

*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*



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Timeline of The Order of the Daughters of the King®

1885 – 2024

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TIMELINE

1885

- The Order was founded by Margaret J. Franklin on Easter Eve, April 4, at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, New York, NY (now the Church of the Resurrection), as an outgrowth of a Bible class named Daughters of the King, later called the Alpha Chapter.
- Rev. James Oatlands Tuttle Smith, Rector of Holy Sepulcher, named Alpha Chapter Chaplain.
- First President, Margaret J. Franklin (1885-1894). Affiliated with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
- Vision: to become a National Order when 50 chapters were established.
- Alpha Chapter acted as governing body until the National Order was established.
- Elizabeth Ryerson, Secretary (1885-1907).

1889

- Rev. Ralph Wood Kenyon named chaplain for Alpha Chapter. He recommended the Latin words on the Kenyon family crest, "Magnanimeter Crucem Sustine," be engraved on the cross of The Order.

1891

- Rev. Ralph Wood Kenyon named National Grand Chaplain, wrote first constitution of The Order.

1892

- Fifty chapters formed, National Order established.
- First National Council meeting. Constitution adopted (a simple document which included the two Rules of The Order written by members of the Alpha Chapter and the Rev. Ralph W. Kenyon, Chaplain).
- *The Royal Cross* began monthly publication in August; Elizabeth Ryerson, editor (1892-1907).
- Annual dues \$.25; *The Royal Cross* subscription cost an additional \$.50.

1894

- *The Royal Cross* became quarterly publication.

1896

- Junior Division of the Order was founded at Emmanuel Parish in Washington, DC. Mary (Mrs. Willard C.) Davenport first Chair.

1897

- Self Denial Fund (Lily Funsten Ward Memorial Fund) established.

1899

- The Junior Daughters of the King was officially adopted by The Order during the National Convention.
- Miss Charley Warnock, Atlanta, GA, became the first Missionary, serving in Wuchang, China (1899-1902).

1900

- Fire destroyed early records and issues of *The Royal Cross*.

1903

- Annette Burke, Richmond, VA, became Missionary to China (1903-1916).

1904

- From 1903-1907 The Order flourished on college campuses; college chapters were under the direction of the bishop of the diocese where colleges existed.

1913

- Constitution revised to 5 women needed to form Chapter; representation established as one voting delegate from each diocese and each chapter; National Council structure established, size set at 15 members.

1916

- Deaconess Emily Ridgely, Missionary, began serving in China.

1917

- The Order incorporated in New York.
- Promotional literature compiled for clergy, "A Valuable Aid to Every Rector," and "How to Help and Why to Help The Order of the Daughters of the King®".

1919

- Office Manager position established; Constitution revised to state that General Secretary/Office Manager would not be a member of the National Council.
- Proposal to raise annual dues to \$.75 per member, which included a subscription to *The Royal Cross*.
- President and treasurer to be elected by National Convention delegates; National Council would fill vacancies.
- Mary (Mrs. Willard C.) Davenport, founder of Junior Daughters, honored and named "Mother of The Junior Order."

1922

- Constitutional revisions on officers included three-year terms and only two successive terms, except that treasurer could be elected for more than two terms.
- The Master's Fund established.
- Provincial representation appointed to National Council.

1923

- National Council established provincial organization and guidelines for Bishop's Chapters.

1927

- Study Guide lesson outline written.

1928

- Endowment Fund established.

1931

- Coral Clark began mission work in Wuchang, China, as a faculty member of Hua Chung College.
- Margaret J. Franklin, founder, died on January 19th.

1932

- Margaret J. Franklin's gold cross was given to The Order to be worn by all succeeding National Presidents. The cross is inscribed, "In memory of Margaret J. Franklin, founder and first President of The Order of the Daughters of the King." (This cross is presented to each new President when she is installed.)

1933

- Daughters had exhibit in the Hall of Religion at Chicago Exposition.

1934

- Gertrude Selzer began serving as missionary in China.

1935

- 50th Anniversary celebration gave spark to all endeavors of The Order in 1935-1936.

1937

- Elda Joyce Smith became missionary in China.

1940

- Daughters at Large established.

1943

- General Convention and National Convention were canceled due to WWII and fuel rationing.

1946

- Miss Carmen Wolff began serving as missionary in China.

1950

- Carmen Wolff, Missionary, relocated from China to Brazil.

1954

- Elizabeth Daniel, Missionary, began serving in Brazil with Carmen Wolff.

1955

- Elda Smith, Missionary, left missionary work and entered the Community of the Transfiguration Convent in Ohio.

1958

- Home study course for membership preparation introduced.

1960

- 75 Year Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

1963

- The Very Reverend Edward L. Merrow became the first official Chaplain to National Council.

1971

- National Handbook revised.

1973

- Patricia Powers began mission work in Brazil.

1976

- Ordination of women passed at General Convention.
- National Constitution revised; National Council members limited to three consecutive terms.

1977

- Special fund set up for missionaries.

1979

- Elizabeth Daniel, Missionary, celebrated 25th anniversary in mission service.
- Patricia Powers graduated summa cum laude from college, commissioned as a missionary.

1982

- Automobile provided for missionaries in Brazil.

1985

- *Lift High the Cross* adopted as official hymn of The Order (*Lord, Speak to Me* was not included in 1982 Hymnal).
- National dues increased to \$8.00
- *History of The Order* released.

1986

- First Affiliate Chapter formed in the Roman Catholic Church, Ashland, KY.
- Patricia Powers, Missionary, ordained to priesthood.
- Twelve Question Study Guide was developed.

1988

- National dues were increased to \$15.

1990

- National Council authorized option of Lifetime Membership with one-time dues payment of \$500

1991

- Elizabeth Daniel, Missionary in Brazil, retired after 37 years of mission service.

1994

- Junior Daughters Handbook revised during this triennium.
- International Chair, to oversee and set policy for international growth, appointed to National Council.

1996

- Lifetime Membership dues account becomes part of the Endowment Fund.
- National Twelve-Question Study Guide translated into Spanish.

1997

- Strategic Planning Committee appointed in response to phenomenal growth in The Order.
- National Council authorized an International Cross, emblem of The Order, to be made in pewter.

2003

- Annual Dues increased to \$35 for seniors, \$15 for Juniors and \$700 for Lifetime Membership.

2005

- Model for “*Companions on the Way*” approved by the National Council.

2007

- Junior Daughter Handbook revised.
- Junior Daughter Study Guide approved.

2008

- A National Junior Directresses Retreat was held at St. Christopher’s Retreat Center, John’s Island, SC, subsequent retreats to be scheduled the year prior to National Convention (Triennial).

2009

- Alpha Fund approved to support the Junior Daughter ministry.
- The Rev. Susan Q. Claytor appointed first Junior Daughters chaplain.

2011

- *Cross+Links*, a national e-newsletter, began.
- A Junior Directress Manual was approved.
- New Junior Daughter Study Guides and Leader’s Guide approved.

2012

- A \$5 dues increase was approved for Diocesan Assembly support.
- The Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton appointed first International chaplain.

2013

- Lifetime Membership dues increased to \$800.

2014

- The Chapter Manual was revised.

2015

- Dues for 2015-16 invoiced directly to each Daughter.

2016

- Lifetime dues increased to \$1,000.

2017

- Strategic Planning Retreat held in Belton, TX.
- *Cross+Currents*, the e-newsletter for and about International Daughters began publishing.

2018

- The Strategic Plan was introduced to the membership and a video and materials were shared.

2019

- Implemented the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan by using the *Reignite the Flame Strategic Plan Companion* booklet

2020

- Celebrated the 135th Anniversary of The Order virtually with 200 Daughters.
- Created and facilitated Conversation with Daughters (CWD) virtual meetings to maintain community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Renewed relationship with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew ministering together for the National Day of Prayer.

2021

- Extended the triennium to 2022 and delayed the National Convention (Triennial) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022

- Increased senior membership dues from \$40 to \$50 annually to support national operations.
- Lifetime dues increased to \$1,250.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS and ELECTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

1893

- First National Convention held in Baltimore, MD.
- Mrs. E. J. Warner, Diocese of New York, elected President of Convention; nearly 200 delegates representing 250 chapters attended.

1894

- National Convention held in Baltimore, MD.
- Mrs. E. A. Bradley, Diocese of New York, elected President of Order (1894-1907).

1895

- National Convention held in New York, NY.

1896

- National Convention held in Philadelphia, PA.

1897

- National Convention held in Washington, DC.

1898

- National Convention held in New Haven, CT.

1899

- National Convention held in Atlanta, GA.

1900

- National Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA.

1901

- National Convention held in San Francisco, CA.

1904

- The Order began holding National Conventions triennially.
- National Convention held in New Haven, CT.

1907

- National Convention held in Richmond, VA
- Gertrude (Mrs. Adam) Denmeade, Diocese of Maryland, elected President (1907-1922).
- The Order began holding National Convention prior to triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

1910

- National Convention held in Cincinnati, OH.

1913

- National Convention held in New York, NY.

1916

- National Convention held in St. Louis, MO.
- First National Conference for Junior Daughters held during the National Convention.

1919

- National Convention held in Detroit, MI.
- Invitations issued to councils in Canada and England to attend convention.

1922

- National Convention held in Portland, OR.
- Jane Washington (Mrs. Felix) Ewing, Diocese of Tennessee, elected President (1922-1923).

1923

- Helen Townsend (Mrs. A. A.) Birney, Diocese of Washington, became President (1923-1928).

1925

- National Convention held in New Orleans, LA

1928

- National Convention held in Washington, DC.
- Rose Johnson (Mrs. George) Ames, Diocese of Central New York, elected President. Remained in office during the Great Depression (1928-1934).

1931

- National Convention held in Denver, CO.

1934

- National Convention held in Atlantic City, NJ
- Ada (Mrs. W. J.) Loaring-Clark, Diocese of Tennessee, elected President, also served as editor of *The Royal Cross* (1934-1936).

1936

- Ada Loaring-Clark died in office and Martha Palmer Kimball, First Vice President, succeeded to Presidency.

1937

- National Convention held in Cincinnati, OH.
- Martha Palmer Kimball, Diocese of Ohio, elected President (1937-1940).

1940

- National Convention held in Kansas City, MO.
- Alice Berdell (Mrs. W. W.) Pedder, Diocese of Los Angeles, elected President (1940-1946), served for 6 years because the General Convention and National Convention were canceled in 1943.

1946

- National Convention held in Philadelphia, PA
- Constance (Mrs. Thomas J.) Shannon, Diocese of Connecticut, elected President (1946-1949) and also served as editor of *The Royal Cross* until March 1959.

1949

- National Convention held in San Francisco, CA.
- Lillian Janet Soper, Diocese of Washington, elected President (1949-1955).

1952

- National Convention held in Hartford, CT.

1955

- National Convention held in Cleveland, OH.
- Jessie (Mrs. E. J.) Tomenendal, Diocese of Chicago, elected President (1955-1958).

1958

- National Convention held in Miami, FL
- May Louise (Mrs. Raymond A.) Dayton, Diocese of Washington, elected President (1958-1961).

1961

- National Convention held in Detroit, MI.
- Sara (Mrs. James Lyle) Cassidy, Diocese of Chicago, elected President (March 1961-1967) after she succeeded May Louise (Mrs. Raymond A.) Dayton, who died in office.

1967

- National Convention held in Seattle, WA.
- Laura (Mrs. Edward D.) Smith, Diocese of Atlanta, elected President (1967-1970).

1970

- National Convention held in Houston, TX.
- Hattie K. Bunting, Diocese of Pennsylvania, elected President (1970-1976).

1973

- National Convention held in Louisville, KY.

1976

- National Convention held in Minneapolis, MN.
- Barbara (Mrs. Ivan E). Merrick, Diocese of Olympia, elected President (1976-1979).

1979

- National Convention held in Denver, CO.
- Louise (Mrs. Carl) Johnson, Diocese of Los Angeles, elected President (1979-1982).

1982

- National Convention held in New Orleans, LA.
- Geraldine "Geri" (Mrs. John C.) Herren, Diocese of Rio Grande, elected President (1982-1985).

1985

- National Convention held in Anaheim, CA.
- Ethel Boyle (Mrs. Henry) Ripley, Diocese of South Carolina, elected President (1985-1988).

1988

- National Convention held in Detroit, MI.
- Anne “Whitty” Bohmer (Mrs. Hunter) Isaacs, Diocese of Alabama, elected President (1988-1991).

1991

- National Convention held in Phoenix, AZ.
- Elizabeth Hart, Diocese of Los Angeles, elected President (1991-1994).

1994

- National Convention held in Brown County, IN.
- Laurie Ann (Mrs. Ronald) Herman, Diocese of Western Michigan, elected President (1994-1997).

1997

- National Convention held in Philadelphia, PA.
- Sue Zahn (Mrs. Lowell D.) Schlanbusch, Diocese of Michigan, elected President (1997-2000).

2000

- National Convention held in Denver, CO.
- Joan Lewis (Mrs. Jacob Victor) Millard, Diocese of Lexington, elected President (2000-2003).

2003

- National Convention held in Minneapolis, MN.
- Sharon (Mrs. Richard) Lundgren, Diocese of Texas, elected President (2003-2006).

2006

- National Convention held in Orlando, FL.
- Delegates from Anglican and Roman Catholic chapters were seated with voice and vote.
- Historic meeting and Eucharist shared with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Triennial.
- Joan Dalrymple (Mrs. George), Diocese of Colorado, elected President (2006-2009).

2009

- National Convention held in Anaheim, CA.
- Grace Sears, Diocese of Lexington, elected President (2009-2012).

2012

- National Convention held in Indianapolis, IN.
- Pamela Runyon, Diocese of Western North Carolina, elected President (2012-2015).

2015

- National Convention held in Midway, Utah.
- Susan O’Brien, Diocese of Chicago, elected President (2015-2018).

2018

- National Convention held in Austin, TX.
- Krisita Jackson, Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida, elected President (2018-2021).

2022

- National Convention was held in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Nancy Severin, Diocese of Colorado, elected president (2022-2024).
- Invited Brotherhood of St. Andrew to National Convention.

2024

- National Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Jane Searcy, Diocesan Assembly of Alabama, elected president (2024-2027).

NATIONAL OFFICE

1897

- The Order relocated from Church of the Resurrection to Church Mission House (Bible House), New York, NY.

1910

- Telephone installed in National Office.

1925

- National Office moved to 150 5th Avenue, New York, NY.

1927

- Edna Penniman named National Office Corresponding Secretary.

1940

- Alice K. Rennie, secretary at the National Office.

1948

- National Office moved twice during the year: from the Methodist Bible House, 150-5th Ave., and from the Russell Sage Foundation, 130 E. 22nd St., New York, NY, to Metropolis Building, 31 Union Square West, New York, NY.

1963

- National Office moved to Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Ave., New York City, NY.

1979

- Jean Humphrey became National Office Administrator

1981

- National Office relocated from New York, NY to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA.

1982

- Ellen Ripley, National Office administrator, had two staff members, Katherine Wolf and Jane Girardeau.
- First computer system purchased for National Office
- Tracey Southerland was administrative officer.

1990

- Linda Patterson joined staff; promoted to Office Administrator.
- National Office relocated to Tucker, GA, in November.

1991

- Fax machine purchased for National Office.

1993

- National Office relocated to Marietta, GA

1995

- National Office relocated to Kennesaw, GA, home of Linda Patterson, Office Administrator.

1997

- Linda Patterson promoted to Executive Director.

1999

- Site selection and loan from Endowment Fund for purchase of the National Office was approved by National Council.

2000

- National Office purchased in Woodstock, GA.
- National Office blessed and dedicated as the Margaret J. Franklin Center, October 21.

2001

- Linda L. Van became Director of Operations in the National Office.

2006

- Mary Fletcher became National Office Administrator.

2014

- National DOK website was implemented.

2016

- An Accounting Officer was hired, at the National Office.

2018

- A Communications Coordinator was hired at the National Office.
- Established an official YouTube channel for The Order.

2019

- Implemented technology upgrades in the national office to provide increased access to membership database for chapter, diocesan_assembly, provincial assembly, and national officers.

2020

- Established regular usage of social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube and virtual meetings, retreats, and assemblies at chapter, diocesan, provincial, and national levels.

2024

- Lynn Kimbrell promoted to Executive Director of The Order.

DAUGHTERS OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

1892

- The Order established in Canada.

1893

- The Order established in Australia.

1895

- Canadian National Council formed.

1898

- The Order established in England.

1901

- Canadian National Council (1894-1907) had established branches in England, Australia, British West Indies, Danish West Indies, China and Honolulu, HI.

1911

- The Order had 883 chapters worldwide with councils in Australia, Canada, England, South America and the United States.

1917

- The Order established in the Panama Canal Zone.

1933

- The Order established in Japan.

1940

- Junior Daughters established in China and Philippines.

1979

- The Order established in Baguio City, Philippines.
- The Order established in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1982

- The Order established in Paris, France, at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

1992

- Daughters established in Uganda.

1994

- The Order established in Cuba.

1996

- The Order established in Honduras.

1999

- Daughters of the King assembled in Brazil.
- First chapter in Nigeria and Ghana was instituted.

2004

- First chapter in Okinawa, Japan, since World War II instituted.
- First chapter in Germany was instituted.

2005

- Daughters of the King assembled in the Virgin Islands.
- President Sharon Lundgren spoke at Christ Church Jerusalem, offering DOK to the first Anglican church in the Holy Land (1849).

2006

- First chapter in Trinidad and Tobago was instituted.
- Five new chapters in Cuba.
- Daughters in Malawi held their first Triennial.

2007

- Fifteen Kenyan chapters chartered together.
- Hijas del Rey assembled in the Dominican Republic.

2010

- Filles du Roi assembled in Haiti Nov. 13 at Paroisse Ascension.
- First chapter in India instituted Nov. 25 at St. Michael's Church in Durgapur.

2011

- First chapter in Israel instituted Sept. 11 at Christ Church, Jerusalem.

2012

- Daughters of the King assembled in Honduras.
- The Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton appointed first International chaplain.

2013

- Chapters in Panama and Spain were instituted.

2014

- First chapter in Colombia was instituted.
- First chapter in Guatemala was instituted.

2015

- First chapter in Mexico was instituted.
- First three chapters in Ecuador were instituted.

2017

- Quarterly international e-newsletter, *Cross+Currents*, started by Pamela Runyon.

2018

- Susan O'Brien, National President, visited Malawi to attend the Triennial Convention of Daughters in Malawi.

2021

- First chapter in South Africa was instituted.

2023

- First chapter in Liberia was instituted.
- First chapter in The Gambia was instituted.

2024

- The Rt. Rev. William Skilton retired from role as International Chaplain
- The Rev. Dr. Margaret Short installed as International Chaplain.

FUNDS OF THE ORDER

1897

- Self Denial Fund (Lily Funsten Ward Memorial Fund) established.

1922

- The Self Denial Fund adopted February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, as the day of ingathering.
- The Master's Fund established.
- Mission field in China added second "field worker."

1928

- Endowment Fund established.

1940

- War in Asia ends missionary work in China.

1946

- Elda Smith, a missionary supported by the Self Denial Fund, moved from China to serve in Honolulu, Hawaii.

1955

- Endowment Fund reaches \$18,000.

1990

- Esther Miller, Missionary in Zaire, awarded grant from Self Denial Fund.

1992

- Self Denial Fund began grant for shared ministry with Lakota Dakota missions, Pine Ridge, SD.

1995

- National Council adopted policy for criteria for financial investments for the Funds of The Order. Endowment Fund reached \$95,000.

1997

- Endowment Fund adopted All Saints' Day, November 1, as ingathering day.
- Self Denial Fund granted over \$50,000.

1999

- Endowment Fund was more than \$300,000.

2009

- Alpha Fund approved to support the Junior Daughter ministry.

2012

- Policies governing the Endowment Fund and Operating Fund Surplus were approved.

2024

- Delegates at National Convention voted to adopt a new mandate for the Self Denial Fund and to change the name of three of the Funds: The Alpha Fund to the Junior Daughters Fund, The Master's Fund to the Ministry Education Fund, and the Self Denial Fund to the Mission and Outreach Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

1893

- The Order's membership was 8,000.

1896

- The Order's membership was 11,697 in 66 Chapters.

1907

- The Order's membership grew to 17,000 women.

1911

- The Order had 883 chapters worldwide with councils in Australia, Canada, England, South America and the United States.

1934

- The Order's membership numbered 5,385 in 388 chapters.

1955

- The Order's membership was 6,456 in 339 chapters in 60 dioceses.

1960

- The Order's senior membership was 6,584 in 372 chapters in 64 dioceses; Junior members neared 1,000 in 65 chapters in 27 dioceses.

1982

- The Order added 2,000 new members and over 135 chapters during this triennium.

1990

- The Order's membership was 7,800.

1999

- Fifty new chapters chartered in first quarter.
- The Order's membership was 18,000.

2006

- More than 200 new chapters instituted in this Triennium.
- 17 new Anglican chapters instituted.

2020

- Instituted first chapter virtually at Grace Memorial Church in Lynchburg, Virginia.

2024

- The Order experienced membership growth following the Covid-19 pandemic. Membership was 20,000.