



The Order of the Daughters of the King

Report of the President

Fall Assembly
September 10, 2011

A year ago we met in large numbers at the Cathedral in Orlando and were led in our Eucharistic celebration by our Bishop, John Howe. It is a joy for me to welcome you 144 Daughters, clergy and friends here today.

During our time together at last years' Assembly, I officially accepted the appointment to be your Diocesan President. I remember saying that the Lord often puts us in places we least expect. I have learned again and again in this year that the Lord equips you to do the work He calls you to.

He has done so by blessing me with the support of a board that, though it is few in numbers, is strong in talents and service. They are – Recording Secretary–Lalene Jacelon; Corresponding Secretary–Patricia Dooley; Treasurer and Board Advisor–Agnes Wichmann. In our planning meeting for the Triennium in 2009, our Board agreed to appoint Deanery Coordinators. And we have been blessed to have strong and involved ones: Faye Williams, NE Deanery; Central–Sara Freeman and Karin Cochran; SE–Fran Leonard; SW–Michelle Jump. I am pleased to announce today that Deacon Shirley Johnson has agreed to serve in the NW Deanery. I thank you all for your service – For His Sake. Additionally, Theodora Coleman has stepped up and is active as our Daughters at Large Chair and Ann Hill, who is not present today due to a death in her family, serves as our Forever Daughters Chair. We have worked together carrying on the work of the Order, even with vacancies in two important positions.

In spite of some challenges, The Order of the Daughters of the King continues to be a strong force in our Diocese. I believe that sometimes we don't know our own strength and don't capitalize or market well to promote awareness of our value to the life of our individual churches and the Diocese as a whole. In 2010, we continued to live fulfilling our vow of prayer, service and evangelism in 55 chapters in our churches in the Central Florida Diocese. There are 1010 Daughters including those in one Anglican chapter and 58 Daughters at Large. We have 12 Jr. Daughters in four chapters.

In March, we had a wonderful retreat at Canterbury Conference Center led by the Rector of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Fr. Mike Goldberg. We were led in a day of study on *The Prodigal Returns* a book by Henri Nouwen with a focus on the painting of the same name by Rembrandt. It was a day of interactive discussion and exchange. The presentation was stimulating, inspirational and caused me to have a new perspective on that story – as well as the many parables of Jesus. I recommend the book and Henri Nouwen in general to you. This was my first but will not be my last reading of his work. At the end of the day, we celebrated Eucharist and remembered 27 Daughters who departed this life in the last year.

Each Deanery met in their regions during the spring. Meetings were well attended and each was interesting and provided an opportunity to worship and fellowship together. We met together at St. Agnes in Sebring, Holy Trinity in Melbourne, St. Paul's in New Smyrna, St. George's in The Villages and All Saints' in Winter Park. Esther chapter of Shepherd in the Hills in Lecanto had the largest chapter attendance at the Deanery meetings and again here today with 13 members present –let us take this time to welcome them as a chapter.

Our chapters have enthusiastically continued to support our seminarian, Renae, who is our three year Outreach project, with their packages of care and love.

She was home for the summer and now has returned to seminary to complete her studies and earn her degree. She has applied again for a grant from our Master's Fund to support her efforts. So that along with our Diocesan support makes her a true Daughters' project. I look forward to our gathering a year from now knowing she has graduated from seminary and is on her way to ordination as a priest. Please continue to connect with Kathy Worcester regarding Renae.

During the year we were asked for and replied to the Search Committee for our input for a new Bishop. We have voiced our desire to serve as volunteers in some capacity as an Order in the process of electing and installing a new Bishop. I will keep you informed of the Committee's response to us. I hope each Daughter and Chapter is praying for our present Bishop and for our Diocese in this process.

We have also been engaged with the Episcopal Church Women. The ECW is the umbrella organization for all women's organizations recognized by the Episcopal Church. The Daughters of the King have a seat on their board. We will have an exhibit table at their annual meeting which will be held at the Cathedral.

I have prepared an update for the Chapter President's Handbook, which are available for you today. Each chapter President should have a copy of the Handbook, which is a blue notebook/binder. The updated pages should replace the existing sheets in the Handbook. All the forms included are also available on the National website at www.doknational.org. Much information, which I believe will be helpful to Chapters Presidents, is included in the package. There is one sheet, the Chapter Survey, which I ask each President to complete and return to your Deanery Coordinator. We will compile results and share what we learn with you at a future Board meeting.

At a recent meeting the Board approved a new idea which I will share with you today. It is a Diocesan wide devotional book study. This will serve to unite and strengthen us in our walk together as we read and share the same book around the Diocese. I will introduce a book today and at the next Board meeting we will review it. At the next board meeting we will introduce a new book to be reviewed at the February meeting and so on. The book today is one of my favorites. I read it first as a relatively new Daughter as I was beginning to strengthen my focus on my spiritual life. It is a classic – and there seem to be many versions – it is an easy read that I am sure some of you have already read. It is worth a reread. It is Brother's Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Today, I have copies here as my personal gift to each of our Deanery Coordinators. I hope you will read it and then come to our next Board meeting on November 12 at St. John's to share your perspective of it and what you have learned with the rest of us.

We will focus during the year on the theme developed for the third year of our Triennium "Wearing Jesus; Ourselves, Our Chapter, and Our Order". We have no individual memory verses here to be blessed today but I suggest we all embrace the words of Romans 13:14 the reference verse for our theme as our one memory verse– "Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."

One commentary says: In these last few verses of Romans 13, Paul takes the place of a commanding officer. He calls the true believer to remember his duty before the Lord. Just like that soldier, every Daughter has a duty!

A. We Have A Duty To Walk In Honesty - The phrase "walk honestly" means to "behave properly." That is, we are to live an outward life that is consistent with who we say we are on the inside. There should be no pretense in our lives.

B. We Have A Duty To Walk In Holiness - After telling us how we should live, Paul turns his attention to how we should not live. He mentions six sins of the flesh that were no doubt prevalent in Paul's day. The six sins are also prevalent in our day as well! This walk, this duty is what Daughters are called to do!

C. We Have A Duty To Walk In Humility - Paul tells us that while we are waiting in this world for the Lord to return, we should be careful that we act the right way. He tells us to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." We are to cloth ourselves in all that Jesus is! We are to adopt His character as our character. We are to adopt His lifestyle as our lifestyle. He is truth, we are to walk in truth. He is light, we are to walk in light. He is faithful, we are to be faithful. He is holy, we are to be holy. He loves the Father, we are to love the Father. He walked in total obedience to God, we are to walk in total obedience to God.

As Christian women, as Daughters, let us live like Christians. Put away the old ways and follow after righteousness. Let us each put on the cloak of righteousness and wear Jesus in ourselves, in our chapters and in our Order.

In His Love,

Krisita Jackson
President
Diocese of Central Florida

ELECTION RESULTS

The following slate of officers were elected at Fall Assembly, September 10, 2011, for the Triennial 2012 - 2015.

President	Krisita Jackson
1 st Vice President	Barbara Spencer
2 nd Vice President	Claudia McGaughey
Recording Secretary	Kathy Worcester
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Dooley
Treasurer	Agnes Wichmann

The following delegates were elected to represent the Diocese of Central Florida at Prov. IV Assembly, Kanuga, NC.

Shirley Johnson	
Lalene Jacelon	1 st Alternate: JoAnn Willmeroth
Linda Snow	2 nd Alternate: Barbara Spencer