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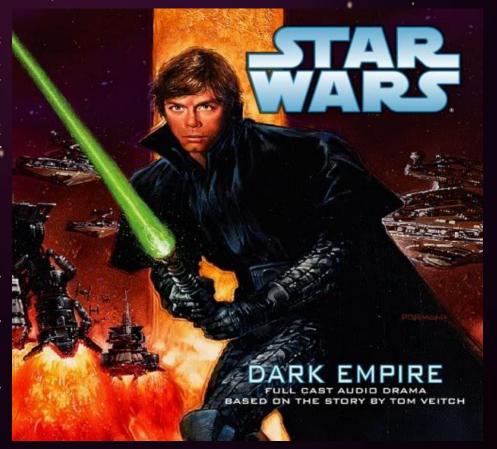
About THE DAKE ENDING

The Dark Empire costume club was founded in April of 2007, in Tennessee, as a fan group for costumers preferring to focus on the "dark side" of Star Wars. The club underwent a complete restructure and relaunch in June of 2010, and since that time, the Empire has slowly been expanding its borders throughout the galaxy, one conquest at a time.

Primarily a custom dark side costume club, we also accept custom and canon Sith, Dark Jedi, as well as what we call Gray Jedi, and certain types of bounty hunters, pirates, and smuglers costumes that meet or exceed our minimum standards.

T.D.E. is named after the Dark Horse comic STAR WARS: Dark Empire and its accompanying audio adaptation. We are truly an "expanded universe" club, in that for us, anything that bears the Star Wars brand that was put out by Lucasfilm, be it Legends or screen continuity, is canon by nature, regardless of any overall conflicting storylines. Basically, we love our Star Wars!

Dark Empire was a great mini-series that, along with the "Thrawn Trilogy," helped pave the way for many subsequent tales in the voluminous STAR WARS expanded universe. Just like our namesake had an audio drama, TDE also has its own audio dramas, that we use for charitable purposes, just like when we conduct charity events in costume. Learn more about our audio dramas at www.HoloNetAudioDramas.com



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Large physical regions of land in which TDE members reside are called "Temples", and each is governed by a *Jen'ari*, a term from the Sith language. A *temple* is usually several states, sometimes even countries.

Local chapters of TDE are called "Spires," or "Temple Spires," and are lead by a Sedriss, a term derived from our namesake, STAR WARS: Dark Empire, also from the Sith language. A spire can be a city, a county, or even an entire state.





T.D.E. HOSTS STAR WARS CLUBS IN ANNUAL VISIT TO HILLSIDES CHILDREN'S GROUP HOME FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

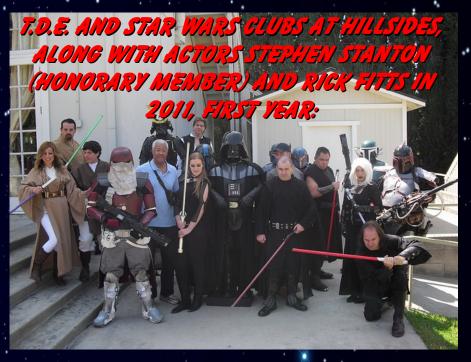
For five consecutive years, members of the Coruscant Temple of The Dark Empire have annually hosted other Star Wars clubs in visiting Hillsides, a group home for troubled youth.

According to their website, "Hillsides is a premier provider dedicated to improving the overall well-being and functioning of vulnerable children, youth, and their families. Our vision is to create lasting change in the lives of all at-risk children and youth we serve. We provide high quality care, advocacy, and innovative services that promote safe, permanent environments where young people can thrive."

Hillsides itself is a 501c3 organization, and TDE is proud to count it among the charity organizations it supports.

Starting in August 2011 and returning each year since, the private event has gotten bigger and bigger with more and more costumers from all of the clubs. There were about 20 characters in 2011, and approximately 70 visiting this year in 2015. With 66 kids in residence at Hillsides. In TDE, we like to "conquer charitably," and Hillsides certainly qualifies as a recurringly successful conquest.









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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



THE DARK SIDE HAS COOKTES! The spotlighted member of TDE for our inaugural issue is none other than the Sith'ari, our leader and club co-founder Lord Draconis TDE-002, who is absolutely certain that the dark side offers cookies to those that devote themselves to its teachings. Or, it's just a good recruitment tool.

Our Tyran'ari (PR Officer) Lord Bruticus TDE-021, however, insists that the dark side has cheesecake. We don't know why.





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