



Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Chapter # _____ Classification _____
Amount \$ _____ Check # _____
Approval Date _____ (Rev. 9-2005)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____ Date of Birth _____ Mark one: _____ Lady _____ Gentleman
Month Day (Year Optional)

Chapter Name & Number _____ Chapter City _____

Tell us about your talents and/or tasks you are willing to perform _____

Mark your choice of membership types then send completed application and your check made payable to *TSOCR* for the dues amount corresponding to the type of membership you seek to:

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_____ Chapter Member \$10.00 _____ Member at Large \$20.00 _____ Lifetime Member \$120.00

Applications **MUST** be signed and dated by the applicant and endorsed by a current member of the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose or Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Endorsed By (Signature) _____ Chapter/Camp _____



Rose O'Neal Greenhow

Rose O'Neal Greenhow was a 40 year old widow, a mother of four and a passionate secessionist when the War Between the States broke out. She ran an elaborate spy ring for the Confederacy from her home on 16th Street in Washington, D.C. Among her accomplishments, Mrs. Greenhow successfully sent a ten word secret message to General Beauregard that President Jefferson Davis later credited with helping to win the battle of Manassas.

Following her arrest for spying by the United States War Department, Mrs. Greenhow was confined in her home and then in Old Capital Prison in Washington for five months with her 8 year old daughter.

After being paroled and agreeing to never return to Washington, Mrs. Greenhow was greeted by cheering crowds in Virginia. She was received warmly by President Davis. Mrs. Greenhow continued to send messages to help the Confederacy by means of cryptic notes traveling in unlikely places like the inside of a woman's hair bun.

Her next mission took Mrs. Greenhow on a tour of Britain and France as a propagandist for the Confederate cause. Two months after her arrival in London, her memoirs were published.

The book enjoyed a wide sales following throughout the British Isles. In Europe, Mrs. Greenhow found a strong sympathy for the South, especially among the ruling classes. She was received at the court of Queen Victoria in England and the court of Napoleon III in France.

In 1864, after a year abroad Mrs. Greenhow boarded a British blockade-runner, the *Condor*, to take her home. Just prior to arriving at her destination, the vessel ran aground at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, NC. To avoid the pursuing Union gunboat, Mrs. Greenhow attempted to flee in a rowboat but the small boat capsized. Due to the weight of the gold sewn into her dress, royalties from her book, she was dragged under the water.

In October 1864, Rose O'Neal Greenhow was buried with full military honors in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC. Her coffin was wrapped in the Confederate flag and carried by Confederate troops. The marble cross marking her grave bears the epitaph:



"Mrs. Rose O'N. Greenhow, a bearer of dispatchs to the Confederate Government."

The Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose is named in honor of this great lady of the South. We strive to emulate the integrity and loyalty of one such patriot of our homeland.



WHAT IS THE ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE?

The Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Inc. (TSOCR) is an independent support group to the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans (TDSCV) and the local camps thereof, governed by its own bylaws and standing rules. The TSOCR, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, is non-racial, non-political and non-sectarian.

WHAT DOES THE TSOCR DO?

The TSOCR assists the TDSCV with their historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. As there are few rules or restrictions to stifle the creativity of its members, each TSOCR chapter is free to focus on the activities important to its local TDSCV camp along with supporting SCV efforts on the state and national levels.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

Membership in the TSOCR is open to anyone ten years of age or older, regardless of lineage and gender, who wishes to support the TDSCV in their efforts to protect and defend southern heritage and pride. Meetings are open to all.