

Daughters of the King – Diocese of Texas – 2023 Fall Assembly – Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – TORY ARNOLD

My Dear Sisters,

I have been honored to serve God through the Daughters of the King, representing our Diocese and praising God. This is a synopsis of my journey since we last met in March.

I was blessed by the outpouring of love for Steph Thorpe at her memorial service at Holy Trinity Church in Dickinson on March 11. On March 14 I met with Renate Walker for a report on the Assembly and plans for the next one. On March 15th, I was doing something which my 40 year-old self would have had no difficulty accomplishing...

however, my 65 year old self fell and fractured my wrist in two places and my hand in one. The next week I underwent surgery to pin, screw and duct tape it all back together. I was off knitting for six weeks and it was not pleasant. I was unable to attend the Province & Assembly on March 24th.

April found me at St Timothy's Lake Jackson for the installation of 9 new members; including a mother and daughter; a glorious time. You may recall that they just rededicated 9 members last year.

In May Sister and I traveled to Keller to participate in the Installation of their newest members, I really loved their Priest's sermon (ask me about it and I will share the gist of it with you). I continue to be active with the JDOK and participate in their monthly ZOOM meetings (not everyone, but I try). I also participate in the Province VII ZOOM meetings for planning and growth.

In July I visited St. Andrews in Pearland and Grace church, Alvin to meet and visit with the host chapters as they work on your swag bags for Assembly. These ladies have been putting in the labor with love and I think you should thank them personally when you receive the bags at registration.

In July my husband Mike's cancer returned and we have been dealing with the effects of his treatment. We have put a lot of miles in to go back and forth to MD Anderson in Houston and Sugar Land.

In August I badgered everyone to get their reports in early and spent lots of time preparing for the Assembly (note: my report is being feverishly typed before I leave for Round Rock this morning).

September 3 found me back in Keller for Eucharist; what a lovely church family. Today, Sister Veronica-Noel and I will travel to Liberty Hill to visit an elderly daughter and then we will celebrate Installation with the Daughters at St Richard's Round Rock tomorrow.

I continue to knit blankets, pass out prayer squares and send out daily prayers on FB, email and GroupMe. I am caring for my 16 month old, and 5 year old grandsons daily and then try to get our 10 year old grandson whenever we can. It has been my honor to serve you and I am happy to hear how I could do a better job.

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Many thanks to Bishop Fisher who has provided invaluable assistance with underwriting several of our Diocesan travel trips that frees up more funds for our service missions.

Life is full and God is good. God bless you all with JOY! Tory

VICE-PRESIDENT – KAREN COURVILLE

Since Spring Assembly 2023 I have continued to forward emails to the Convocational Representatives for our President, Tory. Also, I sent reminders to Convocational Representatives to contact Chapter Presidents about changes in their officers. I appreciate each one for their willingness to serve in such an important way. You are our lifeline in communications. Convocation Representatives are invaluable.

Austin: Carol Winship

SE: Nancy Polmanter

Galveston: Teresa Antley

East Harris: Catherine Thompson

San Jacinto: Elisa Hall

NW (Waco): Carol Mellis

West Harris: Corinne Cooper

SW: Mary Bounds

Central: Nancy Leaton

North Region: Mary Beth Butler

NE: Linda Leath

Thank you so much to Carol Winship and Elisa Hall for serving as Convocation Representatives over the past several years. Also, thank you for serving until we find someone two serve the next term of two years.

If you are interested in serving as a Convocational Rep. please send your contact information to Casey@reagan.com or let me know at Fall Assembly or call 903-360-2797.

Diocese of Texas Vice President Karen Courville

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – NANCY POLMANter

DOK Membership Report - August 21, 2023

Seniors

Chapters	111
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	2144
At Large	112
Behind on Dues	310

Chapters with 0 Members	3
Chapters with 1 Member	6
Chapters with 2 Members	0

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Juniors

Chapters	20
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	135
At Large	9
Behind on Dues	68
Chapters with 0 Members	4
Chapter with 1 Member	2
Chapter with 2 Members	1

Membership Chair Report - September 2023

I work with all the chapters in our diocese in providing any help they need. I build the Membership Report for each of our two Assemblies and the Necrology Report for the Spring Assembly. I assist our President, Tory Arnold, with anything she needs regarding membership.

We had a new Jr. Chapter this year. Ben E-Jr. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston.

I spent time surveying our membership specifically looking at our chapters with less than 3 members.

I have moved two chapters back to the Diocese of Fort Worth where they belong, disbanded other Diocese of Fort Worth chapters that came to us when the North Region joined the Diocese of Texas. These chapters had 0 members and the churches that had these chapters from before the split did not want them.

I also worked with many of the chapters within our diocese where there were less than 3 members. They were mostly inactive chapters and with few exceptions the churches asked for them to be closed. If there were any members, they were contacted and after speaking with them, they wished to become Daughters at Large.

From this survey of chapters the following occurred.

- Total chapter disbandments were 20 (including the Fort Worth chapters).

Transitions that I completed:

- Two Jr. Daughters moved to Daughters at Large.
- Thirteen Sr. Daughters moved to Daughters at Large.
- Three Daughters moved from their chapter to another chapter in the diocese.
- One death was reported.
- One church closed their doors and the chapter was closed. Four members became Daughters at Large and two members resigned their membership.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Polmanter - Membership Chair

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JUNIOR DAUGHTERS – VICKI TERRELL and ADELLE MULLER-MCKINSTRY

ANNUAL JDOK RETREAT
January 12 – 14, 2024
Camp Allen, Campsite 3



Leadership Team:

- Retreat Directress – Adelle Muller-McKinstry & Vicki Terrell
- Retreat Registrar – Lissette Smead & Deborah Northrup
- Retreat Chef – Paige Akard
- Camp Nurse – Tori Arnold
- Music – Lee Read

Registration:

- On-line – August – September 30, 2023 - \$30 per girl
October 1st – October 31, 2023 - \$40 per girl

Needs:

- Kitchen help
 - Unloading on Friday evening (starting at 3pm)
 - Shifts
 - Friday from 3 – 7 pm
 - Saturday 7am – 12pm
 - Saturday 11 am – 3 pm
 - Saturday 3 pm – 7 pm
 - Packing kitchen materials Sunday morning (starting at 10 am)

COMMUNICATION & TRAINING

GOOGLE GROUP/Facebook/Instagram

- All known directresses and involved adult leaders are invited
- Communicate information about the retreat & gatherings/luncheons/workshops
- Communicate activities & events of Junior Chapters

GOALS & GROWTH

- Increase support & networking for Directresses
- Focus on transitioning older JDOK (Transition Retreat February 9 – 11, 2024)

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Diocese of Texas Junior Chapter Status

- Most chapters continue to struggle right now
- Need support from home churches and Senior DOK chapters

NAME	CHURCH	CITY	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS PAST DUE (FY23,FY22, FY21,FY20)
Queen Esther	Church of Holy Apostles	Katy	16	8
Eve Jr	St. Andrew's Episcopal	Bryan	7	5
Elizabeth Jr	St Peter's Episcopal	Brenham	7	7
Lamb of God	Good Shepherd	Kingwood	0	0
St Josephine Bakhita	St. Mary's Episcopal	Cypress	7	7
Angels of the Cross	St. John the Divine	Houston	17	15
Janet Jr	St. Cuthbert Episcopal	Houston	15	10
St Mary & Martha	Holy Trinity Episcopal	Dickinson	3	0
Miriam Jr	Calvary Episcopal	Richmond	0	0
Trinity Jr-Marshall	Trinity Episcopal	Marshall	0	0
Little Flower Jr	Trinity Episcopal	The Woodlands	21	17
All Saints-Stafford Jr	All Saints Episcopal	Stafford	1	1
St Joan's Jr	All Saints Episcopal	Austin	1	1
Grace Jr	St Dunstan's Episcopal	Houston	11	4
St Rose of Lima Jr	Trinity Episcopal Baytown	Baytown	3	0
Ben E Jr	Trinity Episcopal	Galveston	4	3
Holy Comforter jr	Holy Comforter Episcopal	Angleton	6	2
Lydia Jr	Church of the Ascension	Houston	3	3

North Region Report:

The North Region of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Texas includes five Daughters of the King chapters: St. Martin's in Keller, St. Mary's in Hillsboro, and Trinity, St. Christopher, and St. Luke's, all in Fort Worth.

St. Martin's and Trinity have both admitted new members in the past year. St. Christopher's held a Quiet Day during Fall 2022 and welcomed women from around the region to join. St. Martin's hosted the Diocesan President and speaker Sr. Veronica Noel in October. All DOK's in the region were invited and most chapters were represented.

North Region DOK's from two parishes attended the Fall Assembly at Camp Allen in September and were grateful to be so warmly welcomed.

For His sake, Mary Beth Butler
