

Daughters of the Future



Keepers of the Past

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When Brigham Young appointed captains of 100's and 10's to bring the saints across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley, he placed people who he knew would take charge and carry out what was required through the good times, the hard times, times of sickness and death. Those over each 10 relied on those over the 100's for direction and guidance, who in turn relied upon their leadership for the same support.

Throughout our entire organization of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, this mantle has been passed through the ages. It was designed to be done when our organization began and continues on today. We are an army of volunteers in this work who give of our time and talents freely. We have the opportunity to select and vote for those in leadership positions. We are a mentoring organization; we take on a new position in the camp or the company and learn the position from the one who previously served in that position we now hold. Sometimes this is not possible due to death or other extenuating circumstance, but this should be the exception rather than the rule.

DAUGHTERS, WE HAVE A LEGACY TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR ORGANIZATION, TO PASS IT ON TO OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Imagine with me for a moment – there is a captain of 10 out on the trail. An oxen stops, lays down and dies. There are no other oxen to replace the one that is now gone. An axle on one of the wagon wheels broke when the oxen went down. This difficulty may delay them and cause them to fall behind the rest of the company.

What should the captain do? Sit down on a rock and contemplate his dilemma? Try to accomplish the replacement of the oxen and the fixing of the axle by himself? Should he seek the assistance of those in his leadership who may have ideas and suggestions? He would have asked his leadership. They could give him suggestions on how the captain may have been able to make the adjustments and repairs with only a small loss of time so his group would not fall behind. They could provide support to help as well and advise him to ensure he was following the proper procedure to get them safely to their destination.

We are like those same pioneers. There are obstacles along the trail, a bit different – yes – from our pioneer ancestors, but obstacles just the same. New laws, IRS reporting, financial requirements, grant applications, seeking aid for repairs to museums, lawsuits, property rights, mineral rights, payment requests for unauthorized items, many more than time here allows us to discuss. If we seek the guidance from our Bylaws (our iron rod) and our leadership, we can and will protect the integrity of our organization by doing things properly to ensure a bright future for our organization.

Don't be like the one who hid the treasure map where no one could find it or pass on your favorite recipe without the "secret ingredient" because you don't want anyone to make it as good as you did. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers does not belong to any one person – we are all the keepers of this organization – it belongs to us all. Those who have gone before, those here now, and those yet to join. RISE UP, DAUGHTER OF THE FUTURE – KEEPER OF THE PAST; be the daughter who has received the mantle and preserved her integrity. Pass on your knowledge to aid and assist our organization in continuing its grand legacy. Pass the mantle with love and respect for each other, in honor of those who have gone before us; honor and protect this grand organization in which we all play such a vital part.

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