



Bienville Province Newsletter

REPORT FROM VICE-SUPREME MASTER MICHAEL J. PORTER November 2019
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Worthy District Masters,

October was a great month for the Province. We hosted 4 Exemplifications and held the #1 spot in the Order for 4th Degree membership at 10.40%. Today we are #2 with 11.85%, behind the Megellan Province at 20.51% (The Philippines). Congratulations to each of you!

This month we have another 4 Exemplifications to implement, which all should have excellent attendance. Make sure you get all your paperwork to Supreme the Monday after your Exemplifications and copy me on the Exemplification reports.

The success in the Province does not happen by accident. Each of you has worked hard to look into the future: you've made a strategic plan of action for membership growth, new Assembly establishment, and activation of your membership. **Don't take your foot off the pedal!** Keep this momentum going through the holiday season.

We want to welcome our new domestic supplier of the uniform, *The Supply Room*, which is located in the heart of our Province in Oxford, Alabama.

It's good to live in the Bienville Province!

Please send me all the pictures from all the Veterans Day events from this month for our December edition of the newsletter.

Fraternally,

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Michael J. Porter
 Vice Supreme Master
 Bienville Province

Effective Leadership:
Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail.



What's Happening Around the Province

Louisiana -Pro Life Mass

Don Ducote - District Master

On Sunday October 6th, Houma Council #1317 held their annual Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales. The Mass was presided over by Bishop Shelton Fabre, along with the Family of Michael and Lauren Prosperie with daughter Lainey. Also pictured is Houma Council's Culture of Life Chair Couple David and Mary Daigle. Assembly #336 provided an Honor Guard for the mass.



Mississippi - Fr. Camp Memorial

Jerry Schmuck - District Master

Assembly #559 and State Officers honor Father Al Camp at his Memorial service in St. Mary's Basilica, Natchez, MS.





What's Happening Around the Province

Tennessee - Priest Installation

John Park - District Master

Sparta, TN Assembly #3489 turned out to honor the installation of their new Priest, Father John Patrick Day, on October 19, 2019. Bishop of Nashville, J. Mark Spalding, was very pleased with the Honor Guard for this special occasion.



Tennessee - Men of the Hour Program

John Park - District Master

Become a Man of the Hour. We are recruiting select men of our Order from every Council and Fourth Degree Assembly to become *“specialized prayer warriors for Christ.”* Each week, these Men of the Hour will take gathered prayer requests and prepared petitions directly to our Lord in the tabernacle. Through dedicated Holy Hours and Eucharistic Adoration, these dutiful Knights will ask our Lord in person for his intercession, protection, and care for those suffering and in need. Working in conjunction with our Council Chaplains, Assembly Friars, Pastors and Associate Pastors, our Knights will come to rely upon these prayers in the audience of Christ to help care for our brother Knights especially those who may be falling away from the Church or may have happened upon hard times.



Men of the Hour Program **How Can Assemblies Get Involved?**

In your Assembly...Pray for the needs of active military service personnel and their families, veterans, and community first responders.

Step 1. Recruit and recognize at least two “Men of the Hour” from within each Council of your Assembly to carry out this ministry of prayer throughout the fraternal year.

Step 2. Have the Sir Knights seek out the names and needs of active military service personnel (and families), veterans, and community first responders in need of prayers.

Step 3. Take the organized prayer requests directly to Christ in a special weekly/monthly Holy Hour and ask our Lord for his intercession and assistance for those in need.

Step 4. Notify those for whom you are praying that you are asking Christ to help them in their times of need and that you will continue to do so until their difficulty passes.

I am asking each District Master to implement this activity in each District in our Province.

We are here to use our God-given gifts and talents to serve God, our families, our communities, and our Parish.

One of the best ways for every 4th Degree member to serve is through Prayer for our Vets and First Responders.

New Assembly in Mississippi

Please congratulate District Master, Jerry Schmuck, and his team for finalizing the paperwork for a new Assembly in Waveland, Mississippi.

Mississippi continues to set a wonderful example for all of us in the Province. Please call Jerry and congratulate him for his hard work and dedication to the Order and the district of Mississippi.



New Domestic Manufacturer of the Official Uniform

The Supreme Council has selected our new domestic supplier for the uniform.

The Supply Room manufacturing from Oxford, Alabama, who is a world leader in the manufacturing of Military & Law Enforcement uniforms, will now be our domestic supplier of the official uniform. They come to us with over 100 years of experience and a top-notch customer service department to service our members.

New Uniform Orders

New Price \$449.00

During this transition, ordering will be suspended from November 1 - December 1.

Please wait to place your order until December 1, 2019.

Uniforms can be ordered at: 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.

Star Assembly Award 2019-2020

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 2019-2020 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.
- 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, 2020.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2020 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2019-2020 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2020 on the "Civic Award" application.
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).



4th-Degree Training Module #24 – Training from the Ground Up

Worthy District Masters, we will restart our training modules from the ground up. The best place to start with new members and in the retraining of current members is to remind everyone of the basics. Here is step Two:

Color Corps Regulations

Every Assembly should organize and maintain a Fourth Degree Color Corps under the supervision and direction of the Master of the District. Such bodies may participate in Installation of Officers, Fourth Degree Exemplifications, religious and public functions and parades and other functions, with consent of the Master of the District. The training and activities of an Assembly's Color Corps should be coordinated and directed by a Color Corps Commander (C.C.C.) to be appointed by the Faithful Navigator. It is important to remember that when individual members of the Color Corps appear at public functions, they are not only representing themselves, but also their Assembly and the entire Order of the Knights of Columbus. Their conduct and appearance should reflect this at all times.

The regulations for the Color Corps (C.C.) apply to the following:

1. Color Corps (C.C.): A Fourth Degree Knight, who has been **trained** and possesses the official regalia, in good repair, is eligible to participate in C.C. functions.
2. The Assembly will have a Color Corps Commander (C.C.C.) appointed by the Faithful Navigator (F.N.) for a term not to exceed that of the F.N. The C.C.C. is responsible for securing his own sword, service baldric, and gloves.
3. Expenses incurred by the C.C. are the responsibility of the Assembly and are not chargeable to the fund of the District Master (M.F.D.).
4. The M.F.D. must contact the Ordinary of the Diocese as to his wishes pertaining to the C.C. in liturgical events. The pastor of a church must also be consulted, and his approval obtained, before any function can take place in his parish. Please note: the policies as approved by the Ordinary for the C.C. will ALWAYS take precedence (this does not include uniform policies).
5. The Marshal (M.) is the Commander in charge at any district or provincial event where he is acting on behalf of the M.F.D.
6. The Color Corps may not cross district lines except with the approval of the M.F.D.s involved and have received approval of the Vice Supreme Master (V.S.M.). For a multi-assembly function, when all C.C. members are invited to participate, the M.F.D., through his M., will be in charge.
7. For Supreme Council functions, where C.C. members come from Order wide jurisdictions, the C.C. will be under the direction of the host V.S.M with support from the hosting M.F.D. and his M. Additionally, the Board of Directors has adopted personal appearance guidelines, for Supreme Council events which must be adhered to by each member.
8. The assembly C.C. may perform at any internal or external function in its designated service area and shall be under the direction of the assemblies F.N. through the C.C.C.



Bienville Province New Assembly Goals

2019-2020

District	New Assembly locations	Established Y/N
Alabama	Birmingham, AL	Working
Arkansas	Rogers, AR	Working
Louisiana	Luling, LA	Working
Mississippi	Waveland, MS	Paperwork filed 10/31/19
Tennessee	Memphis, TN	Working
Totals	Goal: 5	YTD: 1

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 to next year and have your next location ready to start in July of next 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 November 1, 2019.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	170 (168) 1%	2
Arkansas	138 (95) 31%	43
Louisiana	363 (299) 17%	64
Mississippi	129 (117) 9%	12
Tennessee	237 (235) 1%	2
Totals	1,038 (915) 11.85%	123

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: 11.85%

Remember to send your paperwork to Supreme as soon as your Exemplifications are completed.

Our goal by December 1st is to be over 15% of our quota.

**Arkansas and Louisiana are pushing hard.
Way to go, Jeff and Don! Great job!**

We have 4 Exemplifications this month. Get your reports & forms into Supreme the Monday following your Exemplification!



Assemblies with 100%⁺ In Membership This Year

Alabama -

Arkansas - #28-Texarkana 900%, #1426 -Jonesboro 180%,
#2351 - El Dorado 133%

Louisiana - #315 Lafayette 157%, #2047 New Roads 116%,
#2182 Deridder 233%, #2801 Albany 100%

Mississippi - #3826 - Pearl 100%

Tennessee -

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 of 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.

FORM Supreme Form - Province Form	DUE DATE	COMPLETED?
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Award)	Monthly	✓
#1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	<input 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	✓
#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	✓
Sir Knight of the Year Award	July 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family of the Year Award	July 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assembly of the Year Award	July 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy of the Year Award	July 30	<input type="checkbox"/>



Upcoming Bienville Province Exemplifications

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

November 9, 2019	Chattanooga, TN
November 9, 2019	Jackson, MS
November 16, 2019	Charleston, AR
November 16, 2019	Houma, LA

Fraternally,

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