MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

As you read this, January is practically in the books, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy new year and to thank you for your membership in KJT! I would like to thank all KJT members, society and district officers, insurance representatives, home office staff, and state directors and officers for all that you do! KJT’s financials look to be on the way to another successful year, but membership growth has once again fallen short. With the help of all our members, officers, and representatives, we can improve upon both in 2020!

Financials

All signs point to another successful year financially for KJT with surplus sitting at $5.56 million through the end of the 3rd quarter of 2019. That is an increase of over 11% versus 2018 for the same period. KJT’s assets have eclipsed the $90 million mark, which is an increase of 118% since the beginning of 2010. Surplus during this same period has increased by 124%. KJT’s assets to liabilities ratio is now 106.58%. The final results for 2019 will be reported in a future issue of the KJT News as soon as they become available.

Membership

We need to be laser focused on growing our membership this year. Membership now sits at 16,398, a net decrease of 225 members from 2018. With the help of all societies and members we can turn this around! Look around your own household... if your family is not a 100% KJT member family, we would love to sit down with your family to see if we can take care of that. If your family is already 100%, please ask other family members, neighbors, or colleagues to join! The long list of member benefits is a good reason to join KJT! The benefits include a life and annuity program, loan program, youth camp, teen camp, college scholarships, religious scholarships, Catholic school tuition grants, volunteer opportunities, and many others. If you know someone who might like to take advantage of what KJT offers, Mr. Ernest Bezdek’s career spans 35 years in the international shipping and port industries, primarily in Houston and Beaumont, Texas. His shipping career includes US company Lykes Lines, Danish shipping company Nordic, and French company Delmas/ Bollore Group. Mr. Bezdek currently serves as the Director of Trade Development for the Port of Beaumont and is responsible for international sales, as well as real estate expansion and development. The number one strategic military onload port in the nation, the Port of Beaumont has been an NDTA member since 1988 and is home to the 842nd Transportation Battalion.

Since 2006, Mr. Bezdek has served as the NDTA Houston Chapter President and NDTA’s Southwestern Regional President. He is currently the Chairman of the NDTA Ports Subcommittee, under the NDTA Surface Committee. In this role, he was instrumental in revitalizing the Subcommittee at the request of MG Stephen Farmen, Commander of SDDC. Mr. Bezdek also played a key leadership role in the May 2019, NDTA-Christopher Newport University Conference on America’s Strategic Seaports. Teaming with MARAD and AAPA, and through his strong leadership, Mr. Bezdek successfully launched the Ports Conference, making that conference one of the most highly regarded events of the year. Mr. Bezdek’s actions and “can-do” leadership style are undeniably worthy of the NDTA President’s Award.

Bezdek Honored with President’s Award at the 75th Annual NDTA Conference

Treat Your Sweetheart for Valentines

Enjoy the best evening of the year at the Valentines Dinner and Piano Concert sponsored by the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange on Saturday, February 15, 2020. The formal evening will begin at 4 PM with a social which will include appetizers and featured wines and Czech mead from local Texas wineries. Dinner will be at 6 PM in the Hanslik Banquet Hall. A delicious four course meal and desserts will be served to your table as you dine with friends. The highlight of the evening will be the Grand Piano Concert featuring well known pianist John Dujka.

Pianist John Dujka will be presenting a varied program of classical and Czech favorites. A well-known entertainer and musician throughout Texas and nationally, John Dujka earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Music Performance at the University of Houston Moor es School of Music where he studied with Albert Hirsh, Ruth Tomfohrde, and Abbey Simon. A member of the Blinn College, Brenham faculty since 1990, Mr. Dujka is an active recitalist and collaborative pianist and also maintains a private piano studio in Brenham. He also produces radio program for KULP 1390 in El Campo, now in its 17th year. And John, along with his brother Mark, have been performing as the Dujka Brothers since 1986, and are well-known for their arrangements of Czech music and new compositions.

Don’t miss this wonderful, one of a kind evening. Advance ticket reservations only by February 10th. Tickets are $80 per person and includes all drinks, appetizers, dinner, concert and roses for attendees. For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact the TCHCC at 1-888-785-4500 or email info@czechtexas.org. Mail to TCHCC, PO Box 6, La Grange, TX 78945 and include the names of those attending and a phone number. Visit the website at www.czechtexas.org.
Message continued

give them our number or have them talk to your local representative.

Donations

I would like to thank all Individual members, societies and districts who contributed to our three statewide charities for 2019, the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund, the Seminarian Education Fund and Kid's Unlimited Foundation. I also want to thank all who participated in the two KJT golf tournaments in 2019 as funds raised will be donated to Kid's Unlimited from these events. Our goal of $30,000 for the statewide charities was reached again as a total of $38,196 was collected.

2020 Programs

The programs for 2020 remain largely unchanged; however, we have increased our Catholic school tuition grants to $150 for this year. Please refer to www.kjtnet.org and the KJT News for additional details on the various program events as the dates draw near. You can find information and the deadlines and dates for important events directly below.

We still encourage our local societies to hold Matching Grant Fundraisers for worthy causes where the society is located. This program is a great way to get your KJT society involved in various projects in your parish or community so be sure to ask your officers how you can be a part of this program. Twenty-four societies held matching grant fundraisers in 2019 for which the KJT Home Office matched $8,040.

Join Hands Day is a national day of volunteering that societies can engage in a project to be “helpful” to some individual or entity. Flag Day is a day to honor the American Flag. We ask our societies to have some type of event honoring the American Flag, either on this day or some other patriotic day such as July 4th or Veteran’s Day. These events are great avenues to get publicity for your local society so please ask your local society officers how you can get involved.

KJT State Family Day

KJT State Family Day will be on July 19, 2020. This, incidentally, is the first day of KJT Youth Camp, so we encourage you and your family to come join us for Family Day before taking your camper out to camp. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served shortly after Mass. We will also have fun activities for the kids as well.

KJT Camps

Youth Camp will be held from July 19 – July 23 and Teen Camp will be from July 23 – July 26. More details will be forthcoming in the KJT News and on our website as the time for camp nears.

If your kids have friends that are not KJT members and may be interested in joining us for camp, please give us a call so we can assist them in becoming members.

KJT Scholarships

KJT will again reward $20,000 in scholarships for 2020 to qualifying applicants who will be continuing their education at the college level. Additional scholarships (the number to be determined at the annual meeting in March) will be available through the KJT Memorial Foundation for students who will continue their education at a vocational or technical college. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1, 2020.

PerkSpot

KJT members continue to take advantage of the savings from our PerkSpot benefit. If you have not signed up, you really should take a look at what PerkSpot can save you. You can go to kjt.perkspot.com to sign up today or go to www.kjtnet.org to learn more about the program.

I, along with everyone here at the home office and your state directors look forward to serving you once again in 2020. May God bless KJT and its members and guide us throughout the year!

Dates to Remember

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PANAMA CANAL – ANOTHER GREAT KJT MEMBER BENEFIT

Don’t let this opportunity sail away without you. This cruise is not a regular offering. It is rare to find a Panama Canal cruise that leaves out of Galveston, eliminating flight costs. And it is truly amazing to have all these fabulous ports of call in one voyage. Just check out this incredible lineup: Galveston (a great vacation destination in itself!), Aruba, Curacao, Cartagena (Columbia), Panama Canal, Limon (Costa Rica), Cozumel (Mexico) and Montego Bay (Jamaica).

You will have to wait until January 24, 2021 to sail away on the Carnival Freedom but do not wait to book because cabins fill up quickly on this very special sailing. All that is required to hold your cabin right now is a $200 PP deposit. The remainder is not due until October 26, 2020.

Be sure to use our group number when booking, though, to get the best deal on your choice of balcony, ocean view, or interior stateroom. When you are an official member of our group you have access to daily Mass, dinner with other super-fun KJT members from across our great state, and nightly door prizes. For the group number and booking information, contact KJT Kruise Koordinator, Shirley Pokorney at 512-431-5112 or email pokorneyshirley@aol.com

STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE
MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

One hundred years ago, our nation and much of the Western world entered “the Roaring Twenties.” The French called it the “années folles” (“crazy years”). Only time will tell what the 2020s will be called but we certainly seem to be already living in what can only be described as “crazy years.”

Despite this, Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, in his 2018 apostolic exhortation to the “Husbands and Wives, Mothers and Fathers of the Diocese of Phoenix” entitled “Complete My Joy” writes: “...let your hearts rejoice anew at God’s call to bear witness to Jesus and His Gospel by loving one another in the very family in which you now are living. You are not alone as you face the sorrows and struggles, the lights and shadows, that are part of family life. Recall Jesus’ promise, ‘Know that I am with you always.’ (Matthew 28:20)

“It is not by chance that Jesus called you and me to be His witnesses at this troubled time in history, in the post-sexual revolution confusion. Now, He is calling us to know, love and serve Him in the ‘final battle about marriage and family’ of which Sister Lúcia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos, O.C.D. wrote.

“We walk side by side with many whose experiences have led them to think that the nature of the family is ‘a jungle, not a garden.’ For reasons known only to Christ, He has chosen you whom He has joined in marriage to be, at this time in history, an icon of His love for His Bride the Church. When you make sacrifices, then, for one another, when you encourage and forgive each other, when you worship the Lord together, when you welcome children and raise them in the practice of the Catholic faith, you are helping our skeptical generation to believe that free, total, faithful and fruitful love is still possible. Indeed, nothing is impossible with God; trust Him and begin.”

It has been said “the only failure in life is not to become a saint.” This is true. This is indeed true for every member of your family, and we need all the help we can get. Our Lady will help us to the halls of Heaven with her prayers. Mary, the Holy Mother of God, pray for us!

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

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Hunter Aschen received his Eagle Scout Award. As a member of Yoakum Scout Troop 228, Hunter planned, organized, and oversaw the reconstruction of the Yoakum Little League Major Baseball Field Dugouts that were damaged by Hurricane Harvey for his Eagle Scout project. Hunter is a senior at Cuero High School. Hunter is a member of Wied KJT # 43. He is the son of R. Greyson and Diane Aschen

2019 Life Premium Challenge

At the beginning of the year, each KJT agent was challenged to write $3,000 in Life premium for 2019. Several agents answered this call to action and achieved the goal. The KJT Home Office would like to recognize the following agents who rose to the challenge and submitted at least $3,000 in Life Premium:

Kathleen Chovanetz, John Kana, Stephanie Prihoda and Ellen Zdansky

We congratulate the four agents who achieved this goal, Thank you. In 2020, we will once again challenge our agents to reach the $3,000 Life Premium mark.

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NOVEMBER TOP TEN PRODUCER’S

W.K. Leonard  
Society #119, La Marque  
First Place November Top Producer

Margaret Holik  
Society #48, Hillje  
Second Place November Top Producer

Lisa Alexander  
Society #119, La Marque  
Third Place November Top Producer

Ted Vitek  
Society #112, Austin  
Fourth Place November Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky  
Society #72, Corpus Christi  
Fifth Place October Top Producer

New Application Producer - 180 months  
New Members Application - 177 months

Tanner Schlottman  
Society #35, Ennis  
Sixth Place November Top Producer

Thomas Prasifka  
Society #20, Shiner  
Seventh Place November Top Producer

Carly Divin  
Society #4, Ammannsville  
Eighth Place November Top Producer

Stephanie Prihoda  
Society #46, La Grange  
Ninth Place November Top Producer

Shirley Pokorney  
Society #132, Pflugerville  
Tenth Place November Top Producer

New Application Producer - 4 months

Deborah Currey  
Society #130, Elgin  
Top Application Producer November

Taylor Ivy  
New Application Producer - 2 months

John Kana  
Society #4, Ammannsville  
December Top Application Producer

Joe Landsfeld  
Society #4, Ammannsville  
December Top Premium Producer
75-Year Membership
January 2020

Society #4, Hostyn
Henry F. Stavinoha
Society #48, Hillje
Eugene V. Volek

Society #16, Wallis
Gerald G. Pilkik
Society #59, Seymour
Robert Halencak

Society #31, West
Bernard J. Lednicky
Society #68, Weimar
William C. Neiser
Willie R. Zahirniak

Society #35, Ennis
Frank Svehlak
Society #79, Hungerford
Daniel A. Orsak

Society #38, Moulton
Dennis Barta
Society #102, San Antonio
David G. Knape
Franklin J. Kozelsky

Society #39, Marak
Charlie J. Krenek
Society #133, Missouri City
Norbert V. Slanina

50-Year Membership
January 2020

Society #12, Frenstat
Glenn C. Tydlacka
Society #48, Hillje
Timothy V. Kresta

Society #16, Wallis
Gary W. Konvicka
Society #82, Eastgate
Charlie J. Vyoral, Jr.

Society #27, Taylor
Steven S. Hubnik
Society #87, Jourdanton
John S. Harper

Society #40, East Bernard
Michael J. Hines
Society #100, Caldwell
Charles R. Muzny
Christopher J. Hlavinka

Society #43, Wied
Paul T. Hlavinka
Society #102, San Antonio
Joe H. Srubar, Jr.
James J. Bujnoch
Danny D. Polak

Society #46, La Grange
Loydell C. Wied
Society #111, Dallas
Frank J. Carpenter

Reminder:
Deadline to submit articles is the 10th of each month.
Articles can be emailed to media@kjtnet.org or
by mailing them to the home office at
KJT
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945

KJT Society # 112 Celebrates Christmas with KJZT Members

A good turnout for the joint Christmas Party who enjoyed
delicious food and fellowship.

KJT Society # 63 - Smithville

Matching funds of $300 from the head office to the CCD
Youth of St Paul. Pictured left to right. Nancy Janecek and
Lane Hofferek and Savanna Galabeas, student and Dan
Drab and Frank Bohuslav and
Suzanne Copeland, Youth Director.

Motloch Receives 50 Year Pin

State Director Shirley Pokorney presents a 50 yr
KJT pin to August Motloch III

KJT Society #63 presenting David Wagner with the soci-
ety's charity donation from garage sales. Picture left Nancy
Janecek treas and Dan Drab v-p and Frank Bohuslav secre-
tary and KJT State Vice President, David Wagner.
KJT IN ACTION

Toy Drive in Wied Society #43

KJT Society #43, Wied hosted their society Christmas party and Deputy Santa Toy Drive Sunday, December 1, 2019, at St. Mary's Hall in Hallettsville. Sheriff Micah Harmon accepted the toys for the Deputy Santa Program from KJT Society #43, Wied members Jane Labay and Rebecca Till. Society #43, Wied would like to thank everybody who donated a toy for the toy drive. It was a huge success.

KJT youth members with some of the toys that were donated.

Three Members Receive 75-Year Pin

75 yr recipients; August Janak, Norbert Sobotik, Alois Nevlud with State Director Margaret Hanslik and Wied #43 President Matthew Motal.

Polka Mass

Sunday, February 9, 2020
10:00 a.m. Mass
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Granger

Music by:
Area Musicians & Choir Members from Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger and St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Taylor

Meal to follow at SSCM Parish Hall
Chicken Fried Pork Steak Dinner
Adult Plates $10.00

Drive thru will be available
All proceeds benefit the Church of the Visitation, Westphalia with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office

Sponsored By: KJT Society #28, Granger
**KJT IN ACTION**

**KJT Society # 132 - Pflugerville**

Breakfast with Santa in St. Elizabeth was great!!! Society 132 Pflugerville prepared the pancakes, eggs and sausage with the help of a very special visitor. SANTA! KJT outstanding pancakes are getting even better with Santa's help. Left to right Craig Romick, Society President, Santa and Mrs. Santa.

The whole team was there to provide the needed support. Left to right are George Dickinson, Barbara Kolinek, Jim Petter, Mrs. Santa, Craig Romick, Shirley Pokorney, Santa, Alice Bosquez and Paul Detzel.

**KJT Society #80**

Sealy Society #80 participated in Make a Difference Day by delivering boxes of Kleenex to the residents of Colonial Belle Nursing Home, Veranda House, and Brazos Crossing. Pictured L to R: Colonial Belle resident with KJT members Billie Jean Nichols and Barbara Hajdik. Bernice Stolarski also helped.

**KJT Society # 72 - Corpus Christi Bake Sale Success**

We had our Annual Bake Sale on November 30th and December 1st. The bake sale benefits St. Thomas More Catholic Church. This year a check will be presented to Fr. Tomasz for $1490.75. This includes the matching grant from KJT Home Office. We are so pleased with all the help from our members and parishioners. A special Thank you to Sarah and Rachel Zdansky. These teenagers baked 21 different items plus worked the bake sale both days.
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #72

Society #72 had our Quarterly meeting and Christmas party on December 1st at Moravian Hall. We had our meeting followed by door prizes, bingo and a wonderful meal. The Society gave $10 cash Christmas gift and a coloring book to all Jr. Members in attendance.

KJT Society #55

Father Stephen Nesrsta (left back) joins members of Corn Hill Society #55 for its December meeting. The society sponsored a food drive with parishioners from Holy Trinity Catholic Church donating more than 500 pounds of food and $70 for the Caring Place, which helps the needy in the Jarrell/Georgetown area. This is the eighth year the KJT has coordinated the drive.

KJT Society #141

KJT Society # 141 held its Christmas Party at George's on The Town restaurant on December 17, 2019. The installation of officers for 2020 were sworn in by Shirley Pokorney (Far Right). Officers: (Left to Right) Vice President Rick Nemec, Treasurer Dan Berto, Secretary Jeannette Nemec and President Gary Gentz.

New Member KJT Society #132

Nick and Kacey Dorrance are happy to announce the birth of their son, Gideon Frank Dorrance, born on September 12, 2019. Big brother Fletcher (4) is very excited to have a new playmate and Society # 132 is excited to welcome a new member. Grandparents are Jim and Bridget Krahula of Pflugerville, and Dan and Sue Dorrance of Round Rock.

HUNGERFORD KJT #79
BBQ CHICKEN & SAUSAGE DINNER

SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020
HUNGERFORD HALL
HUNGERFORD TEXAS

SERVING BEGINS AT 10:30
DINE IN OR
DRIVE THRU LINE
AUCTION & FREE DANCE

MUSIC BY
RED RAVENS
EVERYONE INVITED!
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HALL RENOVATIONS
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society # 134 - Round Rock

Father Dean Wilhelm, Chaplain, was presented a Christmas gift from 2019 and 2020 Officers of St. William’s KJT #134 Round Rock at Christmas Party/Meeting December 7, 2019. Pictured left to right: Tina Risinger, President; Leon Barton, Vice President; Father Dean Wilhelm, Chaplain; Janie Zbranek, Treasurer; Felix Leonardi, Secretary.

Santa visited with children at St. William’s KJT #134 Round Rock on December 7, 2019.

Leon Barton of St. William’s KJT #134 Round Rock received his 75 year KJT pin at the December 7th Christmas Party/Meeting from State President Chris Urban. Leon Barton started Society #134, 31 years ago and has served as President or Vice President all those years. Pictured with Leon (right to left) are his family James (son) & Meg (wife) Barton; Chris Urban KJT State President; Leon & Margaret (wife) Barton; Mercedes (granddaughter), Leia (great granddaughter) & Justin Lockett.

A check for the 2019 Priests Retirement Fund was presented to Chris Urban, KJT State President from St. William’s KJT #134 Round Rock at the Christmas Party/Meeting on December 7, 2019. Pictured left to right: Thomas Arellano, KJT State Director; Leon Barton, Vice President Society #134; Chris Urban, KJT State President; Tina Risinger, President Society #134; Janie Zbranek, Treasurer Society #134; and Felix Leonardi, Secretary Society #134.

KJT Scholarship Deadline

High School Seniors can apply for the KJT Scholarship by:
- downloading applications from our website, www.kjtnet.org.
- calling the home office @ 979-968-5877.
Deadline is March 1, 2020.
Eight Claim Heavy Hitter Awards in 2019

The Heavy Hitter Award is an incentive that measures the sales representative’s production based on adjusted annualized premium and the number of applications. It rewards those representatives that not only submit a lot of premium but those that also submit a fair number of applications throughout the year. The four designations are Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

We are happy to announce that eight of our agents qualified for the Bronze Level Award in 2019. Milan Dujka, Jr., Margaret Holik, Lisa Alexander, Joe Landsfeld, Robert Nors, Tanner Schlottman, Thomas Prasifka and W.K. Leonard, Jr. all qualified for this designation. A huge thank you to each one of our Bronze qualifiers as they will receive a check for $100.

Congratulations to our Heavy Hitter winners and we look forward to a successful 2020.

Margaret Holik Claims #1 in 2019

In 2019, The KJT welcomes eight repeat and two first time winners to the KJT Stars. We congratulate our 2019 award winners and look forward to honoring them at our upcoming SDOR meetings.

Margaret Holik earns the number one Star Award spot for 2019. Margaret finished the year with 7 new members, 10 issued application and 850 Star Award Tracker points. This is her third time on the KJT Stars Award board and first time to claim the #1 spot. In addition to finishing first in the Star Award standings, Margaret also qualified for multiple other incentives and contests throughout the year. She has done an excellent job representing the local Society #48, Hillje and overall the KJT. We look forward to what Margaret and Society #48 will accomplish in 2020 and beyond. Congratulations to Mrs. Holik for being the best of the best.

Earning the second place Star Award in 2019 was W.K. Leonard, Jr., Society #119 of La Marque. This is W.K.’s ninth trip to the Stars Award list. In 2019 W.K. accounted for 7 new members, 7 issued applications and 656 Star Award Tracker points. Congratulations on yet another solid year for Mr. Leonard!

In third place on our Star Awards list was Ellen Zdan-sky. Ellen is no stranger to when it comes to writing insurance. This is Ellen’s seventh year of being a Star. She accounted for 13 new members, 14 issued insurance applications 614 Star Award Tracker points. Congratulations to Ellen on another a great year!

Rounding out the Star Award winners list is fourth place, Lisa Alexander, Society #119, La Marque, first time winner; fifth place, Ted Vitek, Society #122, Austin, eight time winner; sixth place, John Kana, Society #4, Ammannsville, eleven time winner; seventh place, Tanner Schlottman, Society #135, Ennis, second time winner; eighth place, Thomas Prasifka, Society #20, Shiner, second winner; ninth place, Robert Nors, Society #31, West, FIRST TIME winner, and tenth place, Stephanie Prihoda, Society #46, La Grange, four time winner.

We are very proud of the efforts that all our Stars put forth in 2019. Without their dedication and efforts, our goals would have greatly suffered. Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to seeing which one of you will take the top honor in 2020!

Bay City KJT # 139 State Donation

In 2019, the Catholic Union of Texas and the KJT State Charities Fund were able to send a $500.00 check to the KJT State Charities Fund. The donation was sent to the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund, the Seminarian Education Fund, and Kids Unlimited. Also present were (left to right): James Engbrock, vice-president of the society; Vince Nemec, secretary-treasurer of the society; Rev. Greg Korenek, society chaplain and pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church.
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #3 - Hostyn

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a $400 donation to St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg from the Religious Education Grant they received from the KJT Home Office of $200, with a match of $200 from the Hostyn KJT. The funds will be used toward security and educational materials. This will help provide a safe environment for students, teachers and staff, as well as needed supplements for the classrooms. Hostyn Society members Dillon, Luke and Brielle Goedrich are all students at St. Rose and were included in the presentation. Their parents are Neal and Laurie Goedrich.

Back (L-R) KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, Principal Rosanne Gallia, KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus and KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus.

Front (L-R) Luke Goedrich (1st Grade), Dillon Goedrich (5th grade), and Brielle Goedrich (K5).

Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a Christmas donation to the AMEN food pantry in La Grange. This program helps provide food for the hungry in our local area and members of the Hostyn KJT also volunteer their time. Pictured in the presentation L-R: KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus, AMEN Treasurer Garry Schellberg, KJT Secretary Joyce Muras and KJT President Patrick Janda.

KJT Society #133 Donation

KJT Society #133 President, Al Janda, presents State Vice President David Wagner with the society’s donation for the three State Charities.

Bishop Cahill to Celebrate Mass in Dubina’s Historic Church

Bishop Brendan Cahill of the Diocese of Victoria will celebrate a Mass at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020, in the historic church of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Dubina, Texas on the Feast Day of the church’s patrons. The Bishop will be joined by priests affiliated with the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT) and three visiting priests from the Czech Republic. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass, and reception that will follow in the parish hall. The church is located at 3438 FM 1383, west of Weimar, Texas.

The Mass will be one of thanksgiving for the faith brought to Texas by Czech immigrants and will include the blessing of the newly founded Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT).

The mission of the CCFT is “to document, study, preserve, celebrate and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands; and to strengthen ties with Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by SS Cyril and Methodius.”

The IRS granted the Foundation Section 503(c)(3) status in 2018. Its goal is to establish an endowment to generate earnings to fund projects related to its mission. The names of all donors to the endowment and/or memberships received by CCFT prior to March 15, 2020, will be listed as founders of the CCFT.

Dubina’s church was the first of seven in Texas dedicated to these saints. The initial church was constructed in 1876-77.

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Back (L-R) KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, Principal Rosanne Gallia, KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus and KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus.

Front (L-R) Luke Goedrich (1st Grade), Dillon Goedrich (5th grade), and Brielle Goedrich (K5).

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

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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.

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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.
The Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a $400 donation to Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange from the Religious Education Grant they received from the KJT Home Office of $200, with a match of $200 from the Hostyn KJT. The funds will be used toward the purchase of materials to help tie the Virtue being taught to real-life actions, scripture readings and Saints as part of the Disciples of Christ Education in Virtue Guidance Program.

Back (L-R): KJT President Patrick Janda, KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, Sacred Heart Representative Cindy Fletcher, KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus and KJT Vice-President Benedict Kallus.

Front (L-R) Kenlie Jo Kallus (3rd grade), Kirtley Kallus (1st grade) and Krislee Kallus (Kinder). The three sisters are students of Sacred Heart School and are members of the Hostyn KJT. Their parents are Steven and Lori Ann Kallus.

Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a donation to the Fayette County Deputy Santa Program. This program enables underprivileged children across the county experience the true meaning of Christmas. Pictured in the presentation were from left, Lieutenant David Beyer, KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus, KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, KJT President Patrick Janda, Chief Deputy Randy Noviskie, Investigator Jeremy Castleberry, and Sergeant Detective Angela Lala.

Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a Christmas donation to the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department. Representing the society were officers from L-R: KJT Secretary Joyce Muras, KJT President Patrick Janda, Fire Chief Frank Menefee, and KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus.

Hostyn KJT Society #3 contributed $1000 toward the Hostyn/Plum Scholarship Fund. L-R: KJT Secretary Joyce Muras, KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus, KJT President Patrick Janda, Fr. Dan Kahlich, and Scholarship Fund Representative Doug Janda and KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam.
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #28 Makes Donation

KJT Society #28, Granger donated $500 to the Priests and Religious Retirement Fund. Accepting the donation is director Shirley Pokorney with society officers John Pavelka, Tim Pavelka and Todd Pekar.

Kaiser Signs to Play Softball

Congratulations to Sydney Kaiser of Pflugerville KJT Society #132 who has signed to play softball at Abilene Christian University next year! Sydney is the daughter of proud parents Doug and Denise Kaiser and granddaughter of August F. and Lorene Henke of Bellville, Texas.

Society #130 Makes Donation

After holding a Garage Sale in the Parish Hall and receiving a Matching Grant from the KJT Home office, KJT SOCIETY #130, Elgin presents $1000 to Father George Joseph for the Sacred Heart Building Fund. Pictured are Mary Ruiz, Treasurer and Deborah Currey, President.

KJT Society #100 Holds Christmas Party

KJT Society #100 held its Christmas party as pictured below.

To the left is Michael and Georgie Perry with their grandchildren, Luke and Cecilia on Santa’s lap and Michael is holding Elijah.
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Bruschetta
Jacqueline B. Phillips, Ennis, #35
Granddaughter of Rosie Drozd

5 Roma tomatoes, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ c. onion, minced
2 T. fresh basil, minced
2 T. olive oil
1 loaf French bread (use small diameter bread)
Olive oil for brushing

Blend tomatoes, garlic, onion, basil and oil together and marinate for 30 minutes. Brush bread with extra olive oil and toast lightly under broiler. Serve Bruschetta with bread rounds.

Stuffed Jalepenos
Robert Nors, West, #31
Honorary State Director

6 to 8 Jalapeño peppers, halved
Salt & pepper, to taste
Chicken breast, cut in strips
Garlic powder, optional
Bacon slices, halved
Fajita Seasoning, optional
3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
Barbecue sauce, optional
Olive Oil

Slice jalapeños peppers in half the long way. Remove seeds and membrane and wash thoroughly. Cut chicken breast into strips. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and fajita seasoning, (or your favorite seasonings). Lightly coat meat and peppers with olive oil. Place about a teaspoon of cream cheese in the bottom of each pepper. Add seasoned chicken meat and wrap with bacon slice. Secure the bacon with a toothpick. Grill on barbecue pit. While grilling, coat with Jack Daniel's BBQ sauce or sauce of your choice.

Black Bottom Pecan Cheesecake
Gloria Buxkemper
East Bernard, #40

½ (15oz) pkg refrigerated pie crusts
1 c. semisweet chocolate morsels
3 T. whipping cream
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
4 lg. eggs
¾ cup sugar, divided
2 tsp. vanilla, divided
¾ tsp. salt
1 c. light corn syrup
3 T. butter or margarine, melted
1 ½ c. pecan halves
Chocolate syrup, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. Unroll piecrust; fit into a 9” pie plate according to package directions. Fold edges under and crimp. Microwave chocolate morsels and whipping cream in a small glass bowl at medium (50%) power for 1 to 1 ½ minutes or until morsels begin to melt. Whisk until smooth. Set aside. Beat cream cheese, 1 egg, ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and salt at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Pour chocolate mixture into piecrust, spreading evenly. Pour cream cheese mixture over chocolate layer. Whisk together corn syrup, melted butter, 3 eggs, ¼ c. sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in pecans. Pour over cream cheese layer. Bake at 350° for 55 minutes or until set, shielding pie edge after about 45 minutes to prevent excessive browning of crust. Cool completely on a wire rack. Drizzle each slice with chocolate syrup if desired.
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KJT Society #31, West
Georgie Nors, Reporter

West Society #31 members met on November 10, 2019, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Kolaches and coffee were provided for the members. Afterward a meeting was held.

President Michael Kraemer called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Kidwell read the minutes of the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read.

Louis Pavlas and Cathy Kraemer won the attendance prizes.

Robert Nors gave his treasurer’s report.

Sherry Pavlas reported that she sent Get Well cards to Allen Kubacek and Mark Veselka. There were no officer’s reports.

President Kraemer read a Thank You letter from State President Chris Urban for the Society’s check for $1200 to the Priest/Clergy Retirement Fund.

Under old business was the upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th. President Kraemer stated that this year a Pork Loin meal with sausage, sauerkraut and potatoes will be made and served. President Kraemer asked the members to bring either a Salad or Dessert. The meeting disrupted by a fire alarm so the meeting had to be adjourned.

KJT Society #112, Austin
Sarah Vitek, Reporter

The meeting of St. Stephen’s KJT #112 was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at Ted and Sarah Vitek’s House. President Michael Hyzak opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary and treasurer’s reports were presented. VP Annie Hyzak sent sympathy cards to the families of Howard Teichelman, Jr. and James Friesenhahn. Also Glenn Vitek had leg surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Honorary State Director Ted Vitek presented a new member into our society. She is Charleigh Rose Zurovetz, daughter of Patrick Zurovetz and Sereanna Kutac and granddaughter of Rodney and Susan Zurovetz. We welcome Charleigh into Society #112. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents.

A recap was made on the joint KJT/KJZT Christmas party. Thanks to all who participated and brought dishes to share.

President Michael Hyzak introduced State Director Shirley Polkorney, who presented a 50-year pin to August Motloch III. Henry Motloch recently received his 75-year pin. Congratulations to both of you.

Kenneth Klanka gave an update on the Annual Statewide Charity Fundraiser. The raffle winners were: $250 Visa Gift Card –Barbara Friesenhahn, $150 Visa Gift Card – Barbara Friesenhahn, $100 Walmart Gift Card – Darlene Vitek, $50 Target Gift Card – Hunter Motloch, and $50 HEB Gift Card – Kathy Watkins. Congratulations to all and thanks to your generosity the society is able to make a substantial donation to this very worthwhile cause.

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Chaplain Rev. Matt Jwaji retired, so the society will be looking for another Chaplain. Thank everyone for a job well done in the past and for stepping up to serve the membership.

Members voted on the meeting dates for the coming year. The dates were changed from the second Thursday of the month to the second Tuesday. They will be February 11, May 12, September 8 and December 8. The February, May and September meetings will be at Pok-E-Jo’s on Parmer Lane, the December meeting will be at a place TBD.

The next society meeting will be on FEBRUARY 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Pok-e-Joe’s Bar-b-q Smokehouse, 2121 Parmer Ln., Austin. Come early and make your menu selection.

The annual hamburger cookout was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

The winner of the society drawing was Kenneth Klanka and a picture of art painted by a rancher from Down Home Ranch was won by Sarah Vitek.

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Meeting Minutes

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KJT Society #139 Gets Religious Education Grant

KJT Society #139 in Bay City applied for a religious education grant for Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City. The grant was approved for $500.00. Shown is Society President, Larry Browning, presenting the check to Ms. Angela Kupcho, principal of Holy Cross School, at the December 2019 society meeting. Also, at the presentation was (left to right) Rev. Greg Korenek, chaplain of Society #139; Vincent Nemec, secretary/treasurer; James Engbrock, vice-president; and Cynthia Nemec, sales representative and state director. The grant money will be used for the purchase of textbooks, classroom supplies, and computers.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 9, 2020
KJT #28 Pork Steak Dinner
Benefiting Westphalia Church
Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m.,
Pork Steak Dinner with Trimmings at 11:00 a.m.,
Drive-thru available to benefit the Westphalia Church of the Visitation

Sun., Feb. 9, 2020
St. Joseph Society, KJT #31
West, Texas
Meeting after 8:00 a.m.
Mass with coffee and kolaches

Tues., Feb. 11, 2020
Austin Soc. #112
Regular Meeting at Pok-e-jo’s
2121 Parmer Lane at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 14, 2020
Bishop Cahill to celebrate Mass in Dubina
Mass at 2 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Cahill. Contact: Marvin J. Marek, Sr. (281) 728-6301, mjmaarek37@gmail.com

Sat. Feb. 15, 2020
KJT District 7 Meeting
Social at 10:00 a.m. following Mass at St. Mary’s Church in Nada, Texas

Fri., Feb. 28, 2020
St. Joseph Society, KJT #31
First Friday of Lent
Fried Fish Dinner to Benefit the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund at the St. Mary’s Parish Center

Sun. Mar. 8, 2020
St. Joseph Society, KJT #31
Breakfast served and Meeting after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Austin Soc. #112
Jr. Hamburger Cookout
Sacred Heart Cafeteria
5909 Reicher Dr.
6:00 p.m.

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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!

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