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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

•**April 29, 2017**
KJT North Texas Golf
Tournament
•**May 6, 2017**
Join Hands Day

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

*"Mothers hold their
children's hands
for a while, but their
heart forever."
~ Anonymous*

STATE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Quick Hits . . .



DAVID M. WAGNER
KJT State Vice President

Every month I field questions on an array of topics. Here is a little feedback on the topics I discuss day in and day out as well as a quickly approaching event I would like to remind you of . . .

KJT Youth & Teen Camps

It's that time again! KJT Camp is right around the corner and we are accepting 2017 applications! The deadline is Friday, June 23 (so you have a little time, just don't forget). We will once again hold our Youth

Camp as well as our third year of KJT Teen Camp. Our Youth Camp will last four days while our Teen Camp will consist of three jam-packed days. In short, we are looking forward to another great camping season. If you have a camper who is of age yet does not have a policy in place, give us a call and we can help get it taken care of!

Get It While It's Cheap!

Make no mistake – the cost of life insurance is lower the younger you are when you purchase it. So, do what you can to purchase at **LEAST** enough for burial. This is an

expense that won't disappear. Purchasing a 10 Pay Life (paid up in 10 years) or 20 Pay Life (paid up in 20 years) as soon as you begin your working career will go a long way. Leverage your money, you will be glad you did . . .

Insure Your Love

Remember, life insurance is not for the person it covers yet the people who are left behind. When you purchase life insurance you are buying it to provide financial support in the case you die. Don't make your family suffer because you

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KJT KRUISE

Southern Caribbean Trip Filling Quickly

**BY SHIRLEY POKORNEY,
KJT KRUISE DIRECTOR**

Virtually no ocean or sea compares to the waters of the Southern Caribbean. Aqua blue

water as clear as your drinking water softly massaging the porcelain white beaches created over the centuries by the tides eroding the coral reefs and
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BEACH ON ST. LUCIA ISLAND

KJT NORTH TEXAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
OLD BRICKYARD GOLF COURSE
605 NORTH FWY. SERVICE ROAD,
FERRIS, TEXAS 75125**

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MICHAEL REZNICEK
KJT Fraternal Activity Manager

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Reaching For Level 1 Society Recognition Award

As all the spring and summer festivals get into full swing it looks to be another busy year. As societies, we should have been looking back on 2016 and making a greater plan for 2017. You should be striving to reach Level I which produces

the highest financial rewards provided by the Home Office. By reaching Level I, there's \$300 just for reaching the level, it also increases the Matching Grant funds to \$500 and then you have the Catholic Grant that you can receive up to \$500 and Religious Education Grant for \$250. Societies that work hard on building membership also have

the growth incentive which has increased in 2017 and by working hard to meet the requirements for the different levels you can also earn more dollars for your society. The state officers and Board of Directors have worked hard to make it easier for societies to meet the requirements to earn level awards. Creating

excitement within your society and by teamwork it makes any of the level awards obtainable. As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fraternal Activity Manager. You can contact me at (409) 771-8101 or mareznicek@sbcglobal.net.

Michael A Reznicek



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State Vice President's Message . . .

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didn't plan accordingly.

A Little Bit Is Better Than Nada . . .

Some people begin to research life insurance to only find they are grossly underinsured. It's then when these people simply "give up" due to the cost or disbelief. Rome wasn't built in a day, take steps if you must yet purchase what you can afford when you can afford it. Taking small steps is better than standing flatfooted while sinking.

You Might Be Surprised . . .

Another aspect that surprises folks is life insurance is still available to most people. The life insurance industry has come a very long way in the last 2.5 decades.

Some carriers issue policies until age 80 while offering Simplified Issue plans (or limited underwriting plans). Don't talk yourself out of something that may be simple

and still available. Remember when your teacher said, "There are no dumb questions." Well, a quick phone call could surprise you. In closing there are several good reasons to purchase life

insurance beside the ones I've mentioned. Find your reason for purchasing life insurance and don't let an excuse prevent you from making a good decision!

TEXAS CZECHS: ROOTED IN TRADITION

BY LORI NAVJAR

PolkaWorks mission is to highlight unique cultural traditions through documentaries, photography and public programs designed to educate and inspire. We've traveled thousands of miles across the grand state of Texas to share stories through exhibits, film, photography, public programs and diverse social media.

We are proud of our community activities that involve local theaters, state and family historians, imaginative

storytellers, talented musicians, inspired chefs and community cooks, and Texas PBS.

Since October 2014, the "Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition" exhibition has been hosted at the following venues: Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria, Czech Center Museum in Houston, Lavaca Historical Museum in Hallettsville, Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Library in Temple, State Capitol Visitors Center in Austin, and currently at La Retama Central Library in Corpus Christi.

"The Grove, Texas" documentary has aired in 2016 on Texas PBS stations that include: KERA in Dallas, KLRU in Austin and KNCT in Killeen and Waco.

It is also soon to air in 2017 on KTTZ in Lubbock, KCOS TV in El Paso, Panhandle PBS in Amarillo and even Eastern New Mexico.

Our "Saddle Up – Ranching, Rodeo and Tradition" exhibition is in production now and scheduled to showcase in 2018.

KJT COOKBOOK SNEAK PREVIEW

ANGEL LUSH WITH PINEAPPLE

Phyllis Chavarria
La Grange, #46

1 pkg. (4-serving size) Jell-O vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
20 oz. can Dole crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
1 c. thawed Cool Whip whipped topping

1 prepared round angel food cake
1 c. fresh mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries or cherries)

Mix dry pudding mix and pineapple in medium bowl. Gently stir in whipped topping. Cut cake horizontally into 3 layers. Place bottom cake layer on serving plate. Top with 1/3 of pudding mixture. Repeat layers 2 times. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Top with berries just before serving. Store leftovers in refrigerator. Makes 10 servings.

Caribbean Kruise Filling Quickly . . .

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now lying in pictorial beauty on the island. It's the coral reefs and the unending chain of the Leeward Islands that keep the waters so pristine and smooth that you'll scarcely realize you're afloat in one of the major seas of the world. Islands will rarely be beyond eyesight as we traverse from one port to another, allowing us to experience the feeling that Columbus, Drake, Black Beard all enjoyed here in the islands that became the stepping stone to Europe's occupation of the Americas.

Those already signed on board and those who will be joining us will be in for a very special treat, barring clouds, with the full moon on Thursday, October 5. The most beautiful image I've ever experienced was the full moon reflecting in the shimmering waters of the Caribbean. This time I **WILL** be camera ready!

Each of these islands has a unique and distinctive character. The Brits and Spaniards claimed a large portion of the islands, but the Danes, Portuguese, French and others also acquired and colonized land through treaties or battles, giving the Caribbean its worldwide diversity.

Whatever your reason for wanting to cruise this paradise, whether it be history, white sands, calm aquamarine waters or fabulous fine jewelry finds, this trip is one size fits ALL!

Cabins are still available for the KJT Southern Caribbean Kruise on October 1-8, 2017, but choices are becoming more limited and you must reserve soon to avoid being totally left out. This is because the ship is small to allow it to maneuver

around the shallow waters of the islands, and it is also Carnival's most popular route. Departing Puerto Rico, the itinerary includes stops at St. Thomas, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and St. Maarten. Early saver rates are still in effect, but prices rise as sections sell out. A deposit is all that is required now with the balance not due until July.

For more information, contact Shirley by phone at (512) 251-1185 or email pokorneyshirley@aol.com.

75-Year Membership

April 2017

Society #35, Ennis
Stanislav J. Liska
Johnnie J. Slovak
Charles J. Vrzalik



Society #43, Wied
Benedict H. Janak

Society #120, Beaumont
John L. Slovak



Want to know more about each port? Find articles describing them in archived KJT News at <http://kjt.net.org/archives> starting with the April 2016 issue.

REMINDER . . .

Please note that articles and photos for the KJT News can be mailed to: KJT News, P.O. Box 297, La Grange, Texas 78945, or can be sent via e-mail to editor@kjt.net.org. Deadline for articles, photos and ads for the News is the 10th of every month. We welcome and appreciate your interest in KJT journalism.

 **27th Annual Czech** 
Kolachz Klobasz Festival
Saturday, June 10, 2017 (10:30a-8:00p)
Riverside Hall – East Bernard, TX
Admission \$8 per person * Children 12 & under FREE

Inside air conditioned hall, wood dance floor:
Ennis Czech Boys (10:30-1)*Czech & Then Some (1-2,5-6)
Dujka Bros. (2-3, 6-7) * Red Ravens (3:30-4:30, 7-8)
Flag/Vet Tribute & Grand March of Costumes (3-3:30)
Three Band Concert (4:30-5)

 *Under pavilion in water-fan cooled comfort:*
Al Sulak's Country Sounds (11a-12:30p, 3p-4:30p)
Strait From The Heart Band (12:30p-2p, 4:30p-6p)
Kolache Eating Contest – 2:30p-3p
A Time to Dance Dancers (2p - 2:30p) 

Sausage/BBQ Chicken plate lunch avail. @ 11 am
Drive thru plates & kolaches to go avail. 11a-1p
Sausage Sandwiches/Hamb. in PM * Cake Walk
Lotsa Kolaches * Arts/Crafts * Raffle * Family Fun

Booth info: 979-531-9747 or email srdujka@gmail.com
General info: 979-335-7907 or kkfest.com

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas, CESAT, requests that every Texas Czech write a letter to their State Senator and State Representative requesting the Czech language be allowed to be taught at community colleges in Texas. It was possible to teach Czech until 2016 when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board removed Czech from the Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM). Please keep your letter to one page in length. To find your State Senator and State Representative, you can go to the following website: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Zip.aspx.

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Splashway is a family owned and operated waterpark and campgrounds just an hour west of Katy and Sugar Land on highway 90A. If you are looking for great customer service and one of the best experiences of your life, then Splashway is the place for you. With huge thrill slides, a Texas sized wave pool, zip lines, lazy river and several kiddie areas, Splashway has the whole family covered in the fun department.

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STATE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Holy Angels Guide With Their Own Lightness . . .



REVEREND ROBERT E. (BOB) KNIPPENBERG
KJT State Spiritual Director

"Then the angel said to the women in reply, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.'" (Mt 28:5-6a)

God sends holy angels to announce two great events that mark Christ's life. Angels, of course, appear at his birth, where they herald the joyful news that peace has arrived for people of good will. Angels also appear at Christ's empty tomb, where they instruct Mary Magdalene and the other Mary about Christ's

Resurrection. In both instances, angels bring God's light to the world.

Little attention is paid nowadays to angels as messengers of God. The sad feature of this development results in our forgetting that God does speak to us. When we forget the lightness of angels, we find ourselves ghettoized in a dark corner of the universe. We forget that divine revelation opens for us truths that otherwise we would never even suspect. Think of the

women who came to the tomb at Easter daybreak to mourn a dead man. Instead, angels revealed to them that he is risen.

Twice the holy women are told, Do not be afraid. These words ring out as true today as they did when the two Marys first heard them. Truth to tell, when we try to figure out things for ourselves, we oftentimes become confused and upset. Who can solve every problem? Who can meet every need? Easter prepares us for a new way of life, one that

holy angels guide with their own lightness.

May the God of Light send his holy angels to you and your family this Easter (remembering that the Easter Season continues until the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 4!) bringing with them the grace to rejoice in the Resurrection of His Son!

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

WELCOME TO OUR SALES FORCE

Tommy Prasifka Joins KJT Team

BY DAVID M. WAGNER
KJT STATE VICE PRESIDENT

The Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, is excited to announce our newest agent – Thomas (Tommy) Prasifka. He was born in Houston and grew up in Hutchins, which is in the Dallas area.

Tommy attended St. Augustine Parochial School and graduated from Bishop Dunne High School. After graduation he attended Angelo State University in San Angelo for two years. He transferred to Sam Houston State University and began his career with the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice in Huntsville. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from SHSU and continued his employment with the State of Texas. Tommy promoted through the system and retired with 30 years of



THOMAS (TOMMY) PRASIFKA

service to the State of Texas. After his retirement, Tommy and his wife Patricia moved to Shiner. Tommy went back to work for Texas Precious Metals located in Shiner. He is proudly taking on additional responsibility as the newest KJT Insurance Representative. His dad Tim has served the Dallas area as a representative for many years.

Tommy is currently a member of Society #20 in Shiner. He is happy to be serving Society #13 in Yoakum and assisting the current representatives in Shiner. We welcome Tommy and are very excited to have him as part of the team!

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KJT DISTRICT V ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017

LOCATED AT THE DULAK-SNAPKA FARM, TOKIO TX

Hosted by the West and surrounding Societies of District V

Registration starts at 11:00 am, Festivities from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Food will be provided, please bring fishing equipment, lawn/folding chairs.

The officers ask for some help with the contests so any volunteers that will step up will greatly be appreciated.

District V Meeting will be held around 3:15-3:30 pm.

Contact information; Tanner (214) 535-2269, Keith (214) 334-1385, Joe (214) 289-6953



The farm is located at 1092 Tokio Loop off "Old Railroad Rd.

Exit I-35 at FM 1858 and turn to the direction going west, almost 4 miles turn right onto Old Railroad Rd. go about 3 miles and turn left onto Tokio Loop, go about 2 miles and the Farm is on the left, look for the yellow signs at points of turns.

MARCH 2017 TOP PRODUCERS



Joe Landsfeld
Society #35, Ennis
•First Place March 2017
Top Producer



Linda Gaas
Society #29, Frenstat
•Second Place March 2017
Top Producer



Robert Nors
Society #31, West
•Third Place March 2017
Top Producer



John Kana
Society #4, Ammannsville
•Fifth Place March 2017
Top Producer



Ted Vitek
Society #112, Austin
•Seventh Place March 2017
Top Producer



Ellen Zdansky
Society #72, Corpus Christi
•Fourth Place March 2017
Top Producer
•March 2017 Applications
Leader
•March New Application
Producer – 147 months
•March 2017 New Member
Producer – 144 months



Mildred Machacek
Society #20, Shiner
•Sixth Place March 2017
Top Producer
•March 2017 Premium Leader



W.K. Leonard
Society #119, La Marque
•March New Application
Producer – 2 months
•March 2017 New Member
Producer – 2 months



Margaret Hanslik
Society #1, Praha,
Society #38, Moulton
& Society #43, Wied
•March 2017 Volume Leader



Application for 2017 KJT Summer Youth Camp SPJST ENC (COOPER FARMS) NEAR WALDECK JULY 23TH THROUGH JULY 27, 2017 (9 - 12 Year Age Group)

Applicants must be KJT members between the ages of 9 and 12, but less than 13 years of age as of July 1, 2017 to be considered. **Applications must be completed and forwarded to the KJT Home Office, PO Box 297, La Grange, Texas, 78945 by June 23, 2017.** Parents must furnish transportation to and from the campsite and approve of their child's participation. **A \$100 registration fee is required. The registration fee will be returned ONLY if the Home Office is notified by July 10, that the child will not be able to attend.** Eighty (80) campers will be selected. If more than 80 applications are received, priority will be given to those who have not attended in previous years. (Please print or type the following information.)

Camper's Legal Name: _____ Camper's
Preferred First Name: _____ male ☐ female ☐
Age: ____ Birthday: Mo. ____ Day ____ Yr. ____ T-Shirt Size: Child ☐ Adult ☐ {S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐}
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
Home Mailing Address: _____
Home City, State, Zip: _____
E-Mail address: _____
(If an e-mail is listed, you will receive confirmation from this office by e-mail)
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

If you previously attended a KJT Camp circle year(s) attended: ☐ 2014 ☐ 2015 ☐ 2016
Campers may request **ONE** cabin mate of the same sex. Your child's name must also appear on the cabin mate's registration. Only reciprocal requests will be honored.

Cabin mate (Name & City): _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor, hereby agree and authorize the CATHOLIC UNION OF TEXAS, THE K.J.T., to use any photographs of my son/daughter taken during the Annual KJT Summer Camp for publication in the *KJT News* or on the *KJT Website*.

Parent Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Society # _____
Status: _____

Did You Know?
Green thumbs up! Spruce up your windowsill garden: According to a new study, women who are surrounded by plants, including herbs and vegetables, live 12 percent longer than those who are not! Source: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



DISTRICT NEWS

District IV Enjoys Fun Family Day At Old Settler's Reunion Hall

**BY SHIRLEY POKORNEY
DISTRICT IV PRESIDENT**

At the District IV Family Day there is never a shortage of prizes – raffle prizes, bingo prizes, silent auction items – but this year the big winners were the kids who attended. Not only did they enjoy competing in games ranging from the old favorites like bean bag toss, drop the clothespin in the bottle and relay races but at the end

EVERYONE received an entire bag of wonderful treats. Even the bingo had a colorful child-sized table and chairs as the grand prize.

It was definitely good to be a “KJT Kid” on Saturday, March 25 at the Old Settler’s Reunion Hall in Round Rock where everyone gathered for the Annual Meeting and Family Fun Day.

Many thanks to the Georgetown, Granger and Elgin societies for all their creative

children’s activities. Manor outdid themselves once again with beautifully gift wrapped bingo surprises while Temple ran a riveting and rewarding raffle. Austin always attracts scads of bidders with their stupendous Silent Auction. Pflugerville cooks masterfully crafted a magnificent melt-in-your-mouth meal. Taylor

tended the registration ritual table. And Corn Hill and Round Rock rounded out our day with a complete and careful cleanup.

Thanks also to all those who contributed the decadently delicious desserts and shared your various and sundry scintillating, silly, serious, sporty or swanky silent auction items. Each of your contributions is

appreciated for making this an absolutely awesome day for all attendees!



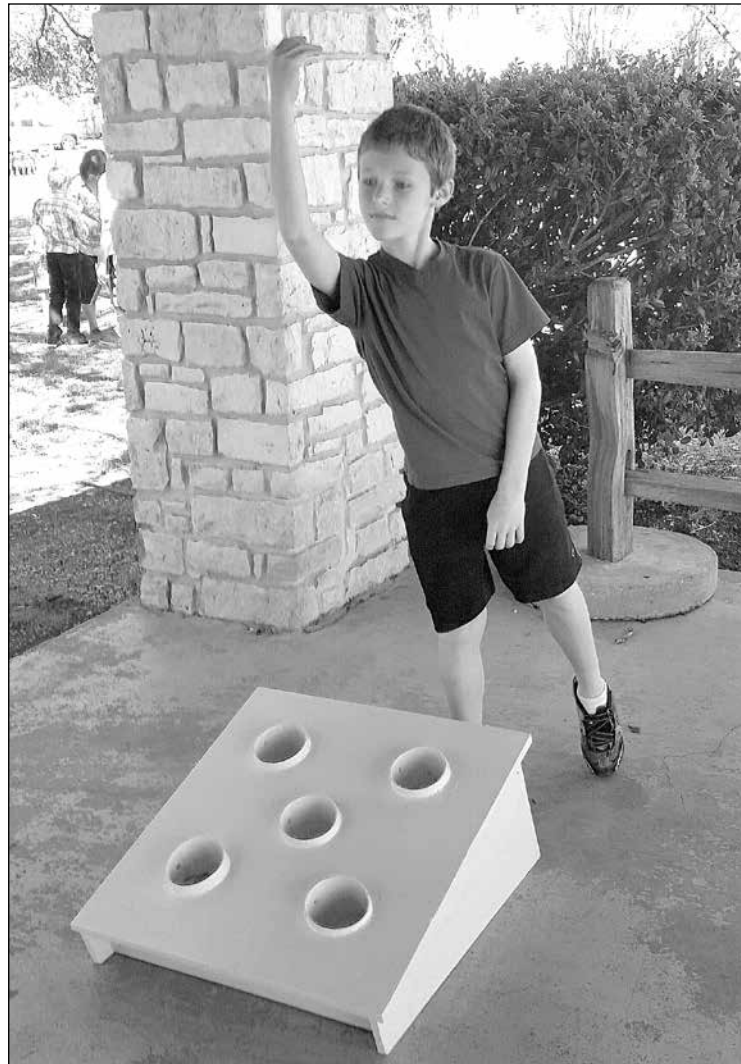
Play Day – It was the absolute perfect day for outdoor fun and games!



Bingo – No matter what other activity is offered, during the ever-popular bingo games, young and young-at-heart alike turn their undivided attention to those little numbers on their cards.



Bingo Prize – Dan and Virginia Berto were thrilled to unwrap their bingo prize to discover this cute children’s patio set.



Bean Bag Toss – Blake Adams demonstrates that the secret to bean bag success is all in the follow through.



I Run This Game – “I’m Matthew Hyzak and, like my shirt says, I run THIS game!”



Bottomless Treat Bags – Aaliyah, Amanda and Hunter Matloch just can’t believe their good fortune with all the wonderful surprises in these seemingly bottomless treat bags.

**Encourage Youth
to Participate
at the Local,
District
& State Level.
They Are
the Future
of This Great
Fraternal Family!**

DISTRICT NEWS

Nueces River Is Backdrop For District X's Family Fun Day

BY ROSALIE WILLIAMS
SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

District X societies from Corpus Christi, McCook and Sinton enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Beverly and James Holman

residence on the Nueces River on Sunday, April 9. The afternoon included a short meeting, food, games, fishing and a great Easter egg hunt!

Everyone enjoyed the fajita meal with all the trimmings and lots of desserts.

Thanks to the Holman's on the Nueces River for a great place to use for Family Fun Day!



Looks like the Easter bunny was quite busy at the District X event!



District X youth gather for a group shot with their full Easter baskets!



Wow – It's an Easter egg right in front of me!



Look what we won!!!



There are Easter eggs everywhere!

50-Year Membership

April 2017

Society #1, Praha
George E. Cerny Jr.

Society #14, Bryan
Emil V. F. Luza

Society #39, Marak
Jerome L. Marak

Society #43, Wied
Randall A. Gillar
Joseph Francis Kallus

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Chad D. Evans
Johnny E. Havelka
David W. Kureska

Society #84, El Campo
Victor B. Drozd Jr.
Mark Anthony Drozd
Chris P. Roe

Society #102, San Antonio
Anthony C. Chovanec
Willie S. Chovanec
William A. Stehling

Society #103, Baytown
John A. Cook

Society #111, Dallas
Mark A. Holub

Society #114, Temple
Bernard L. Grygar
David W. Grygar
Leslie J. Grygar
Edward W. Pavelka

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch
Timothy Tlucek



14 Different
Polka Bands
Performing
May 26-28, 2017

KJT Sponsor of the National Polka Festival
Catholic Union of Texas

COME ENJOY THE FUN!

ACROSS TEXAS

27th Annual Kolache Klobase Fest To Be Held At Riverside Hall



Veterans of all armed services are recognized at the Kolache Klobase Festival.

BY MARTHA VIKTORIN

This is the 27th year for the Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at Riverside Hall in East

Bernard. This event brings people together to enjoy good music, good food and to celebrate ethnic heritage and culture. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continuing nonstop until 8 p.m., this year's festival again

features a first-rate lineup of entertainers.

This year's entertainers include the Ennis Czech Boys, Czech and Then Some, Dujka Brothers, Red Ravens, Al Sulak's Country Sounds and Strait from the Heart (a festival tribute band). There will again be a three-band concert at 4:30 p.m. inside the hall featuring Czech and Then Some, Dujka Brothers and Red Ravens.

Dancers are also on the program this year – students from the *A Time to Dance* Studio will perform in the pavilion at 2 p.m. A Kolache Eating Contest sponsored by the KJT Home Office is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in the pavilion.

Festival admission is \$8 per person – children 12 and under free. The admission fee covers all entertainment and music provided by bands and entertainers in the hall and outdoors in the pavilion. Parking is free and there are plenty of handicapped parking spaces. Massive water fans will cool the pavilion to provide a more comfortable setting for dancers and spectators. A large mesh canopy will cover a large area in front of the pavilion to protect festival visitors from the heat of the sun.

Arts and crafts booths will be located both inside and outside the hall. Crafts and goods of every kind will be available for sale. This is a good opportunity to shop for all types of hand-crafted items, jewelry and clothing.

This year there will again be entertainment for the younger set. Kid games and activities will keep the youngsters occupied. At 2 p.m. there will be a performance by students from the *A Time to Dance* studio of East Bernard which is under the direction of Morgan Fritz.

A plate lunch will be served again this year featuring sausage, barbecue chicken, sauerkraut and other trimmings. The sausage and chicken will be prepared on site the morning of the festival by society members assuring a fresh cooked meal. Serving will begin at 11 a.m.

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Carolyn Pilcik showing off kolaches at the Kolache Klobase Festival.



Michael Logue and Deborah Svatek-Logue enjoy a dance at the Kolache Klobase Festival.

Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center



1997-2017
Celebrating 20 Years!

Slavnost – May Fest

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants of All Years
Ceremony at 10:30 am
Meal served starting at 11 am
\$10/person – includes meal and ALL events
Music by **Jodie Mikula Orchestra** 12:30-5 pm
Fun for the Whole Family!
Czech Village & Museum Tours • Pastry Shop • Classic Car Show
Door Prizes • Gift Shop • Give-Away Drawing • Country Store
Food/Drinks Available All Day

Join us for these 20th anniversary special events!

FRIDAY, MAY 19



Legacy of Svatava Jakobson & the Texas-Czech Legacy Project
Roundtable • Photo Exhibit • Presentation by Professor Lida Cope
4-8 pm Hanslik Hall
Český Večer - Wine and Cheese/light meal (6-7 pm)
Free and open to all interested in preserving Texas Czech culture.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Special 20th Anniversary Performance
7-9 pm Sanford Schmid Amphitheater

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center
250 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, Texas 78945
888-785-4500 • info@czechtexas.org • CzechTexas.org

27th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival . . .

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This year, drive-thru plates-to-go will again be offered from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Festival admission will not be charged for drive-thru plate customers. Of course, there will be

hundreds of kolaches for sale throughout the day. As in prior years, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches will be available in the afternoon.

A great list of prizes highlights the drawing this year including several quilts hand-crafted in Texas, gift certificates and many other great prizes. Drawing tickets are available from each KJT society member and from various local businesses. They are also available through the mail if so desired – contact Edwin C. Marik at (979) 335-6402.

The Kolache Klobase Festival, in its 27th year, provides fun and entertainment for the entire family. The Festival Committee

welcomes and encourages the wearing of Czech costumes to add a festive atmosphere and to further promote the preservation and celebration of ethnic heritage. The P.O.L.K. of A. are also urged to attend in their “red and whites” and to join in the spirit of fun and appreciation of the happy sounds of polka and waltz music.

A moving flag tribute is scheduled at 3 p.m. and will recognize attending armed services veterans. This will be followed by a grand march featuring the Czech and festive costumes on parade.

For information about game or arts and crafts

booths, call (979) 531-9747 or srjuka@gmail.com. For general information and band schedules, call (979) 335-7907. Visit the festival web site at www.kkfest.com for further information.

KJT Society #40 of East Bernard, the festival sponsor, is a non-profit organization and has been in existence in East Bernard since 1905. The society participates in a program of charitable works including special youth programs, scholarships, social welfare and civic support.

Society #40 would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy the festival.

CHARITIES PROGRAM



San Antonio Diocese Receives Checks

Two checks were presented to the San Antonio Archdiocese from the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT. They were for the Religious Retirement Fund and the Priest Education Fund. It was a pleasure to meet Sister Jane Ann Slater, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio standing in for Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. Sister Jane was very personable and enjoyed visiting with us. The Archdiocese appreciates our donations they receive every year. At the presentation were (left to right) State Director Ellen Zdansky, Sister Jane Ann Slater, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio standing in for Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, and Charles Zdansky.



Corpus Christi Diocese Gets Donations

Corpus Christi Society #72 President Rosalie Bohuslav (left) and State Director Ellen Zdansky (right) presented the Religious Retirement Fund and the Priest Education Fund checks to Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. President Bohuslav also baked and delivered “hot out of the oven” kolaches to Bishop Mulvey, which he loves to eat. The Bishop thanked us for the generous donations he receives every year and especially the kolaches that Rosalie never forgets to bring!

Application for 2017 KJT Summer Teen Camp SPJST ENC (COOPER FARMS) NEAR WALDECK JULY 27TH THROUGH July 30, 2017 (13 - 15 Year Age Group)

Applicants must be KJT members between the ages of 13 and 15, but less than 16 years of age as of July 1, 2017 to be considered. **Applications must be completed and forwarded to the KJT Home Office, PO Box 297, La Grange, Texas, 78945 by June 23, 2017.** Parents must furnish transportation to and from the campsite and approve of their child's participation. **A \$100 registration fee is required. The registration fee will be returned ONLY if the Home Office is notified by July 10, that the child will not be able to attend.** Forty (40) campers will be selected. If more than 40 applications are received, we will use first come/first serve to determine the attendees. (Please print or type the following information.)

Camper's Legal Name: _____

Camper's Preferred First Name: _____ male ☐ female ☐

Age: ____ Birthday: Mo. ____ Day ____ Yr. ____ T-Shirt Size: Child ☐ Adult ☐ {S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail address: _____
(If an e-mail is listed, you will receive confirmation from this office by e-mail)

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

If you previously attended a KJT Camp circle year(s) attended: ☐ 2014 ☐ 2015 ☐ 2016

Campers may request **ONE** cabin mate of the same sex. Your child's name must also appear on the cabin mate's registration. Only reciprocal requests will be honored.

Cabin mate (Name & City): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor, hereby agree and authorize the CATHOLIC UNION OF TEXAS, THE K.J.T., to use any photographs of my son/daughter taken during the Annual KJT Summer Camp for publication in the *KJT News* or on the *KJT Website*.

Parent Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Society # _____
Status: _____

DISTRICT IV ROLLS INTO COUSHATTA ON JULY 5

Overnight Stay Only \$110 Per Couple

BY SHIRLEY POKORNEY
DISTRICT IV PRESIDENT

There are many folks who, when told about the District IV KJT Coshatta Casino Trip, will inevitably respond “Oh, we get free nights at casinos.” Yes, and so do we and most of our riders who eagerly anticipate this announcement of the trip year after year.

But do you arrive relaxed and ready to enjoy, and was your trip

down a fun party with games and food shared by everyone? Consider your gas cost, add in the \$46 Coshatta gives each couple, and it becomes a wash.

This Annual District IV Trip is a member service and is not for gain to the District or individuals. After all hotel and bus gas charges are paid and the bus driver is tipped \$100, everyone has a chance at winning a share of the remaining monies, usually around \$200 divided into \$50 and \$25 drawings or contest prizes. So, the games of chance continue on the return trip as well!

This excursion has been a blast for the last 21 years. The fellowship among friends and members around the District has everyone eager for this announcement of the next trip. We hope you can join us and find out for yourself what all the BUZZ is about!



Here is a snapshot agenda:

Depart Pflugerville –
Wednesday, July 5 @ 7 a.m.

Arrive Coshatta –
Wednesday, July 5 @ 1 p.m.

Depart Coshatta –
Thursday, July 6 @ 1 p.m.

Arrive Pflugerville – Thursday,
July 6 @ 7 p.m.

Spaces will be reserved in the order checks are received.

No verbal reservations will be accepted. Non-KJT members may send in a check, but will be placed on standby until all KJT members have been confirmed. Checks will be returned to couples who do not make it onto the final bus roster. Make check out to “KJT District IV” in the sum of \$110 per couple. This fee includes one double

occupancy room, portage fees, \$46 complimentary casino free-play, driver tip, and a variety of prizes for bus games and contests. No refunds can be issued, but you may find your own substitute if you need to cancel.

Mail reservation checks along with names of riders, current mailing address, phone number and dates of birth (all must be over 21) to:

Shirley Pokorney
10100 Bennett-Pokorney
Manor, Texas 78653

For more info:
(512) 251-1185



Czech Youth and Family Day Saturday, June 24, 2017

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center
250 W. Fairgrounds Rd.
La Grange, Texas, 78945

CHS & TCHCC Co-Sponsors

Registration at 9:30 a.m. in the TCHCC Lobby. Lunch \$5.00

The day will begin with a tour of the Museum’s new exhibit and Genealogy Library. In the library families will have the opportunity to research as to the origin of their ancestors. Families are encouraged to tour the village.

There will be introduction of the 2017-2018 Miss Czech Slovak, CHS Chapter Queens, Little Sisters and other guests in the Hanslik Hall.

Activities planned are Tarocky lessons, Czech lesson, Pernicky ornaments, Czech Bingo, art of Strudel making and home-made Ice Cream. There will be information regarding regional Czech & Slovak Kroj.

For info call Vlasta Vitek 512-836-0383 or 512-496-3432 or Jean Blaha Davis 979-884-0182
Valvitek29@gmail.com jandwday@verizon.net

Name of Parent, Grandparent, etc. or Sponsor _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Amt enclosed \$ _____ Ck # _____ Cash _____ Send to: Vlasta Vitek,
11502, North Oaks Dr.
Austin, TX, 78753-2846

Family and children’s names, ages & address if different from above:

Please return no later than June 17, 2017

CHARITIES PROGRAM



Damon Society #92 President Andrew Sykowski is shown presenting State Director Margaret Holik with a check for the Religious Retirement Fund.

*Do not define yourself by your expectations.
Life is full of change – that's the only thing
that's certain. So protect your dream
but don't let it limit you.
~ Corinne Bailey Rae*



SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

Matching Grant Turkey Shoot Started With Big Bang!



BY JAMES PRIHODA

St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg's Matching Grant Turkey Shoot to benefit Luke B. Friedel's medical expense for cancer treatment started with an enormous bang! Society members scrambled to set up as the participants lined up to get started.

In short order, round one was filled and the action began with

the first bang from Target #1 and continued till 7 p.m. with Target #20 of Round 23 being shot and the targets picked up and judged.

The results for the 460 targets and five (121) spot cards being shot at during the afternoon amounted to \$2,350 toward the benefit and a \$250 Matching Grant allocation.

A gracious and appreciative thank you to all the approximately 250 participants!

Schulenburg Society #129 youth under the leadership of Society Secretary Joanna Rodgers also realized a

successful evening with their food booth selling out of prepared hamburgers and pulled pork sandwiches.

A great thank you also to George Tofel, owner of Tofel's Place, for helping the society host the Turkey Shoot.



Approximately 250 participated in successful Turkey Shoot!



Turkey Shoot sign-up table . . .



Everyone waiting for exciting Turkey Shoot action to begin!



Schulenburg Society #129 Youth had a food sellout at the event!



Prepping for the big competition!

CHARITIES PROGRAM



Manor Society Presents Fund Check

Manor Society #131 presented a check to State Director Ray Pokorney for the Religious Retirement Fund. A breakfast kitchen fundraiser was held in January. Making the presentation were Society President Joe Banda (right) and Treasurer Jose Sanchez Jr. (left).

25-Year Membership

April 2017

Society #3, Hostyn

Hannah B. Delgado
Bryson B. Kolek
Jacob B. Kozelsky

Society #4, Ammannsville

Megan Renee Bartos
Curtis Roy Roensch III
Stephen Michael Roensch

Society #16, Wallis

Heidi Nicole Vykukal

Society #20, Shiner

Brenda Lynn Mascheck
Emery Lynn Mascheck
Matthew Lynn Mascheck

Society #27, Taylor

Adam Lee Roznovak
Linda M. Strmiska

Society #35, Ennis

Byron Wesley Betik
John Timothy Cox
Kevin Michael Haba
Kara Beth Long

Society #46, La Grange

Aaron M. Chavarria

Society #55, Corn Hill

Helen Marie Havelka

Society #72, Corpus Christi

Jerry J. Mokry
Hailey Allyse Rosebrock

Society #90, Rosenberg

Jonathan Evan Davis
Edwin A. Valicek Jr.

Society #111, Dallas

Magdlen Mary Jaresch
Kathryn Angelica Muras
Bryan Kyle Vrla
David D. Vrla
Rebecca Nicole Vrla
Kimberly Erin Wagner

Society #126,

New Braunfels

Teresa May Roberts-Elben

A KJT MEMBER'S LONG JOURNEY

Overcoming Cancer In My 20s



Thomas Tydlacka

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I'm still in the fight, but I'm glad to be here for each new day.

Thomas Tydlacka
Survivor

BY THOMAS TYDLACKA
SOCIETY #90, ROSENBERG

When I proposed to my girlfriend Sarah in September 2013, I thought that would be the biggest moment of my year. Little did I know that just a few months later, at the age of 24, I would be diagnosed with stage III colorectal cancer.

My diagnosis came after I'd started to notice a pain in my back. I thought it was just kidney stones, but doctors found a mass in my abdomen during a wellness exam. An ultrasound and a CT scan revealed a racquetball-sized tumor in my colon. Not wanting to take any chances, I came to MD Anderson and had a colonoscopy with Patrick Lynch, M.D.

I anxiously waited and prayed for results, so when I got the phone call confirming my diagnosis, I was scared but relieved. I knew my faith in God would keep me going.

Because I have no family history of cancer, colorectal cancer at my age was quite surprising. However, Dr. Lynch ran genetic tests that showed I have Lynch Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that made me more susceptible to getting colorectal cancer and that was actually discovered by Dr. Lynch's father.

My Initial Colorectal Cancer Treatment

In December 2013, I started treatment at MD Anderson. I endured six rounds of a chemotherapy cocktail called FOLFOX-6, which stole my energy and my appetite, and caused neuropathy in my fingers and toes.

On Good Friday of 2014, I visited a local emergency room for severe internal bleeding. The doctors got me stabilized so that I could return to MD Anderson for an emergency embolization procedure to stop the bleeding.

A few weeks after I'd recovered, Miguel Rodriguez-Bigas, M.D., performed an 8.5-hour surgery to remove the tumor. I felt very comfortable in his care and knew that I was in good hands.

The surgery removed about 40% of my colon, as well as 20% of my right kidney and more than 30 lymph nodes. I also had intraoperative radiation therapy. Fortunately, I didn't need an ileostomy, a surgical opening created in the abdomen wall to remove bodily waste. I've learned to find small silver linings in experiences like this.

After recovering, I had six more rounds of chemotherapy. It felt so good to ring the bell at MD Anderson to mark the end of my treatment in September 2014.

A Colorectal Cancer Recurrence

Following my treatment, I moved on to planning my wedding, but cancer had other
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Rosenberg Society #90 member Thomas Tydlacka pictured at Annual SCOPE 5K Run at MD Anderson.



Cancer survivor Thomas Tydlacka received a 2017 Courageous Spirit Award at the 12th Annual Sprint for Colorectal Oncology Prevention and Education (SCOPE) Run.



"Boom Shaka Team Tydlacka" once again standing by Thomas' side.



Support group member wearing "Team Tydlacka" shirt proudly!

KJT SCHOLAR



Sarah Levine Receives Scholarship

Sarah Levine from Missouri City Society #133 received a \$250 local society scholarship check from grandfather Jim Kulcak to attend Texas A&M in Corpus Christi. She is pursuing a degree in child psychology. She is very thankful for the scholarship and all the great experiences that she had at KJT Summer Camp. Sarah is the daughter of Ron and Karen Levine and the granddaughter of Jim and Wilma Kulcak, all from Society #133. Congratulations Sarah!

KJT Member's Long Journey . . .

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plans. A checkup revealed two enlarged, cancerous lymph nodes near my spine. We decided to try another six rounds of chemotherapy with a drug called irinotecan. This time I lost all my hair, and I was constantly exhausted and nauseous.

When scans showed that the chemo wasn't helping and I wound up in the ER with a swollen tongue and disorientation, and my doctors took me off irinotecan.

Choosing An Immunotherapy Clinical Trial

At that point, my oncologist, Michael Overman, M.D., recommended an immunotherapy clinical trial he was leading. I decided to give it a try.

I started taking nivolumab in March 2015, and I've had nothing but positive results. My

lymph nodes have returned to normal sizes, and I've got my energy and appetite back. I've had no significant side effects, and everything else has turned around for me.

Finding Strength And Encouragement Through Others

I married Sarah on November 28, 2015, seven years after I first asked her out. I'm so glad that she has been with me throughout this rollercoaster ride. She's been my rock since my diagnosis.

During my journey, I've learned the importance of seeking encouragement from others battling colorectal cancer. I became an active participant in a Facebook support group, which was a great source of inspiration and strength.

I've also been participating in the annual SCOPE 5K at MD

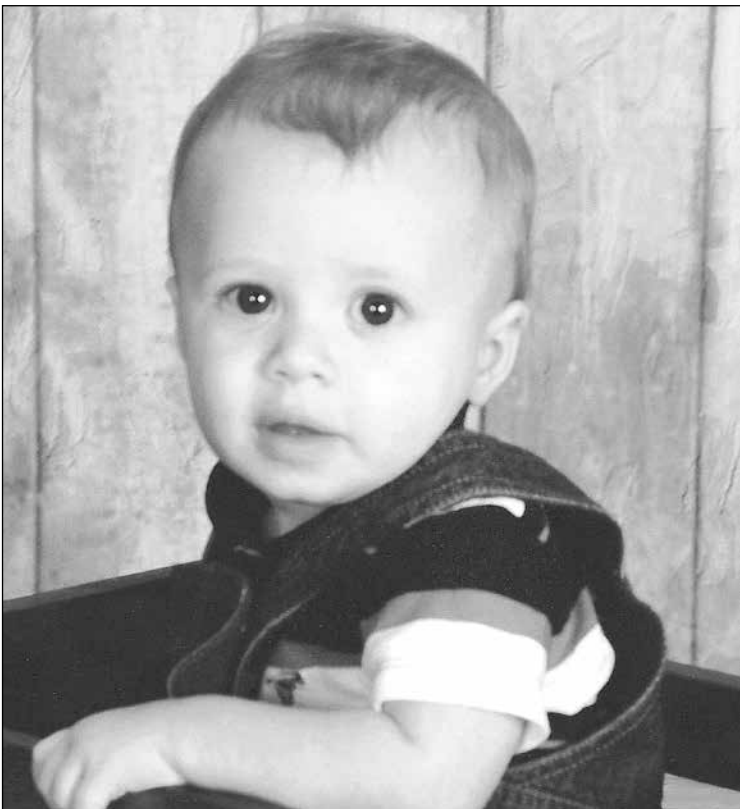
Anderson since 2014. My first year, I had to do the run in a wheelchair because I was weak from chemotherapy, but I got up to walk across the finish line. My family and friends have been by my side every year, with a team we call "Boom Shaka Team Tydlacka."

Most importantly, I received strength and courage from God. My faith has helped to keep my spirits strong, despite everything, and I know that I wouldn't be here without Him.

When you face off against cancer, you learn to live life one day at a time and enjoy the little things. Most importantly, you learn to never give up.

I was honored at the 12th Annual SCOPE 5K Run, which was held at MD Anderson on Saturday, March 25. The race promotes colorectal cancer screening and honors those diagnosed with the disease.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Hunter Patrick Kokes

Society #3 of Hostyn proudly welcomes handsome new member Hunter Patrick Kokes. Hunter was born on Saturday, June 4 at Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital in Houston. Proud parents are Jason and Holly Kokes of Cypress and big sister Annabelle. Grandparents are Patrick Kokes, Deborah and Jim McCaskill, Donna and Cary Tumlinson and Randy and Julie Bradley. Great-grandparents are Mrs. MaryAnn Kokes and the late Joseph Kokes, Gerald and Rita Hatten, Phyllis Harmon and the late Donald Harmon and James and Marian Bradley. Welcome to this awesome fraternal family!



Tyler Joseph VanVeghel

Society #3 of Hostyn proudly welcomes handsome new member Tyler Joseph VanVeghel. Tyler was born on Sunday, May 15 at Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital in Houston. Proud parents are Christine and Robbie VanVeghel of Houston. Grandparents are Patrick Kokes, Deborah and Jim McCaskill, and Paul and Deborah VanVeghel. Great-grandparents are Mrs. MaryAnn Kokes and the late Joseph Kokes, Gerald and Rita Hatten, Lyle and Bette VanVeghel, Stan and Elaine Struble and the late Roger Russell. Welcome to our great fraternal family!

Background/Family Information

Thomas Tydlacka is a member of Society #90 of Rosenberg, District VI. He is a Stage IV Colon Cancer Survivor, and was honored at this year's M.D. Anderson 12th annual Sprint for Colorectal Oncology Prevention and Education (SCOPE) Run and awarded with a Courageous Spirit Award (2017), on behalf of SCOPE and The Erin Marie Scott Memorial Foundation presented at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center on Saturday, March 25. This coincided with the month-long recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month for March. This year marked his 4th race that his team of family and friends – "Boom Shaka Team Tydlacka" has participated in. In his first race, he was on active chemo treatment during the race and was pushed in a wheel chair for most of the race, but walked the last (city) block to cross the finish line.

He is the youngest of three sons of Michael (President, Society #90 and District VI) and Mary Tydlacka of Rosenberg. He is currently living in College Station with his wife Sarah of 16 months. They were married at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg on November 28, 2015.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#117 WACO

By Evelyn Skopik

Waco Society #117 met on Sunday, February 19 at the Waco KC Hall at 5515 Sanger Avenue with a meeting and social. President Frankie Muehlstein

performed the cooking for the noon lunch. He made his famous homemade beef stew. The members brought salads and desserts.

After lunch, the society met to conduct business of the society. President Muehlstein opened

the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and special guests in attendance. Special guests were State Director Robert Nors and his wife Georgia. State Director Nors thanked retired Society

Treasurer Willie Svrcek for his many years of service.

He highlighted the KJT's upcoming events:

State Family Day – Sunday, July 23 at the KJT Fraternal and Activity Center in La Grange
KJY Youth and Teen Camps
Taroky Tournament – Saturday, October 21 at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange

KJT North Texas Golf tournament – Saturday, April 29 in Ferris

Waco Society Member 75-Year Membership Pin Presentation – Sunday, November 26

KJT District Family Day – Sunday, April 30 at Dulock Family Farm – Registration at 11 a.m.

KJT Project H – Request project approval from Home Office

President Muehlstein announced that get well cards were sent by Secretary Evelyn Skopik to members Willie Svrcek and Agnes Prasifka. It was decided to send a \$500 donation to the Religious Retirement Fund. Alvin Sykora

announced the KC's would have a Fish Fry meal every Friday during Lent. The meal would be a come and go event with a donation of \$8 per plate. St. Mary's Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, April 30 at Geneva Hall in Elm Mott.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer for living and deceased members. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 9. A fried chicken lunch will be served at noon followed by the business meeting. An Easter Egg Hunt for the youth will be held followed by a cake walk for all to enjoy. Members are requested to bring baked goods for the cake walk.



IN MEMORIAM OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

*The members of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, wish to express their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the departed members who are listed below.
May their souls rest in peace.*



March 2017

Society #122, Freeport
William A. Kubala
Date of Death: 02/05/2017
Age 97

Society #28, Granger
Robert J. Bohac
Date of Death: 11/04/2016
Age 64

Society #54, Fort Worth
Donald R. Morbitzer
Date of Death: 01/21/2017
Age 82

Society #19, Cameron
Mildred Matocha
Date of Death: 04/04/2016
Age 92

Society #42, Holman
Joseph Muras Sr.
Date of Death: 02/11/2017
Age 93

Society #112, Austin
Frances L. Tomasek
Date of Death: 09/06/2016
Age 78

Society #4, Ammannsville
John A. Tofel
Date of Death: 02/23/2017
Age 67

Society #111, Dallas
Adolph F. Janecka
Date of Death: 02/15/2017
Age 85

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Ralpph L. Pakebusch
Date of Death: 02/12/2017
Age 87

Society #46, La Grange
Gus F. Lindemann
Date of Death: 02/10/2017
Age 86

Society #35, Ennis
Jerry E. Zmolek
Date of Death: 01/04/2017
Age 84

Society #48, Hillje
Frank A. Korenek
Date of Death: 12/26/2016
Age 88

Society #31, West
Jerry L. Mynarcik
Date of Death: 02/17/2017
Age 71

Society #46, La Grange
Benedict Vitek
Date of Death: 02/28/2017
Age 85

Society #20, Shiner
Alfons Zissa
Date of Death: 01/19/2017
Age 92

Society #20, Shiner
Dennis Roznovsky
Date of Death: 02/18/2017
Age 68

Society #40, East Bernard
John Szymanski
Date of Death: 07/03/2016
Age 89

Society #20, Shiner
Catherine Wilems
Date of Death: 02/11/2017
Age 69

Society #129, Schulenburg
Bennie Barborak
Date of Death: 02/24/2017
Age 84

Society #43, Wied
Eugene Gillar
Date of Death: 01/13/2017
Age 70

Society #14, Bryan
Ronald W. Pivonka
Date of Death: 02/25/2017
Age 68

Society #112, Austin
Edward A. Neal
Date of Death: 01/19/2017
Age 80

Society #49, Needville
Jerome Janda
Date of Death: 03/04/2017
Age 93

Society #111, Dallas
Flora Mikulec
Date of Death: 10/27/2016
Age 77

Society #3, Hostyn
Edward F. Janda
Date of Death: 02/27/2017
Age 67

Society #132, Pflugerville
Campbell DeRoulac
Date of Death: 09/24/2016
Age 77



HOME OFFICE HOURS

To better serve our membership, the KJT Home Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

KJT
Who are we?
Let us explain
It will be your gain

KJT
Who are we?
Christian protection and savings, too
For your future, your family and you

KJT
Who are we?
Over a century of protection
and security

KJT
Who are we?
A thriving product of our ancestor's
foresight
That proud to be a perpetual light

KJT
Who are we?
We're adding leaves to a tree
Planted in 1889 for you and me

Rosalie Bohuslav
President
Corpus Christi Society #72



On Sunday, April 9, Frydek Society #29 Youth celebrated Join Hands Day at Colonial Belle Nursing Home with Frydek Society #29 KJT and KJZT as well as St. Mary’s Altar Society. They had an April birthday celebration singing Czech favorites and passing out homemade kolaches to the residents. This is a tradition with this youth program and these societies and many of the residents say they look forward to it each year. (Four photos shown above and below.)



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS



Winner of metal cowboy sculpture – Carmen Draper



Winner of gold cross – Geraldine Telepak



Pictured at one of the fish fries were Bob Pargmann, a customer and KC member, and KJT members Larry Gregoire, Pat Ermis, Pat Gregoire, Bernice Ermis and Daphne Gentz. Society #141 President Gary Gentz, who is also a KC member, was in the kitchen helping make the food.

#141 Georgetown

By Bernice Ermis

The Georgetown Society #141 sold ice cream and desserts at the KC Fish Frys during Lent again this year. They made \$602.43. The money that they earned this year will go to the church for altar linens.

Along with the money earned for selling ice cream and treats that the members and some parishioners bring, like cupcakes, brownies, bars and cookies, the Home Office matches \$500.

They also have a raffle for items that are donated. One of the parishioners, Angelo, makes things and donates them to be raffled off. This year he donated two items that were raffled off on the last Friday. They were won by two female parishioners, Carmen Draper and Geraldine Telepak. One of them was a gold cross and the other a metal sculpture that Angelo made of a cowboy and his son looking at a cross. Angelo’s wife donates desserts every year too.

The raffle brought in another \$71 dollars. So with the ice cream sales of \$602.43, the raffle and the Home Office matching grant of \$500, the donation to the church came to a total of \$1,173.43!

Several members work the table and bring desserts every year.

10 Rules For Making Every Day A Great Day

1. Think that good things will happen.
2. Express gratitude to a loved one.
3. Put your gripes away in a box.
4. Be patient with an annoying person.
5. Do something for yourself.
6. Reach out to someone who needs comfort.
7. Focus deeply on each moment.
8. Learn from a mistake.
9. Look closely at a flower or tree you have not noticed before.
10. SMILE.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#119 LA MARQUE

By Melba Reznicek

La Marque Society #119 held a meeting on Sunday, March 12 at Queen of Peace Life Center in La Marque. The members welcomed their newest agent, Brady Alexander, to the society. He is the third generation of agents in the society. First generation is W.K. Leonard and second generation is Lisa Alexander.

The members also welcomed State Director Larry Kuciemba and thanked him for attending. He covered several points of interest.

The members discussed several of the events and the dates for the upcoming year. Join Hands Day will be held on Saturday, May 20 at the Queen of Peace Church in La Marque to spruce up the church grounds prior to the festival. On Sunday, June 4, the Queen

of Peace Spring Festival will be held at the Queen of Peace Church in La Marque. Society #119 will provide the beer garden, consisting of turkey legs, sausage on the stick, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and of course the refreshing beverage, beer.

The society will also move its June meeting to Sunday, June 4 prior to the festival. It will be a short and sweet meeting held in the beer garden before all the activities begin.

Next on the calendar of events will be the Sixth Annual Craft and More event. This was tentatively set for October 7 but due to other conflicting events it has been moved to Saturday, October 21. This will be in conjunction with the society's Matching Grant donation and the recipient this year will be the Ronald McDonald House in Galveston. Members are really excited about this. Members

also discussed the KJT State Family Day on Sunday, July 23 and Project H. As the meeting drew to a close, everyone wished

Fr. Paul a Happy Birthday and presented him with a cake and wished him well on his upcoming trip to Poland.



At the Dearing Elementary Backpack for Kids Program presented were (left to right) Shirley Pokorney, Diane De Roulac and Bill Thomas, Backpack for Kids representative.



Pictured in front of the Blood Mobile with the logo "We Are Blood" are Society President Jim Krahula and KJT members Rosa Linda Hernandez, W.C. Kolinek, Mamie Black and Paul Detzel. "We Are Blood" is the new name of the Blood Center of Central Texas.



Three generations of Society #119 Sales Representatives – (left to right) Lisa Alexander, W.K. Leonard and Brady Alexander.



Wishing Fr. Paul a Happy Birthday at Society #119's March meeting

#80 SEALY

By Bernice Stolarski

The Sealy Society #80 officers met on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. which began with a prayer and then the meal served by Ivy and Leon Konvicka.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m. with roll call of officers, reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report. Barbara Hajdik gave the CCSF report including the names of Leon Konvicka, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Billie Jean Nichols, Louis Hajdik and Bernice Stolarski.

Society graduating seniors receiving scholarships are Will Cerny, Samantha Cerny and Hannah Waltrip.

Members were invited to participate in the Join Hands Day project beginning at the Sealy Cemetery at 9 a.m. on May 6.

Fundraising projects were discussed. It was decided to hold a raffle with the tickets being handed out at the September Member Appreciation Day. The remaining tickets will be mailed. Any members wishing to donate prizes for this raffle are asked to contact Joe Bilski or Bennie Stolarski, Fred Patek or Mark Stolarski who are the three committee members working on the raffle prize list.

State Director Larry Kuciemba stated that the society reached a Level III Society Recognition Award and that the KJT is doing very well.

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#132 PFLUGERVILLE

By Juan Bosquez

On Sunday, March 12, Pflugerville Society #132 donated \$375 to the Dearing Elementary Backpack for Kids Program. Dearing Elementary School has identified 20 children who are needy from kindergarten through fifth grade. These children will be provided breakfast and lunch for the weekend.

On Saturday, April 8, Society #132 held a successful Chili Bingo in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Hall. Ninety percent of the proceeds from the bingo will be given to the

St. Elizabeth Youth Scholarship Fund and 10 percent will go to the Agnes Pokorney Scholarship Fund. Everyone had their choice of 16 recipes from a variety of homemade chili ranging from Italian chili to chicken chili, turkey chili and venison.

On Sunday, April 9, the monthly pancake breakfast attracted a strong crowd with a good number participating in the semi-annual KJT Blood Drive. As usual, everyone donating blood received a free pancake breakfast



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#31 WEST

By Georgie Nors

On Sunday, March 12 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, West Society #31 members were treated to a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. After the breakfast, a regular meeting was held. President Michael Kraemer opened the meeting and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Albert Charanza, Jr. and his niece Ann Chapple to the meeting.

Georgie Nors and Brent Pavlas won the attendance prizes.

Robert Nors reported on the Fried Fish Fundraiser that was held on Friday, March 3. He stated that a total of 400 plates were sold with 262 to-go plates and 138 ate in. He gave a breakdown of all the expenses and stated it was a successful fundraiser.

President Kraemer thanked everyone for their help with the fundraiser, also to the West

Boy Scouts and KJZT members. Everyone reported they have heard good reports that the food was very good and had good help. And the to-go line went smoothly as per Sherry Pavlas and Don Urbanovsky.

Sherry Pavlas reported that she sent a sympathy card to the Jerry Mynarcik Family and received a thank you note from them for the Memorial donation.

Robert Nors reported on the level awards that the Home Office awarded. He stressed that it is very important for all members to recommend members to the KJT. The sales representatives do a lot, but need help from the membership.

The District Family Day will

be held on Sunday, April 30. West Society #31 will be hosting the event at the Dulock/Snapka Farm.

Registration starts at 11 a.m., with the fishing, horse shoe and washer tossing events starting at noon to 3 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided during the entire event. President Kraemer stated that help will be needed with the cooking, serving and judging.

Sherry Pavlas stated that the Society #31 Scholarship deadline will be Sunday, April 30.

Members were reminded of the 125th Anniversary of the church. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 7. The KJT North Texas Golf Tournament

will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Ferris, which is close to Ennis.

President Kraemer thanked those who helped with the Pancake Breakfast. He reminded members that next month, Sunday, April 9, would be Corporate Communion Mass with the KJZT members. Breakfast with kolaches and meetings would follow the Mass.

The members sang "Happy Birthday" to Sherry Pavlas and Robert Nors, both having birthdays during the coming week.

Door prize winners were Georgie Nors and Sherry Pavlas. Sherry Pavlas led the closing prayer.



St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg provided helping hands to the Schulenburg Museum Fundraiser. A meal of roasted beef and sides was served on Sunday, March 26.

FAOT

KJT Takes Home Silver Trophy Again



The KJT once again brought home the traveling Silver Trophy after taking first place at the 13th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, March 4 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels. The KJT team consists of (left to right) State Vice President David M. Wagner, Deric Hayek, Michael Burke, Charles Srubar Thomas Petras and Dusty Wagner. Way to go guys!



Stříbrňanka is a professional band with young, lively musicians from Stříbrnice, Czech Republic, located in South Moravia. The band has a distinctive, unmistakable sound, playing a wide repertoire of Czech and Moravian folk music, concert, solo and dance songs.

Stříbrňanka has a unique repertoire based almost entirely on their songs and songs written especially for this band.

Thursday, April 27, 2017
Victoria Community Center

2905 East North St.

7-10 pm Performance and Dance

Advance Admission: \$10 per person; \$12.50 at the door (\$8 per person for VCCHS members if mailed in)

Mail check by April 21st payable to VCCHS to:

Victoria County Czech Heritage Society

PO Box 1145

Victoria, TX 77902

Include names attending: Your tickets will be at the door.



The band performs brass music from numerous authors, but in recent years most of their performances feature songs written by themselves - both polkas and waltzes, as well as arrangements of solo pieces. The band has a rich history. It was founded in a small village beneath the castle

Buchlov in Stříbrnice, Czech Republic in 1970 and since that time, has performed at festivals, feasts, dances, balls and concerts and also abroad in several countries. During this period they released more than 30 CD's, cassettes and DVD's. One of the first major hits of this band is "The Garden of Moravia", whose song became almost a kind of little anthem. They are a quite popular orchestra to many listeners at home and abroad as they

feature 21 band members, 10 of which will be coming to Victoria April 27, 2017.



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SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, April 27, business meeting and meal, restaurant, Missouri City, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #63, SMITHVILLE

Thursday, April 27, meeting, KC House, 7 p.m., with sandwiches and sides as refreshments. An officer from the Home Office will attend.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY STRIBRNANKA, VICTORIA

Thursday, April 27, Victoria Community Center, 2905 East North St., Victoria. Performance and dance from 7-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Victoria County Czech Heritage Society. For information call (361) 649-2243 or email joejanak@nodial.net.

TRACKING ANCESTRAL FOOTPRINTS – A GENEALOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP, CALDWELL

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Texas Hwy. 71 W., Caldwell, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. For more information, contact Gladys Valchar at (972) 790-2848.



KJT NORTH TEXAS GOLF TOURNAMENT, FERRIS

Saturday, April 29, Old Brickyard Golf Course, 605 North Fwy. Service Road, Ferris, Texas 75125. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Four-person scramble (one team member must be a KJT member). \$75 person (\$300 per team). RSVP to insurance@kjt.net.org. Call 800.245.8182 for more information. Prizes and other giveaways. Proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF TEXAS SPRING MEETING AND 16TH ANNUAL MISS TEXAS CZECH SLOVAK QUEEN PAGEANT, HALLETTSVILLE

Saturday, April 29, Knights

of Columbus Hall, 321 US Hwy. 77, Hallettsville. Hosted by the Lavaca CHS Chapter. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. with the crowning of the new 2017-2018 Miss Texas Czech Slovak Queen. Visit vendor booths, displays, silent auction and traveling library and see the contestants competing in on-stage interview, kroj modeling, talents and personal interviews.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR, KATY

Saturday, April 29-Sunday, April 30. Saturday, 6-10 p.m., barbecue dinner, silent auction, laser tag, children's games, rock wall, movie for the children and music by the Dujka Brothers. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., cultural food booths, laser tag, children's games, rock wall and live auction.

IRS FORM 990-N DUE

Sunday, April 30.

DISTRICT V ANNUAL FAMILY DAY, TOKIO

Sunday, April 30, Dulak-Snapka Farm, hosted by the West and surrounding societies of District V. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Festivities from noon-3 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring fishing equipment, lawn/folding chairs. The fishing, horse shoe and washer tossing events will be held from noon-3 p.m. The officers ask for some help with the contests so any volunteers that will step up will greatly be appreciated. District V meeting will be held around 3:15-3:30 p.m. Contact information: Tanner (214) 535-2269, Keith (214) 334-1385 or Joe (214) 289-6953. The farm is located at 1092 Tokio Loop off "Old Railroad Road", exit I-35 at FM 1858 and turn to the direction going west, almost four miles turn right onto Old Railroad Road, go about three miles and turn left onto Tokio Loop, go about two miles and the Farm is on the left, look for the yellow signs at points of turns.

SOCIETY #56, HOUSTON

Sunday, April 30, meeting, Assumption Catholic Church,

Pope John Building, second floor right behind the rectory, Houston, 1:30 p.m. Meeting followed by social, bingo and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date and plan to attend and be involved.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, April 30, local scholarship applications due.

SOCIETY #43, WIED

Sunday, April 30, meeting after 9:14 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's (the white house). All members are encouraged to attend!

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM

Sunday, April 30, meeting, St. Joseph Family Center after the 9 a.m. Mass.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA

Sunday, April 30, meeting.



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Friday, May 5.

JOIN HANDS DAY

Saturday, May 6.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, May 7, West Church of Assumption Parish 125th Anniversary. A 10:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Garcia and Rev. Paul Hudson. A catered meal will be served at the KC Hall afterwards.

DISTRICT VII FAMILY DAY & MEETING, HILLJE

Sunday, May 7, St. Andrew Parish Hall, Hillje. Mass 10 a.m. Social 11 a.m. Meal 11:30 a.m. Meeting to follow. Contact District VII officers President Vince Nemec (979) 241-5177, Vice President Donald Dusek (361) 578-6730 or Secretary/Treasurer Frances Toman (361) 771-5269. This meeting was originally scheduled for March 18.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Thursday, May 11, meeting, Sacred Heart Reception Room, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, Mother's Day Bake Sale before and after all weekend Masses.



MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 14.

KJT DISCOUNTED SPLASHWAY SEASON PASS DEADLINE

Monday, May 15.

SOCIETY #130, ELGIN

Tuesday, May 16, meeting.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE

Saturday, May 20, Join Hands Day, Queen of Peace Church, La Marque, to spruce up church grounds prior to upcoming church festival.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, May 21, meeting, home of James and Carolyn Prihoda, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Sunday, May 21, Hostyn Parish Hall. Mass for the deceased and living members at 8 a.m. followed with a free-will donation Scholarship Breakfast with meeting starting around 9:30 a.m. Please plan to attend and bring a new member.

SLAVNOST-MAY FEST, TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTER, LA GRANGE

Sunday, May 21, Celebrating 20 Years, 250 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, Texas 78945. Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants of All Years Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Meal served starting at 11 a.m. \$10 per person which includes meal and all events. Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra 12:30-5 p.m. Fun for the whole family! Czech Village and Museum tours, pastry shop, Classic Car Show, door prizes, gift shop, giveaway drawing, country store, and food and drinks available all day.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Tuesday, May 23, officers meeting 6 p.m., meal and regular meeting, 7 p.m., Lifeteen Room, Immaculate Conception Church Center.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Wednesday, May 24, meeting, 5318 Bonner Drive, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, May 25, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Monday, May 29. Veterans Day Memorial Day Service, McBride Post #143, Schulenburg.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT ENTRY FORMS DUE

Wednesday, May 31.

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SOCIETY #63, SMITHVILLE

Saturday, June 3, Garage Sale, St. Paul Parish Hall

located at Mills and Second in Smithville, 8 a.m. Proceeds go to the Religious Retirement Fund. There will be a bake sale and sausage wrap sale also.

SOCIETY #34, NADA

Saturday, June 3, meeting.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE

Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m., short meeting prior to church Spring Festival. Members will meet in beer garden before festivities begin.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 4, meeting, Moravian Hall, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE

Sunday, June 4, Queen of Peace Spring Festival, Queen of Peace Church, La Marque. Society will have a beer garden providing

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turkey legs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and refreshing beer.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Wednesday, June 7, regular meeting, Formation Center of St. Matthew Religious Education Facility, Classroom No. 5, 7:30 p.m.

27TH ANNUAL CZECH KOLACHE KLOBASE FESTIVAL, EAST BERNARD

Saturday, June 10, Riverside Hall. Plenty of music, dancing and lively entertainment with bands and entertainers. Arts, crafts, plate lunch, hamburgers, raffle prizes, cake walk, kid games and family fun. Plenty of kolaches for sale. Information: (979) 335-7907 or (979) 531-9747. Web site www.kkfest.com.

SOCIETY #134, ROUND ROCK

Saturday, June 10, meeting, KC Pavilion.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, Flag Day Ceremonies at all three Masses. Altar flowers and 9 a.m. Mass for living and deceased members of the society.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, June 11, Flag Day, ceremony at all Masses.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, June 11, meeting, 2 p.m., prior to Youth Swim Party.



FLAG DAY

Wednesday, June 14.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day, Fayette County Courthouse Grounds.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day Ceremony, Jourdanton Community Center, 9 a.m.

SOCIETY #141, GEORGETOWN

Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA

Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, June 22, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

KJT YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE

Friday, June 23.

STS. PETER & PAUL FEAST, PLUM

Sunday, June 25, Mass at 10 a.m. with Bishop Brendan Cahill officiating. Meal of fried chicken, "Plum-style" sausage, dressing, buttered potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans with dessert. Serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in air conditioned dining hall. Drive-thru plates-to-go from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Music by Ken Brothers from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., country store, penny raffle with many prizes to win, cake walk, plant wheel and lots of children's games. Country auction with lots of unique homemade crafts beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bingo in air-conditioned hall starting at 2 p.m., hamburgers at 4 p.m. and free dance at 7 p.m. Fun for all ages, come enjoy a great day!

OFFICER MEMBER RECRUITMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE-FIRST PERIOD

Friday, June 30.



SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Saturday, July 1.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Monday, July 3, Stafford Fundraiser, Stafford Complex.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Sunday, July 9, Family Day at Dell Diamond with tailgate party and exciting ball game with Round Rock Express against Colorado Springs. Sarah Vitek will take reservations for tickets and car passes. For information, call her at (512) 656-7570.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Wednesday, July 12, Drive-Thru

Fundraiser. The meal consists of pork steak dinner with noodles, cooked cabbage and peaches. Mark your calendars now!

SOCIETY #81, POTH

Sunday, July 16, quarterly meeting, Blessed Sacrament Church Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Sunday, July 16, St. Matthew's Czech Day Celebration.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, July 16, meeting, home of James and Carolyn Prihoda, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #63, SMITHVILLE

Tuesday, July 18, meeting, KC House, 7 p.m.

KJT STATE FAMILY DAY

Sunday, July 23.

KJT SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Sunday, July 23-Thursday, July 27.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Tuesday, July 25, officers meeting 6 p.m., meal and regular meeting, 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church Center.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, July 27, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

KJT SUMMER TEEN CAMP

Thursday, July 27-Sunday, July 30.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA

Sunday, July 30, meeting.



SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, August 6, Schulenburg Festival Parade.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Sunday, August 6, Hostyn Parish Hall. Mass for the deceased and living members at 8 a.m. followed with a free-will donation Scholarship Breakfast with meeting starting around 9:30 a.m.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Thursday, August 10, meeting,

Sacred Heart Reception Room, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, August 13, Society Challenge Turkey Shoot.

SOCIETY #56, HOUSTON

Sunday, August 13, meeting, Assumption Catholic Church, Pope John Building, second floor right behind the rectory, Houston, 1:30 p.m. Meeting followed by social, bingo and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date and plan to attend and be involved.

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM

Sunday, August 20, meeting, St. Joseph Family Center after the 9 a.m. Mass.

SOCIETY #130, ELGIN

Tuesday, August 22, meeting.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, August 24, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Wednesday, August 30, meeting, 5318 Bonner Drive, 7 p.m.



SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, September 3, St. Mary's Parish Festival, High Hill.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PICNIC, FAYETTEVILLE

Sunday, September 3, Mass with Polka music at 10 a.m. All-you-can-eat barbecue beef, pork and sausage dinner with trimmings prepared on the church grounds and plates to go beginning at 10:30 a.m. St. John Recreation Hall. Country auction at 1:30 p.m. Bingo, music and other events throughout the day. Come join in an old-fashioned feast! Fayetteville is right in the middle of the Central Texas Golden Triangle area and is conveniently located between Austin, Houston and San Antonio. For further information call (979) 378-2244.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Wednesday, September 6, regular meeting, Formation Center of St. Matthew Religious

Education Facility, Classroom No. 5, 7:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #34, NADA

Saturday, September 9, meeting.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, September 10, meeting and covered dish meal, Moravian Hall, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, September 10, Corporate Communion at 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by meeting with coffee and kolaches.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE

Sunday, September 10, meeting and covered dish meal, Queen of Peace Life Center, 1 p.m.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Sunday, September 17, Member Appreciation Day, Hill Center, Sealy. Registration at 1 p.m. followed by games, door prizes and catered meal at 5 p.m.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Saturday, September 23, Join Hands Day. Members to help with clean-up and set up of St. Matthew's Church Picnic, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 9 a.m.

SOCIETY #81, POTH

Sunday, September 24, 7th Annual KJT Benefit Raffle in conjunction with the Poth VFD Barbecue Chicken Dinner, 12 p.m. Proceeds benefit KJT Charities and Poth VFD. 200 tickets to be sold. First prize, \$500 VISA gift card, second prize, \$250 VISA gift card, third-fifth prizes, \$100 VISA gift card, sixth-ninth prizes, \$75 VISA gift card and tenth prize, \$50 VISA gift card. Donation \$20. Need not be present to win. Contact Jackie Moczgemba at jackiejansky@msn.com to purchase tickets.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA

Sunday, September 24, Czech Fest fundraiser.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, September 28, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.



KJT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**BY KEVIN KANA
KJT STATE TREASURER-
SECRETARY**

The Board of Directors meeting of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, was held at the Home Office in La Grange on Tuesday, March 7. State Spiritual Director Fr. Bob Knippenberg offered Holy Mass for all enrolled in the KJT Memorial Foundation. State President Christopher L. Urban welcomed the board members and distributed the agenda that would be followed.

The roll call indicated that all directors and officers were present as well as Honorary State Directors Marvin Marek, John Pavelka, Henry Netardus, Stanley Cernoch and Honorary State Attorney Jacob Walla. All financial reports, investment reports and marketing reports were accepted as presented. The Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) annual banquet was to be held at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange on Saturday, April 22. The Board of Directors

selected KJT Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek of Society #119 of La Marque as the KJT's honoree of the year for all he does in promoting Czech heritage and culture. The Poth and Eastgate societies will be commemorating their centennials in 2017. More information will follow for society celebrations.

Did You Know?

The state fish is the Guadalupe Bass and was named so by the 71st Legislature in 1989.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT PROGRAM



The Catholic Union of Texas will continue to offer the Catholic School Tuition Grant Program in 2017 to assist in obtaining an excellent education from a Catholic school! The Catholic school tuition program awards a maximum of 100 grants of \$100 each to students chosen through a random selection process. The student applying for the grant must be a life insurance member of the KJT. We will accept only one application per student.

The application must be postmarked by May 31, 2017. Winners will be notified by August 1, 2017. All awards will be paid directly to the Catholic school that the student attends after verification of attendance is submitted. Submitting an application does not guarantee that the entry will be automatically selected.

Catholic School Tuition Grant Program for Grades K 11

Catholic School Tuition Grant Program Rules

1. The student must be a life insurance member of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT.
2. The student must enter a Catholic elementary school or be part of a Catholic accredited homeschool curriculum, grades Kindergarten through 11 in Fall 2017.
3. Winners will be determined by a random selection process and notified by mail.
4. All awards will be paid directly to the Catholic school the student attends. Verification of attendance will be required.
5. Please submit the following entry form. Photocopies of this form are also acceptable.
6. For additional information, contact the KJT Home Office at (800) 245-8182.

Mail this completed form to:



Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
CST
P.O. Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945

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Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT Catholic School Tuition Grant Program for Grades K-11

Please Print

Student's Name _____ Certificate No. _____ Society No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Telephone No. _____

Email _____ School Name _____

Make Check Payable To: _____ (school or business office)

Send Check To: Address _____ Grade-Fall 2017 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Incomplete entries will be automatically disqualified.

Submitting an entry to the Home Office does not guarantee that you will automatically receive a tuition grant from Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT.

**Deadline
May 31, 2017**