

Following in our Founders Footsteps

I have chosen as our theme for the next two years, "Following in our Founder's Footsteps". This is very appropriate this year because we live in a troubled time. We, however, are proud to share a heritage of women who were among the bravest in history. Through our veins flows the blood of women who defied martial law to bury the Confederate dead that had been left to rot where they lay. Women who defied their husbands to band together in saving Southern landmarks like the White House of the Confederacy. Regardless of social status, they cared for each other and shared the meager provisions that they had.

In 1919 when the UDC was incorporated in Washington, DC, they listed their objectives as:

To honor the memory of those who served and those who fell in the service of the Confederate States.

To protect, preserve and mark the places made historic by Confederate valor.

To collect and preserve the material for a truthful history of the War Between the States.

To record the part taken by Southern women in patient endurance of hardship and patriotic devotion during the struggle and in untiring efforts after the War during the reconstruction of the South.

To fulfill the sacred duty of benevolence toward the survivors and toward those dependent upon them.

To assist descendants of worthy Confederates in securing proper education.

To cherish the ties of friendship among the members of the Organization.

May we continue to honor these objectives and as you read these objectives, think of ways we can continue to fulfill these goals.

Thanks to each of you for being part of this Team and allowing me to serve as NC Division President. It is my desire that we share goals and ideas while working together to preserve the UDC and our history.

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