

PRESIDENT

My dear sisters!

It has been a truly eventful six months since last I reported! God has been so amazing and faithful-when I first heard that phrase I did not understand that whole meaning, after all, we are the ones who are supposed to be faithful, right? But God keeps His promises and continues to bless us in ways that we try to understand...

September 2023

22-25, I attended the Prov7 Board retreat where we planned for our Assembly in Shreveport, March 15-17, 2024. We had a wonderful day of lessons with Father Michael Bordelon (anytime you can hear him, it is well worth it).

29 Had surgery to remove what we thought was an enlarged lymph node.

30 Sister Veronica-Noel and I drove to All Saints in Cameron for an informational meeting organized by DAL Sheryll Colley.

October

7 The pathology report came back positive for Leiomyosarcoma...

19 Seen by Dr Douglas Tyler, Oncologic Surgeon

21 Holy Trinity Dickinson held a Quiet day with Rev Nan Doerr presenting types of prayer, types of bible, and encouragement.

26 Joined current and former GBS for a Memorial Service for DOK Sammie Vallenti

28 Trunk or Treat with JDOK at Holy Comforter, Angleton

November

1 Holy Comforter Angleton DOK hosted a reception following the All Saints Day service.

11 Sister and I were in Round Rock at St Julian of Norwich church for an informational meeting organized by DAL Katherine Lily

20 Surgery to remove (actual) lymph nodes and tissue to determine sarcoma's extent

24-30 dealing with JP drain in leg, blood clot in leg, medication side effects...

December

3 Installed two new JDOK at Holy Comforter Angleton; welcome Maggie and Liv!

5 Pathology report came back clear! Praise God for no more cancer!!

10 Sister and I are on the road again! This time to Austin to the Church of The Epiphany for an informational meeting organized by Rev Paige Alvarez-Hanks (Do you see a pattern here?)

17 Served at a Memorial service at Holy Comforter. ZOOM meeting for JDOK retreat.

18-23 procedures and inpatient treatment for cellulitis in my leg

23 just before my return home, my husband cuts off part of his thumb with the compound saw (the fun never ends around here)

24 we mourn the loss of our friend and sister Alane Anderson

31 We trust you. You alone have the eternal knowledge to give us right help and answers. Bible tools.com

2024

January 1 Happy New Year!

3 JP drain finally removed from my leg!! NO need to see Medical Oncology at MDAnderson because the LMS is gone! Continually praising God!

5 Executive Board met in Navasota, a wonderful time of fellowship, DOK work and rest

NOTE; we did not receive a single grant request so we put those funds back into the fund for next year. The next requests will be reviewed January 2025

8 ZOOM meeting for JDOK retreat

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12-14 JDOK retreat at Camp Allen, 3 JDOK from Holy C were there.

15 God moved me to go to the grocery store (I needed nothing); I met Tommy crying in the frozen foods. He and his wife did all their shopping together and now that she had died, it was very painful for him to shop alone. We prayed together, cried together and both felt better when we were done. Isn't God amazing?

20 Sister and I were off to visit an elderly DOK in Liberty Hill, then spent the night with Kathy Akin before the three of us worshiped at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin. DAL Rev Paige Alvarez-Hankjs was hosting an informational meeting for reactivating the DOK chapter there (yes, definitely a pattern). Their Installation service is planned for March 3. Congratulations and welcome back.

26 Attended a wonderful conference at St John the Divine in Houston featuring Judith McNutt, author of Angels are Real and Co-founder of a healing ministry based in Clearwater Florida.

31 Marti Clement from St John the Divine accepts the task of hosting the Fall Assembly at Camp Allen 2024

I have been so very blessed to represent the Daughters of the King, Diocese of Texas, and am willing to stand for President for another three year term, God willing. I have tried to be conscientious with the funds of the Order and the Board has been working to streamline all the financial aspects to better serve God in our ministry.

I have enjoyed sharing a daily prayer on the FB page and Patsy Organ, our DAL chair emails it out to the DALs. If you are a DAL and you are not receiving emails from Patsy, please contact her so that you may be included.

I am so thrilled with the prospect of three new chapters formed by Daughters at Large in their churches, God bless you all with JOY!! With love and hope, in JOY! Tory

VICE-PRESIDENT

Since Fall 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: Marjie Lawrence

SE: Nancy Polmanter

Galveston: Teresa Antley

East Harris: Catherine Thompson

San Jacinto: Chelsea Waschek-Gaukin

NW (Waco): Carol Mellis

West Harris: Corinne Cooper

SW: Mary Bounds

Central: Nancy Leaton

North Region: Mary Beth Butler

NE: Linda Leath

Let us welcome our new convocation representatives for Austin: Marjie Lawrence and for San Jacinto: Chelsea Waschek-Gaukin.

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

Diocese of Texas Vice President Karen Courville

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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.

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I keep in touch with our Chapters that have less than 3 members. Each of these chapters have dedicated Daughter(s) with hopes of adding new Daughters.

We currently have 2 groups in discernment to form new chapters.

My focus for the time between this assembly and the next is to work on late dues. We have many Daughters in default and this is a situation that needs to be addressed at the chapter level. I will be providing information to the chapters to help them encourage their Daughters to pay their dues.

I pass information from my survey relating to the Junior Daughters to the Junior Daughter Directresses to keep them informed regarding the status of the Junior chapters.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Polmanter, Membership Chair

DOK Membership Report February 13, 2024

Seniors:

Chapters	108
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	2079
At Large	113
Behind on Dues	453

Chapters with 0 Members	2
Chapters with 1 Member	5
Chapters with 2 Members	1

Juniors:

Chapters	15
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	131
At Large	10
Behind on Dues	77

Chapters with 0 Members	0
Chapters with 1 Member	2
Chapters with 2 Members	0