MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and well wishes for a very successful year! 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! In 2021, KJT once again showed positive results financially, but membership numbers continue to be a concern. Hopefully, with all of us working together, we can make 2022 a successful year both financially and membership wise.

43rd General Convention – July 2022

The 43rd General Convention will be held on July 15-17 at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center! All societies were mailed credential packets at the end of 2021 and are due back to the Home Office by March 31, 2022. Additionally, resolutions for changes to the Constitution or By-Laws are due to the home office no later than February 21, 2022. Resolutions received prior to the February 21 deadline will be distributed to all societies prior to the convention for deliberation. Resolutions received after this date will be presented at the convention; however, societies may not have previous knowledge of these resolutions to consider prior to the convention.

Director Elections at the Convention

While I have been informed by all incumbent state directors that they are once again running for their positions, members may run for one of the positions. In order to qualify to seek the position of state director, one must be eligible to serve as a delegate to the convention. Candidates must submit an application of candidacy stating which position they are seeking and consent to a background check. Candidates can request this form from the Home Office and the form must be filed with the KJT State Secretary between February 1 and April 1 of this year. Candidate applications will be reviewed by a qualifications committee and the candidate will be notified if the application is approved or disapproved.

Financials

I am happy to report that KJT’s financials continue to look good even in this extended low interest rate environment. Through Q3 of 2021, KJT’s surplus is up more than 12% compared to Q3 of 2020 and now sits at $7.002 million. As reported earlier in the year, KJT has surpassed the $100 million mark in assets and at the end of Q3 2021, assets sit at $103.647 million. Additionally, KJT’s assets to liabilities ratio is now 107.25% which indicates that KJT has $107.25 in assets for every $100 of liabilities and is in solid financial condition and able to meet its obligations as they come due. The financials for Q3 2021 can be found on page 8 of this issue for your review.

Membership

Membership numbers continue to be a concern as KJT’s total membership has fallen to 15,851 as of the end of 2021. With your help, we can hopefully turn this around! If you have kids or grandkids that you would like to enroll into KJT or friends that you think would enjoy being a part of our fraternal, please call your local representative or call the home office and we will be able to get you in touch with the right person to take care of the paperwork.

The long list of reasons to join KJT includes our life and annuity program, youth camp, teen camp, $30,000 in college scholarships for the year, religious scholarships, catholic school tuition grants, volunteer oppor-
St. Angela Merici’s feast day is January 27. St. Angela founded the Ursuline Sisters in the early 16th century primarily for the education of young women. She was also often known to say, “Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family.”

In 1968, Pope St. Paul VI wrote an encyclical letter to the Church entitled “On the Regulation of Birth” (Humanae Vitae) in which he predicted:

Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection. (n. 17)

Can there be any doubt, with what we have experienced in our society in the past 54 years, that St. Angela Merici (and Pope St. Paul VI!) knew exactly what she was talking about? Indeed, “Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family.”

As we begin another New Year, let us resolve to heed Pope St. Paul VI’s exhortation to us all but especially to Christian married couples:

…let Christian husbands and wives be mindful of their vocation to the Christian life, a vocation which, deriving from their Baptism, has been confirmed anew and made more explicit by the Sacrament of Matrimony. For by this sacrament they are strengthened and, one might almost say, consecrated to the faithful fulfillment of their duties. Thus will they realize to the full their calling and bear witness as becomes them, to Christ before the world. For the Lord has entrusted to them the task of making visible to men and women the holiness and joy of the law which united inseparably their love for one another and the cooperation they give to God’s love, God who is the Author of human life. (n. 25)
With another year filled with twists, turns and a few bumps, we congratulate our 2021 Star Award winners and look forward to honoring them at our upcoming 2022 SDOR meetings.

On behalf of the KJT, we extend our warmest congratulations to Deborah Currey. Deborah earned the number one Star Award spot for 2021. She finished the year with 3 new insurance members, 6 issued application and 588 Star Award Tracker points. This is her fourth time on the KJT Stars Award board and SECOND TIME to claim the #1 spot. In addition to finishing first in the Star Award standings, Deborah also qualified for our Heavy Hitter Award, 3000 Club Incentive and multiple contests throughout the year. She has done an excellent job representing the local KJT Society #130, Elgin and overall, the KJT. We look forward to what Deborah and Society #130 will accomplish in 2022 and beyond. Congratulations to Mrs. Currey for being the best of the best.

Earning the second place Star Award in 2021 was Ellen Zdansky, Society #72 of Corpus Christi. This is Ellen’s ninth trip to the Stars Award list. In 2021 Ellen accounted for 8 new members, 10 issued applications and 360 Star Award Tracker points. Congratulations on yet another solid year for Mrs. Zdansky!

Rounding out our top three, coming in third place on our Star Awards list is Tanner Schlottman. This is Tanner’s fourth year to be a Star. He accounted for 3 new members, 5 issued insurance applications and 283 Star Award Tracker points. Congratulations to Tanner on another a great year!

This was yet another year filled with hurdles. We are very proud of the efforts that all the Stars put forth in 2021. Without their dedication and efforts, our goals would have greatly suffered. Congratulations to all of the Award winners and we look forward to seeing which one of you will take the top honor in 2022!

KJT Society #3 Awards 50-Year Pin

Hostyn KJT Society #3 awarded a membership pin to Steven Kallus at their November Meeting. Steven Dwayne Kallus became a member at 3 weeks old. Hostyn KJT President Shannon Fietsam had the honor to award her uncle a 50-year pin. Pictured from L to R: Secretary Joyce Muras, Vice President Benedict Kallus, Recipient Steven Kallus, President Shannon Fietsam, Treasurer Brenda Fietsam and Reporter Dianna Kallus.

Santa Visits Society #112 Christmas Party

Santa Ted Vitek with elves Darlene Vitek and Meredith Furrrow at the Austin #112 KJT/KJZT Christmas party.
On December 5, KJT State Director Tanner Schlottman had the pleasure of attending the KJT society #111 annual Christmas party and Mass in Dallas. Following the Mass held by Father Henry Petter, Director Schlottman and Society Vice President Betty Schlottman presented Ed Miles with his 75-year pin.

Dennis Lazek was presented a 75 year membership pin by Shirley Pokorney, State Director & Leon Barton KJT Insurance Representative at the St. William #134 Round Rock Christmas Dinner/Meeting on December 4, 2021.

Santa came to visit the children at the St. William KJT #134 Round Rock Christmas Dinner/Meeting on December 4, 2021.

Reminder:
Deadline to submit articles is the 10th of each month.

Articles can be emailed to media@kjtnet.org or mailed to the home office at
KJT
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas
78945
Society #134 Presents Priest Retirement Fund Check

St. William KJT #134 Round Rock presented Shirley Pokorney State Director with a check for the 2021 Priests Retirement Fund. Pictured l-r: Shirley Pokorney KJT State Director; Leon Barton, Vice-President; Janie Zbranek, Treasurer; Tina Risinger, President; Felix Leonardi, Secretary.

Christmas Check Presented by Society #134

St. William KJT #134 Round Rock presented Fr. Francisco Rodriguez (Pastor) & Msgr. Louis Pavliceck (Chaplain) with a Christmas Gift Check at the December 4, 2021 Christmas Dinner/Meeting. Pictured l-r: Janie Zbranek, Treasurer; Fr. Francisco, Pastor; Msgr. Louis, Chaplain; Leon Barton, Vice President & Tina Risinger, President.

Society #84 Donates to St. Philips Catholic School

El Campo KJT #84 donates $1,000 to St Philips Catholic School from their annual bake sale fundraiser which includes funds received from the KJT State Matching Grant program. Pictured is Society #84 President Robert Leopold, Pastor of St. Philip church Rev. Michael Rother, and principal Gwen Edwards of St Philip School in El Campo. Funds will be used towards the general education fund at St. Philips.

Society #84 Presents Covid Grant Check

El Campo KJT Society #84 President Robert Leopold presents the KJT State Covid Grant check to Rev Michael Rother of St. Philips Catholic Church. Father was very grateful to KJT for the $500 donation.
District 12 Holds Family Fun Day

District 12 KJT held its Family Day on Saturday November 27, 2021 at the Seymour Salt Fork Brazos Complex. A Fishing Contest was held with 14 people attending from 2pm to 5pm. The District Director Tanner Schlottman was also in attendance and furnished several door prizes. Though only a few fish were caught, it was enough for everyone to have a good time! The weather was great and everyone enjoyed a meal of Hotdogs and trimmings after the prizes were awarded.

KJT Society #134 Officers Elected for 2022

Officers elected for 2022 St. William KJT #134 Round Rock are: L-R: Leon Barton, Vice-President; Tina Risinger, President; Msgr. Louis Pavlicek, Chaplain; Janie Zbranek, Treasurer; Felix Leonardi, Secretary.

Statewide Charities’ Donation Presented by Society #139

Holy Cross Catholic Church Pastor Rev. Stephen Vacek and Bay City Society #139 President Larry Browning are shown with the check for the statewide charities’ donation from the society. The check was presented at the December 13, 2021, meeting which was held at the Bay City Columbus Hall meeting room. Also present were (left to right) James Engbrock, vice-president; Cynthia Nemec, state director, Vincent Nemec, secretary-treasurer, and Margaret Holik, state director.
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tunities, and many others. Again, if you know some-
one who might like to take advantage of what KJT of-
ers, give them our number or have them talk to your
local representative.

Donations

A huge “thank you” goes out to all who donated to any of KJT’s charities this year! Individuals, societies and districts contributed to our three statewide charities for 2021, the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund, the Seminarian Education Fund and Kids Unlimited. I realize activity has been down in 2021 due to the pandemic, however, over $23,000 was still raised for these worthy charities.

2022 Programs

The programs for 2022 include the following. 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 at the end of this article.

We still encourage our local societies to hold Matching Grant Fundraisers for the charity of your society’s choice. 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. The KJT Home Office matched over $8,600 in 2021. Eighteen societies held charitable events that took advantage of the matching grant from the home office in 2021.

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 24, 2022, which is the first day of Youth Camp. If you are dropping off your camper, come out and join us for Mass, music, and a meal for lunch. Details will be forthcoming as the day approaches.

KJT Youth and Teen Camps

Youth Camp will be held from July 24 – July 28 and Teen Camp will be from July 28 – July 31. More details will be forthcoming in the KJT News and on our website as camp gets closer.

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

KJT Scholarships

Over the last four years, the board has doubled the amount that will be awarded in college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been members for at least one year as of March 1, 2022. $30,000 is now allocated toward the scholarship program. We have seen the number of scholarship applications dwindle in the last few years, so I highly encourage your high school graduate to apply for these scholarships. The deadline to submit an application for the state scholarships is March 1, 2022.

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, 2022.

I would once again like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. With God’s blessings, hopefully we can get past this pandemic and get back to some sense of normalcy. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the president of KJT. I celebrated my 20th anniversary with KJT back in November and have enjoyed every minute of my time here. I hope that we can get back out and visit with all our societies in the upcoming months. Until then…. God bless!

Annual CESAT Meeting

The Czech Ex-Students’ Association of Texas, CESAT will have a virtual annual meeting on February 5, 2022, at 9AM. The mission of CESAT is to preserve the Czech language in Texas. Our current efforts are to have the Czech language taught in Texas high schools. To join the meeting, please email Thadious Polasek at polasek29@gmail.com or Deborah Bartley at debbiebartley@me.com for a link to the meeting. Join the meeting to learn about the successes and what yet needs to be done.

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## FINANCIALS

### Important Reminder For Members

The KJT asks members to always check their certificates to note if they have the:

- proper beneficiaries designated
- current mailing address
- current phone number
- current email address

### Near or Far We Want You in 72

As we look forward to 2022, we hope that this year offers more opportunities to connect with family, friends, and our Society 72 members.

Our members stretch far beyond the Corpus Christi area, even to other states! It is always a blessing when we hear from our member far away and get to share what’s going on in their life.

### What’s going on?

We want to hear from all our Society 72 members! Please join us on Facebook, KJT Society #72 Corpus Christi. We will share on Facebook our updates, KJT perks, and how our Society activities can benefit you and the community you live in.

To catch up with what’s going on with us, plan to attend our in-person meetings on Sunday March 6th, June 5th, September 11th, and December 4th at 2:00 at the Mora-vian Hall in Corpus Christi or by Zoom.

### How do I stay in the loop?

By Facebook or participate either in person, online via Zoom from your computer or smartphone, or by calling in by phone to the Zoom meeting. We also communicate with our society by email and text messages. Please be sure to send us your email address and any updates to your contact information to kjt72cc@gmail.com.

### What to expect in 2022?

We want our members to get the most out of their KJT membership and our society activities. We will have incentives throughout the year to encourage participation in activities, online challenges, and more, so be sure to follow our Facebook page for details.

We want to make 2022 a fun and engaging year for all our members. You can sign up for text reminders by texting @KJT72 to 81010 to be sure you don’t miss any important notices.

Let’s continue to grow our society by bring in New Members so we can continue to earn Grants and the ability to increase our donations.

God Bless, stay safe and enjoy 2022

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### Statement of Financial Condition

#### 30-Sep 2021 vs 31-Dec 2020

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**Total Admitted Assets**

$103,647,199

$96,802,003

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**Total Income**

$10,838,318

$9,360,562

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**Total Benefits and Expenses**

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$8,892,128

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**Net Income**

$550,510

$764,642

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**Net Change in Surplus**

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$717,551

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KJT SOCIETY #3 PRESENTS DONATION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hostyn KJT Society #3 contributed $1000 toward the Hostyn/Plum Scholarship Fund. The presentation was made at the December Scholarship Breakfast fundraiser to members of the committee by the KJT officers and members. Those available for the picture, L-R: Larry Adamcik, Lorenda Polasek (KJT Member), Joyce Muras (KJT Secretary), Shirley & Nick Macik (KJT Members), Doug Janda, Brenda Fietsam (KJT Treasurer), Barbara Wick, Dianna Kallus (KJT Reporter), Benedict Kallus (KJT Vice-President), and Johnnie Polasek (KJT Member).

SOCIETY #3 DONATES TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a donation $200 to St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg from the Religious Education Grant they received from the KJT Home Office. The funds will be used toward the purchase of additional Religion class materials, including student Bibles. Hostyn Society members Dillon, Luke and Brielle Goedrich attended St. Rose and were included in the presentation. Their parents are Neal and Laurie Goedrich. Back (L-R) KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus, Principal Rosanne Gallia, and KJT Vice President Benedict Kallus. Front (L-R) Dillon Goedrich (7th Grade), Brielle Goedrich (2nd grade), and Luke Goedrich (3rd grade).

RYCHLIKS CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joe and Donna Rychlik will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary February 12th. Joe and Donna were married on February 12, 1972 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Frenstat with Fr. Lonnie Urban officiating. They are both members of the St. Benedict Society #100 in Caldwell and Joe is currently serving as President of the society. Joe and Donna are members of St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Caldwell where they both serve as music ministers. They are both active volunteers with many organizations as well as helping individuals in the community. Donna enjoys quilting, cross stitch and reading, and Joe enjoys working in his yard, visiting with friends, and listening to polka music. They both enjoy going to dances with their favorite polka bands and the Pack! They also enjoy traveling, and have traveled to Europe, The UK, Russia, the Caribbean and all 50 states. Joe and Donna are thankful for the years God has given them together.

ZAPLETAL RECEIVES HIS 25-YEAR PIN

Josh Zapletal (left) receives his 25-year membership pin from Society #35 President Joseph Block (center) and KJT State Director Tanner Schlottman (right).
KJT IN ACTION

Society #100 Held Breakfast With Santa Fundraiser

St. Benedict KJT Society 100 (Caldwell) held their 2021 Breakfast With Santa fundraiser and bake sale which was held in the St. Mary’s PAC on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Pictured are all of the KJT #100 Society members who worked and attended this annual event with Santa.

KJT Society #100 Food Drive

KJT Society #100 held their Brazos Valley Food for Families Drive on December 1, 2021 in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. KJT Society 100 Members presented a $100 donation check to the BV Food for Families in addition to the food donations. (l-r) KJT Society #100 member Maurice Jurena, (Sec/Treas) Louemma Polansky and (Pres) Joe Rychlik.

KJT Society #40 Annual Christmas Party

East Bernard KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 and East Bernard KJZT St. Anne Society #30, held their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Members and guests brought non-perishable items that were given to the Giving Tree, sponsored by CDA Court #1108 and Holy Cross Church in East Bernard. Attending the party (left to right) KJZT Past State Director Arlene Cloyd; Society Secretary Julia Kubes; Society Treasurer Donna Vacek; Society President Angeline Grigar; KJT #40 member Rev. Stephen Vacek, pastor at Holy Cross Church in Bay City; Society Vice-President Sandy Logan; Society Treasurer Mark Dujka; Society President Edwin C. Marik; State Director Margaret Holik; and State Director Michael Reznicek.

KJT Society #72 Presents Check

Charles and Ellen Zdansky in Corpus Christi KJT Society #72 presented Father Tomas at St Thomas Moor a check for $500.00 from their Bakeless Bake Sale.
KJT IN ACTION

18th Annual Memorial Service Held for KJT Society #40 & KJZT Society #30

KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 and KJZT St. Anne Society #30 of East Bernard held their 18th Annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, Nov. 9 with Chaplain Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah presiding. Prior to the service, Tim and Lora Faltysek led the Rosary. Society members served as Greeters, altar servers, lector, and Eucharistic minister. Dianne Viktorin and the Wisdom Choir provided the music.

A special table was displayed with candles representing each deceased member for the past five years and two larger candles representing all deceased members from the two societies.

KJT Society President Edwin C. Marik and KJZT Society Secretary Julia Kubes read the name of each deceased member at which time a family member, or the candle lighter assistant, lit a candle in honor of the deceased members.

Following the service a social was held at Riverside Hall. A meal of beef tips with trimmings, along with homemade desserts was served.

Special guests were, KJT State Director Margaret Holik, KJZT State Director and Activity Manager Michael Resnicek, KJZT State Director Edith Strieder, and Past State Director Arlene Cloyd.

Door Prizes were given to complete the evening.

Deceased Members

**KJZT**
- Anna Klimicek
- Judy Kubes Hartfield
- Shirley Willrich
- Marie “Isabel” Matussek
- Delores Herzik Svatek
- Clara Kostka
- Irene Hebenak Svatek
- Joyce M. Randolph
- Sidonia Janis Miller
- Lydia Orsak Stelzel
- Celestine Kucera
- Bessie Hlavinka
- Agnes Litvik
- Leona Tydlacka
- Helen Dusek
- John Joseph Grigar, IV
- Leona Shimek
- Louis Srubar
- Mary Ann Kubena
- Adella Morris
- Annette Novak
- Marie Vacek
- Patricia Kresta
- Ann Doris Kopecky
- Marth Ballou
- Sophie Korenec
- Florence Hlozek
- Dorothy Schroeder
- Frank Kubes, Jr.
- Patricia Sablatura
- Lillian Tamborello
- Mary “Marie” Gee
- Bernice Kopecky
- Joyce Janik
- Cynthia Sellers
- Annie Heimann
- Betty Jo Mican
- Marie Hrnceir
- Gloria Buxkemper
- Irene Moore
- Lillian Marek
- Josephine Mikeska
- Geraldine Kretek
- Gertrude Kretek
- Anna Marie Melnar

**KJT**
- Delores Koenig
- Sylvia Preisler
- Agnes Minks
- Beatrice Fojtik
- Mary Tylačka

*Single candle lit for all deceased.*

Ronnie Grigar, Society #40 member, lights a candle for his great uncle Alphonse Vacek, cousin Daniel Vacek, and nephew John Joseph Grigar, IV, as candle lighter assistant Society #40 Treasurer Dennis Victorin looks on.

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*Single candle lit for all deceased.*
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #40 Presents Statewide Charities Check

KJT Society #40 presented State Directors Margaret Holik and Michael Reznicek a check for the State 3 statewide charities in the amount of $533.00. Pictured left to right are State Director Michael Reznicek, State Director Margaret Holik, Society #40 President Edwin C. Marik, and Society #40 Treasurer Kim Tielke.

KJT Society #3 Presents Check to Sacred Heart School

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 presented a $200 donation to Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange from the Religious Education Grant they received from the KJT Home Office. The funds will be used to purchase text for each family in their school to help them integrate the Gospel and attend/participate in Mass more often and in a deep meaningful way. Back (L-R): KJT Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, Sacred Heart Principal LaDonna Voelkel, KJT Vice-President Benedict Kallus, KJT Reporter Dianna Kallus and KJT Secretary Joyce Muras. Front (L-R) Kirtley Kallus (3rd grade), Krislee Kallus (2nd grade), and Kenlie Jo Kallus (5th grade). The three sisters are students of Sacred Heart School and are members of the Hostyn KJT. Their parents are Steven and Lori Ann Kallus, also members of the Hostyn KJT.

SSCM Receives Check from Society #72

KJT Society #72 Secretary Connie Williams presented Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church (SSCM) Religious Education Coordinator Kiki Garcia with a $500 check. Society #72 split the Bakeless Bake Sale and KJT Home Office Matching Grant donation this year between 3 Churches and SSCM was one of the new recipients.

KJT Society #72 Presents Check to St. Joseph

Charles and Ellen Zdansky in Corpus Christi Society #72 presented St. Joseph Catholic Church a $500.00 check from their Bakeless Bake and KJT Matching Grant from the home office. Society #72 split their donation this year between 3 Churches and St Joseph was one of the new recipients. Debra accepted our check for Rev. Rogel B Rosalinas, SOLT. She was very grateful for receiving the donation.
The meeting of St. Stephen's KJT #112 was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at Ted and Sarah Vitek’s home. 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 had no correspondence at this time.

Along with the KJZT #93, we were able to have our annual in-person Christmas party this year. It was a successful event with over 100 members and guests. A delicious meal with entertainment and Santa made for a very fun evening for all.

Kenneth Klanika indicated that we had a better turnout this year for our raffle mailout.

The President appointed an Audit Committee consisting of Stephanie Hyzak, Susan Zurovetz and Ted Vitek. The Budget & Finance Committee consists of Stephanie Hyzak, Darlene Vitek and Sarah Vitek.

Bonnie motioned and Olga seconded to accept the minutes as read.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

The raffle drawing was then conducted and the winners were Sarah Vitek, Rebecca Rychlik, Wesley Motloch and Hunter Motloch. Jr. members did the drawing. Thanks to all the members for their generous support to the Statewide Charity, which is a very worthwhile cause.
MEETING MINUTES

Report of Society #31, West
November 14, 2021

West Society #31 held a meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2021, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

President Michael Kraemer welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Sandy Kidwell then read the minutes from the October meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Georgie Nors and Bella Kidwell won the attendance prizes.

Robert Nors gave his treasurer’s report.

Sherry Pavlas reported she had no correspondence, but she will send a get-well card to Charlie Nemec.

President Kraemer read a Thank you letter for the money donated to the Bridge Builders Fund.

He also received a letter from the Home Office about the Religious Retirement Fund and also the upcoming events for next year.

For Officers report, Sandy Kidwell reported about the Red-C Catholic Radio Fund Raiser held at the KC Hall. She stated it is a good way to advertise for KJT to get our name out.

Under old business: Is to look at Fryers for the Fish Fund Raiser. Also discussed is the upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12. Bush’s Fried Chicken and Sausage with mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn will be served around noon. KJT will have a meeting starting around 11:15 a.m.

President Kraemer asked the members to bring either a Salad or Dessert. Also raffle prizes for kids and adults would be appreciated. The KJT will get the oranges & apples, and the KJZT will get the candy and will bag the goodies to get ready for Santa and his elf’s visit.

Sherry Pavlas stated there will be a memorial for the deceased KJT & KJZT members who died in 2020 and 2021. Also the members who have received their 25, 50, and 75 year pins this year and last year will be named & presented a rose, if present.

President Kraemer stated that next year in July will be the KJT Convention in College Station.

Our Society #31 will have 8 delegates. Members who can be delegates need to have attended 50% of the meetings. Sherry Pavlas stated that she will have this information at the January meeting and the delegates will be elected then.

There was no new business. Members were reminded that KJT needs more new members.

Raffle prize winners were Mike Kidwell and Sherry Pavlas. Members were reminded that next month the meeting will be held at 11:15 on Sunday, December 12th at Tours Hall, followed by the meal, Santa’s visit, memorial program, & door prize drawing.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Sherry Pavlas led the closing prayer.

Felix Leonardi – Secretary
KJT 134, St. William, Round Rock, TX
December 4, 2021

Officer in attendance:
Tina Risinger (President), Leon Barton (Vice President), Janie Zbranek (Treasurer), Felix Leonardi (Secretary)
KJT 134 Christmas gathering on 12-4-21:
The KJT Christmas meeting took place at St. William parish hall. 88 family members attended. We had the meal catered by Pok-e-Jo’s BBQ.
Fr. Francisco Rodriguez III, our pastor, officiated opening prayer and the blessing of the food.
Holiday gifts were presented to Monsignor Louis Pavliceck and Fr. Francisco.

Leon presided the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Thanks to Jim Unruh with Christmas cheer as a Santa.

Election of 2022 KJT 134 officers - Tina, Leon, Janie, and Felix will serve another term. Motion accepted by Chris Lively and seconded by Erin Risinger.

KJT 134 presented a check for $300 for priest retirement fund to Shirley Pokorney, our State Director. We are officially a $100 M company.

Congratulations to Dennis Lazek for 75-year membership pin recipient. The date was Sep-4th.

KJT 134 society of St. William, Round Rock span 33 years of service. KJT 134 was started in 1988. Leon and Margaret Barton have been serving and leading the society faithfully for 33 years. There was no due collected in 2021. A $6 due will be collected for 2022.

A plaque from home office was given to Brandon Kelso in honor of Julie Pavlick.

Treasury report from Janie Zbranek was read. Motion accepted by Chris Lively and seconded by Emily Risinger.

Erin and Emily Risinger approve the motion of the last meeting minutes.

The Christmas caroling was after door prizes and priest retirement fund drawing.

Merry Christmas

Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church Pilgrimage Mass Will Be Held on February 14

On Monday, February 14, 2022, Bishop Brendan Cahill of the Diocese of Victoria will celebrate Mass starting at 10:30 am in Dubina, Texas. On this occasion he will designate Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church as a diocesan place of pilgrimage to give glory to God, to honor the Apostles to the Slavs and the Czech immigrants who brought the Faith to Texas given to them by the two brother saints. (These saints created an alphabet that gave literary [written] birth to the Slavic language used in their mission to the Moravians in 863 A.D. to evangelize and convert the pagans to our Faith.)

The designation by the Bishop will include attendant indulgences allowed by Canon Law for pilgrims visiting the church and offering prayers of worship, thanksgiving, reparation, or petition. The church in Dubina was selected since it was the first parish founded in Texas under the patronage of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The saints feast day is celebrated in the United States on February 14th.

The celebration will continue with lunch after Mass in the church hall. The Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas and the parishioners extend an invitation to all interested Catholics, or non, to attend both the Mass and luncheon. To provide an estimate for food preparation please call (832) 437-4077 or email mmarek1212@gmail.com.
Netardus

Henry David Netardus was born on December 29, 1937, in Atascosa County, to J. J. Netardus and Elizabeth Kallus Netardus. He went to his heavenly home on August 10, 2021, at his home in Canyon Lake, in the midst of his family.

Henry married Florence Bartosh on October 9, 1965, with whom he shared 55 years of married life, and three children: Henry Jr. (Karyn), Kenneth (Hillary) and Annette Westbrook (Russell). The biggest joy of his life was his grandchildren, Meadow, Ailee Sean, Matthew, Kory and Stella Marie, with whom he shared many Daisy Duck adventures. Henry and Florence were fortunate to share traveling to Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Louisiana, Florida and Alaska. He particularly enjoyed cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean.

Henry was very proud of his Atascosa origins, and served his community in many different ways: official National Weather Service reporter, Rabbit Superintendent of the Atascosa Junior Livestock Show, President of Jourdanton Little League, President of Jourdanton Athletic Boosters, President of Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce, was chosen 1970 Jourdanton Man of the Year and awarded the Lifetime Achievement by the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce.

Henry’s Catholic faith was very important to him, and through the years he served his church as a catechism teacher, choir director, lector, music minister, chair of the St. Matthew annual picnic, member of the Czech Day committee, and always answered the call when his parish called.

Henry was very active in the Czech Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, serving at various times as the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the local society, camp counselor for KJT summer camp and ultimately as State Director for many years.

Henry is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren, his sister, Marcella Dornak, his brother, Robert Netardus and numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and sister and brothers, Louise Biediger, Bernadette Loring, Rita Vyvlecka, John Netardus and Blaise Netardus.

A visitation will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at Hurley Funeral Home, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm. On Friday, November 19, 2021, a mass will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church, starting at 10:00 am followed by inurnment at St. Matthew Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society online at Donate Today | The American Cancer Society, to the Jourdanton Public Library at 1101 Campbell Ave., or to the Atascosa County Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund #3266 at 218 Greenlawn Ave Pleasanton TX 78064.

If you wish to share a memory, leave condolences, or sign the guestbook, please go to www.hurleyfuneralhome.com

KJT Society #29 Holds Christmas Party

Society #29 held their last meeting of 2021 and their Christmas party on December 12. The Christmas party was celebrated with members of Society #29 KJZT. Fried chicken, many delicious sides and dessert were enjoyed by everyone.

Society #29 KJZT officers for 2022. L to R: Paul Franek, Chaplain; Doris Sodolak, Correspondence Secretary; Shane Eschenburg, President; Laura Eschenburg, Vice President; Justin Eschenburg, Secretary; Emily Eschenburg, Youth Director; Val Eschenburg, Treasurer.
Hello to all of you! KJT Ennis #35 has been busier these last few months. On May 15th we participated in a Parish Project celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Beatification of St. John Nepomucky. In real time with the Navalis festivities under the Charles Bridge in Prague the church bells rang 300 times in honor of Saint John of Nepomuk. From the church we went to the Sokol hall for dinner and music. On May 28-30th we celebrated the National Polka Festival at the hall and had a great attendance coming out of the pandemic. To start the festival off we held our flag ceremony on Thursday in honor of Memorial Day. We had many members and veterans attend while we raised the flag and listened to Danny Zapletal play the Star Spangled Banner. Above is a picture of the ladies making kolache for the weekend. We also had a combination chili cook off and a “Friend In Need” medical benefit for one of our members that was a huge success. Many friends, family and members attended and helped out a friend and fellow member.

In our August meeting Josh Zapletal was awarded his 25 year pin and in November we hosted the Bartered Bride Opera from North Texas University. The opera drew some new faces that we were so glad to see. In November and December we had our Halloweed and Christmas parties. The Youth Christmas party was combined with the adults Christmas party after our yearly end of year meeting and election of officers. We had a huge turn out of youth who were excited to visit and get a picture with Santa after.

KJT Ennis would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Yvonne Zapletal
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #72 Holds Christmas Party

Youth were excited to show off their door prizes at the Corpus Christi KJT Society #72 Christmas meeting and party. Several also won at Bingo. Left to Right: Kinsley Johnson, Kendall Williams, Parker Williams, Kyla Johnson & Alana Williams.

Corpus Christi KJT Society #72 gave all youth attending the Christmas meeting and party a $10 gift. Left to Right: Kyla Johnson, Parker Williams, Kendall Williams, Kinsley Johnson, Alana Williams and Darren Mladenka.

Society #119 Presents Religious Education Grant

Kids Unlimited Receives Donation From KJT Society #119

Kids Unlimited Vice President Ken Kaspar accepting our matching donation check from Society #119 President Mike Reznicek and Vice President Cindy Quintela.

KJT Society #119 Donates to Galveston County Food Bank

Galveston County Food Bank President & CEO Donny VanAckeren accepting a donation check from Society #119 President Mike Reznicek and Vice President Cindy Quintela.

Queen of Peace Pastor Monsignor James Anderson and Religious Education Director Roger Frost accepting the KJT home office religious education grant check from Society #119 President Mike Reznicek and Vice President Cindy Quintela.
Everyone had a great time at the annual KJT Society #121 Christmas party/meeting on December 05, 2021 at St. Jerome Activity Center. Thanks to all who helped with organizing this event. Joining us were KJT Society #56, KJZT Societies #114 and #32.

Left to right, Lilly Carreno, DRE of Sacred Heart of Elgin, accepts the $250 KJT State Religious Education Grant money provided by KJT Home Office to KJT Society #130. Standing next is Treasurer Brenda Pina, Secretary Olga Colmenero and Vice President and Society Representative Deborah Currey.

Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City held their annual Veteran’s Day Program on November 12, 2021. The staff and children honored the veterans with a veterans’ drive-by at the school. Bay City KJT Society #139 Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Nemec and Cynthia Nemec, KJT State Director, donated flags from the KJT state office to the school in honor of their daughter, Technical Sergeant Stephanie (Nemec) Soares, who is currently serving in the U.S. Space Force. Stephanie is a Holy Cross School alumnus and member of Society #139. The flags were also donated 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. The picture above shows some of the students at the school waving their flags to honor the veterans during the drive-by. Society #139 and Holy Cross School wishes to thank Cynthia and Vincent Nemec for their donation.
It seems like it’s been a long time but here is Society 132 in Pflugerville preparing pancakes for Breakfast with Santa. KJT played an important role in making this event a great success serving over two hundred joyous customers. Delicious, golden pancakes were prepared by Craig Romick on Sunday 6, 2021.

Jim Krahula, Society 132 President on right and Brett Hudson on left are shown preparing a batch of scrambled eggs for hungry customers. Other workers helping were Paul Detzel, Angela Hudson, Clara Hudson, and Shirley Pokerney. KJT Society 132 has several events planned for 2022.

Society #132 Prepares Pancakes for Breakfast With Santa

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CZECH FACT
Did you know that the Czech name for meat filled pastry is actually KLOBASNIK?

Valentine's Day Word Search

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