

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Salt Lake City Chapter

January 2014 Newsletter

Our next meeting: Thursday January 2, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM Dinner at Chuck A Rama

Meeting 7:00 PM at 10th Ward 4th South and 8th East



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

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 cur-

rent 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.

Respectfully submitted, Lorimer "Chris" Christensen, past president

Chris further writes:

February 6th - Our meeting will be graced by the presence, talents and perspectives of none other than Emily Utt, who mesmerized our chapter last year with her riveting examples of "*Mormon Myth Busting*". This time she will be reprising her presentation at the SUP National Convention in Provo where she, as an Historic Sites Curator, amazed everyone with her profound knowledge of the Provo Tabernacle. Her title is "*The Provo Tabernacle, Past, Present and Future*". Interestingly she has been described as 'standing alone in her understanding of the Tabernacle, its history and future'. She is a gifted and passionate lecturer, and when she finishes you will undoubtedly have a new appreciation about the meaning of the words 'historic sites curator'. She walks the walk and talks the talk! Bring a friend, family or prospective member, and enjoy being fed intellectually and socially.

Mar 6 - T C Christensen will be back to dazzle us with his unique insights into the real life story of a remarkable pioneer who was beneficently gifted with the ability of healing. TC told me he will be sharing with us the 'rest of the story' about *Ephraim's Rescue*.

With the new year there are changes which will take place in Elizabeth's and my life. We have accepted a full time mission call to serve in the Nauvoo Temple as ordinance workers and will be leaving in April. I am pleased to turn over the Newsletter to our able past president Chris Christensen and treasurer David Smith. It has been a privilege to serve you and to become your friend. We will miss you.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Tanner, Editor