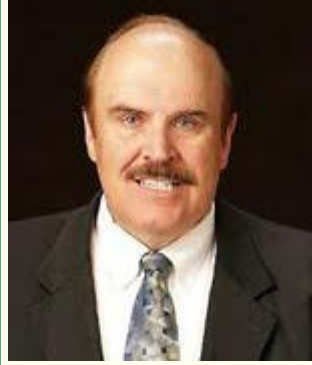


Salt Lake City Chapter

The Sons of Utah Pioneers

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Our next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the Tenth Ward Chapel, at 7:15 p.m.



The program will consist of a presentation by Briant Jenson, a member of our chapter.

Briant was born in Richfield, Utah. He moved to Kanab, Utah at age 3, Murray, Utah at age 4 and Salt Lake City at age 5 where he attended Hamilton Elementary where Gordon B. Hinckley had gone to school. At age 8 he made his final move to Union, Utah where he graduated from Hillcrest High School. In those days Hillcrest High School included everything east of the Jordan River to the Wasatch Mountains. Classmates of Briant's included Allen Packer (First Quorum of Seventy), Maurine Jensen Proctor (Meridian Magazine), and Kathy Wood Loveless (Miss Utah, wife of Scott Loveless - President Days of 47). After graduating from Dixie Jr. College and attending Utah State University, Briant served a mission in Finland under Mission President Udell Poulsen. He then attended the University of Utah and graduated from BYU with a BS Degree in Finance/Economics. Later Briant would do graduate work at Boise State University. Briant retired from Dun & Bradstreet, continuing as owner of Fiduciary Business Investigations until incorporating Nations Mortgage of Utah, Inc. He enjoys spending time with his 6 children and enjoys his grandchildren.

While attending BYU Briant worked at BYU press where he printed many of the master thesis and doctor dissertations. Some of these papers discussed certain episodes from LDS history which Briant had never heard of. An early document was titled "DIXIE WINE" about the wine making industry in Washington County, Utah. This triggered a desire to learn more about LDS history and Utah history. Gradually his quest also included US and world history. For several years Briant focused on Joseph Smith's history as well as general LDS history. It then became a detective game, finding certain clues, and searching publications for the answers. Clues were given in Conference talks, forums, magazine articles, books, and the internet. He was very careful to only accept answers from reliable sources, then to double check the accuracy of the new information. Briant now has fun relating interesting pioneer historical facts that most folks have never heard of. He tells stories about Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Utah, Governor Liburn Boggs, and even the Book of Mormon. Ever hear of Brigham Young being chased by a grizzly bear?

Our last chapter meeting was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at the Utah State Capitol Building in Salt Lake City, Utah.



The tour lasted about two hours, led by a very knowledgeable docent, a former school teacher very well able to present herself before a group. She took us through the building, pointing out unique features and providing information about some of the exhibited items. Also explaining a lot of the legislative goings on which occur in that place.

One special treat we encountered was a visit in the Governor's special reception room. It seems that the State Police were honoring some of their officers, had just concluded a ceremony for them, and we happened along at a moment when we could go in and look around for a bit. There were some state officials present.

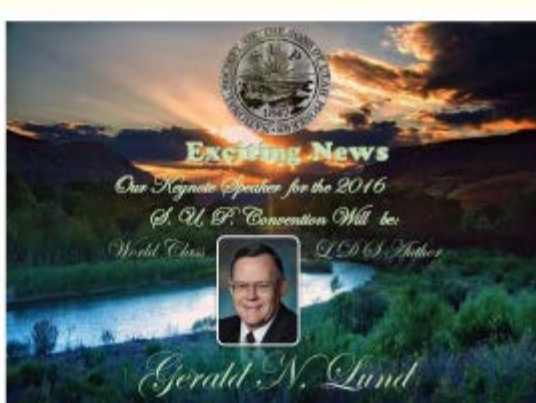
Upcoming Chapter Events



Thursday, November 3, 2016 - Maurine Parker-Smith, International President of Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Thursday, December 1, 2016 --- Institute Choir

National Calendar



[SUP National](#)

[Convention](#) in Hurricane, Utah

Thursday, September 22, 2016 (1pm) ---- Saturday, September 24, 2016

Friday, December 2, 2016 - 4:00-5:00pm

SUP National Christmas Dinner

3301 East Louise Ave. (2920 South), Salt Lake City, UT

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