



**Next Exemplifications:**

February 9, 2019 Natchez, MS  
February 16, 2019: Birmingham, AL,  
Memphis, TN & Slidell, LA  
February 23, 2019 Mt. Home, AR

# Bienville Province Newsletter

**REPORT FROM VICE SUPREME MASTER MICHAEL J. PORTER**

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Dear Worthy District Masters,

We have a large number of Exemplifications this month. Please communicate with all of your Assemblies to make sure we are bringing in every eligible candidate.

The week of your Exemplification, please send me an email with the number of candidates you have. Keep me in the loop and copy me on the Exemplification report.

As soon as your Exemplifications are completed, please send your reports, payment, and Form 4's to Supreme. We need to stay on top of growing our numbers in the Province.

I will be attending the Exemplification in Birmingham, AL on February 16. Sandra and I are looking forward to Pete's first Exemplification as District Master.

We have a wide open March! If you are in need of more members to make your numbers, this is the month to schedule your additional Exemplification.

Please update me on your new Assembly. We need to start finalizing these to get these completed during this fraternal year.

Fraternally,

Mike

Michael J. Porter  
 Vice Supreme Master  
 Bienville Province

**Effective Communication:**

**“We speak not only to tell other people what we think, but to tell ourselves what we think. Speech is a part of thought.”**



## What's Happening Around the Province

### Arkansas District - Right to Life March

Jeff Priore, District Master

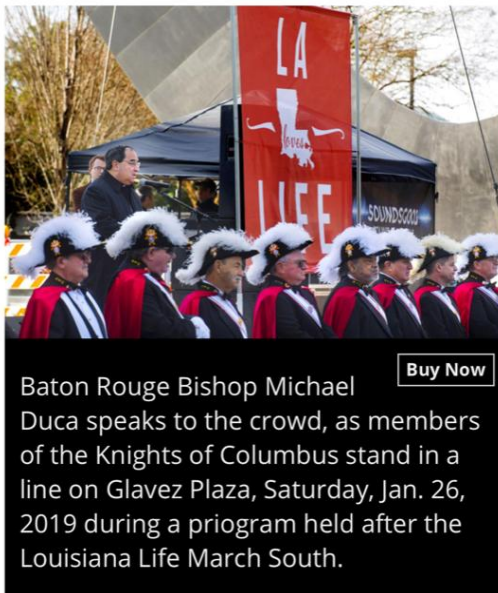
Arkansas Knights participated in the 2019 Right to Life March and Mass for Life Eucharistic Procession. Twelve Sir Knights from around the state demonstrated their devotion and support to all life.



### Louisiana District - Right to Life March

Don Ducote, District Master

Baton Rouge Bishop Michael Duca speaks to the crowd, as members of the Knights of Columbus stand in Glavez Plaza on Saturday January 26, 2019 during a program held after the Louisiana Right to Life March.



Baton Rouge Bishop Michael Duca speaks to the crowd, as members of the Knights of Columbus stand in a line on Glavez Plaza, Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 during a program held after the Louisiana Life March South.



Former VSM Russell Ruh speaks at the Louisiana RTL March



## *What's Happening Around the Province – cont'd*

### Mississippi District - Exemplification 1/26/19

Jerry Schmuck, District Master

On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Faithful Navigator William “Bill” Horne and his crew from Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly 3081 in Olive Branch hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. 17 men from 5 North Mississippi Councils participated, making the move from 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Better known as the Patriotic Degree of our Order.

From Council 8848 in Tupelo - Anthony M. Williams, Michael Dye, Patrick L. Dye and John “Eddie” Griffin. From Council 7120 in Southaven - Jay A. Smithson and Allen B. Latimer. From Council 1091 in Oxford - Charles L. Moniot. From Council 8760 in Holly Springs - Darron Dickerson. And from Council 14051 in Olive Branch - Arthur G. Brickey III, Steven C. Gardner, Michael Dudas, Charles G.”Chuck” Quill, Stu L. Grzenkowicz, Richard W. Sojourner, Christopher J. Merz, Pete A. Reyes and Matthew Bell.

Pictured with the candidates are the members of the North Mississippi 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Team lead by Ted Lander, members of the Honor Guard lead by Color Corps Commanders Steve Miller and Leonard Temple, District Master Gerald "Jerry" Schmuck, District Marshals Lonnie Treadway and Craig Harrell and District Deputy Dennis Fink. Dignitaries for Saturday’s Exemplification were Vice Supreme Master Michael Porter, Past District Master William “Bill” O’Conner, Past State Deputy Peter Sukanek, and Council Chaplain and Faithful Friar Fr. Greg Schill, SCJ.





## *What's Happening Around the Province – cont'd*

### Mississippi District - Help for the Coast Guard

Jerry Schmuck, District Master



Today, Faithful Captain Steve Miller and I met with USGC Chief Warrant Officer Adrienne Kupietz and presented her with a contribution of \$700 for her to distribute to the local Coast Guard families affected by the government shutdown (see attached photo). The money was given by your Assembly and individual members. It was an uplifting experience to know that you came through on short notice to help these families. Adrienne was very grateful for the contribution.

On behalf of the Assembly, I thanked her for her service and let her know we are praying for her and the families. I told her that some members would be sending in additional monies and might contact her directly for address for delivery or I may be meeting with her again to give the additional funds to her.

In addition, the original email was forwarded to the State Deputy, District Master, to District Marshals, and District Deputies in the areas where the Coast Guard has stations and will also be included in the Good of the Order statewide! I'm hoping that once the email is shared with other Councils and Assemblies, contributions will begin to flow in throughout the state as well to help support these families.

You guys are awesome!

Fraternally,

*Craig S. Harrell  
Faithful Navigator  
Marshal District 5*



## **New Uniform Orders**

Please remind your Marshals, Faithful Navigators, and all members in your District if they have not placed their order for the new uniform, they should do so as soon as possible. Remind them of the June 30, 2019 deadline, and effective July 1, 2019 all Color Corps members will be in our new uniform only.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform website is live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com). Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail [support@kofcuniform.com](mailto:support@kofcuniform.com). There is also a slider on [Knightsgear.com](http://Knightsgear.com) that will lead you to the website to place an order. This will also allow you to order your colored patch for your beret.

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## **Star Assembly Award 2018-2019**

Make sure your Assemblies plan to earn the Star Assembly Award for this fraternal year. As a reminder, here are the requirements for this Award.

- Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master at [MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM](mailto:MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM).
- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 10% additions over deletions.
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2019.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2019 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2018-2019 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2019 on the "Civic Award" application.
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).



## 4<sup>th</sup>-Degree Training Module #14 – Carry Sword from Present Sword

**I can't stress enough, the importance of proper training with members of the Color Corps with the new uniform a few months away from becoming our official regalia. I have witnessed many times over the last year, many improper procedures with respect to the Manual of the Sword. Please share these training modules with your assemblies and ask them all to put them into practice. We are the visible arm of the order, and have to all be on the same page in terms of our Color Corps. Please see that each assembly has the new drill manual and has scheduled practices with their members.**

### **Carry Sword from Present Sword**

1. The preparatory command of “*Carry*” is a signal.
2. If the Color Corps is at the “*Present Sword*” position, at the command of execution, “*Sword,*” bring the sword to the “*Carry Sword*” position. (See Figures below)





## Bienville Province New Assembly Goals

District	New Assembly locations	Established Y/N
Alabama	Jacksonville, AL	working
Arkansas	Little Rock, AR - Cathedral	Estimated February 2019
Louisiana	Forest Hill, LA Our Lady of Guadeloupe	working
Mississippi	Batesville, MS Pearl, MS	Batesville-working Pearl - late spring, summer possible
Tennessee	Knoxville, TN Holy Ghost	working
<b>Totals</b>	Goal: 5	YTD: 0

Send me your new Assembly paperwork as soon as it is completed

Our Supreme Master has asked us for one (1) new Assembly each fraternal year. We have plans in place to establish new Assemblies in the above mentioned locations for this fraternal year.

As you work toward your goal, please look into next year and have your next location ready to start in July of this year.

2019-2020 New Assembly goals should be met and paperwork submitted no later than February 2020.



## Provincial Membership Goals

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of December 31, 2018.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	164 (163) 0%	1
Arkansas	133 (77) 42%	56
Louisiana	369 (315) 15%	54
Mississippi	127 (86) 32%	41
Tennessee	231 (196) 8%	35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,024 (837) 18.26%</b>	<b>187</b>

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: **18.26%**

**Remember to work with your State Deputy and Ceremonials Chair to make it easy and seamless for members to move through our Degrees and Exemplifications.**

**Our goal by March 1st is to be over 35% of our quota.**





## **Assemblies with 100%<sup>+</sup> In Membership This Year**

### **Alabama -**

**Arkansas -** #2689 Clarksville - 133%  
#3084 Charleston - 140%  
#3576 Van Buren - 100%

**Louisiana -** #328 Alexandria -100%  
#2333 Marksville - 100%  
#2975 Leesville -100%

**Mississippi -** #2269 Madison - 100%  
#2734 Starkville -120%  
#3081 Olive Branch - 100%

**Tennessee -** #2328 Clarksville - 136%  
#2439 Lewisburg - 150%

**Please consider adding 1-2 Exemplifications to grow your numbers. Work each and every Knighthood Degree to recruit new members. Make sure every Assembly has a completed Civic Award with programs that attract new members.**

**Find out what these Assemblies are doing to succeed!  
Then share it with all the Assemblies in your District.**

**We are way behind our goals, please work on membership in each district.**



## FORMS PAGE

Here is a list of the Supreme- and Province-required forms, and when they are due. When completed, check the box so you know you're on track. Please send all forms to your District Master and copy me at [MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM](mailto:MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM).

<b>FORM</b> <b>Supreme Form - Province Form</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETED?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Award)	Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	April 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#990 Tax Report EZ - Due Date depends on Year End	May 15 -- November 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
#2321 Civic Award	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#186 Report of Chosen Officers	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sir Knight of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assembly of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>



## *Upcoming Bienville Province Exemplifications*

Here is a list of the Exemplifications in the Province coming up for April of this fraternal year.

April 6, 2019	Nashville, TN
April 13, 2019	Huntsville, AL
April 13, 2019	Ocean Springs, MS
April 23, 2019	Hot Springs, AR

Fraternally,

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