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The Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose was established in 1993 for the sole purpose of assisting the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans with their historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. As there are few rules and restrictions to stifle the creativity of its members, Mississippi Society chapters are free to focus on the activities important to its members and local SCV Camps along with supporting their efforts on the state and national levels.



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“It’s not the impression you make, it’s the impression you leave.”

MSOCR State Meeting
Oxford, MS
June 9, 2017

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 of the Order of Confederate Rose hosted the annual OCR meeting. Betty Logan, President of Chapter 17 welcomed everyone. Brenda Arthur gave the invocation. MSOCR President, Melissa Stillman gave the opening remarks. Pledges were led by Sherry Latham. Sandy Smith, MSOCR Secretary/Treasurer presented copies of minutes and financial report.

President Melissa Stillman asked for a roll call. There were 22 present representing chapters 9, 17, 22, 23 and soon to be chartered #25 from Corinth.

No old business.

New Business: There was a discussion on the OCR chapters meeting more than one a year. It was agreed that we would meet quarterly with Mary Ann Forrest Chapter 23 hosting the first one set for September 23rd at Penn’s Fish House in Brandon at 12:00 P.M.

Also discussed was presenting awards to outstanding OCR ladies. We will have to check with men on the proper procedure.

Sandy Smith made the suggestion for having a state newsletter. She nominated Charla Lewis for the job, and she was elected unanimously.

Patty Young, President of Ladies of Col. J.A. Orr dismissed us with a prayer.

Door Prizes and Refreshments were enjoyed by all. Entertainment was provided by Pat Arrinder.

State Officers: Missy Stillman, President; Carla Harbin – Vice-President; Sandy Smith – Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter High-lights

Itawamba County Chapter 8 – Fulton, MS
No News Submitted

Ella Palmer Chapter 9 – Indianola, MS
No News Submitted

Varina Howell Davis Chapter 11 – Brookhaven, MS
No News Submitted

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17 – Calhoun City, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/Order-of-Confederate-Rose-Calhoun-County-MS-107508355950359/>

Ladies of Beauvoir Chapter 20 – Biloxi, MS

Ladies of J.A. Orr Chapter 22 – Pontotoc, MS

Mary Ann Forrest Chapter 23 – Brandon, MS
<https://www.facebook.com/maryannforrest23/>

Grey Roses Chapter 24 – Florence, MS
No News Submitted

W.P. Rogers OCR Chapter 25 – Corinth, MS
No News Submitted

Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17

January - Brenda & Terry Arthur, Mark & Regina Stone, Betty Logan, Sherry Latham, Larry Hellums and Sandy Smith attended the 1st Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet hosted by the Colonel J.A. Orr Camp and the Ladies of the Colonel J. A. Orr OCR Chapter. Jak Smith was the guest speaker. A Candlelight Memorial was held.

February – Betty Logan and Sandy Smith hosted Bingo at the Veterans Home in Oxford. The veterans really enjoyed us being there but they were not nearly as blessed as we were. Our ladies decided to sell T-shirts to help raise funds for State Reunion. We set a goal of 50 and surpassed it. The demand was so great we had to start a second order.

March - We lost charter member Louise Smith, and we hosted our 10th Annual Margery B. Rogers Clark Memorial Scholarship Banquet. This year's winner was Rudy Ferguson-Bruce High School.

April - We lost SCV member Gordon Logan. Plans continued for state reunion. Flags were placed on Calhoun County Confederate Graves.

May – T-shirts were handed out and planning continued for state reunion. We welcomed new member Charlotte Poliquin & Regina Stone.

June - For the 1st time ever our SCV/OCR co-hosted the Mississippi Division State Reunion held in Oxford. It was a huge success. Sherry Latham and Sandy Smith received a certificate of appreciation. We welcomed new member Judi Shumpert.

~ Sandy Smith



The Ladies of Beauvoir #20 participated in the Lee-Jackson Banquet with the Sam Davis Camp #596 in January. We were also spectators at the Pilgrimage to the Unknown Confederate Soldier's Tomb in February. This event was held by the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and we will be participating next February. In March we attended the celebration for Confederate Flag Day. In April our chapter participated in Confederate Memorial Day activities with Sam Davis #596 and Beauvoir, laying a wreath at the Unknown Confederate Soldier's grave. In June we attended the birthday observance of President Davis at Beauvoir. At our July meeting we voted to have a raffle for a Ruger American rifle to be given away at Fall Muster to benefit our inaugural scholarship fund.

~ Carla Harbin

Ladies of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp, Chapter # 22

Officers Patty Young, President

Betty Farris, Vice-President

Brenda Barton, Secretary

Linda Hines, Treasurer

Our camp had our first event December 11, 2016 at Lochinvar. We raised in about 4 hours, \$3,000.00. We were so grateful to Dr. Forrest Tutor and Dr. Janis Burns-Tutor for opening their home to us. On December 8, 2016, we also had a Brigade Christmas party. We charged \$10.00 per plate to pay for the meat, and the women made side dishes and desserts. On January 14, 2017, we had a Lee-Jackson Banquet. There were 80 men and women in attendance. The speaker was Attorney Jak Smith. This year our Chapter was invited to help the Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter, decorate for the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion held in Oxford June 9-11. We decorated with Blue Hydrangeas, red roses, white roses and greenery. We also had a hospitality room with food and drinks set up for the SCV to have refreshments between meetings. We have three scholarships for \$250.00 each to be given in September to students from three of the Pontotoc Schools. We are looking forward to the meeting in Brandon, Ms. on September 23, 2017.



~ Patty Young

The ladies of the Mary Ann Forrest Chapter #

23 have worked tirelessly since our chartering in April of 2016 to not only build up membership, but also to do important things in our community. We have done everything from law enforcement breakfasts to school supply drives. Our biggest goal has been to work in our communities to show the SCV in a more positive light so that people will embrace us as a group that is not filled with hate. I feel that these acts of good-will will make an impact on our state as well as our local communities. We have gained much respect from our home base in Brandon by concentrating our efforts on schools, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies in Rankin County. Our good deeds

have also been featured in the Rankin County News as well as the local paper in Byram. We must keep our groups in the spotlight around the state to show the good things we are accomplishing, in the hopes that these acts will change the hearts of those who wish to erase our most important heritage.

~ Brandi Gray – President; Charla Lewis – Vice-President, Robin Pitts – Secretary



Serving Breakfast to our local Police Officers



Annual Civil War Relic Show



Confederate Living History Month

VA Christmas Shoppe



Pictures from our State Reunion in Oxford, MS



Confederate Lady Spotlight

Rose O'Neal Greenhow: Confederate Spy

A forty-four-year-old widow and mother of four when the war broke out, Rose ran an elaborate spy ring from her little house on Sixteenth Street in Washington, D.C. God had endowed her with a full figure, sleepy eyes and charm. Rose's friends included senators and high-ranking military officers, many of whom were tricked with wine or romance into divulging startling military secrets.

She learned the content of private conversations held in the White House reception room, she found out the exact place where President Lincoln's guard was stationed, and she knew the names of new officers appointed to General George McClellan's staff almost as soon as the new officers did. Rose kept almost daily contact with Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard.

By the early summer 1861, Beauregard expected the First Battle of Bull Run soon, but he needed an exact date to pull reinforcements from their duties elsewhere. On the morning of July 10, he received a coded message from you guessed it, Rose. The general now had the news he needed to prepare for his overwhelming victory.

The War Department soon grew suspicious of Rose, who never troubled to hide her Southern loyalty. Federal detectives stationed themselves outside her home and followed her everywhere for nearly a month. When the detectives searched her home in August, they found a wealth of information and placed Rose and her 8 year old daughter under house arrest. She was not allowed to read newspapers, her mail was censored, and only a sister and niece could visit. She was transferred to a Federal prison in Washington, spiting her captors by allowing her daughter to nearly starve then let her eat prison food.

Rose finally paroled and exiled to the South, where cheering crowds greeted their heroine.

~ Taken from: Civil War Heroines
A Bellerophon Coloring Book

Chicken & Dressing

Submitted by Ms. Sandy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

This is a dressing recipe passed down to me from my mother-in-law (with my own tweaks).

1 chicken boiled with skin

Large pan of cornbread

1 tube Ritz crackers finely chopped

3 celery ribs finely chopped

1 onion finely chopped

1 can cream chicken soup

Sage

Poultry seasoning

Pepper

Sausage Seasoning

Separate chicken from broth

Drain chicken and debone

Crumble cornbread and crackers and mix well

Add chopped celery and onions mix

Add cream of chicken soup and rinse can with chicken broth and add. Use broth when more liquid is needed. Add sage and poultry seasoning to taste (start with about a tablespoon of each) if you like raw dressing taste to see if more seasoning is needed.

Stir in egg mix well

Pour in to greased loaf pan and drizzle with melted butter/margarine (I use a large Pyrex dish)

Preheat oven to 400 and bake about 45 minutes (I put a sheet of aluminum foil on the oven rack, it bakes more evenly and keeps the bottom from burning.)



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