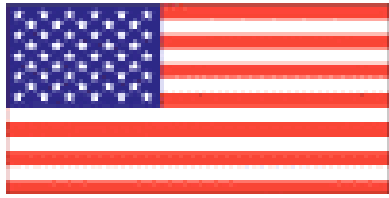


**December  
2007**

# Father Joseph O'Callahan Bulletin



## Knights of Columbus Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2706

We Serve The Following Councils  
Monsignor Degnan #2603 Oroville  
Saint Mary's #12527 Gridley (Live Oak/Biggs)

### The Fourth Degree of Patriotism

Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2007  
7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
1561 Hazel Street, Gridley

Mailing address: P.O. Box 717, Gridley, CA 95948

### A Message From Our Faithful Navigator

To My Fellow Brother Sir Knights:

We are going to be very busy this month. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations will be on Saturday, the December 8 in Live Oak, and on Wednesday the December 12 in Gridley. I hope that we take part in the Oroville Light Parade is on December 8 later in the evening. Sir Brother Knights please get involved with these activities.

We are also selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets, please SK Jon Hoffman to get involved in that project.

With all our activities going on within the assembly, the next exemplification will be until April, from now until then let us talk to our Third Degree brother knights in our councils to join the Fourth Degree and show them what we do as an assembly.

God Bless You and Viva Jesus,

SK Sixto J. Mota  
Faithful Navigator



**UNITED WE STAND**

### The 2007-2008 Knights of Columbus #2706

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## Faithful Friar's Altar

My Dear Brother Sir Knights:

Of course the month of December is that time of the year when we celebrate the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah, the fulfillment of our heavenly Father's promise to send a Savior.

It is factual to say that no person in human history has had so much influence on human civilization as Jesus born of Mary in Bethlehem . Now, continuing to celebrate Christmas in a spiritual way is up to us as Christian people. If Christmas has become secularized and if the faith dimension has been lost somewhere along the line, it is because so many Christian people have allowed it to happen.....too many parents and grandparents putting up colorful lights and reindeers in the center of the season's decorations, while our Advent wreaths and Nativity scenes get pushed off to the side, if put up at all. So many families who don't make going to Church on Christmas the most important thing to do on this holy day. So many adults who don't even realize when or what the 12 days of Christmas are.

Keeping Christmas holy and religious is up to us. We can't blame our government or constitution if our children, grandchildren and families aren't celebrating Christmas in a spiritual way. We are the ones who have to teach it and do it, and we have to make sure that we pass-on our Christian & religious traditions and customs to our youngsters.

May you and your loved ones be blest by the Christ child, and may you celebrate his birth in a proper and fitting manner this 2007!

Fr. Benedict DeLeon  
Faithful Friar

## Getting A Tuxedo Of Your Own

As a Sir Knight, it is very important to buy your own tuxedo, because in the Fourth Degree it is required that you wear a tuxedo at installations, exemplifications, and any other function in this degree of our order.

Because some of you rented tuxedos just for the exemplification last April, but now you can take part in the Color Corps, go to a Fourth Degree Social where the tuxedo is required. But you cannot rent a tuxedo, because it would a lot of money in the long run.

There are many ways to have a tuxedo of your own. If you want to buy a brand new tuxedo, you can buy from Chilbert & Co. 1-800-289-2889 or their web page [www.chilbert.com](http://www.chilbert.com). They sell them at \$199. Go to a clothes store for your measurements. If you want to buy them used. You can go to the Bath Shoppe in Gridley (please see Jerry), Evolve in Oroville (see Tracy), the Tuxedo Den in Chico and Yuba City, or to the Men's Wearhouse in Chico. Also you contact Field Agent Dennis Ware at 885-9091. Dennis knows many places in and around the Sacramento area please give him a call.

So if you have a tuxedo yet, try to buy one as soon as possible.

## Father McGivney Guild

The Knights of Columbus are trying to get our Founder Michael J. McGivney canonized for sainthood in our Catholic faith. Joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is **FREE**. Or you can do it online. Please type in [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org). The more participation the better our founder will be a saint. Some of our brother knights in our council are guild members, so sign up and join today. For more information call Robert Miller at 846-4514 or [kc12527@cwnet.com](mailto:kc12527@cwnet.com). Thank you!!

**Keep Christ In Christmas!!**

# PRO LIFE CORNER

Dear Brother Knights:

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January 19, 2008 is just around the corner and I hope that you have already marked your calendars for the fourth annual Walk for Life West Coast to be held in San Francisco. Thanksgiving and Christmas seem to roar by and before you realize it this event will be upon us. This year it is my sincere hope that many, if not most of you, will participate in the '08 Walk for Life. Grace and I just received both the large and small posters, some of which will be distributed to you at the December meeting. Please do your best to find a church, Christian bookstore, or high traffic location, to post this literature. Last year neither the CATHOLIC churches in Colusa or Williams had Walk for Life posters. Christian bookstores such as the one on Plumas Street in Yuba City did not either.

As many of you already know there is an 8AM Mass before the March held at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco (worth the visit alone). We always attend this before making our way to the Justin Herman Plaza to assemble and listen to the speakers. At 11AM the march begins. You will want to bring K.C. banners (or other Catholic organizational banners), and Pro-Life posters. We affix ours to 1-1/2" x 7' PVC poles! Dress WARMLY. BRING SNACKS and FLUIDS. It takes approximately 3hrs. to reach the Park Marina Green. Located there are many interesting booths and you will want to spend some time visiting them. As this event winds down rather late in the afternoon many groups plan a stopover at one of the buffets on the way home.

Have you ever received a word picture when attempting to explain something? This came to me recently. In all of my wanderings around the Coast Range and Sierra Nevada's and I have not often seen a stag rolling around in a feral pig wallow. Where has YOUR political candidate been?

Need prayer? Visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) and let them know YOUR prayer concerns. In my opinion these are some very holy men of God! They are trying to start a new order of Catholic Priests dedicated to Life and they have the Papal "nod". What they could use are some revenues and OUR prayers. God intentionally made us inter-dependent. Just imagine if He gave every one of us ALL the gifts. We would all walk around like we had feathers where they did not belong (pardon me) and would quickly despise one another. Romans the 12th chapter has something to the effect "so we being many are one body in Christ every one members one of another having then gifts differing according to the measure of faith given to us." Please read this entire chapter of the Bible before the next meeting. It will surely bless your heart!

**In Christ,**

**Brother Gerald Hill**

## Membership Dues

I will be sending out the Knights of Columbus Membership Bill to each Sir Knight during the last part of December. In Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly, the dues are \$20 a year.

**Please pay your council and your assembly dues separately.** It will save mailing cost if you pay your dues at our next meeting or if you can mail it in before I send out the billing. If you decide to mail in your payment; please take of this as soon as possible and you will be a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in good standing.

Thank you, SK Fidencio Ramirez

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## Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets

As an assembly, we are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5.00 a piece. You can put these on the back your car or put in on your refrigerator at home. We are trying raise money for the assembly, for new regalia, chalices, or we anything we need. For more information, or if you like to buy or sell these magnets, please contact SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Transportation Troubles

Brother Sir Knights, if have trouble getting to the meeting and/or any other Knights of Columbus activity. Please contact SK Bill Geddis at 533-1410 or SK Robert Miller at 846-4514 and they will make sure that you will have a ride.

## Membership Section

As Sir Knights, we have to keep our membership strong. If you know a third degree knight in good standing and is a United States citizen, who wants to join the fourth degree. Have him sign a Form 4 application and bring it back to the assembly meeting. The next Exemplification is going to be held in April 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento.

### Editorial:

You can send me an e-mail or give me your e-mail address at [assembly2706@yahoo.com](mailto:assembly2706@yahoo.com).

Remember Sir Knights, this is your bulletin, you also call me at 846-4514, or mail to my address at 2367 West Biggs-Gridley Road, Gridley, CA 95948-9463.

Robert J. Miller  
Editor

## Taking Care Of Our Assembly's Regalia

Right now we have six capes, six swords, six chapeaus, and six sword baldrics. We need white cotton gloves. If our membership really grows, possibly we can purchase more regalia items for the assembly. If you like to donate money for regalia, please contact SK Faithful Navigator Sixto Mota at 846-3570.

Please contact SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069 if you want to give a donation for the upkeep and purchasing new regalia for the assembly. It looks great in our local parishes when we have ten to twelve Sir Knights in regalia when we have a function that requires our attendance. For the new Sir Knights, do not be afraid to ask and take part in the Color Guard or in the Color Corps. If you help out the first time, you want to do it again and again. Thank you for your cooperation.

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