**STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Christmas Greetings to All!**

My wife, Kelly, and I had the distinct honor to attend the 90th birthday party for Ernest Bezdek, Sr. during November although his actual birthday is December 7. Ernest has been one of KJT’s top agents for many, many years and has truly been a great ambassador for the organization! It was great visiting with him during his party and being able to meet the many family members and friends who surrounded him on that day. Happy birthday Ernest!

**Happy Birthday, Ernest!**

2018 is near its end, and as we move through the Advent Season and prepare ourselves for Jesus’ birth, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope all of you have a wonderful time with friends and family as you celebrate the season! May God bless all of you and your families and may he provide a special blessing for all living and deceased members of the KJT.

**Quote of the Month**

“The beauty in Christmas is not the presents, but in His Presence.”
- Matthew 1:23

**TCHCC/KJT Annual State Tarok Tournament**

The 4th annual Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center, Muziky Muziky, Celebration Tarok Tournament, sponsored by the Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT, is in the history book. This year’s winners are pictured from left to right: 1st Place, Linda Gaas (682 pts.) (pictured bottom left); 2nd Place, John Vrana (556 pts.); 3rd Place Larry Hoeinghaus (540 pts.), and 4th Place Eugene Kucera (527 pts.). Outside weather was wet, but inside the Hanslik Hall, it was nice and dry. Stephanie Prihoda (Home Office), Honza Cernosek and Stanley Joe Cernoch, greeted the players and abruptly pointed them to the Kolace, coffee and orange juice. With the help of Arnold and Wayne Janda, Andy Stavinoha and Wilbert Cernosek, the tables were set up in playing order and cleaned up after the fun. Kolaces were shipped in

**Happy Birthday, Ernest!**

**Q3 2018 Financials**

You will find the 3rd quarter financials on page 15 of this issue. Assets now sit at just over $85 million, and surplus now sits at $4,986 million. The financials continue to look positive, and I am confident they will remain so through the close of the year.

It remains a pleasure and an honor for me to serve you as the President of KJT! I have just completed my 17th year with KJT, and I continue to cherish the many wonderful friendships that I have made across this great state. Again, 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!
And that’s it for 2018...

Throughout the year, members celebrated anniversaries, births, membership pins, graduations, and enjoyed family events. The Home Office awarded 15 High School State Scholarships, and over 20 local societies awarded local scholarships. 61 Catholic School Tuition Grants were delivered and we hosted over 150 youth and teen members at summer camp. We handed over donations for Priest Retirement funds and did our part with donations for the relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey. While not everything is listed here, allow me to take you back through 2018...

May:
- Graduates received state and local scholarships.
- District VIII hosted their annual family day fishing tournament.
- KJT Society #129, Schulenburg host another successful turkey shoot.
- We remember in our prayers Joe Penney, Craig E. Leach, and Robert Repka.

June:
- Mother’s Day was celebrated in Pflugerville.
- Herman & Rosalie Bohuslav celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
- Flag Day celebrations were in action.
- Chase Fietsam graduated from Texas A&M.
- We remember in our prayers State Director Raymond Pokorney and John Russell Deathe.

July:
- Collin Reedy received the Agnes Pokorney Scholarship.
- District 5 hosted their annual family day fishing tournament.
- Taylor Ivy joined the KJT Representative family from Hungerford.
- We paid tribute to Veterans and the Nada-Garwood Memorial.

August:
- The 2018 KJT General Convention was a huge success in Houston.
- Msgr. Benedict Zientek celebrated his 60th-year Anniversary Ordination of Priesthood.
- Benedict & Dianna Kallus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.
- KJT Summer Youth & Teen Camp had amazing fun in Waldeck.
- The KJT State Family Day in La Grange had a great turn out.
- KJT Society #112, Austin celebrated family day at Dell Diamond baseball park.
- Jeremy Macik Received his Master’s degree from UTI.
- Alyssa Fisher, Julianna Garza, and Jeremiah Stehle joined KJT Society #129, Schulenburg.
- We remember in our prayers August J. Janik and Jerome L. Tobolka.

September:
- Georgetown hosted the Czech Republic Seminarians and Deacons.
- Honorary State Directors Robert Nors and Ellen Zdansky and State Director Larry Kucimba retired from the board of directors.
- Two wedding anniversaries were celebrated; Tom & Billie Jean Nichols (60 years) and William & Libbie Veselka (50 years).
- We remember in our prayers Margaret R. Anders, Ernest J. Mach, and Frank A. Havel.

October:
- Generations of cotton farming were recognized from the Alfonse Drabek Family of Rosenberg.
- 22 societies join Facebook.
- Andy Janda, Gary Cerny, Perry Muras, and Ernie Mensik won the KJT State Golf Tournament.
- Liam Thomas Berger joined KJT Society #20, Shiner.
- We remember in our prayers Virginia M. Pustka.
MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTIVITY MANAGER

Wrapping Up 2018

October is a busy month for most with it being Czech Heritage month and all. Most of the church festivals are drawing to an end, and most fundraising efforts are coming to a close.

On Sunday, October 7th, I went to St. Roch’s Festival in Menitz, and as always there was great food and fellowship to be found. Then, the following Sunday, October 14th, I was down in East Bernard for the Holy Cross Festival where I had the pleasure of representing the KJT State office in Society #40, East Bernard’s matching grant presentation.

On Wednesday, October 17th, I was off to join the La Grange society for their annual chicken fajita fundraiser which was another success. Hard work, dedication and fun fellowship is what makes for a successful fundraiser. Being able to give back to the churches, communities, and individuals in need is a great feeling. It’s not too late to invite family, friends or neighbors to join the KJT. We have a lot to offer. By the time this issue hits the newstands, we will already have celebrated Thanksgiving and thanking the Lord for all our blessings.

I would like to wish everyone at the Home office, directors, officers and members of all the societies a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. Please remember to keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Fraternal Activity Manager.

Michael Reznicek
Fraternal Activity Manager

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from Hruska’s in Ellinger, dinner shipped in from La Grange’s Sidney Cernoch’s Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken, delivered by Gary and Shirley Antosh from the Home Office and KJT Treasurer ($$) Kevin Kana made sure we had the change to operate. The KJT would like to thank the players and everyone involved for making this an enjoyable event. Hopefully/maybe one day, the TCH-CC and the KJT will have classes to teach the game of Tarok’s. The average age of the players is 50+. Younger players would be in awe when they learn a unique game brought to this country by their great-great and great-grandparents. See ya next year, Spanem Bohem.

Host ve vašem domě, je jako Bůh ve vašem domě.

A guest in your home is like God in your home.

Merry Christmas

From all of us here at the KJT Home Office

KJT President Christopher Urban,
Vice President David Wagner,
Secretary & Treasurer Kevin Kana,
Shirley Antosh,
Gailynne Zapalac, and Stephanie Prihoda
MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Veselé Vanoce á Stastný Nový Rok!

We all believe in Jesus - at least to some extent. So why don't we experience his joy and peace as deeply and constantly as we would like to? The saints give constant testimony through the centuries that a real friendship with Christ makes it possible to experience deep fulfillment and joy even in the midst of life's worst sufferings. Why don't we experience the same thing?

It's because we don't trust God enough. We are afraid to let Christ rule our lives completely - we are afraid to let him be the King that he was born to be, that he truly is. We are like the inn-keeper that first Christmas night. Our lives are crowded - filled with personal pleasures and hopes, maybe even with unhealthy relationships and habits. And Jesus comes knocking on the door of our hearts and wants us to let him in. But we are afraid that if we do, there won't be room enough for our little idols. So, we let him stay in the stable, out back, where we can keep an eye on him, where we can be sure he doesn't clean out our closets and junk drawers. But unless we give Jesus free rein, he cannot give us his true peace and joy.

Instead of being like that inn-keeper, we need to be like Mary. When Jesus knocked on the door of her life, she put all her plans aside. She risked her reputation and her engagement; she opened every closet and every junk drawer to Christ.

This Christmas let's let Jesus bring us his joy and peace. With Mary's help, let's pray Mary's prayer, saying to Jesus in our Christmas Holy Communions:

"Lord, let it be done to me according to your word - Thy will be done, not mine."

Veselé Vanoce á Stastný Nový Rok!

Czech Heritage Ancestry

Does anyone in your society stand out for promoting the Czech language or culture? If so, let us know and they may be recognized at the Texans of Czech Ancestry banquet in La Grange coming up in March 2019.

Contact Kevin Kana at 979-968-5877.
OCTOBER TOP PRODUCERS

Carly Divin Society #4, Ammannsville
First Place October
Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky Society #72, Corpus Christi
New Application Producer – 166 months
New Members Application - 163 months

David Cernosek Society #42, Holman
Second Place October
Top Producer
October Premium Leader
October Volume Leader

Daniel Lev Society #90, Rosenberg
Eighth Place October
Top Producer

Deborah Currey Society #130, Elgin
Third Place October
Top Producer

Maragaret Hanslik Society #38, Moulton
Fourth Place October
Top Producer

Mildred Machacek Society #20, Shiner
Fifth Place October
Top Producer
October Application Leader
New Application Producer – 2 months
New Members Application – 2 months

Ronnie Hostas Society #59, Seymour
Sixth Place October
Top Producer

Ted Vitek Society #112, Austin
Seventh Place October
Top Producer

Stephanie Prihoda Society #46, La Grange
Tenth Place October
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Seventh Place October
Top Producer

Tanner Schlottman Society #35, Ennis
Ninth Place October
Top Producer
New Application Producer – 8 months
New Member Application – 8 months

Stephanie Prihoda Society #46, La Grange
Tenth Place October
Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky Society #72, Corpus Christi
New Application Producer – 166 months
New Members Application – 163 months

Merry Christmas
Happy new year 2019
From The KJT State Board of Directors
& Honorary State Directors
**KJT IN ACTION**

**Donation Made to Sealy Church**

KJT Society #80, Sealy

KJT SOCIETY #80 member, Barbara Hajdik, is shown presenting a Matching Grant Fund check to Father Eric Pitre. The society earned the Matching Grant from the KJT Home Office by sponsoring the silent auction at the Immaculate Conception Church bazaar. The silent auction made over $4,400 which was given to the church.

**Hotcakes in Pflugerville**

KJT Society #132, Pflugerville

Society President, Craig Romick, is shown above preparing a batch of cinnamon apple pancakes. These pancakes have now become a long standing tradition in the Parish and are successful because of hard work by the KJT team. On October 14th, apple cinnamon pancakes were offered and this item was well liked by the customers.

**Make A Difference Day**

KJT Society #80, Sealy

For many years Society #80 has been making a difference in the lives of Colonial Belle Nursing Home and Veranda House residents by giving gifts to each person for Make a Difference Day. This year instead of socks or Kleenex boxes their gift was a large hair brush. The KJT ladies also presented hair brushes to the five residents at Brazos Crossing.

Pictured below are Ivy Konvicka and Barbara Hajdik presenting hair brushes to

**Donations for Religious Ed.**

KJT Society #117, Waco

ST. LOUIS SOCIETY #117 president Frankie Muehlstein is shown presenting Director of Religious Education of St. Philip Catholic Mission, China Spring, Amy Viertel with a $150.00 KJT Grant Check for Religious Education. The grant will be used to help parents, through monthly lessons and supplies, to answer their child’s questions on their Catholic faith.
MEMBERSHIP PINS

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From all of us here at Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT, Thank you.

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KJT IN ACTION

75 Year Pinning
KJT Society #100, Caldwell

JAMES E. POLANSKY, a member of KJT Society #100 -Caldwell, receiving his 75-year pin from State Director Shirley Pokorney at the District 8 Fall Social which was held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Frenstat Hall.

Charity Donations Made
KJT Society #100, Caldwell

STATE DIRECTOR Shirley Pokorney receiving a $500 Priest Retirement Fund donation from St. Benedict KJT Society #100 (Caldwell) officers - President Joe Rychlik, Secretary/Treasurer Louemma Polansky and Vice President Anthony Motloch at the District 8 Fall Social which was held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Frenstat Hall.

Religious Education Donations
KJT Society #48, Hillje

KJT Society #112 of Austin held a fundraiser for the Statewide Charities Project. Members sold raffle tickets at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at all the weekend Masses on November 10-11 and at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church at all the Masses on November 25. The Society Chaplain, Rev. Matt Iwuji is the Pastor at St. Albert the Great and is a great supporter of the KJT.
Priest & Religious Retirement Donations Made

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Bishop Joe Vasquez was grateful to receive the check for the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund presented by State Director Shirley Pokorney on behalf of the KJT Societies in the Diocese of Austin. His Excellency pointed out that our priests are living longer and we must take good care of them and their needs. Currently the priest pension account is under-funded by six million dollars.

He also appreciated the seminarian education donation because 28 seminarians are currently in various stages of formation at a cost of approximately $45,000/year for their educational and living expenses. We pray every day for more vocations, and Bishop Vasquez wants you to know that your donations continue to be an important factor in supporting their formation.

Bishop Edward J. Burns presented Bishop Edward J. Burns with a check for the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund, explaining that the money was the result of fundraising efforts by KJT societies within the Diocese of Dallas. Bishop Burns said he was happy to receive it, stating that it will be applied toward housing and benefits for our retired priests and that it is particularly appreciated because of the escalating cost of prescriptions and medical care for this aging population.

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KJT is now on Facebook. Find your society, like their page, and become a part of something great!

Local events and meetings will be posted regularly to keep you up to date on your society happenings.

Societies on Facebook

Home Office
#35, Ennis
#48, Hillje
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#12, Frenstat
#20, Shiner
#43, Wied
#63, Smithville
#80, Sealy
#90, Rosenberg
#119, La Marque
#115, Victoria
#31, West
#46, La Grange
#129, Schulenburg
#132, Pflugerville
#29, Frydek
#112, Austin
#134, Round Rock
#13, Yoakum
#142, Chappell Hill
**NEW**
#117, Waco
“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35

During the holiday seasons, we often see and hear stories about individuals that find ways to practice acts of kindness as we are taught to do through our faith and love for others. In a small town just north of Waco, lays a town that has a heart as big as the town itself, called West.

Community members in West and surrounding areas gather together to prepare a Thanksgiving feast for those in need of a holiday meal. For a few, it’s for a warm meal, for others it’s for the companionship of being with others on Thanksgiving, and for some, it’s all they have.

Here is the story told by Robert Nors, Honorary State Board Director and member of KJT Society #31, West, and Co-Leader of this community-wide project on the gift of giving.

Robert Nors
Honorary State Director
KJT Society #31, West

Since Thanksgiving Day in 2000, the West Kiwanis, an organization that was formed to help youth members in the community along with other charity events, has sponsored a Free Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone in the community or surrounding area who would like to enjoy a warm Thanksgiving dinner. This event was put together to give anyone that does not have either the means for a Turkey and Dressing Dinner on Thanksgiving Day or is alone at home on this day to join together for a meal.

In 2012 my Co-Chair Cheryl Mynar and I, Robert Nors, took over the responsibility of making this event happen. It truly has been a blessing to serve others
in need on the holiday that marks the beginning of the gift of “giving.”
We serve an average of 500 meals on this day. Some years it is a little less, and then other years it goes over that, but whatever the numbers are, we are willing to serve. We have small families that get together and come by for the meal, individuals who don't have families, and we have elderly couples and individuals we deliver to who lack transportation or are bedridden.

We begin planning for this approximately a month prior to Thanksgiving. This project wouldn't be successful without the help and love of the community. Local companies donate a majority of the food, and sometimes an individual will donate a large sum to cover the cost of this meal. The donation list is incredible. Eighty pounds of pit ham donated by Ted and Adelle Uptmore, who own the West Livestock Auction Barn. The Czech Stop donated the rolls, Bush's Chicken donated the tea, the local grocery stores donate a portion of the groceries, while The City of West Office personnel takes care of receiving the calls for deliveries for those who don't have transportation. To make this all happen, the West Knights of Columbus donate the use of the K. C. Hall.

It may seem that all is donated, but this meal still costs approximately $1,000 plus or minus some.

Two weeks before the event I order the groceries, which consist primarily of 120 pounds of boneless Turkey Breasts and 120 pounds of boneless turkey thighs, along with 20 plus gallons of green beans and sweet potatoes. I then gather everything like the seasonings, broth, bread, cornmeal and other miscellaneous items to get the turkey baked and the dressing prepared. Cheryl takes care of getting the paper goods needed to serve these meals and other items to make this a success.

On Tuesday, Bill Veselka and I spend an afternoon picking up the Groceries and getting them to the K.C. Hall. Meanwhile, my wife, Georgie, and Co-Leader Cheryl Mynar spend time before Thanksgiving baking cornbread, while several volunteers toast and prepare the bread for the most amazing dressing.

We have several volunteers that come on Wednesday morning, the day prior to Thanksgiving to bake Turkey, prepare the Dressing and get everything into foil pans for the big day. Cheryl has some of the community youth to help decorate the hall to give it a festive look. On Thursday morning we get there at 6 A.M., light the Ovens and get the Dressing Baking and the Ham and Turkey heating up. We also start getting the Green Beans and Sweet Potatoes ready. At 10:30 A.M., the people helping with the deliveries start loading up and head out. From 11:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M., the meal is served to the many people that come out.

Local members continue to donate desserts, and other side items as well. Some will even donate to the event to help cover the cost. We would not be able to do this if not for the many volunteers. It is a large undertaking, but it gets done relatively easy, due to these great volunteers.

We want to thank all who come out to help with this Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteering through the holidays is difficult. You put your own family time to the side to help others celebrate with a family for a day. It is a God Send that we have so many dedicated volunteers in our area to make this such an rewarding event.

Cheryl Mynar and Robert Nors
KJT IN ACTION

Youth Leaders Make a Donation

KJT Society #40, East Bernard

O
n November 11, 2018, the KJT Society #40, East Bernard held a Mass for the members that passed away in the last 5 years. After the Mass, KJT and KJZT members enjoyed a meal at the Riverside Hall in East Bernard. At this time, Frank and Gloria Buxkemper who are the society youth leaders, presented a $100 check to the Priest Retirement Fund. In the picture, left to right, KJT Member Gloria Buxkemper, KJT State Director Margaret Holik, KJT Member Frank Buxkemper, and KJT State Director and Activity Manager Mike Reznicek.

State Charity Donation

KJT Society #43, Wied

KJT SOCIETY #43, WIED presented KJT State Treasurer/Secretary with a donation of $100 towards all the KJT State Charities. Pictured here from left to right are society treasurer Jane Labay, Secretary Rebecca Till and KJT State Treasurer/Secretary Kevin Kana.

Thank you to everyone who made this donation possible.

Fundraiser Held for NF Charity

KJT Society #40, East Bernard

KJT SOCIETY #40, EAST BERNARD, hosted a pastry raffle benefiting Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation (NF). They raised $1,768 towards the charity. The KJT Home Office then matched the amount with $250. Society President, Edwin C. Marik presented the check for $2,018 dollars to the Kyle Marik Family who were there representing the NF Foundation. At the presentation were, left to right, Kyle Marik, Eaton Marik, NF Patient Jake Marik, Jenny Marik, Edwin C. Marik, Kim Tiellke, Society Treasurer Dennis Viktorin, State KJT Director Michael Reznicek. Jenny and Kim serve on the committee for cookies with Santa sponsored by NF on December 1st, 2018, in Houston. The donations will also benefit the NF Clinics at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Texas Children Hospital.

Pictured here is KJT Society #40, East Bernard Treasurer Dennis Viktorin purchasing a pastry raffle ticket for the Matching Grant Pastry Raffle while KJT members look on.
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Taco Crackers
Laverne Madala
KJT Society #20, Shiner

3- 10 oz. pkg. oyster crackers
¾ c. canola oil
1 envelope taco seasoning
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. chili powder

Place the crackers in a large roasting pan. Drizzle with oil. Combine the seasonings
and sprinkle over crackers, toss to coat. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes,

Texas Millionaires
Anna Pesek
KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi

14 oz. bag of caramels
2 T. butter or margarine
2 T. water
3 c. pecan pieces
7 oz. Hersey Bar

Melt caramels, butter and water in a double boiler or microwave. When melted,
mix in pecans. Drop by teaspoons onto foil or waxed paper. While these are cooling,
melt Hersey bar. Dip caramel clusters into melted chocolate. Place on foil or waxed paper. Cool and store in a cool place. These freeze well.
SOCIETY MINUTES

KJT Society #129, Schulenburg
James Prihoda, Treasurer

St. Augustine KJT Soc. #129 held a meeting, October 21, 2018 at the house of James and Carolyn Prihoda. Vice-President Patrick Prihoda called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The reading of minutes and treasurers report was given and approved.

Communications received from the Home Office were read notifying members of membership incentive award.

Old Business reports included the August 19 Challenge Turkey Shoot net results of $1204.45; Schulenburg Festival Parade participation; members working the St. Mary Festival bingo games on September 2nd; Youth pool party and ice cream social August 12th; Report on the KJT Convention by Vice-President Patrick Prihoda; and the society youth attending this year’s camp giving personal renditions of their participation.

New business undertaken was the discussion and disbursements of charitable funds raised from functions.

The members all approved of $600 to donate towards the Home Office Projects; St. Rose School $100.00; St. Michael School $100.00; St. Rose CCD $100.00; St. Rose Youth Club $100.00; Boys and Girls Club of Champion Valley $100.00; St. Jude Children Hospital $100.00; Turtle Wing Foundation $100.00 which have all been disbursed. The members approved the following which the Officers will follow up later; Schulenburg Fire Department; Schulenburg Police Department; Seminarians Luke Prihoda and Caleb Krischke.

The dates for the 2019 year were set with the first meeting of 2019 being on Jan. 20th. The next society meeting will be December 16, 2018.

The meeting closed with Prayer of St. Augustine.

KJT Society #31, West
Georgie Nors, Reporter

Society #31 members had a meeting after the 8:00 a.m. mass. Kolaches and coffee were provided for the members.

Sherry Pavlas reported that she sent a Sympathy card to the family of Raymond Kubala. She read a thank you note from Raymond Kubala’s family.

Under new business, is the Pancake and Sausage breakfast scheduled for next month’s meeting. Also the KJT/KJZT Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 9th at the Tours Hall.

There was some discussion on the meal. This year’s meal will be the Turkey and Dressing, and also Sausage, green beans, and cranberries. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. President Kraemer stated that at the December meeting the Election of Officers will be held.

He appointed a nominating committee of Don Urbanovsky, Ernest Bezdek, and Mike Kidwell. Sherry Pavlas asked if we would again want to present Roses to the family of deceased KJT members. Everyone agreed to this. Also she will send letters to the priest to come to the party. Robert Nors stated that Santa will be there. Sandy Kidwell stated that no program will be held as agreed with the KJZT, just Christmas carols will be sung.

Mike Kraemer and Louis Pavlas were the winners of the door prizes.

Members were again reminded that the next meeting will be held on November 11th.

A pancake & sausage breakfast will be served.

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!

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St. Ignatius KJT #46, La Grange
Linda Templin, Secretary

A meeting of the St. Ignatius, KJT Society #46 was held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at the KJT Home Office.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kaspar, who then led the group in a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Wagner gave the Treasurer’s Report.

David Wagner gave the representative report. We welcome one new member, Hunter Valensuela into Society 46.

Chicken Fajita Dinner was held on Wednesday, October 17th at Harry Mazurkiewicz Center. Prep work was Monday, October 15th at Holy Rosary Parish.

Train Ride at TCHCC is being sponsored by KJT on Saturday, October 20, 2018. was cancelled due to weather. However, the State KJT Tarock Tournament will still be held according to their Veteran’s Day program. Society 46 handed out U.S. flags to students during the program.

Shirley Antosh emailed Sacred Heart School regarding their Veteran’s Day program. Society 46 handed out U.S. flags to students during the program.

MERRY Christmas
Th e 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.

KJT Quarterly Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Condition

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Benefits and Expenses

| Policy Death Benefits               | $630,779                         | $506,517  |
| Matured Benefits                   |                                  |           |
| Annuity Benefits                   | 388,544                          | 814,137   |
| Disability Benefits                |                                  |           |
| Surrender Benefits                 | 1,881,856                        | 2,190,032 |
| Internal and Adjustments on Contract Funds | 10,774                         | 18,417    |
| Increase in Life and Annuity Reserves | 2,897,995                       | 2,924,960 |
| Expenses, Taxes, and Commission Payments | 1,173,981                      | 1,117,785 |
| **Increase in Liabilities**        | **$2,811**                       | **$813**  |
| **Total Benefits and Expenses**    | **$9,692,210**                   | **$7,374,320**|

Net Gain (Loss From Operations Before Refunds) | 350,003 | 255,804 |

Refunds to Members | 57,013 | 27,217 |

Net Gain (Loss From Operations After Refunds) | 282,990 | 228,587 |

Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses) | 40,649 | 10,701 |

Net Income | $323,619 | $238,788 |

Surplus

| Net Income From Operations          | $323,619 | $238,788 |
| Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses) | - | - |
| Change in Non-Admitted Assets       | (5,208)  | (11,620) |
| Change in Asset Valuation Reserve   | (21,048) | (30,220) |
| Write-Ins - Prior Period Adjustments | - | - |
| **Net Change in Surplus**           | **$297,363** | **$191,930** |

| Surplus - Prior Year                | $4,869,254 | $4,341,167 |
| Surplus as of Statement Date        | $4,966,617  | $4,533,097  |

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Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus

Reserves for Certificates | 78,432,903 | 75,514,908 |
| Contract Claims | 320,585 | 225,582 |
| Liability for Deposit Type Contracts | 641,362 | 636,151 |
| Provisions for refunds payable | 85,899 | 83,134 |
| Asset Valuation Reserve | 42,662 | 402,575 |
| Interest Maintenance Reserve | 123,468 | 154,099 |
| Miscellaneous Liabilities | 66,226 | 302,022 |
| **Total Reserves and Liabilities** | **$8,672,816** | **$7,518,963** |

Surplus | $4,966,617 | $4,680,254 |

Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus | $8,669,433 | $8,204,717 |

Associated Member of...
Hostyn Youth & New Members

KJT Society #3, Hostyn

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 would like to welcome Marissa Muras as a new member. Marissa is 10 years old and a 5th grader at La Grange ISD. Her parents are Rodney & Lisa Muras and they are all members of the Queen of the Holy Rosary Church at Hostyn. Mariissa’s father, Rodney, and her grandfather, Cyril Muras, are also members of the Hostyn KJT Society #3.

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 would like to welcome their two newest members, sisters, Cassie & Brooke Redding. Cassie is 18 years old and a freshman at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Brooke is 12 years old and a 7th grader at Schulenburg ISD. Their parents are Darren & Roxann Redding and they are all members of the Queen of the Holy Rosary Church at Hostyn.

Four youth from Hostyn KJT Society #3 attended the Youth Camp this past summer. The Society voted to reimburse the families for the camp fee as a way to encourage the youth and their families to become more active in KJT activities. Pictured are the youth members of Society #3, L-R: Layton Kloesel, Marissa Muras (Rodney Muras, Father & Member of Society #3) Sadie Noska (Brian & Jill Kallus Noska, Parents & Members of Society #3), and Dillon Goedrich (Laurel Kallus Goedrich, Mother & Member of Society #3).

Flag Day 2018

KJT Society #139, Bay City

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Bay City held their annual Veteran’s Day Program on November 9, 2018. 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 (a Holy Cross School alumni 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. Dototik Sr., who served in the U.S. Air Force. The picture above shows the Holy Cross School pre-K3 students waving their flags during their program. Society #139 and Holy Cross School wishes to thank Cynthia and Vincent Nemec for their donation.
Oh come let us adore Him

The first electric Christmas tree lights came on the scene in about 1890 - that's over 120 years ago! Before that, people used small candles to light up the tree.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KJT Society #112, Austin- Society Meeting
Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.
reception room at Sacred Heart Church

Reminder:
Starting in January, all calendar events will be posted in the newspaper, on the website calendar and a Facebook event will be created as well.
If your society has a Facebook page, like it know so that you can stay caught up with the latest in your area.

Home Office #63, Smithville #132, Pflugerville
#35, Ennis #80, Sealy #29, Frydek
#48, Hillje #90, Rosenberg #112, Austin
#100, Caldwell #119, La Marque #134, Round Rock
#111, Dallas #115, Victoria #13, Yoakum
#12, Frenstat #31, West #142, Chappell Hill
#20, Shiner #46, La Grange **NEW**
#43, Wied #129, Schulenburg #117, Waco

KJT Society #129, Schulenburg Meeting
Sun., December 16, 2018
At 2:00 p.m. at James and Carolyn Prihoda’s Residence
KJT Society #139, Bay City- Society Meeting
December 17, 2018
Location and Time will be determined at a later date.

Czech Christmas Carols "Koledy"
December 8, 2018
St. Justin Martyr Parish
Starts at 7 p.m.
**See Page 4 for details**

KJT Society #133, Missouri City- St. Mikulas Youth Social Sat, December 8, 2018, Centennial Room, After 5:30 Mass~6:30 PM Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, TX 77489

KJT Society #31, West- Society Meeting Sun, December 9, 2018 Christmas Program and Meal at 2:00 p.m.

Pearl Harbor Day Fri. December 7, 2018
Feast of Immaculate Conception Sat. December 8, 2018

St. Nicholas Visits Thurs. Dec. 6, 2018

KJT Society #63 Smithville’s Meeting/Christmas Party Thurs, December 13, 2018 7:00 pm in the KC House. Meal to be catered and all who want to participate in gift giving game please bring a $10 gift; also bring food items for the Smithville Food Pantry.

KJT Society #112, Frenstat Society Meeting Mon. December 3, 2018
The meeting will be at the Holy Rosary Activity Center at 6:00 p.m. for our annual stew meal and a short meeting. Instead of door prizes, you can bring food items for Sam’s House in Somerville.

St. Nicholas Visits Thurs. Dec. 6, 2018

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#20, Shiner #46, La Grange **NEW**
#43, Wied #129, Schulenburg #117, Waco

KJT Christmas Bar Party
Saturday, December 15, 2018
7:30 p.m. - close

Entertainment By:
The Ennis Czech Boys & Friends

Food will be provided
Snacks are welcome
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**KJT Society #43, Wied**
First Society Meeting
Sunday, January 13, 2019
We will meet at St. Mary’s at 10:30 a.m.

**KJT Society #129, Schulenburg**
Meeting
Sun., January 20, 2019
At 2:00 p.m. at James and Carolyn Prihoda’s Residence

**Hallettsville State**
Championship Dominoe Tournament
Sunday, January 20, 2019

**KJT Society #12, Frenstat**
Red Raven Polka Dance Benefiting the Priest Retirement Fund
January 12, 2019
the annual Polka Dance in Frenstat benefiting the Priest Retirement Fund. Doors open at 5:30 and hamburgers will be on sale at 6:00. Dance begins at 7:00 until 11:00.

**Ground Hog Day**
February 2, 2019

**Ennis Czech MusicFest, Sokol Hall**
Sat., February 9, 2018

**Valentine’s Day**
February 14, 2019

**Cistern and Flatonia Parishes**
Czech Heritage Days
Sat., February 16, 2019

**Corpus Christi Annual Czech Fest, Sokol Hall**
Sat., February 23, 2019

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**Study Abroad in Prague, the Czech Republic**

When: June 26 to July 17 (2019)
Depart US June 26, 2019

Where: Prague, the Czech Republic

Housing: Group participants will be housed in double occupancy unairconditioned dorm. The dorm is situated in the northwestern part of Prague, linked to downtown by bus and subway.

Food Service: Three meals a day will be served.

Czech Language Instruction: Czech classes will be at the agricultural school. The classes are non-credit courses. Arrangements for credit must be made with your university before you depart.

Instructors: Professors will be from Charles University and a linguistic institute in Prague.

For more information email: polasek29@gmail.com or call: Thadious Polasek 979 562 2207
Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the Home Office at 800.245.8182.

Society #115, Victoria
Rev. Frederick J. Janecek

Society #122, Freeport
Charles D. Chambers, Jr.

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch
Ronald M. Farracks
Kenneth R. Lee, Jr.

Society #128, Killeen
Joe Podest

Thank You

Merry Christmas!