

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**COURT OUR LADY OF LASALETTE # 1255**

**STANDING RULES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. The official name is Court Our Lady of LaSalette No. 1255.
2. Officers shall consist of Regent, Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Court Officers.
4. Quorum for the Court Our Lady of LaSalette No. 1255 will be 8 members, 3 of which shall be officers of the court. (CDA Constitution and Bylaws p. 33)
5. Meetings will be held after 5:30 p.m. Mass on the first Thursday of the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, and June. Rosary will be recited at 5:40 p.m. before meeting begins and closing prayer will be the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Court Officer Meetings will be called at the discretion of the Regent. A quorum is at least 3 court officers.

Called meetings of the membership may be held at the discretion of the Regent with at least one week notice to the membership if at all possible. A quorum of at least 3 Court Officers will be required.

6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman and 4 members, elected by the court members.
7. Election of Officers shall be held biennially (every other year) at the May meeting of the Court.
8. Standing Committees are: Annual Banquet, Audit, Bunco, Education, Honor Guard, Media, Birthday Cakes, Nominating, Raffle, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Soup and Salad, Standing Rules, and Dinner, Dance, Date Night. Committees can be changed at the Regent's discretion. The Regent shall name committee members and the Regent shall be a member of each committee.

**FINANCIAL**

1. Our Court is designated as a 501 ©(3)(Not for Profit Educational Organization) by the IRS because we are included in a group ruling issued to the United States Conference of Bishops. Our tax-exempt number is: 23-7177449.
2. The dues of the court are \$25 a year and are to be paid in January of each year; of the \$25, \$15 is sent to National and \$3 is sent to State.
3. Members for whom the dues are a hardship and who are in a Nursing Home or have advanced serious illnesses may have dues covered by the court after a vote of the membership.
4. If funds are available and with the approval by a vote of the membership, the court will pay for some of the convention expenses for:
  - a. Delegates
  - b. Alternates
  - c. Chaplains
5. Designated income:
  - a. The 50/50 monthly collections at Court meetings will be designated to the Seminarian Fund. (Half goes the winning ticket and half goes to the Seminarian Fund.)
6. If funds are available, the court will make donations to the following:
  - A. \$25 Monetary Gifts to the Clergy will be made for the following:
    1. Priest Appreciation Day
    2. Christmas
    3. Birthdays
    4. Transfers out of the Parish
  - B. \$50 Ordination for Priests or Deacons
  - C. \$150 to the State Seminary Fund will be made at the State and National Conventions
  - D. \$150 donation to St. Peter Claver Outreach
  - E. \$150 donation to St. Joseph's Abbey
  - F. \$100 donation for Youth Confirmation Retreat
7. Court fundraisers will be:
  - a. Soup and Salad
  - b. Bunco – 2 per year
  - c. Raffle – 1 per year
  - d. Fish Fry with acts during the Fridays of Lent
  - e. Sweets by the Pound
  - f. Dinner, Dance, Date Night