

Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King® - 2022 Spring Assembly Board/Chair Reports

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Tory B Arnold

Greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! I proclaim the joyful news that Jesus is our source of love and light. He asks us to shine that light to our fellow travelers along the way.

August had me traveling to St Phillip's in San Antonio for DALI training. The one most important thing I learned is to PRINT THE CHAPTER MANUAL FROM NATIONAL'S WEBSITE! It is a veritable font of information and answers many many questions.

September I was busily involved with my home chapter at Holy Comforter Angleton planning and executing the Fall Assembly at Camp Allen. Please see my recap on our website. It was wonderful to work with those ladies and our JDOK to ensure that our Assembly went smoothly. What I failed to mention in my recap was that Teresa Antley saved me before the business meeting. I had misplaced my agenda and was scrambling around when she calmly handed me her copy, what a blessing!

The Province 7 Board meeting was held on September 23-26 and I attended that with Renate Walker who is on the Prov7 board and happens to be my advisor. I am learning more daily as I am reading and asking questions. I am blessed by the experience of the Boards.

October found me attending the Farewell to the DOT Board of the ECW with Virginia Tippen who has been active with the ECW for years, is our DOT Archivist and my President at Holy Comforter. The programs were wonderful and I truly enjoyed the workshop presented by Story teller Kathy Culmer; she will be presenting the Key Note address at our upcoming Spring Assembly. Do you see how God works in our lives? He is So very amazing. I met some lovely DOK ladies who had not yet been to an Assembly, so of course, I talked it up and am hoping to see them at one soon!

November the contracts for September 16,17, 2022 and September 15,16,2023 were signed and filed with Camp Allen; our times have been reserved. Kathy Akin, our Treasurer has read and reread the contracts and they were adjusted accordingly. St Therese Chapter at St Mark's Austin will be hosting in the Fall of 2022. Maybe YOUR chapter wants to host 2023? Think about it; Holy Comforter had a small and dedicated group of about 8 people who were responsible for putting together the Fall Assembly. We had 6 adults and our 5 JDOK (and the most wonderful JDOK Moms) to help at the Assembly. Numbers mean nothing to God, He will equip you.

December had us putting finishing touches on everything for the JDOK Retreat at Camp Allen. Our Co Directresses Adelle and Vicki have been tirelessly working on this retreat since it was canceled last year. It is an amazing amount of work, and the planning and execution of this retreat makes our DOK retreats look very very easy in comparison. So many things need to be considered: Safeguarding, amount of adult to child ratio, food choice, food prep, kitchen help, first aid staff, weather contingencies, the list goes on.

January unfortunately had us postponing the JDOK Retreat because of a spike in Covid cases and because we wanted to exercise an abundance of caution. Adelle and Vicki are now planning to hold the retreat from April 29 to May1. Please be in prayer that we are able to go forth in safety and that our retreat will go on as rescheduled.

January 8th I was ZOOMing with St Martin's Houston to deliver a talk about Goal #3 of the Strategic Plan. Dee Frappier was a wonderful hostess and after my daughter came by to fix my hazy, fuzzy face, all was well. Here was another group who needed to hear about Assemblies, they may consider whether they may host one...

February we will meet in Round Rock at St Richard's for our Spring Assembly. The DOK of St John's and St Richard's are working together to host this event. Here's an idea: get with another church to host an Assembly, a Quiet Day or Retreat.

All through these last months, you may have received emails from your convocational Reps; these ladies

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deserve a lot of credit for keeping you informed. At the head of that information tree is Vice President Karen Courville who sends out the initial email to Carol Winship, Nancy Leaton, Catherine Thompson, Natalie Brady, Linda Leath, Carol Mellis, Elisa Hall, Nancy Polmanter, Mary Bounds and Corinne Cooper. If you are reading information on our website, thank Linda Blumberg who is our webperson, keeping us all informed.

As you can clearly see, I am not doing the work of the Order alone. I am blessed by an amazing Board, the most spectacular Chaplain, Mother Lacy Largent, Advisor Renate Walker, and all of you. God is truly at work and I am so grateful. My hope is that we will continue to grow and flourish and that the Kingdom will be expanded. Do you have plans for the growth of your members, your Chapter, and yourself this year? Let us dedicate ourselves to making the DOK an inviting, joy filled, God centered Order that it is meant to be. FHS in JOY. Tory

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – Karen Courville

The only report that I have is I forward your request to the convocational representatives and in turn they forward to chapter presidents. At this time we have all convocations covered. I also keep a file with all DOK correspondence I receive.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT –

SENIORS

Chapters	115
Member	2023
At Large	89
Behind on Dues	475

Chapters with 0 Members	7
Chapters with 1 Member	8
Chapters with 2 Members	3

JUNIORS

Chapters	19
Members	128
At Large	9
Behind on Dues	67

Chapters with 0 Members	5
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Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Polmanter, Membership Chair

SERVICE CHAIR REPORT - Service Project Report

The Pursenalities Plus project continues. I will be promoting the project at the Spring Assembly in Round Rock with a display board and an example of what a Pursenalities Plus bag might contain in order to encourage chapters to undertake this service project.

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GLORY BOUND SINGERS REPORT – The Glory Bound Singers are excited about the opportunities to lead worship this Spring: in February for the Diocesan Assembly, in March for the Province VII Gathering, and in Baltimore for the Triennial. We would like to continue to publicize the fact that all Daughters are welcome to join us for rehearsal and events! If you have been thinking or praying about joining us, now is the time! We are recruiting all vocal parts for our upcoming dates, with the requirement only to be at our rehearsals in Bryan to learn the music. Mother/daughter pairs of Daughters and Jr. Daughters are also welcome.

It has been a tough year for the group, with a good percentage of them either suffering from medical challenges, deaths in their families, or serious illnesses of other family members. In spite of the challenges, they continue to be faithful to the Order and to each other! We are blessed to have Tory Arnold leading daily devotions for us on our GroupMe.

We will do our best to represent our Diocesan ministry this year, with God's help.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Linda Patterson, Glory Bound Singers' Director

COMMUNICATIONS – WEBSITE Report – Linda Blumberg

I've been updating our diocesan website – www.DOKDOT.org – to keep it up-to-date. Many documents have been uploaded for our assembly – including registration form, speaker's biographies, assembly agenda, president's meeting agenda, business meeting agenda, and a letter from the diocesan president.

We also have dates for upcoming events:

- March 25-26, 2022 – Province VII Assembly – San Antonio, TX
- March 26, 2022 – Quiet Day at All Saint's Episcopal, Stafford
- April 29-May 1, 2022 – Diocesan Junior DOK Retreat – Camp Allen
- June 22-26, 2022 – National Triennial in Baltimore, MD
- September 16-17, 2022 – Diocesan Fall Assembly – Camp Allen
- September 15-16, 2023 – Diocesan Fall Assembly – Camp Allen

There's a great amount of information on the website – check it out for ideas for meetings and spiritual enrichment ideas, reflections, past assembly sermons and presentations, prior Angelus newsletters (diocesan DOK newsletter), website links and much more. Go check it out – <https://dokdot.org/>

If you have any events you would like to advertise such as Quiet Days or Retreats, send the information to: L_Blumberg@alumni.utexas.net

West Harris Convocation Representative - Action items completed in 2021.

1. Forwarded all information sent from the Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King to all Chapter Presidents in the West Harris Convocation. It seems that not all Chapter Presidents are forwarding the information on to their members. There is some disconnect between outgoing and incoming Chapter Officers.
2. Maintained the current list of West Harris Convocation's Chapter Presidents.
- 3 Submitted Convocation List to Nancy Polmanter Diocesan Membership Secretary, including a copy sent to Tory Arnold Diocesan DOK President, Andrea Hale DOK Province 7 President and Lynn Kimbrell DOK National Office Manager.
4. Submitted Chapter Officers Forms received from Convocation Chapter Presidents to Nancy Polmanter Diocesan Membership Secretary, copies to Tory Arnold Diocesan DOK President, Andrea Hale DOK Province 7 and Lynn Kimbrell DOK National Office Manager.
5. Some chapters are struggling and not meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Corinne Cooper - West Harris Convocation Representative, Diocese of Texas