

**Florida Society
Order of Confederate Rose
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Article I – Name

The name of the Association is the **Order of Confederate Rose, Florida Society, Corp.** (OCRFS). The name was incorporated in the State of Florida in the year 2002 and is to be used only by OCRFS members.

Article II – Purpose

1. The purpose of the OCRFS is to support the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) in its educational, benevolent, historical and social functions. The OCRFS is non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-racial.

Article III – Exclusivity (Use of Name & Insignia)

1. Any Chapter that fails to sign the Articles of Confederation cannot use the name of the Order of Confederate Rose, Florida Society, Corp.
2. Any member of OCR may use wording similar to the following along with their name: “Member OCRFS”; Order of the Confederate Rose, Florida Society, Corp.,” etc. Members of OCRFS who hold a current elected or appointed position may use wording similar to the following along with their name “OCRFS Chapter President, “OCRFS Webmaster,” etc.
3. The OCRFS name and logo shall not be used by any member or chapter (exception being the SCV) in connection with any individual political or religious groups or on a campaign fundraiser for or against any political party or candidate or as supporting or opposing legislative action.
4. This does not prohibit an OCRFS member from participating on an individual basis in such activities; only the name and logo of OCR are covered here.
5. No one may use the name or logo of the OCRFS for merchandising, except for Society or Chapter fundraising.
6. The Order of Confederate Rose, Florida Society insignias, registered as a trademark, are to be used only by members of the Society and its Chapters.

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Article IV – Structure

1. The OCRFS, Corp. will elect officers biannually in odd-numbered years at the annual meeting/reunion of OCRFS Corp., as its own part of the agenda. These officers shall include, but not be limited to a President, a First Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. A Second Vice-President, Historian and Chaplain may also be elected. An initiation of Officers shall be conducted prior to the conclusion of the annual meeting of OCRFS Corp., where officer(s) are elected and said new officer(s) shall take office immediately upon adjournment of annual meeting.

2. The Executive Board of the OCRFS Corp. shall include the officers referenced in Article IV (1.) The duties of the Executive Board shall include, but not be limited to: (a) society problem-solving; (b) resolution of conflicts between members not resolved at the chapter level, (c) conflicts between chapters and (d) conflicts between the society, members, or chapters. The Executive Board will be as follows with the duties described below:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Historian
 - Chaplain

3. There shall be a Florida Society Past-Presidents' Council (established 2007). Each Past-President of the OCRFS Corp. shall automatically become a member of said Council upon leaving office as President of OCRFS; except the current President of OCRFS may not be a member of the Past-Presidents' Council, even though he or she may have previously served as President of OCRFS. The Past-Presidents' Council shall exist for the purposes of guiding and advising the current Executive Board. This body shall collectively have one vote on matters before the Executive Board.

4. Each chapter shall have the responsibility of designing its governing body, which shall not conflict with the current OCRFS ByLaws. Each chapter shall notify the Executive Board in a timely manner of any changes/updates to their chapter bylaws.

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5. Each Chapter in good standing will have one vote on matters brought before the Society. Chapters must be current on all dues and assessments to be considered in good standing.
6. The Executive Board of the OCRFS, Corp. will address any issues not specifically covered by these articles.

Article V - Officers Duties

Office	Responsibilities
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding officer of Florida Society • Officiates at annual State/Reunion meetings • Prepares Annual budget • Publishes Quarterly Newsletter • Sends membership certificates to new members • Reviews reports submitted by officers • Attends chapters and/or SCV events, when feasible • Attends National SCV/OCR Reunion, when feasible • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary
Vice President (Membership)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presides in absence of President • Keeps accurate records of membership • Works with Treasurer to maintain an up-to-date membership list and/or data base • Promotes membership • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary
2nd Vice President (Publicity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages Facebook Account • Maintains & updates FL Soc website as needed • Publishes and updates Society's and/or chapters upcoming events on website and FaceBook • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary

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Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps minutes of all Society meetings • Handles all Society correspondence • Maintains updated copy of ByLaws • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to files
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains accurate records of receipts and disbursements • Sends notice to chapter presidents on December 1st that dues are delinquent on January 1st of new year. • Pays authorized bills for Society • Assists President in preparing Annual budget • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary
Chaplain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sends appropriate cards to Society members and presidents of other societies, as needed • Conducts a Memorial Service, gives invocation and benediction at Society meetings • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary
Historian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiles Society scrapbook for competition at the National Reunion, if feasible. • Keeps records/memorabilia of events/activities of the Society, i.e. copies of programs, photos, etc. • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary
Parliamentarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforces Roberts Rules at Society meetings • Makes report at Annual Society meeting with copy to Secretary

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Article VI – Annual Meeting/Reunion

1. There will be an annual meeting of the OCRFS, Corp. in conjunction with the annual Meeting/Reunion of the Florida Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. This meeting will be open to all active members and/or guests.
2. The OCRFS shall co-host the state reunion with the SCV and shall be in charge of the OCRFS agenda and its activities. An appointed representative from each chapter will have the opportunity to give a concise verbal report at the OCRFS's business meeting. Should a chapter be unable to attend, that chapter shall submit a written report to the current secretary to be added to the recording minutes.
3. Each Chapter shall select one person for voting representation prior the annual meeting. Only those Chapters chartered by the OCRFS, Corp. are entitled to this representation.
4. Any OCR member in good standing may submit their name for an OCRFS Corp. office or be nominated from the floor during an election year. At the time for chapter voting, if any nominee is absent from said meeting or Reunion, the body shall be instructed to strike the absentee's name from the ballot. No nominee shall be elected in absentia. For nominations from the floor, OCR member's name may not be submitted if said nominee is not in attendance of said meeting or Reunion.
5. If 5 or more Rambling Roses in good standing are in attendance during an election year, they may as a group cast one vote in the election. They will meet together prior to the election and select a representative from their group to cast their ballot for the election of OCRFS Corp. officers.
6. A quorum will consist of one-half of the voting chapters present, plus one (1).
7. Any chapter with concerns to be addressed at reunion shall notify the president of the OCRFS with these concerns, 30 days prior to the reunion.
8. Order of Business for the OCRFS, Corp. Annual Meeting will be as follows:
 1. Invocation
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Salute to the Confederate Flag
 4. Rose Prayer
 5. Chapter Roll Call

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6. Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting
 7. Officers' Reports
 8. Report from Chapter Representatives
 9. Report from Committees
 - A. Black Rose
 - B. Website
 - C. Other
 10. Old Business
 11. New Business
 12. Open discussion
 13. Memorial
 14. Closing prayer
 15. Adjournment
9. The order of business may be suspended or altered at any annual meeting/reunion by a majority vote of the members present.
10. Executive Board of the OCRFS, Corp.
The OCRFS, Corp. may hold special meetings to be called by the President when deemed necessary. These meeting may take place in person, email, FaceTime, Text, or by conference call.

Article VII - Finances Annual Meeting/Reunion

1. The OCRFS, Corp. will keep an accounting of all money collected and compile a complete financial report for the annual reunion/meeting.
2. The President of the OCRFS, Corp. or designee will attend the General Meeting of the Order of the Confederate Rose to be held in conjunction with the National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article VIII – Bylaws and Voting

1. The only documents that will serve as the OCRFS, Corp.'s governing documents are Articles of Confederation and the OCRFS ByLaws.

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INSERT THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION HERE

2. The Parliamentary reference will be Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
3. Chapter ByLaws cannot conflict with the Articles of Confederation or the ByLaws of the OCRFS, Corp.
4. Chapter elections should be held bi-annual, with notification to all members at least 30 days in advance. Minimum chapter officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
5. The quorum necessary to conduct business at a regular or special meeting is a majority plus one (1) of those eligible to vote, who are registered at the meeting.
6. The Articles of Confederation may be amended, altered or replaced in part or in whole. A majority vote plus one of the voting members of the OCRFS, Corp. shall be required to amend, alter, modify or replace the Articles and Bylaws. This vote may be conducted at any duly organized meeting or submitted in an authorized mail ballot.
7. Bylaws may be renumbered as necessary following the approval and amendments, provided that no change in the intent or meaning of any provision occurs.
8. Proposals to amend, alter, modify or replace the Articles of Confederation/Bylaws, are to be submitted 60 days prior to the annual OCRFS, Corp. meeting. Lengthy and/or complicated proposals shall be sent to the president and the secretary in writing.
9. If a proposal should require a mail ballot, the Chapter representatives should receive it 30 days in advance of the meeting. Ballots shall be returned by mail within 30 days. A ballot auditor will be appointed by the president.

Article IX – Florida Society Finances

1. During the intervals between annual meetings, the Executive Board may exercise the power to approve and issue any expenditure, cash outlay, or transfer of funds not to exceed \$500. Any amount above this will need to be presented and reviewed by all Chapter Presidents. A majority vote will then determine the expenditure of the exceeded amount. Each chapter has one vote on the matter put before it. Chapter Presidents must obtain a chapter consensus before casting a vote. All votes cast, not in general session,

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must be in writing and sent via postal mail, fax, e-mail or hand delivery to the OCRFS, Corp. Secretary for tabulation.

2. A budget for each office shall be maintained by the treasurer and a report shall be provided at the annual meeting.
3. To offset hotel room expenses for OCRFS Corp. President to attend the National SCV/OCR Reunion, a sum not to exceed \$300 will be allocated for the Florida Society's President's use. If the Florida Society President appoints a delegate to represent the OCRFS Corp. in her place, the \$300 will be made available for use by the appointed delegate.

Article X – Eligibility of Membership

1. Applicants are required to submit a signature from an OCR or SCV member who vouches for the good character of the applicant.
2. Formation of new chapters can only occur with a minimum of five (5) members. A Rambling Rose is a member-at-large without specific chapter affiliation and is defined as a member of the OCRFS, Corp. Members-at-large may participate in membership votes if dues are current.
3. A group of three interested persons may function as a sub-chapter, which is defined as an emerging group that will soon attain a quorum of five members.
4. To serve as Chapter President in the Florida Society OCR, said individual must reside within the State of Florida in order to preside over meetings and host functions.
5. Lifetime memberships are permitted in the OCRFS, Corp. and may be transferred from state-to-state within the Order of Confederate Rose, if allowed by both State Societies.
6. Any person of good character with an interest in preserving Southern history and having attained at least the age of eleven (11), regardless of gender, is eligible for membership in the OCRFS, Corp. Children from birth to age fourteen (14) may apply for membership in the Legacy Program.

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ARTICLE XI- Dues, Lifetime members

1. OCRFS Corp. annual dues are \$20.00 per member per year due by January 1st of each year. Life Membership dues of \$150.00, effective October 1, 2006, are paid to the OCRFS Corp., at any time a member decides to become a Life Member.
2. Each Chapter shall be responsible for collecting Society dues from current members and remitting same to the Society Treasurer's office prior to December 31st for the coming year.
3. Annual OCRFS Corp. dues become delinquent on January 15th. If dues are not paid prior to the aforementioned date, then a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 will be required.
4. An individual Chapter may waive its Chapter dues, by vote according to Chapter ByLaws, but must remit OCRFS Corp. dues mentioned above. The amount of dues shall be examined at the annual meeting of OCRFS Corp., as part of new business.

**ARTICLE XII - Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Membership
and/or Chapter Charters**

1. Suspension
Membership and/or chapter charters may be suspended, denied or revoked for substantial good reason such as violation of the Articles of confederation, infraction of state, local or federal statutes or any action to the detriment of this organization. This decision will be made by a majority vote of the Chapters with the Executive Board having tie breaking vote.
2. Conduct Deleterious to OCRFS
Members may be censured or suspended for conduct deleterious to OCRFS by vote of the Executive Board. Conduct deleterious is defined as "*that which causes embarrassment to or impedes the smooth operation of the organization.*" The charge may be brought, in writing, to the Executive Board by any member of the OCRFS, and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50.00. Charges may also be brought by non-members, in writing and
3. shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$250.00. The matter shall be considered and an answer returned within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Executive Board. All fees collected under this article shall firstly defray the cost of answering the action and any remainder of fees shall be transferred to the general fund.

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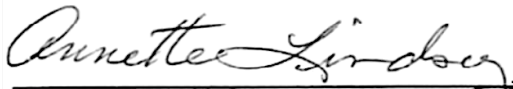
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and/or Chapter Charters-*continued***

4. The Executive Board of the OCRFS, shall have final approval of all membership applications.
5. The OCRFS retains the right to refuse membership of any applicant, if it is deemed necessary for the good of the Florida Society.

Article XIII – Dissolution

1. In the event it becomes necessary to dissolve the Order of the Confederate Rose, Florida Society, the Executive Board shall ensure all liabilities and debts are paid in full. Any remaining assets shall be disbursed to any historical organization registered in the State of Florida qualifying as a 501(c)3 of the IRS code 1054. Remaining tangible property shall be disbursed to the Florida Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Approved at 2023 SCV/OCR Annual Reunion
Trenton, Florida



Annette Lindsey, President



June 3, 2023

Date