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The Cover

Members of the National Council around the altar in the Margaret J. Franklin Center chapel. In November they spent three days working and planning for the future.

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The President's Page

Dear Daughters,

As I write to you it is New Year's weekend, and we are cleaning up and cleaning out at the Lundgren house. Epiphany and Lent are coming quickly. In my prayer time I have asked the Lord to give me a message to share with Daughters to begin this new year. How like the Holy Spirit to "keep it simple," and direct me to the Motto of the Order:

For His Sake,
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

Such a simple message for what could be an overwhelming time for many in our world today. The motto ends with a prayer of petition, asking the Lord to direct us in our life of service to Him. When the Lord calls us to become Daughters of the King, He calls us to action. That action may take many forms: a fuller prayer life, a new ministry, being available for family needs or friends, more in-depth Bible study, joining an Alpha course, inviting a Roman Catholic or Lutheran friend to visit

Dates to Remember

February 2:
Ingathering for
Self-Denial Fund

March 1:
Applications for the
Masters Fund

May 6:
National Day of Prayer

your chapter meeting, learning to "fish" for people—the possibilities are endless.

Why not ask the Lord to clearly show you the one thing in this new year He is calling you to do as a Daughter of the King in your home, your chapter, your parish, or beyond? Clues to what the Lord is asking may come to you through another prayer... the Prayer of the Order. Look at it again, please. Underscore all the action words within the prayer: teach, bless, discern, bear, work, and gather. The petition in the prayer is for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to enable us to do what the Lord is asking, and to do it for the right reason... For His Sake.

This fall I have had the opportunity to travel across the country to DOK assemblies and the National Council meeting. Every assembly was a joy to attend, and I look forward to meeting more of you in 2004. Daughters everywhere expressed to me their desire for all Daughters to stay connected to our Order, and I ask you to pray about that need. The National Council met in unity and faithfulness to their tasks. It was a marvelous blessing to have Bishop and Barbara Frey with us at the Margaret J. Franklin Center. The National Office staff outdid themselves in hospitality!

On the personal side—in October we were grateful to see our son's fiancé make a profession of faith and be baptized. (A good fishing story!) In December my husband and I helped with Christmas Camp at the Down Home Ranch. (For more information about this ministry, see the article in the Fall 2003 Royal Cross.) What a joy to see the spirit of the season in the faces of the campers with Downs Syndrome and mental challenges. It was a special time for us all.

May the Lord bless you always,
For His Sake,

Sharon Lundgren



Sharon Lundgren, President

From Your Chaplain

(Editor's note: This letter went out to diocesan presidents in August, following General Convention. For those who did not see it at the time, we reprint it here.)

My dear sisters in Christ:

It is with a great sense of humility that I address you as your new national Chaplain. Sharon's invitation was a great honor, and a complete surprise.

And what a time to come aboard! The Episcopal Church's General Convention scored about a ten on the Richter scale, and you'd have to be deaf or blind to have missed all the publicity. Reactions from both sides have been strong, and the debate doesn't show signs of quieting down any time soon.

But that very fact tests the depth of our spirituality, and it's a good idea to check and see where we are. If you're on the "winning side" it's good to remember that disciples don't gloat over the discomfort of their fellow Christians. And if you're on the "losing side," it's important to recall that gloom and despair are not listed among the fruits of the Spirit. A friend of mine told me years ago, under other difficult circumstances, "It looks like an impossible situation; I can't wait to see how God solves it!"

Just so there's no doubt, I'm among those who believe the Convention made a mistake. To be sure, it was a well-intentioned mistake. The motivation was undoubtedly a desire to alleviate the unnecessary suffering experienced by many people whose sexual orientation has often made them the object of covert ridicule and overt persecution; to correct past injustices perpetrated in the name of religion against homosexual people, and to bring into a loving and inclusive community those who are so frequently marginalized by both church and society.

I know very few people who wouldn't want to be identified with these reasons – they are compelling ones. They reflect the spirit of the Gospel. But I believe that the remedy was the wrong one and that we have offered people acceptance when we might have offered healing and transformation. And my apprehension is that one day some will come to us and ask, "Why did you give

us what we asked instead of what we needed? We asked for bread and you gave us a stone."

Be that as it may, God is still in charge. The Body of Christ, much like our human body, is wonderfully self-healing. The words of Archbishop William Temple have been very comforting to me: "*When we choose wisely, God reigns; when we choose foolishly, God reigns. God reigns, God reigns.*"

The Lord Jesus is still on the throne, and our call to discipleship hasn't changed one bit. So let's all remain faithful, for his sake.

+Bill Frey

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Lives in Mission: an interview with Bill and Barbara Frey

"I've met the girl I want to marry," Bill Frey told his parents. It was just before the beginning of his senior year at university, where he was majoring in Spanish. The young woman in question had been introduced as one of the incoming students at a Canterbury club meeting that summer.

"What's her name?" they asked. He didn't know! But that did not keep him from asking her out shortly after the semester began, and the following June they were married. Together they settled in Philadelphia, where Bill attended the Divinity School (later merged with ETS).

Since that time the joint ministry of Bill and Barbara Frey has taken them to New Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Arkansas, Colorado, Pennsylvania and most recently to Uganda. They have raised three sons and two daughters and now have nine grandchildren. God's provision through all these changes informs the Rt. Rev. Frey's new book: *The Dance of Hope*.

After his ordination Bill accepted a call to a circuit of missions in the mountains of Colorado, then to a parish in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Four years later they moved to Costa Rica, to the Church of the Good Shepherd, San José. There Fr. Frey took steps to provide church literature in Spanish as well as English. (Barbara says she speaks “kitchen Spanish”—she never had formal schooling in the Spanish language.)

Their next mission took them to Guatemala, where Bill was called to be the first bishop of that new diocese and started a small seminary so local priests could train without leaving their country. (One of the first students was Guatemala’s current bishop, the Rt. Rev. Armando Guerra.)

In 1967 Guatemala was in a state of undeclared civil war between guerrilla groups and death squads. University students, particularly, were threatened as potential Communists. Christians were silent. Bishop Frey issued a public appeal for the creation of a Peace Commission that would seek resolution of the issues and an end to violence.

To his surprise, the Declaration was widely featured in the news media and the idea of a Peace Commission received a favorable attention from the public, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bar Association, and some political leaders. Within a month, the Commission was established by the Legislature. But less than a year later a military government came to power and imposed martial law. More violence followed. On Independence Day (when censorship was relaxed), Sept. 16, 1971, Frey, along with Christian leaders from both Evangelical and Roman Catholic churches, released a second declaration.

This time the government attitude was very different. Police visited Frey’s office. He was away visiting mission stations in the jungle, but his secretary didn’t want to tell them that. She and Barbara talked and prayed about what to do. Barbara knew there was only one road back from the area Bill was visiting, and feared the military might arrange an accident on that road. However, he returned safely, entirely unaware that the government was searching for him, with the back of his truck piled with grapefruit given by a priest he had been visiting.

Ordered by the Police, Frey went to the Immigration office the next morning, where he was told that his visa was cancelled, and that he and his family had three days to leave the country. A tense time followed. Their children came home from school, and were told to start packing. Hasty meetings were called with diocesan officials, and several friends helped the Freys pack and make arrangements to leave. Warned that the phone was probably tapped, they were reluctant to talk to too many



Daughter Barbara Frey with new DOK chaplain, the Rt. Rev. William Frey

friends. Pan Am got them on a flight to Miami, and the local bishop received them there.

Of course they no longer had means to support a large young family, so Bill was thankful to be appointed campus chaplain at the University of Arkansas that year. In prayer groups at this crisis time of their lives they gained an experiential awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit which fueled their future ministry.

Six months later, the Diocese of Colorado called the Rev. William Frey to be their bishop, and he served there for 18 years. In Colorado, mission-minded Bishop Frey found the Daughters of the King were wonderful allies. He could go to them with projects and visions and find an open and prayerful reception. Barbara became a Daughter and has encouraged chapters ever since. Her workshop on forgiveness at our 2000 Triennial in Colorado was packed out twice over.

In 1990, at the age of 60, Bishop Frey accepted another controversial assignment, leading the recently formed Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and infusing it with a strong mission emphasis. While there, in 1991, he proposed the “Frey Canon,” which lost by four votes in the House of Bishops. Drawn from the traits he sought for clergy in his former diocese, it stated that fitness for the priesthood should include faithfulness to one’s spouse or chastity in singleness.

In December the Freys traveled to Uganda to celebrate the consecration of a new Bishop in the Nebbi diocese, and visit with students and friends at Uganda Christian University. We can expect our mission-minded new chaplain to inspire all of us to be bold in prayer, in service, and in evangelism over the next three years.

Grace Sears

Devotions for a Busy Day



Carol Gaskill, First Vice-President, Worship and Devotions Chair

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God and God will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I greet you for the first time as First Vice-President of our Order.

Trust – Lord, what have you planned for me? What have you planned for your Daughters?

Our journey through life often takes us down a variety of roads. God has sent me down many pathways that I felt unprepared to travel. Yet I have come this far by faith. I know that God has brought me to this time and place because God has a plan.

We, Daughters of the King, take a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of the Order, to work for the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. Lifetime vows from the day we are admitted to the Order until the moment God calls us home. My belief is that this National Council 2003/2006 is charged with empowering all Daughters to fulfill their lifetime vows, no matter the pathway they travel, and to empower Christian women within God's Church to embrace a Daughter's Rule of Life.

We are here to listen – to God – to our sisters. We are here to serve the Order – to hold it in trust for the Daughters who selected us at Triennial. We are as strong as your prayers for us. Together let us acknowledge God so that the Order of the Daughters of the King is an example for God's Church. Let us seek communication, prayer, and dialogue—in God's time we will come to the path that is straight, a path that will lead all Daughters home to God.

For His Sake,
Carol Gaskill

Travelers

How many steps in the day?

Do we ever stop to think;

Where are we going and

How far from home are we?

How many steps in the day?

East to west

North and south

Paths crossing a thousand times a day.

How many steps in the day?

Opportunities to pray

Journeying to a destination

We've never seen before.

How many steps in the day?

Carol Gaskill

Devotion 8

Haiku for the Order

We unite as one

Pray to Him; serve our churches

Daughters serve, pray, love.

Daily Rule

We pray to you, Lord.

Guide us in daily service;

What shall we do for you, Lord?

I Am One

Pray without ceasing,

Serve others with heart, mind, spirit.

The King is my life.

*Sent by Becky McGrady
Daughter-at-Large*

Report from National Council

Installing our National Chaplain was the first order of business when the National Council met at the Margaret J. Franklin Center in Woodstock, Georgia on November 13-16, 2003. Joan Engskow, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was also installed to fill a vacancy on the Council. Bishop William Frey, retired Bishop of Colorado, is now Chaplain of the Order and celebrated the Eucharist in our chapel. We were blessed to have both Bishop and Barbara Frey attend all our meetings. (Thank you both for joining us in your retirement.) We are planning to hold our spring 2004 Executive Board meeting in San Antonio, Texas, where the Freys reside.

Our meetings kept to a tight schedule to allow for committee planning and brainstorming sessions as we started to study the membership survey responses. We discussed ideas for Triennial 2006 and are delighted to announce that Deborah Tischler, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, recently retired from nine years on the National Council, will be the Triennial Chair. I will assist her and will be the Council liaison for Triennial planning. We will keep the membership updated as dates, site and theme are determined.

Our sessions resulted in much sharing. We are blessed to have a unified council ready to move forward in the work that God is calling us to do for His glory in the spreading of His kingdom, through the Order. We were energized and excited as we experienced an abundance of gifts and talents that the new council brings.

A thank you note from Nancy Grandfield, Province VII President

We met in the DOK Center . . . The space itself is conducive to God's Presence . . . the large room where we met around a long table, the Chapel, the break-out rooms beautifully decorated with different themes: the "basket" room, the "black and white" room, and Margaret's Cafe, where we had catered lunches and dinners of Southern specialties (fried chicken, fried green tomatoes, creamed corn, sweet potato casserole, banana pudding). The staff made everything sparkling . . . impeccable bathrooms, bouquets of fresh flowers everywhere. When they weren't attending to our needs they were busy in their five offices, sending out orders, opening dues letters, arranging our transportation. A big "thank you" to Linda Van and her hard-working staff whose preparation and hospitality contributed so much to our Council meeting!

Handbooks

Supplies of the 2003 edition Handbooks are available at the National Office. You may wish to purchase these for your chapter.

Royal Cross Editor

At this time I would like to recognize the excellent service Ann Holmes has given the Order as Editor of the *Royal Cross* for the past two years. Ann has used her skills to produce a professional product, moving us forward in communicating with the membership. Due to Ann's workload and teaching assignments, she finds it necessary to step down at this time.

Thank you, Ann, for a job well done!

We welcome a new member of the National Council, Dr. Grace Sears, of Berea, Kentucky, who will take over as Editor of the *Royal Cross*. Grace is currently our Webmaster and revised the Senior Handbook after Triennial. She has had much experience in publishing. We are grateful that she can fill this position.

We ask for your continued prayers for guidance for the National Council as we join with the membership in the work of the Order.

Joan Dalrymple



Ann Holmes with a certificate of appreciation at Triennial

The Time Is Now – Grasp The Moment



Gerry Sweeting Evangelism Chair

I begin this new Triennium with a deep sense of awe and a new call to the Great Commission. Do you remember the prophecy to the Daughters of the King by Bishop Steven Charleston in 1994, during the tenure of Laurie Ann Herman? All I have to say is, “Daughters the time is now. **Grasp the Moment.**”

We need to pray and ask God to give us understanding as we re-read this prophecy. We will need to know how we fit in this plan (if we did not ask Him before). We will need to pray for the gift of discernment and wisdom so that we will be in His will and equipped to do what God wants us to do individually as well as collectively. This prophecy says, “You are going to be women who are going to give birth and strength and new energy to this Church of ours.” As women, we know all too well that we cannot give birth without labor pains. We cannot give birth without preparing for what is to come. Are we late? Did we not heed the call in time? Pregnant women ask, “Is it a boy or a girl? Are they twins or triplets? When is the due date?” Well, I think we’ve gone through the gestation period. For us as mothers gestation lasts nine months, but for us as Daughters (Prayer Warriors) it has been nine years (1994–2003). The baby is here – **grasp the moment!**

As a LLE (Life Long Episcopalian) I know too well the laid back attitude in our Church about evangelizing. I have never been taught the way to evangelize, but I do know that when believers experience the compelling love of Jesus they long to share that joy with everyone they meet. I also know that there are many ways to evangelize and I see it in and through the Daughters of the King. We pray for the needs of others and hear about and experience healing in mind and

body, numerous times. We reach out to those who need love. We give to those who need financial help through the Self-Denial Fund or our other Funds. We tell people we will pray for them and we do. There are some of us who tell others how Jesus has changed our lives. We pray with those who ask and we read Bible passages to the sick and suffering. We try to be Jesus to others. I see that in many Daughters and Episcopalians. Are you one of them? Or are you one of those who feel that going to Church every Sunday is your commitment? Some of us are gracious to the people we see at Church, but decide that’s all we can handle. We have got to get out of the box to tell the love of Jesus. Talk to the person next to you in the beauty parlor, the grocery line or on the bus. If they are going through tough times, offer to pray for them. And by all means, get to know the people in your Church—don’t be satisfied with “hello, how are you.”

You may have heard the joke, “How many Episcopalian do you need to change a light bulb?” The answer is “None, because Episcopalians don’t change.” We know we need to come out of our comfort zone to make a change, but where do we begin? One way is to become ecumenical: I will be willing to wager that the majority of Episcopalians who have caught on to the Spirit and know how to evangelize learned from non-Episcopalians. So check out other churches, friends from other traditions, and a wide range of books; learn, “How to...” and then bring it back to your own church. Keep what works for you. Let us not quench the Holy Spirit. Let us use and take advantage of all the gifts.

Do you feel too old to change? Then let us start with the young. If you seek to teach the young, you will definitely learn a thing or two. I believe there is a big empty gap in Christian formation between Baptism and Confirmation in many of our churches, so

“Your work has not gone unnoticed
 by Jesus himself,
 and He is proud of you and
 thankful for you,
 for you have been living witnesses
 of the rebirth of the Episcopal Church.
 You are going to be
 women who are going to give birth
 and strength
 and new energy
 to this Church of ours.
 Your work has just begun.
 You will be the midwives of the rebirth
 of this Great Church of ours,
 and the Anglican Church the world around
 will see the light that will be shining forth
 from every corner of the Episcopal Church,
 and they will rejoice in Jesus’ Name.
 I have prophesied. Amen.”

Bishop Steven Charleston 1994

you Midwives and Mothers, catch those babies from birth and teach and train them in the word – the unadulterated word of God. Let us raise up a new and stronger generation of believers as we take on the call to be midwives of the rebirth of this Great Church of ours. Remember, God does not call the equipped, he equips the called. Praise God!

I love you in Jesus name and For His Sake.

Gerry Sweeting

Gerry’s booklist:

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Spirit-led Witness

A Nurse Lives Her Vows

“Daughters recognize that our faith is not to be a private faith hidden in our hearts” (*The National Order of the Daughters of the King By-laws and Guidelines*, p. 7). Those words always made me nervous during my discernment period. How could I live up to my commitment?

The DOK cross is the only piece of jewelry I wear on a daily basis other than a wristwatch. I am an Oncology nurse in a busy Virginia hospital, so my work brings me in close contact with my patients in every way. Some patients ask about my cross and a conversation on faith in God is soon to follow. I had not stopped wrestling with the DOK commitment to evangelism until an experience late one night with Susan, the 36-year old woman in room one. I had spent the last year seeing her in and out of the hospital, caring for her medical needs and supporting her young family. I knew she was a Christian and heard her friends pray in her room, but I never participated. I wanted to focus on my job as her nurse. But I had come to care deeply for this woman and her family. Her husband was a Muslim, but he never stopped the Christian prayers.

One day she took a very bad turn and I never left her side until she was transferred to the ICU. When I went to visit her in the ICU, I saw her husband, family and friends, and there was a gray, heavy tension in the room. I waited until all the visitors had left so I could talk to Susan with her husband by myself. I asked if I could get something for her pain and she said, “Nothing works. I’ll just bear it.” I watched this small woman that had wasted away fight this huge fight, and I felt helpless. Finally I blurted out, “Do you want me to pray for you?”

She nodded and said, “I pray 24 hours a day.” So I took her hand, sat at her bedside and prayed out loud. I don’t remember what I said, but silence and heartfelt earnestness all played a part. During one of our pauses, the room got lighter and the tense burden lifted. Susan’s face had a peace I had never seen. The boundaries we had constructed had vanished. We were the same in the Christ. My questions of how to evangelize at work were no more, for the Holy Spirit showed me the way.

Excerpted from an account by Suzanne Sikes, RN, from Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, who took her vows as a Daughter in March 2002.

Inviting God Into Our Finances



Sally Nichols, Treasurer

And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward...?" Luke 12:42

Greetings! Lately I have been reflecting on prayer and finances. What a combination!

As Daughters we want to pray, we have a desire within us to pray. We find a sense of rightness within each of us that feels even more "right" when we take the time, as Jesus did, to "go away to a quiet place" in order to praise God, to thank Him for our abundance, to ask help for ourselves and others. We pray in community with our sisters, and blessing comes with that choice. Have you noticed that when time is spent in prayer you—and perhaps those around you—have an enhanced sense of oneness and purpose? That you are endowed beyond the ordinary with kindness, patience, hope, joy, gratitude, love, serenity, faith, thoughtfulness, courage, gentleness, compassion and the like—signs that God's grace is most certainly at work?

Yet sometimes we think we are too busy, or our tasks are too mundane to bring to God. As the November National Council Meeting approached I found my prayer life being put aside for the "financial work" that needed to be done.

Linda Van, Director of the MJF Center, compiles figures for the National Council. Linda tracks the monies received in the National Office; she reported that a surprising number of checks from DOKs were returned because of non-sufficient funds.

Then on Sunday our new Associate Rev. Blessing (yes, that is his name, and what a blessing for my parish!) reminded us, "God never comes where He is not invited." I took this to heart and invited God into the work I was doing. My prayer life was totally enhanced and the work was done with joy and thanksgiving,

"God never comes where He is not invited." I ask you invite Him into your decisions about sharing your abundance with the Order, through the Endowment Fund, the Self Denial Fund and the Master's Fund. As we enter 2004, I am grateful and thankful to our Sisters of the past who were faithful to the Order in their dues and gifts. **I am even more grateful to you**, dear Sisters, who are faithful today to your commitment to Prayer, Service, and Evangelism as well as sharing your abundance with our Order.

You are that faithful and wise steward . . . thank you!

A Blessed New Year,
FHS
Sally Nichols



The Royal Cross

Master's Fund Recipient Receives PhD

Susan Marie Smith, a Master's Fund recipient in California, recently graduated from Graduate Theological Union with a PhD in Worship, Proclamation and the Arts. Her dissertation was entitled "Chris-



Dr. Susan Smith (in black hat) received her doctorate from Graduate Theological Union.

tian Ritualizing and the Baptismal Process: Liturgical Explorations toward a Baptismal Ecclesiology." Looking back over the effort it took to reach her goal, she wrote:

... my deepest thanks to Daughters of the King for walking and praying with me through my doctoral program, for believing in me and supporting me for all those years. I do hope that my work will contribute toward the on-going renewal of the church and its ministry in Christ, renewal to which The Order of the Daughters of the King has been contributing for a long time.

Often it was a struggle to make ends meet, to live for years in a tiny space, to cope with moments of loneliness and discouragement. It always seemed to be at those moments that I would receive a caring letter from the chair of the Master's Fund or other Daughters that would remind me that I was not alone.

The Rev. Susan M. Smith, PhD, is now an Assistant Professor of Preaching and

Worship at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. Let us continue to support her with prayer.

Master's Fund Scholarships

During our Triennial meeting

the National Council approved more applications for scholarships to support women in their preparation for missionary and other church related work. The 44 awards approved were paid directly to 22 different schools; the money may be used for educational expenses such as tuition, books, and fees. Renewal applications are accepted and actually expected. Both new applications and renewals should be submitted to the Funds Chairperson before March 1, 2004.

Master's Fund recipients are each assigned a prayer partner and encourager. We need gifts to the Master's Fund (anytime or on Pentecost Sunday), but we also need volunteers to pray and encourage. If you want to become a prayer partner for someone you already know, please notify Doris Bradley, PhD, the Master's Fund Chair. Or you may ask her for the name of a Master's Fund Scholar so you can begin to encourage and pray. (This could also be a service project for a small chapter.)

Please keep the prayers and funds flowing to those willing to serve.

Doris Bradley



Doris Bradley, Master's Fund and Literature Chair



Leigh Hartman,
Endowment and Finances Chair

Bequest Enhances Endowment

Elsie Hard, a Daughter of the King, was 92 when she died in May of 2002. Elsie was born in mid-December of 1909, the fourth child born to the Rev. J.W. Hard and his wife. At the time Elsie's father had a church on Orcas Island in the state of Washington. The family later moved to Montana, where Elsie graduated from the Anaconda high school and trained as a nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Montana. When World War II began, she joined the Army and served as a nurse in France. After the war, Elsie stayed in the Reserves and used the GI bill to earn a Master's in microbiology at the University of California, then continued her medical career at the Los Angeles County Hospital. In the Army Reserves she advanced to the rank of Lt. Colonel before she retired in 1970.

She then moved to Florence, Oregon, where she joined the Altar Guild at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and became church treasurer. For many years she enjoyed traveling to Asia, Africa, and Europe. Sadly, a long battle with Parkinson's disease reduced her activities, though not her fighting spirit.

Elsie chose to leave a significant portion of her estate to the Endowment Fund of the Daughters of the King. In 2003 her only surviving sibling and executor, Arthur R. Hard, transferred a bequest of \$36,000 to the Order, an extraordinary encouragement to our Council in difficult financial times.

Thanks be to God for Elsie's adventurous spirit, her courage, her faithful witness throughout her long life, and her parting generosity. May God give us more Elsie's in the Order.



Brenda Neal,
Self-Denial and Service Chair

Self-Denial Grants Approved

1. Women's Pilgrimage to South Africa <i>Dana Lloyd, Brenda Brooks, Paula Price</i>	\$1500.00
2. Mission Work--Africa <i>Kimberly and Milton Smith</i>	\$5000.00
3. HIV/AIDS Project, Diocese of N. Uganda	\$1000.00
4. Safe Passage, Guatemala City <i>Food baskets and schooling for children whose families live by scavenging the city dump</i>	\$2000.00
5. Short-term Medical Mission to the Amazon <i>John King, M.D., Marji and Becky King (DOK)</i>	\$1000.00
6. Episcopal Campus Mission, San Diego <i>The Rev. Anne Slakey, training and travel</i>	\$1000.00
7. EWM Global Teams, Nairobi Conference <i>The Rev. Shari Hobby and two daughters</i>	\$1310.00
8. Seeds of Hope, Faith Journey Missions, Inc. <i>Towards a John Deere tractor in Honduras</i>	\$2000.00
9. New Amsterdam Boys Choir <i>Choral training/discipline for East Harlem boys</i>	\$1500.00
10. St. Luke's Refugee Network, San Diego <i>Settlement of African refugees in San Diego area</i>	\$1000.00
11. To send SAMS medical technologist to Panama	\$1200.00
Total	\$12,010.00

Daughter and Jr. Daughter on the Amazon

Marji King, a member of the Women at the Well chapter of Daughters of the King in California, and Becky King, member of the St. Theresa of Calcutta chapter of the Junior Daughters of the King, both put meaning to the words “I can do something” last August. Marji and her husband John King, MD, led a group of 16 people on a one week mission trip to the Amazon jungle in Peru. Though John had been on several short term medical missions, this was his first experience leading one. “Marji was a huge help to me – she was the detail person of the trip,” said John. This was Marji’s first trip to the Amazon, but Becky’s second. Becky and her father went to the Amazon last year. When they returned, they immediately began making plans to lead a team back. Marji was their first recruited team member.

The team spent five days on a houseboat traveling the Amazon River and ministering to villages. They set up several stations at each pueblo. John would provide simple medical care to the villagers. Marji and the other team members rotated among the stations. At one station, the team washed villagers’ feet and gave them new sandals. At another, they prayed for villagers’ needs. At a third, they braided hair. Becky helped at all these stations, but was most valuable at the station where they painted fingernails, gave out stickers and toys, and played with the children. Most importantly, everyone in the village had a chance to hear the gospel as well as see it in action. In the evenings the team put on a worship service, complete with singing, sermon, and an altar call. They also performed a puppet show, much to the delight of the children.

Over 300 people received medical care; many more were ministered to spiritually. Not only were Peruvian lives changed during that week, but American lives were as well. Of the 16 people on the trip, all have expressed an interest in returning or pursuing other short-term missions. The Kings are leading a return trip in March, with a new team. Once again Marji and Becky will be ministering to others, both Peruvian and American. Both last year and this year Marji and Becky received financial help through a grant from the Daughters of the King Self-Denial Fund. While the money certainly helps them in their mission, it helps still more to know that the prayers of their sisters are with them as they go into the mission field.



Jr. Daughter Becky King shares with love



Marji King washes a villager's feet before presenting new sandals.

Have We Truly Saved a Place for All?



Barbara Dennis, Membership Chair

As many of you know, over the past three years our National Council felt called to begin exploring the possibility of offering membership in the Order to women in denominations which are not currently in communion or affiliation with the Episcopal Church (for example, Methodists). During the business meeting at our Triennial this past July, the new Council was charged with the task of developing a concise and practical plan to implement this kind of change in our membership criteria and promote open discussion of the options. The recent membership survey was our first step in exploring this possibility.

All who contacted me said that remaining a Daughter was paramount in their lives; their commitment to the vows they took was for life and they intended to keep them.

I believe God continues to call us to expand our membership borders. But today I believe it is our current membership our Lord is directing us to embrace. We need look no further than within our current membership to find the work God is calling us to do as we examine the question of full membership and affiliate membership. Our sisters-in-Christ who worship in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran or Anglican churches took the

same vows as their Episcopal sisters. Are their vows and rule of life less valid? Is their Jesus different? As Episcopalians, we invite all baptized Christians to our table to partake of the most precious body and blood of our Saviour. Have we truly saved a place for all? Perhaps now is the time to examine these questions, with the goal of strengthening our current full membership as well as expanding it.

Because of recent events within the Episcopal Church, many Daughters in “full membership” status have contacted me to ask “Can I still be a Daughter if I leave the Episcopal Church (ECUSA)?” Most have contacted me through e-mail. As impersonal as electronic technology can be, their e-mails conveyed their strong desire to remain DOKs and to continue living out their vows. All who contacted me expressed that remaining a Daughter was paramount in their lives and their commitment to the vows they took was for life and they intended to keep them. Life vows are not easily discarded or disregarded.

Jesus taught us the shepherd leaves his entire flock to seek the one lamb that has become separated. Let us expand the boundaries of our current membership to include all our lambs. Let us all worship and praise Him together, as full members of the Body of Christ and Daughters of the King.

For His Sake,
Barbara Dennis

Membership Survey Report

Thank you to each of you who have responded to our Membership Survey! At this time (1/23/04), 1,816 responses have been received and recorded—with totals of 990 (55%) saying “Yes “ (in some way), to opening the Order, and 876 (45%) saying “No.” A majority of those saying No (80%+) are willing to offer Daughters as a model to other denominations. Many of you have included very thoughtful comments, considerations and suggestions. If you still have not sent in your response, we would like to hear from you. (See pages 17-18 of this issue)

This is the first step of a continuing process of prayer and analysis. No decisions or conclusions are appropriate yet. As National Council met in November, we also discussed the importance of finding a way to keep Daughters in the Order who wish to continue living their vows, whether

they attend an Episcopal church or another church. This is a painful time for many—a time when earnest daily prayer is more important than ever.

No matter what our personal opinions are about decisions at General Convention and following, we as Daughters seek to follow our Lord, doing His will and building His kingdom. To do this, we must look beyond what separates us and look to Him, who brings us together in love and unity.

Love, For His Sake,

Lena Nealley

(Our committee includes: Barbara Dennis, Sharon Lundgren, Phyllis Larson, MadeLynne Marshall, Sara Brownlowe, Jacque Crosby, Lena Nealley, Phyllis Easley, Carlene Riley, Nancy Grandfield, and Kathryn Wohnoutka.)



Lena Nealley,
Province V President

A Look at DALs

Dear Daughters at Large:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I have fallen in love with you through e-mail, a few letters and calls, and your response to my data-gathering form in the fall 2003 edition of “Bloom Where You Are Planted.” (If you did not receive a copy, please let me know; I’ll send it.) The newsletter went out to 1476 DALs. I have received 171 responses as of December 4, 2003, about twelve percent of the known DALs. I say “known” because there are many who have not been actively participating in the Order and so have been dropped from the National Office mailing list, the list I and others use to reach you. One of my goals for this Triennium is to be in touch with lapsed DALs. Perhaps you know of women who once were active Daughters—please

encourage them to write to me.

Based on responses, all but a very few DALs are current in dues payment. What a joy to know of the support you offer to our Order’s work. Several asked for scholarship aid in dues payment. There is a fund for that purpose at the National Office; I encourage those needing help, however, to ask their rector or the diocesan or province president first. Nine are lifetime members, which speaks of a strong commitment to the Order’s vows. The *Royal Cross* is received by almost every DAL, but the provincial and diocesan newsletters are received less frequently. If the National Office does not have your most recent address, the dioceses and provinces will not have it either.

I received 93 prayer requests; the largest number were for our beloved Church, followed by prayers for peace, then for family and health concerns.



Jean Marani, 2nd Vice President,
Daughters-at-Large Chair



(A Look at DALs, continued)

Thank you for the opportunity to join with you in these prayers.

Four DALs are clergy. Twenty-five of you have been DALs for over fifteen years, one Daughter for thirty years. Five of you reported that you were praying for God's timing in starting a chapter. A few DALs have turned to other denominations. One hundred seven DALs have e-mail addresses, which I am using to share information and prayer concerns. I pray God will bless our connectedness. We

know that many DALs are active in living out their vows. My prayer for each of you in 2004 is that you will find connection either with a nearby chapter or other DALs, or begin a new chapter in your own parish. *Not on my schedule, Lord, but in your time.* Please let me know how I can be a link for you, helping to strengthen your life as a Daughter of the King.

In His glorious and powerful name,
Amen.

FHS. *Jean Marani*
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The Purpose Driven Life

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ...he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. Ephesians 1:11

This verse opens the book *The Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren. Hannah Chapter at St. Justin Martyr is using this book for a five-week study. I highly recommend it to other chapters, especially Purpose 2: "You were formed for God's family." This section of readings has many valuable nuggets on how to relate with each other that could help strengthen and grow our chapters. One such nugget is on page 151:

"I urge you to make a group covenant that includes the nine characteristics of biblical fellowship: We will share our true feelings (authenticity), encourage each other (mutuality), support each other (sympathy), forgive each other (mercy), speak the truth in love (honesty), admit our weaknesses (humility), respect our differences (courtesy), not gossip (confidentiality), and make group a priority (frequency)."

The book has 40 readings, so makes a perfect Lenten devotional tool.

Other Houston Chapters have been busy too with Advent Quiet Days at both St. Jane De Chantal of St. Francis de Sales church and St. Edith Stein of St. Pius V on "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Fort Worth is taking the lead on a chalice ministry to pray for vocations within the church.

I was pleased to see a picture and mention of the prayer blanket ministry on the Clip and Save page in the last *Royal Cross*. If any chapter would like to begin this ministry let me know and I will send you a copy of the wonderful "How to" manual that was created through the God-given talents of Rebecca Thompson, Hannah Chapter.

In closing, one more scripture quote from Rick Warren's book: *Love means living the way God commanded us to live. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is this: Live a life of love. 2 John 1:6* May God provide for each of us the grace to live a "life of love" in the image of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Kathryn Wahnoutka

Membership Survey Questionnaire

We heard you! Your response to the proposed bylaw changes regarding membership at our Triennial Business Meeting was noted! We invite you to return this questionnaire by the end of **March, 2004**.

The Executive Board has named a Membership Study Committee, including all Province Presidents, Barbara Dennis as Membership/Bylaws Chair, and Sharon Lundgren as National President.

Officially, women of the Anglican, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Orthodox churches may become Daughters of the King. Many Daughters have asked why other Christian denominations may not be included also in the Order. Our current bylaws only permit the ones just listed. However, Jr. Daughters CAN join from any Christian denomination. At the time of their eighteenth birthday, if they are not either Anglican, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Orthodox, they have to make a choice. Either they join one of our approved denominations or they resign from the Order.

Will you, after appropriate thought and prayer, answer the following questions and return the form ASAP to the address on the back of this form? Please indicate your province. The Membership Study Committee will review your answers and report to you in the upcoming *Royal Crosses*. Thank you for joining in this prayerful dialogue.

1. I am in favor of extending membership in the Order of the Daughters of the King to include baptized women who have completed the study and have the approval of the pastor, rector, or priest-in-charge, regardless of denomination.

YES (Answer question 2) NO (Answer question 3)

2. If yes, please indicate a preferred method of organization:

Fully integrated. Chapters may be set up in interested churches. Members will have full rights and responsibilities, including voting rights, and right to stand for and serve as officers at the national level.

Parallel/affiliate members. Currently, non-Episcopalian chapters are established with a "voice but no vote" membership. Parallel members would form their own dioceses and provinces, with Provincial Representatives reporting to the Episcopal National Council (as we now have a Roman Catholic Representative appointed to the National Council.)

Associate members from other Christian denominations could join existing chapters in the Anglican, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Orthodox church, with the permission of the rector or priest-in-charge. They would not form chapters in their own denomination, but would join as individual members.

3. If no, would you consider the option of offering to share Daughters of the King with other denominations as a model for women's groups devoted to prayer, service, and evangelism? They would not use our name, but use our model to create their own identity.

YES NO

Please check the appropriate boxes:

I am: DOK Jr. DOK Priest Bishop Province Number: _____

Comments:

Cut along dotted line fold (The letter must be at least 3.5" tall), and mail. We need to hear every Daughter's opinion on this membership survey!

Please return your survey as soon as possible! THANK YOU!

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Please answer the questions and, if you wish, provide additional comments on this survey. Then cut this page, fold in thirds (the postal service requires it be 3.5 inches high), tape, attach \$.37 postage, and mail. We appreciate your prompt response!



Why Does That Make You a Princess? (or, the Miracle at Wal-Mart)

When outgoing president Joan Millard, presiding at the 2003 Daughters of the King Triennial, asked to be addressed as “Her Royal Highness,” we all laughed. When she reminded us of the definition and title of a Daughter of the King, we congratulated ourselves on discerning that we are all princesses and therefore royal. And the Holy Spirit went to work, planting a seed in the imagination of the newly elected president of the San Joaquin Diocese in California, who came home to plan for her first Fall Assembly.

Having prayed daily for insight and guidance, Mary Rees, princess, delegate and president, had unconsciously filed that gem of inspiration from the Holy Spirit in her creative mind. Two weeks later it connected with a question her grandson, Aidan asked. After listening to “Gramma” tell the story of the *Princess and the Pea*, he inquired, “Why does that make her a princess?”

Mary thought, “How does wearing the cross of the Order make us princesses? Just as surely as sensitivity to the pea confirms the identity of the princess in the story, our cross identifies us as princesses, Daughters of the King. Now what do we do to demonstrate that we are princesses?” “*Why does that make you a princess?*” became the theme for the Assembly.

A future grandson-in-law and graphic artist was convinced to draw a picture of a princess for the cover of the program, crowns were made, and jobs necessary to create a themed conference were assigned to devoted and fantastically helpful sisters.

Three days before the Assembly one of those sisters of the Order came up to Mary and with dramatic flair displayed a T-shirt she had discovered at a local Wal-Mart the night before. The white shirt was edged in royal blue with a red crown on the right shoulder. Across the front in silver was the word “*PRINCESS*”; underneath that—in royal blue, of course—were the words “*Daughter of the King.*” The Martha and Mary Chapter from St. Francis Episcopal Church in Turlock, who were sponsoring the 2003 Fall Assembly, bought every one. The department manager had never seen the shirts, and the manager of the store did not remember the shirts having been ordered. After learning from every Wal-Mart (five of them) within driving distance that they had never seen the shirts, those Marys and Marthas upgraded the appearance of Princess T-shirts at this time and place to the status of miracle. Made by *Heaven Leigh*, the shirts cost \$9.30 each.

Two days before the Assembly, Mary received a fax of a picture drawn by five-year-old Aidan. It showed a princess wearing a cross and holding a pea! It became the front cover for the Assembly songbook.

Humbly, I submit, miracles still happen—especially in a royal family!

Mary Rees, President
Diocese of San Joaquin, California
Province VIII



She's a princess!

Junior Daughters News

From Province V

The Alpha and Omega Junior Daughters (St. Augustine's Church, Youngstown, Ohio) sponsored a "Celebrating the Family" program in October with the theme: "Shhh! God is Talking, Are you Listening?"

They opened the program with soft music, prayer, and selected poems. The speaker, Minister David Reese, a senior leader and founder of Youth Outreach Ministries, Inc., delivered a very inspiring message. The girls then recognized Mr. George Johnson, who has helped the Junior Daughters immeasurably. He has supported them in their spiritual journey by seeing to it that the church

was open for their meetings, that they had ways home, and many other things. Alpha and Omega chapter presented Mr. Johnson with a trophy, a banner, and a guardian angel for his car.

After the presentation, the girls acted "The Lord's Prayer" by Andy Lund. Many that attended said they would never again say the Lord's Prayer in the same manner.

The girls did the printing and layout of the program booklet; the offering was donated to the church.

From Province III

Birthday # 106!

On November 2, twelve members of the Genesis Junior Chapter at All Saints in Frederick, Maryland, visited Charlotte Winters in her home for her 106th birthday. Each Junior Daughter presented Charlotte with a small bouquet of flowers and a birthday card. We all had a great time and learned from Charlotte to always stay positive and be cheerful.



Charlotte Winters, center, is surrounded by Julia Overs, left, and (back row) Jen Mariano, Chelsea Cox, Alexandra Kapelina, Jaclyn Kapelina, Danielle Tucker, Laura Overs, Megan Hildebrand, Jessie O'Sullivan, Melanie Rice; front, rt. from Ms. Winters: Iris Peters, Megan Fowle, and Sherri Rice.



(The Royal Cross welcomes news of activities and future events for Junior Daughters.)

Calling All Junior Daughters!

We are currently in the process of designing a new cover for our Handbook and would like your input. Please send your thoughts and ideas to

Lera Doneghy, our National Junior Daughter Directress, at
3307 Edgevale Rd.
Toledo, Ohio 43606
or
liddok77@aol.com.

We look forward to hearing from you and beginning the process of updating our Handbook.

For His Sake!



Junior Daughters from the Genesis, Blue Angels, and Trinity Chapters joined the Senior Daughters at their Fall Assembly at Emmanuel Church, Cumberland, Maryland. A spiritual retreat was held for Junior Daughters Friday evening and a presentation was made for those attending the assembly on Saturday.

Calling All Junior Directresses!

We are working on a National Directory of Junior Daughter Chapters. This Directory will help us build a community of Junior Daughters all across our country. It will also help us share our ideas, gifts and talents, service projects as well as study ideas. Networking in this way will help us to grow by connecting Junior Chapters within Dioceses and Provinces while encouraging new chapters to form.

We need your help in this endeavor. Please send the following information about your junior chapter:

- 1) Chapter name;
- 2) Church name, address and phone number;
- 3) Name, address and phone number of the directress (and assistant);
- 4) Junior Daughters' names, addresses and phone numbers.

Please mail this information to **Jennifer Mariano** at 2141 Brecken Dell Ct. Frederick, Maryland 21702, or e-mail Mariano@mail.nih.gov. If you have any questions, call her at (301) 668-2733. Please send the information to her by April 2004. She will put together a directory which will help Junior Daughters chapters to network.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we work to build our National Community of Junior Daughters, for His sake.

Lera Doneghy



Lera L. Doneghy, Junior Daughters Chair

Clip and Save: Ideas for your chapters from other daughters

Adopt-A-Chaplain Ministry

About five years ago, while serving on the National Council as Evangelism Chair, I began the Adopt-A-Chaplain Ministry that embraced chaplains under the Bishop of the Armed Forces. Many chapters and individual Daughters came forward to support these Episcopal clergy serving active-duty military or reservists and their families. These clergy also serve as chaplains to veteran's hospitals, federal prisons and some universities throughout the country. Our Daughters prayed daily for these chaplains and their families, corresponded with them, and offered spiritual support for many who were far from home during peace time.

We are no longer in a peaceful time and our military and reservists serve actively in many parts of a very dangerous world. It is time to revitalize this ministry with your support and prayers. The Rt. Rev. George E. Packard, Bishop of the Armed Forces, and Sharon Lundgren, our national president, both welcome this ministry.

If you or your chapter would be willing to adopt a chaplain, please write or e-mail me and I will provide the name and address of a chaplain. If you know an active duty Episcopal chaplain you specifically want to request, please let me know and I will match you to them. If you had previously adopted a chaplain and lost touch with him or her, I will try to re-unite you. The men and women serving as chaplains minister to all men and women under their care; it is good to know that we can be of spiritual support to them in their ministry.

My mailing address is PO Box 151263, Fort Worth, TX 76108; my e-mail is mfagley@aol.com. ✕
Marti Fagley, St. Clare Chapter
St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
Willow Park, TX

Personal Encouragement

St. Francis is supposed to have said that prayer is talking to God, using words if necessary. It should also be possible to let our sisters know without using words that we are praying for them as we promised. One way is to find or make a pretty container and put something special into it for a Daughter who is having a struggle with daily life or a heavy decision. It need not be expensive, perhaps a special candle, fragrant bath salts,

a piece or two of her favorite candy—any small thing that would let her know that someone is aware of her pain or perplexity. Attach a note that directs her to use the contents to remind her that she is loved by God and by her DOK sisters and then ask her to refill the container with an item of her choice and pass it along to another who needs to be reminded. You may wish to make these anonymous gifts; the point is that each woman knows that someone cares that something is burdening her. ✕

Florence Krejci
Province VII, Woman at the Well Chapter
St. Stephen's, Santa Clarita, California

St. Martha's Seder

Our Chapter is looking forward to a busy Lenten season. This year we are participating in the national Quiet Day on March 22. We will be having the service of Morning Prayer, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. One of our sisters passed away a short time ago, so we have asked her husband to be one of the readers in this service.

We are also hosting a Christian Passover celebration on Thursday, April 17, preceding our Parish Maundy Thursday worship service. Last year the Seder opened with a Hebrew prayer, followed by a short interactive history of Moses and the ten plagues, with everyone helping Moses by calling out, "Let my people go," while the men and boys helped Pharaoh say "No" and the women and girls made ugly sounds at each plague. Before passing through the doors into the parish hall, family members had signed a poster using red markers to represent the blood of the sacrificial lamb. The poster was hung over one of the doors prior to the tenth plague. Youth asked questions during the Seder and the adults explained why certain foods are eaten.

If any chapter is interested in conducting a Seder, we will be happy to share our experience and a copy of the Haggadah (the booklet.) The Passover celebration is intended to be a learning experience for families. The Sunday School classes will be making the decorations. At the end of the meal there will be songs and a quiet time for preparation for the Maundy Thursday worship service. ✕

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Province IV, St. Martha's Chapter
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Hartsville, South Carolina

A Daughter's Rosary

(Editor's note: At Triennial one well-attended workshop explained how to make and use an Anglican Rosary. The Rosary prayer below is based on the prayer of the Order, courtesy of Wendy Standiford, Province V, Bishop's Chapter, Indianapolis, Indiana.)

In the Name of God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Holy Spirit and Comforter,
Amen.

Invitatory Bead: As Daughters of the King, we are women of courage who have made a commitment to serve God our King. We wear crosses as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. We see our Order as a community of nurturing women, accepting all people, bridging differences and cherishing traditions.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision is to encourage and enable all to be reflections of God's love, reaching out through prayer, service and evangelism to spread His Kingdom.

Cruciform Bead: With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross, For His Sake.

First Week: O eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. (Repeat this phrase on each week bead.)

Cruciform Bead: With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross, For His Sake.

Second week: Grant that we your Daughters ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life.

Cruciform Bead: With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross, For His Sake.

Third Week: Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold.

Cruciform Bead: With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross, For His Sake.

Fourth Week: Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Cruciform Bead: With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross, For His Sake.

Invitatory Bead: For His Sake ... I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will you have me do?

Cross: Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son, and Glory to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the Beginning is now and will be forever, world without end, Amen. ✠

Rosary Projects

Devote a meeting to making rosaries and learning ways to use an Anglican rosary. It's nice to have a guide who is familiar with using one, but it isn't essential; ask the chapter's chaplain about books or pamphlets that might be available. You might invite the women to bring beads that have special meaning for them, particularly for the five large ones that become the invitatory bead and the four cruciform beads. If there is a Junior chapter associated with yours, make this a joint or mother/daughter activity; if you can accommodate a larger group, invite anyone in the parish who is interested; if you already have your own, make a supply of them for clergy to give to those with special needs, such as bereavement or illness.

A variation on gifts that the clergy might carry with them as they visit aged or ill parishioners: Use ten small beads and a little cross to make a "finger cross," using elastic cord. These are smaller and lighter than the usual cross or rosary and are easy for the sick to handle; the cord slips over a finger like a ring. Attach each to a card bearing an appropriate prayer, and ask your chaplain to bless them before they are presented. ✠

Florence Krejci
Province VII, Woman at the Well Chapter
St. Stephen's, Santa Clarita, California

Alpha Conferences

- ✘ February 19-20, 2004
Tulsa, Oklahoma
- ✘ April 16-17, 2004
Seattle, Washington
- ✘ March 1-2, 2004
Houston, Texas
- ✘ April 29-30, 2004
Denver, Colorado
- ✘ March 11-12, 2004
Cleveland, Ohio
- ✘ May 13-14, 2004
Chicago, Illinois
- ✘ March 15-16, 2004
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- ✘ May 20-21, 2004
Duluth, Minnesota

Pray that everyone involved may travel safely, that effective ministry may take place at each location, and that those who attend may be empowered by the Holy Spirit as they seek to reach out to their communities. More information is available at the AlphaUSA website.

✘

Word has just reached us that a charter will be presented at the end of February to a church in Japan, on the island of Okinawa. This event will bring to 14 the number of countries where International Chapters of the Order are active. Please pray for this new chapter, that its members may be blessed and empowered as they answer our Savior's call. ✘



This design for the Daughter's Cross appeared in the second volume of the *Royal Cross* in 1895. The roll of dioceses in that issue listed chapters from Alabama to Western Michigan, from Maryland to Oregon (but not Maine or California). ✘

We're Furnishing the Chapel . . .

Daughters, Chapters, Diocesan & Provincial Assemblies:

We are continuing to furnish the Chapel in the Margaret J. Franklin Center.

Has God placed a gift in your heart? In 2002 we dedicated a cross (photo), an altar, and the stations of the cross.

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- ✘ Missal
- ✘ Gospel Book
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- ✘ Carpet Runner (entrance door to altar)
- ✘ Piano or Keyboard

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Please contact the Chapel Committee:
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AFP To Meet at Kanuga

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer will hold its 45th International Conference in Kanuga, North Carolina. Writer, editor, and talk show participant Phyllis Tickle will be the keynote speaker. The dates are: April 19-21, 2004 (Monday evening through Wednesday evening) at Kanuga Conference Center, Henderson, North Carolina. For more information, check the AFP website, or call 1-800-711-6399. ✘

Former national treasurer **Grace Peyton** has moved to the Washington DC area to be closer to family. Her new address is: 20540 Falcon's Landing Circle, #4006, Potomac Falls, VA 20115. Her phone number is: 371/434-0968. ✘

Telling Stories: New . . .

Initially when elected to National Council I did not expect to help produce the *Royal Cross*; Ann Holmes was putting together very attractive issues and Joan Dalrymple was providing the content. But by November, Ann's situation had changed, and suddenly at Council meeting I was on the spot: if Ann were not free to continue, would I become editor? Time consuming, yes. Demanding, yes. But I knew I was ready. It was as if on my pilgrimage I had suddenly come around a bend in the road and a whole new vista opened up. "You thought you were leaving publishing behind," the Holy Spirit seemed to say, "but you were just in training for another level. Only this time you'll be telling stories of Christ's kingdom, just as you told me you wanted to do. And the audience is 20,000 strong!"

It had been almost two years ago at a retreat that I had prayerfully claimed that role for myself. "I'm a storyteller," I said, "and what I want most is to collaborate with God in writing the stories of his people." At the time, I was telling the story of surgery as a Publications Manager at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. It was challenging work, which included not only editing

manuscripts for scientific journals, but also publishing a newsletter, developing a website, printing posters, and preparing four-color brochures for prospective medical residents. But I began to sense God calling me in a different direction, to a more balanced life. By the time I arrived at Triennial I had left the Publications Office behind for a low-stress part-time job close to home in the Berea College Archives. When I came to Council in November, for the first time in my life I had the skills, I had the time, and I had the heart for just such a venture as editing the *Royal Cross*.

So God gifts us individually and together. Ann gave her gifts freely, and we are the richer. The Council members and others whose stories appear in this issue enrich us also. God helping me, I too will be a glad giver, as I help tell the stories of the Daughters of the King in the *Royal Cross* over these next two or three years.

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the
rest.*

*I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longing, as nothing else can do.*

A. Catherine Hankey

and Old . . .

The Order of the Daughters of the King will be 120 years old next year. Perhaps no single chapter has had a continuous history all that time, though a very few have reached their 100th birthday. The story of the Order, of the many women and girls who have faithfully prayed, served and witnessed to Our King and Saviour, needs to be treasured and retold. These are the deeds of our ancestors in the faith, and the marvellous works of God in their lives and the lives they touched. Let us not lose their stories!

Our new president, Sharon Lundgren, has asked each province to appoint an archivist, someone who is willing to seek out and preserve the records of the Daughters of the King in that province. The task will vary widely, depending on the history of the Order

in that region. To start with, each province needs to know how and where each diocesan secretary or president keeps older records, and give guidance on what should be preserved for the future. Nearly every diocese at least has a scrapbook and a book of minutes and newsletters, and many have compiled histories. If older records have been archived with a diocesan or university library, the province archivist needs to get a listing of those records. Attention also should be given to organizing and preserving each province's records in standard size acid-free folders and boxes. Soon I will be sending some preservation guidelines to each province archivist or president, to help us all find, preserve, organize, and ultimately retell our stories. ✕



Grace Sears, Archives Chair, Webdaughter and *Royal Cross* Editor

Around the Provinces . . .

Province 1



The Frances Willis Cornwall Chapter on the day of its institution. The chapter was started by two Daughters-at-Large; twenty members were admitted to the Order. The chapter is at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Hartford, Connecticut. ✕

Province 3

Province III is not a large assembly compared to most, but it is an active assembly because of the leadership of past years. The province includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC, with thirteen dioceses: nine with assemblies and four in the process of becoming an assembly. There are 155 Daughters-at-Large. The fastest growing diocese is Bethlehem, in northeast Pennsylvania. Great growth is seen in the Junior Daughters, with the interest in starting new chapters due to the ministry of Jennifer Mariano. The Rev. Dr. Kathleen V. Price is our chaplain and

spiritual leader. Since Triennial seven chapters have been instituted: two Junior chapters and five senior. Four are in Bethlehem and there is one each in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Southwest Virginia. ✕

Our Annual Meeting and Retreat will be June 4-5, at the Best Western Inn in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. More information will be in the next issue of the *Royal Cross*. President Sara Brownlowe looks for a good attendance and invites everyone to this annual event. ✕



The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia welcomed its newest chapter, Mary and Martha, on October 12, 2003. Diocesan President Chesley Vohden presented the charter during the 10:30 AM service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford, Virginia. Daughter-at-Large Rebecca Mays was instrumental in organizing the chapter.



Committee Members of Province III met at the Radisson Hotel during Triennial 2003. Left to right: Juanita Stewart, President, Diocese of Southern Virginia; Carolyn Booker, Province III First Vice President; Meredith Jackson, Past President, Diocese of Southern Virginia and Province III Parliamentarian; The Rev. Dr. Kathleen V. Price, Chaplain; and Sara Brownlowe, President of Province III.



Hagerstown Invites New Members

St. John's, Hagerstown, Maryland, held an interest luncheon for new members. Pictured are (l-r) Carol Gaskill, First Vice President on National Council; Janet Thomas, Chapter

President; Rebecca Neumann, Chapter Chaplain; and Sara Brownlowe, Province III President. Eight women responded. ❖

Province 4



New Officers of St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, St. Matthias Church, Clermont, Florida. Carolyn Fandl, Secretary; Sheila Seale, Vice President; Barbara Ballance, President; Josephine Arnold, Treasurer. ❖



The Adelphe Chapter at Church of the Ascension, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, admitted four new members on November 16, 2003. The Daughters of the King chapter from Trinity Church, Hattiesburg, attended the ceremony and, together, both chapters held a Service of Rededication.

Pictured on the front row (left to right) are new members and priest: Mary Ellen Stainton, Angie Pradat, Father Paul Pradat, Jane Lee, and Martha Wood. We are a new chapter, not quite a year old, and have already increased our small membership from 6 to 10 members. ❖



An early Christmas message of love was presented to Specialist Chuck Milan for Charlie Company of the Alabama National Guard's 711th Signal Battalion. The Rev. Scott James, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church (left), Sylvia James, Allyson Michaelson, and Jan Sidorovich made the presentation. The women are members of the Peter's by the Sea Chapter of the Daughters of the King in Bon Secour.

The guard unit had been placed on alert for possible deployment to Iraq before Christmas. Ninety telephone calling cards were presented to help the guardsmen remain in contact with their families during the holiday season. Paula Mund, not pictured is president of the chapter. ❖



On June 14, 2003, twenty-eight members of the St. Clare Chapter of the Daughters of the King, from St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the Diocese of Atlanta, went on a retreat to the mountain home of Pat and Richard Berry in Bent Tree, Georgia. It was six years to the day since the chapter had visited the Berrys, who put on a marvelous luncheon for everyone.

An added bonus this time was that the group toured the beautiful new Church of the Holy Family in Jasper as guests of its DOK chapter. The Eucharist was celebrated by St. Martin's Associate Rector, the Reverend Alicia Schuster Weltner, a member of the chapter and its chaplain. A special guest in attendance was St. Martin's Interim Rector, the Reverend Anne Hallmark.

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The St. Clare Chapter, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at St. Martin's in April 2002, has over seventy members, with five probationary Daughters-in-training. The group is flourishing under its new leadership of President, Pat Pickard; President-Elect, Dinah Howell; and Secretary-Treasurer, Beth Holland. ✕

Mary and Martha of Bethany Chapter

The Mary and Martha of Bethany Chapter, from St. Matthews Church in Madison, Alabama, held a weekend retreat at Guntersville State Park in mid-November. Thirteen members attended with the focus being "We Are Here and God Is Speaking." A service of lights was held on Saturday evening, led by Fr. Jim Alves. The chapter was formed in March of 2002 and currently has 18 active members. Some of the ongoing prayer activities include a monthly prayer vigil on the first Monday of the month and daily prayers for all families on our parish list. Meetings are held monthly for devotion, prayer, and study with a Spring Quiet day and Fall retreat held annually. ✕

Liz High, President

Province 5

"I thank God for the family of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church," wrote Josephine Sippy of Liberia to her friends in Ohio. The Mary Magdalene Chapter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Westerville, Ohio, helped Rebecca Sippy and her mother Josephine come from Liberia to the United States in September of 2002 to repair Rebecca's spina bifida birth defect.



Rebecca and Josephine Sippy

A member of St. Matthew's, the Rev. Abby Flemister, had been serving in Liberia in the church where Josephine Sippy was a member of the altar guild. In August, 2001, St. Matthew's decided to bring Josephine and Rebecca to the United States for medical care, and Children's Hospital in Columbus agreed to donate the medical costs. The Daughters of the King, along with church members and community groups, agreed to raise the money for the trip and supplies (the Daughters applied for a Self-Denial grant).

In the war-torn country of Liberia, the few remaining doctors don't do surgery on infants born with spina bifida. At her birth, Rebecca's spine had not closed off at the top where it should. By the time she arrived in Columbus, Ohio, she had what looked like a melon-sized tumor on her back where fluid had built up. Eventually she had two operations: the first to put in a shunt to drain the fluid from her brain, and another to

close the spinal column. When they returned to Liberia in January of 2003, Rebecca was walking. "Our prayers were answered," writes Peggy Kissel, Chapter President. ✕ (Adapted from *Interchange*, March 2003, Diocese of S. Ohio)

Province 6



Nine Daughters met in Diocesan Assembly, September 19, in Amana, Iowa. Officers were elected. Members agreed to be present at the Diocesan Convention to pray for the clergy and delegates and the issues before the convention. They also made plans to hold a retreat March 6, 2004. Left to right: Doris Williams, Record/Newsletter editor, Trinity, Iowa City; Becky Fisher, Goldfield, Daughter at Large; Jean Hulme, Trinity, Iowa City; Sharon Looschen, outgoing President, St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines; Dorsey Phelps, incoming President, Trinity, Iowa City; Cindy Erzen, St. John's, Dubuque; Alice Nothaft, Incoming Treasurer, St John's, Dubuque; Martha Kniseley and Dorothy Yoerger, outgoing Treasurer, St. John's, Ames. Their Chaplain, The Rev. Al Aiton, of St. John's, Ames, was installed at Diocesan Convention in November by Bishop Alan Scarfe. ✕

Province 7



On September 7, 2003, five new members joined the six charter members of the Tabitha chapter at St. Philip's, Ardmore, Oklahoma. Fr. Ernie Madden officiated, and Caroline Lee, President of the Oklahoma diocese, attended. ✕



On November 2, the Anna Lockett Chapter at St. James Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, admitted eleven new members: Lisa Buchanan, Pat Carter-Murphy, Jackie Crenshaw, Juanita Davidson, Carrie Drell, Mary Goodwin, Crystal Hurt, Charlotte Ray, Jana Skinner, Jean Smith and Judy Tinsley took their vows, with Fr. Fred Tinsley presiding. Connie Dyer, Diocesan DOK President, and Margaret Rachel, Vice President, participated in the service. Janet Dawkins, Susie Drell, Beth Levy, Brenda Milam and Jean Shipp were presented for rededication. ✕

Province 8



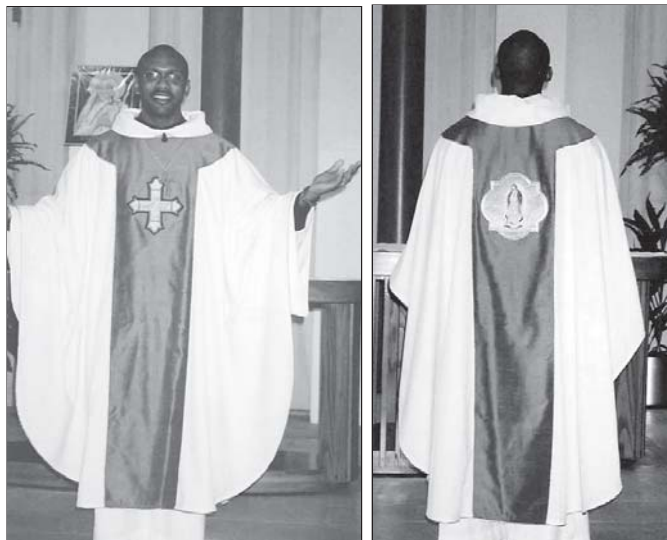
Santa Cruz chapter at St. Michael and All Angels, Tucson, Arizona, was reinstated on September 21, 2003. Kathleen Nyhuis, Spiritual Advisor for the Arizona Board, presented crosses to the new members. Assisting her was Barbara Garrity of the Mustard Seed chapter, Oro Valley, Arizona. Pictured (from left) are Kathleen Nyhuis, Ann Ireland, Marilyn Hitchens, Jeanette Hoerd, Lucy Rasmus, Madeleine Nash, and Barbara Garrity. ✕

Correction

In the Fall 2003 *Royal Cross*, on page 28, the caption on the picture at the bottom right mistakenly located St. Simon's Chapter of St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Los Alamos, New Mexico. In fact they are located in Los Angeles, California. The rest of the caption is accurate.

Roman Catholic Daughters

Father Ralph O. Roberts, St. Cyril's of Alexandria Catholic Community, dedicated the new white Daughters of the King vestments and Chaplain's cross at the Diocese of Galveston Houston Assembly and corporate communion November 1. The vestments were in memory of our sister, Tracey Moger, and the cross in memory of Diocesan President Barbara Bickerstaff's daughter, Mary Westbrook. Tracey died after giving birth to her fourth child, and Mary, mother of three school age children, died while awaiting a heart transplant. Thank you to all who donated to this project. ✕



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 and that they may truly please thee,
 pour upon them
 the continual dew of thy blessing.
 Grant this, O Lord,
 for the honor of our Advocate and mediator,
 Jesus Christ.
 Amen

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February 2:
 Ingathering for
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March 1:
 Applications for the
 Masters Fund

May 6:
 National Day of Prayer