

## LINE OF AUTHORITY

ARIAS G. BELNAP was ordained a High Priest and Bishop March 27, 1920<sup>1927</sup> by Melvin J. Ballard.

MELVIN J. BALLARD was ordained an Apostle January 7, 1919 by Heber J. Grant.

HEBER J. GRANT was ordained an Apostle October 16, 1882 by George Q. Cannon.

GEORGE Q. CANNON was ordained an Apostle August 26, 1860 by Brigham Young.

BRIGHAM YOUNG was ordained an Apostle February 14, 1835 under the hands of the three witnesses, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris, "who were blessed by the laying on of hands of the Presidency (Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams) to choose the Twelve Apostles;" (D. C. 18:37; History of the Church, Vol. 2, pp. 187-188) after which the Presidency laid their hands upon them and confirmed their blessings and ordinations (J. of D., p. 868).

JOSEPH SMITH and OLIVER COWDERY received the Melchizedek Priesthood in 1829 from Peter, James and John.

PETER, JAMES and JOHN were Apostles and angelic ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ chosen and ordained by Him (John 15:16).