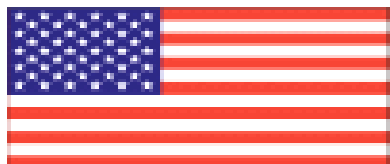


**February  
2010**

# Father Joseph O'Callahan Bulletin

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



We Serve The Following Councils  
Monsignor Paul Degnan #2603 Oroville  
Saint Mary's #12527 Gridley (Live Oak/Biggs)  
Southern Butte & Northern Sutter Counties

### The Fourth Degree of Patriotism

Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2010  
7:30 pm 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 have less than three months before the Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 10 in Sacramento. It is time to get out those Form Fours to all the active Third Degree Brother Knights in our two councils. From now until then, we will have information meetings in Oroville and in Gridley about the Fourth Degree.

At the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley, we are going to have our own closet thanks to Father Miguel Silva. SK Jon Hoffman is looking to get a bigger cabinet to store the regalia, and we will have more room for our assembly. Before then we had share one closet with the Saint Mary's (Gridley) Council. We have a hard time getting to our regalia, because the Gridley Council had all their stuff in the way; this will be better for our assembly and the Gridley Council.

In the past few months, our Assembly meetings had a very low turnout. Please come to the February 11 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley, and do not worry we will have meetings in Oroville as well.

May God Bless America In Her Time of Need,

SK James Valenzuela, Jr.  
Faithful Navigator



### The 2009-2010 Knights Of Columbus

#### Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2706 Officers

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# Assembly Activities

## Our Santa Maria Boat

Please come to our meeting on Thursday, February 11 to have ideas to make our boat look even better. It is going to be at the Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 10 in Sacramento. Also it is going again to be in the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco in October.

If you have any information, pictures, artifacts, and/or anything about the history of the Santa Maria, please bring them to the meeting on February 11. The Santa Maria boat has a stereo system and can play all kinds of music. SK Jon Hoffman loves and sings Italian music, though the Santa Maria came from Spain, Christopher Columbus was Italian.

We need to help SK Jon Hoffman take care of the boat, and appreciate what he does for this boat and our assembly. He and SK Bill Geddis did a great job creating our own Santa Maria.

For more information about the Santa Maria, please contact SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069. Not very many assemblies have their own Santa Maria boat.

## Name Badges

If you like to your name from our assembly, please contact SK Fidencio Ramirez at 846-5418, and he order you one for \$5.00. If you want to have your badge with both Third and Fourth Degree logos, please let him know. Having your name badge show that you a knight and as well as Sir Knight. Please wear them at Mass or any function in your parish.

## Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on Saturday, April 10 at the Double Tree Hotel 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento.

### For Candidates:

Active Third Degree Knights in good standing, members after having completed their sixth month anniversary from the First Degree initiation date; **October 9, 2009 or before.**

The cost is \$70.00 per candidate, includes Social Baldric, Fourth Degree Lapel Pin and a Banquet ticket.

Spouse/Guest/Sir Knight Banquet Ticket: cost is \$40.00. Ladies Luncheon cost \$30.00; both by **advance reservation.** **Deadline: March 30, 2010. No Tickets sold at door.**

### Attire:

Black Tuxedo, Black Bow Tie, Black Cummerbund, Black Shoes and Socks; **narrow pleated white tuxedo shirt with traditional lay down collar (No Wingtip Collars or ruffles.)** Military and Law Enforcement personnel may wear their dress uniform.

Ladies: Long formal or cocktail dress.

For more information please contact Faithful Comptroller SK Fidencio Ramirez at 846-5418. Let us show everybody that we have an active assembly in the Southern Butte County and Northern Sutter County area. Let us make a goal to get at least five from each of our councils.

**Remember Your Valentine (St. Valentine's Day 2-14)!!**

## Starting A Phone Tree For The Assembly

At the next meeting, let us bring up and start a phone tree for the assembly. For a long time SK Robert Miller would call everybody in Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs; then he drives up to Biggs to call the Oroville Sir Knights, because it is long distance calling from Gridley to Oroville.

We have around sixty-five members in the assembly, and many of them are inactive. The Gridley Council has phone tree where three brother knights calls its brother knights for meetings and/or activities. Please come to the next meeting in Gridley on February 11 to discuss this matter.

## Getting A Tuxedo Of Your Own

As a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, it is important to have your own tuxedo. At Fourth Degree events, (except monthly meetings) wearing the tuxedo is required. You cannot rent tuxedos all the time.

There are many ways to buy your tuxedo: You can buy it on line from Chilbert & Company, their website is [www.chilbert.com](http://www.chilbert.com), or call them at 1-800-289-2889. Or you can shop nearby at Tuxedo Den or JC Penney's in Chico or Yuba City. Try to buy locally at our tuxedo shops in Oroville and Gridley; see what they have to offer, and let us try to patronize locally.

Make sure the tuxedo jacket and pants are black, with a black cummerbund. The tuxedo shirt is white with no ruffles, and no wing tips. And have sure to have black tuxedo shoes with black nylon socks.

If you need any help in buying a black tuxedo for the Fourth Degree, please contact SK Robert Miller at 846-4514. Try to buy one as soon as possible.

## Serving On The Honor Guard

In the past, the assembly always had white gloves for the honor guard; but as time goes on, we are always missing white gloves for the next honor guard event. We are asking the Sir Knights to purchase two pair of white gloves for yourself, and the assembly does not buy gloves over and over again. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Second & Third Degree Exemplifications

Any brother knight that received their First Degree before October 9, 2009 and have not received their Second and Third Degree; here are some dates before the Fourth Degree Exemplification in April:

**Saturday, February 20 in Vallejo.**

**Saturday, March 6 in Carmichael.**

**Saturday, March 13 in Red Bluff.**

**Sunday, March 21 in Sacramento (In Spanish).**

This is one way to get more Third Degree Knights to become a Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree.

## Prayer For Sir Knights

Please pray for Sir Knights Larry Duclos and James Rerucha for health reasons, and pray that God will give them a long recovery, and be part of our assembly for a long time.

## Activities and Fundraisers In The Fourth Degree

As you know, being a Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree we do very few fundraisers, because we are a social degree; which our Third Degree Councils serve as a service organization. Our Fourth Degree Assembly is supposed to work with our two local councils.

In tough times right now, we pray for the best. In the past, the assembly has received money from the councils; one of the councils did not have it their budget for this Columbian Year. So as an assembly we need to have more fundraisers and more ideas for ourselves. We can do a fundraiser and/or activity in Oroville, Gridley and Live Oak.

Please come to the next meeting on February 14; please take part to see what you can do for our assembly. It is not afraid to have new people involved.

# Assembly In Action

## Membership Section

As Sir Knights, we have to keep our membership strong. But also, always have your Third Degree dues current, because to be in the Fourth Degree both you have to be in good standing in your Third Degree Council as well as your being in good standing in the Fourth Degree.

When you sign up a brother Third Degree knight in our assembly, make sure that he received his First Degree six months after he joined our order. And always remember the Second Degree: UNITY with our Third Degree councils.

## Editorial

You can send me an e-mail or give me your e-mail address at [assembly2706@yahoo.com](mailto:assembly2706@yahoo.com) or [kc12527@cwnet.com](mailto:kc12527@cwnet.com).

Remember Sir Knights, this is your bulletin; you also can call me at 846-4514, 300-3194, or mail to my address at 2367 West Biggs-Gridley Road, Gridley, CA 95948-9463.

SK Robert J. Miller  
Editor

## Transportation Troubles

Brother Sir Knights, if have trouble getting to the meeting and/or any other Knights of Columbus activity. Please contact SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069 or SK Robert Miller at 846-4514 and they will make sure that you will have a ride. With the gasoline prices on the rise, once in a while we will have the assembly meetings in Oroville.

## Taking Care Of Our Assembly Regalia

SK Jon Hoffman took care of the inventory over the regalia. We are still missing a sword case and a cape cover. If you have them, bring them to the December 10 meeting. We are missing one of our reserved signs with the Fourth Degree emblem on it; we might have lost in Gridley or in Live Oak. If you like to donate money for new regalia, please contact SK Faithful Navigator James Valenzuela at 846-0829 or Color Corp Commander SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069. Your donations will be appreciated.

In our 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.

## Membership Dues

I sent out the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Membership Bill to each member during the last part of December. Our assembly dues are \$20 a year. It will save our assembly mailing cost if you pay your dues at the February 11 meeting or if you can mail it in before I send out the billing. Please pay your council dues separately. To be in good standing in the Fourth Degree, make sure that you are in good standing in your council by paying your dues there.

Thank you, Fidencio Ramirez  
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Remember Presidents' Day (February 15)!!