

# *Order of the Black Rose*

## **History of the Order**

At the 1998 North Carolina OCR convention in Charlotte, the “Society of the Black Rose” was approved by the members as a part of the state organization.

The goals of the founder, Yvonne Brown, was to organize a statewide network to help with memorial services, to enlighten the men and ladies to proper persona, to offer services or assist with services locally or statewide and assist with services in other states by invitation. The structure was setup to have a “Keeper of the Rite” who would serve as a contact person and keeper of the services that can be adopted to help the SCV or anyone honoring a Confederate or a Confederate Memorial in their region. She would have a list of the members and their phone numbers. She would make calls when widows were needed and could be divided into East and West divided regions.

The Black Rose was named in honor of the greatest widow in the Confederacy who risked her personal safety for the Confederate Cause and lost her life trying to help the The Cause, Rose O’Neal Greenhow.

The Society of the Black Rose is a volunteer order to perpetuate the persona of a War Between the States widow at SCV functions, memorial services, grave dedications, etc.; and is open to any dues paying member of the Order of Confederate Rose (no additional dues required). This includes Women, Men and Children. There are now Black Rose Societies in North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, and Louisiana with other states in the process of organizing. There is a need for this group and the service we can offer. The Black Rose can assist locally as small groups with memorial services or programs, and with other states for special services.

## **Requirements for Membership in the Society of the Black Rose**

- Black Rose members must be a member of the OCR in your state (either a Chapter member or a Member-at-Large) to join.
- Members must have a complete period mourning outfit (period appropriate partial mourning is also acceptable).
- There is no membership fee.

## **Guidelines for the Society of the Black Rose**

- Member will receive a membership certificate to the Society of the Black Rose.
- The Society will act under your state society with a coordinator “Keeper of the Rite” as a contact person, when SCV, MOSB, or others have need of mourners for dedications and memorial services.
- The original Society of the Black Rose was formed in North Carolina and now in South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and more state societies are organizing all the time.
- We now have our own Order of the Black Rose Membership Pin (**for all states to use**). If you wish to purchase, please fill out the application (even if you are a member) so we may have updated information. Suzy or Yvonne will have pins at the convention. They are \$15.00 each.

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## Membership Application and Pin Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ PIN\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Application

Mail your application to State Coordinator:

Marcelle Cail

134 Mark Circle

Savannah, Georgia 31405

**Requirements for Membership:**

- Black Rose Members must be current members in the Order of Confederate Rose.
- Members must have complete mourning outfit. Period appropriate partial mourning is also acceptable, or a simple black skirt, blouse, and veiled bonnet.
- There is no membership fee.

**Guidelines:**

- Members will receive a certificate to the Society of the Black Rose
- The society will act under your state society with a "Keeper of the Rite" as a contact person when an SCV, MOSB, or others have need of mourners for dedication services and memorial services.
- The original Society of the Black Rose was formed in North Carolina and now has members in all the chartered states.
- \*Order of the Black Rose Membership Pin is available. The cost is \$15 per pin. Make checks payable to Yvonne Brown. This will be recorded and forwarded to Suzy Hager in Charlotte, NC.

NC Official use only

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Pin

\_\_\_\_\_ Date sent