



Knights of Columbus  
**F O U R T H**  
**D E G R E E**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



**Next Exemplification:**

**Online**

June 13 – Mississippi Team  
 June 20 – Alabama Team  
 (1:00 PM Start. Candidates sign in no later than 12:30 PM)

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

**June 2020  
 VOLUME 31**

Worthy District Masters,

Congratulations on making history! On May 3, 2020 the Arkansas District, led by District Master Jeff Priore, conducted the first-ever online virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification bringing in 11 new members. Again, on May 9, 2020 each of your districts participated in the largest online 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification ever held in the history of the Knights of Columbus, bringing in a total of 137 new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members! When this pandemic was at its peak, the Bienville Province was finding a way to grow the Patriotic Degree. I am very proud of each of you and your Assemblies for all the hard work and dedication in making this happen. A special thanks to the Arkansas team who went above and beyond the call of duty to help all of us achieve this goal.

I encourage each of you to continue to put a virtual team in place. This will be a good tool in our bag to use for Priests who can't make a weekend Exemplification, a Knight who is homebound and unable to attend, or someone in the Military that may be unable to come to a live Exemplification.

Each of you has sent me the list of 3 candidates for District Master for the next two years. These candidates have all been contacted and the completed paperwork has been sent to the Supreme Master. When he finishes the process of selection, he will inform me of who the District Masters will be in each District in the Province.

If anyone has a resolution from your Biennial Meetings, please make sure they are properly written, are signed by the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller, and have the Assembly seal on the original resolution. Please send me a copy of these resolutions as soon as possible.

Please remind your Assemblies to hold an online meeting this month to complete elections of officers and to submit the Form 186 to Supreme, to you, and a digital copy to me.

Fraternally,

Mike

Michael J. Porter  
 Vice Supreme Master  
 Bienville Province

**EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP:**

**Be bold. If you're going to make an error, make a doozey, and don't be afraid to hit the ball.**

*Billie Jean King*



## **What's Happening Around the Province** **To Be a Patriot Award**

Each of you submitted your selection for your District's "To Be a Patriot Award."

This year it was a very tough decision. Each one was a well-organized project that was unique and benefitted in a Patriotic way our veterans that have served and protected our lives and liberties.

**This year's Bienville Province "To Be a Patriot" Award winner is:**

**Assembly #2389 Hendersonville, TN. Faithful Navigator: Tim Kolp**

This Assembly built a replica of a Higgins landing craft boat and participated in the Hendersonville, TN Veterans Day Parade handing out over 200 American flags, flag pins, and candy to the kids. In addition, the Assembly organized a flyover with vintage aircraft representing each branch of the Military and the lead plane was piloted by the Faithful Navigator, brother Tim Kolp. Congratulations to this Assembly.

I have submitted this application to the Supreme Master for consideration.

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### **June reminders:**

**Due June 30, 2020  
or before**

**#2321 Civic Award application**

**#186 Report of Chosen Officers**

**Both are required for Star Assembly**

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**Two Online Exemplifications This Month!**  
**DM's Schuck and Parrish will supply links**

**June 13, 2020 – Mississippi team 12:30 PM candidates check in; 1:00 PM start.**

**June 20, 2020 – Alabama team 12:30 PM candidates check in; 1:00 PM start.**

**This is our last chance to make our numbers as a Province, District, and for Assemblies to meet membership requirements for Star Assembly this fraternal year.**



## 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 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 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, 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).

40% reduction in membership quota due to Covid-19.



## **4<sup>th</sup>-Degree Training Module #31 – Training from the Ground Up**

As you assemble your online virtual teams, please make sure you allow for multiple practices in order to get it right.

1. Practice the updated online version of the Exemplification itself.
2. Practice the timing with any potential delays in the internet.
3. Practice instructions on how candidates log into the event.
4. Review problem solving like:  
Having a backup team member in case someone's internet goes down (this happened on May 9, 2020 and I bet most of you did not notice).
5. Assisting members in the log in process.
6. Keeping microphones muted during the Exemplification.
7. Proper Dress and Etiquette for the Exemplification.
8. Recognition of Dignitaries.
9. Proper tracking of Candidates.
10. Submission of Form 4's and reports after the Exemplification.



## Bienville Province New Assembly Goals

2019-2020

District	New Assembly locations	Established Y/N
Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	ASSEMBLY #3846
Arkansas	Rogers, AR	Working- May
Louisiana	Luling, LA	Working - May
Mississippi	Waveland, MS	ASSEMBLY #3837
Tennessee	Nashville, TN (Catholic Pastoral Center)	Working - May
<b>Totals</b>	Goal: 5	YTD: 2

We have all hit a bump in the road, but things are starting to ease up. Continue to work on your new Assemblies for this coming fraternal year.



## Provincial Membership Goals

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of May 1, 2020.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	170 (104) 38%	66
Arkansas	138 (41) 70%	97
Louisiana	363 (190) 47%	173
Mississippi	129 (80) 37%	49
Tennessee	237 (168) 29%	69
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,038 (584) 43.74%</b>	<b>454</b>

**Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: 43.74%**

**We will wait for the virtual Exemplification numbers to come in next month. With the 40% reduction in membership quota and your large Exemplifications under your belts before Covid-19 hit, we should be in a good position for membership this year.**



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

**Alabama** - #2051 Gadsden 180%, #2408 Birmingham 150%,  
#2527 Tuscaloosa 483%, #2574 Montevallo 100%,  
#3028 Trussville 100%, #3419 Tuscaloosa 133%

**Arkansas** - #28 Texarkana 1000%, #1426 Jonesboro 180%,  
#1783 Bella Vista 130%, #2351 El Dorado 133%,  
#2919 Heber Springs 100%, #3084 Charleston 300%

**Louisiana** - #315 Lafayette 157%, #327 Cut Off 100%, #336 Houma 385%,  
#2047 New Roads 150%, #2182 Deridder 233%,  
#2801 Albany 150%, #3226 Harahan 100%, #3362 Broussard 100%,  
#3582 Carencro 150%,

**Mississippi** - #2131 Tupelo 350%, #2347 Gulfport 100%,  
#3464 Kiln 250%, #3625 Pass Christian 100%, #3826 Pearl 100%

**Tennessee** - #1627 Nashville 166%, #2163 Columbia 100%,  
#2389 Hendersonville 160%, #2439 Lewisburg 100%

**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.*



## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#990 Tax Report EZ - Due Date depends on Year End	May 15 -- November 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#2321 Civic Award	June 30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#186 Report of Chosen Officers	June 30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.

June 13, 2020 – 1:00 PM	Mississippi Team online – link to follow
June 20, 2020 – 1:00 PM	Alabama Team online – link to follow

Fraternally,

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