

Presidents Report – September, 2025

This has been an eventful year, but through every challenge and triumph, God has faithfully guided me. By God's grace, I was able to continue to share daily prayers and devotions via email and Facebook. Below is a summary of my activities and efforts as President throughout the year:

February:

- Missed the February assembly due to health issues but stayed connected by watching via Facebook, which was a true blessing.
- Engaged with chapter presidents by phone to maintain communication and support.

March:

- Amid numerous doctor appointments and therapy, I traveled to Eagle Lake DOK and Liberty Hill DOK for Communion and attended the Round Rock Installation.
- Baked with JDOK for First Responders, fostering community outreach.

April:

- Faced personal challenges but connected with National by phone to discuss membership and clarify key issues.
- Celebrated DOK Birthday on April 4, 2025.
- Sent a letter to Chapter Presidents and began collaborating with Teresa on planning the Fall Assembly.

May:

- Attended the National Day of Prayer.
- Spoke at the Holy Trinity DOK Tea in Dickinson, strengthening chapter connections.

June:

- Traveled to Wisconsin to support my sister during her health challenges but continued Fall Assembly planning via email and texts.

July:

- Focused on Fall Assembly preparations, meeting with Teresa and the sponsor church to finalize details.
- Sent another letter to Chapter Presidents with assembly updates and information.
- Placed Amazon orders for assembly materials.
- Graduated from cardiac rehab on July 24 – praise God!

August:

- Met with JDOK via Zoom to discuss ongoing initiatives.
- Wrote a letter to the board addressing dues, Fall Assembly, and other matters.
- Collaborated with Sister and Teresa to learn about creating a PowerPoint report.
- Attended the JDOK Yarn In in Katy, a joyful and uplifting event.

September:

- Planned the Prayer Room for the Fall Assembly with Sister.
- Attended the Province 7 retreat in Albuquerque, NM, but returned with severe vertigo.

This year has been a testament to God's provision and strength. The countless calls, emails, and texts reflect the dedication and teamwork behind our shared mission. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to the Fall Assembly as we continue to grow in faith and service.

Grateful for you all, Tory Arnold

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Nancy Polmanter

DOK Membership Report
September 8, 2025

Seniors

Chapters	103
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	2033
At Large	91
Chapters with 1 Member	2
Chapter with 2 Members	1

Juniors

Chapters	12
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	89
At Large	2
Chapters with 2 Members	2

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. I also supply annual membership statistics for Province VII. I work closely with our National Office to keep our Membership lists error free.

We welcomed two new Chapters this year. Sacred Heart of Julian at St. Julian of Norwich in Cedar Park and Blessed Mother at Christ Church in Eagle Lake.

I work with the Chapters who have less than 3 members to see how they are doing regarding building up the chapter with new members. We do have only one Chapter with only 1 member and the Rector has hope to gain Daughters.

I ask all Chapter presidents or treasurers to go to the Officers Corner to check your Chapter List for the dues status of your Daughters. September 1, 2025, all Daughters who still owed their 2025 dues are now in arrears. Some Daughters have become inactive and removed from your Chapter List. It is important for all Chapters to have healthy Chapter List.

One final note. Please send in to the National Office the New Officer's Report if you haven't already. It is due every September 1. You need to send this form whether or not the officer's have changed. To have a correct membership database that our National Office keeps for us is important when working with a Chapter that we are reaching the correct chapter officer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Polmanter
Membership Chair

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS – Vicki Terrell

Directress Day 2025 – July 12th at Holy Trinity Episcopal

A Gathering of Directresses

- 8 Directresses from throughout the Diocese (including 1 Directress from the Diocese of West Texas) gathered to spend the day sharing their faith & exploring new ways to reach out to the girls in their chapters
- We prayed Morning Prayer
- Lissette Smead led us in a Yoga session based on The Lord's Prayer from the JDOK Handbook
- Vicki Terrell led a session on How to Grow Your Chapter
- We studied The Parable of the Good Samaritan from the Metamorphosis Curriculum
- We ended our time with a devotional of Complamen led by Janevieve Parks

Yarn It 2025 – August 16th at Church of the Holy Apostles - Katy

A Gathering of Directresses and Friends of JDOK

- 9 Directresses/JDOK leaders from throughout the Diocese gathered to spend the day sharing community and a love of all things yarn!
- We opened with prayer and shared a meal
- We then worked on numerous yarn projects (knitting & crochet) and there were a few women there learning for the first time
- We ended our time together with The Lord's Prayer & The Motto

Upcoming Events

2025 Fall Assembly Presentation – October 3-5, 2025

Pocket Altars Workshop

- Junior Daughters from throughout the Diocese of Texas will present how to make and use Pocket Altars

Metamorphosis Retreat for High School/College-aged JDOK

Growing a Rule of Life

October 10-12, 2025 – Camp Allen, Dunn Center Cabin

- Leadership Team
 - Retreat Directress: Vicki Terrell
 - Registrar: Lissette Smead
 - Directresses & Leaders: Janevieve Parks, Tory Arnold, Lauren Foreman, Brooklyn Short, Lissette Smead & Vicki Terrell
- Up to 10 JDOK young women and 6 DOK adults will study the curriculum **Growing a Rule of Life** from the *Society of St John the Evangelist* over the weekend.
- We will use smash journals to reflect on our studies and use pater noster beads to pray the DOK Motto and the JDOK prayer
- We will serve by making bracelets for our January JDOK retreat participants

Retreat Training & Fellowship (Four Sundays in Advent)

- Open to all Directresses throughout the Diocese especially those attending the 2026 JDOK Retreat
- Empowering volunteers to share the Biblical & DOK messages for the 2026 Retreat
- Provides networking opportunities
- Encourages preparation for the retreat & offers a platform for asking questions

JDOK Diocese of Texas Retreat

Follow the Biblical Road to the Wonderful Wisdom of God

January 16-18, 2026 – Camp Allen Campsite #3

For Girls 7 – 18 years of age

- Leadership Team:
 - Retreat Directress: Vicki Terrell
 - Registrar: Lissette Smead
 - Prep Chef: Paige Akard
 - Retreat Chef: Jodi Long
 - Retreat Musician: Lee Read
- Registration open through October 31st
- Focus on praying using ACTS beads and Daily Journaling
- Service Project will be Project Linus

Chapter Status – Diocese of Texas

Junior Chapter	Church	City	Past Due Total
St Joan of Arc	Grace Episcopal	Alvin	0
Ben E	Trinity Episcopal	Galveston	1
Queen Esther	COTHA	Katy	4
Eve Jr	St. Andrews	Bryan	0
Elizabeth Jr	St. Peter's	Brenham	0
Angels of the Cross	St. John the Divine	Houston	7
Janet Jr	St. Cuthbert	Houston	1
St. Mary & Martha	Holy Trinity Episcopal	Dickinson	0
Little Flower Jr	Trinity	The Woodlands	4
Grace Jr	St. Dunstan's	Houston	0
St Rose of Lima Jr	Trinity Episcopal	Baytown	0
Holy Comforter Jr	Holy Comforter	Angleton	1
At Large			2