

Press Release
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From the National Council of the Order of the Daughters of the King
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After its annual meeting at the Margaret J. Franklin Center October 24-28, the National Council reports to its members the following information for prayer and praise.

On finances:

- ❑ The Order is financially able to finish repaying to our Endowment Fund the loan we took from the Fund in 1998 to purchase the Margaret J. Franklin Center. As we do this, increased interest monies will accrue for the support of the Order and its financial stability will be enhanced.
- ❑ The Master's Fund and the Self-Denial Fund have made numerous small grants for Christian education and mission work.
- ❑ The approved budget includes equal donations to UTO, Compass Rose Society, and Episcopal Relief and Development.
- ❑ Clarification was reached through questions about the audit of the past triennium. Two different audits were actually conducted. The first covered two years prior to the 2006 Triennial, the recommended procedure when a new treasurer takes office. Information noted in that audit required a fraud audit, which reviewed suspect transactions back to the date when a former staff member was hired.
- ❑ Financial information was made available for members to copy except for the auditor's management letter and the information related to mismanagement of funds, since that is evidence in an ongoing criminal case. (After the finance chair read the last paragraph of the management letter aloud, which asks that it not be shared beyond the finance committee, the Council agreed that they did not need to copy it or hear it all read aloud.)
- ❑ The budget also includes travel funds to assist in the possible formation of an affiliate entity for Anglican Daughters in this country.

On Bylaws:

- ❑ The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to propose a series of amendments to the bylaws rather than a total replacement.
- ❑ The Council affirmed that all current members of Council were elected by the membership in 2006 and are legitimate members for the 2006-2009 term. [*N.B.: In the initial press release this affirmation was incorrectly attributed to the parliamentarian assisting the Bylaws committee.*]
- ❑ The parliamentarian guiding our bylaws committee urged in a conference call that through bylaw revision or amendment the Order should clarify the points regarding membership and representation that are not sufficiently clear in the present document.

On acting with integrity:

- ❑ The Council agreed that questions will be asked openly by all Council Members and directed to the persons responsible; clear and timely communication from every Council member will enhance cooperation.
- ❑ At National Council meetings all members will refrain from releasing documents or statements about discussions in progress until the entire meeting is over.
- ❑ Each member of the Council is called to listen with open mind, heart and spirit to voices of all the membership, and respect the diversity and gifts of its members.
- ❑ Five Council members presented a lengthy list of documents they wanted to see on behalf of dissatisfied members of the Order. Their letter was posted on the internet and widely e-mailed. Issues of confidentiality and trust as well as the issues raised in the letter were addressed in an executive session. The closed session continued until all Council members agreed that they had answers they could live with and were satisfied that a new beginning had been made toward rebuilding trust and having honest communication.

We deeply appreciate:

- ❑ The ministry of our Chaplain, The Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, who taught from the book of Philippians, and the assistance of The Rt. Rev. William Skilton, Prov. IV chaplain;
- ❑ The retreat and workshop led by Caroline Booker and Phyllis Larson;
- ❑ Meditations by the President of Province II, Marjorie Rogers, and the “broken heart” quilt squares given with prayer by Daughters there;
- ❑ The contributions of the Worship and Devotions Chairs, Patsy Tilley and Lera Doneghy;
- ❑ The Daughters who ministered to us by bringing in lunch, and the staff that provided support in multiple ways;
- ❑ Prayers by Daughters across the country for this Council meeting. We believe that only the guidance of the Holy Spirit enabled us work through a number of difficult issues.

Much was accomplished in other areas that we do not have space to describe here.

The Daughters of the King traditionally celebrate All Saints Day with a corporate communion, and gather offerings for the Endowment Fund of the Order. On this All Saints Day we ask that for the love of Christ all Daughters of the King rededicate themselves to daily prayer, service, and evangelism, as all of us pledged to do when we received our crosses.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4: 4-7