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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Men of the SUP:

It is hard to believe that this month brings an end of my year serving as your National President. It seems unreal how quickly this time has passed. "Time Flies" is an idiom used in referring to the quick passage of time. It usually refers to or is associated with the saying "time flies when you are having fun". In all of our daily activities we fully realize that Time Waits For No One. During this past year, I have come to a greater appreciation of the preciousness and fleeting nature of time. Whether I perceive it as a friend or foe, time marches on relentlessly, urging me to cherish each moment and make the most of my fleeting existence. Carl Sandburg once said that, "Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you."

When I was running for election to be your president, I committed to you that I would give my best effort and put in the TIME to faithfully fulfill my responsibilities. Since being elected to this office, I, along with the other members of the National Executive Council and your National Board, have spent countless hours in your service.

Early on the Executive Council spent many hours going through a process to develop a five-year Strategic Plan for the SUP. In that plan we created a Vision Statement and refined our Mission Statement to align with our Values Statement. Using these three pillars of what SUP stands for we crafted the Strategic Plan. This plan focused on four main objectives. In order of priority, they currently are: (1) Increasing National Society Membership, (2) Improve Public Relations – increase the visibility, awareness, and attractiveness of SUP, (3) Improving the Financial Stability of the National Society, and (4) Improving the National Society's meaningful, consistent, and timely support of Chapters. As part of this plan, we developed a Membership Enhancement "TOOL BOX" for use by all chapter officers and board members. Once this was completed, we engaged in a comprehensive review and subsequent update of the National Society Bylaws.

We are now in the midst of revamping and updating our National Society Website to make it more user friendly, keeping it current, and broadening its appeal. I am sure that you have noticed the significant progress that has been made in this area. We are currently reviewing all of our financial and investment policies and will soon be bringing them to the National Board for review and approval.

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All of these significant efforts, to name just a few, have been accomplished in addition to maintaining the day-to-day operations of the National Society, visiting chapters, and participating in chapter and National events. We have not given up on the "dream" or the Vision Statement that we created at the beginning of my tenure. Earl Nightingale once said, "Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway." As my tenure, as your National President, comes to an end, I can truly say, "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun". Thank you for your support, friendship, and FUN!

L. Nate Pierce | 2024 National President

Calendar of Events





21ST CENTURY PIONEER

RANDALL MACKEY

By Val Parrish, 2024 National President-Elect

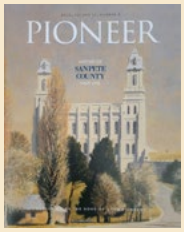


I am honored to pay tribute to a true friend of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Randall Mackey passed away on August 20, 2024. Randall served as Legal Counsel for the National Sons of Utah Pioneers for over seven years.

Randall was an Attorney and Counselor at Law at Mackey Price & Mecham. His education took him from the University of Utah to Harvard Business School to Columbia Law School and to the University of Oxford. He served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Utah, served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Salt Lake Community College, a member of the Utah State Board of Education, a director of the Harvard Alumni Association in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a Vice President of the Columbia Law School Association in New York City, and a director of the Salt Lake Education Foundation. Randall also served as a trustee of Ballet West, the Utah Opera Company, and the Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation and a director of the Utah Arts Counsel.

He was indeed a remarkable man with amazing credentials, but I know him as one of my brothers in the Sons of Utah Pioneers. We served on the Board of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter together for many years and I remember the great intelligence and insight that he brought to every meeting, but I especially remember him as a friend and one who always had time to fulfill his commitments to the board. I remember on one occasion, we were meeting as a board at our regular location, the Lion House Pantry, and as the meeting was ending, he said that he had to burn some time before he returned home. We asked him 'why' and he responded that Amy Grant was filming a Christmas Special at his home that evening. I loved living vicariously through his amazing stories and varied contacts. When we wanted a specific person to speak at our luncheon meetings, he regularly said, "I will ask them, they are a friend of mine." Even as Randall's health declined, he attended our board meetings by Zoom up until he was no longer able. I will forever have fond memories of Randall. He had a strong mind, but even better than that, he was kind and had a strong soul.

In honor of President Russel M Nelson's 100th Birthday we would like to present a synopsis of an article, pages 34-37, in the 2023 #3 issue of the Pioneer Magazine by his daughter, Marsha N Workman.



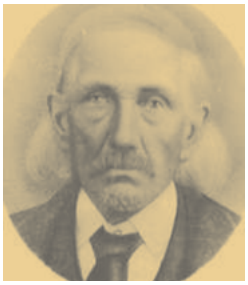
Most of us have grandparents that came from different countries or parts of the United States, but how often do they all settle in the same town and remain there for several generations? President Nelson's grandparents all settled in the same town, Ephraim, when they arrived in Utah. His Mother's grandparents, Stephen Henry Williams & Emma Jane Hillard were born in England and emigrated by ship to the United States and then came west by wagon train. His Mother's grandparents, Niels Christian Anderson, born in Sweden & Ingeborg Paulsen, born in Norway came west separately by wagon train and handcart. His Mother's parents, Andrew and Sarah E Williams, were married in Ephraim in 1881. They remained there and welcomed ten children into their family. His Father's grandparents Johan Andreas Jensen & Petra Amundsen came to the United States from Norway and came west by handcart. His Father's grandparents Mads Peder Nielsen & Margrethe Hansen Nielsen came from Denmark. His father's parents, Andrew C Nelson, was born in Ephraim, and Amanda J arrived in Ephraim as a baby.

I feel a sense of awe and gratitude for my mother's and my father's pioneer ancestors who settled here in Utah. Their stories and examples tell of their bravery and commitment to a newly found faith and their strength to settle in an unknown foreign country and build a life for them and their posterity. I gain strength as I learn of them and the heritage they left for me.

PIONEER STORIES

DANIEL ALLEN & MARY ANN MORRIS, A LIFE OF CONSECRATION

Compiled & updated by LaRon Taylor, Aug 2024



Daniel was a great example of the early saints that gave their all to the Lord, even after coming to Utah. Daniel tanned and worked leather. His skills were in much demand and would have provided him a comfortable life if he had not chosen to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He made many articles, such as shoes, boots, harnesses, saddles, and bridles. Daniel and his wife of only one year learned of the LDS Church and were baptized in June, 1832 by Elder Joel Hills Johnson. Shortly after that, he learned that Joseph Smith was calling for help in building the Kirtland Temple. Daniel sold his 40-acre farm in Huntsberg, Cayuga, OH, for $600 and gave it all to the Church. He then moved to Kirtland and helped build the temple. He bought two city lots and built a tannery and shoe shop, in addition to working on the temple.

The mobs descended and drove everyone from their homes in times of sheer poverty. Daniel and his family were driven from their home and sent away without any chance to move their belongings. He first settled in Log Creek in the spring of 1838 near his brother Joseph, but soon moved 3 miles north to Adam-Ondi-Ahman. Mobs gathered strength and persecution mounted until the Saints were again driven from their homes. Daniel and his wife and three children journeyed 21 days to Quincy, Illinois, then went on to Lima, Illinois, where they stayed for one year to gather strength and resources.

Daniel now had to watch his own back for more reasons than just being a member of the church. Many of those who had guarded the prophet were singled out by the mobs and were in danger of being killed. On one particular day, Daniel had been concerned all day. In speaking with his wife, Mary Ann, he told her that he had felt in particular danger. After tucking the children in bed, he saw an answer to his prayers for safety on the dresser. It was his wife's night cap. His wife helped him tie it on & he got in bed. Shortly, there was a knock at the door, and the mob demanded to see Daniel. Mary Ann stated that he wasn't there and invited them in to inspect the house. They went through the entire house and left with a comment that there was only an old woman in bed with a child. Inspiration had prompted the extra precautions of that night and the night cap had saved his life.

Brigham Young called Daniel on a mission to sell properties the saints had abandoned as they were driven by the mobs. He left his suffering family and went back to the hostile lands with Nelson Higgins (another of our ancestors) and Samuel Shepherd. There were many hazards, but they had some success. In the meantime, the saints were building wagons and preparing to leave Nauvoo. The mobs forced them to abandon the town before they could complete preparations, so the town was abandoned mid-winter in February of 1846.

The baby (also named Daniel) was only weeks old so they tried to keep it alive by frequently stopping and milking the cow. That helped the baby to survive until they arrived at Winter Quarters, but it died there in August, 1846. In light of the tremendous trials this family had been through, they still remained faithful to the gospel and to the Lord.

No, Daniel's trials were not over yet. He had to recover from these tragic events and re-build his resources at Winter Quarters for the next two years. After one year of parenting his little family alone, Daniel married Louisa Jane Berry on 22 June, 1847. This must have been a great day for this little family that so desperately needed a mother. They moved to Kanesville the next spring and remained there for another year before forging on to SLC with the Orson Spencer Company under captain Samuel Gulley in the spring of 1849. While en-route to Utah, many of the company became sick with Cholera and some died. Their captain Gulley was one of the fatalities. After arriving in Utah on 22 September, 1849, his skills were badly needed, so the rest if his life was spent answering the Lord's calls to help the saints.

Daniel was later called to set up tanneries in Manti, Provo, Parowan, agents in the state. This picture of Daniel is on display in the DUP Museum in Parowan. His last assignment was to set up a tannery in Escalante at age 76.

Daniel Allen had given his entire life to the church. He truly understood the Law of Consecration.

Monument Trek



A Trek Two-fer

HALF WAY HOUSE SUP #26 & NEFF'S STATION SUP #27

10350 South State Street, Sandy, City, Utah east of the South Town Mall parking lot and State Street.
GPS: N40 33 47.80, W111 53 27.73 elevation 4394 feet (40.5632778, -111.8910361)

This month's trek is a two for one special located in Sandy, Utah. This monument was placed by the Temple Quarry Chapter in 1990 and was originally difficult to find. It contains two plaques, "Half Way House" and "Neff's Station".

HALF WAY HOUSE

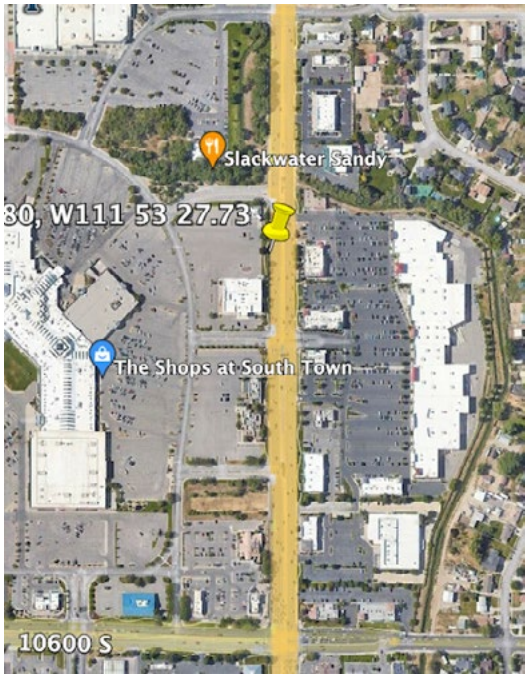
So named due to the location being halfway between "Travelers Rest and 6400 South State street and Porter Rockwell's layout near the Point of the Mountain (now Bluffdale City). The Milo Andrus Inn was located a few yards northwest from the monument. It was a welcome stop along the way if walking, riding horseback, buggy, or other horse-drawn conveyance. It was built in 1859 and the early part of 1860 and served as both a hotel and a family residence for 120 years. In 1980 the structure was moved to the Pioneer Trails State Park in Salt Lake City.

The inn was a project of Lucy Loomis Tuttle Andrus, one of several wives of Milo. Lucy was a widow with children when Milo married her in 1850 as they were crossing the plains. At the time he was a leader of some Church members who were in route to Utah from England. After the group arrived in Utah, he worked hard to get them all situated.

NEFF'S STATION

The Benjamin Barr Neff farm was located ¼th of a mile from the monument's location and became known as "Neff's Station at Dry Creek" or just "Neff's Station". The Deseret Telegraph established an office there in 1871. Mary Ellen Love Neff, 20-year-old second wife of Benjamin, operated the station. The location was ideal for the telegraph station because the north-south lines connecting Salt Lake City and east-west lines connecting Alta and Bingham, crossed at that point. The telegraph station was moved with the coming of the cross-valley railroad in 1873.





CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Roland Lee

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BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Provo Pioneer Village

Our August meeting was held on August 15th at the Provo Pioneer Village which the chapter supports. A delicious meal was provided, and attendees had the opportunity of seeing the village and learning more about it. Interesting and inspiring experience were shared by volunteers and the Modern Pioneer Award was presented to Linda Trotter, who has served as a devoted volunteer for many years.

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Maurice Graham Trek

Saturday, August 10, was our annual breakfast and trek. As usual our breakfast committee did an outstanding job cooking pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and hash browns for the 52 people in attendance. The trek was led by Al Matheson who has devoted considerable time to uncovering the complete history of Maurice Graham, a decorated pilot from WWI who was a founder of Western Air Express, which later became Western Airlines. In January 1930 he was flying 600 pounds of mail from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City. He perished in a blizzard in the mountains above Cedar City. The search for the plane and his remains led to the largest air and land search in history up to that time. In addition to visiting the main monument on Hornet Hill, the group traveled by 4x4 vehicles to the Crystal Creek emergency landing site and then the bravest souls hiked to the monument in Spanish Hollow where the body and mail bag were found. We were privileged to have two of Maurice Graham's grandsons with us on the trek.

On the morning of July 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.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Kriss and Bob Brown

The dinner meeting speaker for August 20 was Bob Brown. He shared information about the 1897 Utah Pioneer Jubilee. Bob's interest in the Utah Pioneer Jubilee began more than 30 years ago when he began to do research on one of the Jubilee souvenir items he purchased from a friend. He soon found he had people asking him questions about the celebration, so he decided to expand his research of the event. He has collected many artifacts from the celebration and enjoys sharing stories about them with the audiences who invite him to speak.

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Bradshaw Family Singers

July's Activity: What an experience for our dinner meeting this month! The HVSUP Board thought it would be fun to get out of the heat and into a cooler atmosphere for this month's meeting, so we moved it to the mountains! We met at the Hinton Cabin for a luscious dutch oven cooked dinner of chicken and potatoes, with a variety of ancillary pot-luck items to top off the main course! Then, we had homemade Ice Cream and root beer for dessert. We just had one major hiccup, and that was the afternoon thunder and rainstorm that blew through. It discouraged several of the attendees who headed for home and sent the rest hunting for shelter. The dinner proved to be wonderful, and Boyd Bradshaw's presentation on drilling wells and speaking out water in the area was very interesting. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the board who did the set up and cooking, and for the Bradshaw Family Singers who entertained us for a while. We are also grateful for the many members who trekked to the top of the mountain to join with us. What an amazing, wonderful leadership and membership we have.

August 28th Meeting: Dennis Leavitt of "Liberty Village" was our speaker.

August 29th- 31st: We will have a Peach Days booth, and also be in the parade. We will be using horse drawn wagons from Leon Gubler and Andy Ballard, and the DUP will ride with us.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Holdman studios trek

Here is a picture of several of our Trek group watching a demonstration of glass blowing while visiting the Holdman Studios in Lehi, Utah on August 2. Holdman Studios is well known for their stained glass artwork being done for temples of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as well as for other religious and other institutions. In addition they make stained glass shades for light fixtures and stained glass wall decorations as well as miscellaneous other stained glass decor. We all were very impressed on the tour we were given, seeing all areas of the manufacturing process of stained glass art work. Our tour guide was the mother of the owner, Mr. Holdman. We were even treated by him joining our group and telling us more about his projects going on currently and those projected for the future. A most enjoyable Trek for our chapter--one to not soon to be forgotten.

PORTER ROCKWELL CHAPTER - Salt Lake City South, Utah



Roots of Knowledge

The Porter Rockwell Chapter may have taken a summer meeting hiatus, but we have still been active! On July 30, we trekked to the "Roots of Knowledge" display at the Utah Valley University campus in Orem. Constructed completely of stained glass and inaugurated in 2016, the 154-foot panel includes 80 windows with more than 40,000 pieces of stained and painted glass. The work depicts the coming forth of knowledge at key times during the history of the earth, beginning with the creation of the earth through our day. It was interesting to see events from our own lifetime displayed in the work. We also visited the Holdman Studios at Thanksgiving Point to see where the "Roots of Knowledge" display was created. Perhaps the Holdman facility is more known for its design and creation of nearly all the stained-glass artwork in the Church's temples.We highly recommend these venues as trek destinations for every chapter or for private visits.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Greg Christofferson

When: September 11 at 12pm

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

Cost: $25 Per Person

Speaker: Greg Christofferson, 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



Al Bottema

While not a native to Tooele, Al Bottema has a special interest in the history, peoples, and stories of Tooele and Tooele County. On August 1st at the monthly dinner meeting of the Settlement Canyon Chapter, Al delighted the members and quests with pictures, histories and details of old down-town Tooele. He moved to Tooele in 1964, when his mother was hired to be the librarian at the new Tooele Jr. High School. He graduated from Tooele high School in 1971 and married Dorothy Spendlove. They are the parents of 4 daughters, grandparents of 11, and one great granddaughter. Al worked in various capacities for Tooele School District for 46 years before retiring in 2017. He coached track & field at Tooele High for 26 years and has been the score clock operator for THS football and basketball games since 1989. He currently serves as the chairman of the Tooele City Historic Preservation Commission and secretary of the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the SUP. "My goal is to put together an accurate written and pictorial history of businesses, their proprietors and locations, historical dwellings and their residents of Tooele City and Tooele County. When finished, have it placed in the Tooele Pioneer Museum for all to enjoy."

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Modern Pioneer Award
Dr. Douglas Lemon

Greetings from beautiful Cache Valley and The Temple Fork Chapter. We hope everyone is doing well and having a great summer. Our August chapter meeting and dinner was held at the Logan Country Club. Following dinner two award presentations were made. First the Modern Pioneer Award was presented to Dr. Douglas Lemon. Dr. Lemon is a chapter member who spent his professional career in the aerospace and defense industries. He continues to serve the community in many volunteer capacities. Next past chapter president DeLoy Johnson was presented the flag in a display case which flew over his last duty station in Germany following 37 years of service in the U S military and retiring as a Lt. Colonel. Our speaker was Attorney John Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins spoke about his family history and the talked about wills and trusts. This was a very good presentation and many questions were answered. We hope to see you all at the encampment.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Tom Alexander

The Timpanogos chapter is pleased to share that our August meeting was a resounding success, thanks to the intriguing presentation by renowned historian Thomas G. Alexander. We were treated to a thought-provoking discussion on the turn of the century struggle for leadership at the University of Utah. At the dawn of the 20th century, the University of Utah found itself at a crossroads, reflecting the broader societal tensions between Mormon and non-Mormon communities. The leadership of Joseph T. Kingsbury, a non-Mormon president, saw significant growth, but also conflict as the Mormon Church sought greater influence. The eventual appointment of John A. Widtsoe as president marked a shift, with the university embracing more of the values and perspectives of its Mormon majority. As World War I loomed, Widtsoe's leadership became crucial in guiding the university through challenging times, balancing the demands of the war with the evolving identity of the institution. This era of leadership transition was a pivotal chapter in the history of the University of Utah. It was wonderful to learn of the dynamic between religion, education, and societal change in the state of Utah. We were left with much to reflect upon, particularly the enduring spirit of those who came before us. We are truly blessed to live in a state that values diversity and religious freedom, where the rich tapestry of our history continues to inform and inspire us. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this enlightening discussion!

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Jerry Merrill Pioneer Fireside

Pioneer Fireside. Over 125 attendees enjoyed our Chapter Pioneer Fireside on July 21st, 2024. As a celebration of pioneers, we focused on "Our Pioneer and Pioneering Public Servants." Mayor Jerry Merrill was the keynote speaker. He emphasized the great pioneer spirit that shapes the service of the elected officials and employees of Rexburg City and Madison County. Our resident historian, Louis Clements, gave a humorous overview of some of the events that shaped Rexburg's history, including activities of the Farmer's/Merchants Chamber of Commerce.

Island Park Trek. On a pleasant Monday afternoon, forty-two SUP members jumped into vans to venture northward towards Island Park. They enjoyed learning about the history of the communities through which we traveled… Rexburg, Sugar City, St. Anthony, Chester, Ashton, Last Chance, the Yellowstone Caldera, and Island Park. (Note: The script was written by Louis Clements and will be sent out to the members.) We stopped first at Johnny Sacks cabin, a historical landmark at Big Springs, the source of Henry's Fork of the Snake River, five miles east of Mack's Inn on Highway 20 in Island Park, Idaho. Our next stop was the Play Mill Theater to see "Bye, Bye Birdie." After a tasty supper of sandwiches, chips, and chocolate-chip cookies, the group dropped into a production of Bye, Bye Birdie at the Play Mill Theater. It was a foot-stomping, laugh-along, romantic comedy that took us all back to our teenage years with poodle skirts and ducktail haircuts. This parody of Elvis Presley joining the army in the fifties was a fun way to remember our carefree days as teenagers. Most of us could sing along to the ballad "One Kiss…oh give me one last kiss…!"