



The

Bulletin

Knights of Columbus, St. James Council 1728, 1900 Central Ave, Kearney, Ne.68847

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Upcoming events

A Note from the Editor



The History of Advent

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas.



A Message from your Council Financial Secretary

Tim Bruner

Dues and Assessment Statements Sent

The dues statements were sent December 1, 2016. Please return your payment and the completed survey form by January 1, 2016 if possible.

The assessment \$12.00 is referred to as Buck-A-Month. The funds are used for Pro-Life activities and purposes. The total amount collected is sent to the Knights of Columbus State Office. We receive one-half of the total sent in back for local use. Currently we have a little over \$2,000.00 reserved for Pro-Life activities and purposes.

By returning the payment and the survey form by January 1, 2016 saves postage on second billings and also allows the preparation of the Annual Survey Report that is to be reported to Supreme by the end of January 2017. It is important to have the time necessary to prepare an accurate report from our council. Last year we reported over 13,000 volunteer hours provided by Council 1728. This was based on approximately 120 members reporting of a total 330 members. Please take the time to complete the form and return with your payment.

Tim Bruner

Financial Secretary

Did You Know?

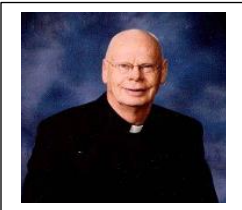
Knights of Columbus, St. James Council #1728:

- Provides two post high school scholarships of \$500.00 each year to a son or daughter of 3rd Degree knights of the St. James Council.
- Has approved the scholarship amount be increased to \$1,000.00 per student next year.
- Provided \$1,100.00 to ARC in Kearney.
- Provided \$1,100.00 to the Kearney Special Olympics.
- Provides \$150.00 for Post Prom activities for Kearney Catholic High School and Kearney High School.

Provides sponsorship for a youth baseball team and youth softball team. This is only a small portion of what Council #1728 does each year.

Tim Bruner

Financial Secretary



From the Desk of Fr. Art Faesser

Having attended the November meeting, I want to commend our Grand Knight Cliff Jarecke for his excellent leadership skills in working through a three page single spaced agenda so efficiently. We are blessed by his leadership.

Our coming celebration of the birth of Jesus, Son of God, into our world gives us reason for much joy and great rejoicing. For a few days, at this time of year, we have a taste of heaven on earth as we see this sacred season draw the best out of us and so many others. Even the media can't help but spotlight some remarkable accounts of human compassion and tenderness shown to those in great need. Our hearts are touched each time we hear or see accounts that reflect the best of our common humanity lived out in relationship with each other. Christmas holds out to us the potential of what we might strive to make real each day of the year.

The Eucharist is always a place where we have a taste of heaven on earth. Each time the consecrated host and chalice are raised, following the words of consecration, we are reminded that God is with us. Each time we receive communion, we are reminded that we carry him in our lives.

"Incarnation" is the word we use to remind us that God has been enfleshed among us. "Emmanuel" is the word that reminds us that God is with us. "Prince of Peace" is one of the titles given to Jesus. How we long for his peace. It's my prayer that the peace of Jesus, which has sanctified our world, will fill your hearts this Christmas and in the coming year.

Blessings + Peace

Fr. Art Faesser



District Deputy Report

Mitch O'Neill D.D. #24

Brothers:

The Pro Life One Rose-One Life weekend will be coming up in January, please volunteer to hand out cards and take donations for this project. Be visible as supporters of Life!

The annual Free Throw is to start in Jan 2017, and district in Feb, with more details to follow. Please contact your youth director to volunteer.

The Annual Fraternal Survey is due by early January 2017. If you have done any charitable acts it counts. If you were active in any KofC project, attended meetings, called the sick or visited, marched in pro-life, gave tootsie rolls, special olympics, church ministry, parades, cooked, cleaned, youth free throw, soccer, football, tennis, helped with weddings or funerals, mow grass at church or cemetery, attended degrees, community projects, helped homeless, or food pantry. Almost anything done for the Love of Jesus counts in the survey.

God bless you and your family during this Christmas Season, and all year.

Keep Christ In Christmas.

Mitch O'Neill, District Deputy 24

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Council Officers - 2016 –2017

Grand Knight – Cliff Jarecke
Deputy Grand Knight – Mark Glatter
Recorder – John Lakey
Financial Secretary - Tim Bruner
Treasurer – Jim Bogner
Advocate - Tim Franco
Warden - Dan Crookshank
Chancellor - Richard Boden
Inside Guard – Dennis Behlmann
Outside Guard - Bernard Loeffelholz
Lecturer- Tony Wathan
Trustee 1 year – Ken Richter
Trustee 2 year – James Hausmann
Trustee 3 year – Dave Bonk
District Deputy – Mitch O’Neill
Council Chaplain - Fr. Joe Hannappel
Chaplain Emeritus - Fr. Bob Rooney
Bulletin Editor Gailen Kotrous
Hall Manager CMO Hall Info - Call
(308)237-4255

Council Meetings 4th
Monday of every month at
7:30 p.m. at the Hall. A
steak dinner is served prior
to the meeting at Cost of
the meal is \$8.00.
6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Officers Meetings 3rd
Tuesday of the month at
7:00p.m. at the Hall.

CMO Meeting 2nd Tuesday
of the month at 7:00 p.m
at the Hal



2016-2017 Council 1728 Officers
Not Present were
Advocate Tim Franco
Warden Dan Crookshank
Chancellor Rich Boden
Trustee 2 year Jim Hausmann

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Dec. Bingo Workers

Chairman: Tim Franco Seller: Gailen Kotrous Caller: Dan Crookshank

Donald Blaschko, Alan Cover, Tyler Crookshank, Bill Hellriegel, Tom Karre, Luke Lacy,
Jeremiah P Murphy, Carig Nickman, Bob Placke

Notice!

June's bingo committee is scheduled to serve the dinner for the Dec. Council meeting.

Jan. Bingo Workers

Chairman: Ken Richter Seller: Richard Bugay Caller: Edward Wicht

Michael Altmaier, Richard Clark, James Hausmann, Clifford Jarecke, James Richter,

Notice!

July's bingo committee is scheduled to serve the dinner for the Jan. Council meeting



Knight of the Month

John Morrissey

John joined the Knights of Columbus in Oct. of 1957. John was very active and serves as Grand Knight from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961. John is married to his wife Sue and they have one daughter who is the wife of Brother Knight Rex Paul.

John is the oldest Past Grand Knight of Council 1728 and this is the reason he has been selected as this month's Knight of the month



Family of the Month

Kearney Degree Teams

Kearney is very fortunate to have all 3 degree team. The 1st degree team started many years ago. The 3rd degree team started in 1990 and the 2nd degree team began in 2013. These members put in a lot of time keeping up on the changes that the Supreme Council puts out. 1st degree stays mostly here in Kearney but the 2nd & 3rd degree covers West to North Platte and East to Columbus and everything between. They put on degrees up to 8-10 times a year.

Members of the teams are: Tom Schachta (1st degree), Steve Niedbalski (1st degree), Sam Reinke (1st Degree), Tim Franco (2nd & 3rd), Dave Bonk (2nd & 3rd), Randy Buschkoetter (2nd & 3rd), Todd Herges (2nd & 3rd), Mitch O'Neill (1st 2nd 3rd) and Gailen Kotrous (1st 2nd 3rd). For all of their efforts is why they have been nominated as Dec.'s Family of the month



FISH FRY

I know, I know, it is a long way off but it will be here before you know it. The sign up genius is up and running. If you know that you have some dates open and can help go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dacab2ca4ff2-2017>

As you know the Fish Fry is one of our best money makers so help out when you can. We don't want to leave it up to just a few members.



Fourth Degree

Knights of Columbus,

Kearney Assembly #0609

Meetings - 2nd Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall

1900 Central Avenue

Faithful Navigator: Dan Glatter

Faithful Captain: Denny Behlmann

Faithful Pilot: Gailen Kotrous

Faithful Scribe: Pat Kistler

Faithful Purser: Mitch O'Neill

Faithful Comptroller: Tom Schachta

Faithful Admiral: Jim Bogner

Inside Sentinel: Ken Richter

Outside Sentinel: Emory Pankas

Trustee 3 years: Jim Dubas

Trustee 2 years: Cliff Jarecke

Trustee 1 year: Jim Rowling

Faithful Friar: Fr. Tom Mallowney

Commander of Color Corps: Sam Reinke



4th Degree News

Sir Knights,

As the end of the year is getting nearer, we are reminded of the many things we have to be thankful for.

Hopefully by now, all of you have achieved all the goals that you set for 2016.

As for me, I will still be working on mine.

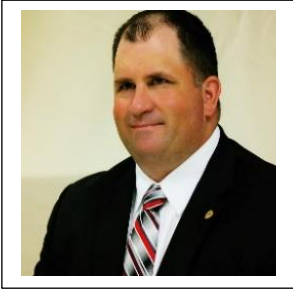
For sure by making the effort and allowing yourself the time God has given us, you will have the time to complete the things that may have been started.

The December 8th meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

Blessings to all and your families.

Enjoy the holidays and have a Merry Christmas.

Dan Glatter
FN 609



Field Agent Message

Michael Scholz, FICF

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The Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

Wishing you all a Blessed Advent Season and a Merry Christmas!

Michael Scholz, FICF
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Major Degree at Holdrege (1st, 2nd and 3rd degree)

A KofC. Major degree will be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Holdrege Ne. Jan. 22, 2017. All new members need to be in at the church no later than 10:30 AM. Members who are already 1st degree members and need 2nd & 3rd degree need to be there at 12:30 PM. There will be a lunch at noon so come early and join us.

We need new members so ask a friend to join our great order.

If you need help signing up that new member give Denny Behlmann, Membership Chairman, a call at 308-234-1600 or e-mail drbehlmann@CHARTER.NET.

We will try to set up a car pool to get members to Holdrege. Lets have a good turnout.

Please Fill out and Return to the address below

Nebraska State Council and St. James Council #1728

Provide no later than January 01, 2017

Note: This information is used to enable us to retain our Not for Profit status.

- Number of Visits to the Sick: _____
- Number of Visits to the Bereaved: _____
- Number of times gave Blood: _____
- Number of times worked on Habitat for Humanity Projects:

- Estimated Hours of Volunteer Service:

Church – all related activities

Community – all related activities

**Mail Information to: Tim Bruner, 2412 W 46th St. Pl., Kearney, NE
68845 by January 1, 2017 or Bruner80@gmail.com**



Did you Know St. Matthew

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.



Lost and Found

**4th Degree Chapea, Size 7 1/4, D.S. inside band
If found see Don Schutte**



After the deaths of Chuck Dummer and Gary Mowrey, Joan and Barb Have donated the 4th degree Tux's to the 4th degree. If you are Thinking of joining the 4th degree or just need one call:

Dan Glatter at 308-627-6156



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Fr. Bob Rooney

While in Lincoln over Thanksgiving weekend I stopped and seen our old friend Fr. Bob Rooney. He is doing well and seems to be happy there. He had made a lot of friends especially another Priest Fr. Jim. They have good times together.

Fr. Bob asked me to wish all of you here in Kearney a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you can drop Fr. Bob a Christmas card. His address is:

Fr. Bob Rooney
Madonna St. Jean De Chantal
Room 434
2200 S 52nd Street
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

krnystop@charter.net or call me at 308-440-8712

By doing this we can send you the bulletin over our website and save on postage at:

www.kofc1728.org

Thank you:

Gailen Kotrous



We need your help.

We are updating the bingo worker list. We have guys that are unable to work anymore, have moved away or have died on the list. It is a time for an update.

We had a week that only 2 guys showed up to help.

If the month that you are on isn't working for you give me a call and I can move you.

Send me an e-mail at krnystop@charter.net or call me at 308-440-8712