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Scripture of the Month

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. "

John 1:14

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas, KJT

hope your Thanksgiving On a Sad Note This Month... Lgatherings were a time of joy and relaxation for you and your families. As Advent Henry C. Zapalac, Jr., passed begins in December, and we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us all be thankful for the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. May your journeys be safe as you begin your Christmas travels.

Sadly, Honorary Director, away in November. Henry was elected to the KJT board in Corpus Christi in 1986 and served faithfully until his retirement in 2006. He was bestowed with the Honorary Director title at the 2006 convention, at which time he could not

run for re-election due to the age limitations in the KJT By-Laws. I was never able to sit on the board with Henry as I was elected as the Vice-President at the 2006 convention, the same convention that he had to retire. However, I am grateful to him, as he was a member of the board of directors that hired me as the KJT Marketing Director



CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN KJT State President

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Society Challenge Turkey Shoot



SCHULENBURG-Society #129 Schulenburg held its 7th Annual Society Challenge and Turkey Shoot on September 29, 2019 at Tofel's Place in Ammannsville. Exemplary marksmanship witnessed throughout the day during the Challenge as well as during the

open round shooting. In good sportsmanship and camaraderie, many bullseye hits were bragged on as well as almost pristine targets being joked about.

Coming through for their 3rd consecutive win in the Society Challenge was Society #3 Hostyn Hanjaks.

Many thanks to George

Tofel, owner of Tofel's Place, Paul Rogers, owner of Sugar Jim's food trailer, all the participants and supporters, and especially members of Society #129 for another successful and profitable Turkey Shoot for Society #129's charitable programs and contributions.

Winners are as followed:



1st Place: (pictured left) Society #3, Hostyn, Hostyn Hanjaks: Thomas Kozel, Benedict Kallus, Edward Kozel, Patrick Hoffman, Sleepy Hoffman, and Anton Havelka.

2nd Place:

Society #43, Wied, Beer Boyz- Bradley Janak, Ty Ahrens, Rhett Ahrens, Clayton Janak, Steve Gabler

3rd Place:

Society #129, Schulenburg One Mo' BBQ-Prihoda, Tommy Meyer, Blake Meyer, Jason Gabler, Cody Childs

4th Place:

Society #129, Schulenburg Deen Construction- David Deen, Anthony Prihoda, Joseph Prihoda, Matthew Prihoda, Caimbry Deen.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



STEPHANIE PRIHODA
Director of
Media and Marketing

Wrapping Up 2019

Merry Christmas, everyone! It has been such a blessing sharing KJT News stories with all of you over the year. 2019 was an exciting year for most, and KJT members stayed busy throughout the year. It has been an honor to recognize each of the societies and individuals

that do their part to help their communities and to help with raising donations for KJT sponsored charities.

Throughout 2019, KJT made donations to dioceses across Texas for Priest & Religious Retirement and Seminarian Education, as well as donating \$13,230 to the Kids Unlimited

Foundation by hosting golf two tournaments. KJT awarded 18 college scholarships to HS seniors, 72 Catholic School Tuition Grants to students attending Catholic schools, and one Memorial Foundation Scholarship to a graduating senior. In July, KJT hosted a youth and teen summer



camp, welcoming 49 youth members and 45 teen members.

Allow me to take you back through 2019...

2019 KIT Year-In-Review

January

- Ted Vitek claims the #1 spot for 2018 for KJT Star Award.
- Theo Svec was honored with his 75-Year Pin
- Ernest Bezdek celebrated his 90th birthday in West.
- KJT Society #129, Schulenburg youth group gather at the Schulenburg Nursing Home and go Christmas Caroling.

February

- Brenda Fiestam was sworn in as Fayette County Clark in La Grange.
- Thomas Wade Van Veghel, 5 mths old, joined the Hostyn society as a new member.
- Thomas Prasifka and James Engbrock were awarded their 50-Year Membership Pin.
- Officers were sworn in at the Georgetown society meeting.
- Society #112, Austin say "Farewell" to Shirley and Nick Macik as they move back home to join society #3, Hostyn.
- Awards were presented at all the SDOR meetings that took place.

March

- Donations were made to the Fort Worth and Victoria Diocese from the statewide charity efforts of our KJT societies.
- KJT Society #132, Pflugerville celebrates Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.
- The Red Raven's performed for KJT Society #12, Frenstat as they hosted a "Night Out" for members and friends.
- KJT Society #112, Austin participated in the Annual Austin Crop Walk
- We learned about the "Little Farm in Caldwell, Texas." Written by Georgie Nors.
- District 7 celebrates Family Day in Bay City.

Apri

- KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi awards member Jimmy Pasderney for his years of service at the KJT meetings.
- Elaine and Raymond Brundrett were awarded their 100% Family Award from the KJT Home Office.
- We celebrate the Stations of the Cross as we prepared for the Easter holiday.

Mav

- The KJT Home Office hosted a kolache eating contest at the Harris County Czech Heritage Festival in Houston.
- Join Hand's Day was celebrated by the societies in Damon, Sealy, Frydek, and Schulenburg.
- District V Family Day is celebrated in West with a horseshoes, fishing, and a washer tournament.
- We read, "The Last School Bell Rang in New Tabor", which was written by Joe Ryclik of Caldwell, Texas.
- District VIII hosted their family day at Bower's Lake with a fishing tournament.
- We celebrated with Joshua Krnavek of La Grange and Rylie Marett of Dallas as they graduated HS.

June

- Mother's Day is celebrated in Pflugerville.
- KJT Society #114, Temple donates to St. Mary's Catholic School in Temple.
- Joe Janda receives in 75-Year Membership Pin in Hostyn.
- KJT Society #4, Ammannsville celebrates Flag Day after Mass.

- Catholic School Tuition Grants and college scholarships were awarded to KJT youth members.
- Levi T. Morkovsky joins the Shiner society, and Rylie J. Ramczyk joins the El Campo society.
- Sydney Kaiser of Pflugerville wins the Best of All-Centex Preps Award in Pflugerville.

Inly

- KJT Celebrates 130 Years of Fraternalism.
- The KJT Home Office hosted its first North Texas Golf Tournament was held in Ennis, Texas. The tournament raised \$5,350 for the KIDS Unlimited Foundation.
- Mike Reznicek paraded his 1946 Farmall B in the 169th Round Top 4th of July Parade
- A donations was made to Bishop Joe Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin for retired clergy and seminarian education.
- Flag Day Ceremonies were hosted in the following societies: Schulenburg, Frenstat, Victoria, Temple, Sealy, Georgetown, Hillje, Frydek, Caldwell, Smithville, and Austin
- Myles Svatek of KJT Society #48, Hillje was honored with his Eagle Scout Rank.

August

- We looked back at our time at KJT Summer Camp & KJT State Family Day.
- The Very Reverend Ed. Karasek was recognized for his contribution to donating blood and platelets to help those in need.
- Members of KJT Society #112, Austin volunteer time at the Down Home Ranch in Elgin.
- District 6 hosted their family day.
- Knoxx Ahrens, 3 months old, joins Society #129, Schulenburg.
- KJT Society #129, Schulenburg Youth host their annual swim party for all members.
- KJT Society #114, Temple hosted a KJT Information and Membership Drive in Temple.

September

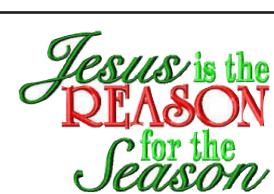
- James Wilhelm was recognized for donating up to 31 gallons in his lifetime at the KJT Society #132, Pflugerville blood drive.
- Cole Alexander Robertson, 1 month old, became the newest member of society #72, Corpus Christi.
- KJT Society Reporter, Dianna Kallus, celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends in Hostyn.
- Patrick and Bernice Emis of Georgetown celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

October

- The Central Texas KJT State Golf Tournament teed off in Flatonia to raise \$7,880 for the KIDS Unlimited Foundation.
- Joseph Blackburn is awarded the KJT Seminarian Award.
- August Janak receives his 75-Year Pin from the Hostyn Officers.
- W.K. & Rosalie Leonard celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary.
- Grady Sean Tribble becomes the newest member of Society #129, Schulenburg and Kirt Anthony Koudela joins Society #48, Hillje.
- The KJT Home Office joins forces with the 33rd Annual Czech Heritage Festival in Victoria, Texas to host the first kolache eating contest in Victoria.

MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTIVITY MANAGER

Almost Another Year



MICHAEL REZNICEK State Director & Fraternal Activity Manager

Burrr... It's getting cold out there. I have had a busy month of October. Once again, I had the pleasure of joining La Grange Society #46 with their annual fundraiser on Wednesday, October 16th. The work of the members

made for another huge success.

Saturday, October 19th, I was back in La Grange for the Musiky Musiky held at the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center. Our KJT State office sponsored the Tarock Tournament, and Society #46, La Grange sponsored the kiddie train rides. It was a beautiful day, and as always, it was good

visiting and sharing cold beverages with many KJT members and friends that attended.

By the time you read this article, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving. A day to truly thank God for all the graces and blessings that He bestows upon us.

With this being the last issue for the year, just remember we still have till

the last day of this year to bring in a new member.

Christmas will be here soon, so please remember the true meaning of Christmas "The Reason for the Season" and keep Christ in Christmas.

I want to take this time to thank every one for the opportunity to be the Fraternal Activity Manager and also State Director Position3.

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Christmas Day Štědrý den

Christmas tree vánoční strom

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Saint svatý



PRESIDENT Continued

back in 2002. His obituary can be found on page 13 of this issue of the *KJT News*. He will be missed.

Q3 2019 Financials

You can find the 3rd quarter 2019 financials on page 6 of this issue. Assets have surpassed the \$90 million mark, and surplus now sits at \$5.557 million, an

increase of \$572,000 over this same time last year. The financials continue to trend in a positive direction, and I am confident we will see more improvement as we close out the 4th quarter of 2019 I look forward to reporting the final results for 2019 as they become available next year.

It remains a pleasure and an honor for me to serve you as the President of KJT! November 4th marked the completion of my 18th year with KJT. To all my KJT family and friends, from my family to yours, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Chutyh L. Wilm

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in the birth of the Lord - for unto us a child is given this night to bring peace and love to all mankind.

KJT Home Office Christopher Urban, David Wagner, Gailynne Zapalac, Kevin Kana, Shirley Antosh, and Stephanie Prihoda





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MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE ATTORNEY



Guest Attorney Kari Lutringer Attorney at Law

Question: As a landowner, I am concerned about protecting myself and my assets from liability. What can I do in order to minimize my risk?

In an increasingly litigious society, many landowners are troubled by the idea of being sued by someone injuring themselves on the

LEGAL CORNER - "Landowner Liability Protection"

landowner's property. Although there is no foolproof way to guarantee you won't become involved in a lawsuit, there are a few steps you can take in order to reduce your exposure.

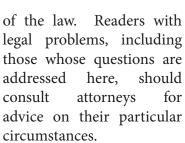
- Liability Insurance: You should obtain and maintain liability insurance which covers the activities taking place on your property. We recommend coordinating with an experienced insurance broker to determine what policy coverages and amounts best fit your particular needs.
- Warn of Dangerous
 Conditions on Your
 Property: Because you owe certain legal duties to persons on your property, you should identify any

potential risks or dangers on your property and remedy them, if possible. If not, post warning signs to put people on notice of the danger.

- Liability Releases: If feasible, you should ask people entering your property to sign liability waivers which identify the activity they are participating in (i.e., hunting, recreation, etc.) and potential dangers, together with waivers and releases in your favor.
- Business Structures: You should also consider whether it makes sense to form an entity which provides for limited liability (such as a limited liability company) which would own your property. When properly structured, these types of

entities can provide limited liability for a landowner in the event an injury occurs on the property. There are additional factors to be considered when evaluating this option, so you should consult with an attorney to discuss relevant details.

Kari Lutringer is Of Counsel in the law firm of Wadler, Perches, Hundl & Kerlick with offices in Wharton, El Campo, Richmond and Fulshear, Texas. State Attorney's note: The information in this column is not intended as legal advice but to provide a general understanding



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



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Watch for frequent information on tweet about services we provide and events taking place.



SCRIPTSAVE

Consumer Pharmacy Benefits Management Company

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

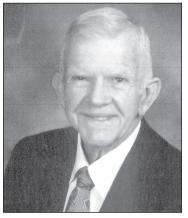
ActiveForever.com offers a wide selection of assisted daily living aids at guaranteed low prices!

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. Additionally, you can go to www.kjtnet.org to download your card. All household members of a KJT member may take part in the program.

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W.K. Leonard Society #119, La Marque

First Place October Top Producer





Margaret Holik Society #48, Hillje Second Place October Top Producer New Application Producer -

4 months



Lisa Alexander Society #119, La Marque Third Place October

Top Producer



Ellen Zdansky Society #72, Corpus Christi

Fourth Place October Top Producer

New Application Producer -178 months New Members Application-175 months



Ted Vitek Society #112, Austin Fifth Place October

Top Producer



Carly Divin Society #4, Ammannsville Sixth Place October

Top Producer



Stephanie Prihoda Society #46, La Grange

Seventh Place October Top Producer New Application Producer -3 months New Members Application-



Thomas Prasifka Society #20, Shiner

Eighth Place October Top Producer

New Application Producer -2 months New Members Application-



Shirley Pokorney Society #132, Pflugerville

Ninth Place October Top Producer



Tanner Schlottman Society #35, Ennis Tenth Place October Top Producer



QUARTERLY FINANCIALS

uarterly Financials Admitted Assets		30-Sep 2019		31-Dec 2019
Cook and Chart Town Investments	.	0.022.206		4 462 473
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$	8,923,386	\$	4,463,472
Bonds		51,669,865		53,822,662
Preferred and Common Stock		25 012 460		24 757 50
Mortgage Loans		25,813,468		24,757,597
Real Estate		1,978,280		1,140,116
Policy Loans		733,591		666,92
Other Invested Assets		5		
Accrued Investment Income		856,041		908,34
Premiums and Considerations		9,064		8,02
Recoverable from Reinsurance				
Write Ins OTI Assets & Misc		74,158		78,479
Total Admitted Assets	\$	90,057,858	\$	85,845,629
Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus				
Reserves for Certificates	\$	82,687,611	\$	78,946,519
Contract Claims		283,574		231,44
Liability for Deposit Type Contracts		651,810		643,30
Provisions for refunds payable		89,607		86,85
Asset Valuation Reserve		455,228		435,95
Interest Maintenance Reserve		103,910		106,25
Miscellaneous Liabilities		228,240		144,87
Payable for Securities		220,240		144,07
Total Reserves and Liabilities	\$	84,499,980	\$	80,595,20
Surplus	\$	5,557,878	\$	5,250,429
Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus	\$	90,057,858	\$	85,845,629
ncome		For Quarters En 2019	ded Sep	tember 30 2018
Life and Annuity Premium Income	\$	5,245,090	\$	3,887,47
Net Investment Income	,	3,554,886	•	3,427,14
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve		580		7,00
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Misc Income		61,754		
Total Income	\$	61,754 8,862,310	\$	
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Dusek Honored with 75-Year Membership Pin

Society #40, East Bernard Jody Dusek member received his 75-Year Membership pin at the October 8th meeting. State

EAST BERNARD- KJT Director Margaret Holik, pictured left, presented him with his pin. Jody's wife, Cynthia, was present as well. Thank you for your membership Jody.



Silent Auction Held for Church



EAST BERNARD- The & Gloria Buxkemper, State Retirement Fund.

Pictured, L to R, Past Youth Leaders Frank Buxkemper

East Bernard youth club Directors Margaret Holik donated \$100 to the Priest and Mike Reznicek, and visiting Priest, Father John Christian.



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KJT IN ACTION

Matching Grant Program



KJT Society #131, Manor President Joe Banda and RE Directors Carmen Herrera and Dora Rodriguez.

MANOR- St. John Neumann KJT Society #131, Manor, participated in the KJT Matching Grant Program at St. Joseph's Church. The local society held a Breakfast Kitchen Fundraiser on August 18th, to raise funds for the St Joseph Religious Education Program. Total funds raised were \$471.00, the State KJT added \$250.00, for a total of \$821.00 for the RE program. Presentation of check to the RE Directors was made on October 27th. Pictured above are KJT Society President Joe Banda and RE Directors Carmen Herrera and Dora Rodriguez.

Veteran's Day in Pflugerville

PFLUGERVILLE-"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America" was proudly recited by everyone at the Veterans Day celebration held at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary church hall in Pflugerville on November 10, 2019. The church hall was decorated

with flags of the US military services and the tables were decorated with US Flags. The ceremony saluted the contributions and sacrifice made by military veterans for our country.

The Colors were posted by three members of the Saint Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Council #10373.

The picture below shows three distinguished members of the St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Color Guard marching in to post the Colors. On the left is Ramiro Martinez followed by Martin Schuessler and Ed Tydings.



Ramiro Martinez, Martin Schuessler and Ed Tydings.

Honoring All Those Who Have Served.

Flag Day Celebrated in Bay City

BAY CITY- Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City held their annual Veteran's Day Program on November 8,2019. Bay City KJT Society Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Nemec and wife, KJT Sales Representative & Sate Director 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. Dorotik Sr., who served in the U.S. Air Force. Pictured right shows the Holy Cross School pre-K students waving the flags during their program. Society #139 and Holy Cross School wishes to thank Cynthia and Vincent Nemec for their donation.



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KJT IN ACTION

75-Year Membership

November 2019

Society #9, Fayetteville George E. Petter Society #72, Corpus Christi Ladislav J. Polasek, Jr.

Society #43, Wied Jerome Pavliska John G. Smolik Society #84, El Campo Edward A. Krpec

Society #55, Corn Hill Jodie L. Danek Society #107, Abbott Edmund J. Roznovsky

Society #56, Houston Le
Jimmie R. Naiser

Society #134, Round Rock Leon J. Barton

50-Year Membership

November 2019

Society #23, Plum Larry A. Knebel

Society #112, Austin Patrick P. Repa

Society #31, West Gregory J. Kofnovec

Society #115, Victoria Milton S. Wagner, Sr.

Society #34, Nada Anthony R. Labay

Society #119, La Marque Brian A. Cernosek

Society #56, Houston Marcus A. Bollom

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch Eric M. Keyes Thomas S. Mitchell

Society #100, Caldwell Paul A. Kacer

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25-Year Membership November 2019

Society #12, Frenstat Brittanie M. Gaas

Gaas Society #107, Abbott Kyle A. Kaska

Society #20, Shiner Dillon L. Fojtik

Society #35, Ennis

Society #111, Dallas
Evelyn V. Cepak
Patricia L. Cervenka
Karen S. Holub
Colby R. Prachyl
Collin J. Prachyl
Katharine M. Prachyl

Josephine S. Hickman Kara A. Turner Irene M. Vitovsky

Society #38, Moulton Wesley D. Johnson

Society #115, Victoria Randy L. Janak Dana R. Vanek Dean A. Vanek

Society #43, Wied Michele L. Chovanetz

> Society #120, Beaumont Nicholas A. Larocca

Doris A. Lidiak

Society #72, Corpus Christi

Danielle R. Diegel

Deanna M. Ramirez

Society #46, La Grange

Society #134, Round Rock Scott A. Smejkal

2019 TCHCC/KJT Annual State Tarok Tournament

Stanley Joe Cernoch Tarok Director

The 5th. annual Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center, Muziky Muziky, Celebration, welcomed the KJT State Tarok Tournament, sponsored by the Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT.

This year's winners, pictured below from left to right. 1st. Place, Jerry Brezina (560 pts.); 2nd. Place, Eugene Kucera (557 pts.); 3rd. Place, Wilbert Cernosek (555 pts.) and 4th. Place Paul Schlesinger (547 pts).

Kay Cernoch, was the score keeper, Honza Cernosek worked registration and Stanley Joe Cernoch greeted the players and 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.

Kolaches were shipped in from Hruska's in Ellinger, dinner shipped from La Grange'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 involved everyone making this an enjoyable Hopefully/maybe event. one day, the TCHCC and the KJT will have classes to learn 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 grandfathers. See ya next year, S Panem Bohem.



2019 Winners: 1st. place, Jerry Brezina (560 pts.); 2nd. place, Eugene Kucera (557 pts.); 3rd. place, Wilbert Cernosek (555 pts.) and 4th. place Paul Schlesinger (547 pts).



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KJT IN ACTION

Silent Auction Held for Church



Bernice Stolarski, Mariam Janczak, and Barbara Hajdik holding items which were donated to the auction.

SEALY- Society #80 sponsored the silent auction at the Sealy Immaculate Conception Church bazaar. Over 300 items were donated by parishioners and raised over \$4,000 which was given to the church.

District 8 Social Held



Maurice Jurena, Linda Gaas, Louemma Polansky, Joe Rychlik, (back row l-r) Hubert Polansky and Anthony Motloch.

FRENSTAT- The KJT District 8 Fall Social was held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Frenstat Hall. St. Benedict KJT Society #100, Caldwell officers presented a \$500 Priest Retirement Donation check to the KJT District 8 officers. Photo (front row l-r) Maurice Jurena, District 8 VP, Linda Gaas, District 8 President, Louemma Polansky, KJT Society 100 Sec/Treas., Joe Rychlik, KJT Society 100 President; (back row l-r) Hubert Polansky, District 8 Sec/Treas. and Anthony Motloch, KJT Society 100 VP of KJT Society 100.

75-Year Membership

December 2019

Society #1, Praha Society #40, East Bernard Daniel A. Vyvjala Dennis A. Polak

Society #28, Granger Society #48, Hillje Richard A. Zak Robert J. Hlavaty

Society #35, Ennis So Albert C. Patak

Society #90, Rosenberg John F. Zak

50-Year Membership December 2019

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Society #35, Ennis Dwain E. Bobalek John T. Marek, Jr. Kevin J. Marek

David W. Rainosek

Society #111, Dallas

Ronald E. Cepak

Society #102, San Antonio

Society #39, Marek James R. Hubnik Society #112, Austin August R. Motloch, III Deron W. Stojanik

Society #43, Wied Timothy M. Pustka

Society #133, Missouri City Robert L. Hrachovy

25-Year Membership December 2019

Society #3, Hostyn Dale F. Janda

Society #16, Wallis Daniele L. Zurovec

Society #39, Marak Justin M. Everett

Society #40, East Bernard Jade A. Marcantel

> Society #43, Wied Steven R. Dobbs

Society #56, Houston Paul Hai Tat Nguyen

Society #72, Corpus Christi Carla Jo L. Martini Hannah Del Pilar Zamora Society #79, Hungerford Cristopher R. Hernandez Joshua D. Hernandez Matthew X. Hernandez Jacob A. Hundl

Society #87, Jourdanton James E. Wick Robert A. Williams, Jr.

Society 102, San Antonio Patricia A. King Gary J. Snoga

> Society #111, Dallas Edward F. Hake Jill M. Holub Tyler M. Prasifka Becky R. Winn

Society #120, Beaumont Linda S. Larocca

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS VILLAGE



Merry and fright

In the sight of the Vitek Christmas Village

Story by Sarah Vitek KJT Society #112, Austin Photographs by Jennifer Klanika Photography

The holiday season is around the corner and if you are like millions of people out there, setting up your Christmas Village is one of the traditions that you look forward to the most. Christmas village displays are common in most American households. Christmas scenes have been constructed, and reconstructed, over the centuries, with the oldest scene dated back to the 1300s.

The practice began as many Christmas traditions do, as a way to draw attention to the religious significance of Christmas. The first displays were of Nativities. These displays were a hands-on teaching tool for younger ones who could not read the Christmas story straight from the Bible. Some displays had nothing to do with Christmas at all. Biblical scenes were created, such as telling the story of Noah's ark. However it was used, it

transpired into yet another way of celebrating Christmas.

Christmas villages have become an entire sub-culture village houses are limited in production and

intricate details sprinkled with motion, lights, flying Santas. Generations of families and heirlooms to keep the generation

David Wagner, KJT Vice President, KJT member, Sarah Vitek, from KJT one of the most beautiful villages to be with photographs by Jennifer Klanika it came to be. become more valuable every year. Most displays include music, little cars, trolleys, skiers, villagers, and even have handed down these villages as keepsakes of Christmas villages alive.

once had the honor and privilege of visiting Society #112, Austin, in her home to see seen. Sarah shares her story with us, along Photography of her beautiful village and how

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS VILLAGE



love the Christmas village, but I'm afraid I don't have any more room for more. But if someone finds a "McDonald's," I wouldn't turn it down.

I would like to recognize my husband, Ted, who I had enlisted as the electrician for this small, porcelain village. It usually takes about half a day to do all the electrical work needed so that everything is in sync with each other. This doesn't count setting up the village,

which then takes about half a day as well. Since it has become such a major endeavor, some years, I have left the village up and just covered it for the remainder of the year. It makes things so much easier, and then it's ready for the next holiday season.

I plan to hand down my collection so that the joy and peaceful moments that come from the village be shared among my family for generations to come.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

In the early 1970s, I began with what I thought was a small winter Christmas display. Little did I know that it would eventually become my ever-changing Christmas Village. I started my village with a few houses on top of our upright piano. Several years later, it grew and was relocated to a larger area. Over time, it grew to be 8' in length in our garden

As the years moved on, I added more pieces to my collection with additional purchases and gifts from

family members. However, I have 36 lighted the largest addition came when a friend of mine was downsizing her Christmas decorations and offered me her village. At that time, I had to decide how to display the many pieces I would inherit. My village now reaches 13' which includes many houses, schools, churches, libraries, blacksmith, barns with animals, ice skating rinks, ski slope, service station, P.O., toy shops, hotel, bakery, music store, theater, and lighthouse. Someone told me the only thing missing is a "McDonald's."

pieces, which light up the room when displayed at night. Some of my neighbors have brought visitors from as far away as Wyoming to see the village.

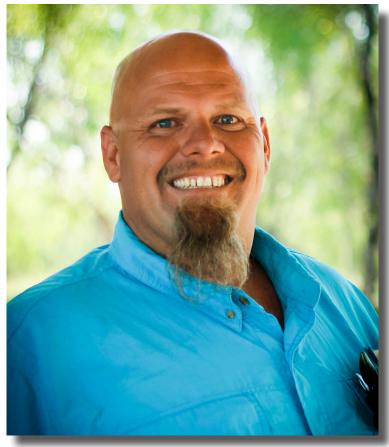
All of our family and friends enjoy this every year. It's just so peaceful when the musical scenes are playing the Christmas carols. Over the years, we have all grown to





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IN MEMORIAM OF...



Joseph Louis Koch,

Joseph Louis Koch, III, resident of Crystal City, Texas, passed away Wednesday morning,

October 9, 2019, in Crystal

Joe was born January 11,

Joseph Louis Koch, III

January 11, 1974 - October 9, 2019

lived in Knippa and Hondo before the family moved to Clear Lake City-Houston.

Joe attended Clear Lake schools graduating from Clear Lake High School in 1992. He worked for Deer Park Construction and later moved to Crystal City where he started JKoch Building Systems. He became involved in county projects, particularly the municipal golf course. In 2017 he took over the management of the Carrizo Springs Municipal Golf Course and was in the process of refurbishing the golf course.

Joe was involved in community activities that mainly served the youth of the area. He was very much involved in 4-H and FFA 1974, in Uvalde, Texas. He activities serving in various

capacities. This past summer he became involved with the Special Olympics and was instrumental in getting companies to donate golf bags and clubs for the kids to compete.

Joe is survived by his parents Joe and Shirley Koch of Clear Lake City, sisters Angela & husband Marty Jackson of League City and Sherri and husband Brad Bogan of Washington (Texas); his grandmother Ruth Chovanec of La Grange; brother-in-law Brendan Lyons of Houston.

Uncle Joe was much loved by the Lyons kids; Hallie, Jackson, and Kendall; the Jacksons; Evelyn and Paul, and the Bogan girls; Addie and Kaylin. Other family members - aunts and uncles, cousins, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his oldest sister Julie Lyons.

A Memorial Service was held at the Carrizo Springs Golf Course on Sunday, October 13, and a Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, October 19 in Clear Lake.



Sidney E. Cernoch

November 3, 1933 - November 6, 2019

La Grange, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 6th at St. Mark's Medical Center.

Dubina, Texas on November 3, 1933 the son of the late Katie (Harrigan-Vacek) and John K. Cernoch.

Sidney married Emily (Rainosek) Cernoch on May 8, 1955 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army.

In his early years in O'Quinn he worked on farms, milk routes, and RC Cola routes, and later became a barber. In the 1980's Sidney owned a bait shop, and was the owner of the beloved Gold N' Crisp in La Grange, Texas for fortysix years. He volunteered

Sidney E. Cernoch, 86, of with 4-H, JC's baseball, Knights of Columbus, and the Holy Name Society. He was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Catholic Sidney was born in Church in La Grange, Texas, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he held a 4th degree Knight designation, and KJT. Sidney enjoyed hunting and fishing. He always went above and beyond to find the perfect place to hunt with his family. Sidney will be remembered by the love for his community and the volunteering.

He is survived by his loving wife, Emily; two daughters: Elaine Matthys and her husband, Matt of Austin, Texas; Phyllis Chavarria of La Grange, Texas; two sons: Daniel Cernoch and his wife, Rose of La Grange, Texas; Richard Cernoch and his wife Kathy, of La Grange, Texas: brother, Erwin Cernoch and his wife, Anna of Schulenburg, Texas; thirteen grandchildren: Nicholas and wife, Megan Cernoch; Michelle and her husband, Dominic Nuosce; Ryan and his wife, Bethany Cernoch; Adam and his wife, Stephanie Chavarria; Reyna and husband, Trey Herrmann; Reece Cernoch; Aaron and his wife, Destiny Chavarria; Diane and her husband, Kenn Kasparek; Melanie and her husband, Klint Farrar; Sam Matthys, Katie Matthys; Katie and her husband, Nich Pape; Kelli and her husband, Zach Robinson; fourteen greatgrandchildren: Caleb and Cole Chavarria; Emma and Kate Nuosce; Zoë and Miles



Sidney E. Cernoch

Cernoch; Lillyanne, Luke, and Grant Cernoch; Olivia, William, and Baby Farrar; Benjamin Kasparek; and Van Pape; brother-in-laws: Gilbert Rainosek; Larry Rainosek and his wife, Dorothy; Andy Rainosek and his wife, Francoise, and

Dennis Rainosek.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Cernoch; sister, Bernice Rohan; infant brother, Eugene Cernoch; son-inlaw, Raoul Chavarria, and daughter-in-law, Rebecca Cernoch.

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IN MEMORIAM OF...

KJT State Honorary Director Henry Charles Zapalac

July 31, 1933 - October 23, 2019

Henry Charles Zapalac Jr., 86, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 23 at Lampstand Health and Rehab.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Msgr. Gleissner Mausoleum. Visitation will be held at 6:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary service on Tuesday at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan.

Henry was born July 31, 1933 in Abbott, Texas. He is the son of Henry Sr. and Emily (Jezek) Zapalac. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, serving aboard the U.S.S. St. Paul. Every day Henry had the honor

of raising the American flags at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial while stationed in Hawaii.

Henry was an electrical technician working for Bryan I.S.D. for 33 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the usher's club, and the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Gleissner #1834; as well as the American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 and the K.J.T. where he served as state director for many years.

He spent 60 wonderful years with his loving wife, Mildred. In those 60 beautiful years they raised 7 children together; Tena and husband Randy, Charles, Mary and husband Roy, Richard, Marilyn, Stephanie and her husband Matt. They have 9 grandchildren, Leighan and Stephanie, Taylor and Todd, John and Stephen, Amanda, and Matthew and Maegan. They also have 11 greatgrandchildren.

He is rejoining his passed loved ones, daughter Gloria Denice as well as his brother, 2 sisters and their parents.

Henry touched the lives of so many people and words could not explain the love and gratitude we have for this man. We are so blessed to have had him in our lives and will cherish the memories we have with him forever. He was truly a gift to us and everyone around him.

We, the family, would



Henry Charles Zapalac, Jr.

like to extend a huge thank you to the nursing staff and administration at Lampstand for the care they gave to Henry, as well as Allumine Hospice for making his last days comfortable, not only for

him but for us as well.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School or Religious Education Fund.

NOTICES OF OCTOBER 2019

Society #57, Cyclone John J. Bartek, 95 Passed Away 09/12/2019

Society #28, Granger Eugene F. Ermis, 82 Passed Away 04/02/2019

Society #111, Dallas David D. Pekar, 62 Passed Away 09/10/2019

Society #108, Brenham Alexander Michalek, Jr., 78 Passed Away 02/18/2019

Society #107, Abbott James P. Kujawa, 68 Passed Away 08/17/2019

Society #56, Houston Francis V. Jelinek, 83 Passed Away 09/19/2019

Society #34, Nada James W. Buzek, 74 Passed Away 09/12/2019 Society #48, Hillje Frank P. Sablatura, 88 Passed Away 09/12/2019

Society #84, El Campo Andrew G. Rod, 91 Passed Away 07/07/2019

Society #20, Shiner Vaclav Roznovsky, 82 Passed Away 08/30/2019

Society #112, Austin Garrie E. Struhall, 66 Passed Away 03/27/2019

Society #112, Austin Steven J. Stuhall, 59 Passed Away 07/17/2019

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch Ralph J. Jalufka, 77 Passed Away 08/20/2019 Society #31, West Louis A. Hajek, 39 Passed Away 07/04/2019

Society #1, Praha Arthur L. Klekar, 82 Passed Away 09/21/2019

Society #35, Ennis Bobby J. Gerich, 61 Passed Away 09/22/2019

Society #80, Sealy Anton W. Cerny, Jr., 90 Passed Away 09/30/2019

Associate Members

Society #40, East Bernard Bernice Kopecky, 81 Passed Away 10/19/2019

Society #72, Corpus Christi Dallars S. Kosarek, 91 Passed Away 02/03/2019

KJT Memorial Foundation

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 condolences to a loved one's family by enrolling them today!

Online Applications For Enrollment In The KJT Memorial Foundation Are Now Available at <u>www.kjtnet.org</u>

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.

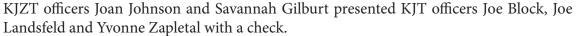


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KJT IN ACTION

Ennis KJT Receives Donations from KJZT







Ryan Ozymy, center, was awarded a KJT Society Scholarship.

ENNIS- On August 4th, the KJT #35 held a regular meeting with a meal served afterwards. This summer the youth club joined with the SPJST youth again to have a joint swim party for members and their families. We are also proud to say that we had 6 youth attend the KJT youth camp this summer. Tandi Schlottman, our Youth Club President reported that she and the others had a very good time and look forward to going back again next year.

We are very excited to say that CASI Chili has chosen the KJT Hall to hold a chili and BBQ cook off once again. The event seems to be growing every year and we are happy to host the event. CASI made a nice donation to the KJT Hall and also to our Youth Club. With the help of our Youth leader, Angie Anderson, and her helpers, another successful raffle was organized at this event. Our final meeting for the year will be on December 8th

with the election of officers and our Christmas party.

Also this summer we were excited to award 3 scholarships to some deserving young adults. Our recipients; Ryan Ozymy, son of Bryan and Patricia Ozymy will be attending Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He is studying theology and

in the priest discernment program. Anna Slovak, daughter of Debbie and Darren Slovak, is attending Texas Tech and Parker Dlabaj, son of Timmy and Michelle Dlabaj, is attending LSU. Good luck to you all. We are happy to have helped you a little.

This year the KJZT #16 chose the KJT Society #35

as the recipient of their 2019 Community Fundraiser. On October 21st KJZT officers Joan Johnson and Savannah Gilburt presented officers Joe Block, Joe Landsfeld and Yvonne Zapletal with a check. The funds raised will go towards replacing the bad tables in the hall. Thank you very much. It is definitely appreciated.

Join Hands Day in Schulenburg



Youth members participating in clean-up.





SCHULENBURG- On Friday, August 30, 2019, Society 129 held their Join Hands Day activity which involved helping St. Mary Parish in High Hill prepare for their upcoming parish picnic. Members helped clean tables and benches and swept the pavilion.



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Sausage Balls

Elijah Zurek Society #90, Rosenberg

1 ½ c. Bisquick

1 lb. Owens breakfast sausage

1 ½ c. cheddar cheese, shredded

Mix all ingredients thoroughly with hands. Make 1" balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown. These freeze well.

Shrimp Dip

Becky Beseda Society #31, West

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

1 lb. frozen pre-cooked shrimp (thaw then chop)

Garlic powder

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 tsp. onion, grated

Mayo- for dip consistency, if needed

Mix all ingredients and refrigerate for 4-6 hours for the flavor to set in. Serve with a variety of crackers.

Punch

The late, Lois Jirkovsky Society #13, Yoakum

4 c. sugar

1 Lg. can pineapple juice

2 tsp. vanilla

2 tsp. Almond extract

½ c. lemon juice

15 c. water

Mix all ingredients together and add ice



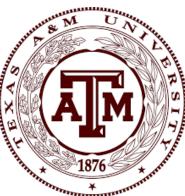
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KJT YOUTH

Matchett Accepted to Texas A&M



HOSTYN- KJT #3 member, Anabel Judith Matchett, has been accepted and will attend Texas A&M University in the Fall of 2020. Anabel is a senior at Angleton High School and is the daughter of Mark and Karen (Kallus) Matchett of Angleton and the granddaughter of KJT members Benedict and Dianna Kallus of Hostyn. Congratulations and Gig 'em, Anabel!



Harvest Festival Royalty in Industry







LA GRANGE- The 2019 Harvest Festival Royalty Queen, Katie Geistmann was crowned Saturday, October 26, 2019, in Industry. Katie is the daughter of Ronnie and Tracey Geistmann, and granddaughter of the Late Herbert Geistmann and Libby Kokes Geistmann. The Geistmann family are all members of KJT Society #46, La Grange.

Society Minutes

KJT Society #31, West Georgie Nors, Reporter

West KJT and KJZT members met after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and were treated to delicious breakfast casseroles made by President Michael Kraemer. Afterward, the meeting was held. President Kraemer opened the meeting and led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marvin Cepak and Sherry Pavlas won the attendance prizes.

Secretary Sandy Kidwell read the minutes of the September meeting.

Robert Nors gave his treasurer's report. He stated that he will send \$1200 to the Home Office for the Religious Retirement Fund. Sherry Pavlas reported that she received thank you cards from the families of Louis Hajek, Joe Koch, and Anton Rejcek.

Under new business: the KJT/KJZT Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at the Tours Hall. There was some discussion on the meal. This year's meal will be

Pork Loin, Sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, and cranberries. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

There was some discussion to send out cards for the Christmas party. stated that in the past it hadn't made any difference. It was decided to post it in the church bulletin and the West News. Sherry Pavlas stated that she will send out letters to deceased family members to honor the deceased in a memorial service. Also, Georgie Nors stated that she will have a list of the 25, 50, and 75 year pin recipients to recognize them.

President Kraemer stated that at the December meeting, the election of officers would be held. He will appoint a nominating committee at the next meeting for the elections and also an audit committee to audit the books in January.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10th.

KJT Society #139, Bay City Vincent Nemec, Secretary/Treasurer

KJT Society #139, Bay City hosted a society meeting Monday, October 28, 2019, at the KC Hall. The social began at 6:00 p.m. followed by a meal and meeting.

Society #139 will be hosting one last society meeting on December 16, 2019, at the KC Hall in Bay City.

We welcomed guest speaker, Angela Kupcho. Mrs. Kupcho is the new principal at Holy Cross School. She spoke on behalf of the school, future events, and her vision for the future of the school.

Society #139, lost one one member, Raymond "Ray" Kacal, August 26, 2019.

In business, a motion was made to donate funds to the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund and to the Seminarian Education Fund. The District 7 Annual Meeting will be held February 23, 2020, in Nada. The meeting will start after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank you all for that came out and joined us and brought along a dish for the meeting.

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KJT IN ACTION

District X Family Day Celebration

District X Family Day was held October 20th, 2019, at the Moravian Hall in Corpus Christi, TX. They hosted a "Halloween" theme family day event. Members were encouraged to dress up. Prizes were awarded to 1st and 2nd places for the youth, and everyone was given a Halloween goodie bag. Also, a prize was given to the best adult costume. The winnner, Elaine Brundress, dressed as a milk cow. The meeting was finished up with a covered dish meal and then Bingo!

The members voted to donate \$100 to Kids Unlimited and \$100 to Fr. Tomasz to help feed the homeless in our city. The next Society #72 meeting will be held on December 1st. That morning will be a bake sale benefiting St, Thomas More parish.





1st Place Youth - Parker Williams (pirate), 2nd Place Youth - Alana Williams (dead nurse), 1st Place Adult - Elaine Brundrett (milk cow)



Society youth members participated for Halloween.



KJT members present a check to Father Tomasz to help those in need in the area.



KJT ANNUITY PORTFOLIO RATES

FPD Annuity 5*/Kapital Account 4*

(Issued on/after January 1, 2019)

Minimum Deposit of \$250 to Open Kapital Account or FPDA (Additional premiums are required)

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Deposits of \$250 - \$749 - 3.0%**
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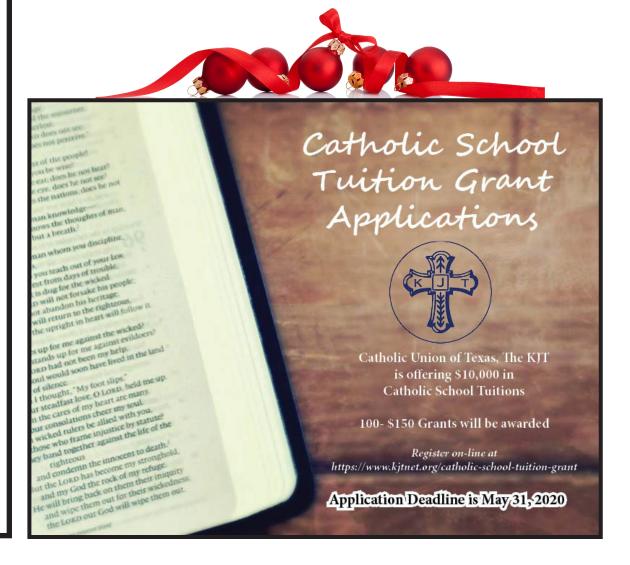
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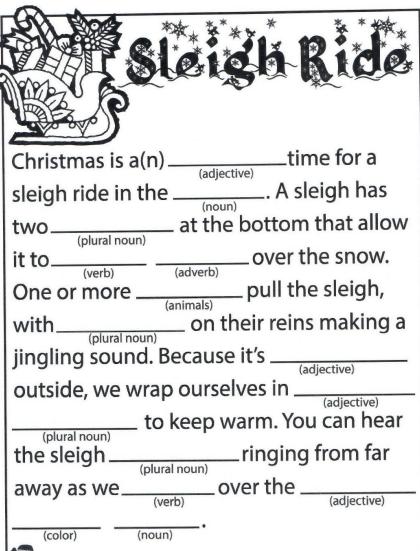


Christmas Brain Teaser

How did Santa form a SINGLE line of 8 reindeer, if Prancer is first in line, and Dancer is last in line?
Followed by:

- Comet is behind Dasher, Vixen, and Cupid.
- Blitzen is behind Cupid, and in front of Donder, Vixen and Comet.
- Cupid is in front of Comet, Blitzen and Vixen.
- Donder is behind Vixen, Dasher, and Cupid.
- Vixen is in front of Donder and Comet, and behind Dasher.
- Dasher is behind Cupid, and in front of Vixen,
 Donder and Blitzen.
- Donder is behind Comet and Cupid.
- Cupid is in front of Blitzen and Donder.
- Vixen is behind Cupid and Dasher, and in front of Donder.

Answer: Prancer, Cupid, Dasher, Blitzen, Vixen, Comet, Donder, Dancer





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



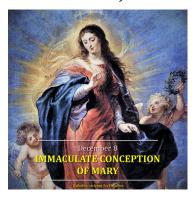
St. Nicholas Day



December 6, 2019 KJT Society #133, **Missouri City Christmas Social** Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 After 5:30 p.m. Mass At Holy Family Catholic Church 1510 Fifth St. Missouri City, TX 77489

KJT #134 Round Rock Society Meeting & Christmas Social Sat, December 7, 2019 7:00pm at St. William's Parish Hall

> Feast of the **Immaculate** Conception December 8, 2019



KJT Society #119 La Marque **Christmas Party** Sun. Dec. 8, 2019 KJT society #119 is hosting our annual Christmas party/ luncheon and we have invited the local KJZT society to join us. The party will be held at Queen of Peace

Catholic Church parish life center and starts at 1:00. KJT will provide the meat for the covered dish luncheon.

KJT Society #31, West **Society Meeting** Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 Meeting at 2 p.m. followed by

Christmas Program &

Meal

KJT Society #139, **Bay City Society Meeting** Mon., Dec. 16, 2019 Social at 6:00 p.m. followed by a meal and meeting. At Bay City Columbus Hall Meeting Room 63 CR 216

Winter Beings December 21, 2019

Bay City, Texas 77414



Christmas Day December 25, 2019







New Year's Eve

January 1, 2020

2020

KJT SDOR Meetings Begin

KJT Society #80, Sealy **Society Meeting** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 Officers are meeting at 6 pm, regular meeting at 7 pm. No meal will be served.





wKJT Distict 7 Meeting Sun. Feb.23, 2020 Social at 10:00 a.m.. following Mass in Nada.

Updating Your KJT Records...

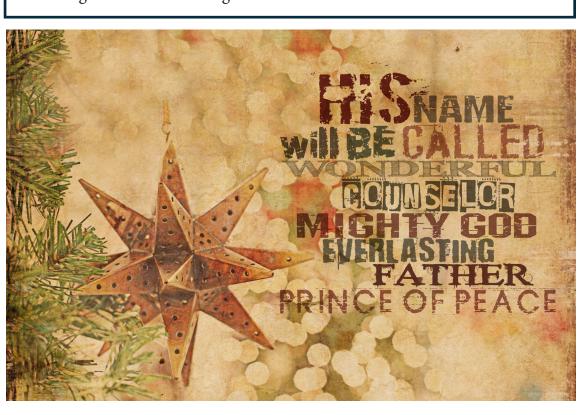
Reminder:

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.

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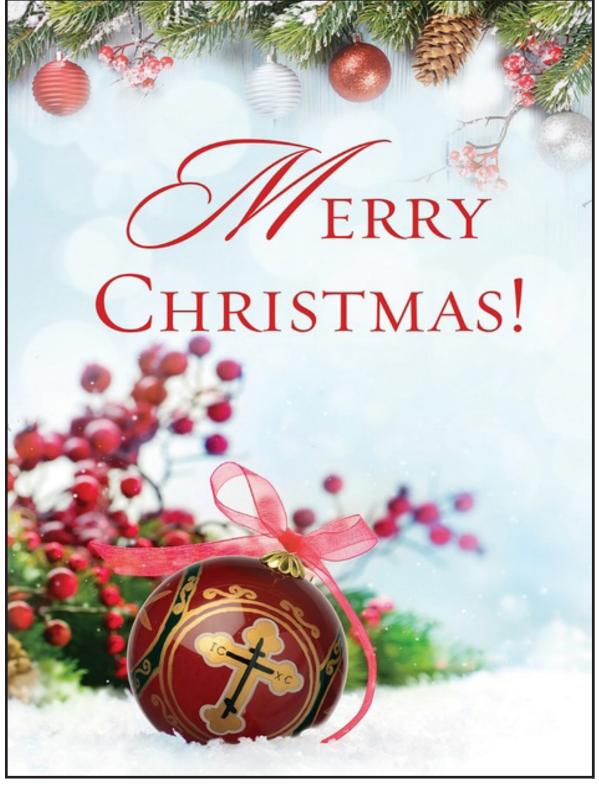
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