

# Salt Lake City Chapter

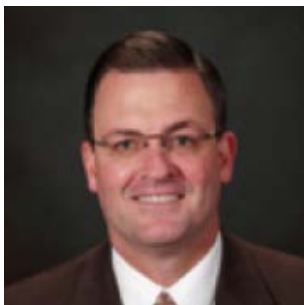
## The Sons of Utah Pioneers

Newsletter - March 2016

**SUP Chapter members** ---- We encourage you to share this email. It is easy enough to hit forward and type in their names.

**Friends** ---- If you receive this email you are most welcome to join our email list, and attend our meetings. They are open to everyone, you do not need to join the Sons of Utah Pioneers. To be added to our email list use this link: [SUP Salt Lake City](#)

### Next Monthly Meeting -- Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7:15 p.m.



#### **Jeffrey D. Meservy, Educator - presenting about the Willie and Martin Handcart companies**

Brother Meservy is Director of the Taylorsville Utah Redwood Institute of Religion, Seminaries and Institutes of Religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will give us a presentation about the Willie and Martin Handcart companies.

Brother Meservy was raised in Centerville Utah, served a mission in Rosario Argentina, attended Ricks College, then received a degree from the University of Utah in Political Science, a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Utah, and a Juris Doctorate from Concord University School of Law. He is married to Lorinda Mitchell and they have five children. He loves to be found often on the pioneer trail.

### May Meeting -- Thursday, May 5, 2016

Steven L. Olsen speaking on "The Priesthood Restoration Site, its history and development leading to the wonderful present day location".

### Our speaker on Thursday, March 3rd, was Ron L. Andersen, founder of the Lincoln Leadership Society.

He began his presentation, entitled "Abraham Lincoln and the Early Mormon Church, with the comment "Let's talk about Abraham Lincoln". He then shared some personal characteristics of Lincoln, who believed in Revelation, kept God's commandments, observed the Sabbath Day, searched the Scriptures, Prayed, Preached, never smoked, drank alcohol or gambled. One quote from Lincoln: "I have had so many evidences of [God's] direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above."

## About the Author



Ron L. Andersen is the founder of the Lincoln Leadership Society and a dynamic and compelling public speaker on the remarkable life of Abraham Lincoln. He maintains a following of thousands of Lincoln admirers, and this is his third book on the subject of Abraham Lincoln. Ron also served for six years on the board of the largest young men's organization in the world, promoting integrity and faith in the lives of over 600,000 youth in nearly every country.

Ron is also a popular Lincoln lecturer, traveling the country speaking at various community forums. He is married to Kathleen Brown, and together they have five children and ten grandchildren.

There were 23 ministers in the locality where Lincoln lived and when he ran for President of the United States against Douglas, twenty of them were supporters of Douglas who was for Slavery, and 3 ministers were for Lincoln who was against Slavery. Lincoln said, "I know there is a God and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know that His hand is in it. If He has a place and a work for me--and I think He has--I believe I am ready. ...with God's help I shall not fail. I may not see the end; but it will come and I shall be vindicated; and these men will find that they have not read their Bibles aright." *The Soul of Lincoln, William E. Barton.*

When asked about the mormons, he was silent on their doctrine, and on polygamy, even though in those times the newspapers were full of "... the twin relics of barbarism, slavery and polygamy." Did he every meet or know Joseph Smith? Joseph Smith visited Springfield, Illinois at least three times during his lifetime, where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, and there were ample opportunities where and when they could have met each other, but we do not know for sure. We do know that during one of the trials of Joseph Smith that the Judge hearing the case, Nathaniel Pope, had three women spectators sit next to him on the bench, one was his daughter, and one of the others was Mary Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln.

Justice cannot be done in this short report to the richness of the presentation that brother Andersen brings to the subject. You would have to hear it to appreciate it. We are grateful that Ron visited with us and shared his information. He obviously is a passionate student of Lincoln, and we were delighted to have the opportunity to be his audience.

Brother Andersen authored *Abraham Lincoln - God's Humble Instrument (2010)* and *Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith, How Two Contemporaries Changed the Face of American History (May 2014)*. The second book reveals the remarkable religious and political similarities of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith. He also has an email list about "The Lincoln Leadership Society" to which you can [subscribe](#).



## Chapter Calendar

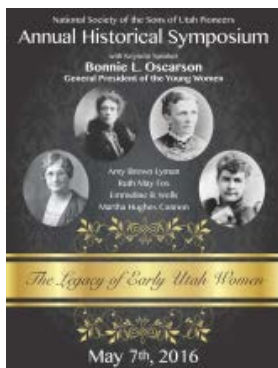
- April 7, 2016 (Thursday) - Monthly Chapter Meeting - 10th Ward Chapel, 4th South and 8th East, Salt Lake City, Utah
- May 5, 2016 (Thursday) - Monthly Chapter Meeting - 10th Ward Chapel, 4th South and 8th East, Salt Lake City, Utah
- April 16, 2016 (Saturday) - Scholarship Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel - Salt Lake City, Utah - for all of the Scholarship recipients and their family guests

June 2, 2016 (Thursday) - Chapter Trek in Salt Lake City - a visit to the Armstrong Inn and the Governor's Mansion, with dinner following

- July 7, 2016 (Thursday) - Days of '47 Royalty
- September 1, 2016 (Thursday) - Visit the State Capitol
- December 1, 2016 (Thursday) - Institute Choir

## National Calendar

- April 30, 2016 (Saturday) - Spring Clean-up day - 10:00am - noon: Bring shovels, rakes, clippers, chain saws, come-alongs, hats, gloves, eye protection: treats will be provided.
  - May 7, 2016 (Saturday) National Symposium - 9:00am - 2:00pm - keynote speaker Bonnie L. Oscarson, General President of the Young Women
  - July 18, 2016 (Monday) SUP Day at This is The Place Heritage Park - 4:00pm
  - July 25, 2016 (Monday) - Sunrise Service in the Tabernacle and Parade
  - September 22, 2016 (Thursday to Saturday) - SUP National Convention in Hurricane, Utah
- More information on these items at the [National Web Site](#)



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