



## Next Exemplifications:

May 12, 2019 Russellville, AR  
May 18, 2019: Lafayette, LA &  
Knoxville, TN

# Bienville Province Newsletter

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

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Dear Worthy District Masters,

We held our quarterly conference call this past week. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication each of you have given to the Province and the Order.

In the Bienville Province, our membership numbers are growing, the number of Exemplifications are growing, and the number of Assemblies is growing with the addition of the two new Assemblies in Arkansas and Tennessee later this month. You all should be proud of the work you are doing.

A few keys to pass onto your Assemblies from our meeting were:

- \*Regular communication with your Assemblies on all important matters
- \*Military Chaplains fund and the need to support this important program
- \*State Convention reports; make sure you have a complete agenda with informative ideas
- \*Star Assembly goals; it's not too late to make Star Assembly
- \*New uniform deadline is June 30 and some Subsidy ideas to help members obtain the uniform
- \*Training of all new members and all current members with the Drill Manual and the Manual of the Sword
- \*Share success stories from your Assemblies with me for the monthly Provincial newsletter
- \*TBP-1 To Be a Patriot awards are due to you and me this month. Please collect these ASAP

Keep up the great work and have a joyous and wonderful Easter!

Fraternally,

Mike

Michael J. Porter  
Vice Supreme Master  
Bienville Province

**Effective Communication:**

**The most dangerous  
phrase in the language  
is...“We've always  
done it this way.”**



## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### **Arkansas District - 44 New Members and 1 New Assembly**

Jeff Priore, District Master

We held an Exemplification on April 6, 2019 bringing in 44 new 4th Degree members.

This included 2 Priests and 19 members who will help make up the new Assembly in De Queen, Arkansas.

Assembly 2316 and Sacred Heart Parish in Hot Springs Village hosted the Exemplification. Father Bill Elser was the Honoree and made the banquet a very special one with his own homemade ice cream for dessert.



\*Special note, 4 of the 6 Color Corps members were in the new uniform; the tide is turning.



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

### Mississippi District - New Members & St. Paddy's Day

Jerry Schmuck, District Master

We had two new Sir Knights, Marty Martel and Stuart Suffern, join the Patriotic Degree on Saturday, February 16th, participating in a 4th Degree Exemplification in Slidell, LA. There were over 80 Sir Knights that joined the 4th Degree at this Exemplification!

August J. Stone Assembly #559 of Natchez, MS led the 29th Annual St. Patrick's Parade. This year's St. Patrick is the Honorable State Senator Bob M Dearing.



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### Tennessee District - Special Exemplification

John Park, District Master

On Friday March 29, 4 members of Assembly 2389 in Hendersonville, TN and I installed brother Kenneth Williams. He is a shut in and not able to attend the Exemplification on April 6, so we went to him to exemplify him into the Patriotic order of the Knights of Columbus.



## **New Uniform Subsidy** **Ideas to Pass Onto Your Assemblies**

If you have members in your Assemblies that have been sitting on the sideline trying to decide if they will purchase the new uniform, offer them an opportunity to purchase one before June 30.

There are quite a few Assemblies that have voted to offer up to a \$200 subsidy if the member will purchase a new uniform and agree to participate in at least one Honor Guard during the fraternal year.

The Assembly sets aside an agreed upon amount (\$1,000 - \$3,000) to fund the subsidy and pays this to either a certain number of members on a first come first serve basis or until the funds are depleted.

Other Assemblies have offered loans to their members for the purchase of the new uniform and will accept monthly payments back to the Assembly from the member for up to 2 years (that's around \$21 a month).

We have plenty of time to get this out to all Assemblies in the Province, so please consider sharing this with your Faithful Navigators and Marshals.

After July 1, 2019, the only members of the 4th Degree that will be allowed to participate in the Color Corps. (Honor Guard or Color Guard) will be those with the new uniform.

Being a part of the Color Corps is the best way that we can show our support to our Church, our clergy, and our brother knights.





## **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 #16 – Parade Rest W/ Drawn Sword

“Parade Rest” with drawn sword can only be ordered from the position of “Carry Sword.” The command is “Parade, Rest.” At the command of execution “Rest,” maintain the left hand on the scabbard, move the left foot 10 inches to the left of the right foot; drop the point of the sword directly to the front, near the ground (floor), guard flange to the right, thumb along the grip. The blade should be extended at an angle. (See Figures) The same restrictions apply to silence and movement as prescribed for the Sir Knight drilling without sword.



**REMINDER: TBP-1 To Be a  
Patriot Award applications are due  
this month. Remind all your  
Assemblies NOW!**



## Bienville Province New Assembly Goals

District	New Assembly locations	Established Y/N
Alabama	Jacksonville, AL	working
Arkansas	DeQueen, AR -	All I need is the 186 & we are done!
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	This Month!
<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 April 1, 2019.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	164 (119) <b>27%</b>	45
Arkansas	133 (60) <b>55%</b>	73
Louisiana	369 (235) <b>36%</b>	134
Mississippi	127 (57) <b>55%</b>	70
Tennessee	231 (194) <b>16%</b>	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,024 (665) 35.06%</b>	<b>359</b>

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: **35.06%**

**Remember to send your paperwork to Supreme as soon as your Exemplifications are completed. We are missing some numbers from Alabama and Tennessee this month from recent Exemplifications; you will see these in next month report.**

**Our goal by May 1st is to be over 50% of our quota.**

**Arkansas & Mississippi are tied at 55%, while Louisiana leads the Province with 134 new members. Great Job!**





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

**Alabama** - #3 Montgomery - 225%, #1288 Birmingham - 166%,  
#2527 Tuscaloosa - 100%, #2867 Ft. Payne - 100%,  
**#3407 Leeds - 300%**

**Arkansas** - #24 Little Rock - 135%, #2689 Russellville - 133%,  
#3084 Charleston - 140%, #3576 Van Buren - 100%

**Louisiana** - #328 Alexandria - 100%, #1635 Slidell - 177%,  
#2206 Bogalusa - 100%, #2333 Marksville - 100%,  
#2975 Leesville - 100%

**Mississippi** - # 559 Natchez - 100%, #2131 Tupelo - 250%,  
#2269 Madison - 100%, #2734 Starkville - 120%,  
#2969 Mc Comb - 100%, **#3081 Olive Branch - 600%**,  
#3625 Pass Christian - 133%

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

**Please consider adding 1 to 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.**



## 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>DUE DATE</b>	<b>COMPLETED?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Supreme Form - Province Form</b>		
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 checked="" 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 this fraternal year.

June 8, 2019	Subiaco, AR & Kingsport, TN
June 19, 2019	Montgomery, AL
June 22, 2019	Pearl, MS

**Sandra & I wish you a happy and Joyous Easter**

Fraternally,

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