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Scripture of the Month

"I will praise Your name forever, my king and my God." (Ps 145:1)

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

#### The Heat is On...

Summertime, it's hot, and it's not going anywhere! Granted when you think about it, this really isn't anything new and dealing with the summer heat is something we've come accustom to. Our Texas heat isn't the only thing that is putting off heat! Over the last year we have seen inflation blister our budgets and it continues to do so. With inflation concerns hovering, our ability to pay for everyday goods has become harder to do. Now, the Fed continues its efforts to slow inflation, but the only way they can lower inflation is by pushing borrowing rate higher. I know, sounds backwards but their goal is to slow down the movement of money and when you pump trillions of dollars into the system it's going to take some time to get that money to trickle through. Sadly, we will continue to see our buying power be limited and even shrink a little more. Simply put, earning 5% is

great but when inflation is at

4% and you borrow money at 7%, you are ultimately losing ground.

So, I encourage you to monitor and pay close attention to your expenses. Review your daily, weekly and even monthly spending. Look for ways you can cut unnecessary expenses, elimintate when possible and buy in bulk when you actually need something (good news is, most goods are readily available again). Also, get creative, a classic movie and popcorn at home might provide better family memories than a night out at the theater.

Now, if you do find that you have additional funds remaining after making ends meet, the KJT has several ways you can save for the future. The simplest way - a KJT Kapital Account, and opening one couldn't be any easier. Our KJT Kapital Account is an Annuity based product that receives a 1099-INT each year (so you claim the interest earned each

year), and the account only requires a \$500 minimum deposit to open without additional monthly contributions (an opening \$250 minimum deposit requires mandatory monthly contributions). The account does have surrender charges that are applicable for the first five years, yet it becomes penalty free in the 6th year and beyond (not to mention you can withdraw 10% of the balance each year without a KJT penalty). We are currently paying 4.50% on account balances of \$250 to \$9,999, 4.65% on account balances of \$10,000 to \$99,999, 4.80% on account balances of \$100,000 to \$249,999 and 5.00% on account balances of \$250,000 or more. Please note, these rates include a first year only 1.50% additional interest rate and are subject to change without notice. Lastly, the account has a guaranteed rate of 2.05%, and you can add money to the account at any time!

That said, if you are look-



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DAVID WAGNER KJT State Vice President

ing for something that is paying even more, then our Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity, IRA and/or Roth IRA's have the potential to earn up to 5.50% for the first year only. Please note that these accounts do have a longer surrender charge period, an IRS penalty that may apply to distributions prior to age 59.5 (along with other rules and guidelines) yet these account are currently receiving a 2.00% first year only

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#### **ACTIVITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE**



MICHAEL REZNICEK
LJT Activity Manager

Fantastic May and June

May was a month packed with many wonderful events. On May 14 we celebrated and honored our mothers. We thank God for our mothers with us today and our mothers sitting with our Lord in Heaven. Then on May 21 was the Slovnost held at the TCHCC in La Grange. KJT President Chris Urban, my wife Melba and I handed out brochures and answered questions at our information table. It was a great day filled with good food, cold beverages, and super music. On May 22 I headed to Sealy High School for award night for graduating Seniors. It was a great honor and privilege to present Colby Eschenburg a KJT Scholarship. Colby is a member of Society #29 Congratulations Frydek. to all the recipients and all the 2023 Seniors. May 25th through May 28th it was off to Ennis for the National Polka Festival. Our KJT State Office had an information tent and sponsored the kolache eating contest on Saturday. The contest gets bigger each year. There was a huge crowd cheering on all the contestants. KJT Vice President David Wagner and State Director Tanner Schlottman announced the contest with back up music from the Texas Sound Check Band. A Big thank you to Jessica Jamison, Brandi Schlottman, Tyer Prasifka, Lindsay Prasifka, and Melba Reznicek for helping me with the contest. Always a Texas Size thank you to all the officers of the NPF, officers and members of KJT Society #35 for all the super hospitality. This year I would like to give a shout out and Thanks to Rudy Ozymy and Family, owners of the Quality Inn in Ennis, for always making our stay so great. On May 29th we observed Memorial Day; so many have given the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we have to this day.

On June 10 headed to East Bernard for the Kolache Klobase Festival. This event is sponsored by KJT Society #40. Society #40 President Ed Marik along with the officers and members work many long hours to provide this grand Festival. Top notch music, great Bar-B-Que and plenty of cold refreshments with hundreds of smiling faces brought about a fantastic day. The KJT State Office sponsored the Kolache eat-

ing contest at this event. A table filled with information and lots of giveaways gave us the opportunity to visit with many people. KJT President Chris Urban and wife Kelly, Vice President David Wagner with Jessica Jamison, State Director Margaret Holik and husband Charles, State Director Cynthia Nemec and Husband Vince, my wife

Melba and I helped with the information table and aided with the Kolache contest. Thank you to Big Ed and all for the super hospitality. KJT President Chris Urban made a comment that the Kolache Klobase Festival keeps getting better every year.

Next upcoming event that I am looking forward to is the Victoria Czech Heritage

Festival on September 24. The KJT State Office will be sponsoring the Kolache eating contest there as well.

I will reflect on these events a little more next time. As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as State Director Pos.3 and Fraternal Activity Manager.

Michael Reznicek

#### Wagner: Heat

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additional interest rate. Rates are subject to change without notice for these accounts as well. Now, as mentioned, there are some additional features and rules that come with these respective accounts so please give the KJT Home Office or your local Insurance Representative a call to further discuss these products.

In closing, I wish the best to you and your family while we all absorb the financial punches that our economy continues to dish out. I encourage you to take the appropriate steps to get a firm grip on your finances. Ultimately, I believe we are still in for a bumpy ride...



KJT at the National Polka Festival in Ennis.



KJT at Slavnost at the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange.

#### 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

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PO Box 297 La Grange, Texas 78945

#### **LEGAL CORNER**

# **Probate in Texas – Options**



**By PHILIP HUNDL** *KJT State Attorney* 

We have all used the famous quote at least once... "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Well, I've made some changes but for The K.J.T. things will remain the same! After almost nineteen years as managing partner at Wadler, Perches, Hundl & Kerlick (WPHK), my old law firm, I have started a new firm, Land Rights Law, PLLC, which focuses on representing landowners in a variety of land related matters, as well as estate planning and probate matters. I will continue to proudly represent The K.J.T. as its State Attorney, which will not change.

My law partners are very understanding and supportive. My new office will be located at 102 E. Norris Street, El Campo, Texas 77437. If you happen to be in or around El Campo, please stop by and say, "hello."

Question: Are there different types of "probates" in Texas, if so, what are they?

Yes, there are several different types of "probates" in Texas. Selecting the appropriate type of probate will depend on whether there is a will or not, specifics in the will and size and complexity of the estate. Below are the four types of "probates" in Texas.

Independent administration: Decedent had a valid will which named an executor for the estate. With an independent administration, the executor has more flexibility to carry out their duties without strict oversight by a probate court and is usually less expensive.

Dependent administration/heirship proceedings: Decedent died without a will and not all the beneficiaries agree to administer estate under independent administration. Typically, a dependent administration is more expensive, the administrator is required to post a surety bond, seek court approval for every step in the process of distributing an estate, and file detailed reports regarding the

Muniment of Title: Decedent had a valid will, the estate consists of land and has no debts except secured by real estate, and Medicaid has no claims against the estate

to recover benefits the decedent may have received. No executor is appointed. Will is probated and functions as a conveyance document/deed in the public records.

Small Estate Affidavit: Decedent had no will and the value of his or her estate is \$50,000 or less, the beneficiaries of the estate can all sign a small estate affidavit to collect the property without going through the probate process, once approved by the probate court.

Philip J. Hundl is State Attorney for the K.J.T. and the owner of the law firm. Land Rights Law, PLLC, with its office in El Campo, Texas, and representing clients throughout the State of Texas. State Attorney's note: The information in this column is not intended as legal advice but to provide a general understanding of the law. Readers with legal problems, including those whose questions are addressed here. should consult attorneys for advice on their particular circumstances.

Submit your questions for this column via email to phundl@landrights-law. com or via U.S. Mail to Land Rights Law, PLLC c/o Philip J. Hundl, KJT State Attorney c/o KJT Legal Column, 102 E. Norris Street, Wharton, Texas 77488 or at www. wphk-law.com.

# SAVE THE DATE MEET & EAT SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Tours Hall 245 St. Martins Church Rd West, Texas 76691

> Registration @ 11:30 AM Meal @ Noon

# PICHIC MARAK, TEXAS Sunday, September 10, 2023

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH SEVEN MILES N.W. OF CAMERON, FM RD. 2269

Mass 10:15 a.m. • Games 11:30 a.m. • Raffle Drawing



#### Serving Begins at 11 a.m.

PLATES SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

~ MEAL TICKETS \$15.00 EACH ~

★ DRIVE THRU LINE FOR PLATES-TO-GO ★

Continuous Serving While It Lasts

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BROTHERS

12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

# AUCTION

2:30 P.M.

Inside the Air-Conditioned Hall

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY ~ GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS ~

#### **OBITUARIES**



Caballero

Jason Ramon Caballero passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at the age of 45. Jason was a member of Pflugerville St. Elizabeth KJT Society #132.

He was born in Austin,

Texas where he spent much of his youth after school at his grandfather's tailor shop not only learning some sewing skills, but magic too, as his grandfather, Ramon Galindo, was a renowned magician in addition to a sought-after tailor. Jason even ended up winning awards as a child magician. And as a teen spent years as a director of a magic camp for kids.

After attending Pflugerville High School in Texas, he earned a degree in stage management from The North Carolina School of the Arts which led him to the DC area on a fellowship at the John

F Kennedy Center for The Performing Arts. It was soon after that he met his wife Jennifer and moved permanently to Bethesda, Maryland. After years at Woolly Mammoth Theatre as both a stage manager and carpenter building sets for the shows; when the pandemic hit, he was forced to find different employment. And he did so with ease landing at Case Design as a craftsman building homes where in his few years, he moved up quickly and fell in love with the job and the people. His skills as a camp manager, seamster and magician made him a quick study and well-

liked by all.

Jason could get along with anybody and would help anyone at any time. He loved his Harley Davidson, Seinfeld, The Three Stooges, all music, but especially good parties, and was always the life of the party making everyone laugh. He loved his family the most.

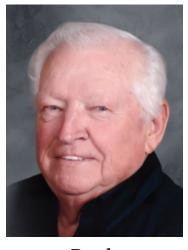
He is survived by his wife Jennifer Timberlake, parents Josie and Jim Caballero, sister Julie Tolleson (Blake), sister Jennifer Belcik (Matthew), nieces Taylor Tolleson, Avery Harmer (Brad), nephew and niece Nolan and Rhys Belcik, mother-in-law and father-inlaw Jill and Bill Timberlake, brother-in-law Travis Timberlake (Jessica) and nephew and niece Jackson and Talia Timberlake.

A memorial for JASON R. CABALLERO was held: Thursday June 29 / 1-3 p.m. at the parish hall at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 1520 N. Railroad, Pflugerville, TX. 78660

If you would like to make a Donation in his name a memorial contribution may be made to:

Fantastic Magic Camp Scholarship Fund, 12316 Indian Mound Drive, Austin, TX 78758

www.magiccamp.com



**Patek** 

Rudy Patek joined his Lord and heavenly family on June 7, 2023, at age 84. He was born in Shiner, Texas, on December 13, 1938, to Charles Patek Sr, & Elizabeth Agnes Veit Patek.

Rudy married Beatrice Machalec Patek on June 14, 1959. Bea was the love of his life! He was a dedicated husband and father and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Rudy is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Victor, Charles Jr., August Patek and sister Helen Patek

Matula. He is survived by his lovely wife Bea Patek, and sons Chris Patek (Carrie Kopech) and Doug Patek & wife Kim Fuchs Patek; daughters Loretta Patek and Karen Patek (Amy Adams). His grandchildren: Brian and Garrett Gorka, Amanda Gorka Goodspeed and her husband Guy; Tyler Patek, Lindsay Patek

Hackemack and her husband Ryan; Blake, Adam, & Kyle Patek; great grandchildren: Guy, Grey, & Graham

Goodspeed; Austen, Bradie & Georgia Gorka; Kinsley & Leighton Hackemack. He is also survived by his siblings, his sister Betty Patek Kocian of Shiner, Texas and his brother Dennis Patek of Livingston, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rudy attended Ludrnila's Academy Catholic School in Shiner and was very involved in his faith community. He graduated in 1957 and moved to Houston where he worked for Mosher Steel Company for two years. He then started his career with Baker Oil Tools (Baker Hughes) as a factory warehouseman from 1959-1969. From 1973 - 2000, he worked as a Supervisor/Manager of Inventory and retired from Baker in 2000.

Rudy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Praha, Texas; Knights of Columbus Council #3244 of Moulton, Texas and a member of KJT of Shiner, Texas.

Rudy loved his Czech heritage and spent much of his time at the Joe Patek Orchestra dances, where his father and uncles played in the band. He has been a charter member of the Polka Lovers Klub of America since 1989. Rudy and Bea were King & Oueen of the PO.L.K. of A. Chapter 1 and 36th Annual National Polka Festival in Ennis, Texas in 2002. He was also a member of the Czech Heritage Singers and Dancers of Houston. He loved dancing, singing, and listening to Czech/polka music. He also enjoyed playing 42 dominoes

and wahoo, boating, fishing, and camping with his family. His annual family camping trips to Inks Lake were a great joy for 50 consecutive years.

Rudy loved and cherished his extended family and friends. He will be greatly missed. HEEEYYYY!!

A visitation was held, Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Shiner Funeral Home, 520 North Avenue C, Shiner, Tx 77984 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial was heldMonday, June 12. 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Praha, 821 FM 1295, Flatonia, TX 78941. Rosary began at 9:30 a.m., Mass followed at 10 a.m.

Entombment to followed at Shiner Catholic Mausoleum.

#### CZECH LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

# CESAT Announces: Czech Language Classes for High School, University, and Adult Students

By THADIOUS POLASEK CESAT President

The Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas (CE-SAT), is pleased to inform you of the Czech language courses that are offered through Blinn College. CZEC 1471 (Beginning Czech I), CZEC 1472 (Beginning Czech II), Czech 1371 (Intermediate Czech I), Czech 1372 (Intermediate Czech II), and advanced conversational Czech are offered at Blinn College via the internet. You can study Czech from the comfort of home. High school students may take the courses for dual credit. Dual Credit classes are taken by high schools student for high school foreign language credit as well as transferable university credit.

Because of the rich Czech heritage in Texas, learning the Czech language is particularly appealing to students and adults.. It provides an opportunity for students of Czech descent to maintain their heritage and culture that is interwoven in the settlement and growth of many communities in Texas. It may also provide an additional language for students who are interested in majoring in international business or European studies.

Due to scholarships of-

fered by CESAT, a high Thursday from 7:45 a.m. unschool student can earn 14 til 8:50 a.m. beginning Czech hours of transferable univerand intermediate Czech from 8:55 to 9:40 a.m. To defray

The instructor of the course uses distance learning technology so that students can take the course live online on their high school campus using a computer equipped with a microphone and headset. In the Fall 2023 semester, the course will be offered live online Monday through

Thursday from 7:45 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. beginning Czech and intermediate Czech from 8:55 to 9:40 a.m. To defray the cost of the course, CESAT and other Texas Czech organizations have provided funds so that scholarships are available for students enrolling in the Czech language courses.

Adults may also take these classes for either university credit as a continuing education class.

Shannon Williford who serves as the Director for Dual Credit Programs at Blinn College can assist you in getting your students registered for the university or dual credit course. Her contact information is *Shannon.Williford@blinn.edu* or (979) 209-8218.

Loraine Orellana who serves as Coordinator of Distance and Community Education at the Blinn College-Schulenburg Campus can register you for the continuing education class. Ms. Orellana's phone number is 979 743 5237 or her email is lorellana@blinn.edu.

Please let me (Polasek29@gmail.com) know if you have any questions about the Czech language program offered at Blinn College. CE-SAT hopes that you will encourage your students to take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity!



Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

ANNUAL BAZAAR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a meal and festivities at our Parish Activity Center

BBQ & Corn Hill Fried Chicken Dinner w/dressing and all the fixin's! (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Adults \$15 / Children \$7

Drive-thru adult plates available (11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) ☆☆☆

Afternoon of family fun!

~Live Polks Music~

~Kolache Sale~

~Bingo~

~Cake Walk~

~Silent Auction~

~Children's Games~

~Homemade Ice Cream~



Live Auction

Starts at 1:30 PM – inside the PAC Bldg

Buddy Johnson (Lic #TXS-6520) Harvey Johnson (Lic #AUCTNR-00012401)

All located on the church grounds at

8626 FM 1105, Jarrell
Directions: from I-35: go East on CR 311 for
2½ miles, right onto FM 1105
m Bardiett: from TX 95 – go West on FM 487, turn left
onto FM 1105 – go 6 miles

RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE: - \$1,000 Visa Cards (24 great prizes valued over \$6,500!)

Tickets only \$3 each or 6 for \$15

Need not be present to win – drawing held after Live Auction

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

# 25-Year Membership April, May, June, July 2023

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<b>April</b> Society #20, Shiner Zachary Joseph Beal Anita B. Grabarkievtz	Society #27, Taylor Alice N. Zett Society #31, West	Society #107, Abbott Sydney R. Janek Society #112, Austin	Society #48, Hillje Ty Ryan Tucker Society #50, Penelope	<b>July</b> Society #31, West Preston Blaine Macik Lanette Yvonne Sullins	
Derek Kapavik  Society #29, Frydek  Kathryn Olivia Mock  Sophia Patricia Mock  Matthew Adam Siska	Kara Camille McClung Society #34, Nada Garrett Ross Cerny Society #35, Ennis Cecilie Holland	Taylor Massey  June  Society #4, Ammannsville  Harlene Ruth Novak	Deborah D. Pustejovsky  Society #56, Houston James Jamaiya N. Havel Alyssa A Hedge Pamela Kay Janda Mia Pitts	Society #35, Ennis Michelle Leigh Dlabaj Kennedy Michelle Dlabaj Lane Tanner Schlottman	
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Falyn Nicole Nash Barbara Ellen Zhanel	Society #54, Fort Worth Helen E. Becan	Society #13, Yoakum Aaron Wayne Baros	Society #79, Hungerford Marcus James Spacek Eleanor J. Spacek	Society #46, La Grange Benjamin Josef Stribling	
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Society #101, Danbury Sandra Ellen Janik	Society #71, Ganado Mary Ann Peters	Society #31, West Fern H. Soukup	Society #95, Kaufman Judy Kathryn Pugh	Society #63, Smithville Timothy Holub	
Society #115, Victoria Alice Faye Yanta	Society #72, Corpus Christi Katherine Pesek	Society #40, East Bernard Marvin E. Adamek	Society #111, Dallas Cory James Olson Chad Allen Olson	Society #72, Corpus Christi Logan Corey Hoelscher	
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#### 50-Year Membership

April, May, June, and July

April

Society #23, Plum Robert J. Beck

Society #31, West Robert E. Eyeington

Society #35, Ennis Donny R. Dlabaj Scott K. Dlabaj Frankie E. Vrana, Jr.

Society #39, Marak Jerry L. Kostroun, III

Society #43, Wied Daryl W. Wagner Dean A. Wagner

Society #72, Corpus Christi Michael Joseph Stubbs

Society #76, Dime Box Dennis W. Mikulin Society #80, Sealy Keith A. Dzierzanowski Dwayne D. Gajewski Frank Laredo, Jr. Frank C. Manak James E. Manak Michael C. Manak

Society #102, San Antonio David Anthony Matula

> Society #111, Dallas Henry A Daboub

Society #117, Waco Patrick J. Vanek

Society #132, Pflugerville Gregory Prihoda

**May** Society #25, Ellinger

Society #28, Granger David L Hajda Dwayne L. Hyzak Timothy W. Kaderka George M. Knapek Society #31, West John L. Dvorak

Society #34, Nada Landis J. Dornak Larry W. Kotulek Mark S. Kotulek

Society #35, Ennis Frank J. Lascala Troy Frank Trlica

Society #46, La Grange Allen R. Schertz Society #55, Corn Hill John S. Danek

Society #63, Smithville Daniel C. Drab

Society #72, Corpus Christi Dominic Garofolo, III Jeffery A. Hunt Thomas D. Krnavek Randy J. Snapka Society #84, El Campo Henry H. Vaclavick, Jr.

Society #111, Dallas Timothy J. Kral

Society #112, Austin Steven M. Fojtik David B. Merka Edward B. Merka, Jr. Christopher P. Motloch Michael A. Motloch

Society #122, Freeport Eugene A. Wysocki David W. Wysocki Mark A. Wysocki

June

Society #1, Praha Darrell R. Bacak Russell B. Bacak Society #14, Bryan Michael W. Divin

Society #20, Shiner Jeffery A. Kurtz Society #80, Sealy Emil A. Reznicek

July

Society #4, Ammannsville Randy W. Stavinoha

> Society #35, Ennis Mike L. Betik Richard J. Betik Thomas R. Betik Damon W. Hickman

> Society #68, Weimar David A. Vana

Society #72, Corpus Christi Joseph T. Champine

> Society #80, Sealy Charles J. Marik, III

Society #114, Temple Donald R. Entrop Kenneth J. Hobizal Paul F. Kruppa





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<b>April</b> Society #3, Hostyn Edwin F. Muras	Society #81, Poth Clarence W. Bordovsky Gregory A. Trial	Society #55, Corn Hill Vincent J. Vrazel	Society #14, Bryan Charles J. Luza, Jr.	Society #115, Victoria August L. Kucera
Society #9, Fayetteville Justin L. Malota	Society #90, Rosenberg Daniel J. Jedlicka Vance E. Sechelski, Jr.	Society #59, Seymour Dennis L. Kotulek Victor G. Kotulek	Society #16, Wallis Richard J. Macha Raymond G. Novak	Society #119, La Marque Allan Minar
Society #13, Yoakum David A. Barthels Wayne O. Havel	Society #107, Abbott Robert R. Neill	Society #63, Smithville John J. Pesl Steve Zapalac	Society #20, Shiner Joseph A. Machacek Edward D. Machacek James A. Wagner	<b>July</b> Society #3, Hostyn Joseph D. Kruppa
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Society #49, Needville Jerome C. Vacek	Steve C. Spacek  May	Raymond L. Lubojacky Society #109, Hillsboro	Society #40, East Bernard Charlie A. Kolafa	Society #48, Hillje Joe R. Strnadel, Jr.
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Society #79, Hungerford William C. Svatek	Society #48, Hillje David D. Kresta	<b>June</b> Society #9, Fayetteville Frank K. Svrcek	Society #103, Baytown Quentin L. Hoffman, II David J. Zatopek	

## KJT Society #142 Places Flags at Cemetery



On Sunday, June 25, the members placed flags on all veteran's grave sites at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery, in preparation for the July 4th holiday. We appreciate our youth: Carys, Coryn, Chloe Cureton, Kathleen Novak, and our adults Coral Cureton, Katie Murski, Gwen and Shawn Cureton, Denise and Tim Murski, and Henry Wilganowski for braving the heat! In support, Joanie Correll, Gertrude Nowak, Angie Vitek, Patricia and Jerry Novak, and Joan Wilganowski stayed at the hall, preparing a meal of hot dogs and hamburgers with "the works", along with a watermelon chaser. Thank you all for your participation.





KJT Society #142 collected items as our Friends in Need Project for Argent Court Assisted Living Community. President Henry Wilganowski delivered to Victoria Powell, Activity Director, for residents Bingo prizes and Country store. When budgets get tight every little bit donated, makes a difference!

Thanks to all our members, the box of goodies totaled over 100 items. It is appreciated!







#### Austin KJT Meet at Dell Diamond

Austin KJT had their annual family outing at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. There were 45 members and guests attended the tailgate party, flag ceremony and game. An enjoyable time was had by all.





# **District #7 Family Day**



El Campo Society #84 silent auction tables at meeting.



Vincent Nemec, presiding over the District 7 meeting hosted by El Campo Society #84 on May 7, 2023.

# St. Jerome KJT Society 121, Katy/Spring Branch

Meeting and bake sale on August 19/20, 2023. Meeting at 4 P M; bake sale after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday after all Masses.

(\*Help with baking requested; cash donations can be made to St. Jerome KJT Society 121 and mailed to Eleanor Sedlar, 2011 Ganyard Dr., Houston, Texas 77043.\*)

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

# **Round Rock Society #134**

By FELIX LEONARDI Secretary

St. William Catholic Church, Round Rock Soc. #134 Holds Meeting

Officers in attendance: Tina Risinger (President), Leon Barton (Vice President), Janie Zbranek (Treasurer), Felix Leonardi (Secretary)

The KJT meeting took place at St. William parish hall (Round Rock) on June-3rd, 2023. Registration begins at 6:30pm. We are joined by seminarians John Ungerino and Ethan Rice who will be at St. William this summer. It so happened that Ethan Rice is celebrating his 21st birthday today. They both have 6 more years to go.

Fr. Kyle Nesrsta presided prayer for the meal at 6:36pm. Pizza Hut supper and Msgr. Louis Pavlicek's homemade ice cream is served. The pledge allegiance to the flag at 7:27pm officiates the opening of meeting. We ask for continue prayers for Msgr. Louis from prostate cancer treatment.

The summary from Mar-4, 2023 meeting was read. Motion was approved by Gabriele Miller and second it by Louis Zbranek.

The treasury report from Janie Zbranek was read and approved by Gabriele Miller and second it by Margaret Barton.

Shirley Pokorney, our state

director, notes

- a.Ÿ KJT youth and teen camp is July 23 July 27, 2023. Deadline application for a camp is June 15th.
- b. KJT State Family day is July 23rd at Frelsburg, TX. RSVP by July 14.
- c. October 7 is the KJT central Texas golf tournament.
- d. October 21 is the Tarok tournament in La Grange
- e. Pflugerville hosts first regional meet and eat. Louis Zbranek is one of the 75-year diamond pin recipient and for Louis and Janie Zbranek in accepting 100% Family certificate presented by Chris Urban, our KJT State President.
- f. Shirley also thank Society 134 donation of priest retirement fund to Bishop Joe Vasquez. Bishop Joe is always happy to get those and very appreciated.
- g. Kids charities is another charity that might be of interest. It changes every 2 years.
- h. This year we are doing Camp Hope. Camp Hope is for former military that come out with PTSD. As of March, there were 1,348 Vet grads from this program. Consider donating as well.
- i. The member portal is up and running. You can check your own account instead of having to call Leon.
- j. As of March 1, 2023, we did an additional 0.5% interest rate on all NEW KJT Kapital account (5 plans).

k. What a deal for the kids and newborn. \$10,000 paid up for life and never had to pay anything more.

1. A \$150 per Catholic tuition grants per year. College Scholarships from KJT State Office in the amount of \$1,500. That could double if attending Catholic colleges. There can be another \$1,500 on your account or dividends on your life insurance.

Leon's note:

- 1. KJT member Lowell Wayne Liedecke passed away on May 24, 2023. He was 89. Leon will request \$25, and a plaque be sent from Home office to Barbara Liedecke, widow. Motion approved by Gerry Sackett, and second it by Margaret Barton.
- 2. Louis Zbranek received 75-year pin. It should have been for 81 years.
- 3. We will plan for meeting in July or August due to graduation in June.
- 4. Prayers for Alvin Moczygemba and Rick Mara for recovery.
- 5. Prayers for Pat Pietrasik for successful surgery and complete eradication of cancer and uncomplicated recovery.
- 6. Next KJT 134 meeting is to be announced

Priest retirement and Door prize were drawn. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

# **KJT Society #3, Hostyn**

By DIANNA KALLUS Reporter

The Hostyn KJT Society #3, Sts. Cyril, Methodius and George met on Sunday,

May 21, 2023, at the parish hall after mass. President Shannon Fietsam opened the meeting and Dianna Kallus led the opening prayer. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All officers were present for the meeting, with 24 members in attendance; there was one guest, Sandra Muras.

Secretary Joyce Muras read the minutes from the May meeting and were approved, as read. Hostyn Society lost one member who passed in February, Arnold Janda. A "thank you" note from the family for remembering Arnold with masses through the year was read. Our society also received an invitation to Deacon Luke Prihoda's ordination which was on May 13, 2023, in Victoria.

Brenda Fietsam gave the treasurer's report, which was filed as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Join Hands Day was moved to May 23, as the much-needed rain was welcomed, but made the grounds too wet for planting flowers and roses – it will wait for a few weeks. The fundraiser will be on June 14, 2023, at the La Grange KC Hall. Three members were

appointed for the scholarship committee which were Chase Fietsam, Patsy Janda and Shirley Macik.

NEW BUSINESS: Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14, the day of our fundraiser. An American Flag will be displayed at the KC Hall and members wearing red, white or blue shirts while working. Several youth activities were up for discussion. An ice cream social is planned for the third weekend in September along with the youth mass. The second activity was tabled to have something around Christmas.

New membership pins were presented to Michael Machicek Muras and Nevaeh Machicek Muras. They are the children of Jason and Sandra Muras and grandchildren of Ivan and Monica Muras. Congratulations to them!

As always, if you have any questions on how to join Hostyn KJT #3, please call our Rept. Brenda Fietsam @ (979) 702-0251 or (979) 47-3433 and leave a message.

Next meeting will be held on August 20, 2023, at the Hostyn parish hall around 9:30 am.

Door prizes were won by Nick Macik and Lori Kallus. Meeting was adjourned by Steven Kallus and seconded by Harold Fietsam, Jr., with closing prayer led by Brenda.

#### **IN MEMORIUM**

#### **NOTICES OF MAY 2023**

William C. Sliva, 69 Wallis #16 3/9/2023

Martha A. Cervenka, 92 Granger #28 4/1/2023

Eugene A. Hajdik, 79 Sealy #80 11/8/2021

Florianna Stolarki, 85 Sealy #80 2/11/2023 Patrick H. Kalina, 71 La Grange #46 4/8/2023

Anna Casarez, 76 Bay City #139 4/24/2023

George E. Petter, 78 Fayetteville #9 8/26/2023

Clara A. Gold, 93 Nada #34 4/15/2023 Willie B. Vrabel, 88 Corn Hill #55 3/26/2023

Robert L. Skutka, 80 Weimar #68 4/26/2023

Delbert Sliva, 83 East Bernard #40 3/20/2023

Kenneth Lev, 73 Praha #1 4/7/2023 Dennis Rohan, 76 Rosenberg #90 3/28/2023

Lorna Dusek, 73 Victoria #115 5/1/2023

Joseph D. Marek, 84 Frenstat #12 3/21/2023

#### NOTICES OF JUNE 2023

Benjamin J. Adamcik, 78 Dallas #111 5/3/2023

Stanley S. Sherek, 68 Granger #28 12/31/2022

Dennis R. Werchan, 71 Granger #28 3/14/2023

Bernard Kozlovsky, 91 Ennis #35 4/25/2023 Joseph S. Masek, 90 Hungerford #79 5/17/2023

Raymond Heintschel, 76 Baytown #103 4/26/2023

Janet P. Gollehon, 71 Ennis #35 5/28/2023

Eugene R. Hosek, 89 West #31 4/22/2023 Leslie J. Grygar, 70 Temple #114 5/7/2023

Arthur E. Scholz, Jr., 75 Corpus Christi # 72 5/20/2023

Irene M. Kutach, 81 Austin #112 5/25/2023

Clarence F. Dobecka, 89 Hillje #48 3/16/2023 Marie Snider, 82 West #31 5/23/2023

Morris Orsak, 86 Hillje #48 5/13/2023

Associate Member James A. Weikel, 80 Hostyn #3 6/13/2023

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.

# Donations to Clergy Retirement and Seminarian Educations Funds



Father Greg Gerhart accepts checks from State Director Shirley Pokorney.

On behalf of Bishop Joe Vasquez, Austin Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. Greg Gerhart happily accepted donation checks for the Clergy Retirement Fund and the Seminarian Education Fund that were presented by State Director Shirley Pokorney. Director Pokorney explained that KJT societies throughout the Diocese of Austin obtained this money by doing a wide variety of creative fundraising projects specifically to benefit these causes.

Father Greg related that the extra money is quite timely because of an adjustment to the seminarian formation program. He said, "The Propaedeutic Year that is beginning in Austin for our new seminarians is a time of focus on human and spiritual formation that will set a strong foundation for the seminarians throughout their priestly formation and priestly life. It adds a year to the length of time that it takes for a seminarian to be prepared for the priesthood, so this donation will be of great help!"

KJT members are honored to be of assistance in encouraging and assisting vocations in any way we can, Father Greg.

#### Society #132 Presents Scholarship



**Aaron Simcik** 

Aaron Simcik is the 2023 recipient of Pflugerville KJT Society #132's "Agnes Pokorney Memorial Scholarship". Aaron graduated from Hutto High School where some of his high school achievements included the National African American Recognition Program winner, College Board National and Rural Small Town Recognition Program, and a Thespian National Oualifier. We wish him continued success at Temple College where he plans to major in forensic science.

Aaron is the son of Kavan and Michele Simcik, and the grandchild of Bill and Gracie Simcik and Bob and Linda Newton.



#### **TOP PRODUCERS**



Cynthia Nemec Society #139 Bay City

First Place April First Place May First Place June



W.K. Leonard Society #119 La Marque

First Place March Second Place April Second Place May Second Place June



Lisa Alexander Society #119 La Marque

Third Place March Fourth Place April Fifth Place May Fifth Place June



Brenda Fietsam Society #3 Hostyn

Fourth Place March Fifth Place April Seventh Place May Eighth Place June



Ted Vitek Society #112 Austin

Fifth Place March Seventh Place April Third Place May Fourth Place June



Tommy Prasifka Society #20, Shiner

Eighth Place March Tenth Place April Tenth Place May



Ellen Zdansky Society #72 Corpus Christi

Tenth Place March Ninth Place April Eighth Place May Seventh Place June

Consecutive App-a-Month Producer (222) Consecutive New Member-a-Month Producer (4)



Tanner Schlottman Society #35, Ennis

Sixth Place March Eighth Place April Ninth Place May Ninth Place June

Consecutive App-a-Month Producer (2) Consecutive New Member-a-Month Producer (2)



Shirley Pokorney Society #132, Pflugerville

Seventh Place March Sixth Place April Sixth Place May Sixth Place June

Consecutive App-a-Month Producer (2)



Deborah Currey Society #130 Elgin

Second Place March Third Place April Fourth Place May Third Place June

Consecutive App-a-Month Producer (2)



Robert Leopold Society #84 El Campo

Ninth Place March Tenth Place April Tenth Place May



Robert Leopold Society #84 El Campo

Tenth Place June



# Catholic Union of Texas

## West Society #31 Fundraiser and Scholarship Presentation

By GEORGIE NORS *Reporter* 

West Society #31 held a Hamburger, and Sausage Wrap and a bake sale fundraiser on the Saturday of Mother's Day, May 13. It was held at the old Pointwest Bank Drive thru. Lots of members came to help. A lot of burgers and fries were sold. A bake sale was also held and baked items were almost completely sold out.

The two Scholarship winners, Paola Renaga and Johnaton Nors, also came and helped and were presented certificates.

Paola is the daughter of Yolanda Renaga and Ray Renaga and she plans to attend MCC to get her basics and then further her education into nursing. Johnaton is the son of Nick and Kristy Nors and he plans to attend Baylor University and go into Bio-Medical Engineering.

We want to thank all our members who came and helped with the Fundraiser and who brought Bake Sale Items.

We also Congratulate our Scholarship winner and wish them the best.



Pictured L to R: Robert Nors, Soc. #31 Treasurer, Sherry Pavlas, Vice-President, Paola Renaga, Johnaton Nors, and President of Society #31, Michael Kraemer.

## KJT Society #31 Holds Meeting at Zoo

KJT Society #31 members, youth and family, adults and grandparents met at the Waco Zoo on Saturday, June 10, for a Youth function. Even though the weather was pretty hot, everyone enjoyed seeing all the animals. There were a lot of shade trees, and a lot of indoor, air-conditioned displays of reptiles and birds, so the heat wasn't too bad.

While there, everyone was treated to a Kona Ice Drink.

Afterwards, under the shade trees, a short meeting was held. President Kraemer opened the meeting with a prayer. He reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in July. The next gathering will be at the Parish Festival which will be held on Sunday, August 13. Our KJT Society will oversee the Auction. Lots of help will be needed on the week and Saturday before to solicit and pick up auction prizes. On

the day of the festival, lots of help will also be needed.

A motion was made and seconded to spend around \$150 on an auction prize from the Society.

Sherry Pavlas reported she will send a Get-Well card to Lillian Urbanovsky.

Robert Nors reported on the Hamburger Fundraiser. He didn't have the exact amount of expenses and the money that was made. He will report on this at the next



Pictured L To R: Heather Gross, Carl Gross, Isabella Kidwell, holding Louis Gross, Brent and Holly Pavlas holding Emily, and Stephanie and Patrick Cunningham.

meeting which will be held in September, along with the zoo expenses. Heather Gross made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.





Pictured are West Soc. #31 members, grandparents, youth and family who enjoyed their day at the Waco Zoo on Saturday, June 10.

## KJT #35 Easter Egg Hunt

On April 9, KJT #35 Youth Club had its annual Easter Egg Hunt followed by prizes, games, snacks, and drinks. We had a very good turnout of kids, parents and grandparents all enjoying a photo booth and fellowship. On May 6, the recreation room was the center of fun as many enjoyed an afternoon enjoying the Kentucky Derby race on TV. Hats, games, and drink specials were all enjoyed. After the race everyone enjoyed the music by The Barflies. It was a very fun day and hopefully we will do it again next year. We have also been hosting a few Trivia Nights a couple times a month and it just seems to be growing every week.





Lots of smiles at the Youth Club Easter Egg Hunt.

#### KJT #35 Memorial Day Weekend Activities

On May 25, we held our annual Flag raising ceremony to start off Memorial Day weekend and the National Polka Festival. We had a flag raising ceremony before everyone returned to the hall to start off Polka Fest with Czech and Then Some. Once again, we had a great turn out

all weekend with great music and food! We want to thank all our volunteers for all their help and hard work throughout the weekend. It is a lot of work, but it is well worth it to see old friends and new faces.

Please visit our Facebook page to see how much fun we are having at K.J.T. Society #35 in Ennis. It will also keep you informed of our next event and members meetings. Until next time, have a good day and stay safe. Also remember to contact Tanner Schlottman to get those grandkids or great grandkids added to be a new member of the KJT.



Annual Flag raising ceremony to start off Memorial Day weekend.



Pictured is proud grandpa Danny Zapletal with new member and granddaughter Hatti Zapletal at the pre party of the Polka Festival.

#### **ESSAY CONTEST**

#### Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT)

Svatý Cyrile a Metoději, orodujte za nás!



#### Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas 2023 Essay Contest Information and Rules

**Introduction:** The mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (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 CCFT was established and recognized by the IRS Code under Section 501(c)(3) in 2018 as a non-profit organization.

CCFT Essay Contest Eligibility: The annual CCFT essay contest is open to  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  grade students who are members of CCFT, KJZT Family Life, or KJT Catholic Union of Texas. Membership in the CCFT is not required for an essay submission if you are a KJZT or KJT member. Only one essay may be submitted per student.

Awards: CCFT has established \$1,000 in awards, an icon of St. Ludmila, and a one-year CCFT membership. All essays will be published in the CCFT newsletter and the CCFT website. Full acknowledgment of authorship will be given. The first-place essay may be published in KJZT Family Life Journal, KJT News, and other relevant publications. If someone's essay is published, the author will receive a copy. Awards will be announced on October 30, 2023.

Essay topic: Each competitor will submit an essay about St. Agnes of Bohemia. Include a brief history of St. Agnes (where she lived, her family, how she became a Saint, and any other significant information). Relate how St. Agnes influenced the time and place in which she lived including her spiritual legacy. Discuss her canonization and its association with the Velvet Revolution or events during this time. Provide the significance of the Velvet Revolution too. Discuss how St. Ludmila is a good role model for today's Catholics on their faith journey.

Preparation work for the essay: Research St. Agnes's life using books, online resources, church libraries, and/or interviews. Come to know her as if she were a good friend. Here are Some websites to help you begin your research: <a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints">www.catholic-forum.com/saints</a> <a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints">http://www.catholic.org/saints</a>

Criteria for scoring: Essays will be scored on the following:

- Depth of research done.
- Ability to follow the essay topic and clearly present and elaborate on the topic with specific example(s),
- Demonstration of critical thinking through careful reflection on the topic and organization of ideas presented in a logical and coherent manner, and
- Ability to effectively communicate a personal connection to the topic.

Essays shall follow formatting rules and guidelines using proper grammar and vocabulary. The Saint shall be researched and information accurate. Essays must include a bibliography. It should contain the sources that were used to prepare or that contributed to the essay. Sources of oral interviews must be included if used. Wikipedia may not be used as primary reference although it may be helpful to get acquainted with the topic.

**Additional Guidance**: Use your own words. If you quote another author from a book, the internet, or an interview, cite the author in a footnote/endnote.

**Submission Guidelines:** Length: Submissions shall be no more than three pages (one-sided only if mailed) and shall contain the completed essay cover sheet. The three-page limit will not apply to the bibliography nor the essay cover sheet.

**Formatting:** All essays are to be composed using Microsoft Word MS Word). Number all pages except for the cover sheet. All pages are to be double-spaced, using 12-point Times New Roman font. Margins are to be 1 inch left and right, and top and bottom.

The author's identity is to appear nowhere in the paper. A separate unattached cover sheet with the applicant's identify should be completed and accompany the paper. The cover sheet and paper will receive an identification number when received.

Papers that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified.

**Deadline:** Entries must be emailed or postmarked by **Monday, September 18, 2023.** Send the following materials as separate attachments (formatted in MS Word) in the same e-mail, with the subject line **CCFT 2023 essay contest**, the paper, and completed cover page. Essays may be submitted by e-mail or US mail.

E-mail to:

ccftsecretary@gmail.com or

Mail t

Carol Filer CCFT Secretary 14520 Regents Walk Austin, Texas 78728

#### Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT)

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#### **Essay Cover Sheet**

Student Name:		
School:		Grade:
City:	State:	Zip:
Home address:		
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Parish Name:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Essay Title:		
Parent's Name:		
Check the organization/s you are	a member of, th	e number of the organization, and the
city/parish of its affiliation.		
I am a member of KJT #	_located in city_	
I am a member of KJZT #	located in city	/parish
I am a member of CCFT		
• 1 1		additional information and rules titled, ntest Information and Rules, included in this
I have reviewed and accept th	e essay contest ru	les.
Signature:		Date:

#### KJT Society #115 Flag Day



KJT Society #115 Victoria members attended the Flag Day ceremony at the VFW Hall in Victoria, Texas. In attendance were Donald Dusek, President and Joe Pustka, Treasurer.

#### Hillje #48 Pork Steak Fundraiser



Helping with to go plates are youth members Trevor Lutringer, Andrew Sulak and Aaron Sulak.

#### St. Benedict KJT Society #100 Flag Day



Pictured here are KJT Society #100 members who participated in Flag Day celebrations (first row) Cecilia Perry and Luke Perry, (second row) Louemma Polansky, Jennifer Perry, Donna Rychlik, Joseph Perry, Mike Perry, (back row) Hubert Polansky, Joe Rychlik, Anthony Motloch, Georgia Perry, Gregory Perry

#### Society #72 Delivers Soda Caps and Sets Out Flags for Fourth of July

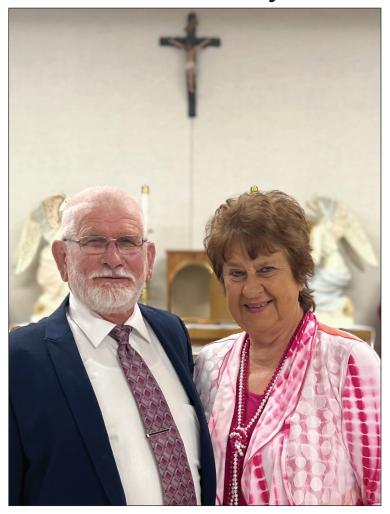


Charles and Ellen Zdansky delivered soda caps to Ronald McDonald house, on behalf of Society #72, Corpus Christi.



Charles Zdansky of Corpus Christi Society #72 is shown setting out flags for 4th of July Flag Day at Seaside Cemetery.

# Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniversary



Benedict and Dianna Kallus at their 55th wedding anniversary celebration.

Benedict and Dianna Kallus of Hostyn celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with their family by attending Mass for their intention on Sunday, June 18, 2023 at the Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn. They are blessed with six children, five inlaws, sixteen grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a great-grandson who is due in November. The family en-

joyed delicious Ammannsville picnic dinner plates at the family home. Benedict and Dianna were married on June 16, 1968 in Praha at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Marcus Valenta officiating.

The Kalluses are proud that most of their family members are members of Hostyn KJT#3.

## Monsignor Anderson Celebrates 45th Anniversary of Ordination



Monsignor James A. Anderson

On June 30, Monsignor James A. Anderson, Co-Chaplin, of Society #119 celebrated his 45th Anniversary of ordination into the priesthood. There was a Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, along with priests and deacons from the surrounding areas. After the Mass there was a reception for all those that attended.

The reception was prepared and served by all the ministry groups, including KJT Society #119; there were approximately 200 in attendance. Happy Anniversary once again to Monsignor James A. Anderson!



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston celebrated the Mass.

#### Corn Hill Society #55 Set Up Altar for Procession

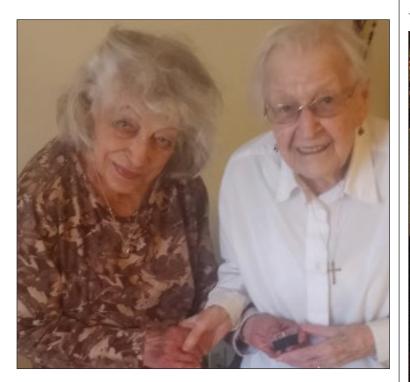


Corn Hill Society #55 President John Danek and Secretary/Treasurer Teresa Nemec set up an altar for the Corpus Christi procession at Holy Trinity Church.

#### KJT #117 Presents 25-Year Pins



Gary Woodard received his KJT 25-year pin, presented by #117 President Frankie Muehlstein.



Former #117 Secretary Evelyn Skopik visited and delivered a food plate from the meeting to homebound member Agnes Prasifka, who received her 25-year pin.

#### KJT #117 Presents Scholarships



Pictured here are McKenzie Gilbreath, Frankie Muehlstein, and Grace Muehlstein.

On July 9, 2023, the meeting honored our society's high school graduates and scholarship recipients Mc-Kenzie Gilbreath and Grace Muehlstein. McKenzie is Great Granddaughter of Bernice and late Alvin Sykora, Granddaughter of Janice Gilbreath, and Daughter of Wesley Gilbreath, she plans to attend Texas A&M University. Grace also received a scholarship from the KJT State level, she is Granddaughter of #117 President Frankie and Barbara Muehlstein, and Daughter of David and Peggy Muehlstein. Grace plans to attend Texas A&M University.



**Anabel Judith Matchett** 

# Matchett Graduates from Texas A&M

Anabel Judith Matchett of KJT Society #3 in Hostyn, graduated with honors from Texas A&M University in College Station on May 12, 2023. Anabel is s 2020 graduate of Angleton High School and a KJT State Scholarship recipient. She is the daughter of Mark and Karen Matchett and granddaughter of Benedict and Dianna Kallus.

#### Kolache Klobase Festival in East Bernard



Pictured are KJT officers, along with our kolache eating winners for the event. Fantastic job!

KJT home office sponsored the kolache eating contest, congratulations to all the winners! A good time was had by all!









Kolache eating contest in action!

\* Annual Labor Day Weekend Feast \*

# St. John The Baptist

Catholic Church, Fayetteville



Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. MASS with Polka Music

PLATES TO GO and Drive Thru Line Starting at 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Seating Available

LIVE MUSIC under the Pavilion during meal by local Parish Musicians

BAR-B-QUE DINNER PORK & SAUSAGE

MEAL TICKETS
\$15.00 EACH

BAR-B-QUE BY THE POUND AVAILABLE

BBQ Sandwiches and Sausage Wraps served at 1:30 p.m.

KOLACHES

and

PASTRIES

COUNTRY AUCTION 1:30 p.m. Silent Auction Plant Wheel Country Store Cake Wheel

BINGO 2:00 P.M. KIDS ACTIVITIES

A Percentage of Feast proceeds will go to benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Posters Donated by: Doris Matocha and Mike and Janice Marek

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

# Society #117 Waco Meets on April 2

Society 117 Waco met on Sunday, April 2 at the KC Hall in Waco for our Palm Sunday/ Easter meeting that included an Easter Egg hunt for the youth. A cake and baked goods walk were held following the conclusion of the business meeting; both the youth and adults enjoyed it.

noon, opened with prayer.

A roasted chicken meal was served with sides and desserts brought by members.

A business meeting followed while the youth enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt.

President Frankie Muehlstein moved we continue our Youth project of collecting used towels and blankets to do-The meeting began at 12 nate at the end of the year to the Fuzzy Friends animal shelter. Evelyn Skopik announced the greeting card recycling project is ongoing for members to collect and bring to meetings. The cards are then donated to the St Jude's Ranch for Children.

A motion was made by Vice President Eddie Banik, seconded by Evelyn Skopik, and approved by members to continue the Society's annual donation to the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund and Seminarian Education Fund.

Members Agnes Prasifka and Gary Woodard were recognized by President Muehlstein for their recent 25-year anniversary as members of KJT.

The KJZT members present announced that Tina Schornack, Jane Christine Schornack, and Elaine Simcik

recently achieved 50 years as KJZT members. Barbara Muehlstein, May Lou Urbanek, Mary Ann Sydow, Cecilia Ann Helpert and Patricia Helona received recognition for 75 vears in KJZT.

The Society's next meeting is July 9, 2023 at the KC Hall in Waco that will honor our high school graduates with scholarships.

# KJT MEMBERSHIP PORTAL IS NOW LIVE!

- Create an account to view your KJT policy information.
- Access open to policy owner only
- 1. Register at kit.gladmin.com or www.kitnet.org
- 1st time users click on REGISTER
- 3. Provide your full name, date of birth, email address, policy number & last four digits of your social security number
- 4. After verification by the home office, you will receive an email with a temporary password
- 5. You will have seven (7) days to complete the registration with a permanent password

## Hillje Society #48 Flag Day Festivities

Hillje Society #48 passed out flags at all masses on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and Sunday June 11,2023.



Patsy Reck passing out flags to all parishioners.

#### A Little American Flag History

KJT has provided US flags for you to take home with you this weekend. Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, is observed on June 14.

It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made the first American flag. However there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. It was not until her grandson, William Canby, held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role.

It has since been confirmed that Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey who signed the Declaration of Independence, designed the American flag.



New Pastor Reverend Flagg enjoying his KJT flag.

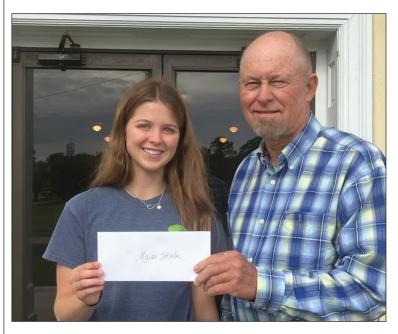


Delores Dornak with her flag.

# Hillje #48 Presents Scholarships



Hillje Society #48 presented Ashlee Holik with a local scholarship; presenting is Charles Holik, President. Congrats Ashlee!



Hillje Society #48 presented a local scholarship to Maizee Strelec; President Charles Holik presented the scholarship. Congrats Maizee!

#### Freeport #122 New Member



Pictured are L to R, James Mikes, President; New Member Betty Page Lopez, Secretary; Cynthia Nemec, Director

#### KJT Society #122 Freeport Earns Level Award



The KJT Society #122 Freeport, earned a level award because of its hard work last year. This qualified the society to earn a Religious Education Grant which was awarded to the Youth Ministry at St. Michael the Archangel. James Mikes, president, presented the check to James Carrasco, Youth Minister and Janet Gipson, Administrative Assistant.

#### KJT Society #122 Freeport Celebrates Flag Day



KJT St. Joseph #122 Freeport President Jimmy Mikes recently celebrated Flag Day and distributed flags before Mass and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner.

Pictured here are Geradette Martin, Jimmy Mikes, and Sherry Bergen.

## **KJT #29 Presents Matching Grant**

KJT Society #29 presents the State KJT Matching Grant check donation to Father Thuy for St. Mary's Church, in Frydek. This matching grant was awarded by the state KJT home office after working the dunking booth and quarter toss fundraisers at the Grotto Celebration.



Front row, left to right: Laura Eschenburg-Society VP, Eugene Eschenburg, Sr., Filothea Eschenburg, Father Thuy Nguyen, Shane Eschenburg-Society President 2nd row, left to right: Cameron Eschenburg, Samuel Eschenburg, Landon Eschenburg, Danielle Eschenburg, Logan Eschenburg, Levi Eschenburg, Grace Eschenburg, Lexa Eschenburg

3rd row, left to right: Daniel Eschenburg, Colby Eschenburg, Justin Eschenburg-Society Secretary, Deacon Paul Franek-Society Chaplain, Val Eschenburg-Society Treasurer, Emily Eschenburg-Youth Director

# **Manor KJT #131 Bingo and Friends in Need**





Manor KJT Society #131 participated in the Parish Project program by running the BINGO at the annual St Joseph's Catholic Church Fiesta 2023. The Society provided all the Bingo prizes; members ran the Bingo, with President Joe Banda calling the numbers. The group raised over \$2200 for the parish in about four hours of play.





Manor KJT Society #131 participated in Friends in Need project by providing lunch for the Bishop John E. McCarthy Memorial Catholic Build, a group building homes for Habitat for Humanity, in East Austin. The Society provided sandwiches, fruit, cookie trays and drinks to feed about 30 people.

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Pflugerville KJT Society #132 Happenings

The future of KJT is right before your eyes in this action picture of Ephraim Hudson being trained in the art of cooking pancakes on Sunday, June 11, 2023. On the left is Paul Detzel with Craig Romick on the right. The griddle looks great with those delicious flapjacks!

Mother's Day, Father's Day and Flag Day were all combined and celebrated on this day. In addition to a pancake breakfast, Parishioners enjoyed Mimosas and an array of door prizes ranging from tool sets to handcrafted oak candleholders by Jim Petter, candies, and bottles of wine.

One of the door prizes was a pot with beautiful caladiums won by Mike Scarpato, shown below with his prize. Pictured from left to right are Clara Hudson, Valerie Kaiser, Alice Bosquez, Mike Scarpato, Shirley Pokorney, Ephraim Hudson, and Liz Thweatt.

The St. Elizabeth Home Bound Ministry provides the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend church. This Sunday, Bill Thomas, Homebound Ministry Coordinator, delivered twelve breakfasts provided by KJT to parishioners.

Society 132 presented a \$400 donation to St. Vincent DePaul ministry operated by St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Left to right are Shirley Pokorney, Diane DeRoulac, KJT Treasurer, and receiving the check is Fr. Enrique Sada-Coeto.



Paul Detzel, Ephraim Hudson, and Craig Romick



Pictured from left to right are Clara Hudson, Valerie Kaiser, Alice Bosquez, Mike Scarpato, Shirley Pokorney, Ephraim Hudson, and Liz Thweatt.



Shirley Pokorney, Diane DeRoulac, and Fr. Enrique Sada-Coeto

## KJT Society #43 Makes Donation and Helps with Meal



Vice President of the Wied society, Diane Aschen, is helping serve patrons at the St. Mary's picnic meal.



Karen Pustka, member of the Wied society, helps to carry plates for picnic goers as they go thru the line.

The KJT Society #43, Wied, made a donation to the St. Mary's picnic for kitchen supplies for the picnic meal.

Another donation went to the picnic raffle prizes.

They also helped where needed by helping folks with their plates, refilling tea, and trash removal for the picnic dinner

A great time was had by all!



Pictured is Judy Opela receiving the kitchen donation presented by Rebecca Till, secretary/treasurer for the Wied society.



#### KJT Society #114 Makes Donation

On May 19, 2023, Temple KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) Society # 114 presented a \$ 1450.00 check to Saint Mary Catholic School, Temple, Texas. The funds will be used by Saint Mary Catholic School to fund catholic education for children in the Central

Texas Area. Funds were raised from Temple KJT/Knights of Columbus Council # 3444 Lenten Fish Fries, Texas KJT State Office Grant Funds and additional funds contributed by Temple KJT Society # 114.



Pictured left to right are as follows: Bruce McAtee - K. C. Council # 3444 Trustee, Michael Galler - KJT Guest, Edwin J. Vasicek - KJT Vice-President, Theresa Wyles - Saint Mary Catholic School Principal, Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld - Pastor Saint Mary Catholic Church, Larry Lagut - K. C. Council # 3444 Comptroller, Eugene G. Pavlat - KJT President, and Saint Mary Catholic School Students - Stetson Schoepf, David Salazar and Claire Allton.

#### KJT Society #114 Flag Raising Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Temple KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) Society #114 held a Flag Raising Ceremony at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Temple, Texas to honor our Nation's Flag. In 1897 the Governor of New York proclaimed a Flag Day Celebration for the first time as an

annual event in that state. President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual National Celebration in his proclamation issued on May 30, 1916, and a Flag Day Celebration to honor our Nation's Flag has been held on June 14 of each year since 1916.



Pictured left to right: Edwin Vasicek - KJT Vice President, Michael Galler - KJT Guest, Sean Warfield - KJT Guest, Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld - Pastor Saint Mary Catholic Church, along with his faithful companion Trinity, Monica Guenat - Saint Mary Parish Bookkeeper, Theresa Wyles - Principal - Saint Mary Catholic School, Patricia St. Amour - Saint Mary Parish Faith Director, Madalene Parker - Saint Mary Parish Office Manager and Eugene G. Pavlat - KJT President.

#### **Rosalie Bohuslav 94th Birthday**



Rosalie Bohuslav turned 94 years young on Sunday, June 4; Society 72 wished her Happy Birthday. She hasn't aged a bit.

#### Society #117 Easter Egg Hunt



Ryker Banik (Lt) and Hensley Ward (Rt) waiting for the start of Society 117 Youth Easter Egg hunt.

#### 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

## Schulenburg Society #129 Participate in Memorial Day Events

Memorial Day Ceremony held at Wolter's Park bottled water as their Flag Day event and the youth

Schulenburg Society 129 members attended the on Monday, May 29, 2023. The society provided members distributed to all who attended.



**Memorial Day Ceremony at Wolter's Park** 

Society 129 youth members distributed water; pictured are Sean Rogers, Van Prihoda, CJ Prihoda, Paul Rogers and Koi Prihoda

#### Society #40 Flag Day Proclamation



A Flag Day Proclamation signing at the recent Kolache Klobase Festival featured back row: Kim Tielke, KJT Soc. #40 Treasurer, Uncle Sam (Joe Prochaska), Honor Guard Tim Faltysek, KJT No. 40 Vice President Sandy Logan, KJT Soc. #40 Secretary Mark Dujka, State KJT Director Mike Reznicek and State KJT President Chris Urban. Sitting: KJT Soc. No. 40 President Edwin C. Marik, McClennan Hill Little Czech Prince Lincoln Holecak, East Bernard Mayor Marvin Holub and KJT Soc. No. 40 Spiritual Advisor Father Charles Otsiwah.



**Hungerford Hall** 235 Cypress St., Hungerford, TX 77448

Registration - 11 am Meal Served - 11:30 am Family Day Meeting to follow

A youth project will be provided; supplies will be available for all youth members to participate.

Please call or text your RSVP for the meal Taylor Ivy 979-533-1540 by August 13

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# Save the Date

#### Sunday, August 6, 2023

KJT #56, Houston Meeting

Held at the Assumption Catholic Church at 2:30 p.m., followed by social, bingo and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date and plan to attend and be involved. Meeting will be held in the Pope John Paul building, second floor right behind the rectory.

#### Sunday, August 13, 2023

KJT #31 West Auction @ Parish Festival KJT Society in charge of Auction @ Parish Feast Day Festival

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

KJT #121 Katy-Spring Branch Bake Sale/Meeting Meeting @ St. Jerome

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

KJT #121 Katy-Spring Branch Bake Sale Bake Sale at St. Jerome

#### Thursday, August 24, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

KJT #133 Missouri City Meeting
Holy Family Catholic Church, Room #2, 1510 5th Street, Missouri City

#### Saturday, September 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

KJT#34, Nada - Meeting @ St. Mary's Family Life Center

#### Sunday, September 10, 2023

KJT #31 West Meeting Meeting after 8:00 a.m. Mass with Coffee & Kolaches at Parish Center

#### Sunday, September 10, 2023

KJT #72 Corpus Christi Meeting Meeting & Meal @ Moravian Hall in Corpus Christi

#### Sunday, September 10, 2023

Marak Annual Picnic

Mass 10:15 a.m., Fried Chicken & Sausage Meal with all the trimmings(dessert included) at 11:00 a.m., \$15.00. Praha Brothers Noon - 3 p.m., Auction @ 2:30 p.m. Games, Raffle Drawing, Entertainment for the entire family.

#### Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

KJT #43 Wied Meeting Meeting at St. Mary's

#### **Grow Your Nest Egg with KJT**

Effective July 1, 2023 New Interest Rates on all NEW Kapital Account, Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity (FPDA), IRA and Roth IRA Accounts.

Earn up to 5.50%

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\$250*** - \$9,999	4.50%	5.00%
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\$100,000 - \$249,999	4.80%	5.30%
\$250,000 - Up	5.00%	5.50%

\*Includes 1.50% First Year Only Additional Interest
\*\*Includes 2.00% First Year Only Additional Interest

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# SCRIPT**SAVE**

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

If you would like to take part in the ScriptSave program and you don't have your original card that was sent out at the inception of the program, you can contact us at info@kjtnet.org or you can call the office at 800.245.8182 to get your discount card. Additionally, you can go to www.kjtnet.org to download your card. All household members of a KJT member may take part in the program.



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