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MISSION REPORTS

Mission report from Duochan TDE-217, Sedriss of the Spire of the Dark Lords (TDE Ohio chapter):

Name of Event

Geekfest 2015

Date of Event

7/25/2015

Mission Report

The Spire had a table setup in the main atrium of Akron-Summit County Public Library's annual Geekfest. A free, mini-convention centered around bringing popular fandoms and reading together. Members spent the day promoting the charitable activities of The Dark Empire, in addition to helping out with the event's Build-Your-Own Lightsaber activity and having a guest speaker in the official Cosplay101 seminar.



Mission report from Darth Rokahn TDE-248,
Sedriiss of the Twin Suns Spire (TDE
Arizona chapter):

Name of Event

Arizona Diamondbacks Star Wars Night

Date of Event

July 18th 2015

Mission Report

With the help of Mandalorian Mercs, 501st Legion, and Rebel Legion, the Dark Empire stormed Chase Field, kicking dirt on the umpires and ejecting Rebel sympathizers left and right (the Rebel Legion were mind tricked into it). Wait that's not right...

Fun times were had by all as the ball park was packed with Star Wars fans watching the Dbacks fend off the San Francisco Giants. This also marks the first major event The Twin Suns Spire had worked under the new LFL rules and it went very smoothly. It was nice to get back in touch with all of our local Star Wars family and show that growing up doesn't mean you can't have fun and enjoy the many spectrums of fandom!



Mission report from Lord Duochan TDE-217, Sedriss of the Spire of the Dark Lords (TDE Ohio chapter):

Name of Event

Bish Bash 3

Date of Event

8/15/2015

Amount of funds that TDE helped raise

\$500+

Organization that Received the Funds

The Sam Bish Foundation



Mission Report

The Spire spent the day at the wonderful Bish Bash, presented by The Sam Bish Foundation! The annual event raises money and awareness for pediatric cancer in honor of a the brave young jedi, Sam Bish.

Sam may have become one with the force, but his spirit burns strong within his family, friends and the community which grew to love him.

We would like to thank all of our friends in The Ohio Garrison, Great Lakes Base and Rancor Clan. No single one of us could accomplish the things we do. But together, we're a force to be reckoned with. Truly a force of many, and a force for all. The Force will be with you... Always.

Mission report from Darth Rokahn TDE-248, Sedriss of the Twin Suns Spire (TDE Arizona chapter):

Date of Event

8/1/2015

Name of Event

Arizonans for Children event

MISSION REPORT

The Twin Suns Spire once again teamed up with members of the 501st, Mando Mercs, and Rebel Legion to help Arizonans for Children support their many foster children as they move onto the next stage. While we had some problems with directions initially we worked through them and arrived on the spot for pictures, questions, and to show them that you're never too old to be a geek!



MEET BB-66

Official Mascot of The Dark Empire costume club
by Obi Wan's Lost Brother TDE-053 Jen'ari of the Iridonia Temple



BB-66 was a droid who operated approximately thirty years after the Battle of Endor. The droid was created on the planet Sullust. Sullust was the primary planet of the Sullust system, located in the Outer Rim Territories.

BB-66 was made from stolen blueprints from the Resistance. The unknown Sith or Sith Lord had named BB-66 after the Emperor's executive order 66 to purge every Jedi in the galaxy.


Rumor has it that Kylo Ren ordered to have BB-66 secretly built on Sullust.

BB-66 has a domed head, similar to that of R2 series astromech droids, with the bulk of its body made up of a ball that the droid rolled on. BB-66 was mostly black, with some silver and red on its body, as well as a black eye-piece. The droid was able to fit into many different types of star fighters. And has two built in antennas for receiving and broadcasting communications across the galaxy.

BEHIND THE SCENES:

BB-66's name, color scheme and backstory created by Jeff Frost, TDE Member 053 Obi-Wan's Lost Brother. And built by Robert Redden. Rebel Legion Member CC-5206 Commander Cody. First revealed on June 6th 2015. Became The Dark Empire's Official Mascot on June 11th 2015.





I WANT
BB-8....
...ALIVE!!!

BB-66, OFFICIAL MASCOT OF
THE DARK EMPIRE COSTUME CLUB

SITH HOLOCRONS

***So what is a Sith Holocron and where did they originate from?**

***First lets look at the term "Sith" and where that term came from.**

The Sith, known alternatively as Red Sith or Sith Purebloods were a species of Red-Skinned Humanoids that originated from the planet Korriban, before eventually resettling on the ice-planet called Ziost. Also distinct for their bone spurs, facial tentacles, and genetic predispositions toward both left-handedness and the Dark Side of the Force, the Sith species coalesced into an empire ruled first by kings and later by Dark Lords.



***Now let's look on where the Sith Holocrons originated and came over from.**

The existence of the first Sith holocron predates that of a Jedi holocron by at least three thousand years. The technology and the secrets that were shared to create the pyramidal holocrons common to the Sith was something gifted to the ancient Sith King Adas by Rakata warriors trying to gain his trust. He accepted their technology and made a holocron based on Rakatan design and presumably the art of holocron making originated among the ancient Sith from this.



***So who are the Rakata?**

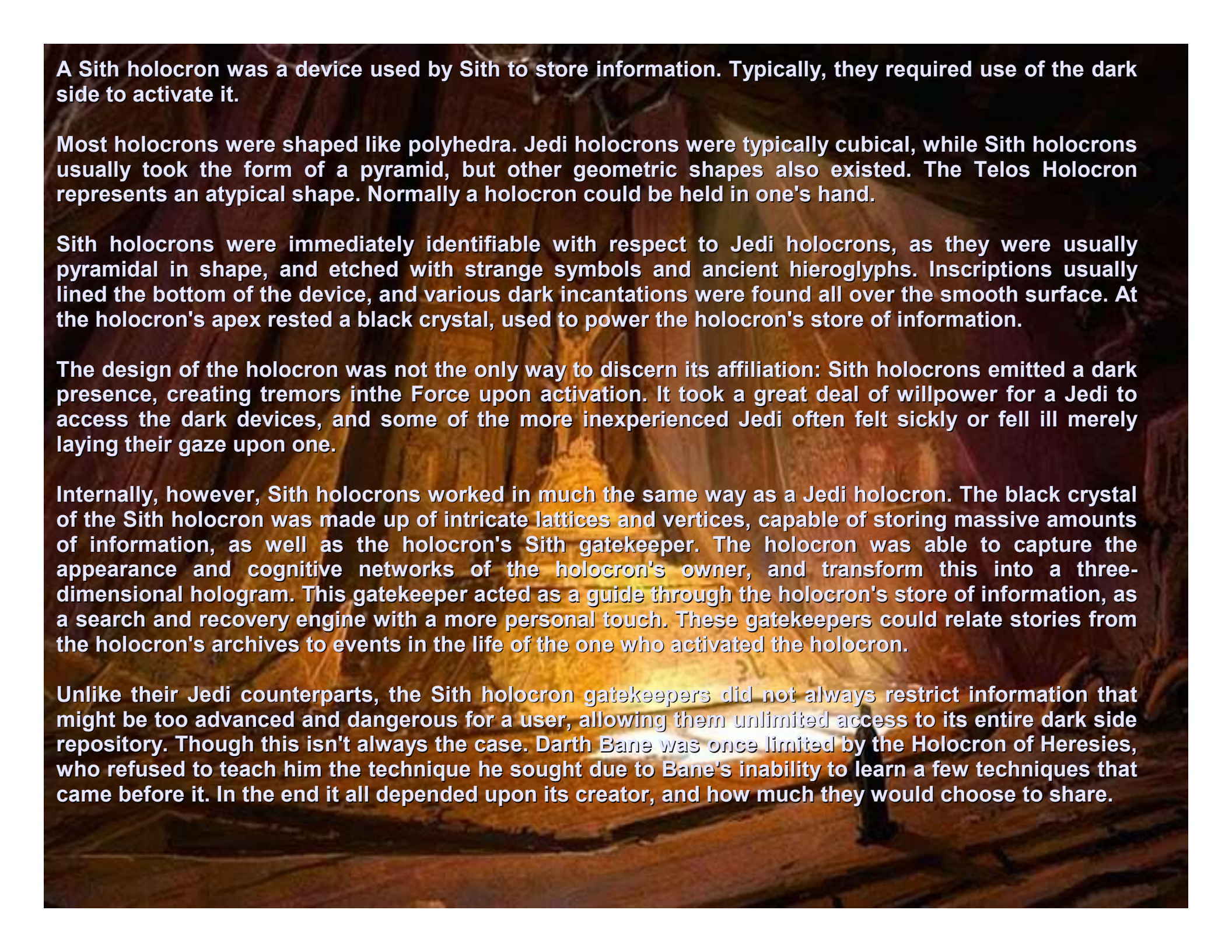
Long ago a species known as the Rakata ruled all the known galaxy, and all species bowed down to them. The Rakata species originated from the planet Lehon.

The Rakata (also known as the Builders), were a humanoid species with distinctive amphibian features. They were a technologically advanced race that developed early in galactic history, even developing some early hyperdrive technology. Long term use of the dark side of the Force corrupted their society and turned them into a race of merciless warriors. The Rakata used their potent Force-powered technologies to conquer and enslave every other species they came across throughout their known galaxy. During the reign of their Infinite Empire, they were characterized by their cruelty, savagery, and arrogance. They were known to strip entire planets of their resources, terraform worlds to fit their own shifting needs, kill entire slave workforces, and to eat and defile the bodies of slain enemies.

During their period of expansion, the Rakata encountered the Sith species of Korriban. At first, the Rakata were wary and they pretended to ally themselves with the warlord Adas, going so far as to show him how to construct the pyramidal Sith holocron. In time, however, Adas learned that the invaders were bent on conquest. Unifying the Sith, King Adas led a revolt against the Rakata invaders and subsequently acquired their technology as well as that of Holocrons. When the two species went to war, he managed to lead the Sith to victory and drive the Rakata from Korriban, but at the expense of his life. Though defeated, the Rakata had devastated Korriban that led to the Sith's relocation to Zios. The actions of the Infinite Empire led to the Sith truly embracing the dark side and their conflict split the pureblooded Sith into forming a splinter cult that became convinced by their interactions with the Rakata that all sentient species were Force-sensitive. At some unknown point, a Rakata called Soa formed his own empire that was based at Korriban that served as his throne. However, the Infinite Empire later imprisoned him in the Eternity Vault on Belsavis where he became known as the Infernal One.

***Now let's dive more into what is a Sith Holocron...**





A Sith holocron was a device used by Sith to store information. Typically, they required use of the dark side to activate it.

Most holocrons were shaped like polyhedra. Jedi holocrons were typically cubical, while Sith holocrons usually took the form of a pyramid, but other geometric shapes also existed. The Telos Holocron represents an atypical shape. Normally a holocron could be held in one's hand.

Sith holocrons were immediately identifiable with respect to Jedi holocrons, as they were usually pyramidal in shape, and etched with strange symbols and ancient hieroglyphs. Inscriptions usually lined the bottom of the device, and various dark incantations were found all over the smooth surface. At the holocron's apex rested a black crystal, used to power the holocron's store of information.

The design of the holocron was not the only way to discern its affiliation: Sith holocrons emitted a dark presence, creating tremors in the Force upon activation. It took a great deal of willpower for a Jedi to access the dark devices, and some of the more inexperienced Jedi often felt sickly or fell ill merely laying their gaze upon one.

Internally, however, Sith holocrons worked in much the same way as a Jedi holocron. The black crystal of the Sith holocron was made up of intricate lattices and vertices, capable of storing massive amounts of information, as well as the holocron's Sith gatekeeper. The holocron was able to capture the appearance and cognitive networks of the holocron's owner, and transform this into a three-dimensional hologram. This gatekeeper acted as a guide through the holocron's store of information, as a search and recovery engine with a more personal touch. These gatekeepers could relate stories from the holocron's archives to events in the life of the one who activated the holocron.

Unlike their Jedi counterparts, the Sith holocron gatekeepers did not always restrict information that might be too advanced and dangerous for a user, allowing them unlimited access to its entire dark side repository. Though this isn't always the case. Darth Bane was once limited by the Holocron of Heresies, who refused to teach him the technique he sought due to Bane's inability to learn a few techniques that came before it. In the end it all depended upon its creator, and how much they would choose to share.

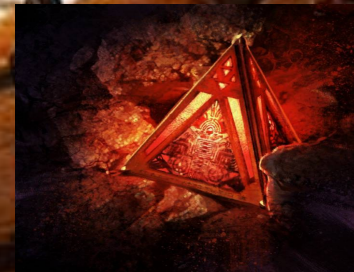
***The process of creating a Sith Holocron could not be rushed.**

Each was unique to its creator; one who sought to fashion their own Sith holocron could not use another as the blueprint by which they followed to make their own personal holocron. The inner components were composed of intertwined filaments and strands, forming a crystal matrix that must be fine tuned to prevent device failure. Rare crystal was used in the workings and tunings of the intricate network that would store potentially infinite data. Each holocron matrix had to meet stringent specifications, usually requiring thousands of precise alterations and adjustments on a subatomic level. Only through the power of the Force could one ensure that each crystalline strand was properly aligned.

Once the crystal matrix inside the holocron was successfully constructed, the creator could then focus on the outer designs of their holocron. Ancient Sith symbols were etched onto the device, and then imbued with dark side power in what were known as the Rituals of Invocation. This ceremony was paramount in maintaining the matrix's stability after it was infused with dark side energy. Again, the symbols must be unique to the individual, and simply copying the glyphs from another holocron will only result in failure. The device will fall in on itself into a pile of crystal-dust. These spells were incredibly painstaking, both mentally and physically. But should this be performed before the Rite of Commencement, the power trapped within the symbols will fade, and the network will degrade to the point of being unable to sustain the crystal matrix.

*** You must invoke the Rite of Commencement."**

To trap one's essence within the capstone, they must invoke the Rite of Commencement. Due to its complexity, only the most powerful Sith Masters were capable of performing the elaborate ritual. When the Sith Lord's cognizance was successfully trapped within, a wealth of dark side knowledge and lore could be stored within the almost limitless lattices and networks of the holocron. The cognitive network then served as the teaching element, and also stabilized the interweavings of the holocron. Without the network in place, the device would disintegrate within days.



*The capstone is the key to the process.

All Sith holocrons had capstones, wherein the creator must capture their own cognitive essence before the fine-tuning stages. This prevented the cognitive network from degrading, and only then could one truly begin to create their own holocron. The capstone was a black crystal, housed within the center of the device. It served the dual purpose of both an energy source for the device as well as a "home" of sorts for the gatekeeper, or the cognitive essence of the holocron's creator.....,

Odan-Urr,
"Strange...the Sith Holocron
is glowing brighter..."

Exar Kun,
"It is not strange, old one...
it is simply being called to its rightful owner!"

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Red Sith

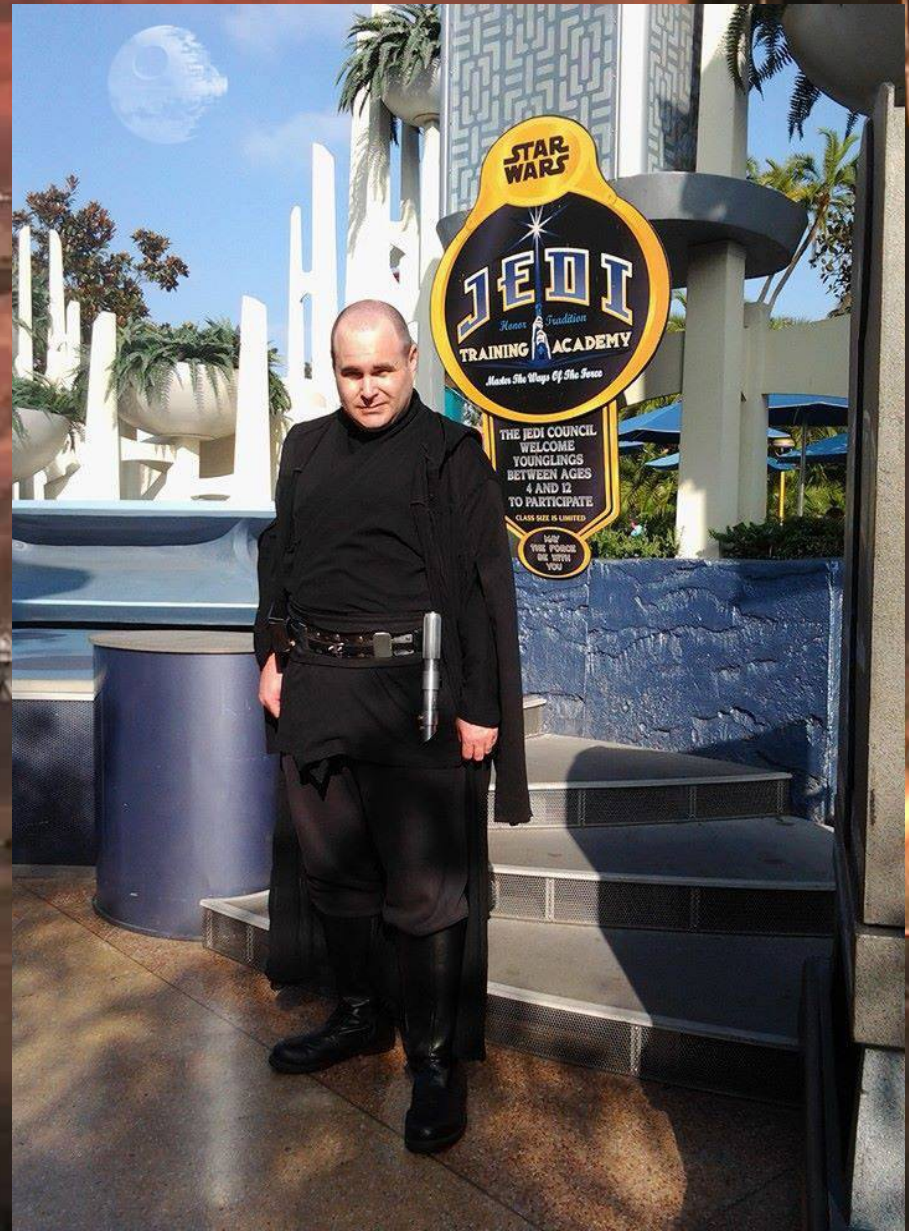


MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our member spotlight for this month turns its focus on Lord Mortis TDE-048, of the Coruscant Temple. Whenever his Temple has an event, he's always there, ready to help out. A loyal Sith of The Dark Empire, he has indeed shown what it means to conquer charitably.



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