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Quote of the Month

*"We are all like a
snowflake,
all different in own
beautiful way."*

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

Christmas Greetings to All!

With 2017 near its end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and as we make our Advent journey in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it gives us an opportunity to continue to thank Him for all of the blessings that He has bestowed upon us. KJT is fortunate for God's continued blessings since its humble beginnings

in 1889 when a group of Czech immigrants founded this great organization.

KJT, for over 128 years, has served many through its life insurance program to protect against an unexpected death, a means to save for retirement through its annuity and IRA products, and a great number of member benefits including: college scholarships, annual youth and teen camp, a new teen leadership camp, and religious education grants to name a few. A number of families have made it a family tradition to pass on KJT products to kids and grandkids, and that is what this organization was built upon. We need that even more today

with so much competition for insurance and retirement dollars. If KJT has helped you in the past, do us a favor and tell a family member or friend about your experience with KJT. Ask them to join and tell them we are kind of like working with a "mom and pop" store from your hometown. If they give us a call, I guarantee they will make a new friend!

May your holidays be full of cheer and blessings and may you all continue or create your own traditions. We look forward to the New Year as we continue the KJT tradition of caring and sharing in 2018!

It is a pleasure, and an honor, for me to serve you as the President of KJT! I have just completed my 16th year with



CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN
KJT State President

KJT and I continue to cherish the many wonderful friendships that I have made throughout the state. To all of my KJT family and friends, from my family to yours, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Christopher L. Urban



2017 KJT State Tarock Tournament Turnout



KJT members and friends joined in at the Annual KJT State Tarock Tournament Saturday, October 21, 2017. Players traveled from Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, San Antonio and places in between. The tournament was held at the Texas Czech Heritage & Culture Center (TCHCC) during the Heritage Fest & Muziky. Registration waws at 8:00am with player's enjoying Kolaches from Hruska's in Ellinger and drinking coffee. Play began at 9:00am. After two rounds of 1 hour and 30 minutes each, we broke for lunch. We had the best fried chicken in La Grange from Sidney Cernoch's Gold'N Crisp Fried Chicken and trimmings.

The afternoon play continued at 1:00pm, again playing two rounds of 1 hour and 30 minutes each. As always, the tournament could not have gone on without the help of Arnold and Wayne Janda, for setting the tables for play; A hug to wife Kay Cernoch for keeping score and keeping eyes on the Kolache; Honza Cernosek (cousin and Mayor-Pro Tem, La Grange) for registering; Wilbert Cernosek (cousin for moral support). Two ladies from the KJT Home Office get special hugs. Shirley Antosh for arranging for the

Kolache and Fried Chicken and Stephani Prihoda, photographer and drawing of door prizes. Can't forget KJT Treasurer, Kevin Kana,

for providing KJT's Money for the tournament.

Sponem Bohem.



EDITOR'S NOTE



STEPHANIE PRIHODA
Director of
Media and Marketing

Merry Christmas Everybody!!

I pray that this last issue for the year finds your home warm and ready for the holidays as we all prepare for families to gather, presents to be unwrapped, and Jesus Christ, our Savior's birth!

Looking back over this year, many amazing things have happened, along with events that have changed many of our lives. The last part of this year seemed to be the hardest with the disastrous floods covering

Texas, and then the Las Vegas and Texas Church shootings. After such events, it helps to know that we are still here to lean our faith towards God and know we have something to celebrate, the birth of Jesus. I know for me, personally, change has been frequent. From moving to a new town with my family to changing career paths for myself. However, with each event, I found myself in prayer and put it all in God's hands, and with that everything has turned out just as it was

promised. 2017 has been a blessing for my family and me. We are happy and healthy, I enjoy every day here at the KJT office, and I have met so many

amazing people in the events I have attended. I look forward to bringing in the new year by meeting so many more of you.

I will be attending every SDOR meeting in hopes to meet as many KJT members as possible. I will be introducing our new Facebook and social media plans, along with newspaper ideas in which I will need more of your help with. I will be encouraging more of your stories to share over the next few years. Below this article, I have begun a list

*Jesus
IS THE
reason
FOR THE
Season*

of stories we will be looking for throughout the 2018 year.

I thank you all for everything you have done for our organization throughout the year. Your time in the communities to help serve those in need, donations made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, our priest and religious funds, donations collected through the Hurricane Relief Fund and for helping our organization grow with new members every day.

I pray you all have a blessed Christmas holiday surrounded by holiday cheer and memories. I pray you ring in the new year with new adventures and goals set for success, and I pray that each and every one of you endure a year full of love, faith, and happiness.

Stephanie Prihoda



KJT News Stories to Submit in 2018

January:

Unsung Heroes
Stories of those who go above and beyond volunteering and caring for others.

February:

Love Stories
Celebrating both old and new wedding anniversaries. Sharing your love story of a marriage that is brand new or one that has lasted for years.

March:

Old Fashion Ways: Story of the Butcher House
Looking back in time when families gathered at the butcher house to split meat and lived off the land.

April:

Gardener's Special: Secrets of the Garden
Passing out secrets for a successful vegetable or flower garden. This is the time to help each other grow beautiful and plentiful gardens for any time of the year.

May:

Where are they now?? A reunion of KJT camp counselors and campers. Counselors and campers alike, re-live your stories from KJT camp. Where are you now and what stories did you take away from your camp days?

June:

Youth Edition: Young Ones in Action
We want to hear from the young ones. Let us know what you have planned for the summer and what you do to help in your community.

July:

Beat The Heat
Let us know where you plan to travel this summer. Give others ideas on great vacation sites to visit.

August:

Catch Up on Convention and Camp

September:

Life Insurance Month
Stories on how having life insurance helped your family in a time of need.

October:

Remembering those Lost:
A bitter-sweet reunion of KJT members who have passed on, and remembering their commitment to our organization for serving others in need through volunteering and donations.

November/December:

The Gift of Giving
What do you do to give back during the holidays?
Adopt a family? Care packages for soldiers?

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT



MICHAEL REZNICEK
KJT Fraternal
Activity Manager

On October 18th I spent the day in Hostyn and La Grange helping Society# 46 with their annual fajita dinner. It is always a pleasure working with society members, family and friends.

Friday evening, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st I sprinted back to La Grange to the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center, TCHCC, for the annual Muziky Muziky. Friday evening we enjoyed great music on the deck with the Dujka Bros. Saturday KJT sponsored a taroky tournament and the kids train rides. Honorary State

Director Stanley Cernoch and his wife Kay conducted the taroky tournament. For the kid's train ride we had a great line up of train engineers with KJT president Chris Urban, Vice President David Wagner, Media Director Stephanie Prihoda and Gary Antosh. Throughout the day there was great music on the Shiner Beer Stage by the Red Ravens and the Bohemian Dutchman. Later that evening in the amphitheater "The Legends Series" featuring the legacy of Bobby Jones and the Bobby Jones Czech Band. It was a great fun filled event.

On Thursday, November 9th I had the privilege to attend, along with Vice President David Wagner, a beautiful memorial Mass and reception in East Bernard for all the departed KJT Society #40 and KJZT members. This

was their 14th year to have the memorial Mass.

By the time this issue makes the press, we will have celebrated Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. I would like to take this time to thank and



pray for all the veterans who <https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&ved=0ahUKEwj6Y6J3ObXAhWJOSYKHQHVAmwQjRwIBw&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cannypic.com%2Ffree-vector%2Fchristmas-nativity-scene-in-the-manger-birth-of-jesus-mary-joseph-and-three-wise-men-336979&xpsig=A0vVaw16U0V1KRdQCQbMpzCWWpCM-&ust=1512145716799833> gave their life for our country, for all those who served, and those who are still serving our country today.

As Thanksgiving approaches us I truly thank God, Our Lord and Savior, for all the many blessing bestowed upon us. May you all have a wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving!

As the year comes creeping closer to the end, let's not

forget we still have time to invite new members into our great fraternal organizations. Now is also the time to start setting your sites on the upcoming new year and to start setting your goals for 2018.

As we prepare for Advent and the Christmas season let's keep in mind the real meaning of Christmas.

I would like to wish our state officers, state directors, state staff and all our KJT members and families a very blessed

Michael A Reznicek



Remember to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook for events and happenings over the Christmas holiday.

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The KJT Home Office would like to wish all of you a
Merry Christmas
&
Blessed New Year in 2018

KJT President Christopher Urban, Vice President David Wagner, Treasurer Kevin Kana, Shirley Antosh, Gailynn Zapalac, and Stephanie Prihoda



MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE ATTORNEY



PHILIP J. HUNDL
KJT State Attorney

Legal Corner: Keeping you and your family safe:
The New Law on Texting and Driving

communication device. This law, which became effective on September 1, 2017, will ban texting or engaging in any kind of written communication while driving across the state of Texas.

However, drivers may still use their phones for talking as well as certain other functions, such as GPS navigation and music.

Motorists may also use their phones to report a crime and seek emergency assistance. In addition, hands-free technology, such as Bluetooth headsets or dictation functions, is also permitted.

In addition to the state-wide



ban, certain cities throughout Texas have passed ordinances providing for stricter cell phone bans. There are also state laws in place to prevent drivers from texting in school zones.

A texting while driving offense is punishable by a fine of \$25-99 for first time offenders, and \$100-200 for repeat offenders. If an accident caused by texting and driving results in death or serious bodily injury of another person, the offender can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year (in addition to any other charges/punishments).

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Happy holidays everyone! It's hard to believe the end of 2017 is upon us. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas season filled with time to relax and spend time with your loved ones.

Question: What is the law regarding texting while driving?

The Texas legislature recently enacted a law which prohibits reading, writing or sending electronic messages via a wireless

Society #76, Dime Box
Thomas Krenek, 76
Passed Away 09/06/2017

Society #35, Ennis
Edmund J. Mach, 79
Passed Away 10/01/2017

Society #35, Ennis
Daniel Kozlovsky, 93
Passed Away 10/10/2017

Society #20, Shiner
Ernest E. Berger, 78
Passed Away 09/19/2017

Society #111, Dallas
William D. Vita, 61
Passed Away 09/08/2017

Society #27, Taylor
Douglas C. Barron, 59
Passed Away 07/15/2017

Society #35, Ennis
Frank L. Dolezalik, 53
Passed Away 07/28/2017

Associate Members

Society #112, Austin
Mary Motloch, 91
Passed Away 08/26/2017

Society #43, Wied
Benedict J. Netardus, 79
Passed Away 09/10/2017

Society #40, East Bernard
Sylvester Kramr, 81
Passed Away 09/29/2017

Society #16, Wallis
Daniel J. Felcman, 61
Passed Away 10/07/2017

Society #20, Shiner
Dorothy C. Muras, 96
Passed Away 08/15/2017

Society #48, Hillje
Leon Peter, 85
Passed Away 03/12/2017

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Amanda Cravens, 30
Passed Away 09/23/2017

Society #80, Sealy
Nicole L. Billnoske, 20
Passed Away 09/17/2017

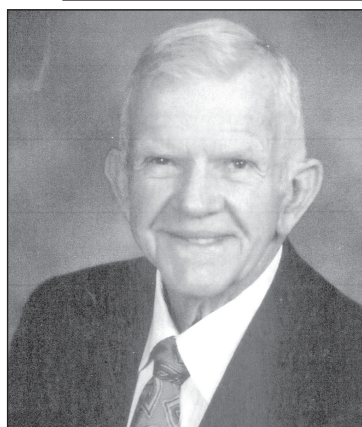
The members of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, wish to express their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the departed members who are listed above.
May their souls rest in peace.



OCTOBER 2017 TOP PRODUCERS



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



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



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



Linda Gaas
Society #12, Frenstat
•Fourth Place October
Top Producer



Thomas Arellano
Society #141,
Georgetown
•Fifth Place October
Top Producer



Cynthia Nemec
Society #139, Bay City
•Sixth Place October
Top Producer



Ellen Zdansky
Society #72,
Corpus Christi
•Seventh Place October
•October New Application
Producer – 154 months
•October New Member -
151 months



Carly Divin
Society #4,
Ammannsville
•Eighth Place October
Top Producer
•October Volume Leader
Top Producer



John Kana
Society #4,
Ammannsville
•Ninth Place October
Top Producer



Mildred Machacek
Society #20, Shiner
•Tenth Place October
Top Producer
•September Premium Leader



Eugene Maroul
Society #107, Abbott
•Eleventh Place October
Top Producer



Deborah Currey
Society #130, Elgin
•October Premium Leader
•October Volume Leader



KJT IN ACTION



Society Donations
The La Grange KJT Society #46 donated a check for the Sacred Heart Disaster Relief Fund here in La Grange at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The funds raised were from the KJT's annual fajita drive-

thru dinner. They presented Father Matthew Kinney with a \$6,130 check to help support the disaster victims in our area. Officers of the KJT Society #46, La Grange were present to make the donation: Gailynn Zapalac, Society Treasure;

KJT Society #46, La Grange Makes a Donation



David Wagner, State and Society Vice President; Father Matthew Kinney; and KJT State President Christopher Urban. KJT #46 would like to thank everybody who purchased a dinner plate and to those who purchased a dessert from the bake sale.



Flag Day
November 9, 2017 KJT members from Society #46 joined the Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange to celebrate Veteran's Day by handing out American flags to all the students and members who attended. The program consisted of honoring local Veteran's and their families; along with prayers and stories told by the students of Sacred Heart.



Kitchen crew at the Chili Supper/Bake Sale
Front Jimmy Wright, Cindy Quintela, Mandy Reznicek,
Back: Carl Prebilski and Zenon Quintela.

KJT Society 119, La Marque Fundraiser Event

Society #119 held their matching grant event on October 21st at the Queen of PeaceLifeCenter in La Marque. Due to hurricane Harvey the annual craft show that had been originally planned had to be cancelled, therefore our society regrouped and held a Chili Supper / Bake sale as the matching grant event. Part of the proceeds from this event with the matching grant from the home office will benefit St. Jude's Research

As this year comes to an end Our Society #119 would like to wish everyone at the home office and all our fellow Societies, family and friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

KJT Society #132, Pflugerville Society Happenings November 2017

Veterans Day 2017 was celebrated on November 12, 2017 in Pflugerville with a posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Knights of Columbus. This event was held in the Church Hall of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Members of the American Legion Kerlin-Lyerly Post 154 and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter Four were present to join in the celebration.

KJT Society 132 presented the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter Four with a one-thousand-dollar donation each



for the continuation of their work with veteran s programs.

In the picture above from left to right are: Norma Jean Wise, Adjutant Post 154, Jim Krahula, President KJT Society 132, and Phillip Zendejas 1st Vice Commander Post 154. Jim Krahula was presented with an American Legion Post cap.

THANK YOU VETERANS

KJT Society #112, Austin Bake Sale for Donations

We held our Czech Bake Sale on October 29th at Saint Albert's Church. It was very successful, raising a total of \$849 for our designated charities, Down Home Ranch, St Vincent De Paul at Sacred Heart, and the Food Pantry at St. Louis. With matching funds from the Home Office of \$250, the grand total becomes \$1149. Attached are a couple of photos from the event. You can see we we had over three tables FULL of goodies. By the end of the day, they were almost all gone. Special thanks go to our bakers that put in so much time and effort to make this a success.



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KJT Society #141 Georgetown Join Hands Day

The KJT and KJZT members celebrated the birthdays of the Park Place Assisted Living residents on April 28th. The KJT brought birthday place mats designed by students from St. Helen Catholic School in Georgetown. The place mats were distributed to all the residents attending. The KJZT

brought a cake to be enjoyed by all. The members from both societies sang Happy Birthday to the April honorees. And, the cake and punch was served to all attending. A musical duo, Pam and Perry, provided entertainment with guitar playing and singing some songs from the past.



Flag Day

On June 24, Flag Day the members assembled in the foyer of St. Helen's Church. A check for \$1000 was presented to the Principal Mary Kay Sims for St. Helen Catholic School. This donation was made possible by our society attaining a Level I award, and receiving a \$500 grant from our Home Office. Another \$500 was added from our funds. The \$1000.00 total amount was given to the school for tuition assistance. Also, a check for \$500 was presented to the Parish Business and Administration Coordinator Renee White for St. Helen Catholic Church. The \$500 was our matching grant from the KJT Home office. A previous check for \$597.00 was presented to Renee on April 11. The church used our two donations of \$1097.00 to purchase altar linens.



KJT Society #141, Georgetown members making a donation

KJT Society #80, Sealy Makes a Donation and Participates in "Making a Difference Day"



A \$300 matching funds check was presented to Father Eric Pitre of Immaculate Conception Church by society officers Barbara Hajdik and Steven Kutra. Society #80 sponsored the silent auction at the church bazaar. (Pictured above)

Society #80 participated in Making a Difference Day by giving a box of Kleenex to each Colonial Belle Nursing Home resident; as well as the 12 Veranda House residents. Pictured are Barbara Hajdik, Billie Jean Nichols, and Ivy Konvicka with a cart full of Kleenex boxes to be distributed.

(Pictured on the right)



KJT Society #20, Shiner Makes Donations

Shiner Soc. #20 officers President David Wagner, Secretary Wilma Wagner, and Treasurer Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek are shown presenting State Director Margaret Hanslik a check for the KJT Priest and Religious Retirement Fund.

KJT Society #108, Brenham Makes Donations

KJT #108 President Louise Hajovsky presented checks for the 3 KJT Projects to Linda Gaas. Looking on are Ben Hajovsky, Dan Nowak and Hubert Polansky.



KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #87 Jourdanton Charitable Fundraiser



Society had a very good turnout for the event and due to the generosity of its members who sent in money to help defray the expenses of the turkeys/chickens and the bingo license, the Society is able to make a \$1,625.00 donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This is nearly three times the amount the Society was able to donate last year. A HUGE Thank You to the members of Society No. 87 who donated not only monetarily, but also with their time and help in working the event. This is indeed a worthwhile cause!!! A Thank you also goes out to the St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen who made a \$102.00 donation toward the cause from proceeds of their food sales.

St. Jerome Society No. 87, Jourdanton, held its annual Turkey Bingo on Sunday, October 22, 2017, with net proceeds going toward the KJT Charity St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Turkey Bingo started at 1:00 p.m. Food and refreshments were provided by the St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen and drinks by the Knights of Columbus.

Everyone had a good time and a total of 28 bingo games were played, 20 regular games and 8 special. Those winners of a regular game won a 12-15 lb turkey and those winners of a special game won a 20-22 lb turkey. All winners went home with a turkey for their holiday meal. Even those who lost out in a tie situation went home with a roasting chicken. The



SHE SAID "YES"

November 4, 2017, Brooke Tumlinson of Corpus Christi "Said Yes" to David Hensel of Granger. Brooke Tumlinson is a KJT member in Society #72 in Corpus Christi. The groom-to-be, David Hensel is a member of Catholic Life and Knights of Columbus. They plan to wed some time next year. Congratulations to the both of them.



KJT Society #109, Hillsboro Charitable Fundraiser

The KJT Society #109, Hillsboro recently held a raffle drawing for a Christmas queen size quilt. Proceeds were donated to Father Ouseph for help in purchasing a new chalice. The CCE Program was also presented a check to help purchase books and rosaries for students. The funds were available from proceeds of the raffle drawing and matching funds from the KJT Home Office, and the Religious Education Grant program. Pictured are (L to R) President Milton Peterson, Father Ouseph I Thekumthala and Lupe Macha, Director of Religious Educaion and Irene Peterson, Secretary of Society #109. We would like to thank everyone that participated in the drawing.

yummy!



KJT Society #84 El Campo Bake Sale Fundraiser

Society # 84 in El Campo held a Benefit Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday & Sunday Nov 19, & 20, 2016 after the masses in the front of St. Phillips Church. The Bake Sale benefitted the K.J.T. Priest & Religious Retirement Fund and also to the St. Phillips Catholic School. Members donated various home baked items including cheese rolls, poppyseed rolls, strudels, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, cobblers, pies as well as monetary donations. The Bake sale was huge a success. Thanks to the parishioners of St. Phillips, as well as members of El Campo Society # 84, for making this project a great success.

Cooking with KJT



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Take 12 whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Cut each month into 28, 30 or 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare one day at a time with these ingredients:

Mix well into each day one part each of faith, patience, courage and work.

Also add to each day one-part of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness.

Blend with one-part prayer, one part meditation and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

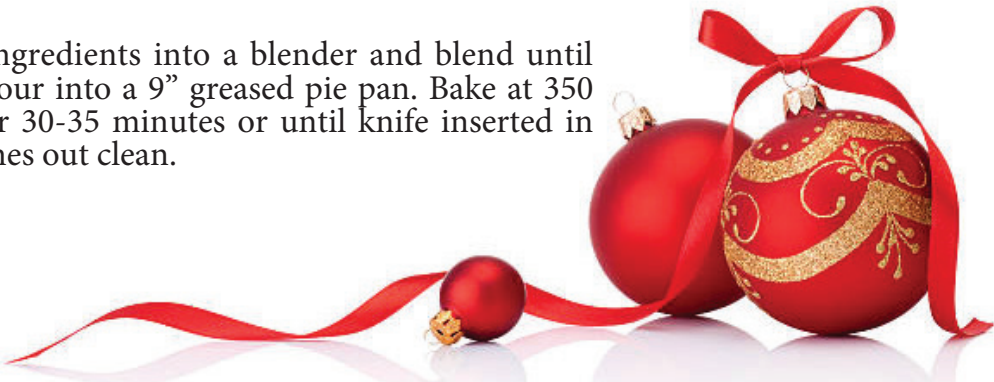
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a happy new year.

BUTTERMILK PIE

Mava Jalufka
Moulton, #38

- 1 ½ c. sugar
- ½ c. Bisquick
- 1/3 c. butter, melted
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 3 eggs
- 1 T. vanilla

Put all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into a 9" greased pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.



True Miracles



Luke's Story

A Hero, A Fighter, A True Miracle



Prayers are powerful. In fact, prayers have been known to change the course of events, turning death back into life. Prayers are contagious. Start a prayer chain and see for yourself just how far one prayer can travel.

The power of prayer is unspeakable. It's unexplainable. It's simply amazing.

Luke's story is just that. It's about how one family stands next to their one-year son who has fought cancer now most of his life, and how the power of prayer can lift a family's spirits and help them find the strength they needed to help their little boy fight for his life.

Luke was a relatively healthy baby, and all was great at his one-year check-up. Not three weeks later, his father and mother, Lucas and Mindy, noticed bruising and tiny red dots (petechiae) all over his body and Luke was just not his normal happy self. After a short visit to Luke's pediatrician,

the Friedel Family found themselves at the ER at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. Within a couple of hours, they were introduced to an oncologist who delivered those words that any parent never wants to hear, "Your son has leukemia."

It was at that moment on July



12th, 2016, that their lives changed forever.

Luke was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) M7,

a rare and very aggressive type of leukemia which requires an intense treatment plan. Luke's treatment plan consisted of three rounds of extremely strong chemotherapy, with three different chemotherapy drugs administered each round for multiple days, as well as a bone marrow transplant.

Before Lucas and Mindy could even wrap their heads around all that was happening, Luke underwent surgery for placement of his central line, and the first round of chemotherapy was underway immediately.

Thoughts of "why Luke" or "what did we do wrong" began to fill their minds as they watched their baby boy endure more pain, pokes and prods than any child should ever have to. The fear

of the unknown with how Luke would respond to treatment, how the family would make it financially and how Luke's two older sisters would do with both parents living at the hospital haunted Lucas and Mindy.

Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth became Luke's new home as he quickly learned where the playroom was on the oncology floor, what days the Art Therapist and Music Therapist would come to play, and how to become the nurses' favorite. Luke's first hospital stay lasted 73 days which was filled with two rounds of chemotherapy (both lasting several days), numerous visits from family and friends, numerous tests and scans to ensure all his organs were functioning properly, and Luke's favorite time of all....Popsicle Hour every day at 4 pm. Luke had good days,

and bad days during this first hospital stay as every day there was a new hurdle to climb. There were days where Luke was in too much pain to walk, days when he didn't have much of an appetite or even days where he was isolated to his hospital room due to fever. Fortunately for Luke, the good days outnumbered the bad, and he enjoyed walking the halls with Mindy, riding in his car around the oncology floor and playing in the oncology floor playroom....all while being connected to an IV pole with fluids, medications and/or chemotherapy running. Luke looked forward to the afternoons when his sisters, Molly and Maggie, would get to visit and play and when Daddy would get back from work. This was the Friedel Family's new

True Miracles



life. Mindy instantly becoming a stay-at-home mom, Mindy's mom moving in to help care for the girls, and having playtime and dinnertime at a hospital. While it was a difficult 73 days, Lucas and Mindy knew there was nothing else they would do except fight right alongside their precious baby boy.

After just one round of chemotherapy, Luke was in remission! The second round of chemo was administered as "maintenance" to ensure the leukemia did not return before Luke would have his bone marrow transplant. Luke was able to enjoy time at home for three weeks at the end of September and beginning of October; however, home is the only place he was allowed to be. During this time, no visitors were allowed, and the Friedel Family was not able to go places altogether as Luke was in strict

social isolation. Any illness or fever would send him immediately back to Cook Children's Medical Center for a hospital stay until his bone marrow transplant at the end of October.

On October 19th, 2016, Luke underwent surgery for placement of his mediport. While he still had his central



line, the oncologist felt it was necessary to place a mediport as well to ensure several means of getting him medication if need be. This was also the day that Luke was admitted to the bone marrow transplant unit at Cook Children's Medical Center. Luke was administered the most intense round of chemotherapy drugs for the next several days in preparation for his bone marrow transplant.

On October 26th, 2016, Luke received his bone marrow transplant, and the Friedel Family will forever celebrate this day as Luke's "transplant birthday!"

L u k e ' s hospital stay in the bone marrow transplant unit lasted 42 days which were the hardest and longest days thus far during Luke's battle

with leukemia. Luke developed mouth sores from the intense chemo, not only in his mouth but all the way down his gastrointestinal tract, which were very painful. He was unable to talk, swallow or eat and Lucas and Mindy found themselves having to suction his mouth to prevent him from gagging. In order to keep up his nutrition, a feeding tube was placed down his nose which was not something Luke enjoyed. It was a daily struggle to get Luke to eat or drink anything! One of the hardest things during this hospital stay was that Luke was only allowed to see his sisters through a glass window. He wasn't able to play with them in the transplant unit playroom. He missed out on trick-or-treating with them, and Luke and his parents spent Thanksgiving at Cook Children's, away from his sisters and grandparents. Lucas and Mindy longed for the day that all 3 of their children could hug again.

December 1st, 2016, Luke "broke out" of the bone marrow transplant unit and was able to go home finally! While this was a joyous occasion, Luke still had several restrictions once outside of the hospital. He was not allowed to go anywhere. When he was outside his home for clinic visits he had to wear a mask, he couldn't play on any public playgrounds, or outside in the dirt. He had a strict food guideline, and the amount of medication that Luke had to take daily was unbelievable.

Once discharged from the hospital, Luke had clinic visits three times a week for the first several weeks until eventually, it changed to every two weeks and then to once a month. Each clinic visit Luke continued to amaze his oncologist by how well he was responding to the bone marrow transplant. At day 100 post-transplant, which was in February 2017, several restrictions could gradually be lifted, and Luke was able to make his first trip, since diagnosis, to Fayette County in March.

Over the next several months, Luke continued to do well, he enjoyed being at home, and he was acting like a typical toddler boy climbing on top

of everything! Luke broke his collar bone in April 2017, but after all that he had already been through, having his arm in a sling for six weeks didn't slow him down at all!

On October 26th, 2017, Luke celebrated his one-year bone marrow transplant "birthday." This was a huge milestone in Luke's battle against leukemia. Luke is no longer on any of the medications that he was taking on a daily basis, the Friedel Family can go places together as a family of 5, and Luke can be a kid again! Luke's oncologist had one goal in mind since diagnosis, and that was to give Luke "new" life through a donor bone marrow transplant.

At one-year post-transplant, blood tests performed by his oncologist showed Luke's bone marrow to be 99.9% the donor's. Success is the word the Friedel Family heard from Luke's oncologist.

At just 13 months old, Luke started the biggest battle of his life, and now at 2 ½ years old, he is a bone marrow transplant survivor and cancer free!

As the past year and a half have been an emotional roller coaster for the Friedel Family, they never lost hope and always turned to prayer to get them through each day. They believed from the start that God was in control of what was to happen to Luke and believed that God would one day heal their baby boy. Luke is

a hero, a fighter, and a true miracle

and Lucas and Mindy believe that God has big plans for Luke's future. While Luke's battle against leukemia will last a lifetime, the Friedel Family takes one day at a time, enjoys every moment as a family of 5, and trusts that God will forever heal their baby boy.

The amount of the support, thoughts, prayers, and donations that the Friedel Family received during this

difficult time was unbelievable. All of Fayette County came together as one to support Luke's battle against leukemia. The Schulenburg High School Class of 2004 held several bake sales and a drive-thru dinner in honor of Luke, as did the LaGrange High School Class of 2001. St. Mark's Medical Center in LaGrange adopted the Friedel Family last Christmas and provided gifts for the entire family, and the KJT of Schulenburg held a Turkey Shoot in honor of Luke. Numerous other organizations in Fayette County also provided donations to the Friedel Family for which they are forever grateful. Lucas and Mindy know and have seen that their son is a fighter, but it is always comforting to know that they



are not in this battle alone. They believe that the best gift that anybody could ever give is prayer. Prayer that Luke continues to be cancer free and that he continues to have minimal side effects from the chemotherapy.

Luke has accomplished so many milestones thus far, and the Friedel Family has learned to just take one at a time, celebrating all of them. Luke's next big milestone will be his port removal which is scheduled for December 6th, 2017. Luke and his family also look forward to the day, sometime soon, that they get to meet the young man who gave Luke a "new" life!



75-YEARS

75- Year Pinning Ceremonies

Our KJT State Directors have been busy all year long hosting pinning ceremonies for our members who have been in our organization for 75 years. We have delivered approximately 150 75-years pins this year, and a total of 65 members in the months of November and December. 1942 was a busy year for KJT. We are excited to say that next year there are several more. Thank you to all our members who have been a part of this organization for so many years. It's your dedication and faith that keep this fraternity as strong as it is today. God Bless.



75-year recipient Vaclav (James) M. Sinkule and his wife, Marcella. He is a member of Abbott Society #107. Congratulations James!!



75-year pin recipient Alois A. Petter and his wife Bernice. Alois is a member of West Society #31. Also pictured is West Soc. #31 secretary, Cathy Kraemer, and President, Michael Kraemer and Robert Nors, State Director and West Soc. Treasurer.



75-year pin recipient Louis J. Nemec and his wife Luritha. Louis is a member of West Soc. #31. Also pictured are West Soc.#31 officers, L to R: Michael Kraemer, Cathy Kraemer, Luritha & Louis Nemec, Robert Nors, Georgie Nors, and Sherry Pavlas.



Society #56 Celebrating 75 Year Member.

Society #56, held its quarterly meeting back in August before the whirlwind of Hurricane Harvey. We are currently thinking about all our members that were affected by the storm in one way or another. During our August meeting we were able to honor Jerry Nevlud for being a member of KJT for 75 years. We were able to present him with his 75 year pin. Jerry Nevlud was presented his 75-year pin by Society President, Charles Waligura. Along side him during the presentation were his son and wife. Congratulations Jerry.



75- Year recipient, Sidney Cernoch of La Grange was pinned by KJT State President Christopher Urban and Vice President David Wagner. Mr. Cernoch is a member of KJT Society #46, La Grange.

Joining him at the ceremony were his children; daughter Elaine Mathis, and husband Matt; son Daniel Cernoch, and wife Rose; KJT Vice President David Wagner; KJT State President Christopher Urban; son Richard Cernoch, and wife Kathy; and daughter Phylis Chavrria.





On Sunday November 12, KJT Soc. 20 officers President David Wagner, Secretary Wilma Wagner, and Treasurer Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek; along with State Director Margaret Hanslik and husband Mike; Jonathan Kubicek; previous 75 year receipt, Edwin Machacek and wife Mildred; and Alois Herman and wife Georgie, met at Werner's in Shiner to present Alois Herman with his 75 year pin. State Director Margaret Hanslik is shown pinning 75 year member Alois Herman. Shown is 75 year pin recipient Alois Herman in the middle, his wife Georgie on the left, and State Director Margaret Hanslik.



75-Year
Membership

December 2017

<i>Society #1, Praha</i> <i>Henry J. Jasek</i>	<i>Society #72, Corpus Christi</i> <i>Joseph A. Kaspar</i>
<i>Society #14, Bryan</i> <i>Edward A. Hubacek</i>	<i>Society #78, Rowena</i> <i>Joseph E. Havlak</i> <i>David P. Kruppa</i>
<i>Society #16, Wallis</i> <i>Daniel Macha</i> <i>Jerone Macha</i>	<i>Society #79, Hungerford</i> <i>Benedict K. Orsak</i>
<i>Society #20, Shiner</i> <i>James Barcak</i>	<i>Society #81, Poth</i> <i>Albin M. Lamza</i> <i>Clement C. Lamza</i>
<i>Society #28, Granger</i> <i>Eugene F. Ermis</i> <i>Edwin E. Matysek</i> <i>Frank J. Michalek III</i> <i>Harvey J. Nemec</i> <i>Gilbert J. Repa</i> <i>Frank G. Zbranek</i> <i>Robert G. Zrubek</i>	<i>Society #84, El Campo</i> <i>John F. Marek</i> <i>James C. Voldan</i>
<i>Society #29, Frydek</i> <i>Frank H. Bogar</i> <i>Victor Ermis</i> <i>Albert J. Sodolak</i>	<i>Society #108, Brenham</i> <i>Eugene H. Krenek</i>
<i>Society #35, Ennis</i> <i>Wesley F. Honza</i> <i>Victor H. Spaniel</i>	<i>Society #111, Dallas</i> <i>Marvin F. Dobecka</i> <i>Henry K. Holub</i> <i>Ludvik Hroch</i> <i>Alois Svehlak</i>
<i>Society #50, Penelope</i> <i>Frank J. Holub</i>	<i>Society #112, Austin</i> <i>George T. Vacek Sr.</i> <i>Theodore J. Vitek</i>
<i>Society #55, Corn Hill</i> <i>Paul A. Nemec</i>	<i>Society #119, La Marque</i> <i>Alfred J. Stryk</i>
<i>Society #71, Ganado</i> <i>Patrick W. Venglar</i>	<i>Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch</i> <i>Cyril J. Hrachovy</i>

75-Year
Membership

<i>Society #1, Praha</i> <i>Louise Muras</i>	<i>Society #48, Hillje</i> <i>Adolph J. Hlavaty</i> <i>Frank I. Milder</i>
<i>Society #3, Hostyn</i> <i>Johnnie J. Polasek</i>	<i>Society #55, Corn Hill</i> <i>Emil J. Danek</i> <i>Benjamin P. Knappek</i> <i>Gilbert J. Lefner</i> <i>Johnny Martinka</i> <i>Louis Straka Jr.</i> <i>Daniel F. Vrabel</i>
<i>Society #14, Bryan</i> <i>Uldric Zemanek Jr.</i> <i>Alvin J. Zemanek</i>	<i>Society #63, Smithville</i> <i>Beno A. Hellinger Jr.</i>
<i>Society #16, Wallis</i> <i>Donald C. Dusek</i> <i>Benjamin J. Kanak</i> <i>Joseph E. Pilcik</i>	<i>Society #72, Corpus Christi</i> <i>George L. Martinka</i>
<i>Society #28, Granger</i> <i>Henry D. Martinka</i> <i>William R. Martinka</i> <i>Joseph D. Vrabel</i>	<i>Society #107, Abbott</i> <i>Joe F. Helona</i> <i>Vaclav M. Sinkule</i>
<i>Society #31, West</i> <i>Louis J. Nemec</i> <i>Thomas P. Nemec</i> <i>Alois A. Petter</i>	<i>Society #114, Temple</i> <i>Joseph T. Havelka</i>
<i>Society #39, Marak</i> <i>Ladislav J. Dohnalik</i>	



Reminder:

Please remember to update your records at the KJT Home Office periodically. With the turn of the century, home phone lines are becoming extinct, and most of us use our cell phones as our main lines. It's important that we have up-to-date communication information here on record. We are proud to personally deliver membership notices, and make it part of our success that we recognize those who have been a part of our organization for so long. So please, if you have any of the following, let us know:

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SOCIETY MINUTES

KJT Society #134, Round Rock Margie Thompson, Secretary

KJT society 134 met for its quarterly meeting on Saturday October 21, 2017.

Seminarian Zach Rodrigues opened with prayer, a Barbeque dinner was served and guests brought deserts to share.

Leon Barton Introduced guests at the meeting. State

director Thomas was present with his family.

Thomas spoke and thanked society 134 for everything they do for the parish.

Seminarian Zach Rodrigues spoke and gave us his history growing up in Elgin, his education, and the different

jobs he held before he went into the seminarian.

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 2, 2017 in St. Williams Pavilion.

Meetings for 2018 that are scheduled will be March 3 and June 24, 2018 in St. Williams Pavilion.

Election of officers will be held at the December 2, 2017 meeting. A nominating committee for officers was named; Felix Leonardi and Chris Lively. Margie Thompson will be stepping down as secretary because she will be moving out of the area.

The KJT state convention will meet next year in 2018. Leon and Margaret Barton volunteered to represent society 134 and we need another delegate.

St. Stephen's KJT #112 Austin Sarah Vitek, Reporter

The meeting of St. Stephen's KJT #112 was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at Sacred Heart Church. Co-President Darlene Chapa opened the meeting with a prayer.

VP Annie Hyzak sent a sympathy card to the family of Mary Motloch and to the family of Daniel V. Bartosh, Jr.. May thier souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Honorary Director Ted Vitek stated that State Director Ray Pokorney is having health issues and to pray for his healing. It was also reported

that Nathan Motloch was in the hospital, so we pray for his recovery as well.

On behalf of our society, a donation was made to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. We continue to pray for all the people affected by all the hurricanes as well as other disastrous events.

Six of our members volunteered for a work day at Down Home Ranch near Elgin. Poinsettias were transported from a large greenhouse to three smaller ones to allow more space for the growing

plants. The volunteers were Nick and Shirley Macik, Anne Hyzak, Eileen Rosipal, Kenneth Klanika and Sarah Vitek. Even with the aches and pains, this was a worthwhile project.

The annual raffle ticket drive has begun. Thanks to the Maciks for doing the mailouts. This annual fund-raiser benefits the Priests and Clergy Retirement Fund and the Education of the Seminarians. Another cause our society sponsors each year is the CROP WALK of Austin. The date for the walk will be

February 25, 2018 at Camp Mabry. It was voted to be a sponsor once again. This is a "walk at your own pace" event and when our members get together for this, it's always enjoyable to see all the different groups participating.

We will have a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, October 29 at St. Albert the Great Church. This will be for a matching grant provided by the Home Office. We still need bakers and helpers for the three Masses.

The joint KJT/KJZT

Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 2 beginning at 6 PM at St. Louis's Wozniak Hall. Invitations will be going out in November. Volunteers are still needed, so anyone that can step up to help would be appreciated.

The 2018 KJT Convention will be on July 19-21 at the Omni Hotel in Houston. Convention material was discussed and the election of delegates will be at the February meeting.

The next society meeting will be on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart reception room.

KJT Society #31, West Georgie Nors, Reporter

Society #31 members were treated to a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after the 7:30 A.M. Mass, on Sunday, October 8th. Afterwards the regular meeting was held.

Sherry Pavlas reported that she sent a Get Well card to Albert Charanza, and George Meurer, and a Sympathy Card to Ernest Bezdek on the loss of his granddaughter.

Albert Charanza thanked everyone for their prayers and

visits as he was recovering from a stroke.

Under old business, Robert Nors stated that he sent to the Home Office a check for the money that was raised at the Westfest Polka Mass for the Hurricane Harvey relief fund which totaled \$2625.00 and added the \$375.00 that Society members voted on for a total of \$3,000.

Under new business: President Kraemer stated that

the KJT Convention will be held on July 19-21, 2018 in Houston. Society #31 will have 8 delegates who are active members of the society.

Names of the delegates need to be turned in to the Home Office by March 2018. Also any resolutions or by-laws need to be turned in by February 23, 2018.

Also under new business, Alter Society President, Joann Wolf was reaching out to the

organizations for funds needed for major repairs at the Rectory after a water leak, and also for up-to-date furniture and linens. As told to Secretary Kraemer, we need to take care of our priest. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$1000.00. Also, CBSU sponsor Jon Hlavenka was asking for donations for the youth to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference in

Minneapolis. They will have T-Shirts with contributing sponsors listed on the back. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$250.

The Society Christmas Party which will be held on December 10th at the Tours Hall. There was some discussion about the meal. A suggestion was made to have roast beef, sauerkraut, mashed or parsley potatoes and green beans instead.

KJT Society #129, Schulenburg James Prihoda, Treasurer

ST. AUGUSTINE KJT SOCIETY #129 held their fifth meeting of the year on Oct. 15, 2017 at the home of Carolyn and James Prihoda. The meeting opening formalities were dispensed with quickly, getting into the business part. We started with reports on the Challenge Turkey Shoot on August 20th. We announced the winners, along with the financial results which brought

in \$1040.00. The youth food booth totaled \$151.50. We discussed the participation in the Schulenburg Festival Parade; the cancelation of the St. Mary, High Hill Festival due to the results of Hurricane Harvey visitation bring almost 20 inches of storming rains; and the final item of setting up the youth social and party at the Rocky Creek Maze.

In new business, a member social and meal were set for

Sunday, December 18th in conjunction with the final meeting of the year.

Donations and contributions were approved: Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund \$100; KJT Priest, Seminarian, and St. Jude program \$100 each; St. Rose Youth Group \$50; Seminarian Luke Prihoda \$25.00 Christmas Gift.

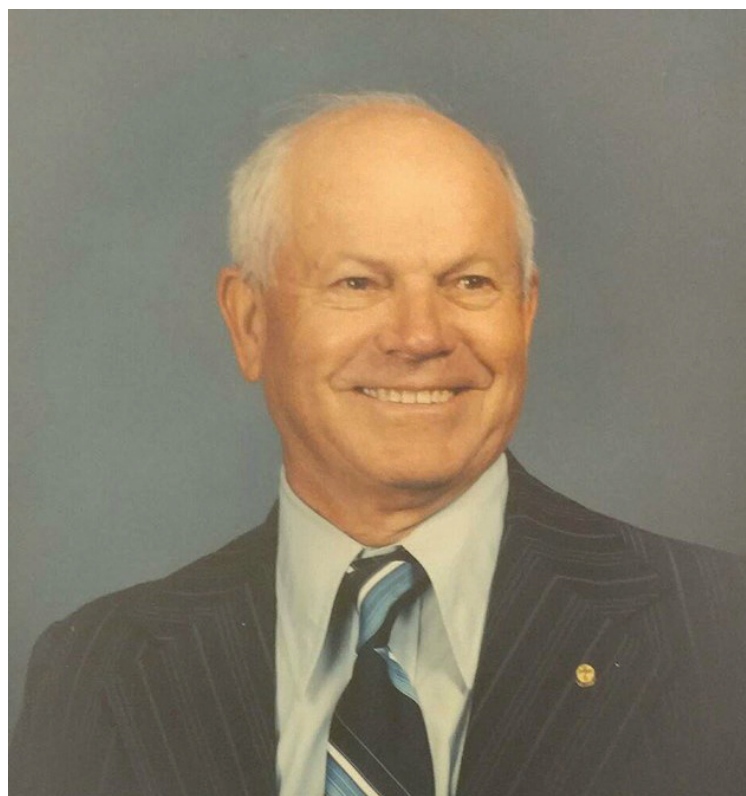
The next meeting is set for Dec. 18, 2017.



In Memoriam of...



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**Daniel Augustine
Kozlovsky**

August 2, 1924-October 10, 2017

Daniel Augustine Kozlovsky of Lutz, Florida passed away Tuesday October 10, 2017 at the VA Hospice Facility at the age of 93. Rosary and visitation will be Friday October 13 from 6pm – 8 pm at the MacDonald Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 9am at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lutz. Interment will be at a later date at New Garden Cemetery, Greensboro, N.C.

Daniel was born August 2, 1924 in Mesquite, Texas. The eighth of 12 children, he was the son of Joseph M. and Agnes Zgarba Kozlovsky, cotton farmers in Mesquite. He left the farm in 1944 to join

the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army and participated in Operation Varsity during World War II, earning a Bronze Star, the Victory medal, and a Purple Heart. He was on the way to Japan aboard a transport ship in the Panama Canal when Japan surrendered. He re-enlisted into the 82nd Airborne Division and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. A couple of buddies from Greensboro introduced him to their cousin and soon to be wife, Mabel Knight. He worked for Talley Laundry Machinery and later Lorillard Tobacco from which he retired. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club

in North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings, his wife Mabel, and his son Daniel. He is survived by two brothers, Bernard Kozlovsky of Rockwall, Texas, Edmund Kozlovsky of San Antonio, Texas, sister Albertina Grooms of Lynchburg, Virginia, daughter Martha Lyndora Taylor of Wilmington, NC, son David Kozlovsky and his wife Michele of Lutz, Florida, daughter-in-law Brenda Kozlovsky of Stokesdale, N.C., nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Lawrence Vrazel Jr., 87, of Yarrellton, died Saturday November 11, 2017, in a Temple hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 14, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Marak with Rev. George Thirumangalam officiating. Burial was held at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery.

Mr. Vrazel, a farmer and rancher, was born November 21, 1929, in Milam County to Lawrence and Albina (Sustek) Vrazel. He married Margaret Pospisil on May 21, 1960. He served in the Texas National Guard in 1955. He played in the early years of the Vrazel's Polka Band for 12 years. He was

a member of the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Marak, a member of the SPJST Lodge 15 in Buckholts and a member of the KJT in Marak.

Mr. Vrazel was preceded in death by brother, Edward Vrazel; sister, Evelyn Hubnik; brothers-in-law, Milton Hubnik and Clarence Domel; and sisters-in-law Mary Ann Vrazel and Mary Pospisil.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret Vrazel of Yarrellton; daughters, Elizabeth Strehler and husband Randall of Troy, and Patricia Hoelscher and husband Mark of Westphalia; brothers, Anton Vrazel and wife Albina of Yarrellton, Albert Vrazel of Yarrellton and wife Bernice; sister-in-law,

Victoria Domel of Taylor; brother-in-law, Frank Pospisil of Georgetown; and two grandsons, Matthew Hoelscher and Kyle Hoelscher.

Memorials may be made to Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Marak.



Polka Beat

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016



LAWRENCE VRAZEL JR.

November 21, 1929-November 11, 2017

YOUTH IN ACTION



KJT Society #112, Austin Youth

Clayton Macik received his gold medal in his group in Special Olympics Bowling held November 3rd in Austin. Pictured with Clayton are his parents LaWanda and Chris Macik. Clayton is the grandson of Shirley and Nick Macik. Clayton, Chris, Shirley and Nick are members of Society No. 112 in Austin.



KJT Society #39, Bay City donate American Flags for Veteran's Day

Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City held their annual Veteran's Day Program on November 10, 2017. Bay City KJT Society #139 Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Nemec and wife KJT Sales Representative Cynthia Nemec donated 200 flags from the KJT state office to the school in honor of their daughter, Staff Sergeant Stephanie (Nemec) Soares, who is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force (also a former student at Holy Cross School and member of Society #139), and in memory of Staff Sergeant Charles R. Nemec, who served in the U.S. Army, and Staff Sergeant Edward L. Dorotik Sr., who served in the U.S. Air Force. The picture above shows the Holy Cross School preK - 3 students waving their flags during the program. Society #139 and Holy Cross School wishes to thank Cynthia and Vincent Nemec for their donation.



KJT Society #12, Frenstat Youth Gathering

KJT Society #12 held their Youth Activity at Gattitown in July. Everyone enjoyed bowling and pizza.



KJT Society #129, Schulenburg Youth Social

St. Augustine KJT Society # 129 youth group enjoyed their summer social and party at the Rocky Creek Corn Maze on Sunday Oct. 29, 2017. Twenty-five youth and adults came out and roamed throughout the maze getting lost, playing hide-n-seek, laughing and playing Refreshments, chips, and snacks were available.



KIDS PAGE



The people who walked in
darkness
have seen a great light;

-Isaiah 9:1



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



FEED THE BRAIN

- So how does Santa deliver all those presents in one night? Santa actually has almost two days to deliver the presents. How? While in one part of the world it is day, in another part of the world it is night. For example when it is 12:30PM (daytime) in New York it is 1:30AM (nighttime) in China. Santa will travel through 3 different time zones on Christmas Eve. This gives him more time to deliver presents.
- Santa will visit over 90 million homes on Christmas Eve. So to deliver all the presents how fast does his sleigh have to go?
- Santa's sleigh travels at the speed of light. That is about 186,282.4 miles per second or 671 million miles per hour!



MEMBERSHIP PINS



In this 2017 year, KJT has issued 647 membership pins to our members! That includes 25, 50, and 75-year members. In November and December, we are proud to say we issued 173 of them to our members. We had 68 members receive their 25-year memberships, 41 members received their 50-year memberships, and 64 of them proudly received their 75-year memberships here at the Catholic Union of Texas.

Thank you, members, for your dedication to our organization and for allowing us to help you, and your families, with financial security for both now and later.

25-Year Membership

November 2017

- Society # 4,
Ammannsville
James A. Parma
- Society #13, Yoakum
Bessie Immenhauser
- Society #20, Shiner
Ethan A. Nevlud
- Society # 35, Ennis
Nicholas D. Young
- Society #40,
East Bernard
Morgan C. Kramr
- Society #46, La Grange
Gabrielle C. Nolan
Lang D. Nolan
- Society #55, Corn Hill
Melissa M. Dennis
Misty D. Whatley
- Society #63, Smithville
Paul B. Ashour
- Society #72,
Corpus Christi
Joseph C. Ormand
- Society #79, Hungerford
Sharon R. Parnell
- Society #95, Kaufman
Sherri M. Bedrick
- Society #100, Caldwell
Micah A. Muzny
- Society #117, Waco
Kevin A. Kocian
- Society #122, Freeport
Blake J. Stephens
Karen E. Stephens
Ryan E. Stephens
Allison M. Vitek
- Society #132,
Pflugerville
Angela K. Hudson
Kacey N. Krahula

25-Year Membership

December 2017

- Society #4, Ammannsville
Emma L. Stavinoha
Meagan B. Stavinoha
- Society #9, Fayetteville
Brenda L. Belota
Matthew R. Belota
Michael L. Belota
- Society #31, West
Heather N. Hunter
Holly M. Rodenberg
Lillian F. Urbanovsky
- Society #35, Ennis
Rae A. Richardson
Jamie L. Rosson
- Society #40, East Bernard
Brittany L. Hlavinka
Justin S. Hlavinka
- Society #42, Holmon
Gregory M. Proske
- Society #43, Weid
Alton J. Pohl
Krystal L. Pohl
Matthew A. Pohl
- Society #49, Needville
Leslie M. McWorther
- Society #55, Corn Hill
Ryan C. Roe
- Society #72,
Corpus Christi
Sarah L. Janosek
- Society #79, Hungerford
Amanda L. Bohacek
Megan R. Bohacek
Shirley E. Bohacek
Casey B. Ivy
Ashley R. Miculka
- Society #81, Poth
Andrea M. Kosub
- Society #90, Rosenberg
Josef R. Janis
Jenaya K. Lev
- Society #96, Sinton
Lucy Vanecek
Reba L. Vanecek
- Society #100, Caldwell
Evan J. Beran
- Society #111, Dallas
Dorothy J. Adamcik
Nicole M. Adamcik
Christopher W. Cervenka
- Society #112, Austin
Christopher G. Konvinka
Seth D. Mills
- Society #115, Victoria
Diana K. Kallus
Martin J. Kallus
Matthew C. Kallus
Stephen G. Kallus
- Society #117, Waco
Janet M. Skopik
- Society #128, Killeen
James C. Schwertner
Thomas R. Schwertner
- Society #133, Missouri City
Christopher A. Petter
- Society #134, Round Rock
Carol J. Bain
- Society #141, Georgetown
James S. Klecka



50-Year Membership

November 2017

- Society #1, Praha
Bryon J. Baca
- Society #4, Ammannsville
Russell W. Heller
- Society #16, Wallis
Alan J. Prihoda
- Society #27, Taylor
Jimmy W. Polasek
- Society #31, West
Andrew B. Johnson
- Society #35, Ennis
John W. Slovacek
- Society #43, Weid
Glenn A. Pustka
- Society #84, El Campo
Larry D. Dornak
- Society #108, Brenham
Christopher N. Bugaj
- Society #111, Dallas
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**
November 23



SOCIETY #117, WACO

Sunday, November 26, 75-Year Membership Pin Presentations.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Tuesday, November 28, officers meeting 6 p.m., meal and regular meeting, 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church Center.

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**SOCIETY #141,
GEORGETOWN**
Friday, December 1, Christmas Party.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Saturday, December 2, St. Mikulas Youth Social, Centennial Room, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Saturday, December 2, Christmas party in conjunction with the Hostyn KJZT. More details to follow.

SOCIETY #56, HOUSTON & SOCIETY #121, KATY- SPRING BRANCH

Sunday, December 3, annual Christmas Party, St. Jerome Catholic Church, outback house/room which is located behind the church across the parking lot. Society #121 will be hosting the combined party again this year. Party will start around 2 p.m., followed by social, caroling and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date on their calendar and plan to attend and be involved.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, December 3, Moravian Hall, 2 p.m. St. Thomas More annual Matching Grant bake sale and Christmas bingo.

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM

Sunday, December 3, meeting and annual Christmas Brunch followed by a youth program and a visit from St. Nicholas. St. Joseph Family Center after the 9 a.m. Mass.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Sunday, December 3, KJT/KJZT Annual Christmas Social, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, noon-4 p.m. This is the society's second youth activity for the year. Members are asked to be there at 10 a.m. to help with set up.



PEARL HARBOR
December 7

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 8



DEADLINE FOR STATEWIDE CHARITY PROJECTS DONATIONS

Friday, December 8.

SOCIETY #34, NADA

Sunday, December 10, meeting.

Important Dates to Look Forward to in 2018

****NEW****

KJT T.R.U.E. Teen Leadership Camp (Details Soon)

April 20-22, 2018

KJT State Convention

July 19-21, 2018

KJT Youth/Teen Camp

July 22-29

KJT Family Day

July 29, 2018

KJT Golf Tournament

October 6, 2018



Česká mše vánoční (Czech Christmas Mass)

To open this year's season of Advent, you are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear our Česká mše vánoční (Czech Christmas Mass) as it was performed in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem (south Bohemia) on Christmas Eve 1796.

This will be a historically accurate re-creation of that first performance, given by "a small handful of villagers, the organist's wife, and the organist himself singing from the keyboard," with the singers and musicians dressed in late 18th-century costume. The village priest offered a "fiery sermon" under the title The Waste and Folly of the Season; our performance will include a sermon similar to that which accompanied the first performance of the Česká mše vánoční, preached in the Czech language (English copies will be provided).

The performance will take

place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 3 December in St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, located on FM 1295 in Praha, Texas. A reception will follow with an opportunity to meet Mr. Zdeněk Beránek, Deputy Head of Mission at the Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C. This event is being sponsored by the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas in partnership with the College of Music at the University of North Texas. For information, contact Randall Barta at 361-865-3888 (home) or 281-734-6235 (cell) or Tom Sovík at 817-287-9644 (cell).

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for more events scheduled
throughout the month.

OFFICER MEMBER RECRUITMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE – SECOND PERIOD

Sunday, December 31.

HELP US FIND THESE MEMBERS



MISSING MEMBERS

Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. Contact with our members is very

important to us. We need to deliver important papers to these members. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the Home Office at 800.245.8182.

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