

43 Calhoun St. - Knights of Columbus Hall
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State Farm on East Bay St.

- - building constructed in 1907
- 1947, 3rd floor and roof burned. Episcopal Church loans \$12K to repair the damage in 1948.
- - Knights of Columbus organized in 1889 in Connecticut by a priest (Father McGivney) as a Catholic charitable group
- original intention was to help widows who lost husbands to war or disease (TB); now involved with providing scholarships & other fundraising activities to benefit the poor and retarded
- - in 1923, 3 years before becoming the 1st president of the Republic of Ireland, Eamonn DeValera spoke at 43 Calhoun.
(He was supposed to speak @ the county hall on upper King but political maneuvering decided that the mayor [John P. Grace, an Irish man] shouldn't partake in British politics so the speech moved from the public building on King to 43 Calhoun)