MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer Happenings

Congratulations Graduates!

I would like to congratulate all of you graduating college and high school seniors that have reached another milestone in your lives. Photos of the KJT State Scholarship recipients can be found on pages 4-6. Nearly $25,000 was awarded and I am happy to say that all high school graduates who applied received a scholarship! Have a great summer and good luck in your future endeavors whether you are entering the workforce or continuing your education!

Golf Tournaments – North and South

We are excited to bring our golf tournaments back this year now that Covid is calming down somewhat. The plans for both are as follows:

KJT North Texas Golf Tournament – Saturday, September 25, 2021
Country View Golf Club
240 Belt Line Road
Lancaster, Texas 75146
Shot Gun start at 8am with awards and meal to follow at the KJT Auditorium in Ennis, Texas

KJT Central Texas Golf Tournament - Saturday, October 3, 2021
Flatonia Golf Course
1245 US-90
Flatonia, Texas 78941
Shot Gun start at 8:30am with awards to follow directly after. Meal will be available during the tournaments.

February 15, 2021

Father Janak was born March 22, 1962 in El Campo, Texas. He graduated from Palacios High School in 1980 and attended Whar-

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Scripture of the Month

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”
Psalm 104:30
MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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

“On the faithful, who adore and confess you, evermore in your sevenfold gift descend; give them virtue’s sure reward; give them your salvation, Lord; give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia!” (Pentecost Sunday Sequence)

May 23 is Pentecost Sunday, the end of the liturgical Easter season and the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cut them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

Society #92 Membership Drive

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Make sure to place these dates on your calendars... we hope to see a big turnout! Proceeds from the tournaments will once again be donated to Kids Unlimited.

2021 KJT State Family Day

We invite everyone to join us for KJT State Family Day on July 18, 2021 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Plum, Tx. Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the church, with lunch served shortly thereafter. We have a fun day planned for everyone! Entertainment for the day is still up in the air, but we will have attendance prizes throughout the day once again as always. Family Day coincides with the beginning of our KJT Youth Camp so plan to join us for Family Day first and then take your camper out to the campsite at the conclusion of Family Day.

KJT Youth and Teen Camps

We are doing our best to hold our Youth and Teen Camps this year. Due to Covid, we are limited on the number of campers we can take. This situation will remain fluid over the next couple of months so be on the lookout for additional information on our website, www.kjtnet.org.

Youth Camp is currently scheduled from July 22 – July 25. If we do not have enough campers for either camp, we may potentially combine the camps so that we can proceed with a fun experience for those kids who want to come to camp.

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.

I wish all of you a safe and happy summer! Enjoy your vacations and safe travels to you all! Stay cool!
Father Janak’s Information

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ton Junior College and the University of Texas, Austin (1980-1982) and received a Bachelor of Arts in history from The College of Santa Fe in New Mexico (1982-1983). He received a Master of Divinity from Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas (1983-1988) and a Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL) from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (1993-1995). He received a Master of Education in counseling from University of Houston-Victoria in Victoria, Texas (1995-1997) and is a Licensed Professional Counselor for the State of Texas (2000 to present). He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Victoria on May 14, 1988.

Assignments after ordination include: parochial vicar at Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, Texas (1988-1990); priest in residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Victoria, Texas {1990-1994}; pastor at St. Joseph Church, Yoakum, Texas (1994-2003); pastor at St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo, Texas (2003-2013); and parochial administrator, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Nada, Texas, and St. John Nepomucene Church, New Taiton, Texas (2005-2006). Father Janak has also served as chancellor for the Diocese of Victoria since 2012, and as rector of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory since 2013.

From April to June 2015, he served as diocesan administrator, and since 2015 has been vicar general for the Diocese of Victoria.

Other assignments include: defender of the bond for the appellate court of the dioceses of Texas (1993); director of the diocesan permanent diaconate program (1990-1995); vocations director and director of seminarians (1990-1996). From 2004 to 2016, he served as diocesan co-coordinator of pastoral care and outreach, and vicar forane of the El Campo deanery from 2007 to 2013.

Bishop-elect Janak’s ministry also includes serving as a judge and advocate for the marriage tribunal of the Diocese of Victoria since 1988; membership on the Diocesan Review Board since 2002; the diocesan College of Consultants, the Presbyteral Council, and the Priest Personnel Board since 2007; and the Diocesan Finance Board since 2012. He is fluent in both English and Spanish.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is comprised of 23,180 square miles in the state of Texas and has a total population of 3,038,857 of which 1,216,499 are Catholic. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS is the current archbishop of San Antonio. Article and photo used with permission of the Diocese of Victoria.

### 50-Year Membership

| Society #3, Hostyn | Society #27, Taylor | Society #79, Hungerford |
| Eric R. Fallen | Richard G. Malish | Philip J. Hundl |
| Bryan J. Janda | Society #34, Nada | Society #100, Caldwell |
| Maurice G. Janda | Timothy F. Kubecka | Michael W. Rychlik |
| Society #4, Ammannsville | Larry G. Eggemeyer | Society #102, San Antonio |
| Jeffrey S. Mensik | Mark A. Eggemeyer | Thomas C. Stehling |
| Society #13, Yoakum | Joseph D. Valek | Society #103, Baytown |
| Frank D. Stefka | Timothy R. Valek | Jon T Heintschel |
| Society #19, Cameron | Society #46, La Grange | Society #120, Beaumont |
| Richard L. Krenek | Daniel J. Geistmann | John L. Walla, Jr. |
| Society #23, Plum | Society #60, Tours | Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch |
| Charles J. Srubar | Chad A. Podsednik | John F. Gebauer |

### 25-Year Membership

| Society #3, Hostyn | Society #42, Holman | Society #84, El Campo |
| Marian Lillian Chamrad | Doris Marie Cernosek | Daniel Lee Kocurek |
| Joanne Cook | Travis Eugene Ulrich | Society #87, Jourdanton |
| Tiffany Ann Gordon | | Alec James Jasik |
| Andrew James Hoffmann | Society #43, Wied | Society #90, Rosenberg |
| Anthony Mark Hoffmann | Sheila Ann Jansky | Andrew Daniel Lev |
| | Glenda Z Trlicek | Society #111, Dallas |
| Society #6, Dubina | Dodge Jacob Bludau | Kimberly Denise Carpenter |
| Andrew Jacob Syrinek | Dylan Steven Hoke | Melissa Paige Stepczyk |
| Jason Bryant Syrinek | Society #48, Hillje | Society #115, Victoria |
| Justin Daniel Syrinek | Annette Jhleen Marek | Donna Jean Vanek |
| Lauren Elizabeth Syrinek | | Society #117, Waco |
| Society #12, Frenstat | Society #50, Penelope | Jonathan Patrick Mesta |
| Joann Delores Schrader | Marilyn E. Kingrey | Society #131, Manor |
| Society #16, Wallis | Society #56, Houston | Christopher T. Galindo |
| Seven Frank Hlozek | Bonnie Jean Peters | Society #139, Bay City |
| | Christian Allen Roeder | Jacob Matthew Veselka |
| Society #34, Nada | Society #59, Seymour | Society #141, Georgetown |
| Gary Wayne Supak | Kiona Rae Blunt | Lillian M. Naizer |
| Society #35, Ennis | Society #71, Canado | |
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Addison Belicek
Addison is a member of KJT Society #13 in Yoakum, she graduated from Hallettsville High School and will attend University of Dallas. Her parents are Nicloe & Donnie Belicek.

Kaimbry Deen
Kaimbry is a member of KJT Society #129 in Schulenburg, she graduated from La Grange High School and will attend Sam Houston State University. Her parents are Rebecca Deen and David Deen.

Grace Dorantes
Grace is a member of KJT Society #112 in Austin, she graduated from Cedar Creek High School and will attend Texas A & M University, College Station. Her parents are Tessy & Martin Dorantes.

Cameron Eschenburg
Cameron is a member of KJT Society #29 in Frydek, he graduated from Sealy High School and will attend Texas A & M University, College Station. His parents are Laura & Justin Eschenburg.

Carl Friesenhahn
Carl is a member of KJT Society #112 in Austin, he graduated from Liberal Arts & Science Academy and will attend Baylor University. His parents are Barbara & Leonard Friesenhahn.

Ted Machacek
Ted is a member of KJT Society #20 in Shiner, He graduated from Shiner Catholic School and will attend Texas A & M University. His parents are Jennifer & Russell Machacek.

Holly Nash
Holly is a member of KJT Society #35 in Ennis, she graduated from Ennis High School and will attend Hardin-Simmons University. Her parents are Cindy Skrivanek & Paul Nash.

Olivia Netardus
Olivia is a member of KJT Society #13 in Yoakum, she graduated from Cuero High School and will attend Blinn College, College Station. Her parents are Jennifer & Anthony Netardus.
Blaine Orsak

Blaine is a member of KJT Society #59 in Seymour, he graduated from Seymour High School and will attend Tarleton State University. His parents are Tracy & Tim Orsak.

Clayton Pavlicek

Clayton is a member of KJT Society #92 in Damon, he graduated from Needville High School and will attend Brazosport College or Wharton County Jr. College. His parents are Susan & Daniel Pavlicek.

Mallorie Roman

Mallorie is a member of KJT Society #27 in Taylor, she graduated from Diboll High School and will attend Stephen F. Austin State University. Her parents are Deandra & Hector Roman.

Jared Shimek

Jared is a member of KJT Society #43 in Wied, he graduated from Shiner High School and will attend University of Texas, Austin. His parents are Vanessa & Gregory Shimek.

William Peter Skrivanek

William is a member of KJT Society #35 in Ennis, he graduated from St. John Paul II Catholic High School and will attend Texas A & M University, College Station. His parents are Jacqueline & William Dwayne Skrivanek.

Mia Solorzano

Mia is a member of KJT Society #46 in La Grange, she graduated from La Grange High School and will attend Texas State University. Her parents are Leticia & Joel Solorzano.

Michala Sulak

Michala is a member of KJT Society #48 in Hillje, she graduated from Louise High School and will attend Victoria College. Her parents are Terri & Michael Sulak.

Myles Svatek

Myles is a member of KJT Society #48 in Hillje, he graduated from St. Joseph High School and will attend Texas A & M University, Kingsville. His parents are Tria & Kris Svatek.
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jencie Tomasek
Jencie is a member of KJT Society #134 in Round Rock, she graduated from Holy Trinity Catholic High School and will attend University of North Texas or Baylor University. Her parents are Mary Ann & Anthony Tomasek.

Kade Townsend
Kade is a member of KJT Society #48 in Hillje, He graduated from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and will attend Southwestern University Georgetown, Texas. His parents are Michelle & Steven Townsend.

Landon Urban
Landon is a member of KJT Society #9 in Fayetteville, he graduated from Fayetteville High School and will attend Tarleton State University. His parents are Stacia & Ted Urban.

Joseph Valenta
Joseph is a member of KJT Society #55 in Corn Hill, he graduated from Georgetown High School and will attend Texas A & M University, College Station. His parents are Kathleen & John Valenta.

Christian Wagner
Christian is a member of KJT Society #13 in Yoakum, he graduated from Shiner High School and will attend Blinn College then Texas A & M University. His parents are Mary Beth & Shane Wagner.

Rachel Zdansky
Rachel is a member of KJT Society #72 in Corpus Christi, she graduated from Seven Lakes High School and will attend University of Houston. Her parents are Danette D. Zdansky.

Sarah Zdansky
Sarah is a member of KJT Society #72 in Corpus Christi, she graduated from Seven Lakes High School and will attend Texas Tech University. Her parents are Danette D. Zdansky.

Ava Zhanel
Ava is a member of KJT Society #35 in Ennis, she graduated from Ennis High School and will attend Texas A & M University. Her parents are Lisa & David Zhanel.
# IN MEMORIAM

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## IN MEMORIAM

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

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi Reminders

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi will have a Zoom meeting on June 16th at 7pm. Members who would like to join us please send your email address to beverlynokry@yahoo.com. We will get the information on the meeting to you a few days before the meeting.

The society is collecting can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please save them and bring to the meeting.

Then September 12th at 2pm at Moravian Hall will be our first in person meeting since the pandemic started. We looking forward to seeing you there. Please come and enjoy the meeting, door prizes and lunch.

The December 5th meeting will be at 2pm. Come and enjoy the Christmas party, meeting, visiting, and lunch.

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Save The Date

North Texas Golf Tournament
September 25, 2021.

Country View Golf Club
240 Belt Line Road
Lancaster, Texas 75146

Shot Gun start at 8am

More information coming soon!

KJT Society #112 Participates in Annual CROP WALK

KJT Society #112 participated in the annual CROP WALK in Austin that was held in March. The Society was once again a sponsor. Even though the walk was virtual and members could walk in their own area, our members were willing to participate to help in this worthwhile cause.

This is a community-led fundraising event to end hunger. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support while raising funds to end hunger in your own community AND also around the world. It’s a way to show global solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water.

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75-Year Membership
April & May 2021

| Society #46, La Grange Elo J. Goerig |
| Society #81, Poth George L. Kowalki |
| Society #55, Corn Hill Richard J. Sladecek |
| Society #87, Jourdanton Stepan J. Jaksik |
| Society #68, Weimar William A. Kuchar, Jr. |
| Society #112, Austin Kenneth J. Bartosh |

123rd ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum
Sunday, June 27th, 2021

Dinner 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Sausage and Fried Chicken
Drive Thru Line 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Hamburgers Served 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Auction at 1:30 P.M.
Bingo at 2:00 P.M.
in the Dinning Hall

Music During the Day by Ken Brothers

Cake Walk · Children’s Games · Country Store · Ring Toss
Refreshments · Fish Pond · Raffle

7 Miles West of La Grange Off Highway 71 · 126 Plum Church Road, Plum Texas
www.HostynPlumCatholic.org
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #100 Recognition Award

St. Benedict KJT Society 100 (Caldwell) Officers display their 2019 Society Recognition Level III Award at their April 10, 2021 meeting held in the St. Mary’s PAC (l-r) Anthony Motloch, Vice President; Louemma Polansky, Secretary/Treasurer and Joe Rychlik, President.

Society #79 Holds Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hungerford Society #79 held its annual children’s Easter Egg hunt Easter Sunday. The society has been hosting the event for the past 27 years, with the exception of last year due to the pandemic. Pictured are Jaxton and Zera Ivy, son and daughter of Ashley and Taylor Ivy, society #79’s president.

Society #132 Awards Scholarships

St. Elizabeth Society #132 in Pflugerville is extremely proud of members Sydney Kaiser and Diego Gutierrez. The two latest Agnes Pokorney Memorial Scholarship winners have not let this crazy year slow their plans for a college degree in the slightest as they approach the successful completion of their first full year of hard work toward achieving their goals.

Sydney is excelling at engineering courses while playing college softball as an Abilene Christian College Wildcat. No doubt she is assured of achieving her dreams as she has already tackled and aced sophomore Calculus 3 during her very first semester while carrying a 16 hour load of other advanced math and sciences as well! She balances school and sports with devotion to her faith by serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Sydney is the daughter of Doug and Denise Kaiser.

During this time when most institutions have gravitated toward online instruction anyway, cutting short the traditional on-campus activity that most freshmen look forward to experiencing, Diego made the wise decision to stay local for his basic coursework. He is attending Austin Community College and planning to transfer to Texas Tech later to continue his pursuit of a degree in education. This future teacher is the son of Cecelia Gutierrez and the grandson of Juan and Alice Bosquez.

It is truly an honor for our KJT Society 132 to be able to share a small part in facilitating these two goal-driven individuals along the path to realizing their dreams.
KJT Home office awarded $500 Covid Relief Grants to qualifying societies. The grants will assist with hardships the virus has inflicted on the parishes.

Ammannsville KJT Society #4 officers present Fr Tim Kosler with Covid grant for St John the Baptist Parish in Ammannsville. Left to right, Treasurer Michael Bartosh, President John Kana, Fr. Tim Kosler, Secretary Kevin Kana, and Vice-President Frankie Osina.

Hungerford KJT Society #79 President Taylor Ivy presents check to Fr. Charles Dwomoh, pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Hungerford. The funds will be used for the church's fire restoration.

KJT Society #114, Temple officers presented Covid Grant Check to Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld of Saint Mary Catholic Parish in Temple. (left to right) Treasurer Estelle Simonton, Vice President Edwin Vasicek, President Eugene Pavlat, Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld with his faithful companion, Trinity and Secretary James Hosch.

KJT Society #122 President James Mikes presents Covid Grant check to Society Chaplain Fr. Jim Lyons of St. Jerome Church, Clute, Texas.
KJT COVID GRANT PRESENTATIONS

KJT Society #121 Treasurer Eleanor Sedlar (left) & President Patrick Nevlud (right) present a Covid grant to Rev Msgr. Dan Scheel (center) of St. Jerome Catholic Community, Houston.

Frenstat, Society #12 officers presented the Covid Grant Check to Father Melvin Dornak of Holy Rosary, Frenstat. (l-r) Vice President Lawrence Vavra, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Gaas, Fr. Martin and President Franklin Karasek.

Schulenburg KJT Society #129 presented $250.00 checks to both St. Rose of Lima Church in Schulenburg and St. Mary’s Church in High Hill. Receiving the checks are Fr. Tim Kosler, pastor for both parishes (left), presenter is Mr. James Prihoda, Society #129 Chaplain (right).
KJT COVID GRANT PRESENTATIONS

St. Benedict KJT Society 100 (Caldwell) Officers present the Covid Grant check to Father Melvin Dornak, St. Mary’s Church, (l-r) president Joe Rychlik, Fr. Melvin Dornak, Secretary/Treasurer Louemma Polansky and Vice President Anthony Motloch.

KJT Society #80, Sealy Treasurer Steven Kutra and Secretary Bernice Stolarski present Covid Grant check to Father Jonathan More’ of Immaculate Conception Church.

Society #112 Austin Reporter Sarah Vitek presents the check to Elizabeth Carrillo, the Administrator of Sacred Heart Church

KJT Society #92 Secretary Eileen Medwedeff presents Covid Grant Check to Father Marty Pham, Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Damon.
MEETING MINUTES

KJT Society #3 Hostyn
Dianna Kallus – Reporter

The Hostyn KJT Society #3, Sts. Cyril, Methodius, and George, met on Sunday, March 21, 2021 in the church narthex after 8 a.m. Mass.

President Shannon Fietsam opened the meeting and Vice-President Benedict Kallus led the opening prayer. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call of officers was called as all were present. There were twenty-three members attending with one guest, Laura Wavra. State KJT Vice-President David Wagner, also attended the meeting and presented membership pins. Secretary Joyce Muras read the minutes from the November 2020 meeting and they were approved as read. She then read correspondence received from the last meeting. Thank you notes were received from the Sheriff’s Office for our donation to the Deputy Santa Program and also from the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department for our donation. Treasurer Brenda Fietsam gave her report and it was accepted as read.

Under old business - the annual audit was held on January 14, 2021. The financial books were audited by Patsy Janda, Monica Muras, and Ivan Muras. Ivan reported at the March meeting that the books were in good standing.

The Annual Fraternal Reports were filled out and delivered to the Home Office on January 26, 2021.

Under new business – The 2021 Fundraiser drive-thru is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at the La Grange KC Hall. A meal of barbecue pork steaks, buttered noodles, vegetable blend, peach half, and a roll will be served, so put that date on your calendar.

Join Hands Day is scheduled for May 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Fertilizing, planting new plants and roses, and also trimming any frozen plants. Help is needed. Bring your gloves.

A discussion was held about possible ways we may participate in Project J. State Vice-President Wagner gave several ways a project could qualify. Members will consider this project and it will be brought up again at the May meeting.

Announcements - State Vice-President David Wagner presented 25-year pins to Chase Fietsam and Brittany Fietsam along with their grandpa, Vice-President Benedict Kallus who received his 75-year membership pin. Congratulations Benedict. Several other Hostyn members will be receiving their 25-year pins this year. They are Margaret Hoffmann, Marian Chamrad, JoAnne Cook, Tiffany Gordan, Andrew Hoffmann, Anthony Hoffmann, Brain Berger, Lauryn Berger, Andrew Berger, Elizabeth Berger, and Joshua Berger. Also 50-year pins will be awarded to Eric Faldyn, Bryan Janda, Maurice Janda, Christopher Kana, and Steven Kallus. Congratulations to all of them.

State Vice-President Wagner told the members that KJT is doing very well financially and had a good year in 2020. They are always seeking new members. Brenda Fietsam was the top seller last year. If you need information on KJT insurance call Brenda at (979) 702-0251.

The 2021 Society #3 Hostyn meeting dates are March 21, May 16, August 8 and November 14. The meeting is always held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Hostyn.

President Shannon Fietsam thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and she treated everyone with coffee and muffins. Meeting was adjourned.

State Vice-President David Wagner led the closing prayer.

Door prizes were won by Richard Hoffmann, Chase Fietsam, Shirley Macik, and Steven Kallus.

KJT Society #130, Elgin
Olga Colmenero, Secretary

Attending the meeting were Deborah Currey, Brenda Pina, Pat and Billy Martin and Olga Colmenero.

Deborah opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags. Olga read the minutes of the previous meeting of January 25. Brenda made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Deborah seconded and the motion passed.

Brenda and Deborah went to the First National Bank together to officially add Brenda as an authorized signer on our bank account.

Deborah mentioned that our previous treasurer, Mary Ruiz, will now serve as our Chaplain.

Brenda gave the Treasurer’s report. Our balance has not changed since January. Brenda will write a check to each officer for their service during 2020. She will also write the $250 Religious Education grant to Sacred Heart RE and give the check to DRE Nancy Luna.

Brenda will also write a check for a Perpetual Memorial in the name of Natividad Ruiz, our beloved deceased member in the amount of $25. A book of stamps will be purchased for both Brenda and Olga for KJT mailings.

Deborah purchased 52 prayerbooks for the Confirmation students and she asked to be reimbursed $137.91. Brenda motioned to accept Deborah’s request and Pat seconded. The motion passed.

Deborah received correspondence from the home office awarding our society Level I for year 2020 with the appropriate plaque recognition. Deborah also received a letter of congratulations for her sales last year.

Regarding Confirmation, Brenda says she and Mary Catherine will most likely be able to make red bows for each students’ chair at the ceremony.

We are planning our Fitness Fundraiser with hot sausage wraps to be given out when a participant walks or runs the lap around the park. We will have a food table and a table for sign up and a box for donations to the new church. This is a Matching Grant event and KJT will match $500 is we make $500 or $1000 if we make $1000 because of the previous Matching Grant for Level I in 2019. The event will be at the Elgin Memorial Park from 9-11 am on Saturday, April 17. We will solicit help from other Sacred Heart organization to participate and donate.

The Crowning of Mary will be May 1 and May 2. We plan to sponsor this event at all weekend Masses.

Pat motioned to close the meeting. Brenda seconded and the motion passed.

Olga Colmenero, Secretary
MEETING MINUTES

Due to the Covid 19 Virus Pandemic, West Society #31 KJT cancelled all their meeting after the March 8, 2020 meeting.

But, thanks to the vaccines, this year of 2021 is looking up. The society had scheduled their annual Fish Fry Fundraiser as usual on the first Friday of Lent, February 19th. But that turned out to be an Icy Cold week, so the fundraiser was rescheduled for Friday, March 5th. This was a drive-thru to-go plates sold only. Due to the Covid and cold weather, it was a very tough year to get the supplies for the dinner. It took more phone calls and trips to secure the supplies due to the available stock of supplies. Also, it was hard to predict the number of to-go plates to be sold. But it all turned out to be very successful. Our biggest regret is that a number of customers had to be turned down, when we ran out of food. We sincerely apologize to them. But we did sell over 260 plates. The Officers and members who helped fill the to-go plates all agreed that this is the way to go for next year. There is no clean-up in the dining area and also not much in the kitchen area. The talk was to add another box of fish and add more other food supplies. There will be more discussion on this as the time nears. Hopefully, we can have it on the first Friday of Lent, next year.

West Society #31 has always scheduled their monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month. On April 11, 2021, a meeting was finally held at the Parish Center, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

President Michael Kraemer opened the meeting and led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Kidwell read the minutes of the March 8, 2020 meeting. Mike Kidwell made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Sherry Pavlas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next, was the drawing for the Attendance Prizes. Mike Kidwell and Cathy Kraemer were the winners.

Robert Nors was asked the give the Treasurers report. He reported on all the correspondence. He has no questions about KJT. President Hajdik welcomed Father Jonathan More’ to our meeting and asked if he would like to say a few words. Since Father Johathan is fairly new to the parish, he spoke about his family and upbringing, what seminary he attended, and that he was sent to Rome to complete his education to become a priest.

Sealy Society #80 Member Appreciation Day

Twenty-six members gathered at the Sealy Columbus Club Hall to participate in Society #80’s Member Appreciation Day, which began at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Soft drinks, water, and snacks were available for their enjoyment. Around 2 p.m. a short meeting was held beginning with a prayer and Pledge Allegiance to the American flag. Ralph Stolarski made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer’s report. President Barbara Hajdik then asked Mark Stolarski to present the revised By-Laws. He had made copies for everyone to review. Fred Patkar made the motion to approve the By-Laws, with a second by Ralph Stolarski. The revised By-Laws were approved without any changes. President Hajdik then asked if any of the sales representatives had any comments. There were none. State director Mike Reznicek thanked us for inviting him and said he was available in case anyone had any questions about KJT.

President Hajdik reported on some of the changes. President Hajdik reported that the KJT District Family Day will be held in Ennis on April 25th. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and games will be held from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be served during the event. Robert Nors stated he will get the information into the West News.

The June Swim party and next meeting is scheduled for June 13th. Sandy Kidwell stated she will inquire about having it again at the Best Western Czech Inn.

There were no new members, but have some prospects. The next meeting will be held on June 13th at the Czech Inn or at the Parish Center after the Mass. Due to Mother’s Day, no meeting is held in May.

Sandy Kidwell made a motion to adjourn, Mike Kidwell seconded. Motion carried. Robert Nors led the Closing Prayer.

Sherry Pavlas reported on the correspondence from last year:

She sent: Thank you card to the KJZT and the Boy Scouts for their help with last year’s fish dinner fundraiser.

Congratulations to Royce & Heather Gross on their wedding.

Sympathy cards to the families of: Charlie Hajek, T. W. Snokhaus, Ernest Bezdex, and David Urbanovsky.

Get well cards to: Henrieta Charanza, Eugene Kraemer, Bob and Georgie Nors, Joyce Nors, and Don Urbanovsky.

For early 2021:

Sympathy cards to the families of Richard Kocian, Dorothy Sykora, Carol My narzick, and Harley Newt Smith.

Get Well cards: to Don Urbanovsky, Lillian Urbanovsky, & Eugene Kraemer.

Christmas and Birthday card to Lois Kallus

Retirement card to Ervin Laubert.

Reporter,

Georgie Nors

Since there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Father Jonathan. Members then began playing bingo and dominoes. Our society would like to thank everyone who participated in the silent auction. A catered meal was served at 5 p.m.
KJT IN ACTION

Texas-Czech Wedding Apparel and Traditions Exhibit

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) is pleased to open a beautiful new display, Texas-Czech Wedding Apparel and Traditions, of wedding dresses, associated apparel, and information on early wedding traditions in the main Museum.

The exhibit includes ten dresses that have been donated by our members and are from weddings that occurred from 1883 to 1946. Although many things have changed in the modern era, many wedding ceremonies and their traditions have endured. Take a walk back in time and view these fragile mementos and leave with an understanding of Czech culture and traditions that are still alive today. The exhibit opened March 16 and will close November 15, 2021. TCHCC is located just north of La Grange on US Hwy 77 adjacent to the Fayette County Fairgrounds. The hours are Tuesday – Friday, 10A-4P, and Saturday, 10A-3P. For more information, call 888-785-4500 or visit the website, www.czechtexas.org.

James Holub Receives 75 Year Pin

Fayetteville KJT Society #9 member, James Holub (center), received his 75 year membership from KJT State Vice President, David Wagner (left) and KJT State President, Chris Urban (right).

KJT Society #3 Awards 25 Year Pins to Siblings

Hostyn KJT Society #3 awarded membership pins at their March Meeting. KJT State Vice President David Wagner awarded 25-year pins to siblings, Chase Fietsam and Brittany Fietsam along with a 75-year pin to their grandfather, Benedict Kallus. Pictured from L to R: Chase Fietsam, Benedict Kallus, State Vice President Wagner and Brittany Fietsam.

Bake Sale

Society #121
Katy-Spring Branch
August 21 & 22, 2021
St. Jerome Catholic Church

Members are asked to bake and are give a cash donation, funds will be donated to a charity and for the Retirement Fund for Religious.
30th Czech Kolache Klobase Festival to be Held June 12 in East Bernard

This is the 30th year for the Czech Kolache Klobase Festival scheduled for Sat., June 12, 2021 at Riverside Hall in East Bernard, located about 45 miles southwest of Houston on Hwy. 90-A. This event brings people together to enjoy good music, good food, and to celebrate ethnic heritage and culture. Beginning at 10:30 am and continuing nonstop until 8 pm, this year’s festival again features a first-rate line-up of entertainers – Ennis Czech Boys, Czech & Then Some, Dujka Brothers, Red Ravens, Al Sulak & Country Sounds, and Blue Denim. The three-band concert at 4:30 pm inside the hall will feature Czech & Then Some, Dujka Brothers, and Red Ravens. Dancers are also on the program this year – students from A Time to Dance Studio under the direction and choreography of Morgan Fritz will perform in the pavilion at 3:30 pm.

Festival admission is $8 per person - children 12 and under are admitted free. The admission fee covers all entertainment and music provided by bands and entertainers in the hall and outdoor pavilion. Parking is free and there are plenty of handicapped parking spaces. Massive water fans will cool the pavilion to provide a more comfortable setting for dancers and spectators. Arts and crafts booths will be located both inside and outside the hall. Crafts and goods of every kind will be available for sale. This is a good opportunity to shop for all types of hand-crafted items, jewelry, and clothing. Win something sweet in the cake walk, buy raffle tickets to win great prizes including beautiful handmade quilts. Show your love for kolaches in the Kolache Eating Contest sponsored by the KJT State Office scheduled for 12:30 pm in the pavilion.

A plate lunch will be available for purchase featuring sausage, barbecue chicken, sauerkraut and other trimmings. The sausage and chicken will be prepared on site the morning of the festival by society members assuring a fresh-cooked meal. Serving begins at 11 am. Drive-thru plates-to-go will be available from 11 am-1 pm. Of course, there will be hundreds of kolaches for sale throughout the day. Hamburgers and sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase in the afternoon.

The Festival Committee welcomes and encourages the wearing of Czech costumes to add a festive atmosphere and to further promote the preservation and celebration of ethnic heritage. The P.O.L.K. of A. are also urged to attend in their “red and whites” and to join in the spirit of fun and appreciation of the happy sounds of polka and waltz music. A moving flag tribute is scheduled at 3 pm and will recognize attending armed services veterans. This will be followed by a grand march featuring the Czech and festive costumes on parade.

For information about game or arts and crafts booths, call 979-531-9747 or srdujka@gmail.com. For general information and band schedules, call 979-335-7907. Visit the festival website at www.kkfest.com for further information.

KJT Society No. 40, the festival sponsor, is a non-profit organization and has been in existence in East Bernard since 1905. The society participates in a program of charitable works including scholarships, social welfare, and civic support. KJT Society No. 40 would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy the festival.

Photos from previous Kolache-Klobase Festival can be seen below.
Cameron Eschenburg, of KJT Society 29 and Scout Troop 548, completed his Eagle Scout project at Saint Marys, in Frydek. Vatican and American flags, inside of a rock wall border, are lit up at night as well as the memorial. Beautification projects, including trimming the trees and the hedges around the grotto, as well as deep cleaning the grotto stone itself, were also part of the Eagle Scout project.
The Annual Membership Drive and Meeting of St. Wenceslaus KJT #92 was held on Sunday, May 2, 2021. KJT Chaplain Eugene Pavlicek led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial report was given by Treasurer Timmy Buchta. During the Sunday, May 2 Mass, Eileen Medwedeff presented a $500 check from the State KJT Office to Fr. Marty Pham, Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Damon as a Covid-19 Bonus for the hardships the virus has inflicted on our parish.

State Director Cynthia Nemec and her husband Vincent were warmly welcomed at the meeting. Cynthia talked about several upcoming KJT activities and was available to anyone who had questions about KJT.

Officers Eileen Medwedeff and Daniel Pavlicek viewed the recorded SDOR Zoom Meeting online in March.

There was no Lenten Meal or Join in Hands Day this year for KJT to participate in due to Covid-19 restrictions. All members agreed not to have a Mother’s Day Bake Sale on May 9 this year.

Junior member Clayton Pavlicek will graduate from High School May 21, 2021 and advance to the Adult KJT group. This will drop us down to 2 juniors who are infant twins.

The upcoming KJT Flag Day will be held outdoors on the Church grounds at the flag pole after Sunday mass on June 13.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 9 at Noon beginning with a Rosary with the Public Square Rosary Crusade led by Chaplain Eugene Pavlicek and KJT member Angela Morris. We will meet outdoors at the church grounds.

An appreciation gift was presented to Cynthia Nemec in thanksgiving for her outstanding work done for our society.

The meeting was closed with a prayer for our KJT President Andrew for a speedy recovery from his illness and for the deceased KJT members.

Minutes by Eileen Medwedeff, KJT #92 Secretary

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James was born and raised in Seymour, Texas, graduating from Seymour High School. Later he attended Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, Texas and graduated from East Texas State University (currently known as Texas A&M Commerce University in Commerce, Texas) in 1971.

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**KJT Family Day**

**July 18, 2021**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

**Plum, Texas**

Registration - 11:00 AM  Mass – 11:30 AM

Lunch – 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM

RSVP by July 9, 2021

979-968-5877 or info@kjtnet.org

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**Inside air conditioned hall, wood dance floor:**

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**Sausage/BBQ Chicken plate lunch avail. @ 11 am**

**Drive thru plates 11a-1p**

**Sausage Sandwiches/Hamb. avail afternoon**

**Cake Walk * Lotsa Kolaches * Arts/Crafts * Raffle**

Booth info: 979-531-9747 or email srdujka@gmail.com

General info: 979-335-7907 or kkfes.com

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**Youth Camp:** July 18 – 22, 2021

**Teen Camp:** July 22 – 25, 2021

Please note the updated Summer Youth and Teen Camps requirements, rules and guidelines and Register online @ www.kjtnet.org Registration deadline is June 15, 2021
Administrative Assistant Position

Description: Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Posting end date: Until filled
Hours/Week: 20-25 hours per week

A cover letter should accompany your resume and should address your specific interest in the position, outline your skills and experience that directly relate to this position, as well as your salary requirements.

Administrative Assistant Job Purpose: This position is responsible for providing clerical and administrative support in a customer service-oriented environment.

Administrative Assistant Job Duties:
- Welcomes guests and customers by greeting them in person or on the telephone answering or directing inquiries.
- Maintains customer confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
- Works with the editor of KJT News providing information submitted by societies and proofing copy for final approval.
- Distributes membership pins monthly.
- Maintains company’s calendar.
- Prepares enrollments for KJT Memorial Foundation donations.
- Assists in preparing reports by collecting and analyzing information from local societies.
- Helps organize KJT Youth and Teen Camps.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops if required.
- Perform general office clerical and administrative duties as needed.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.

Education, Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge:
- High school diploma, college degree in business a plus.
- Possessing advanced Microsoft Office skills is essential.
- Possessing social media skills is a plus.
- Must have excellent organizational skills.
- Must possess excellent phone/conversational skills.
- Familiarity with fraternal benefits society a plus.

Send your cover letter and resume to:
Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
C/O Christopher L. Urban
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945
Missing Members

Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the KJT Home Office at 800.245.8182.

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