

South Carolina Society of the Black Rose

A new year is upon us and with that another year of preserving true Southern history. We are Widows that pay homage to the fallen Confederate Soldiers

I would hope that everyone that belongs to The Society of the Black Rose will take the time to remember that ours is a bittersweet role in the preservation of true Southern history. We dress in the widow's weeds and don the black veil and step back to a time that was full of heartbreak and despair. I never seem to forget what the women before us must have felt while kneeling at the graves of loved ones. We are united in our cause. I hope each of you remember that what we do today will reflect on the future preservation of true Southern history. If you haven't already, take the time the next service that you attend while the prayer is being said, 'Listen", you can almost hear the spirits of those we are honoring, rejoice. We will not let their deaths be forgotten and we will do all that we can to preserve the Confederate Soldier's good name.

Our Black Rose Society has shown a great growth in the last few years, with approximately 53 members. There is consistent interest in membership. We have made great progress and have our own South Carolina membership certificate and membership cards to the Society of the Black Rose are pending. I urge each member of the Black Rose Society to send in pictures and articles of interest to be added to the Black Rose scrap book. It is important for us to document the events that we have around the state.

Please remember the Nationals in Concord July 19, 2008, try to attend the Black Rose seminar that they will be offering. The Society of the Black Rose was formed in North Carolina and the seminar should be very beneficial to each of us.

Remember also that our presence and role in dedications, services and events is helping preserve true Southern History.

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