



Bienville Province Newsletter

REPORT FROM VICE SUPREME MASTER MICHAEL J. PORTER November 2018
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Dear Worthy District Masters,

June 30, 2019 is coming quicker than you think. Please encourage those members who have not placed their orders for the new uniform to do so as soon as possible.

We have a new order website. Please see the information below regarding the 4th Degree uniform and pass it on to all your Faithful Navigators and Assemblies. The 4th Degree uniform website is officially live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at www.kofcuniform.com. Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail support@kofcuniform.com. There is also a slider on 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.

On July 1, 2019 our new uniform will be the only regalia and uniform the Order will recognize. If your members want to participate in the Color Guards and Honor Guards, they *must* wear our new uniform. Period. If some were waiting for Supreme to change their mind, please let them know that we are moving forward and not looking back, and encourage them to order soon.

I expect each of you to lead by example and set the tone for this change in all your interactions with members.

If you have any questions or problems, please call me to discuss.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Mike

Michael J. Porter
Vice Supreme Master
Bienville Province

Effective Communication:

**“We are stronger when
we listen, and smarter
when we share.”**



What's Happening Around the Province

Arkansas District - Assembly 2642 Red Mass

Jeff Priore, District Master

On Friday, October 5, at 11:00 AM, a **Red Mass** was celebrated by Bishop Anthony Taylor at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Little Rock, AR. Assembly 2642 was well represented with four of its Honor Guard members in attendance. What is a **Red Mass**? A **Red Mass** is a Mass celebrated annually in the Roman Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation. Judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students and government officials are all invited to attend. It marks the opening of the judicial year. Through prayerful petition and thanksgiving, the **Red Mass** requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice.



It offers the legal community an opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

Originating in Europe during the High Middle Ages, the **Red Mass** is so-called from the **red** vestments traditionally worn in symbolism of the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago.

(Pictured are (left to right): John Lett, Assembly 0024; Mike Kieffer, Bob Borst, Mark Cuneo, and Greg Deen all of Assembly 2642.)

Mississippi District - Assembly #2195 Pieta Tour

Jerry Schmuck, District Master

A life-size marble casting of Michelangelo's 'Pietà' was placed at Christ the King Church, 785 Church Road West, Southaven, Mississippi on October 21, 2018 as part of Arte Divine's Michelangelo Pieta Legacy Tour. Arte Divine was given permission by the Vatican Museum to create 100 copies of the masterpiece to tour around the world, enabling those who have not had the opportunity to travel to St. Peter's Basilica to experience the masterpiece. The sculpture will be on display at Christ the King through January 2019.

The Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, celebrated the dedication at the official unveiling and blessing at the 11:00 Mass on October 21, 2018. This was a six-Parish-wide event with an Honor Guard provided by Fr. Gregory Bezy Assembly 2195, Southaven.



The Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, and Fr. Thi Pham, Pastor of Christ the King Church in Southaven.

This famous work of art depicts the body of Jesus on the lap of his mother Mary after the crucifixion. The Pieta is the only piece of art Michelangelo ever signed. Arte Divine has recreated Michelangelo's masterpiece, Pieta in cast marble using a mold derived from the original Pieta c1498-99, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. This posthumous Pieta is a precise "1 to 1" casting that is faithful in every detail to Michelangelo's original.



Faithful Navigator Ted Lander and District Marshall Lonnie Treadaway stand guard by the Pieta Replica at Christ the King Church in Southaven, MS.



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.
- 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).

Send me pictures as soon as you can of your Assemblies Veteran's Day parades. Next month we will feature all the pictures that I receive.

Please keep our Veterans in your daily prayers, especially on November 11 and 12th.

If you have children and/or grandchildren who are currently serving in the military or are first responders, please send me their names and branch of service. We will post those next month as well.



4th-Degree Training Module #11 – Manual of the Sword Pt.#2

Draw Sword

1. The command to draw the sword from the scabbard is “*Draw, Sword.*” At the preparatory command, “*Draw,*” grasp the upper band of the scabbard with the entire left hand and tilt the scabbard mouth forward until the scabbard is at an angle of 45 degrees with the ground. Simultaneously press the left hand lightly against the left hip.
2. With the right hand, reach across the body and grasp the grip of the sword and withdraw the sword completely from the scabbard. Keep the head erect and the eyes forward throughout the draw movement.
3. As the point clears the mouth of the scabbard, release the scabbard with the left hand and with the thumb, forefinger and second finger grasp the point of the sword.
4. At the command of execution, “*Sword,*” lower the right hand down across the body, firmly holding the grip of the sword. With the left hand still holding the point of the sword, raise the sword upward and across the body, guiding the sword to the center of the shoulder, *guard flange to the right side.*
5. When the maneuver is complete the right arm should be as nearly extended as possible, elbow back, the grip of the sword clasped easily between the thumb and forefinger. The third and fourth fingers will be back of the grip. The flange will rest on the top of the thumb and forefinger.
6. At the same time allow the scabbard to return its normal vertical position and resume the light grip with the left fingers as in the position of *Attention.* This is the position of “*Carry Sword*” and is reached automatically without further command. (See Figures.)





Provincial Membership Goals

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of November 1, 2018.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	164 (164) 0%	0
Arkansas	133 (118) 11%	15
Louisiana	369 (325) 11%	44
Mississippi	127 (118) 7%	9
Tennessee	231 (227) 1%	4
Totals	1,024 (952) 11%	72

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: **11%**

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



Assemblies with 100%⁺ In Membership This Year

Alabama -

Arkansas -

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

Mississippi - #2734 Starkville -120%
#3081 Olive Branch - 100%

Tennessee -

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.**



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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#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	<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 November of this fraternal year.

November 10, 2018	Clarksville, TN

Fraternally,

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