

Bylaws Amendments Proposed for 2009 9/26/08

Current

Proposed Changes (in red)

Article III. Members	Article III. Members
<p>Section 1. All members must be women communicants of the Episcopal Church, or of other Churches in communion with it, or of Churches with the Historic Episcopate but not in communion with it.</p>	<p>Section 1. All members must be women communicants of the Episcopal Church or of other Churches in communion with the Episcopal Church or of Churches with the Historic Episcopate but not in communion with it. Every member of the Order is referred to as a Daughter in these bylaws. All Daughters paying full dues are entitled to equal membership status (right to vote and hold office). Rationale: All Daughters promise to follow the Rule of Life. "No taxation without representation."</p>
<p>Section 2. Every woman who becomes a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King shall take the vow to observe the two Rules of the Order: The Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service, at a Service of Admission in the Church.</p>	<p>Section 2. The Rule of Life: Every woman who becomes a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King shall take the vow to observe the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service, at a Service of Admission in the church. (Rationale: Adds title, for clarity.)</p>
<p>A. The Rule of Prayer: Each member promises, in addition to seeking to grow daily in a life of prayer, to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom; for God's blessing upon all members of the Order; and for the spiritual growth of the parish.</p>	<p>A. The Rule of Prayer: Each Daughter seeks to grow daily in a life of prayer and promises to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, for God's blessing on all Daughters and for the spiritual growth of her church. (Rationale: Slight rewording and punctuation changes, for clarity.)</p>
<p>B. The Rule of Service: Each member promises to take part regularly in the worship, study and work of the Church; to undertake a personal program of evangelism to bring others to Christ; to give aid to the Priest-in-charge for the up-building of the parish; and to minister to God's people wherever she is.</p>	<p>B. The Rule of Service: Each Daughter promises to take part regularly in the worship, study and work of the Church; to undertake a personal program of evangelism to bring others to Christ; to give aid to the clergy of her church for its upbuilding; and to minister to God's people wherever she is. (Rationale: Slight rewording for clarity.)</p>
<p>C. Corporate Communion of the Order: In addition to faithful participation in the Eucharist, each member shall regard it as her duty and privilege to prepare for and attend, if possible, a Corporate Communion of the Order on All Saints' Day.</p>	<p>Moved to Article III, Section 3, E. (Rationale: The basic requirements for membership are listed first.)</p>

Article III (continued)	Article III (continued)
<p>Section 3. Membership</p> <p>A. In an existing parish or Institutional Chapter: 1) Upon approval of the Rector or Priest-in-charge, any woman communicant of a parish or mission who accepts the two Rules of the Order, shall be eligible for membership after a three-month preparation period of concentrated study, training, prayer and service.</p>	<p>Section 3. Membership</p> <p>A. Discernment Period: Every woman seeking to become a member of the Order shall participate in at least a three month period of concentrated study, preparation, prayer, and service before being admitted to the Order. (Rationale: Discernment period clearly stated for all Daughters.)</p>
<p>2) Any baptized woman communicant in a church-related or non-church related institution who accepts the two Rules of this Order and is approved by the head of the Institution, its Chaplain or the Bishop if it is a non-church related institution (retirement, assisted living facility or prison) shall be eligible for membership.</p>	<p>B. Admission to a Chapter: A Daughter is admitted to the Order as a member of a chapter.</p> <p>1) In an existing or newly formed chapter (See Article IV, Chapters), a woman communicant of the church who is approved by the senior clergy, and who accepts the two Rules of the Order, shall be eligible for membership as a Daughter in that chapter after the appropriate discernment period (see A. above). (Rationale: Reworded for clarity).</p>
	<p>2) Similarly, a woman who meets membership requirements and is approved by the head of an institution, its Chaplain or the Bishop if it is a non-church related institution (retirement or assisted living facility or prison), who accepts the two Rules of the Order, shall be eligible for membership as a Daughter in an institutional chapter after the appropriate discernment period. (Rationale: Reworded for clarity).</p>
<p>B. In a Diocesan Chapter, sometimes called a Bishop's Chapter: 1) Those eligible to become members shall be women in rural areas, or in parishes where there is no chapter. In special cases a woman who is unable to belong to the Chapter in her parish may be eligible.</p> <p>2) Preparation for membership shall be under the direction of the Chapter President, the Diocesan President or the Bishop.</p>	<p>Move B. 1) to Article IV , Section 1, E. (Rationale: Belongs in next article.)</p> <p>2) Omitted. (Rationale: Who is to direct the preparation for membership is not dictated elsewhere in the bylaws.)</p>
<p>See Article III, Section 6, D.</p>	<p>3) The Greek Fleury Cross, which belongs to the Order, shall be sent for each new Daughter. The Royal Cross will be sent to all Daughters in good standing. (Rationale: Moved from Dues: Art III, Section 3, C, 6, for order. Reworded for clarity.)</p>

<p>Article III, Section 3. (cont.) C. Daughters-at-Large: 1) Daughters who are not members of a chapter shall be called Daughters-at-Large.</p>	<p>Article III, Section 3. (cont.) C. Daughters-at-Large: 1) A Daughter who is a member of a church that does not have a chapter shall be called a Daughter-at-Large. (Rationale: Reworded to singular.)</p>
	<p>2) A Daughter who is a member of a church where a chapter exists is a member of that chapter. (Rationale: A Daughter moving to a church where there is a chapter should join that chapter.)</p>
<p>2) Daughters who leave the Episcopal Church to become members of Churches having Affiliate Chapters may become Daughters-at-Large in such Churches and should follow the appropriate procedures for Daughters-at-Large in that Church.</p>	<p>Section 3, C 2) Omitted (Rationale: No "Affiliate Chapters.")</p>
<p>3) Daughters in good standing who leave their church to become members of churches in which chapters may be formed but in which no chapters have yet been formed may remain Daughters-at-Large subject to their vows and their obligation to continue to pay membership dues (new: 2006 Triennial). 4) They shall pay National, Provincial and Diocesan dues and any offering to the National Office.</p>	<p>3) A Daughter-at-Large is responsible for continuing to fulfill the Rule of Life. She shall send full dues with any funds offering to the Margaret J. Franklin Center. (Rationale: Rewording for clarity—combines meaning of 3) and 4) of current bylaws.)</p>
<p>5) Contact should be maintained with the National Chairman for Daughters-at-Large whose name and address appear in <i>The Royal Cross</i> and with the Provincial and Diocesan Chairman for Daughters-at-Large.</p>	<p>4) Contact should be maintained with the National Daughters-at-Large Chair whose name and address appear in <i>The Royal Cross</i> and with the Provincial and Diocesan Daughters-at-Large Chairs, including her address and other contact information, and whether she has become a member of a chapter. (Rationale: Rewording for clarity.)</p>
<p>D. Junior Daughters of the King 1) There shall be Junior Daughters of the Order. They shall be under the direction of the National Council, one of whose members shall be appointed Chairman for Junior Daughters. The Junior Chapter shall be under the guidance and support of the Senior Chapter in the parish where one exists.</p>	<p>D. Junior Daughters of the King 1) The Junior Daughters of the King shall be under the general direction of the National Council, which shall be responsible for setting the policies and procedures of the Junior Daughters. A member of the National Council shall be appointed Chair for the Junior Daughters.</p>
<p>2) The Directress of the Chapter shall be a Senior Daughter.</p>	<p>2) A Junior Chapter shall be under the guidance and support of a Daughters' chapter at the church where it is formed. The Directress of a Junior Chapter shall always be an adult Daughter. (Rationale: Details for clarity.)</p>

	<p>3) A Junior Chapter may be organized by first obtaining approval of the clergy of the parish; second, finding a Daughter to serve as Directress, and third, bringing together three or more baptized girls.</p>
	<p>4) Junior Daughters are baptized girls from 7 to 21, who are willing to accept the Rules of Prayer and Service, for His sake, for as long as they remain members.</p>
	<p>5) A Junior Daughter who is at least 16 may become a Daughter after participating in a three-month period of discernment, study, prayer, and service.</p>
	<p>6) The Junior DOK will have a specific handbook. (Rationale: 3) through 6) More complete information about Jr. DOK, per their handbook.)</p>
<p>(Refer to Article III, Section II, C).</p>	<p>E. Corporate Communion of the Order: In addition to faithful participation in the Eucharist, each Daughter shall regard it as her duty and privilege to prepare for and attend, if possible, a Corporate Communion of the Order on All Saints' Day. (Rationale: Moved from Art III, Section 2, C, for Order. Basic requirements listed first.)</p>
<p>Section 4. Resignation or Death: A. If a member finds that she cannot fulfill the vow, she may resign from the Order, after consultation with her Priest-in-charge or Rector. She or the Secretary of the Chapter shall return the Cross of the Order to the National Office and ask that her name be removed from the Membership list. There shall be no refund of dues or registration fees upon resignation.</p>	<p>Section 4. Resignation or Death: A. Resignation - If a Daughter finds she cannot fulfill her vows, she may resign from the Order, after consultation with her chaplain. 1) If a member of a chapter, she or the secretary of her chapter shall return the cross of the Order to the Margaret J. Franklin Center and ask that her name be removed from the membership list. 2) If she is a Daughter-at-Large, she may consult with her clergy and a DAL chair (National, Provincial or Diocesan). She shall return the cross of the Order to the Margaret J. Franklin Center and ask that her name be removed from the membership list. 3) There shall be no refund of dues or registration fees. (Rationale: Reworded for clarity.)</p>

Article III, Section 4 (cont.)	Article III, Section 4 (cont.)
<p>B. Any Daughter, unable to attend meetings because of advanced age, failing health or invalidism: 1) Should not feel it necessary to, or be required to, resign and return the Cross. She has taken the vow and is entitled to wear the Cross in good faith. 2) If a member is unable to pay dues, her Chapter is encouraged to pay them for her so she may continue her membership, receive <i>The Royal Cross</i> and be listed at the National Office. Scholarship funds are available upon request.</p>	<p>B. A Daughter unable to attend meetings or to fully live out the Rule of Life because of advanced age, failing health or invalidism should not feel it necessary to, or be required to, resign or return her cross. (Rationale: Reworded, for clarity.)</p> <p>Section 4. B. 2) Moved to Section 6. B below, Dues and Fees.</p>
<p>C. When a member dies: 1)The National Office should be notified immediately by the Chapter President. 2) The Cross should be returned to the National Office by the Chapter President or it may be buried or attached to a suitable marker.</p>	<p>C. Death: When a Daughter dies, the Margaret J. Franklin Center shall be notified immediately by her Chapter President or by the Diocesan President if she is a Daughter at Large. The cross should be returned to the Margaret J. Franklin Center by the Chapter or Diocesan President, or it may be buried with the Daughter or attached to a suitable marker.</p> <p>(Rationale: Reworded for clarity.)</p>
<p>Section 5. Reinstatement:</p> <p>A. A member may be reinstated with the approval of her Rector or Priest-in-charge, at a Service of Rededication and the payment of dues for the current year.</p> <p>B. A Daughter-at-Large or a member of a Diocesan Chapter, with the approval of the Bishop, may be reinstated in the same manner.</p>	<p>Section 5: Reinstatement</p> <p>A. A Daughter may be reinstated at a Service of Rededication, with the approval of the chaplain of the chapter, and upon payment of dues for the current year and a reinstatement fee, set by National Council. (Rationale: Financial responsibility)</p> <p>B. A Daughter at Large may be reinstated in a similar manner, with the approval of the Diocesan chaplain.</p> <p>(Rationale: Reworded for clarity.)</p>
<p>Section 6. Dues</p> <p>A. Registration fees are set by the National Council to reflect current costs. Consult the current issue of <i>The Royal Cross</i> for the amount of the registration fee.</p> <p>B. Dues are established by the National Convention.</p>	<p>Section 6. Dues and Fees:</p> <p>A. Dues for the next fiscal year are payable annually by individual Daughters, by September 1, and sent to the Margaret J. Franklin Center. 1) Dues are set by the Triennial Convention of the Order. 2) The National Council shall have the authority to set new member registration fees, reflecting current costs. Consult the current issue of <i>The Royal Cross</i>. (Rationale: Clearly state dues policy. Combines A, B, C and E.)</p>

Article III, Section 6 (cont.)	Article III, Section 6 (cont.)
<p>C. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to The Order of the Daughters of the King, Inc., and sent to the National Office.</p> <p>D. The Greek Fleury Cross, which belongs to the Order, shall be sent with a form for admission for each member. A subscription for <i>The Royal Cross</i> will be sent to all registered members in good standing.</p> <p>E. National, Provincial and Diocesan dues are payable annually to the National Office.</p>	<p>B. If a Daughter is unable to pay her dues, her Chapter is encouraged to pay them for her, or to help her seek financial assistance from her priest, the Diocesan or Provincial President or the Margaret J. Franklin Center.</p> <p>(Rationale: Moved from Article III, Sec 4, B, 2) above. Slight rewording for clarity).</p> <p>Section 6, D. moved to Article III, Sec 3, B, 3, for order. (Rationale: Refers to Membership Benefits.)</p>
	<p>C. A Daughter who has failed to pay her dues by December 31 shall receive a letter of notification from the Margaret J. Franklin Center, stating that her dues are delinquent, and unless brought current, her name will be removed from the membership roll by March 1.</p> <p>(Rationale: This reflects the necessity for dues to be paid to be a member in good standing, according to the adopted parliamentary authority.)</p>
<p>F. A contribution of seven hundred dollars (\$700) will constitute lifetime payment of National, Provincial, and Diocesan dues and will free the member from future payment of such dues.</p>	<p>D. A Daughter may become a Lifetime Member with a one time contribution, which constitutes a lifetime payment of National, Provincial, and Diocesan dues and will free the Daughter from future payment of such dues. The amount of this contribution is set by the Triennial Convention of the Order.</p> <p>(Rationale: Establishes lifetime dues, without stating dollar amount.)</p>
	<p>E. A Daughter whose dues are not current will not be eligible to hold office (National, Provincial, Diocesan or Chapter) and will not be entitled to vote. (Rationale: Current dues status needed to be a member in good standing.)</p>
<p>G. Affiliate Dues:</p> <p>1) Dues for affiliate members shall be determined by National Council in consultation with the national organization of the Affiliate Chapter to reflect the costs of services to such chapters including the cost of <i>The Royal Cross</i>.</p> <p>2) Payment: a) Members of Affiliate Chapters having their own national organization shall pay dues to that organization.</p> <p>b) Members of Affiliate Chapters having no national organization shall pay dues directly to the National Office of The Order of the Daughters of the King, Inc.</p>	<p>Article III, Section 6, G omitted.</p> <p>(Rationale: No “affiliate” dues. See Parallel Structures, Article IV, Section 1, D).</p>

<p>Article IV - Chapters</p>	<p>Article IV - Chapters</p>
<p>Section 1: Organization of Chapters C. A Chapter may be organized in a non-church related institution with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such institution is situated. Chapters so formed shall be under the supervision of the Bishop or a deputy appointed by the Bishop.</p>	<p>Section 1: Organization of Chapters C. Institutional Chapters: A chapter may be organized in a non-church-related institution with the approval of the Diocesan President and the Diocesan Chaplain, who shall serve as Chaplain for that chapter or appoint another clergy to serve as chaplain. (Rationale: Rewording for clarity.)</p>
<p>D. The Order of the Daughters of the King may be organized in any autonomous church of the Anglican communion, in a church in communion with it, or in churches with the Historic Episcopate but not in communion with it. Chapters in autonomous churches of the Anglican communion or in churches in communion with it will be International (Branch) Chapters. Chapters in churches with the Historic Episcopate but not in communion with it will be Affiliate Chapters. Such International (Branch) and Affiliate Chapters may develop their own convention, Council support system, bylaws and/or handbook provided that:</p>	<p>D. Parallel Structures 1. Chapters may be formed in autonomous churches of the Anglican communion, in churches in communion with the Episcopal church, or in churches with the Historic Episcopate, but not in communion with it. (See Handbook for guidelines.) 2. For parallel structures, within or outside the United States, membership dues (if any) are not paid to the Margaret J. Franklin Center, but to their own structure. They may develop their own convention, Council support system, bylaws and/or handbook, patterned after those of the Order of the Daughters of the King, Inc., and adapted to the discipline and forms of their own church, provided that: a) Such Chapters must subscribe to the Rule of Life. b) The three-month preparation period shall be required. c) At a Service of Admission the members shall take vows of Daily Prayer and Service for the purpose of the extension of Christ's Kingdom. (Rationale: 1. - 2. We may have Anglican/Roman Catholic/Lutheran chapters who choose to remain under our current organization, while some wish to organize separately. The term "parallel structure" is meant to replace International and Affiliate.)</p>

<p>Article IV, Section 1, D (continued)</p>	<p>Article IV, Section 1, D (continued)</p>
<p>1) Affiliate Chapters must subscribe to our Rule of Life. Affiliates must subscribe to our bylaws unless they are in conflict with their own church policy. 2) The three-month preparation period shall be required. 3) At a Service of Admission the members shall take vows of Daily Prayer and Service for the purpose of the extension of Christ’s Kingdom. 4) Any International (Branch) or Affiliate Chapter of the Order thus established is requested to report to the National Office of the Order or to the national organization in their church which shall in turn report to the National Office of the Order. The report will include information about members and about activity in Prayer and Service. Reports of National organizations of International (Branch) or Affiliate Chapters will also include the number of Chapters. 5) A member of the Executive Board or a representative appointed by them shall have seat and voice but no vote at conventions of all International (Branch) and Affiliate Chapters.</p>	<p>3. Chapters of parallel structures shall submit an annual report (including officers and members of the chapter) to the Margaret J. Franklin Center until a diocesan or national organization is formed. Then annual reports may be submitted to the diocesan or national organization. 4. Reciprocal attendance of officers at national meetings and conventions is encouraged. (Rationale: Chapters of Parallel Structures shall have guidelines, but not binding rules to establish their own organization within the Order.)</p>
<p>Article IV - Section 1, E. Three or more women in parishes or missions without a Chapter, who are in good standing in a diocese, who accept these bylaws may, with the approval of the Diocesan President and Bishop, organize a Diocesan Chapter, sometimes called a Bishop’s Chapter. In a diocese where there is no Diocesan Assembly the approval of the Bishop is sufficient.</p>	<p>Article IV, Section 1, E. Three or more women in parishes or missions without a Chapter, who meet membership requirements and accept these bylaws, may, with the approval of the Diocesan President and Bishop, organize a Diocesan Chapter, sometimes called a Bishop’s Chapter. In a diocese where there is no Diocesan Assembly the approval of the Bishop is sufficient. Combines Article III, Sec 3, B, and Art IV, Sec 1, E. (Rationale: Rewording for clarity.)</p>
<p>Article V – National Council</p>	<p>Article V – National Council</p>
<p>Section 1. Members D. The President or appointed representative of a national Affiliate Order or of a Provincial or National International Order is encouraged to attend meetings of the National Council and will have seat and voice but no vote.</p>	<p>Article V, Section 1, D. Omitted . (Replaced by Article IV, Section 1, D). (Rationale: No named “affiliates.”)</p>

Article VI - Officers	Article VI - Officers
Section 1. Elected Officers 5. No elected member of Council shall be eligible to be elected President until she has served one term on the Council.	Section 1. Elected Officers 5. No elected member of Council shall be eligible to be elected President or First Vice President until she has served one term on the Council. (Rationale: First Vice President may assume position of presidency, therefore needs similar experience.)
7. All National Council members shall serve no more than three terms.	7. All National Council members shall serve no more than three elected terms. This includes those terms served as Provincial Representative, but does not include partial or appointed terms. (Rationale: Reworded for clarity.)
Article VIII – Executive Board	Article VIII – Executive Board
Section 1. The officers of the National Council and one elected member of National Council appointed by the National President shall constitute the Executive Board.	Section 1. The officers of the National Council, the Chair of the Finance Committee , and one elected member of National Council appointed by the National President shall constitute the Executive Board. (Rationale: Finance Chair is needed on the Executive Board.)
Section 2. The President may appoint a past National Council President to serve as advisor to the Executive Board with seat and voice but no vote.	Section 2. The President may appoint a past National Council President or a past National First Vice President to serve as advisor to the Executive Board with seat and voice but no vote. (Rationale: Provides some additional experienced officers to act as advisor to future Councils.)
Article XII – Official Magazine	Article XII – Official Publication
Section 1. The official magazine of the Order shall be <i>The Royal Cross</i> .	Section 1. The official publication of the Order shall be <i>The Royal Cross</i> . (Rationale: Reworded for clarity.)

<p>Article XIII – National Chaplain The National President shall nominate the National Chaplain, with the approval of the National Council. The President shall request the Presiding Bishop to appoint the nominated Chaplain.</p>	<p>Article XIII – National Chaplain Section 1: Selection – The National President, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the National Chaplain.</p> <p>Section 2: Duties of the Chaplain</p> <p>A. The Chaplain shall have seat and voice, but no vote, on the National Council and Executive Board.</p> <p>B. The Chaplain shall provide theological and ecclesiastical advice to, and conduct services for, the President, the Council, and Executive Board.</p> <p>C. The Chaplain shall support the Order through prayer, service, and counsel.</p> <p>D. The Chaplain may perform such other tasks as may be requested by the President, the Executive Board, and the Council.</p> <p>E. Similarly, chaplains support Daughters of the provinces, dioceses, and chapters.</p> <p>(Rationale: Rewording and details, for clarity.)</p>
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