

**Malachi 3: 1-6**

*Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:  
and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,  
even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in:  
behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*But who may abide the day of his coming?  
and who shall stand when he appeareth?  
for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*

*And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver:  
and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,  
that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

*Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD,  
as in the days of old, and as in former years.*

*And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against  
the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against  
those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that  
turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts,*

*For I am the LORD, I change not ;  
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

**“As in the days of old, and as in the former years.”**

When did we lose respect for our elders? I don't know about you, but I didn't see it coming. Now, it's not everywhere, but, the attitude that us old folks are somehow excess baggage is becoming more widespread today.

**The past is who we are. The future is who we will be.  
Today is our only pathway to tomorrow.**

**Give background: *United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans***  
**\* 1890's \* 1896 \* 1906 New Orleans \***

**Nature:** Constitution, SCV

“The Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial, and non-sectarian.”

“**patriotic**”: we honor the representative Republic of our “Founding Fathers” and the Constitution, in the Spirit of 1776.

“**historical**”: the past is who we **are**; we honor the true story of our past.

“**educational**”: we believe in disciplining the mind and character through study and instruction.

“**benevolent**”: we look out for the so-called least among us.

“**non-political**”: we do not support any political party.

“**non-racial**”: we have members, among whom are descendants of Hispanic, Native American, and African-American Confederate Veterans.

“**non-sectarian**”: I hope there is enough evidence to convict most of us of being Christians, but the SCV does not endorse or promote any given denomination. There is religious freedom among the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Who is eligible?** All males, age 12 or greater, who are descendants of those who honorably served the Confederate States of America are eligible for membership.

Almost every Camp has a genealogy specialist who will help any prospective member research his ancestry.

### **Our Charge, 1906**

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought;  
to your strength will be given the defense  
of the Confederate soldier’s good name,  
the guardianship of his history,  
the emulation of his virtues,  
the perpetuation of those principles he loved  
and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.  
Remember,  
it is your duty to see that the true history of the South  
is presented to future generations.”

-Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, 1906

### ***Jeremiah 6: 16***

*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

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