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Quote of the Month

*"Love only grows
by sharing. You can
only have more for
yourself by giving it
away to others."*

-Unknown

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Applicants for State Director

42nd KJT General Convention - July 2018

The 42nd General Convention is scheduled for July 19-21, 2018 and to date, we have received credential forms from 23 societies. I know there were issues with the mail as many societies did not receive their packets. If the president of your society did not receive the credential forms, please contact us so that we can get them to you immediately as the deadline for credential forms is March 31. We need the forms by then so that we can begin naming delegates to committees for the convention. Delegates will be receiving a tentative agenda and all other convention information after May 1. The entertainment for Thursday night of the convention will be the Dujka Brothers, Fraternal Friday Night, we will hold a Casino night at the hotel,

and Saturday night, Czech and Then Some will perform. We look forward to seeing everyone at the convention!

Applicants for State Director

There will be three vacancies for state directors at the convention. Directors Robert Nors, Raymond Pokorney, and Ellen Zdansky will all be retiring at the end of their terms this year. In order to qualify to seek the position of state director, one must be eligible to serve as a delegate to the convention. Candidates must submit an application of candidacy stating which position they are seeking and consent to a background check. Candidates can request this form from the Home Office and the form must be filed with the KJT State Secretary between February 1 and April

1 of this year. The same applies for a candidate running against an incumbent director as well. Candidate applications will be reviewed by a qualifications committee and the candidate will be notified whether or not the application is approved or disapproved.

2017 Financial Results

I am pleased to report that KJT's financials continue to improve in this challenging interest rate market. KJT's assets increased by over \$4.7 million to eclipse the \$82 million mark and increased its surplus by almost \$350,000 to reach \$4,689,254. Surplus now sits at its highest point since the first quarter of 2005. Additionally, solvency increased to 106% and is at its highest point since the first quarter of 2010. A copy of the balance sheet and income



CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN
KJT State President

statement can be found on Page 12 of this issue for your review.

I want to thank all KJT members, state officers and directors, local and district officers, and insurance representatives for your continued support. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve you. I would like to wish everyone a blessed Lenten and Easter Season!

Flood Relief Donation Presented

On February 20, 2018 KJT State President Christopher Urban presented a check to the Catholic Charities of Central Texas for the amount of \$5,000. The charity will use this money to help victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Pictured here (left to right): Allison Cavazos, Parish Relations Coordinator, Sara Ramirez, Executive Director; KJT State President Christopher Urban; Chris Reyes-Paiz, Disaster Response Coordinator; Annie Chavez, Grant Manager; Claire Bordelon, Volunteer Coordinator.



EDITOR'S NOTE



STEPHANIE PRIHODA
Director of
Media and Marketing

Welcome spring!! Warmer weather has been much anticipated around here. My family and I are looking forward to longer nights for baseball

Spring into Faith

games and neighborhood bike rides. For the first time in history, I have started my very own spring garden! I am so excited about it. With the help from some of you already, your gardening tips have helped so much!! If all goes well, I shouldn't have to go to the produce section for a while. Remember, in April I will be writing about gardens. If any of you would like to contribute, your article and pictures will make this write-up even more special.

Along with fresh air and

fresh spring gardens, comes a breath of fresh faith. We are more than half-way through the Lenten season, and new faith has blossomed. Easter will soon be upon us, and we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout Lent many of us began fasting, practiced abstinence and gave up attachments, which helps train the soul to desire things less and desire God more. As we continue throughout the year, I pray that the lessons learned through Lent carry on.

Just a reminder, KJT



Summer Camps will quickly be approaching. I will be on the search for camp counselors. As for campers, it's time to start signing up. I hope your calendars are free from July 22nd-29th. It will be held at the SPJST Camp grounds in Waldeck, Texas as in the years past. We have so much planned!! I'm super excited and can't wait. You can visit our website, www.kjtnet.org, for more information.

I pray that each family remain safe and healthy. I pray that for those who have found new believes this Lenten season, that it brings new adventures within your faith. For those of you who will be new to the Catholic

Church and will be receiving confirmation, first communion or baptism on Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018, we pray.

Many Blessings,

Stephanie Prihoda



An American Hero Among Us



Captain Jeramie Eugene Vecera, United State Air Force

Captain Jeramie Eugene Vecera is a US Air Force Pilot who has dedicated himself to the defense of the United States of America and to Freedom around the globe. His desire to fly began in high school where he participated in Air Force JROTC and in the Civil Air Patrol. It was while a high school student that he took training for helicopters and earned a pilot license. In college he won a four-year US Air Force scholarship and graduated with the only rated pilot slot among his peers. He earned his wings at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas and was assigned to the 442d Recon Squadron and flew the MQ-9 Reaper in operations over the Middle East. He was promoted to First Lieutenant and flew with the 324th Expeditionary Recon Squadron



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in Afghanistan. Following that combat tour he was reassigned to NAS Sigonella in Sicily and flew combat missions over Africa to include Operation Odyssey Resolve.

Returning to the United States he was promoted to Captain and became a Pilot Instructor and Tester.

He has flown in the face of the enemy and by his actions illuminated the light of Justice and Freedom. He has served the cause of Liberty for the United States of America with great Honor and Pride over the field of battle. Captain Jeramie Eugene Vecera is an American Hero!

APRIL STORIES:

Gardener's Special: Secrets of the Garden
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ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT



MICHAEL REZNICEK
KJT Fraternal
Activity Manager

First Quarter Almost Gone

It seems like just yesterday we were wishing each other a Happy New Year and today the first quarter of 2018 is almost in the history books.

On Sunday, March 4th, I went to Hungerford for Society #79's fundraiser. As always, at all KJT sponsored events, there was great fellowship, delicious food and good music.

I enjoyed visiting with Frank Miculka Jr., Society 79 Vice President. Thanks to all KJT members, families, and friends for a successful event.

One of the many great events coming up will be our 2018 KJT convention. I always enjoy visiting with many of the society delegates throughout the event. We all come together to make

decisions for the better and the continual growth of the KJT.

As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fraternal Activity Manager.

Michael A Reznicek

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**Mluviti stríbro,
mlceti zlato**

**Speaking is silver,
silence is gold.**



Fayette County was selected as the site for the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center (TCHCC) because of its significance in the history of Texas Czechs. Fayette County has the largest Czech population per capita and the most Czech communities of any county in the state. Many Czech-related historical sites and events, as well as prominent Texas Czechs, can be linked to Fayette County, which has the distinction of having had more immigrants from the Czech lands of the Austro-Hungarian Empire settle in the second half of the nineteenth century than any other county in Texas.

On March 24, 1997, TCHCC was officially incorporated. Then Texas Governor George Bush signed the resolution from the Texas House of Representatives and Senate in July of 1997. The resolution recognized all those associated and that the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center be built in La Grange. The resolution further recognized the contributions of Texans of Czech ethnicity to the state's history and that Fayette County, which is known as the "Cradle of Czech Immigration," is an appropriate site for the center.

The TCHCC Complex is located adjacent to the Fayette County Fairgrounds on US Hwy 77 just North of La Grange. The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center consists of museums, banquet hall, library, gift shop, a re-created immigrant village, and an amphitheater. TCHCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of artifacts, language, and culture of the Texas Czechs.

TCHCC will be celebrating Slavnost 'May Fest' on the third Sunday of May. The weekend events begin on Saturday afternoon, May 19, with the re-opening dedication of the Velehrad SPJST Lodge #19 that was recently moved in to the Czech Village at TCHCC. The dedication ceremony will begin at 4 PM and feature an early 1900s era dedication ceremony complete with a brass band and Model A style autos. The dedication will follow with tours of the newly refurbished building and an amazing raffle.

It's another great night under the stars! On Saturday evening, The Stand-In (Záskok) will be performed from 7-9 PM at the Sanford Schmid Amphitheater in the TCHCC Complex. Záskok, written by Ladislav Smoljak and Zdeněk Svěrák, premiered in the Czech Republic in March 1994. It is a comedy set in 1910 about a small troupe of actors who find themselves short of company members. To allow the show to go on, they call in the famous Czech actor Karel Infeld Prachensky to perform one of the parts. However, the show becomes disastrous when the famous actor forgets his lines, causing chaos to ensue. The beginning of the play sets up the belief that Jara Cimrman, a fictional Czech personality, wrote the play being watched.

"It is a real honor to take this beloved piece and to shepherd it onto the international stage." – Brian Caspe, Actor in the Cimrman English Theatre. With the first visit to the United States, The Stand-In was performed at distinguished establishments such as the Bohemian National Hall in New York City on April 19th and 22nd, 2017 and later at the Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C. This truly will be a wonderful evening overlooking the Colorado River Valley.

The annual Slavnost 'May Fest' and Tribute to the Immigrants to Texas will be held on Sunday, May 20. The day will begin with music in the Koliba Foyer at 9 AM along with Svačina. The Tribute to the Immigrants to Texas ceremony will begin at 10:30 AM. The ceremony recognizes the families whose Czech ancestors immigrated to Texas. A



delicious fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served in the Hanslik Hall beginning at 11:30 AM. Plenty of Czech style desserts will also be available along with refreshing beverages of all kinds. Music on the deck of the TCHCC from 12:00-6:30 PM. The Travelers Orchestra of Columbus, TX will begin at 12 PM. At 3:30 PM, there will be a special performance by the Eva Adam's Czech Ensemble from the Czech Republic, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Czechoslovakia. A dance floor has been added for all our dancing patrons. The Czech Village and Museums will be open for touring, a hay ride, raffle drawing, May Pole Dance, door prizes, Country Store, Pastry Shop, and much more. Item donations for the Country Store and Pastry Shop are welcomed. Help with genealogy research will be available in the Melnar Library and the TCHCC Kopecky Gift Shop has a new stock of items great for gifts for any occasion for everyone.

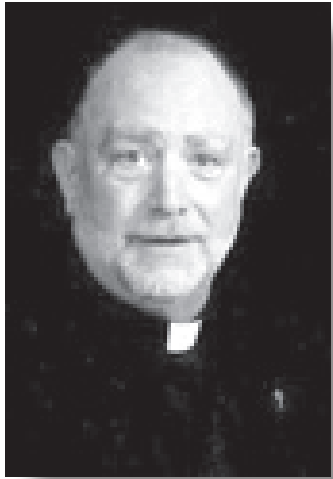
For more information, contact TCHCC at 1-888-785-4500, email info@czechtexas.org, or visit the website www.czechtexas.org. The

**TCHCC address is 250 West Fairgrounds Road,
PO Box 6, La Grange, TX 78945.**

**The TCHCC is a nonprofit organization and a
accepts donations in any form.**

**All donations are welcomed and will be acknowledged.
Come enjoy a great weekend of Czech heritage and culture!**

MESSAGE FROM OUR KJT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



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

*"In the sixth month,
the angel Gabriel was
sent from God to a town of
Galilee." (Luke 1:26)*

During April we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. This originally happens in March, but because of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we

Annunciation of the Lord

carry the Annunciation of the Lord into April.

The Annunciation marks the beginning of our salvation history. God's plan to save us abides in eternity. His realization of this plan, however, occurs in time, our time. The full text of the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Annunciation begins, In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee. God's plan to save us embraces all those who dwell on planet earth. The realization of this plan begins in a specific place, a Galilean town called Nazareth.

The circumstances of the Incarnation of the Son of God lead us to ponder how divine grace takes hold of our lives. Though there are some all-atonce conversions, ordinarily God begins with something

particular in our time and space. We might experience a sorrow, and so turn to God for comfort. We might find ourselves in need of something, and we ask God to give it to us. We might find ourselves drawn to something religious, though without realizing what it means to become authentically religious.

From Nazareth, God's saving plan extends to the whole world. We recognize this movement in the growth of the Church throughout the world. Everywhere the Church exists, there also is the woman who in the Annunciation receives the message of the angel. Just as Jesus abides as the Savior of the world, so Mary extends her maternal care to those whom God sanctifies.

Fr. Bob Knippenberg



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KJT State Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Kana recently presented donations to His Excellency, The Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill and Fr. Gary Janak, Vicar General/Chancellor, of the Diocese of Victoria. The donations were for ongoing recovery from Hurricane Harvey as well as donations to the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund and seminarian education. These donations were made from the many KJT societies located within the Diocese of Victoria.



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Carly Divin
Society #4,
Ammannsville
•First Place February
Top Producer
•February Premium Leader
•February Volume Leader
•New Application
Producer- 3 months
•New Member
Application- 3 months



Ronnie Hostas
Society #59,
Seymour
•Second Place February
Top Producer



Stephanie Prihoda
Society #46,
La Grange
•Third Place February
Top Producer
•New Application
Producer- 3 months
•New Member
Application- 3 months



Clement Korenek
Society #34, Nada
•Forth Place February
Top Producer



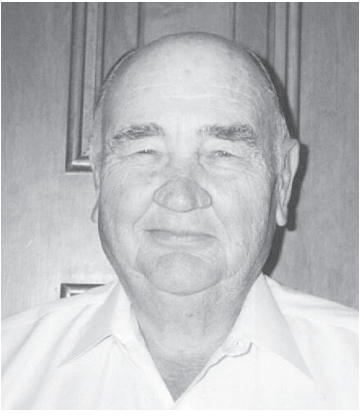
Deborah Currey
Society #130, Elgin
•Fifth Place February
Top Producer



Ellen Zdansky
Society #72,
Corpus Christi
•New Application Producer –
158 months
• New Members Application-
155 months



Earnest Bezdek
Society #31, West
•New Application Producer –
2 months



Albert Sustala
Society #80, Sealy
•February Application
Leader



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KJT Society #40, East Bernard

KJT Society #40, East Bernard hosted their 75-Year Pin celebration February 25, 2018 at the Riverside Hall in East Bernard. Ten members of KJT Society #40, East Bernard were present to receive their pins from KJT State Vice President David Wagner and KJT State Director Margret Holik. Society President Edwin Marik, along with the members of society, did a wonderful job organizing the event.



Fred Fojtik, Jr.



Ronald A. Dusek



Sylevster F. Dusek



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John H. Viktorin



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James J. Jalowy

PIN RECIPIENTS



25-Year Membership March 2018

George C. Wartsbaugh
Brian K. Wartsbaugh
Kevin K. Wartsbaugh
Anna L. Weaver

Society #39, Marak
Travis M. Dohnalik

Society #40, East Bernard
Margy M. Anderson

Society #50, Penelope
Gladys M. Adams

Society #54, Fort Worth
Kaylin N. Shillinglaw

Society #60, Tours
Willie M. Podsednik

Society #79, Hungerford
Joseph d. Tesar

Society #81, Poth
Clinton A. Kosub

Society #96, Sinton
Samantha N. Munguia
Kaitlyn A. Vanecek

Society #112, Austin
Kathryn S. Meyeres
Ronda C. Motl
Stephen C. Strauss

Society #20, Shiner
Mary L. Koenning
Jared K. Novosad

Society #27, Taylor
Randy L. Skrhak
Anna M. Wolbrueck
David J. Wolbrueck

Society #31, West
Rebecca D. Beseda
John F. Beseda

Society #35, Ennis
Hayden E. Mach
Matthew C. Matous
Jason L. Vavra



50-Year Membership March 2018

Society #14, Bryan
John P. Opersteny

Society #16, Wallis
Douglas L. Bilski
David W. Manna

Society #28, Granger
Jay J. Bohac
Darrell K. Tesmer

Society #31, West
Mark A. Hutyra

Society #35, Ennis
Gregory P. Blazek
Brian A. Patak

Society #43, Wied
Collin P. Gerlich

Society #59, Seymour
Darrel R. Tomsu

Society #60, Tours
Christopher A. Kalina

Society #72, Corpus
Christi
Gerald R. Nemec
Mark Wendland

Society #78, Rowena
Mark G. Kalina

Society #79, Hungerford
Kenneth L. Svatek

Society #80, Sealy
Kenneth F. Mlcak

Society # 84, El Campo
Edward J. Marek
Darrell E. Naiser

Society #111, Dallas
Louis J. Melin

Society #112, Austin
David R. Strauss
Michael F. Tomasek

Society #122, Freeport
Curtis D. Kaspar



75-Year Membership March 2018



Society #28, Granger
Willie H. Cervenka
Norbert A. Matula

Society #29, Frydek
Eugene W. Mieth

Society #31, West
Marvin A. Cepak

Society #39, Marak
Daniel J. Hromcik
Joe L. Hromcik

Society #81, Poth
Felix Pollok, Jr.
Archie M. Pollok
Edward J. Pollok

Society #100, Caldwell
Alphonse B. Budnik

Society #112, Austin
Frank L. Matula

Society #115, Victoria
Anthony Pall, Jr.



KJT Society #31, West

Mr. Raymond J. Mikeska of Arlington, TX, received his 75-year membership pin at the quarterly meeting in West. Pictured are West Soc. #31 Officers L to R: Sherry Pavlas, Georgie Nors, Robert Nors, Pin Recipient Raymond J. Mikeska, Michael Kraemer and Cathy Kraemer. Mr. Mikeska drove down from Arlington to attend our monthly meeting.

Congratulations Raymond Mikeska.

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.

KJT IN ACTION



KJT Society #112, Austin



St. Stephen's had their annual Jr. hamburger cookout at Sacred Heart Cafeteria. This annual event is one of the societies' largest fundraisers. Pictured to the left were the 3 finest cookers. They are Glenn Vitek, Rodney and Christopher Zurovetz. Great job guys, delicious burgers Pictured above, members and guests enjoyed the burgers and great fellowship.



KJT Society #141, Georgetown

The KJT Society # 141 sold scoops of Ice Cream at the Knights Fish Fry every Friday during Lent at St Helen Catholic Church. Funds raised will be to support the Vacation Bible School at St Helen Catholic Church.



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KJT Society #112, Austin

Austin Soc. #112 once again was one of the sponsors and participated in the annual Austin CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Camp Mabry. The event, sponsored by Church World Service, celebrates the interreligious participation of people locally and globally to raise money for food, medical care, disaster relief and development. Soc. #112's participation in this community interfaith event raises awareness and funds for hungry people both in Austin and around the globe. KJT is proud to have been a sponsor for this very worth-while cause for many years.

Pictured to the right: Matthew, Sophie and Katie Hyza, back: Anne Hyzak, Sarah Vitek, Eileen Rosipal, Darlene Vitek, Stephanie Hyzak, Michael Hyzak, Michelle Hyzak and Ted Vitek.



KJT IN ACTION

KJT SOCIETY #72, Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Society #72 Treasurer Kara Johnson, Vice-President Rosalie Williams and State Director Ellen Zdansky presented Judy Zdansky, accompanied with granddaughters Brooke Tumlinson and Halle Zdansky, with four 100% KJT Family Certificates. Judy's family is all KJT members and each of her children received theirs: Lynnae Zdansky's family. Harry & Michelle Zdansky family and Michelle & Randy William's family. Congratulations to all of them & especially Randy who was our February Newest Member.



Pictured below: Corpus Christi Society #72 Treasurer Kara Johnson, Vice-President Rosalie Williams and State Director Ellen Zdansky and presented Judy Zdansky with her Merit Cross accompanied with granddaughters Brooke Tumlinson and Halle Zdansky. The Merit Cross is earned when you have 4 children in the KJT. Sons or son-in-laws, daughters or daughters-in-law. Congratulations Judy.

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi



State Director Ellen Zdansky and husband Charles (taking picture) presented Father Tomasz a \$250 ck for St Thomas More CCD program. Father is always very grateful for the help he gets from his Society #72 in Corpus Christi.



State Director Ellen Zdansky with Corpus Christi Society #72 presented Deacon Fred Castillo a \$250 ck for Our Lady of Perpetual Help CCD program. They deeply appreciate our help every year.



100% Family Merits



Please Note: If all of your children, grandchildren, etc including all son-in laws and daughter-in-laws and any adopted children are KJT members, be sure to let your Insurance Representative or the Home Office know if you qualify for the 100 % Family Certificate or the Merit Cross.

Butcher Houses



Stories from the Family Butcher House

When we got married 44 years ago, Clement made the comment we didn't have a lot of meat in the freezer. Since I grew up in Houston, my first thought was that we would go to the store and/or meat market and buy some meat. WRONG! We got in the truck, headed to the pasture with the rifle in tow and proceeded to choose our calf for the freezer. Before I knew it, we were bringing it up to the barn with the tractor. He handed me a knife and said "This is what I want you to do." I fell in love all over again but this time with butchering. Clem grew up processing their own meat and coming from a family of 14, it was a pretty regular occurrence. Since I grew up in

Houston, the most butchering I was exposed to was chickens and cleaning fish. As a child, I remember going to a meat market with 3 other families to pick up our share of a calf. We belonged to a co-op and these four families shared a calf and occasionally a hog, alternating between front quarters and hind quarters. Of course these four families were my parents, brother, and sisters that had all settled in Houston from the Schulenburg and Moravia areas. I discovered I really enjoyed processing our own meat and Clem was my perfect teacher.

As our family grew, all 4 of our kids were involved in the process. They were each

assigned tasks according to their abilities. They soon discovered that our own processed meat tasted so much better than the store bought meat. At one point I ran out of our own processed ground meat and decided to pick some up from the store. Becky comes into the kitchen and asks what stinks! Her nose took her right to the store bought meat I was cooking. I told her it was fresh because I had just bought it at the store but she insisted it smelled different and just didn't smell right. That's when I realized that we would be teaching our children a trade they would be able to use their entire lives. Needless to say



Making homemade sausage is a job for the entire family.

that small beginning I had 44 years ago has definitely grown into a large family affair.

As they became adults and went off to college, they always made sure they would come back for the meat we processed at home. This has led to an increase in our "butcher" family. A couple of Nicholas' college friends joined a lease with both of our sons. A new and larger smokehouse was built in 2002 and Curtis and

Sandra Horton joined in this annual event. Thus began the annual butcher weekend approximately 16 years ago for our enlarged family. This year we invited our Godson and nephew, Bradley Salas to join in the festivities and as the grandchildren get old enough, they are also included in the process, just as our children were.

As each of us harvests a deer or hog, the meat is cut into

Butcher Houses



Dividing the meat before making different types of sausage.

chunks and frozen. Due to the amount of meat for this group, we utilize all of our freezers. The lion's share of the stored meat is distributed between our freezer and our daughters', Valerie and Becky. Around the end of February after deer season is over, everyone brings their deer and hogs to our house. On that special weekend, the butchering process is completed. Everyone starts trickling in on Friday and by Sunday we are finished. We make link sausage, dried sausage, summer sausage, jerky,

snack sticks and ground meat. In 2013, Nicholas and Jared created a spreadsheet. All of the meat is weighed and each family decides how much of each type of meat they want from what they contributed. The boys also created columns with how each type of meat was seasoned along with columns for comments. This way, the seasonings can be adjusted from year to year. It also creates a history of how many pounds of meat was processed on this particular weekend. The



completed meat is then divided and wrapped according to each families share on Sunday. Five years ago another college friend joined in our processing weekend. Even though Alan and April Alaniz aren't on the same lease, they contribute their meat into the pile. In addition, Alan is a fantastic tamale maker. He asked to join our family group to learn how to process deer and hogs and in exchange he would teach us to make tamales. This year, we processed over 800 pounds of meat and made 48 dozen tamales. And yes, this was all completed in one weekend!

Of course there has to be bacon, ham, Canadian bacon and jiternice, also known as head sausage or boudin, made along the way. We usually do these at a separate time because bacon and ham need additional time to cure. Jiternice is also known as head sausage or for the "squeamish", boudin. People seem to turn their noses up when we tell them we are making head sausage but if we tell them we are making boudin, they all say they love it. It's amazing how our heads can overrule our stomachs.



different times with our family processing weekend being the largest at one time. We always stress to everyone that we are not a commercial facility but they are welcome to come process their meat at our place. We will help them process it but they must be present and help as it being prepared. This passes the knowledge on to new generations. We enjoy showing and teaching people where food actually comes from. It's not just from the grocery store or meat market like I thought growing up. It's a lesson I learned oh so many years ago and one I hope to continue to pass on to future generations.

This definitely has become an amazing weekend where there's lots of family, friends, fun and festivities, just like the KJT and we wouldn't have it any other way.

We feel it is important to show anyone and everyone how to properly care for meat. Clem has several different groups of families come throughout the fall and winter months to process their meat. Generally, an average year will have anywhere from 1,100 to 1,500 pounds of meat processed at



Making tamales after all the butchering is done.
Trading skills.



Statement

MEMBERSHIP PINS

of Financial Condition

Admitted Assets	30-Sep 2017	31-Dec 2016
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 4,065,401	\$ 2,893,730
Bonds	54,178,704	56,148,566
Preferred and Common Stock		
Mortgage Loans	21,519,225	16,082,389
Real Estate	673,375	694,085
Policy Loans	622,929	591,214
Other Invested Assets	5	5
Accrued Investment Income	899,444	869,142
Premiums and Considerations	7,485	5,753
Recoverable from Reinsurance		
Write Ins OTI Assets & Misc	41,149	32,619
Total Admitted Assets	\$ 82,007,717	\$ 77,317,503
Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus		
Reserves for Certificates	\$ 75,514,908	\$ 71,442,956
Contract Claims	225,582	108,879
Liability for Deposit Type Contracts	636,151	628,006
Provisions for refunds payable	83,134	117,370
Asset Valuation Reserve	402,575	371,446
Interest Maintenance Reserve	154,091	98,151
Miscellaneous Liabilities	302,022	209,528
Payable for Securities		
Total Reserves and Liabilities	\$ 77,318,463	\$ 72,976,336
Surplus	\$ 4,689,254	\$ 4,341,167
Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus	\$ 82,007,717	\$ 77,317,503

Statement

of Financial Condition

Income	For Quarters Ended December 31	
	2017	2016
Life and Annuity Premium Income	\$ 5,913,097	\$ 5,962,234
Net Investment Income	4,027,349	3,739,868
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	21,820	30,554
Misc Income	24,847	58,707
Total Income	\$ 9,987,113	\$ 9,791,363
Benefits and Expenses		
Policy Death Benefits	\$ 637,760	\$ 576,679
Matured Benefits		
Annuity Benefits	835,405	155,870
Disability Benefits		
Surrender Benefits	2,807,971	1,688,804
Interest and Adjustments on Contract Funds	24,485	24,415
Increase in Life and Annuity Reserves	4,071,952	5,678,471
Expenses, Taxes, and Commission Payments	1,168,654	1,059,044
Increase in loading	399	(189)
Total Benefits and Expenses	\$ 9,546,626	\$ 9,183,094
Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds	440,487	608,269
Refunds to Members	49,749	115,172
Net Gain (Loss) From Operations After Refunds	\$ 390,738	\$ 493,097
Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	7,201	42,876
Net Income	\$ 397,939	\$ 535,973
Surplus		
Net Income From Operations	\$ 397,939	\$ 535,973
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses)	-	-
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	(18,723)	10,481
Change in Asset Valuation Reserve	(31,129)	(39,368)
Write Ins - Prior Period Adjustment		
Net Change in Surplus	\$ 348,087	\$ 507,086
Surplus - Prior Year	\$ 4,341,167	\$ 3,834,081
Surplus as of Statement Date	\$ 4,689,254	\$ 4,341,167

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

KJT SOCIETY # 63, SMITHVILLE

What a winter we have had, and spring is welcomed! Last year was busy and this new year will be the same, so we want all members to know the schedule for 2018. Our first meeting on January 23 was held to elect the same officers, and 2017 business reported to the main office. We set the meeting dates as you will see below.

We would like to keep in our prayers, Frank J. Olsovsky who was a member of our organization who passed away last year.

To receive a Level II, we met all items except for at least 2 new members. Therefore, we all need to help achieve new insurance members who will receive many benefits, and benefits for our Society. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER as a handy reference for activities planned for this year. You can also see these items in the KJT Newspaper, monthly. We are also excited that our Society should be getting a Facebook page for you to keep in the now with all of us. Please check with the below officers if you are coming from out-of-town to make sure there is no last-minute change in the schedule.

ALL MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE KC HOUSE BEHIND THE CHURCH AT 7 PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- APRIL 17 (sandwiches)
- JULY 17th
- NOVEMBER 16 (Christmas meeting/party) Place TBD

JUNE 2 GARAGE SALE, SAUSAGE WRAP SALE & BAKE SALE

IN THE ST. PAUL PARISH HALL- SMITHVILLE

We need as many members as possible to participate with items for sale &/or purchasing items to make it as successful as last year of \$2366.63 which was donated to the Priest and Clergy Retirement fund in the Austin Diocese. What a great effort by our members and especially the Beno and Jane Hellinger Family.

A REMINDER: Keep your eyes and ears open for any possible new members; family, friend, fellow parishioner, or any Christian. Affordable insurance and savings plans for precious new babies, grand babies, and great grand babies. Please contact the State Office at 800-245-8182 or any officer below to get a representative out to help recruit new members.

YOU ALL know the advantages of being a member of the KJT.

President: William Psencik	830-839-4398
Vice President: Daniel Drab	512-360-4355
Secretary: Frank Bohuslav	512-237-3326
Treasurer: Nancy Janecek	512-237-4071


WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT ALL OR SOME ACTIVITIES

HAVE A BLESSED AND HEALTHY 2018



THANK YOU,
SOCIETIES FOR
ALL OF YOUR
DONATIONS AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICES


In Memoriam of...



Society #128, Killeen John Chomko, 78 Passed Away 12/19/2017	Society #49, Needville Leonard Grigar, 81 Passed Away 12/08/2017	Society #72, Corpus Christi James M. Juranek, 74 Passed Away 01/25/2018
Society #72, Corpus Christi Albin J. Kucera, 96 Passed Away 12/30/2017	Society #55, Corn Hill Paul A. Nemec, 88 Passed Away 01/02/2018	Society #20, Shiner Msgr. Lawrence Matula, 81 Passed Away 12/25/2017
Society #72, Corpus Christi Joseph A. Kaspar, 75 Passed Away 01/02/2018	Society #46, La Grange Albert B. Pechal, 86 Passed Away 01/07/2018	Society #35, Ennis Jerry L. Autrey, 66 Passed Away 01/03/2018
Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch Wilbert F. Dittrich, 82 Passed Away 12/31/2017	Society #111, Dallas Robert J. Brown, 59 Passed Away 11/13/2017	Society #16, Wallis Alfred C. Janicek, Sr., 88 Passed Away 10/28/2017
Society #103, Baytown Rodney A. Novosad, 84 Passed Away 01/02/2018	Society #48, Hillje Leroy I. Strnadel, 80 Passed Away 01/17/2018	

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.



Consumer Pharmacy Benefits Management

While the KJT has had the ScriptSave prescription drug discount card for many years, ScriptSave now has some additional savings opportunities for our members.

Vision Care

Save 40% off the retail price of frames, save on lenses and lens options (a complete pair of glasses purchase is required), 15% savings on conventional (non-disposable) contact lenses, 15% off the retail price of LASIK and PRK Vision Correction Procedures, \$5 off eye exam with dilation, \$10 off contact lens exam.

Hearing Care

15% savings on over 70 hearing aid models at 1,400 preferred providers. FREE, 10-step hearing evaluation to diagnose the extent of hearing loss. Beltone's exclusive BelCare Aftercare Program offers members lifetime cleanings, inspections, adjustments and service for any Beltone hearing instruments purchased at any Beltone location throughout the United States.

Daily Living Products

ActiveForever.com offers a wide selection of assistive daily living aids at guaranteed low prices!

Cardholders receive a 10% discount.

If you would like to take part in the ScriptSave program and you don't have your original card that was sent out at the inception of the program, you can contact us

at info@kjtnet.org or you can call the office at 800.245.8182 to get your discount card.



Don't be afraid,
I know you are looking for Jesus
Who was crucified.
He is not here!
For He has been resurrected, just as He said.
Matthew 28

He is Risen!

Online Applications For Enrollment In The KJT Memorial Foundation Are Now Available www.kjtnet.org



KJT Memorial Foundation

For donations of less than \$25 an enrollment card is sent to the designated individual and for donations of \$25 or more, they will receive a hard-bound book with a beautiful holy picture.

All those enrolled are remembered in daily prayers and monthly Holy Masses.

Express your love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and times of illness as well as consolation to a loved one's family by enrolling them today!

SOCIETY MINUTES

KJT Society #31, West Georgie Nors, Reporter

West KJT Society #31 members had their regular monthly meeting on February 11, 2018, after the 7:30 A.M. Mass. Kolaches and coffee were provided for the members.

President Michael Kraemer called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed guest, Raymond Mikeska of Arlington.

Robert Nors gave the financial report. He also reported that he has the contract to Tours Hall for the December 9th, KJT/KJZT Christmas party.

Sherry Pavlas reported she sent Get-Well cards to Edmund Sykora, Libble Veselka, and Gabby Veselka. Thank you notes were received from Father Ed, Father Darrell, the Family of Bill Nors and the family of Frank Nemec, and a letter from St. Mary's School.

President Kraemer reported on the District SDOR meeting that was held in Hillsboro. Michael Kraemer, Ernest Bezdek, and Robert & Georgie Nors were present at the meeting. State President, Chris Urban, State Vice-President, David Wagoner, and the new Director of Media & Marketing, Stephanie Prihoda were present to discuss the agendas and activities for the new year.

The upcoming Fish Fry Fundraiser was then discussed. Help will be needed on Thursday afternoon to clean, cut-up and season the fish. Lots of help will be needed on Friday. Also members were asked to bring desserts. It was agreed to stay with the price as last year of \$9.00 per plate. Cathy Kraemer stated that she will post the fundraiser on Facebook, also the Calendar of Events.

Mr. Raymond J. Mikeska was recognized as a Society #31 member who received his 75-year pin. He has driven from Arlington to attend the meeting. We congratulate Mr. Mikeska.

Next meeting will be March 11. A breakfast will be served. Motion was made and seconded to have a breakfast casserole. Motion carried.

St. Stephen's KJT #134, Round Rock Felix Leonardi , Secretary

KJT Society #134, Round Rock held a quarterly meeting on February 24, 2018.

Delicious chili supper was prepared by Chris Lively. Thank you, Chris.

KJT District meeting and family fun day will be held at the Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on March 24th, 2018 at 2 pm CST. There will be an election of officers. Shirley

Pokorny will not be running for re-election. Leon requested to raise age limit to 75.

Leon Barton encourages everyone to come to the family fun day.

Our society welcomed Bruce and Kathlyn Hozeski as new members to society #134.

Ray nd Shirley Pokorny gave status update. Ray thanked the

prayer group.

From home office, the state of monetary is fine. There was concern of a decline in membership. Graduate senior scholarship (up to \$1,500) deadline is March 1st, 2018. Eligibility includes KJT member in good standing, annual academic record. KJT activities and volunteerism will also be considered for eligibility.

Shirley Pokorny stated her intention to run for State Director.

Leon and Margaret Barton celebrated their 54th anniversary on February 8th, 2018.

State convention will be in July 19th through 21st, 2018. Leon Barton and Janie Zbranek will be the delegates for KJT convention.

Next gathering will be on June 23rd, 2018 at the St. William Pavilion. Fr. Dean Wilhelm, pastor of St. William, is to give briefing of his background.



KJT District 7 Report Charles Holik, Treasurer/ Secretary

The 2018 KJT District 7 Meeting & Family Appreciation Day was held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory Cafeteria in Victoria TX following the 9:00am mass.

Father Christopher Fuchs said the blessing for the BBQ chicken meal before the meeting.

Robert Leopold, Donald Dusek, Lawrence Yanta, Ellen Zdansky, Margaret Holik and Cynthia Nemec were recognized as being KJT Insurance Representatives present.

State Directors present were; Ellen Zdansky and husband Charles Zdansky, Margaret Holik and husband Charles Holik.

Ellen Zdansky spoke about how she enjoyed being a State

Director. She is retiring later this year as a State Director. Margaret Holik thanked the Victoria Society #115 for holding the meeting and said they always do a good job. She then talked about the upcoming Youth Camps. She also spoke of the upcoming 42nd State Convention July 19-21, 2018 and State Family Day of July 29, 2018.

The Youth activity was led by Michelle Holik. They made thank you cards for the 75 year pin recipients.

The following officers were that re-elected: Vince Nemec, President; Donald Dusek, Vice President; Charles Holik, Secretary & Treasurer

The Memorial Service was performed by Vice President Donald Dusek. Candles were

lit for 19 deceased members of 2017 followed by a scripture reading and prayer by Donald Dusek.

The next District 7 meeting in 2019 will be in Bay City.

Father Gary Janak spoke about the KJT Fraternal being very important. They have good insurance, youth camps, and family functions. He spoke about the importance of growing the membership.

Regina Janak with the Catholic Lighthouse newspaper announced that she is happy with all the material that is sent to her. Try and send clear pictures.

Father Christopher Fuchs introduced James Dvorak Seminarian and is working to become a Priest.

District 7 youth activity made 75 year appreciation member cards



Cooking with KJT



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CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

Judy Zdansky
KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi

- 1/2 c. oil
- 4 oz. chocolate, unsweetened
- 2 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. powdered sugar

Mix oil, chocolate and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla, then flour and rest of dry ingredients. Chill 1 hour or overnight. Roll dough inot small balls and roll in powdered sugar. Place on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.

Strawberry Cream Roll

Georgie Nors
KJT Society #31, West

- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. sifted cake flour
- 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

For Filling:

- 1 carton Cool Whip or 1/2 pint heavy cream, whipped and sweetened
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced and sweetened

Beat eggs and vanilla at high speed of mixer, until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually beat in sugar until mixture is fluffy and thick. Sift together the dry ingredients and add, folding in with wire whisk. Pour into a 15 X 10 X 1" jelly roll pan that has been lined with aluminum foil and lightly greased. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until very light brown (Do Not Overbake). Turn out on towel or foil that has been generously sprinkled with powdered sugar. Peel off the foil and roll up in towel or foil. Let stand 15-20 minutes until cool completely . Unroll and spread with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. Reroll and cover with foil and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. NOTE: Instead of the whipped cream and strawberries, my family loves sliced firm bananas placed on the roll and rerolled. This does not have to be chilled, serve at room temperature.

Thank You Letters

KJT Youth

Rush Hoelscher

305 Montclair Ave, College Station, TX 77840
rushhoelscher@gmail.com
361-232-0818

August 15, 2017

KJT Catholic Union of Texas
Attn: Ellen Zdansky
701 Meadowbrook Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Dear Ellen Zdansky:

My name is Rush Hoelscher, and I am the fortunate recipient of your generous KJT Catholic Union of Texas scholarship. I would like to express my sincerest thanks for this opportunity you have bestowed upon me. I am dedicated to making you proud of your investment in me and hope to someday continue with your legacy by doing the same for future Aggies.

On May 19, 2017, I graduated as the valedictorian of Tuloso-Midway High School. Throughout my time there, I spent countless hours participating in various academic and athletic activities. Since that time, I have been busy getting registered for fall classes at the New Student Conference, meeting new people at Aggie Venture camp and learning the traditions of Texas A&M University at Fish Camp. I have moved into my new place in College Station and now eagerly await Howdy Week and the start of school. Thanks to your kind support, I will start this year off with motivation and excitement.

I have been admitted into the College of Engineering Honors program and look forward to studying computer science. Although my high school did not offer computer-programming courses, I worked independently to teach myself through the resources I did have: the internet, a borrowed textbook, and some friends. I am more than excited (and a bit anxious) to finally meet with other individuals with similar interests and learn from professors who have the knowledge I crave.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to better myself. I promise to keep you up-to-date on my education and experiences. If you are ever interested in meeting face-to-face, I would be more than happy to do so.

Thanks and Gig 'Em!



Rush Hoelscher



Stock Show Life Pays Off For the Olivarez Sisters



Farm life is tough. There are long hours working through the heat, rain and snow. Feeding times range from dusk to dawn, and for FFA/4-H show animals, it's a high maintenance job. However, for these two KJT sisters, persistence paid off.

Lacie (9) and Kaylie Olivarez (12) who are KJT Society #43, Wied members and members of the Lucky H 4-H Club began this prize winning journey in August when they purchased two hogs from Roman Henke, owner of Janak-Henke Pig Farms at St. Mary's in Hallettsville, Texas. They moved their projects out to grandpa and grandma's farm, and that was where all the fun began.

After months of walking, feeding, and caring for their pigs, the reward was sweet.

Lacie won Grand Champion Swine for her first year showing, while her older sister Kaylie won Reserve Grand Champion. Both girls brought in a decent amount of money for their projects. Not to mention, to make the experience even more rewarding, Kaylie walked away with the Grand Championship Showmanship reward for the 3rd consecutive year.

Lacie and Kaylie both attend Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville. Their proud parents are Gary and Tracy Olivarez and grandparents are Guntram and Elaine Janak, all who are members of the KJT Society #43, Wied.

KJT would like to congratulate both girls in the accomplishments!

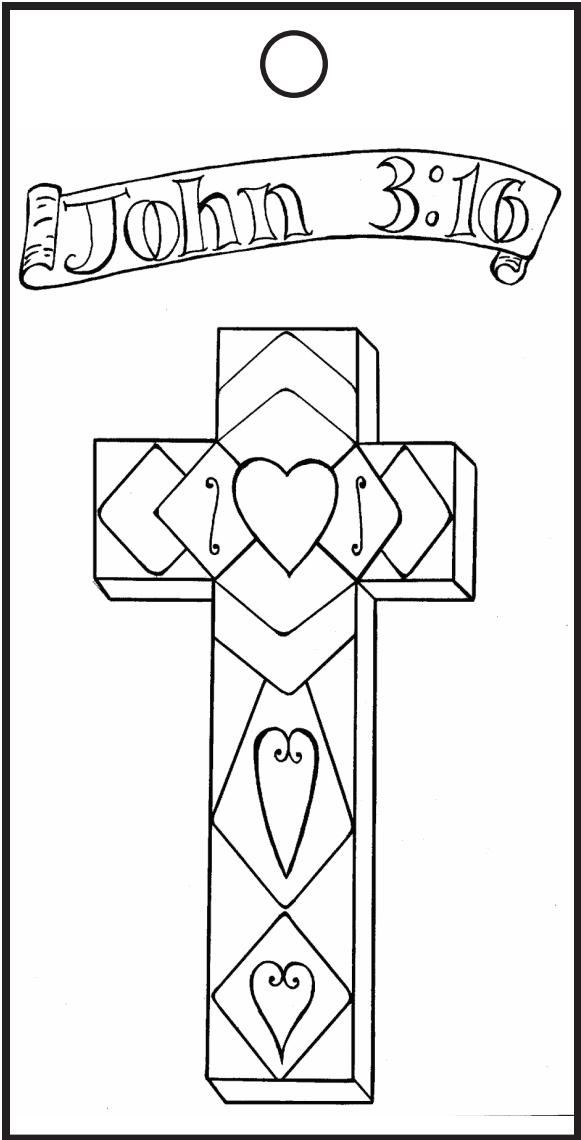
We Encourage Youth to Participate at the Local, District & State Level. They Are the Future of This Great Fraternal Family!



KIDS PAGE

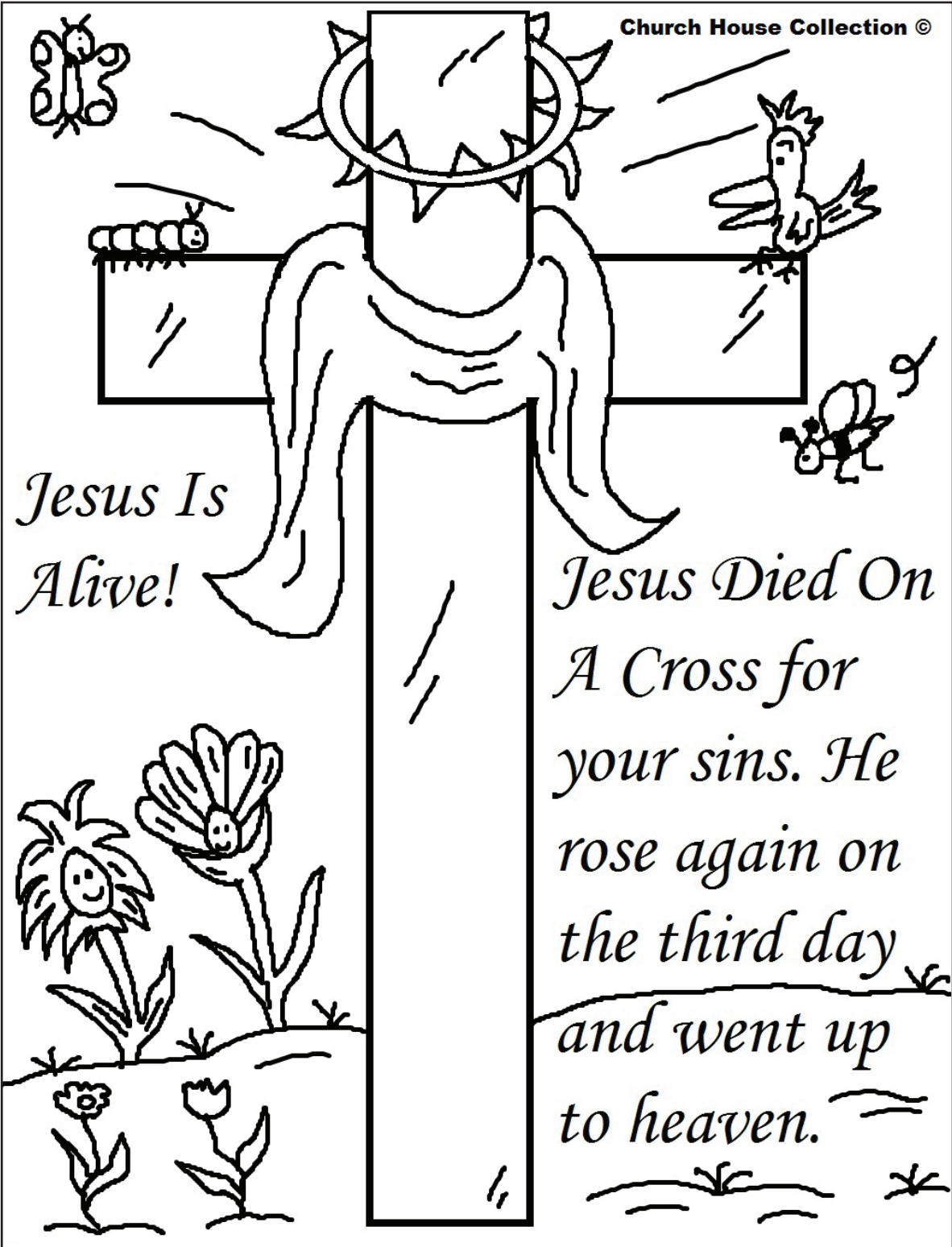
Color and Cut Out
Bookmarker

Punch out the circle with a pencil and tie a string
on the book marker to place in your favorite book!



Sudoku #5

		5	1	4				8
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	2		8		9		3	
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	3		5	9			8	
7	8					3		4
6				8	4	7		



!?!?!?!?! Brain Riddle !?!?!?!?!

What is at the end of a rainbow?



Answer: The letter "W"



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT

 KJT Society #129, Schulenburg
Annual Spring Turkey Shoot



APRIL 8, 2018
Starting at 1:00 PM
TOFEL'S PLACE
AMMANNSVILLE, TEXAS

ST. AUGUSTINE KJT SOC. # 129
MATCHING GRANT

Prizes Every Round!!!



28th Annual Czech KOLACHE KLOBASE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 9, 2018
10:30 am - 8 pm

Admission: \$8.00 per person (covers parking & all events) Children 12 and under: Free

Riverside Hall - East Bernard, Texas
Indoor Entertainment - Riverside Hall:

Ennis Czech Boys	10:30 am - 1 pm
Czech & Then Some	1 pm - 2 pm
Dujka Bros.	2 pm - 3 pm
Flag Tribute/Grand March	3 pm - 3:30 pm
Red Ravens	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Concert (all 3 bands)	4:30 pm - 5 pm
Czech & Then Some	5 pm - 6 pm
Dujka Bros.	6 pm - 7 pm
Red Ravens	7 pm - 8 pm

 Welcome!
P.O.L.K. of A.

Under Pavilion in Water-Fan Cooled Comfort!

The Moravians	11 am - 12:30 pm
The Road Company - tributes prime country	12:30 pm - 2 pm
A Time to Dance Dancers	2 pm - 2:30 pm
Kolache Eating Contest Sponsored by KJT State Ofc.	2:30 pm - 3 pm
The Moravians	3 pm - 4:30 pm
The Road Company	4:30 pm - 6 pm

Sausage/BBQ Chicken Plate Lunch Available for Purchase 11 am
Drive Thru Plates & Kolaches To Go - 11am - 1 pm
Sausage Sandwiches & Hamburgers available afternoon

Arts/Crafts * Cake Walk www.kkfest.com Lotsa Kolaches
Raffle * Kiddie Games Proceeds benefit KJT Sec. #40 Hall Fund Handicap Parking
Booth Info: 979-331-9747 or srdujka@gmail.com General Info: 979-335-7987

23rd Annual Czech SpringFest *Vitáme vás*

SPJST LODGE 88 HALL
1435 Bea77 St.
Houston, Texas

Sunday April 8, 2018
11 am till 7 pm
Admission-Adults \$8.00 Children under 11 Free

Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner
Served from 11am till 2 pm
Adults \$10. Children under 11 \$7.00
Soup and sausage w/sauerkraut
Served at 1pm

Guest Artist
Marcela Hrabovska
from The Czech Republic will
demonstrate her art of dec-
orating eggs with straw and
other materials. She will
have many items for sale.

Dobrou Chut!

Texas Legacy-
Czech Band
for your dancing
Pleasure
3:00pm-6:00pm

KOVANDA'S
Czech Band
Playing from
11am till 2 pm

Silent Auction
With over 100
items to bid on

Several Vendors
selling their
Artwork,
Jewelry
Hand-
crafts and
Much more

Country Store
Will sell Kolaches,
and home baked
goods, bread and
cakes, cookies, and
much more...

Kolache eating
contest

Sponsored by the Czech Heritage Society of Texas, Harris County Chapter, a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
For more information, call 713-349-0500 or e-mail czechheritage20@att.net
www.tachshcc.com

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
would like to invite you to...

District 11 Annual Meeting and Family Day

Sunday, April 22, 2018
Blessed Sacrament Hall
488 W. Westmeyer St.
Poth, Texas 78147

KJT Society #81, Poth

Registration starts at 11:30

Provided Meal at 12:00

Followed by a Meeting and
Activities for the entire family

Please RSVP by April 16, 2018
Jackie Moczygemba
210-325-2692



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2018

MAR

**KJT Society #133,
Missouri City
Thursday, March 22, 2018,**

Room 2 @ 1:30 PM
Holy Family Catholic
Church, 1510 Fifth Street,
Missouri City, TX 77489

Palm Sunday,
March 25, 2018



**KJT District IV Family Day
Saturday, March 24 , 2018**
Old Settlers Reunion Hall
3300 Palm Valley Blvd. E,
Round Rock, Texas
Fun Event and Meal
See AD on page 3

**KJT Society #139,
Bay City-
Quarterly Meeting
March 26, 2018**

Location and Time will be
determined at a later date.

**KJT Society #80,
Sealy- Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2018**
Officers Meeting at 6 p.m.
meal and Meeting at 7

**KJT Society #87,
Jourdanton
Wednesday,
March 28, 2018**
6:00 p.m., Society No. 87's
3rd Regular Called Meeting
of 2018. After brief meeting,
members to assemble Easter
Baskets for Youth Activity on
Easter Sunday, Classroom No.
1 St. Matthew Religious Ed.
Facility.

2018

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**April , 1 2018
Easter Sunday**



KJT Society #87,
Jourdanton-
March 31 & April 1, 2018
EASTER - Members to pass
out Easter Baskets to children
of St. Matthew's after 6:00
p.m., 7:15 a.m. and 11:00
a.m. Masses AND 9:00 a.m.
St. Ignatius Sunday morning
Mass

**Society #129, Schulenburg-
Matching Grant Turkey
Shoot**



Sunday, April 8, 2018
at 2:00 p.m.
Tofel's Place
Ammannsville, Texas

**KJT Society #31, West
Corporate Communion
Sunday, April 8, 2018 at
7:30 Mass**
Meeting and Breakfast
served after 7:30 Mass

**KJT Society #46, La
Grange- Quarterly Meeting,
Monday, April 9, 2018**
Starting at 4:30 at the KJT
Home Office

**KJT Society #129,
Schulenburg-
Schulenburg Sausage Fest
April 14, 2018**

**KJT Society #115, Victoria-
Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, April 15, 2018**
The meeting will be held
at the Holy Family Catholic
Church Bridal Room
following 7:30 Mass



**KJT District VIII
Aannual Family Day
Sunday April 22, 2018 at
Bowers Lake, near Caldwell,
Festivities beginning at 1:00.**
We will be having fishing and
horseshoes for fun activities.

We will also have a short
district meeting. Bait will be
available and drinks will be
furnished. Bring a desert and
a meal will be provided and
served at 4:00pm. The district
wants everyone to come out
and enjoy themselves.
Guests are welcome.'

**KJT District V
Aannual Family Day
Sunday April 22, 2018
Hosted By KJT Society
#111, Dallas**
at FM 984 and Slovak Rd.
Fishing will beginning at
12:00.

A meal and refreshments
will be provided. We will also
have a short district meeting.
Bait will be available and
drinks will be furnished. Bring
your fishing poles and lawn
chairs.

**KJT District XI
Aannual Family Day
Sunday April 22, 2018
Hosted By
KJT Society #81, Poth
at the
Blessed Sacrament Hall
488 W. Westmeyer St.
Poth, Texas 78147**
Registration begins at 11:30,
followed by a meal which
will be provided. We will also
have a short district meeting,
followed by activities for the
entire family.

**KJT Society #133,
Missouri City Thursday,
Thursday, April 26 2018,
Restaurant, 6:30 PM Missouri
City, TX 77489**

**KJT Society #31, West-
Hamburger Fundraiser
and Matching Grant for St.
Mary's School
Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
would like to invite you to....

District 5 Annual Meeting and Family Day

Sunday, April 22, 2018
FM 984 and Slovak Rd.
Bardwell, Texas 75101

KJT Society #111, Dallas

Fishing Starts at 12:00

A meal and refreshments
will be provided
followed by a meeting.

**Please Bring along your fishing
poles and lawn chairs.**



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Museum Exhibit:

WWI & The Birth of Czechoslovakia

MARCH - NOVEMBER

An exhibit detailing the Czech efforts on the battlefield and the Czech Americans on the home front during World War I. More programs will be announced throughout the year.

Slavnost "May Fest"

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants at 10:30 AM
Meal served at 11:30 AM

MUSIC BY:

THE TRAVELERS ORCHESTRA
EVA ADAM'S CZECH ENSEMBLE
from the Czech Republic

Velehrad SPJST

Re-Opening Dedication

**SATURDAY,
MAY 19, 2018**

Lodge #19 in the Czech Village
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sanford Schmid Amphitheater

The Stand-In (Zaskok) Play

**SATURDAY,
MAY 19, 2018**

A comedy by Brian Stewart set in 1910 in a small Czech theater company.
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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