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Regent's Message

To my CDA sisters & brothers:

Let me begin by thanking the court for supporting me through my journey on the CDA Texas State Board. It is truly an honor to have been elected as the next State Regent of Texas! I am ready to serve all of you for the next two years with humility and with love.

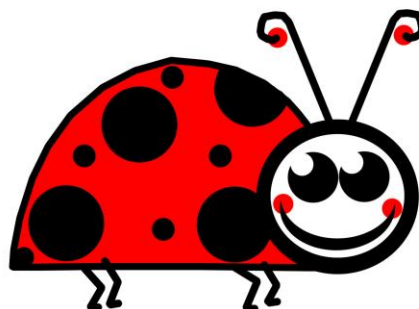
It is with some sadness that I must resign as the Court Regent, but with all the new duties that I will have, it is going to be impossible to handle both. Therefore, I will pass the gavel to Iris Orellana to complete the last year of the current term. Please give Iris your support as you have done for me.

We will have an election to elect a new Vice Regent, so please step up and answer with a Yes that you would like to serve the court for the remaining one year of this term. Iris and the newly elected Vice Regent will officially take over on June 5, 2023, which is our next court meeting at 6:30 P.M.

I will still be around and attend as many meetings that I possibly can, and I will be calling upon the court to assist with many things during my term as State Regent.

Blessings to all of you! Love and peace!

Carolyn Ritchey
Regent



IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official Notice of Election

Court St. Elizabeth #1616 will have a special election on Monday, June 5, 2023, to elect a Vice Regent of the Court. The meeting will be in the convent building.

Regent Carolyn Ritchey will be resigning as of June 1, 2023, to assume her duties as the newly elected State Regent for the State of Texas.

Iris Orellana will fill the unexpired term of the Regent and will be eligible to run for Regent in May of 2024. She will also be eligible to serve two consecutive terms as Regent.

If you are interested in running for the Vice Regent's position, all nominations will be taken from the floor. All candidates must be in good standing in order to be eligible to be nominated and to run from the floor.

The business meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 P.M. Please attend if at all possible. We must have a quorum to be able to conduct business and to vote.



Newsletter Chairman Needed

If you would like to become our court newsletter chairman, please contact Iris Orellana. This will be the last newsletter of the court until a chairman comes forward. The newsletters do not have to be published monthly. You can do them quarterly or annually. The newsletter serves as a reminder to the members of upcoming events. It is also for many of our members that do not use Facebook, Flock notes, and email. This is their only means of keeping up with the court's activities and the way they still feel connected to the organization.

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Congratulations to our Local Court Scholarship Recipients!

Austin Moyle (\$400.00)

Brenden Henke (\$400.00)

Emma Eckelberg (\$400.00)

Congratulations to Emma Eckelberg on receiving the State Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000.00)

Best wishes for a very bright future! May God be with you through your new journey!



Senior Breakfast

This year's breakfast to honor our graduating Seniors will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023, in conjunction with the Parish Breakfast following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. If you wish to assist with decorations and/or serving, please contact Amy Cryan or Iris Orellana.

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*Congratulations to the Newly Elected State Officers*

*State Regent*

*Carolyn Ritchey, Sealy*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent*

*Mary Jane Albert, Houston*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent*

*Virginia Olsovsky, Flatonia*

*State Secretary*

*Debbie Johnson, Pearland*

*State Treasurer*

*Janet Purdy, Weimar*

*State Chaplain*

*Bishop Brendan J. Cahill*

*Associate State Chaplain*

*Deacon Ben Munguia*

