MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

Congratulations To All 2017 Graduating Seniors

I would like to congratulate all the graduating college and high school seniors that have reached another milestone in their lives. A list of the KJT State Scholarship recipients can be found on pages 10-13 of this issue of the KJT News. Have a great summer and good luck in your next stage of life whether you are entering the workforce or continuing your education!

2017 KJT State Family Day

We invite everyone to join us for KJT State Family Day on Sunday, July 23, at the KJT Activity and Fraternal Center near La Grange beginning with Holy Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a meal served from noon through 1:30 p.m. We have a fun day planned for everyone!

Entertainment includes a waterslide for the kids, a caricature artist and we are about 99% sure that Chris Rybak will join us for entertainment during the day. (He is on a European Tour as I write this and he believes that he is available but will confirm when he gets back to the states).

We will draw for attendance prizes throughout the day followed by the final “big” attendance prizes to close out the afternoon.

More details will be forthcoming in next month’s issue of the KJT News. Incidentally, Family Day coincides with the beginning of our KJT Youth Camp so plan to join us for Family Day first and then take your camper out to the campsite at the conclusion of the day.

Deputy & Director Qualifications for 42nd General Convention – July 2018

The 42nd General Convention is just 13 short months away and the requirements to serve as a delegate per the KJT By-laws are as follows:

1. To be eligible to serve as a delegate or alternate to a General Convention, the member must attend all or a minimum of 50% of the local society meetings from January 1 to December 31 of the year preceding the convention.
2. An individual will not be able to serve as a delegate or alternate to the General Convention who is or whose spouse is a state officer or state director, state directress of other fraternal life insurance

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FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Spring & Summer Fun . . .

April has been a busy month for me once more. I got the tax man out of the way and then on Saturday, April 22, I was honored by the KJT for the 2017 Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) award. I am very proud of my Czech heritage and I love promoting the Czech culture and the Christian values of the KJT. I would like again to thank the officers and Board of Directors for this honor.

On Sunday, April 25, I was off to Houston to the Harris County Czech Heritage Festival where there was great food and music as well as several booths to shop, if your heart so desired. The KJT Home Office sponsored a Kolache-Eating Contest with State President Christopher L. Urban and Vice President David M. Wagner always making it a lot of fun. I also had the pleasure of visiting with KJT Honorary State Director Marvin Marek, as well as East Bernard Society #40 President Ed Marik and many other visitors throughout the day.

On Wednesday, April 26, it was back to La Grange for a great performance by Stihrnanka, a Czech brass band from the Czech Republic. The event was held at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center Fair Pavilion. What a terrific night it was and a big thanks to all involved in making it happen.

As May approached it looked to be a busy month as well, beginning on Sunday, May 14 as we celebrate a special day honoring all our mothers.

Then looking at the upcoming Memorial Day weekend of May 26, 27 and 29, I will be heading up to Ennis for their 51st annual Polka Festival.

As June comes around the corner keep in mind the 27th Annual Kolache Klobase Festival in East Bernard on Saturday, June 10. Society #40 President Ed Marik and his fellow members provide a wonderful day of great entertainment, food and cold beverages.

As we celebrate all these great events try to remember to reach out and bring in new members to the KJT.

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.
organizations, or insurance sales representative representing other fraternal life insurance organizations.

Additionally, there will be three vacancies for state directors at the 42nd General Convention in July 2018. To qualify for the position of state director, one must be eligible to serve as a delegate to the convention (see requirements above). There are additional qualifications, so if anyone is interested and would like to learn more about the other qualifications, please call and ask for me to discuss.

10th Annual KJT State Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual KJT State Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7, at the Flatonia Golf Course in Flatonia located at 1245 Hwy 90 East. The format will be a 4-person scramble at $200 per team (including mulligans) once again. Call us to reserve your team’s spot in the tournament. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, one of the KJT’s statewide charities for 2017.

Splashaway Summer Passes

As another benefit of being a KJT member, we have once again partnered with Splashaway Waterpark in Sheridan to offer discounted season passes. Your membership in the KJT will get you a 25% discount on your season passes at the waterpark. Call us at the Home Office at (979) 968-5877 and ask for Shirley for more details.

Q1 2017 Financials

You can find a summary of the KJT’s financials for the first quarter of 2017 on page 8 of this issue of the KJT News. The KJT’s results were flat for the first quarter of 2017, but the KJT continues to maintain a strong financial standing to protect its members.

Until next time, I wish all of you a safe and happy summer! Enjoy your vacations and safe travels to you all! Stay cool!

CHRI STOPHER L. UHLER

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.

www.SplashawayWaterpark.com 321 Main Street - Sheridan, TX 77475 - 979-234-7718

ACT NOW Sale ends June 15th

For a limited time you can enter your exclusive code to receive 25% off general admission tickets over 42” when you check-out online! Your promo code is not valid with any other special offers such as group rates, party packages, and discount admission, etc. This promo code has no cash value and may not be refunded, indemnified, or sold for profit. This discount is only valid online.

PROMO CODE: KJT2017

HOW TO USE PROMO CODE

1) Visit Splashway.com and click “Buy Tickets Now”
2) Add all your tickets to your cart
3) Enter your promo code box and click “Apply Coupon Code” button
4) Your promotions will be applied and your total will be reflected

$25 OFF SEASON PASS

Purchase your 2017 season pass at the KJT Home Office for only $74.99+ tax. Flatten your cost over the summer by taking advantage of “Pass Parks”

• Branded waterpark ticket discount
• $20 off at private camping facilities
• Discount on ZipLine Tour Adventures
• $10 off at renting units
• Discounted locker rentals
• 10% off on souvenirs, food and more

OFFER EXPIRES: MAY 15, 2017
WELCOME TO OUR SALES FORCE

Cynthia Nemec Joins KJT Team

BY DAVID M. WAGNER
STATE VICE PRESIDENT

The Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, is excited to announce our newest agent, Cynthia M. Nemec. She was born and raised in El Campo. She graduated from El Campo High School. After graduation, Cynthia attended Wharton County Junior College, graduated with an Associate of Arts, and then attended Sam Houston State University. She graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She also attended the University of Houston at Clear Lake, where she obtained a Learning Resources Endorsement.

Cynthia married Vincent Nemec and they settled in Bay City. They raised two children, Stephanie and Thomas. She was a school librarian in Bay City ISD for 12 years, and then decided to stay home with her family. She substituted in various schools while the children were growing up. Cynthia is very proud to be a KJT sales representative and looks forward to this new endeavor. She is currently a member of St. Christopher and St. Joseph Society #139 in Bay City. She will be working alongside Dan Stavena serving the society and area.

We welcome Cynthia and are very excited to have her come aboard!

SALES ACHIEVEMENT

Ronald Hostas, sales representative for Seymour Society #59 is shown receiving his Outstanding Sales Achievement plaque. The plaque and bars represent his achievements over the years of continued service. State Director Robert Nors presented Hostas with his award at the District XII Family Day on Sunday, April 30 at Miller Creek Lake.

KJT DIAMOND

State Treasurer-Secretary Kevin Kana is shown presenting Bernard G. Kallus, member of Ammannsville Society #4, his 75-year membership pin. Congratulations Bernard!

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY

What Is A Special Needs Trust?

The summer is upon us! I wish everyone a fun-filled and safe summer. As I meet with families on estate planning matters, the following question often comes up, especially in families with a disabled individual.

Question: What is a Special Needs Trust?

A Special Needs Trust is typically designed to benefit a disabled individual. Instead of giving assets to the beneficiary directly, assets are transferred to a Special Needs Trust by the grantor (typically family member) or as damages are paid because of a settled lawsuit, and those assets are available for the beneficiary without disqualifying him or her for government programs, such as Social Security Income and Medicaid.

Funds or assets in a Special Needs Trust provide for supplemental care, which consists of items over and above the necessities of life (housing, food and clothing) and governmental benefits.

If you have an intended beneficiary that is disabled and receiving governmental benefits or believe that an intended beneficiary may become disabled and receive governmental benefits in the future, you should consider learning more about Special Needs Trusts.

Philip J. Hundl is State Attorney for the KJT and a shareholder in the law firm of Wadler, Perches, Hundl & Kerlick with offices in Wharton, El Campo and Richmond, Texas.

State Attorney’s note: The information in this column is not intended as legal advice but to provide a general understanding of the law. Readers with legal problems, including those whose questions are addressed here, should consult attorneys for advice on their particular circumstances.

Submit your questions for this column via email to phundl@wphk-law.com or via U.S. Mail to Wadler, Perches, Hundl & Kerlick, Philip J. Hundl, KJT State Attorney c/o KJT Legal Column, 101 W. Burleson Street, Wharton, Texas 77488 or at www.wphk-law.com.
APRIL 2017 TOP PRODUCERS

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

Linda Gaas  
Society #29, Frenstat  
• Third Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

Robert Nors  
Society #31, West  
• Fourth Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

Mildred Machacek  
Society #20, Shiner  
• Seventh Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

Ted Vitek  
Society #12, Austin  
• Eighth Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky  
Society #72, Corpus Christi  
• Sixth Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

• April 2017 New Application  
  Producer – 148 months

• April 2017 New Member  
  Producer – 145 months

W.K. Leonard  
Society #119, La Marque  
• Second Place April 2017  
  Top Producer

• April 2017 Premium Leader

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

• April 2017 Volume Leader

• April 2017 New Application  
  Producer – 2 months

• April 2017 New Member  
  Producer – 2 months

Why Do I Need Life Insurance?

Although you may not think about it, your ability to earn income is a significant asset and life insurance helps replace lost income in the event of your premature death. Here are some reasons people buy life insurance.

The death benefit may be used:
• To replace income the family would need to maintain their standard of living after the death of a wage earner.
• To pay off a mortgage loan and other personal and business debts or to create a rent fund.
• To create a fund for children’s education.
• To pay final expenses, such as funeral costs and taxes.
• To create a family emergency fund or a fund for a family member with special needs.

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 Name: _______________________________ Camper’s Status: _______________
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 NEWS

Miller Creek Lake Was The Site For The District XII Family Day

BY RONALD HOSTAS

On Sunday, April 30, District XXII held its Family Day at Miller Creek Lake. A crowd of 30 showed up to enjoy the day with fishing and a lot of fellowship taking place.

With the winds blowing from 10 to 35 miles an hour, it made fishing an exciting sport for everyone from ages 5-55.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of a $900 scholarship to Randy Peters from the KJT by State Director Robert Nors. State Director Nors also presented Outstanding Star Award to Ronald Hostas for his work and accomplishments over the years of service for the KIT as a sales representative.

An evening meal was served and prizes were presented to the top fishermen of the group who were Blaine Orsak, first place; Emilie Orsak, second; Jake Orsak, third; Cade Peters, fourth, and Glen Peters, fifth. All other fishermen received a consolation prize for their efforts.

75-Year Membership

May 2017

Society #3, Hostyn
Albert B. Kozel
John A. Kozel

Society #31, West
Herman L. Srvcak

Society #35, Ennis
Bernard Drozd
Henry J. Drozd
Leonard Drozd

Society #46, La Grange
Robert G. Hajovsky

Society #71, Ganado
Roland D. Liberda

Society #84, El Campo
Alphonse J. Fucik

Society #96, Sinton
Ben R. Matula
Deacon Paul J. Matula
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 Coushatta 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 Coushatta 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 Coushatta – Wednesday, July 5 @ 1 p.m.
Depart Coushatta – 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

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Live / Silent Auction

2017 Queen of Peace Spring Festival

June 4, 2017 11-6 PM
1224 Cedar La Marque, TX

Much more Fun, Games and Enchilada Dinners

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Beer Garden Mexican Bingo KIDS GAMES

Society #119 of La Marque would like to invite everyone to join them at the Queen of Peace Festival in La Marque on Sunday, June 4.

There will be a lot of activities for all.

Society #119 would like to invite you to come by and visit with them at their famous Beer Garden.

There will be turkey legs, sausage on the stick, corn on the cob, beer and wine, as well as funnel cakes for those with a sweet tooth.

Hope to see you there!

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Encourage Youth to Participate at the Local, District & State Level. They Are the Future of This Great Society #119 of La Marque would like to invite everyone to join them at the Queen of Peace Festival in La Marque on Sunday, June 4.

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Benefits and Expenses

| Policy Death Benefits           | $ 253,161                 | $ 145,051 |
| Matured Benefits                |                          |         |
| Annuity Benefits                | 252,951                   | 39,514  |
| Disability Benefits             |                          |         |
| Surrender Benefits              | 979,765                   | 435,861 |
| Interest and Adjustments on Fund| 6,079                     | 6,058   |
| Increase in Life and Annuity Reserves | 1,296,415             | 2,433,607 |
| Expenses, Taxes, and Commission Payments | 409,277            | 355,541 |
| Increase in loading             | 122                       | 371    |
| **Total Benefits and Expenses** | **$ 3,197,770**           | **$ 3,416,003** |

Surplus

| Net Income From Operations      | (15,453)                  | 62,149 |
| Refunds to Members              | (11,002)                  | 34,024 |
| Net Gain (Loss) From Operations | (4,451)                   | 28,125 |
| Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses) |                          | 2,995  |
| **Net Income**                  | **(4,451)**               | **30,720** |

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Total Admitted Assets | $78,629,484 | $77,317,503 |

Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus

| Reserves for Certificates         | $ 72,739,371 | $ 71,442,956 |
| Contract Claims                   | 181,221      | 108,879     |
| Liability for Deposit Type Contracts | 628,476     | 628,006    |
| Provisions for refunds payable    | 81,648       | 117,370    |
| Asset Valuation Reserve           | 385,441      | 371,446    |
| Interest Maintenance Reserve      | 78,031       | 98,151     |
| Miscellaneous Liabilities         | 212,358      | 209,528    |
| Payable for Securities            |              |           |
| **Total Reserves and Liabilities**| **$ 74,306,546** | **$ 72,976,336** |

Surplus | $ 4,322,938 | $ 4,341,167 |

Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus | $78,629,484 | $77,317,503 |

**DISTRICT NEWS**

District XI Holds Family Day

BY HENRY NETARDUS

HONORARY STATE DIRECTOR

The District XI Meeting and Family Fun Day held on Sunday, April 23 began with registration at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Matthew’s Parish CCD classroom. Jourdanton Society #87 was the host society.

District President Robert Williams called the meeting to order at noon and asked Phillip Netardus to lead the opening prayer and pledge to the flag. President Williams thanked Jourdanton Society #87 for hosting the meeting. President Williams introduced the Society #81 and #87 officers as well as State Director Ellen Zdansky and husband Charles.

District Secretary Henry Netardus read correspondence from the Home Office, Broadway State Bank and Assumption Seminary.

Society #81, Poth, had two adults, two juniors and no guests in attendance. Society #87, Jourdanton, had 15 adults four juniors and no guests present. San Antonio Society #102 and New Braunfels Society #126 had no one present.

Susan Netardus moved that if the present officers, President Robert Williams, Vice President Jacqueline Moczygeba and Secretary/Treasurer Henry Netardus were willing to continue their respective positions, which they all agreed to do, to nominate them by acclamation. They were all nominated by acclamation.

State Director Ellen Zdansky reported on the membership drive, KJT solvency in stable condition, the General Convention in July 2018, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital – a charity the District can contribute to, KJT State Family Day, and State Youth and Teen Camps to be held in July. It was decided to donate $200 to the St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Door prizes were passed out to all present. After lunch, the group enjoyed 10 games of bingo.

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 Kraj.

For info call Vlasta Vitek 512-836-0383 or 512-496-3432 or Jean Blaha Davis 979-884-0182

VlastaVitek29@gmail.com

vlastavitek@verizon.net

DISTRICT NEWS

BY HENRY NETARDUS

HONORARY STATE DIRECTOR

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Did You Know?

42 was named the state domino game by the 82nd Legislature in 2011.
TEXANS OF CZECH ANCESTRY

Michael Reznicek Is KJT's Honoree Of The Year

BY KEVIN KANA
KJT STATE TREASURER-SECRETARY

The Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) held its Annual Spring Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange on Saturday, April 22. The KJT Board of Directors unanimously selected Michael Reznicek as the KJT honoree of the year for his promotion of Czech heritage and culture.

Michael A. Reznicek

Michael was born to Frank and Dorothy Reznicek in Galveston on February 7, 1952. His father was a professional carpenter and his mother was a stay at home mother raising four children.

His father always stressed the importance of good English and only taught him a few Czech words including Jak Se Mas and most the important word, Pivo. At an early age, he remembers listening to polka programs on an AM radio station. He also attended many polka dances with the family at the Vrazeľ's Ball Room in Danbury.

Once he became of legal driving age he worked to buy his first car, a used Ford LTD, which he used to travel to many of the polka dances and festivals all over, even as far as Gibbon, Minnesota.

Several years later, with his wife Melba and his sons Michael Jr., Allen and Aaron, he still keeps Czech music alive at home.

Mike is a charter member of KJT Society #119 in La Marque and he holds the current position of president of the society. He also holds the position of Fraternal Activity Manager at the Home Office of the KJT. He believes it is always a pleasure to promote the Czech heritage and Christian values of the KJT. He is also the president of RVOS Lodge 146 and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #5236.

Mike is very proud of his Czech heritage and tries to attend as many polka festivals, church picnics and Czech heritage events as possible. There have been so many other activities, functions and achievements with his 65 years that he is proud of, that it is difficult to mention them all.

Mike thanks God, his family, friends and the KJT for this wonderful honor bestowed upon him.

Round Rock Members Are Travis/Williamson Counties CHS Honorees

The annual Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) Awards and Dinner were held Saturday, April 22 at the Texas Czech Cultural Center in La Grange. Louis and Janie Zbranek of Pflugerville were nominated by members of the Travis/Williamson Counties Czech Heritage Society to receive this year’s award. Louis and Janie are members of St. William’s Society #134 of Round Rock. Shown are (left to right) TOCA President and KJT State Treasurer-Secretary Kevin Kana, Michael Reznicek, John Zbranek, recipients, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Czech Heritage Society of Texas Phyllis Stryk Teykl. Congratulations Louis and Janie!
The KJT fraternal family wishes to congratulate all of the 2017 scholarly accomplishments of its talented members and wishes them only the very best as they continue their educational endeavors and careers!

2017 KJT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Matthew Dorantes
Matthew is a member of Society #112 in Austin. He graduated from a Homeschool Program and One Day Academy and will attend LeTourneau University. His parents are Martin and Tessy Dorantes.

Coy Heinrich
Coy is a member of Society #3 in Hostyn. He graduated from La Grange High School and will attend Blinn College. His parents are Bruce and Michelle Heinrich.

Mallory Grabarkievitz
Mallory is a member of Society #20 in Shiner. She graduated from St. Paul High School and will attend Blinn College in Schulenburg. Her parents are Chris and Tammy Grabarkievitz.

Rush Hoelscher
Rush is a member of Society #72 in Corpus Christi. He graduated from Tuloso-Midway High School and will attend Texas A&M University. His parents are Stephen and Gwynetta Hoelscher.

Shelby Koudela
Shelby is a member of Society #48 in Hillje. She graduated from Louise High School and will attend Wharton County Junior College. Her parents are Steven and Arlene Koudela.

Bronson Lincks
Bronson is a member of Society #35 in Ennis. He graduated from Red Oak High School and will attend Texas A&M University. His parents are Beverly and Jeff Lincks.
2017 KJT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Amanda Lutringer
Amanda is a member of Society #48 in Hillje. She graduated from Louise High School and will attend The University of Texas at San Antonio. Her parents are Debbie and Stephen Lutringer.

Ryan Malinovsky
Ryan is a member of Society #20 in Shiner. He graduated from St. Paul High School and will attend Texas State University. His parents are Peggy and Michael Malinovsky.

Alexander Matchett
Alexander is a member of Society #3 in Hostyn. He graduated from Angleton High School and will attend Texas A&M University. His parents are Mark and Karen Matchett.

Randi Peters
Randi is a member of Society #59 in Seymour. She graduated from Seymour High School and will attend Baylor University. Her parents are Glenn and Diedra Peters.

Daniel Mock
Daniel is a member of Society #29 in Frydek. He graduated from Clements High School and will attend The University of Texas at Austin. His parents are George and Renee Mock.

William Petrosky
William is a member of Society #4 in Ammannsville. He graduated from Yoakum High School and will attend Texas State University. His parents are Willie and Jo Lynn Petrosky.
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Maryssa Redding
Maryssa is a member of Society #90 in Rosenberg. She graduated from B.F. Terry High School and will attend the University of North Texas. Her parents are Brent C. and Patricia E. Redding.

Brennan Schimcek
Brennan is a member of Society #43 in Wied. He graduated from Hallettsville High School and will attend Texas A&M University. His parents are Bruce and Kelly Schimcek.

Lucas Sodolak
Lucas is a member of Society #9 in Fayetteville. He graduated from La Grange High School and will attend Texas A&M University – Galveston. His parents are Emil and Mendee Sodolak.

Amy Spalik
Amy is a member of Society #132 in Pflugerville. She graduated from Pflugerville High School and will attend Austin Community College or Texas State in Round Rock. Her parents are Laurie and Joseph Spalik.

Michelle Sutton
Michelle is a member of Society #84 in El Campo. She graduated from El Campo High School and will attend Texas A&M University. Her parents are Donald and Fredia Sutton.

Meghan Valenta
Meghan is a member of Society #55 in Corn Hill. She graduated from The Woodlands High School and will attend Texas A&M University. Her parents are Kathleen and John Valenta.
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Joseph McConnell

Joseph is a member of Society #43 in Wied. He graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and will attend Texas State Technical College in Waco. His parents are Angela and Bruce McConnell.

Smyrt Donation

State Vice President David M. Wagner and KJT Camp Director Stephanie Prihoda present a donation check to St. Mary's Youth Retreat Team (Smyrt). Thank you for the past help with our KJT camps and we look forward to 2017!

Looking Forward To 2017 KJT Camping Experience

TCHCC Heritage Fest & Muziky Tarock Tournament Entry Form

NAME:__________________________________________________________
ADDRESS:_______________________________________________________
CITY , STATE, ZIP:________________________________________________
PHONE #:_______________________________________________________
EMAIL: _________________________________________________________

* Mail entry form and check payable to TCHCC, PO Box 6, La Grange, TX 78945

TCHCC
Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center

KJT STATE TAROCK TOURNAMENT
Saturday, October 21, 2017
TCHCC Hanslik Hall
250 West Fairgrounds Road
La Grange, TX 78945

- Entry Fee--$25 includes lunch.
- Four 1 ½ hour rounds will be played.
- Registration at 8 am, play begins at 9 am, Lunch break after the second round.
- Top four (4) scorers after four rounds receive trophies and cash prizes-First through fourth place.
- Table winners paid $5 after each round.

- All players welcome—pass the word.
- Door prizes given out.
- Pre-registration is requested but not required
- Entry Fee is refundable if unable to attend.
- If you have any questions or for more information contact: TCHCC toll free at 1-888-785-4500 or email info@czechtexas.org.
FORTNIGHT TO FREEDOM

Highlights Importance Of Defending Religious Freedom

By Father Robert E. (Bob) Knippenberg
KJT State Spiritual Director

We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together (“Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” USCCB, 2012).

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 – the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More – to July 4, Independence Day. Check your diocesan website or newspaper for events that may be happening in your diocese and join with our Bishops in intensifying your prayers and fasting for a new birth of freedom in our beloved country!

An Urgent Prayer For Religious Liberty
Almighty God,
Father of all nations,
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

Needville Member Takes First In Girl's Singles

Morgan Janak, Needville Society #49 member and an 8th grader in Columbia-Brazoria ISD, recently won first place in Girl's Singles at the District Tennis Tournament in Wharton on Thursday, April 27, beating out Bay City, El Campo, Needville, Stafford, Sealy, Sweeny and Wharton. Morgan is also an 8th grade twirler and a member of the National Junior Honors Society. She is the daughter of Monty and Lori Janak. Way to go Morgan!
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#129 SCHULENBURG
By James Prihoda

St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg sponsored two teams in the Fourth Annual Schulenburg Sausage Fest and set up a tea and lemonade stand for a fundraising project. In the sausage competition society teams did not win any prizes this year, but had a blast trying! The tea and lemonade stand did great adding over $500 to the treasury. Another great day showcasing the KJT organization and its products and programs. (Atleft) Dancers shown enjoying festival!

#34 NADA
By Anita Meismer

Nada Society #34’s meeting was held on Sunday, April 9 at the St. Mary’s Family Life Center following the Holy Mass of Passion Sunday. Adam Shimek has returned to his studies as he prepares to follow the path of the priesthood. It was discussed that the society made plans to aid him in his journey by donating to him through scholarships. The Priest and Religious Harvest Dinner Fund was discussed and it is tentatively planned for the month of July.

Of interest to those attending was Father Peter has decided to raise some chickens. Ed Lee Schneider will help him to get this project accomplished.

The District VII Meeting and Family Appreciation Day was scheduled for Sunday, May 7 at St. Andrew’s Parish Hall in Hillje following the 10 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church. A business meeting and meal including an impressive memorial ceremony for deceased members was also on the agenda along with society reports and the election of officers. State Director Margaret Holik and District VII Secretary-Treasurer Frances Toman expect that many will attend this gathering.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The KJT members were invited to join the KJZT society members for a delicious Mexican meal and assorted desserts. The meal was provided by KJZT members, President, Sandy Wishert, Kelly Korenek, Grace Korenek and Irene Skuca.

Accordion player-leader Mark Halata and band playing for grand march to start festivities.

Celebrating the 120th Anniversary of our Church
with our 90th Plum Feast

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Plum, Texas

7 miles west of LaGrange off Highway 71 at 126 Plum Church Road
www.HostynPlumCatholic.org

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Holy Mass 10:00 AM
with Bishop Brendan Cahill as Celebrant

Dinner 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Plum Sausage and Fried Chicken
ADULTS and TO GO $9.00 CHILDREN under 12 $4.00
DRIVE-THRU LINE 11 am to 12:30 pm FOR PLATES TO GO
SAUSAGE Sold on the Grounds or To Go
HAMBURGERS Served 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

AUCTION at 1:30 pm
in the Dining Hall

Music during the Day by Ken Brothers
FREE DANCE from 7 pm to 10:30 pm with Music by
Incredible Music Makers

5% of the profit of this Feast will be donated to:
Combined Community Action and Turtle Wing Foundation

50-Year Membership
May 2017

Society #1, Praha
Donald R. Jasek

Society #9, Fayetteville
Joseph C. Kulhanek

Society #13, Yoakum
Mark J. Hrcin

Society #29, Frydek
Martin J. Mock

Society #31, West
Eugene M. Roznos

Society #35, Ennis
James R. Novy
Gregory A. Spaniel
Wayne Tölleson
Leslie Robert Zabojnik Jr.

Society #54, Fort Worth
Edward J. Doskocil

Society #55, Corn Hill
Ronnie J. Simek

Society #71, Ganado
Mark V. Holik

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Corey L. Mokry

Society #90, Rosenberg
Cameron Paul Kuban

Society #111, Dallas
Amanda Claire Holub
Kaylee Michelle Prasifka
Danielle Marie Willett
Margaret Ann Wright

Society #112, Austin
Joseph F. Malina Jr.

Society #119, La Marque
Sarah Chovanec

Society #128, Killeen
Jeanette T. Peterson

25-Year Membership
May 2017

Society #16, Wallis
Rita Jan Hruzek

Society #23, Plum
Stacy L. Kruppa

Society #28, Granger
Theresa Hajda
Nolan John Naizer
Evelyn Marie Steglich

Society #31, West
Ivan Nicholas Kubacak

Society #35, Ennis
Matthew James Zett
Zachary James Zett

Society #40, East Bernard
Susan Ruth Jocevic

Society #46, La Grange
Jared M. Kaspar
Bruce Sulik
Rita Jo Sulik

Society #48, Hillje
Michael Joseph Orsak Jr.

Society #54, Fort Worth
Judith Sharon Hromcik
Amy Katherine Schuster

Society #68, Weimar
Rita J. Anders

Society #72, Corpus Christi
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SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#129 SCHULENBURG
By James Prihoda
Schulenburg St. Augustine Society #129 members assisted the Schulenburg Museum Board with the replacement of an exterior sliding door that was inoperable and needed to be used. The museum purchased the necessary materials and President Matthew Prihoda constructed a new sliding door during the preceding weeks.

Saturday morning, May 6, KJT members Matthew Prihoda, Joseph Prihoda, Paul Rogers, Patrick Prihoda and Anthony Prihoda along with Museum Board President Michele Prihoda and member Charles Boldt removed the old deteriorating door and track it as hanging on and replaced it with a new track and the newly-constructed door.

Shown at left are front row (left to right) Isaac Prihoda, Sofia Prihoda, Peyton Prihoda; back row, Paul Rogers, Anthony Prihoda, Nicholas Prihoda, Joseph Prihoda, Charles Boldt, Patrick Prihoda and Matthew Prihoda. Photo was taken by Michele Prihoda.

#31 WEST
By Georgie Nors
After a Corporate Communion Mass with the KJZT, West Society #31 held a meeting on Sunday, April 9. Kolaches and coffee were provided for the members. President Michael Kraemer opened the meeting and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A drawing for the attendance prizes was held and George Meurer and Cathy Kraemer were the winners.

Sherry Pavlas reported that she sent a get-well card to Daniel Svrcek. She also sent a thank you note to the CDA members for their donation of desserts for the Fish Dinner Fundraiser. She read a thank you note from St. Mary’s School and Ryan Janek for the donation of wine for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner that was held recently.

A letter was read from district officer Joe Block. The District Family Day would be held on Sunday, April 30 at the Dulock-Snapka Farm in West. West would oversee the Family Day this year and help would be needed for the event.

Registration was to begin at 11 a.m., with the events of fishing, horseshoes and washer throwing beginning at noon and ending at 3 p.m. Hamburgers (Continued on page 17)
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#115 VICTORIA
By Robert Stryk

St. Joseph Victoria Society #115’s meeting was held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, April 30 following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Chaplain Deacon Steve Borowicz led the blessing for the meal.

President Lawrence Yanta led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Yanta reported that the State KJT Family Day will be held on Sunday, July 23 at the KJT Activity and Fraternal Center near La Grange. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bob Knippenberg at the Center. Society members and their families are encouraged to attend.

President Yanta reported the District VII meeting was held at the Hillje Parish Hall on Sunday, May 7 following the 10 a.m. Mass. The following Society #115 officers were present: President Donald Dusek, Vice President Donald Dusek and Secretary Robert Stryk. The Society #115 members present were Barbara Yanta, Lorna Dusek, Wendy Hrncir and Irene Brosch.

Door prizes were awarded by President Yanta. The meeting was closed by a prayer led by President Yanta.

Shown are Georgetown Society #141 members (left to right) Virginia Berto, Pat Gregoire and parishioner Meg Henry.

#141 GEORGETOWN
By Bernice Ermis

Several members of the Georgetown Society #141 have been making vegetable soup for Ash Wednesday under the supervision of Dan and Virginia Berto who are members. They have done this for the past few years now because the parishioners really enjoy it.

The soup is then put into cartons by the members and passed out after the noon Mass and ashes service at St. Helen’s Catholic Church. As the parishioners leave they are offered a carton of soup along with crackers, spoons and a napkin to use for their lunch meal.

The soup is free but people give donations for it. Some of the money that they collect for the donations this year was given to the Retirement Priest Center next door to the church.

Virginia Berto purchased flowers and her, Pat Gregoire and Meg Henry, a parishioner, took them to the Priests Chapel and arranged the flowers for them. They were delighted to have so many pretty flowers for Easter Sunday and the following week plus Divine Mercy Sunday.

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and hot dogs would be served throughout the day.

Sherry Pavlas stated that the local KJT scholarship applications were due Sunday, April 30 for high school senior members. Two scholarships will be awarded.

There was some discussion about the donation of money from the Fish Dinner Fundraiser. It was decided to donate $2,000 to the Religious Retirement Fund. It was also decided to donate $250 to St. Mary’s School for their “Going for Gold” fundraiser. The money left over will be used for the expenses of the fish cookers.

Robert Nors stated that he needs recommendations for new members. New members are needed in order to receive a Society Recognition Level Award. He stated that the best time to buy insurance is when a child is young, newborn to 10 years old. This is when the insurance is very reasonable.

Sales Representative Ernest Bezdek stated that the KJT is all about insurance services, scholarships and Catholic school tuition. These services are not available from regular insurance companies.

Robert Nors presented new member Joanie Watson. Ernest Bezdek presented Patrick Wayne Cunningham as a new member.

The Hamburger Cookout Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 starting at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pointwest Bank’s old drive through. Sherry Pavlas stated that she will get the advertising out for the hamburger sale. (Note, the officers decided to change the date of the Hamburger Cookout Fundraiser to Saturday, May 13. This is the day before Mother’s Day.) A bake sale would also be held.

President Kraemer reminded members of the upcoming Church’s 125th Anniversary which would be held on Sunday, May 7. Sunday, June 11 will be the Flag Day ceremonies at church and the Youth Swim Party at the Czech Inn. The Society #31 meeting will be held at the Czech Inn at 2 p.m. prior to the swim party. Food will be available.

Louis Pavlas and Ernest Bezdek won the door prizes.

Members were reminded that there will not be a meeting in May due to Mother’s Day. (The Hamburger Fundraiser and Bake Sale would be held on Saturday, May 13.)

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Cathy Kraemer.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

The KJT asks members to always check their certificates to note whether they have the proper beneficiaries designated.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MEMORIAL DAY**
Monday, May 29.

**SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT ENTRY FORMS DUE**
Wednesday, May 31.

**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.

**2017 QUEEN OF PEACE SPRING FESTIVAL, LA MARQUE**
Sunday, June 4. La Marque Society #119 invites everyone to the 2017 Queen of Peace Spring Festival, Queen of Peace Church, 1224 Cedar, La Marque. Enchilada dinners, Mexican bingo, live/silent auction, music, kid’s games and much, much more! Society #119 would like to especially invite you come by and visit with them at their famous Beer Garden. There will be turkey legs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, beer and wine as well as funnel cakes for those with a sweet tooth. Hope to see you all there!

**FIRST DAY OF SUMMER**
Tuesday, June 20.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 127TH ANNUAL PICNIC, AMMANNNSVILLE**
Sunday, June 18 (Father’s Day), on FM 1383, Mass at 6:30 p.m., Golden fried chicken and sausage dinner, served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults $9, children $4.50, adults plates-to-go only. Country auction 1 p.m. Cake walk, bingo, ring toss, surprise packages, fish pond, country store, snow cones, hamburgers beginning at 4 p.m. Music during the day and night by Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six and Moravians. You are invited to celebrate with us!

**FATHER’S DAY**
Sunday, June 18.

**SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE-FIRST PERIOD**
Friday, June 30.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**
Tuesday, July 4.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 127TH ANNUAL PICNIC, AMMANNNSVILLE**
Sunday, June 18.

**2017 JULY**

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

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 127TH ANNUAL PICNIC, AMMANNNSVILLE**
Sunday, June 18.

**SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY**
Monday, July 3, Stafford Fundraiser, Stafford Complex.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**
Tuesday, July 4.

**SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON**
Wednesday, June 7, regular meeting, Formation Center of St. Matthew Religious Education Facility, Classroom No. 5, 7:30 p.m.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 127TH ANNUAL PICNIC, AMMANNNSVILLE**
Sunday, June 18.

**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 #56, HOUSTON**
Sunday, August 13, meeting.
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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 #129, SCHULENBURG
Sunday, August 13, Society Challenge Turkey Shoot.

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.

ST. JOHNS/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. at 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 #19, 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.

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM
Grandmother Maria Rutledge is also a member of Austin Society #112. Congratulations Matthew!

SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

Austin Member Finishes Eagle Scout Project

Matthew Charles Dorantes, member of Austin Society #112, recently completed his Eagle Scout project which was for the First United Methodist Church of Bastrop repair and beautification of the Haney House. He is a 17-year-old senior at One Day Academy. Proud parents are Kevin and Megan Bartos of Ammannsville and big sister Hannah. Grandparents are Andrew and Nancy Srubar of Ammannsville and Charlie and Mary Bartos Jr. of Praha. Great-grandparents are Lillian Klesel and the late Lawrence Klesel of Weimar, Mary Ann and the late August Srubar of West Point, Annie Bartos and the late Charlie Bartos Sr. of Flatonia. Megan Bartos of Ammannsville and big sister Hannah. Grandparents are Andrew and Nancy Srubar of Ammannsville and Charlie and Mary Bartos Jr. of Praha. Great-grandparents are Lillian Klesel and the late Lawrence Klesel of Weimar, Mary Ann and the late August Srubar of West Point, Annie Bartos and the late Charlie Bartos Sr. of Flatonia and the late Paul and Ludmila Pokluda of Praha. The Catholic Union of Texas members welcome Lukas into their great fraternal family!

SOCIETY #141, GEORGETOWN
Saturday, September 30, meeting.

SOCIETY #130, ELGIN
Saturday, September 30, meeting.

KJT SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN KRUISE
Sunday, October 1-Sunday, October 8.

10TH ANNUAL KJT STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT,
FLATONIA
Saturday, October 7, Flatonia Golf Course, 1245 Hwy, 90 East, Flatonia. Call the Home Office to reserve your team’s spot.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG
Sunday, September 3, St. Mary’s Parish Festival, High Hill.

SOCIETY #112, JOURDANTON
Saturday, September 9, meeting.

SOCIETY #132, MISSOURI CITY
Thursday, September 28, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 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.

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FLATONIA
Saturday, October 7, Flatonia Golf Course, 1245 Hwy, 90 East, Flatonia. Call the Home Office to reserve your team’s spot.

Society #4 of Ammannsville proudly welcomes handsome new member Lukas Charles Bartos. Lukas was born on October 13, 2016 at Columbus Community Hospital. Proud parents are Kevin and Megan Bartos of Ammannsville and big sister Hannah. Grandparents are Andrew and Nancy Srubar of Ammannsville and Charlie and Mary Bartos Jr. of Praha. Great-grandparents are Lillian Klesel and the late Lawrence Klesel of Weimar, Mary Ann and the late August Srubar of West Point, Annie Bartos and the late Charlie Bartos Sr. of Flatonia and the late Paul and Ludmila Pokluda of Praha. The Catholic Union of Texas members welcome Lukas into their great fraternal family!
2017 Important Dates To Remember

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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.

Mail this completed form to:

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT

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P. O. Box 297

La Grange, Texas 78945

Deadline: May 31, 2017

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.

Do You Ever Wonder?

If money doesn’t grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Why do you have to “put your two cents in” but it’s only a “penny for your thoughts?”

Where’s that extra penny going?

How is it that we put men on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they slept “like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours or so?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do we choose from just two people for president and 50 for Miss America?

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