



6th Texas District Newsletter

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Blake Krass, Master



New District Master

I have the honor of being appointed the new Master of the 6th Texas District of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province effective September 1, 2024, at the completion of Jesse Villarreal's two-year term.

This will be a challenging two-year assignment for me but I look forward to it.

My background

As you might expect, I have worn many hats. In under 20 years since I returned to the Order, positions I have held include:

- GK, DGK, etc., at the Council level
- Financial Secretary (FS)
- District Deputy (DD)
- Chapter Officer
- FN, FC, etc., at the Assembly level
- Color Corps Commander (CCC)
- Fourth Degree exemplification team

The positions that most influenced me are FS and CCC. I look at administrative topics like an FS/FC; I look at fallouts like a CCC.

Contact info

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Future exemplifications

Dates are not locked down yet, but we will have one in February in College Station and one in May in the Bastrop area.

Overview/numbers

Our Province has seven Districts: six in Texas and one in Oklahoma. Our Vice Supreme Master (VSM) is Pat Conway of Rowlett. The Province has nearly 127,000 Knights; just over 20,000 (16%) are Sir Knights.

The 6th District covers the Austin Diocese. It includes 31 Assemblies, one of which is dormant (no one on the roster) and two of which are inactive (no paperwork turned in for years but still has SKs on the roster). The District has 2,350 SKs and a membership goal for the fraternal year of 141 (6%).

My first-year goals

- Develop a one-page handout introducing the Patriotic Degree to new Knights that can be handed out after CUF ceremonies.
- Share and support the key points being driven by the Supreme Master and the Vice Supreme Master.
- Improve communication and information sharing District-wide.
- Hold a second exemplification this spring to attain our quota.
- Attend at least one meeting of each of the 28 active Assemblies.
- Raise awareness of the Civic Award and the Star Assembly Award and encourage Assemblies to strive for them.
- Work to transfer the SKs on the Taylor Assembly to get its roster to zero.
- Stress the importance of a) having the uniform and b) wearing it properly.
- Work with my Marshals to have at least one of us at as many fallouts as possible.
- Increase the number of SKs falling out for the March for Life in January.