made plans for a determined effort to make sure the revelation could not be fulfilled. As night fell on April 25th, seven of the Apostles, and others, arrived at the Temple site. At midnight of the appointed day, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, John E. Page, and John Taylor ordained Wilford Woodruff and George A. Smith to fill the vacancies in the Twelve. Thirty-one individuals were excommunicated including Isaac Russell and the Three Witnesses. The cornerstones were laid, prayers were offered, the group sang "Adam-ondi-Ahman," and the party broke before dawn. On leaving the city of Far West, Theodore Turley stopped at the Russell home and called out,

"[B]rother Russell!"

Isaac's wife answered the door, saying, "[C]ome in[;] it is brother Turley."

Appearing somewhat surprised, Isaac replied, "[I]t is not[;] he left here two weeks ago." But when he discovered that it was indeed Theodore who had called on him, Isaac invited him to sit down.

Theodore answered, "I cannot[;] I shall lose my company."

"[W]ho is your company?" Isaac asked.

"[T]he Twelve," Theodore replied.

"The Twelve," Isaac responded.

"[Y]es[;] don[']t you know that this is the twenty sixth and the day the Twelve were to take leave of their friends on the foundation of the Lord[']s House to go to the Islands of the Sea? The Revelation is now fulfilled, and I am going with them."

Having no response, Brother Turley bid them farewell.

The Russell family endured great persecution as they awaited his prophecy of the Three Nephites. Hardly able to find work, the family nearly starved. Several times they nearly faced death by the Missouri mobs. They took Isaac to the Far West temple lot and sold him as a slave. A Mormon sympathizer, Mr. Raglan, paid the price and offered Russell to work for six months to pay off the debt. This event spurred the Russell's to finally leave Far West and settle near Richmond.

During this time, many Nauvoo Saints reached out to Isaac. William Law, wrote to him,

"You were once a mighty man, why then be rebellious because of offenses, or from any other cause, as to you being cut off from the Church, Joseph disapproved of it with much warmth and wishes you and the rest to appeal at the general assembly of the Church, you would be received here with open arms were you to come back."

Unfortunately, reconciliation never occurred in mortality. Isaac succumbed to swamp fever just three months after Joseph and Hyrum Smith's martyrdom in 1844.

Finally, in 1861, after over twenty years of disaffection, his widow and children succeeded in moving to Utah.

During a dinner at the Social Hall, Heber C. Kimball approached the family and asked, "So you are Isaac Russell's daughters?" One daughter replied, "Yes, we are Isaac Russell's daughters, and we are not ashamed of it." Kimball replied, "Isaac Russell was a good man, a man that I loved, and if there is no one else to see that he is righted, when the time comes, I will see that he is righted myself." Orson Hyde also told one of Isaac's daughters, "Your father, he was one of the most powerful speakers we ever had in the Church, he could move heaven and earth." Proxy baptism was performed for Isaac on August 27, 1889, in the Logan Temple. Further temple work was later done when he was posthumously sealed to his wife and their six children in the Los Angeles Temple on March 12, 1965.

Monument Trek



Pocatello 1st Ward Building

SUP #287 | Corner of Garfield and Center Street, Pocatello, Idaho

A monument memorializing the first building erected by the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pocatello, Idaho was dedicated on the evening of May 23, 2024. The monument was placed by the Portneuf Pioneers Pocatello Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Building construction began in 1903 and it was dedicated in 1909 at a cost of $17,000. The building's architect was William Allen of Kaysville, Utah. The building was a 40' x 80'structure, including a baptistry in the basement and was a very impressive, highly acclaimed design and construction for its time.

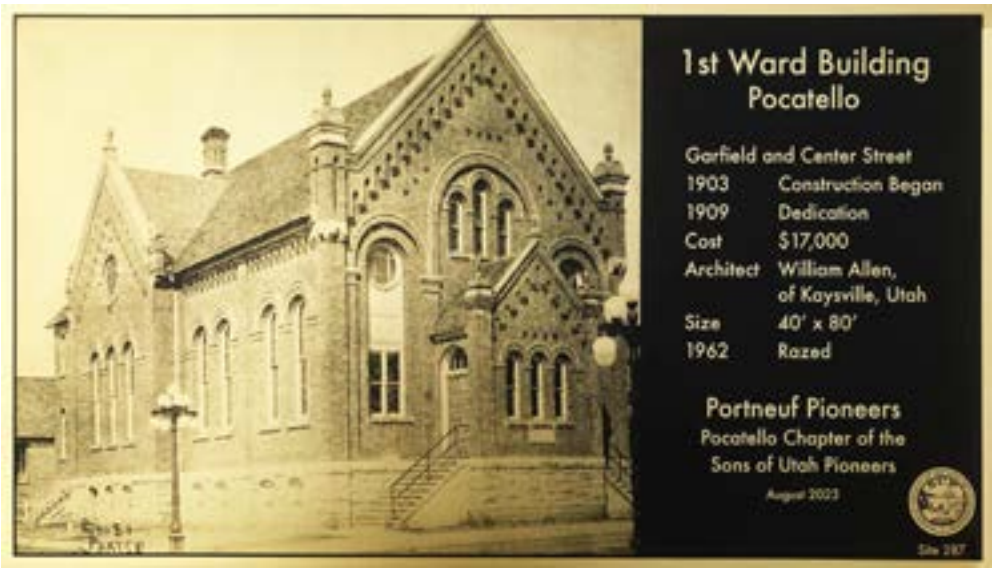
A mural in the First Ward building was painted by Minerva Teichert, a renowned contributor of artwork in many buildings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including many temples. The mural of the First Ward was preserved and is now in the Pocatello, Idaho Temple.

The monument stands near a parking lot where the building once stood.



Minerva Teichert's "Not Alone" painting, originally hung in the First Ward building, now resides in the Pocatello Temple.





CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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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!

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Ken Adkins . . . . . Salt Lake Pioneer
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Alan Buttars . . . . . Ogden Valley
Delbert Call . . . . . Box Elder
Frank Casperson. . . . . Cedar City
Jay Christensen. . . . . Bountiful
Jacob Dietz. . . . . Mt Nebo
Jack Evans . . . . . Cotton Mission
Tim Gamble. . . . . Lehi
Ron P Jensen . . . . . Maple Mountain
Richard Kohler . . . . . Cotton Mission
Quinn G McKay . . . . . Ogden Valley
Allan McQueen . . . . . Settlement Canyon
John Miller. . . . . Squaw Peak
Rodney M Mills . . . . . Cotton Mission
Marv Neuman . . . . . Temple Quarry
Kent Poulson. . . . . Maple Mountain
Donald L White . . . . . Ogden Valley
David Wilson . . . . . Brigham Young

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Richard Wolff . . . . . Pocatello

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Stanley Harwell . . . . . Grove City
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Paul E Nuttall . . . . . Jordan River Temple



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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Boulder City Mayor Joe Hardy



Vera Gunson and Coralee Miller, Seminary teacher

The Boulder Dam Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers were proud to present their inaugural scholarship/missionary award on May 2, 2024, at our monthly board meeting. The criteria for the award was to submit an essay on a pioneer ancestor or a pioneer of their choice who stood out to them as a good example in their life. The inaugural $400 scholarship award winner is Vera Gunson, a graduating senior from Boulder City High School who is planning to go on a mission, following in her older sister's footsteps. She was accompanied to the awards presentation by her mother, two sisters, and also her seminary teacher.

May's chapter activity was held at the 5th Street Chapel in Boulder City, NV. Our speaker was Boulder City's current mayor, Joe Hardy. He told of his pioneer heritage going back to the early days of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He read a couple of pioneer songs that helped the pioneers meet and overcome their trials and challenges as they crossed the plains. We had dutch oven cobbler and ice cream for dessert.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



Mitch Pratt

In May, Mitchell Pratt, a descendant of Parley P. Pratt, delivered a lecture focusing on Parley's tragic murder by Hector McLean. Pratt described Parley's death as a culmination of unfortunate circumstances. The first issue at the time of Parley's death was the nation's stance on polygamy, a practice also embraced by other groups prior to the Church. However, when the Saints adopted it, it became a contentious issue, even part of the Republican Party's platform alongside slavery abolition. The second issue centered around Hector McLean and his troubled marriage to Eleanor. Hector's violent opposition to Eleanor's interest in Mormonism, highlighted by his purchase of a cane sword, exemplified the intensity of his opposition. Despite Hector's threats, Eleanor's resolve to join the Church only strengthened. Parley, serving as an ecclesiastical leader, intervened to assist her, deepening Hector's animosity towards them. Eleanor eventually divorced Hector and married Parley, becoming his twelfth wife. Tragically, Parley's premonition of danger was realized as he and Eleanor embarked on a mission. Hector intercepted them in Arkansas, resulting in Parley's fatal stabbing and shooting. Even in his final moments, Parley's concern for others prevailed as he urged bystanders to return his body to Utah. Pratt concluded his lecture with the poignant revelation that Parley's remains were never recovered. However today, visitors can find the Pratt grave site in the small Wynn Cemetery. The site is open to the public and is marked by a large granite monument upon which is engraved one of Pratt's most well-known hymns, "The Morning Breaks."

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Wally Lee



Group at Jefferson Hunt Memorial

In May we sponsored treks to the Milford Mineral Museum on the 4th and on the 18th to the Jefferson Hunt monument near Newcastle and the Mountain Meadows Massacre site monuments. The Milford Mineral Museum is the private collection of Dr. William B. Wray Jr. and contains minerals from all over the world. We were treated to a private tour of this amazing museum. The Jefferson Hunt monument is located on the Old Spanish Trail and marks the spot where a group that he was leading to California split up with some choosing to go through Death Valley rather than the normal route Jefferson Hunt recommended. Several in the party (which became known as the Death Valley 49ers) died, hence the name Death Valley. In Mountain Meadows there is a network of monuments marking spots where various incidents occurred during the five-day siege of the Baker/Fancher party from Arkansas led by the LDS militia from Iron and Washington counties. Wally Lee, a direct descendant of John D. Lee, provided background and the history of this tragic event as we now understand it. John D. Lee was the only perpetrator convicted. He was executed in Mountain Meadows more than 20 years after the event.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



George D. Potter

Our Centerville SUP Chapter enjoyed an evening meal of Mexican food in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. We then were privileged to hear from George D. Potter who graduated from U.C. San Diego and earned a master's degree from U.C. Berkeley. He lived in Arabia for 27 years and, during that time, produced many films and books related to his Book of Mormon and biblical discoveries. His articles on the "Valley of Lemuel" and "Lehi's Trail" were published in the Journal of Book of Mormon Studies. His books also include Lehi in the Wilderness (2003), Nephi in the Promised Land (2009), The Voyages of the Book of Mormon, and Discovering the Amazing Jaredites (2021). In that latest book, Brother Potter states that "While reading the Book of Mormon, I turned to the book of Ether and read: And it came to pass that the Lord commanded them that they should go forth into the wilderness, yea, even into that quarter where there never had man been (Ether 2:5). Immediately I realized that the Jaredites must have crossed the great sand desert known as the Rub Al Khali, meaning The Empty Quarter, so named because there is no sign that anyone has ever lived there. I knew that there had been an ancient trail leading from ancient Babel to the edges of the Empty Quarter." His presentation consisted of his amazing journeys to the Valley of Lemuel using 4 wheel drive vehicles that took him and others on roads and areas that Lehi and his group would have traveled and made stops before reaching the Red Sea. That is the area were Nephi would have constructed the boat to cross the Red Sea to the Promised Land. He also discussed what it would have taken to construct the boat with the type of tools they would have used and how they would need to get cotton sails, flint and other materials to accomplish the crossing. Brother Potter showed many maps and pictures of the areas where he and his group stopped along that trail from Jerusalem to the Red Sea.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Scholarship Awards

The Cotton Mission Sons of Utah Pioneers held their annual scholarship dinner on May 21, at the Washington Community Center Banquet Hall. Six $1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors: Benjamin Marsden, Crimson Cliffs High School; Grace Christensen, Dixie High School; Parker Holt, Enterprise High School; Katie Finch, Pine View High School; Caden Morris, Snow Canyon High School; and Michael Cox, Success Academy. Winners received certificates and award medals presented by President Roy Tayor and President-elect Brad Allen. Responses were given by students Katie Finch, Pine View High School and Caden Morris, Snow Canyon High School; Eric Christensen Vice Principal of Dixie High School gave a response for school administrators and counselors (and parents since his daughter was a winner); Ralph Atkin gave a response from the judges' perspective. There were 42 applications from 8 high schools, 37 chapter members and spouses served as judges. In order for a student to be considered at least 3 applications were required from their school. Two additional $1,000 ancillary scholarships were awarded to Dixie High School Students Anthony Fernandez and Alexis Montenegro at a high school assembly as the result of special needs as recognized by one of our judges.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Brad and Dantzell Allen



Nick and Erroleen Scholzen



Royce Kroff

APRIL ACTIVITIES: We had two wonderful things happen at our monthly dinner meeting last month. First, we honored the winner of the Elementary Essay Contest. We had over 150 entries, and Royce Kroff was the winner. He stood and read his essay to us. The second event was honoring our new Modern-day Pioneer award winners. This award is given to someone who has given much to the community in terms of time and energy and service! This award was given to two people this time. Nick Scholzen and his wife Erroleen. Nick is a native of Hurricane, graduating from Hurricane High School in 1963, and stepping into managing his father's expanding business of Scholzen Products. He served as Bishop of the Hurricane 1st Ward, and devoted much of his life to helping hundreds of young men become Eagle Scouts. He loves people, and has a calling list of over 4,000 people who he calls every year to wish them Happy Birthday. Erroleen grew up in Green River, and met Nick at USU in Logan, Utah. She is a talented musician, and has taught a great many youth how to play the piano. She has been her ward's organist for many years, and has donated a great deal of time serving many in this community. This couple certainly deserve the title of MODERN-DAY PIONEERS. Congratulations!

May's Event: Brad and Dantzell Allen will speak to us. Brad is a Panguitch native and Dantzell is from Arizona. They met as young missionaries and married in the Provo Temple. They served a Senior Mission to Athens Greece, and were the Directors of the Mormon Battalion Historic Site in San Diego.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Elaine and Jim Crane



Jordan River Scholarships

Tonight was our annual awarding of Riverton High School's graduating seniors with scholarships. We awarded three this year. One will not be awarded to him officially until after completing his mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The scholarship winners this year are: Pictured left to right are Austin Segelke - he will be attending the University of Utah; Luke William Horner - he will be serving a mission in Brazil for his Church; Hunter Nikole Gledhill - she will be attending Colorado Mesa University; and Hannah Irion. Hannah won the fourth grade pioneer essay contest. Many family members along with Hannah's teacher honored our Chapter and these students with their attendance and support. Elaine and Jim Crane are pictured. Jim received his Modern Day Pioneer award for his many years of service to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. This service includes his serving as our Chapter President and his excellent work on preserving historic monuments in our area of the Salt Lake Valley. Dil Strasser, our Chapter's SUP Area Vice-President, presented the award to Jim. Congratulations Jim and to your family.

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Roy Wharton

Sons of Utah Pioneers Mesa Arizona chapter held its 2nd Thursday of the Month potluck dinner and presentation on May 9, 2024 held at the Evergreen Ward building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Tempe, Arizona. After a potluck dinner, a patriotic moment with Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," we were privileged to hear from the Wharton Family. First from Matthew Wharton (SUP Area VP and Past Chapter President) who played the guitar, sang, and played the standup bass. Then we heard from his father Roy Wharton who shared tales of the building of the Salt Lake Temple from the book FORTY YEARS: The Saga of Building The Salt Lake Temple by Mark Henshaw.

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Quinn Heiner



Scholarships

On Monday, May 20th the Morgan chapter held their last luncheon of the spring. The next gathering will be in September for the fall social with their wives. The lunch was again held at the Rock Chapel and catered by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. The chapter awards several scholarships each year to Morgan High School seniors. This year's recipients Anders Barney and Grant Davis were recognized and presented certificates by chapter president George Hopkins and scholarship chairman Rick London. They will each receive a $1000 scholarship and be recognized at this week's senior scholarship night.

The guest presenter for the afternoon was Morgan's own Quinn Heiner. He received a degree in Sound Engineering from BYU and sang with the school's Concert Choir. He received a second degree from UVU in software engineering and currently works as a computer programmer. In 2013 Quinn auditioned for and was accepted into the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square. He has performed with the choir for hundreds of performances including the weekly Sunday broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word." He has toured with the choir throughout the world. Quinn shared the fascinating history of the choir and many of his own personal experiences. He commented on multiple funny experiences, spiritual experiences, and events with the choir that have changed his life. Quinn shared the awesome memories that he and other choir members have had working with guest artists including Sissel, James Taylor, The Muppets, Kristen Chenowith, John Rees-Davis, Matthew Morrison and Lea Solonga. Quinn ended by sharing his music talent on the piano with a beautiful and inspiring compilation of hymns. We all left with a greater appreciation for the service and sacrifices of time and talent by members of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Days of '47 Royalty

Presentation: "Down and Back" wagon trains 1861-1868. Credits: Charles William Carter, Photographer (1832-1918); William George Hartley, Author/Creator (1942-2018); Church History Library ~ Church History Museum; Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Tales of Triumph)

Our June chapter meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the Tenth Ward Chapel 420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City. Guests include 2024 Days of '47 Royalty Attendant Tiffany Gunnell, Queen Elizabeth Rampton, and Attendant Korissa Behunin. This year's competition theme, "Stout Pioneer Hearts—Lift Others!" was exemplified in the young women who participated in The Days of '47 Royalty Scholarship Competition. The contestants, descendants of pioneers who arrived in the valley between 1847 and 1869, are the foundation for the future. They represent the high standards of modern-day pioneers with a love of their pioneer heritage and a vision of the difference young women can make in the world. The Days of '47 Royalty Scholarship Competition is produced by International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The chosen royalty will ride in The Days of '47 Parade, will be in attendance at many functions (such as The Days of '47 Rodeo), and will speak at numerous gatherings and events during their reign. They will be role models to all young women who hear their message as they represent the State of Utah, The Days of '47, Inc. and Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The judging took place on March 29th and 30th.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Elder Evan A. Schmutz

When: Wednesday, July 24 @ 7AM

Location: Salt Lake Tabernacle at Temple Square

Cost: FREE to the Public

Speaker: ELDER EVAN A. SCHMUTZ was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2016. At the time of his call, he had been serving in the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area. From 2016 to 2020, Elder Schmutz served as a counselor and then President of the Philippines Area; from 2020 to 2023 in the Utah Area Presidency; in 2023 he began serving as President of the North America Southwest Area; and from 2011-2014 as president of the Philippines Cebu Mission.

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



Douglas Nyholm

The Settlement Canyon Chapter was thrilled to listen to Douglas Nyholm. Douglas, who has been collecting coins for over 60 years gave a wonderful presentation on "The History of Mormon Currency 1837-1937." His presentation was as-good-as it gets. He was a consignment director with Heritage Galleries and also acted as an auctioneer with Heritage, Holabird-Kagin, Kagins and also called the National Token Societies auction at their national meeting last year in Salt Lake City. Doug has a passion for research and writing, authoring "The History of Mormon Currency 1837-1937" in 2010 winning the NLG's award for Best book on Currency in 2011. He has also written books on "Unusual Coins with A Story," and "Branch Mint Proof Coinage." He has been the editor/publisher for the Utah Numismatic Society's "Mint Master" publication for over 10 years as well as their past President and current Vice-President. He has written and published previous articles for the "Numismatist" and SPMC's "Paper Moneys" as well as several numismatic publications and is currently working on several new projects. He can be reached by email at: Douglas.Nyholm@comcast.net.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah



Kyle Anderson



Kara Ottley

For the month of May, the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter enjoyed an evening with Kyle Anderson, Regional Vice-President. He spoke to us about an area that he has been involved in for a number of years. That is the Pioneer Trails Workshop - People, Places, and Principles. He explained to us what the program is. It is a trek from Nebraska to Salt Lake, a six-day journey by handcarts. It was an interesting evening and very informative. We also had the opportunity to hear from Kara Ottley. who is the granddaughter of our former Chapter President, Riley Draper. She gave a presentation about one of her ancestors that she had prepared for a school presentation. It was very interesting. She told us that one of her ancestors, Elizabeth Manwaring, disappeared once she had reached Laramie, Wyoming. Our upcoming Chapter Meeting on July 8th will be presented by the Days of '47 Royalty. It will be held at the Taylorsville Museum at 6:30 pm. Anyone that would like to join us, is invited. Also, our chapter will be walking in the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade on June 29th. Anyone that would like to walk with us, is invited to do so. We will meet behind the movie theaters on Redwood Road and 5400 South at 8:15 am. These events should prove to be a lot of fun and enjoyable for all.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Chris Wilson

Temple Fork SUP Chapters guest speaker on 20 May was Chris Wilson. He is our State Senate IGG Chair person. He owns Wilson Ford, in Logan, Utah. He purchase the Company from his father Clair Wilson. In 1940's Clair's father Floyd started the business by buying old cars, repairing, and selling them. Floyd then purchased the Ford franchise in 1943. Chris was born in Logan and raised working for his family's car dealership. He attended USU. Chris shared his Pioneer heritage of first settlers of Providence. The Theurer's had 6 daughters, one of which married Floyd Wilson's father. An ancestor of his mother was Jane Johnston Black, who at 16 took over her fathers Methodist ministry in Manchester England. When she heard the Gospel from William Clayton she joined. Moving to Nauvoo, she was a doctor, nurse, and midwife to the saints. John Taylor called for her help when he was shot at Carthage and declared he wanted her to be a witness of the Carthage assassination. She is accredited with having delivered over 3,000 babies (*See the Episode "She Did Not Fear."*)

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Scholarship Winners

In our May meeting, the Timpanogos chapter learned that our future is in great hands! We had an incredibly fun evening hearing from our 2024 scholarship recipients. We spent the evening learning the importance of facing our fears, the blessing of gaining resilience through trials, the importance of faith and loyalty to our beliefs, and the fact that we are each "beneficiaries of pioneer greatness." Each scholarship recipient acknowledged their opportunities and freedoms are a direct result of their "pioneer ancestor's bravery." One recipient taught that just as our pioneer ancestors faced hardships and bumpy roads, we too must be brave and face them head-on. If we focus on positive lessons learned from trials, then our trials can become tools for good. Another recipient said, "Jump into the fear of the unknown and have faith in yourself." Wise advice! These kids are witty, kind, intelligent and humble. We saw incredible art in many forms. It was an honor to host and learn from these kids. Our chapter is excited to award $7,400 this year.

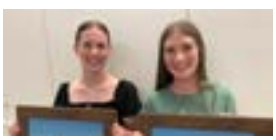
2024 Scholarship Winners: Pioneer Values: Kenadee VanAusdal - American Fork $1,000; Ava Clegg - Lone Peak $1,000; Danna Vasquez - Pleasant Grove $1,000; Gwen Elcock - Pleasant Grove $1,000. Literary Arts: Kayla Clason - Lone Peak $500; Amalia Favro - Lone Peak $300; Louisa Lyons - Pleasant Grove $200; Sadie Lees - Pleasant Grove $200. Visual Arts: Aurora Alban - Pleasant Grove $500; Sydney James - Lone Peak $300; Ciella Larsen - Lone Peak $200; Emma Bartholomew - Lone Peak $200.

We are also pleased to award $1,000 to 10 local elementary schools ($100 per school).

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Terry and Eileen Wilcox



Carry On Award recipients

Upper Snake River Valley Chapter Sons of Utah Pioneers awarded their "Carry On" awards. "Carry On" Merit Award recipients are from the following high schools: Sugar/Salem—Paige Harris; Madison—Malachai Kugath; South Fremont—Nichole Lusk; and Rigby—Kenadee Belnap. The program was given by Terry and Eileen Wilcox who shared pictures and experiences as missionaries at Nauvoo. Their presentation was entitled, "Historic Nauvoo: How the Lord's Hand is still Shaping the City."