

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Salt Lake City Chapter

February 2014 Newsletter

Our next meeting: Thursday March 6, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM Dinner at Chuck A Rama

Meeting 7:15 PM at 10th Ward 4th South and 8th East



We are a happy group of individuals who meet monthly for a fine dinner and exhilarating program; once a year for a stimulating and educational trek to fascinating historic sites. In addition our chapter members provide scholarships for many students. We also learn how to best create, preserve and share our own story while learning much about our ancestors and trying to emulate their faith, devotion, loyalty, hard work and service to others, courage in adversity, personal integrity and unyielding determination. New SUP Family and Friends membership is but \$25/year and includes the acclaimed Pioneer Magazine. Remember it is not necessary to be literal descendent of a Utah pioneer!

As expected, Emily Utt once again mesmerized those lucky individuals who attended our February meeting, expounding with grace, humor and inexhaustible details about *“The Provo Tabernacle, Past, Present and Future.”* The time flew by and the Q/A session was something to behold as learning with joy was shared by all. She earned a grateful and sustained ovation, promising to return again next year!

Next month (March 6th) we will be pleased to once more hear from multiple award-winning producer/director T. C. Christensen, as he shares the spell-binding story of one truly blessed by the Lord with the gift of healing; namely, Ephraim Hanks, in *“Ephraim’s Rescue”*. He will reveal what goes on behind the scenes and what he has learned from decades of filming for IMAX, television, movies, short films and more. Examples of several of my favorites are *Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration, Forever Strong, 17 Miracles, The Work and the Glory, Only a Stonecutter and Treasure in Heaven: The John Tanner Story*. You undoubtedly have your own favorites as there are so many to choose from and they all exude a family-friendly atmosphere that resonates with a church that stresses family, first and foremost.

Now a quick update on the shift in paradigm that found our chapter members dining at the adjacent Chuck-A-Rama before our meeting, choosing from the exotic and flavorful to the boisterous and ‘down home’ cooking items that were all pleasingly presented. Late arrivers were hurried a tad in finishing their meals and trying to get to the cultural hall in the 10th Ward by 7 p.m. We have heard you and will start the proceedings at 7:15 instead. Plus there is no penalty for arriving at C.A.R. before 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a more leisurely repast, or dining at home or elsewhere and then coming to the meeting. Downside is you will miss some of the wonderful camaraderie that characterizes our Salt Lake City Chapter.

Yes a new year has come with its new resolutions and an opportunity to look back and feel good about all that has been accomplished. The Sons of Utah Pioneers is in good shape and moving ahead with its goal and purposes.

With this new year, a new slate of officers will guide and direct the affairs of our local chapter, and we wish them well.

Chris Christensen our past president reports the following:

Our Salt Lake City Chapter was immensely pleased and edified by a presentation given on January 9, 2014 by the multi-talented co-founder and creator of "Pictures and Stories", Tom Taylor. He demonstrated how organizing and producing a fitting tribute to someone special, including ourselves, could be done. He easily captured everyone's immediate attention and flawlessly answered a plethora of interesting questions at the end of his production. Suddenly, we all knew that armed with a desire and some materials (think pictures and stories) plus some helpful guidance, we can each do something of meaning in recording lasting remembrances of a family member, past or present as well as of ourselves. He was a hit!

Then, for the members of the chapter, came the New Year's first surprise, as President Michael Scott-Reed shared the action of the board of directors meeting a week earlier, which meeting, by the way, was held in the nearby Chuck-A-Rama. He shared a detailed, yet concise summary as to why the board of directors had **unanimously** voted to make a change in the current practice of eating a catered dinner. To mention but a few, are the grinding and recurring physical effort and time to set-up and take down the tables, the costs of ancillary dining materials such as table decorations, dining materials and take home packaging; lack of consistent quality and amounts of food items, plus the increasing costs of delivery by the current provider, which ramifications which have actually led to some members dropping their SUP membership. Long story short . . . a change was felt to be needed and the board acted.

The new paradigm is to dine at 6:00 p.m. at the Chuck-A-Rama at a reduced rate, joining other members to congregate and share in the exceptional and great sociability that characterizes our chapter or eat at home or somewhere else and then join us for the evening's delightful presentations at 7:00 p.m. in the venerable and historic 10th Ward cultural hall, in which, we have all often felt of the Spirit. Wrapping up around 8 p.m. we should then all be on our way, after having been edified mentally, physically and spiritually. Mike added that the SLC Chapter's monthly board meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the same day as the monthly meeting in the Chuck-A-Rama.

Seeking input from the members present regarding the board's action, an anonymous vote of approval or dis-approval was called for and the results announced. The result was overwhelmingly in favor; namely, 25 to 2 (92%) supporting the board's action. More details from President Scott-Reed will be forthcoming shortly as directed by your elected board of directors.