



## Next Exemplification:

May 15, 2021 Online  
Alabama Team 1:00 PM Start

April 25, 2021 **LIVE**  
Shelbyville, TN 3:00 PM Start

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

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Worthy District Masters,

Happy Easter! This is truly the best time of the year for our faith. It reminds us of why we are here and the purpose of our faith life. As Bishop Spalding always says, we are here to spread the LIGHT of Christ in everyone we encounter. When you're asked, "Why should I join the Knights?" or "Why should I join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree?" or "Why do we need to establish a new Assembly?" **that is your answer!**

We spread the LIGHT of Christ through all of the program activities that we perform. By showing compassion when we collect socks for homeless Vets, stand up for the Unborn at a local rally, collect and deliver canned goods to the local food pantry, reach out to our brother Knights in need during this pandemic letting them know that they matter to us, or set an example of love and faith for our kids and grandchildren, we perpetuate the LIGHT of Christ.

Use this lesson to grow our membership numbers and to establish your new Assemblies. **WE NEED** more faith-filled, committed men to continue the good works of our Order and our faith.

We have until June 30, 2021 to meet our goals in both membership and new Assemblies. I know you will all make it! Please let me know how I can help.

Fraternally,

Mike

### **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP:**

Michael J. Porter  
Vice Supreme Master  
Bienville Province

**"A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better."– Jim Rohn**

***Help all your Assemblies do even better!***



## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### **Arkansas – RTL Rally**

Jeff Priore – District Master

District Master Jeff Priore, District Friar Fr. Patrick Boland, and members of the local Assembly attended the Arkansas Right to Life Rally at the State Capitol to show our Order's support for life.





## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### **Louisiana – Star Assembly Presentations**

Kell Luke – District Master



2019-2020 Star Assembly Award presented to St. John Paul II Assembly #3226 in River Ridge, LA on March 3, 2021. Pictured from left to right are: District Marshal David Caruso, Past Faithful Navigator Peter Caperino, Jr., and LA District Master Kell Luke.



2019- 2020 Star Assembly Award presented to Fr. Shahrigian Assembly #2182 in Deridder, LA on March 15, 2021. Pictured from left to right are: District Marshal Mark Fanguy, Faithful Navigator George Lannen, and LA District Master Kell Luke





## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### Mississippi- Knighting Ceremony

Craig Harrell – District Master

Fr. Clarence J. Meyer Assembly 2131 in Tupelo, Mississippi welcomed 4 new Sir Knights at a Knighting Ceremony held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. District Marshal Leonard Temple Knighted Nick Swinney, who was Exemplified on 6/13/20, and Johnathan Smith, Jai Eschete and Gregory Victoriano, who were Exemplified on 2/6/2021.

Many KC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members were in attendance to welcome these new Worthy Sir Knights.





## *What's Happening Around the Province*

### **Mississippi- Memorial Service**

Craig Harrell – District Master

District Marshal Leonard Temple leads the Honor Guard at the Memorial Service held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch for fallen Sir Knight Ron Stark. Serving in an Honor Guard for a fallen Knight is one of the most honorable things we can do for a brother Knight and his family. Pictured from left to right are: SK Leonard L. Temple PGK, PFN; SK John Fair FN; SK James Ralph; and SK Chuck Quill.





## **New Uniform Orders**

**New Price \$449.00**

Uniforms can be ordered at: [kofcuniform.com](http://kofcuniform.com) or 833/562-4327.

The Supply Room Customer Service Department will be able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

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## **Star Assembly Award 2020-2021**

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 2020-2021 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the District Master and Vice Supreme Master.
- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2021.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2021 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2020-2021 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2021 on the "Civic Award" application.
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186) by June 30, 2021
- Complete and submit the Annual Audit (#1315) by August 1, 2020



## **Bienville Province New Assembly Goals** **2020-2021**

| District      | New Assembly locations       | Established Y/N                                 |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| Alabama       | Jacksonville, AL             | working   |
| Arkansas      | Fayetteville, AR             | working   |
| Louisiana     | Des' Allemands, LA           | working   |
| Mississippi   | St. Richard's in Jackson, MS | John Edward Tracy Assembly #3863 in Jackson, MS |
| Tennessee     | Memphis, TN                  | working   |
| <b>Totals</b> | Goal: 5                      | YTD: 1  |

Please keep me updated on your targets for this fraternal year's new Assembly location.

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### **Reminder**

**To Be a Patriot Award application is due to me by April 30, 2021**



## **Provincial Membership Goals**

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of March 1, 2021.

| District    | Membership Goal | YTD new members |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alabama     | 173 (106)       | 67 - 38%        |
| Arkansas    | 140 (99)        | 41 - 29%        |
| Louisiana   | 362 (231)       | 131 - 36%       |
| Mississippi | 132 (83)        | 49 - 37%        |
| Tennessee   | 236 (185)       | 51 - 21%        |
| Totals      | 1,038 (699)     | 339             |

**Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: 32.66%**

**We need to work hard to get this number to 40% after the numbers are posted from the March Exemplification.**

**We only have one more Exemplification to reach 50%**

***Congratulations to District Master Pete Parrish for the highest percentage of new members and to District Master Kell Luke for the highest number of new members. Way to Go!***





## **Assemblies with 100%+ in Membership This Year**

**Alabama** - #2051 Gadsden – 100%, #2242 Dothan – 133%,  
#2507 Birmingham – 100%, #3328 Guntersville – 100%

**Arkansas** - #28 Texarkana – 150%, #2316 Hot Springs Village – 154%

**Louisiana** - #314 New Orleans – 140%, #324 Shreveport – 150%,  
#329 Monroe – 275%, #2053 Merrero – 166%, #2078 Natchitoches – 100%,  
#2467 Mandeville – 160%, #3226 River Ridge – 100%

**Mississippi** - #554 Jackson – 122%, #1251 Meridian – 133%,  
#2131 Tupelo – 100%, #3281 Pass Christian – 100%

**Tennessee** - #1081 Nashville – 100%, #1742 Tullahoma – 100%

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**All Assemblies in green have doubled PLUS  
their membership goal for this year!**

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

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## 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.

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FORM</b><br/><b>Supreme Form - Province Form</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DUE DATE</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMPLETED?</b></p> |
|--|--|--|
| 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 --<br>November 15                           | <input checked="" 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 30  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Family of the Year Award   | July 30  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Assembly of the Year Award   | July 30  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Clergy of the Year Award   | July 30  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                  |



## **Upcoming Bienville Province Exemplifications**

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

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| May 15, 2021 - Virtual | Alabama Team    |
|                        |                 |
| April 25, 2021 – LIVE  | Shelbyville, TN |
|                        |                 |
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Fraternally,

**Prayer suggested by FM Tim Boudreaux & FVSM Michael Horten**

Michael J. Porter  
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### **PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
We, your children of every nation,  
Turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
And timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother.  
Pray for us to your Son.  
Amen.

