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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 10, 2016
KJT News Deadline
- April 15, 2016
KJT Discounted
Splashway Season
Pass Deadline

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

*"If we are ever to halt
climate change and
conserve land, water
and other resources,
not to mention reduce
animal suffering,
we must celebrate
Earth Day every day."
~Ingrid Newkirk*

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

Surplus Increases, Solvency Rate Rises . . .



CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN
KJT State President

You can find the financial results for 2015 on page 8 of this issue of the *KJT News*. 2015 once again produced positive results even in the extended low interest rate environment and the uncertainty of the economy in general. The KJT increased its assets by right at \$3.5 million to eclipse the \$71 million mark at the end of the year. The growth came with solvency and surplus both improving for the year. Surplus increased

by \$434,000 up to \$3,834,080, a 12.8% increase, and sits at its highest mark since the first quarter of 2006.

Solvency (the ratio of assets to liabilities) now sits at 105.7%, its highest point since the first quarter of 2010.

The Board of Directors is pleased with these results in the current economic environment and is proud of the financial position that the KJT is currently in. The Board does look forward to solidifying this position even further in the years to come.

KJT Kruise

I am sad to announce that the KJT Kruise will not come off as planned this year due so the sheer number of bookings for the cruise that we wanted to offer. The cruise liner is completely sold out from the spring through October so our local Kruise Directors, Ray and Shirley Pokorney, are working on lining things up for a KJT Kruise in 2017. Please see the article from Ray and Shirley below for more Kruise information.

KJT KRUISE

Cruise Delayed Until October 2017

BY RAY POKORNEY
KJT STATE DIRECTOR

Shirley and I intended to find the very best cruise route and price possible in the Caribbean. It has become apparent that we did.

Unfortunately, so did hundreds of other companies doing Group Sailings. Every week this Fall is completely booked for Group Sales. Our agent told us that this is Carnival's most popular cruise. This forced us to look at October 1-8, 2017,

which is already filling quickly.

The route everyone is so
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Have You Updated Your Children's Policies

Are your grown children getting their mail from the KJT? When we look at membership rosters for our societies, we often see a number of grown children still listed under the
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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Important 2016 KJT Dates

MONTH	DAY	EVENT
April	10	April 2016 KJT News Article, Photo and Ad Deadline
April	15	KJT Discounted Splashway Season Pass Deadline
April	30	IRS Form 990-N Due
May	7	Join Hands Day
May	31	Catholic School Tuition Grant Entry Forms Due
June	14	Flag Day
June	24	KJT Youth & Teen Camp Applications Due
June	30	Officer Member Recruitment Application Deadline – 1 st Period
July	1	Seminarian Scholarship Applications Due
July	24	KJT State Family Day
July	24	KJT Youth Camp Starts – Ends July 28
July	28	KJT Teen Camp Starts – Ends August 1
October	TBD	9 th Annual KJT State Golf Tournament
October	15	KJT Annual Taroky Tournament at TCHCC
December	12	Deadline for Statewide Charity Project Donation
December	31	Officer Member Recruitment Application Deadline – 2 nd Period

Message From The State President . . .

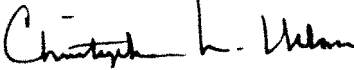
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parent's address.
It is our hope that updating these records and having their mail sent directly to them, they will be aware of their KJT membership and can take advantage of the products and programs that the KJT has to offer for them and their families.
If you need assistance in

getting this updated, call your local KJT representative or the KJT Home Office to see how you can get this taken care of.

Happy Easter
Thank all of you for your membership in the KJT. I appreciate all you do for this

storied organization. I ask God's blessings on each of you as we complete the Lenten Season preparing for Jesus' arrival on

Easter morning. I wish a Happy and Blessed Easter Season to all!


KJT Kruise Scheduled For October 2017 . . .

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excited about departs San Juan, Puerto Rico and for seven days

visits five additional islands including St. Thomas, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Kitts and Barbados. San Juan is an amazing destination on its own. Old Town is extremely

unique and beautiful, filled with shops that actually provide tremendous savings on items such as jewelry and diamonds. Puerto Rico was such a treasure of an island that two forts

were built and a huge wall constructed to surround Old Town so Spain could protect their cash cow from all the other countries trying to take her away from them.

From coffee plantations to distilleries and beaches to rain forests, the island is teeming with tourism activities. This is why Shirley and I will be flying in two days prior to sail-away. Lodging in San Juan is very reasonable. As for flights, I have seen Southwest Airlines offer a special last December for \$150 round trip per person.

We have over a year to start looking for deals on hotel and flight, but what we have to do immediately is commit to at least eight balcony cabins. We will get Early Savers Special rates that will also guarantee that if ever a better price is advertised for this trip, we will get it. Additionally, it is very probable that we will be upgraded to a higher or more favorable deck and/or cabin as time goes on. Right now, this amazing trip is \$1,703 per cabin for 2, taxes and port fees included. And remember, we do have the lowest price guarantee if we act now.

Call Shirley Pokorney at (512) 251-1185 or e-mail her at pokorneyshirley@aol.com to be among the first to secure this dream voyage and ensure that we are not bumped again.

REMINDER . . .

Please note that articles and photos for the KJT News can be mailed to: KJT News, P.O. Box 297, La Grange, Texas 78945, or can be sent via e-mail to editor@kjtnet.org. Deadline for articles, photos and ads for the News is the 10th of every month. We welcome and appreciate your interest in KJT journalism.



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KJT COOKBOOK SNEAK PREVIEW



GARDEN STUFFED SQUASH

Kathleen Chovanetz
Hallettsville, #5

- | | |
|--|---|
| 6 med size squash, any kind | ½ tsp. pepper |
| 1 c. onion, chopped | 1 c. cheddar cheese, shredded |
| 1 c. tomato, fresh, peeled and chopped | 2 T. butter, melted |
| ½ green pepper, finely chopped | 3 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled |
| ¼ tsp. salt | 10 crackers, crushed |

Wash squash thoroughly. Cut squash in half lengthwise. (I don't peel fresh squash, but cut off the ends.) Cover with water, add salt and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 8 to 9 minutes or until squash is tender but still firm. Drain and cool slightly. Remove and discard seeds, leaving firm shell. Sauté onions and green pepper in bacon grease. Do not drain. Mix together with tomatoes, cheese, salt and pepper. Mix well. Put heaping amount of mixture on top of each squash. Sprinkle a little butter on each squash, then add crumbled bacon and add crushed crackers on top. Bake uncovered at 400° for 20 minutes.

WANTED Human Interest Stories Involving KJT Members

- An expert in a specialized field?
- A special child and their circumstance?
- Community or workplace achievements?
- Person with exceptional talent?
- Dedication to charitable works & volunteering?
- Fishing & hunting adventures?
- Story of first responders' special efforts?
- Chili or barbecue cook-off winners?
- Service in the military?
- Unknown interesting KJT history tales?

Please submit articles for our
Human Interest Story Section!

HUMAN INTEREST

The Laborious Task Of Washing Clothes In Year's Past . . .

**BY JOE RYCHLIK, PRESIDENT
SOCIETY #100, CALDWELL**

In today's world when we hear a housewife say that she has to "wash clothes", we think of her going to the dirty clothes hamper in the utility room, sorting the soiled laundry into whites, colors, etc., taking a box of laundry detergent, measuring an amount of powder into the automatic washer, pushing a button for hot, cold or warm water, placing the dirty clothes into it and leaving the room. In a while, the load is fully cleaned, so she puts the wet items into the electric dryer, pushes another button and, behold, clean, dry items are ready to put into dresser drawers or hang in the closet.

This was not the case only a few years ago, at least my recollection of Mom's "washing clothes" in the 1940s-50s is quite different than today's world. Mom never owned any type of washing machine, only two No. 3 metal wash tubs, a large, black cast iron wash pot (probably 15 gallon), and a "scrub board". Now, Mom was up-town because her scrub board was a rough piece of glass in a wooden frame, not just plain metal.

The soap she used was a product she made herself once or twice a year. I think the recipe was one that most housewives used at that time. Mom would save used cooking grease until she got the amount she needed, pour this into the cast iron wash pot, add a can of Lye, and an amount of water to begin the mixing process. She built a fire under the pot and brought the solution to a boil. She had a large wooden paddle

and began to stir the mixture. I don't remember how long, and when she decided it was cooked enough, she let the fire die down and waited for a few hours in order the soap to "set". When the soap was hardened, she took a large butcher knife and cut it into blocks. She had a certain place in the smokehouse to store the soap and there it sat ready for our baths, laundry or whatever use a person needed.

Mom did not have a utility room in the house, but the black cast-iron pot was placed in the backyard near the water well. Before anything happened, she (or my Dad) would hand draw water from the well to fill the pot and the two No. 3 tubs that sat on a bench nearby. Into the water filled wash pot she sliced an amount of Lye soap. Mom built a fire under

wash pot and when the water was hot enough, and the soap dissolved, in went the first batch of dirty laundry, usually dress clothes. When she determined they were boiled enough, she would put them into the first No. 3 tub and if any item was more soiled, that's when the scrub board would be used and maybe some more Lye soap. After seeing the "all clean" she placed the items into the next tub to rinse. She did not have a wringer apparatus, but used her strong arms to wring the items partially dry. The clothesline was nearby and she immediately

began to hang the wet items for the sun to dry. Usually the one pot of hot water was enough to do our small family's laundry, including bedsheets, towels and heavy work clothes. After all the clothes were washed and hung to dry, she would take the water from the wash pot and use it to mop the front porch. The rinse water would be used for flowerbeds or in the garden.

After the clothes were dried on the clothes line, she brought them into the house, sorted then in their proper places and put the items that needed ironing into a basket, but that

will be another story. I stated earlier that my Mom never had a washing machine.

I'm sure she would have had one if she had lived longer. She died at an early age in 1953, never ever seeing an automatic washer and dryer.

But, guess what. After Mom's death, I suppose Dad thought that since she did not need a washing machine, we didn't either, so laundry was done the same way for many years, although, Tide detergent was invented in the early 1950s and we didn't make Lye soap anymore.

Why Do I Need Life Insurance?

Although you may not think about it, your ability to earn income is a significant asset and life insurance helps replace lost income in the event of your premature death. Here are some reasons people buy life insurance.

The death benefit may be used:

- To replace income the family would need to maintain their standard of living after the death of a wage earner.
- To pay off a mortgage loan and other personal and business debts or to create a rent fund.
- To create a fund for children's education.
- To pay final expenses, such as funeral costs and taxes.
- To create a family emergency fund or a fund for a family member with special needs.

Did You Know?

Teens tend to lose 2 hours, 42 minutes of sleep in the first five weeknights after daylight savings time (DST) begins.



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\$15 OFF NOW



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Early Admission
The season pass entrance opens 10-30 minutes prior to general admission windows Monday- Saturday.

Buddy Bonus
Save 15% on all waterpark tickets purchased at the gate for your family or friends!

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You save on everything... zipline adventures, food, beverages, private family cabana rentals, and souvenirs!

Campground Savings
Whether you're booking an RV site, tent site, or a weekend stay in a cabin or cottage, you will save 15% with your season pass discount!

To take advantage of your season pass offer please contact Shirley at (800) 245-8182. This offer will not be available after April 1, 2016 and is not available online or at the waterpark.

SAVE ON ZIPLINE ADVENTURE

Experiencing the waterpark from a bird's eye view, you will be toured through 8 zips and two challenge bridges above Splashway. This experience is guaranteed to take your breath away and create a lasting memory for you and your family.

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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY

MERP Claims – Part One . . .



PHILIP J. HUNDL
KJT State Attorney

Question: I have heard about MERP claims. What exactly is a MERP claim and who or what is affected?

Answer: MERP stands for Medicaid Estate Recovery Program (MERP). If you received Medicaid long-term services and supports, the State of Texas has the right to ask for money back from your estate after you die. In some cases, the State of Texas may not ask for anything back, and the state will never ask for more money back than it paid for your services.

The MERP claim program only affects long-term care services and supports you receive after the age of 55, and only if you first applied for these services after March 1, 2005. If you applied for these services before March 1, 2005, MERP does not affect you. MERP applies to various services and programs, most notably, nursing facility care, but also, ICF/IID, HCS, CLASS, TXHmL, CWP, DBMD, CBA, STAR+PLUS, ICM and CAS.

When the person dies, the state sends a notice to the estate representative or heirs to let them know that the state intends to file a MERP claim. The notice

will ask the representative for information so the state can decide whether to file a MERP claim.

The state's primary question to the representative of the decedent's estate is to the extent of property in the decedent's estate. A MERP claim typically does not apply to life insurance policies that name a person to receive the payment or bank accounts that are paid on death another person.

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and Richmond, 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@wphk-law.com or via U.S. Mail to Wadler, Perches, Hundl & Kerlick, Philip J. Hundl, KJT State Attorney c/o KJT Legal Column, 101 W. Burleson Street, Wharton, Texas 77488 or at www.wphk-law.com.



Another Wonderful Member Benefit!

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

Vision Care

Save 40% off the retail price of frames, save on lenses and lens options (a complete pair of glasses purchase is required), 15% savings on conventional (non-disposable) contact lenses, 15% off the retail price of LASIK and PRK Vision Correction Procedures, \$5 off eye exam with dilation, \$10 off contact lens exam. No limits on usage and savings at over 13,000 locations including both private practice providers and optical retailers such as LensCrafters, Target Optical, Sears Optical, JC Penney and most Pearle Vision locations.

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ActiveForever.com offers a wide selection of assistive daily living aids at guaranteed low prices! Cardholders receive a 10% discount.

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

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Wow! How Time Does Fly . . .



MICHAEL REZNICEK
KJT State Fraternal
Activity Manager

Wow! By the time the *KJT News* hits the press the third month of the

New Year will be coming to an end. The SDOR meetings have been completed and societies

Did You Know?

There were 24 characters in the very first tweet, which went out 10 years ago on March 21, 2006, courtesy of Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey. Rather than challenging the 140-character limit, his tweet was brief ("just setting up by twttr.")

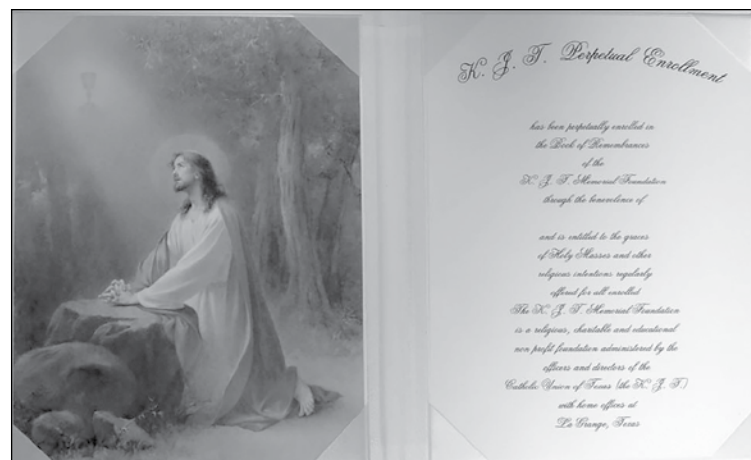
begin to meet to set goals and activities for the year. Society officers and representatives who attended SDOR meetings will report on a few new requirement changes and new programs that have been implemented this year. Some of the changes will provide more opportunity for

the societies to reach Society Recognition Level awards.

As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fraternal Activity Manager.

You can contact me at (409) 771-8101 or mareznicek@sbcglobal.net.

Michael A. Reznicek



Online Applications For Enrollment In The KJT Memorial Foundation Are Now Available – www.kjt.net

For donations of less than \$25 an enrollment card is sent to the designated individual and for donations of \$25 or more, they will receive a hard-bound book with a beautiful holy picture. All those enrolled are remembered in daily prayers and monthly Holy Masses.

Express your love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and times of illness as well as consolation to a loved one's family by enrolling them today!

FEBRUARY 2016 TOP PRODUCERS



Victor Janak II
Society #56, Houston
•First Place February 2016
Top Producer



Lawrence Yanta
Society #115, Victoria
•Second Place February 2016
Top Producer



Ellen Zdansky
Society #72, Corpus Christi
•February 2016 New
Application Producer
– 134 months
•February 2016 New
Member Producer
– 131 months



Deborah Currey
Society #130, Elgin
•February 2016 New Application
Producer – 4 months



Kathleen Chovanetz
Society #43, Wied
•Third Place February 2016
Top Producer
•February 2016 Volume Leader



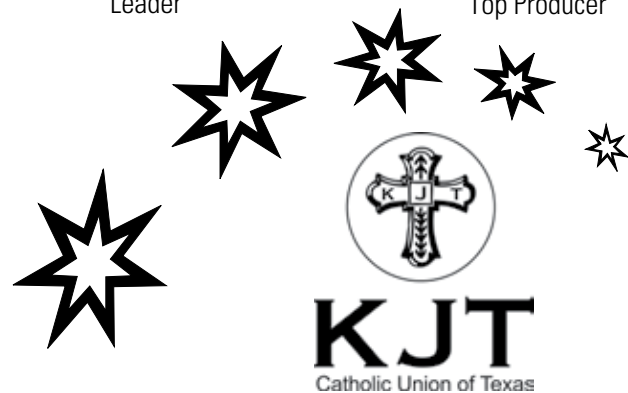
Margaret Holik
Society #48, Hillje
•Fourth Place
February 2016
Top Producer



Joe Landsfeld
Society #35, Ennis
•February 2016 Premium Leader
•February 2016 Application
Leader



Michael Till
Society #43, Wied
•Fifth Place
February 2016
Top Producer



How Often Should I Review My Policy?

You should review all of your insurance needs at least once a year. If you have a major life change, you should contact your insurance agent or company representative. The change in your life may have a significant impact on your insurance needs. Life changes may include:

- Marriage or divorce
- A child or grandchild who is born or adopted
- Significant changes in your health or that of your spouse/ domestic partner
- Taking on the financial responsibility of an aging parent
- Purchasing a new home
- A loved one who requires long-term care
- Refinancing your home
- Coming into an inheritance

We are excited to introduce KJT's newest member benefit!

PerkSpot is a one-stop shop for exclusive discounts from hundreds of national & local merchants including travel, computers, movies, cell phones, restaurants, clothing, groceries, pet care & much more! Access it on our website www.kjtnet.org or directly at kjt.perkspot.com!

Welcome to Your

Catholic Union of Texas Discount Program!

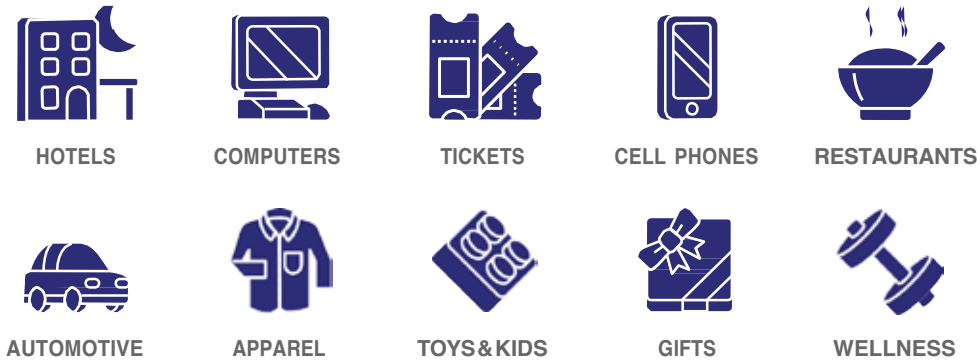
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Award Winner



DAN STAVENA • BAY CITY SOCIETY #139
2015 #4 Star Award Winner



ELLEN ZDANSKY • CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIETY #72
2015 Pacesetter Award, Life Premium Challenge
Award Winner, Silver Heavy Hitter Award Winner



MARGARET HANSLIK • MOULTON SOCIETY #38
2015 Life Premium Challenge Award Winner, Bronze
Heavy Hitter Award Winner



FRANCES TOMAN • GANADO SOCIETY #71
2015 Life Premium Challenge Award Winner



THOMAS ARELLANO • GEORGETOWN SOCIETY #141
TAYLOR SOCIETY #27
GRANGER SOCIETY #28
CORN HILL SOCIETY #55
2015 Life Premium Challenge Award Winner, Bronze
Heavy Hitter Award Winner



JOHN KANA • AMMANNSVILLE SOCIETY #4
2015 #3 Star Award Winner, Life Premium Challenge
Award Winner, Bronze Heavy Hitter Award Winner



(Left) **EUGENE MAROUL • ABBOTT SOCIETY #107**
2015 #6 Star Award Winner, Bronze Heavy Hitter
Award Winner

(Right) **ERNEST BEZDEK SR. • WEST SOCIETY #31**
2015 #5 Star Award Winner, Bronze Heavy Hitter
Award Winner

THEY WILL BE MISSED . . .



**Lois Jean
Reinhard
Jirkovsky**

Lois Jean Reinhard Jirkovsky, age 81, passed away on Tuesday, January 19.

She was born March 18, 1934 to Mat and Wilma Koether Reinhard in Ellinger.

She attended school in Ellinger, Hochheim Prairie, Beasley at Midway. She graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Yoakum in May of 1951 and then entered Renger School of Nursing in Hallettsville. She became an LVN in 1952.

She was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Through the years, she was actively involved with various community, school and church organizations.

She married Eugene "Gene" Jirkovsky on July 14, 1952 in Yoakum and they have been married for 63 years.

Lois worked as an LVN for 30 years in geriatric nursing as well as being a CNA instructor. She was always eager to help others as she was able. She loved art, cooking and her family. She served as president of the Alter Society as well as president of the Yoakum KJT Society #13 for many years. She served as a licensed KJT insurance representative for several years while achieving many awards and recognition.

On behalf of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, we extend our deepest sympathy to the Jirkovsky Family. Lois made a huge impression on our organization and touched many hearts. She made an impression that will last a lifetime and she will be dearly missed.



**Raymond
J. "Popeye"
Snokhous**

Raymond J. "Popeye" Snokhous, age 86, of West, formerly of Houston, passed away early Friday morning, February 26 at his residence.

A rosary was recited at 5 p.m. Sunday, February 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption in West, with visitation to following until 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, February 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption with Rev. Paul Hudson as celebrant. Military graveside rites followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, conducted by the West Veterans Honor Guard.

Raymond was born August 18, 1929 in West, the son of the late Ludwig J. "Louis" and Sidonia (Dvorsky) Snokhous. He was a very proud alumni of St. Mary's School in West and was a 1947 graduate of West High School, prior to attending Hill Junior College in Hillsboro.

Raymond went on to receive a Master's Degree in Finance on a football scholarship from the University of Houston and his Jurisprudence Degree from the South Texas College School of Law in Houston. He served his country in the United States Army with the 101st Air Borne stateside during the Korean War.

On September 5, 1952 he was united in marriage to Jolene Grant in Houston. Jolene preceded him in death on April 11, 1997.

Raymond was then united in marriage to Clarice Ann Marik on November 20, 1999

in Magdalena, Moravia, Czech Republic.

Raymond was employed by Gulf Oil Corporation from 1952 through 1983, holding various positions in accounting, tax, law and government relations. In 1983 he joined Houston Lighting and Power Company as Group Vice President of External Affairs and retired as Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs. He also served as the Honorary Consul General Emeritus of the Czech Republic for the State of Texas. He was a very faithful and dedicated member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption in West. Raymond was a member of KJT Society #31 of West, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Czech Heritage Society of Texas McLennan-Hill Chapter, American Legion Post #478, National Rifle Association, SPJST Lodge #54, the Czech Center Museum of Houston, a former member of the International Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and many other organizations. Raymond also served on the Board for the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange, St. Peter's Catholic Student Center and was past president of the Houston Ship Channel.

He was very proud of his Czech/American heritage and made many trips to the Czech Republic helping to donate and restore churches there. He was also known as a professional boxer, becoming a Golden Gloves Champion for the State of Texas. He enjoyed collecting antique farm equipment, working his land and preserving his father's blacksmith shop for posterity. He always enjoyed a good joke and spending time with his family and many friends.

Raymond is also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Louis Snokhous and a sister, Evelyn Urbanovsky.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 17 years, Clarice Snokhous of West; a son, Mark Snokhous and wife Nanette of Deer Park; a daughter, Karen Nunneley and

husband Dean of Tulsa, OK; stepsons, John O'Hare and wife Lucy and James O'Hare and wife Delphine; stepdaughters, Patricia Wolfe and husband Greg and Maureen Holy and husband Tom; brother, James Daniels and wife Betty; sister, Angeline Sulak; grandchildren Jason Snokhous and wife Kristen, Kayla Kippley and husband Matt, Kelsey Scott and husband Robert, Kyle Nunneley and Kody Nunneley; great-granddaughters, Olivia and Sidonia; step grandchildren, Greg Wolfe, Christopher Wolfe, Kate LeNotre and husband Gaston, Jonathan Wolfe, Josephine O'Hare and Oscar O'Hare; step great-grandchildren, Beatrice, Bernard and Gerard; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



**Joseph (Joe) D.
Orsak**

Joseph (Joe) D. Orsak, 86, of Hungerford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, following a lengthy illness. He was born August 8, 1929 in Frydek to parents Frank and Julia Vesely Orsak.

Joe was raised in Hungerford and attended Hungerford School. He married Annie Kutach on April 12, 1950 in Palacios.

He began working as a salesman for Triple X Root Beer, then 7-Up, later moving on to Falstaff Beer. In 1969, Joe began working for WKM Foundry in Richmond, rising to supervisor before retirement. He also was manager of the KJT/KJZT Hungerford Hall for 26 years.

Joe was a member of St. John

Catholic Church in Hungerford. He was a member of KJT Society #79 of Hungerford where he served as secretary and treasurer for 47 years, a 3rd Degree Life Member of the Knights of Columbus and a Charter Member of the Hungerford Volunteer Fire Department.

Joe enjoyed singing in church, listening to music – especially Czech and Country and Western, and never missed the Trading Post on KULP Radio. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking and family traditions at Christmas.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Julia Orsak, sister Annie Hanzelka, brothers Charlie Orsak and Jerry Orsak Sr. and son-in-law Rudy Tydlacka Jr.

Joe is survived by his wife Annie of 65 years; daughters Marjorie Tydlacka of Wharton, Linda Clark and husband Aron of Needville, and Julia Kubes and husband Frank III of East Bernard; sons Joe Orsak Jr. and wife Monica of Columbus, Charles Orsak and wife Debra of Hungerford, and Tim Orsak and wife Lisa of Richmond; grandchildren Brandon Orsak and wife Holly, Barrett Orsak and wife Tiffany, Kami Orsak, Rebecca Bowers and husband Chad, Rachel Eschbacher and husband Brian, Melissa Ripple and husband Ken, Charlotte Sanchez and husband Hector, Colton Clark and wife Kaznie, Leanna Orsak and fiancée Jonathan Marett, Tanner Orsak, Frank Kubes IV and wife Susan, Christopher Kubes and wife Lindsey, Laura Chudej and husband David, and Katie Kubes; great-grandchildren Connery, Brianna, Hayden, Rina, Wyatt, Chloe, Lanie, Kaylie, Kynlee, Alexis and Sam.

HOME OFFICE HOURS

To better serve our membership, the KJT Home Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Statement of Financial Condition

Admitted Assets	31-Dec 2015	31-Dec 2014
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 2,360,562	\$ 267,762
Bonds	53,318,664	55,893,144
Preferred and Common Stock		
Mortgage Loans	13,237,025	9,237,971
Real Estate	715,191	736,574
Policy Loans	575,087	545,081
Other Invested Assets	5	5
Accrued Investment Income	837,728	847,599
Premiums and Considerations	6,569	2,916
Recoverable from Reinsurance		
Write Ins OTI Assets & Misc	36,019	52,735
Total Admitted Assets	\$ 71,086,850	\$ 67,583,787
Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus		
Reserves for Certificates	\$ 65,764,485	\$ 62,764,597
Contract Claims	134,221	160,671
Liability for Deposit Type Contracts	618,207	630,270
Provisions for refunds payable	114,524	109,463
Asset Valuation Reserve	332,078	311,529
Interest Maintenance Reserve	113,702	50,027
Miscellaneous Liabilities	175,552	157,138
Payable for Securities		
Total Reserves and Liabilities	\$ 67,252,769	\$ 64,183,695
Surplus	\$ 3,834,081	\$ 3,400,092
Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus	\$ 71,086,850	\$ 67,583,787

Statement of Financial Condition

Income	For Quarters Ended December 31	
	2015	2014
Life and Annuity Premium Income	\$ 5,738,904	\$ 4,242,752
Net Investment Income	3,468,671	3,106,935
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	27,902	26,388
Misc Income	20,334	24,851
Total Income	\$ 9,255,811	\$ 7,400,926
Benefits and Expenses		
Policy Death Benefits	\$ 581,463	\$ 440,430
Matured Benefits	-	-
Annuity Benefits	2,607,918	242,515
Disability Benefits	-	-
Surrender Benefits	1,506,661	1,602,210
Interest and Adjustments on Contract Funds	24,208	23,380
Increase in Life and Annuity Reserves	2,999,888	3,836,169
Expenses, Taxes, and Commission Payments	1,078,865	1,044,040
Increase in loading		
Total Benefits and Expenses	\$ 8,799,003	\$ 7,188,744
Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds	456,808	212,182
Refunds to Members	115,837	108,997
Net Gain (Loss) From Operations After Refunds	\$ 340,971	\$ 103,185
Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	51,502	96,934
Net Income	\$ 392,473	\$ \$200,119
Surplus		
Net Income From Operations	\$ 392,473	\$ \$200,119
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses)	-	-
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	62,065	(21,436)
Change in Asset Valuation Reserve	(20,549)	(57,864)
Write Ins - Prior Period Adjustment		
Net Change in Surplus	\$ 433,989	\$ 120,819
Surplus - Prior Year	\$ 3,400,092	\$ 3,279,273
Surplus as of Statement Date	\$ 3,834,081	\$ 3,400,092



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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!



KJT DISTRICT V ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

Hosted by Society Ennis # 35 Ray Spence Farm in Ennis TX.

Registration starts at 11:00 am.

Festivities begin at 12:00 and end at 3:00 pm.



Fishing Horseshoes Washer Pitching and Crafts

Food will be provided, Please bring fishing equipment, lawn/folding chairs.

We will be needing volunteers to help in judging of events so please notify an officer.

District V Meeting will be held at 3:15 pm.

Contact information;

President Tanner Schlottman 214-535-2269,

V.P. Keith Kapavik 214-334-1385, Sec./Tres. Joe Block 214-289-6953

Ray Spence Farm is located 1755 FM road 85 Ennis TX. 75119

Directions; either north or south bound travel of Interstate HWY 45, exit FM 85 Exit # 247 (FM 85 starts at I-45). Proceed 3.3 miles turn right into driveway at KJT sign. This will be directly across Spence Rd. follow the driveway to the lake area. **Please make note of the fishing rules have a stipulation added; if you fish in the small tank/pond you can keep any fish that you care to. In the big tank/pond - any fish that is caught must catch, record, and release.**

TEXAS FRATERNAL ALLIANCE OF TEXAS

KJT Takes Coveted Silver Cup For The Seventh Year In A Row



Showcased is the Fraternal Alliance of Texas coveted Silver Bowling Tournament Traveling Cup which the KJT took home for the seventh year in a row! Way to go Team KJT!



Shown at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, February 13 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels were (left to right) Jessica Vacek, Jesslyn Lednicki, James Lednicki and KJT State Treasurer-Secretary Kevin Kana.



Shown at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament were (left to right) John Kana, Jesse Lednicki, Flo Kana and Nancy Lednicki.



Jessica Valek was third place women's high game. Way to go Jessica!



Shown at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament were (left to right) KJT member Jason Onken, first place high game; Sons of Herman member Ernest Kelly Jr. and KJT member Michael Bartosh, third place high game.



Being honored at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, February 13 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels was KJT member Michael Bartosh receiving his third place high game medal.



Being honored at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, February 13 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels was KJT member Jason Onken receiving his first place high game medal.



Team KJT at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, February 13 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels. Way to go team!



Shown at the 12th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, February 13 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels are (left to right) Deric Hayek, Jason Onken, Thomas Petras, Michael Tofel and Dusty Wagner.



75-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Diamonds Of The KJT



St. Wenceslaus East Bernard Society #40 member Richard Vacek received his 75-year membership pin from State Director Margaret Holik. The presentation was made at the monthly meeting held at Riverside Hall in East Bernard on Monday, February 8. Congratulations Richard!



St. Wenceslaus East Bernard Society #40 member Albert Smaistrle received his 75-year membership pin from State Director Margaret Holik. The presentation was made at the monthly meeting held at Riverside Hall in East Bernard on Monday, February 8. Congratulations Albert!

SOCIETY EFFORT

CROP Hunger Walk



Austin Society #112 members participated in the Austin CROP HUNGER WALK at Camp Mabry on Sunday, February 28. Money raised will provide food, medical care and disaster relief throughout the world. Walkers were Darlene Chapa, Gene Kutach, Anita Kutach, Ted Vitek, Sarah Vitek, Darlene Kutach and Anne Hyzak. Way to go Society #112!



Czech Heritage Tours Celebrates 20 Years Of Touring Europe

BY RENEE VALEK

This marks the 20th anniversary of Czech Heritage Tours. Steavy Jakubik launched Czech Heritage Tours in 1996 after love for her ancestral country led her to take others to research their roots. Steavy is a 2nd generation Czech and speaks the language fluently. In the beginning, the groups were small and only encompassed the Czech Republic. Her daughter, Renee Valek, soon joined the business and she, along with her four daughters, traveled with Steavy to Europe every year thereafter helping to reunite Texas Czechs with their Czech relatives. The tours then expanded to surrounding countries as well with Prague and Moravia included in each and every tour.

There are two tours for 2016. On June 12-25, they will visit Italy, The Vatican, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. In September, they will visit the Czech Republic, Austria, Germany, Italy, France and Spain with six days on land and a fabulous seven-day Mediterranean cruise. Over the past 20 years, Czech Heritage Tours has visited many countries including Slovakia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, The Vatican, Poland, Hungary, France and Spain.

All tours include round-trip air from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, private tour bus, quality hotels, breakfast, dinner and select lunch meals, English-speaking guide, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks, entrance fees to all excursions and complimentary money exchange on the bus.

There are parties, picnics, wine festivals, folklore programs, Czech music and so much more that they have discovered in the last 20 years that makes their tours so special. They have three- and four-time travelers that can't wait to learn about next year's tours.

Visit their web site at www.czechheritagetours.com or call (972) 878-2929 or email czheritage@hotmail.com for more information.



During the Post-Holiday Party held in January, Moulton Society #38 was greatly honored to recognize Gus Targac for having been a member of Society #38 for 75 years. Gus was presented a 75-year membership pin sent from the KJT Home Office. At the presentation were (left to right) are State Director Margaret Hanslik, Gus's wife Jeanie Targac, pin recipient Gus Targac and Society President Marcus Jalufka. Congratulations, Gus!

21st Annual *Vitáme vas* **SPJST LODGE 88 HALL**
Czech SpringFest 1435 Beall St.
 Houston, Texas
Sunday
April 3, 2016
11 am until 6pm
 Admission—Adults \$8.00 Children under 11 Free

Guest Artist
Jaroslav Rod, Drator
 From Dubnica nad Vahom
 Slovensko Republic
 Will Demonstrate the Skill of
 Weaving Jewelry and Other
 Art Using Copper Wire
 Many Items Will Be
 Available For You
 To Purchase

Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner
 Served from 11am until 2 pm
 Adults \$10 Children under 11 \$7
 Soup and Sausage w/Sauerkraut
 served at 1 pm

Mark Halata Band
 for Your Dancing
 Pleasure
 3pm to 6pm

KOVANDA'S
 Czech Band
 Playing from
 11am until 2 pm

Silent Auction
 With over 100
 items to bid on

Kolache Eating
 Contest

Country Store
 Will Sell Kolaches,
 Czech Pastries,
 Home Canned
 Goods, Bread,
 Cakes, & Cookies

Several
 Vendors
 selling
 Artwork,
 Handcrafts,
 and
 Jewelry

Sponsored by the Czech Heritage Society of Texas, Harris County Chapter, a Texas 501 © (3) nonprofit organization
 For more information, call 713-349-0500 or e-mail chsheritage20@att.net www.txchshcc.com

GRANT PROGRAM



Corpus Christi Society #72 Religious Education Grant checks were delivered to Father Tomasz at St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Deacon Arnold Marcha at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Shown are (left to right) President Rosalie Bohuslav, (above) Father Tomasz, (bottom) Deacon Marcha, Vice President Rosalie Williams and State Director Ellen Zdansky.



21ST ANNUAL

 Czech  Spring Fest

SUNDAY

APRIL 3, 2016 - 11AM-6PM

SPJST LODGE 88 HALL

1435 BEALL ST. | HOUSTON, TEXAS

KOVANDA'S Czech Band

11am to 2pm

MARK HALATA & Texavia

3pm to 6pm

Guest Artist - Jaroslav Rod, Drator

From Dubnica nad Vahom, Slovensko Republic

Demonstrating the Art of Weaving Jewelry and other Art Forms

Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner

Served from 11am to 2pm

Adults \$10 (Children under 11 \$7)

• Country Store selling Kolaches, Czech Pastries, Home Canned Goods, and Bread

• Silent Auction with over 100 Items to Bid on

• Kolache-Eating Contest

• Several Vendors selling their Artwork and Crafts

Admission - Adults \$8.00 (Children under 11 Free)

Sponsored by the Czech Heritage Society of Texas

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ACROSS TEXAS

50th Annual National Polka Fest

The National Polka Festival in Ennis invites everyone to come help celebrate 50 wonderful years of Czech heritage festivities Friday through Sunday, May 27-29. Held annually on Memorial Day Weekend, the National Polka Festival offers an abundance of activities to be enjoyed by the entire family in a small city atmosphere.



and non-participants are encouraged to wear traditional Czech kroj (costumes). At 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, floats, bands and colorful costumes will kick-off the downtown festivities. The parade traditionally includes something for visitors of all ages.

Enjoy the music of the polka bands riding on decorated floats or the sounds of the award winning Ennis High School Marching Band. The Shriners make their annual appearance, as well as celebrities, public

officials, motorcycles, horseback riders, clowns, kids and seniors! This giant parade twists through historic downtown Ennis and is sure to please. Everyone will experience the traditions, religious customs, dancing, tastes, sights, sounds and “a little bit of the Czech Lands” throughout historic downtown and at the three spacious air conditioned halls – the KJT, KC and Sokol Halls. Enjoy a weekend of polka dancing, Czech foods, and 14 sensational live polka bands including Grammy Award winning Brave Combo. Join us!

Application for 2016 KJT Summer Youth Camp SPJST ENC (COOPER FARMS) NEAR WALDECK JULY 24TH THROUGH JULY 28, 2016 (9 - 12 Year Age Group)

Applicants must be KJT members between the ages of 9 and 12, but less than 13 years of age as of July 1, 2016 to be considered. **Applications must be completed and forwarded to the KJT Home Office, PO Box 297, La Grange, Texas, 78945 by June 24, 2016.** Parents must furnish transportation to and from the campsite and approve of their child's participation. **A \$100 registration fee is required. The registration fee will be returned ONLY if the Home Office is notified by July 10, that the child will not be able to attend.** Eighty (80) campers will be selected. If more than 80 applications are received, priority will be given to those who have not attended in previous years. (Please print or type the following information.)

Camper's Legal Name: _____

Camper's Preferred First Name: _____ male ☐ female ☐

Age: ____ Birthday: Mo. ____ Day ____ Yr. ____ T-Shirt Size: ☐Child ☐Adult/ ☐S ☐M ☐L ☐XL

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail address: _____
(If an e-mail is listed, you will receive confirmation from this office by e-mail)

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

If you previously attended a KJT Camp circle year(s) attended: ☐ 2013 ☐ 2014 ☐ 2015

Campers may request **ONE** cabin mate of the same sex. Your child's name must also appear on the cabin mate's registration. Only reciprocal requests will be honored.

Cabin mate (Name & City): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor, hereby agree and authorize the CATHOLIC UNION OF TEXAS, THE K.J.T., to use any photographs of my son/daughter taken during the Annual KJT Summer Camp for publication in the *KJT News* or on the *KJT Website*.

Parent Signature _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Society # _____

Status: _____

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#31 WEST

By Georgie Nors

West Society #31 held a meeting on Sunday, January 10 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Coffee and Kolaches were provided for the members. President Michael Kraemer called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Nors and Cody Kraemer won the attendance prizes.

Treasurer Robert Nors reported on the raffle income and expenses for the society's Christmas party. It was a successful party and the expenses were shared with the

KJZT. The total bill for each organization was \$590.52. He also stated that he will purchase a new fryer and have it for the Fish Fry Fundraiser. He also reported that he has a contract for the Tours Hall for the KJT/ KJZT Christmas Party for 2016. Treasurer Nors also reported the he has the paperwork ready for the Audit Committee members. The committee members will meet right after the meeting.

President Kraemer reported that the elections were held in December. He also stated that the Christmas Party was nice and he thanked everyone who helped make it successful.

President Kraemer reminded

members of the upcoming Fish Dinner Fundraiser for the Religious Retirement Fund, which would be held on Friday, February 12 starting at 5 p.m. He stated that hopefully the weather will be nice. Lots of help would be needed. The day before, help would be needed to clean, cut up and season the fish. He also stated that they would start frying the fish earlier than before. Posters needed to be put out advertising the event. Don Urbanovsky stated that it would be nice to have small handouts at church or on the bulletin table reminding people of the fundraiser. Sherry Pavlas stated that she would put it on

the marque and have posters to put out at the many businesses, and be put in surrounding church bulletins.

The price of the meal was discussed. It was agreed on the price of \$9, if the price of the boxes of fish had not risen too much. If the price is higher, then the cost would be \$10 per plate. Members were asked to bring desserts for the fundraiser.

The discussion for the Hamburger Fundraiser for the scholarships was held. It was again decided to have two Hamburger Fundraisers, close together, probably in May or June. The dates will be set as the time gets closer.

Sandy Kidwell reported that

the Youth will hopefully have a Valentine Cookie Decorating Contest. She stated that the youth who were active and helped with the fundraisers have grown up and or now in college and elsewhere. She stated that this cookie contest will be held for any youth that is interested.

Ernest Bezdek presented new member Jason Berger. Also, Crystal Vanek is a new member as per Eugene Maroul.

High school graduates were reminded to call the Home Office to get applications for scholarships or check on-line.

Door prize winners were Sandy Kidwell and Marvin Cepak.

Application for 2016 KJT Summer Teen Camp SPJST ENC (COOPER FARMS) NEAR WALDECK JULY 28TH THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2016 (13 - 15 Year Age Group)

Applicants must be KJT members between the ages of 13 and 15, but less than 16 years of age as of July 1, 2016 to be considered. **Applications must be completed and forwarded to the KJT Home Office, PO Box 297, La Grange, Texas, 78945 by June 24, 2016.** Parents must furnish transportation to and from the campsite and approve of their child's participation. **A \$100 registration fee is required. The registration fee will be returned ONLY if the Home Office is notified by July 10, that the child will not be able to attend.** Forty (40) campers will be selected. If more than 40 applications are received, we will use first come/first serve to determine the attendees. (Please print or type the following information.)

Camper's Legal Name: _____

Camper's Preferred First Name: _____ male ☐ female ☐

Age: ____ Birthday: Mo. ____ Day ____ Yr. ____ T-Shirt Size: ☐Child ☐Adult/ ☐S ☐M ☐L ☐XL

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail address: _____
(If an e-mail is listed, you will receive confirmation from this office by e-mail)

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

If you previously attended a KJT Camp circle year(s) attended: ☐2013 ☐2014 ☐2015

Campers may request **ONE** cabin mate of the same sex. Your child's name must also appear on the cabin mate's registration. Only reciprocal requests will be honored.

Cabin mate (Name & City): _____

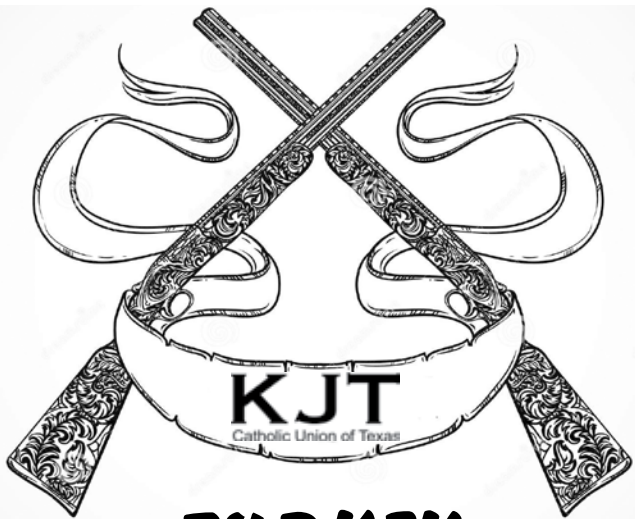
Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor, hereby agree and authorize the CATHOLIC UNION OF TEXAS, THE K.J.T., to use any photographs of my son/daughter taken during the Annual KJT Summer Camp for publication in the *KJT News* or on the *KJT Website*.

Parent Signature

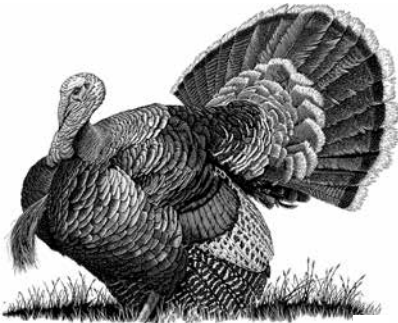
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Society # _____
Status: _____



TURKEY SHOOT Matching Grant Benefit



**Sunday, April 3, 2016
High Hill Store
1 p.m.**



**Sponsored by St. Augustine
Schulenburg Society #129**

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#141 GEORGETOWN

By Gary Gentz

Georgetown Society #141 held its second meeting of the

year on Friday, February 19. Society Chaplain Monsignor Louis Wozniak led everyone in prayer to start the meeting.

During the meeting, the

members discussed the District IV Annual Meeting and Family Fun Day and the society's participation.

Dan Berto reported on the Ash Wednesday Lenten Soup Project. Over 400 cups of soup were distributed. \$271

in parishioner's donations were donated to the Religious Retirement Fund. Thanks to all the members who worked with Dan and Virginia in making this project such an outstanding success.

All Society #141 officers have attended a KJT Annual Officers Meeting.

This society meeting completed the planning and organization for Ice Cream and Dessert Sales at the Knights of Columbus fish fries. Larry Gregoire is procuring ice cream locally for each fish fry. Two ladies furnish desserts at each fish fry. The first four weeks of Ice Cream/Dessert Sales have been very successful.

Richard Nemec handmade a mantle clock for which raffle tickets are being sold. A drawing would be held on Friday, March 18 to select the winner. The proceeds will be divided between the KJT and the Knights of Columbus. The KJT share will be combined with the Ice Cream and Dessert Sales proceeds, which will go to the St. Helen Youth Ministry video equipment project. Firewood sales continue to be very good.

The District IV Annual Meeting and Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, March 5 at the Old Settlers Reunion Hall in Round Rock. Those attending from the society were George and Mary Marusak, Pat and Bernice Ermis, Dan and Virginia Berto, Thomas and Jeanette Arellano with their three children, Taylor and Rhiana Close with their three children (youngest is a newborn), and Gary and Daphne Gentz. Dan Berto was re-elected as the District IV Vice President. Everyone from the society enjoyed the activities and the food. The desserts were donated by various KJT members. Society #141 was responsible for children's games. Everyone had a great time playing simple games with children from the just walking stage to approximately 10-12 years old. There were also several adults who participated in several of the games. The society gave all the children a gift bag. The children and adults who participated had a fun time. Thanks to all who helped as well as observed the games.



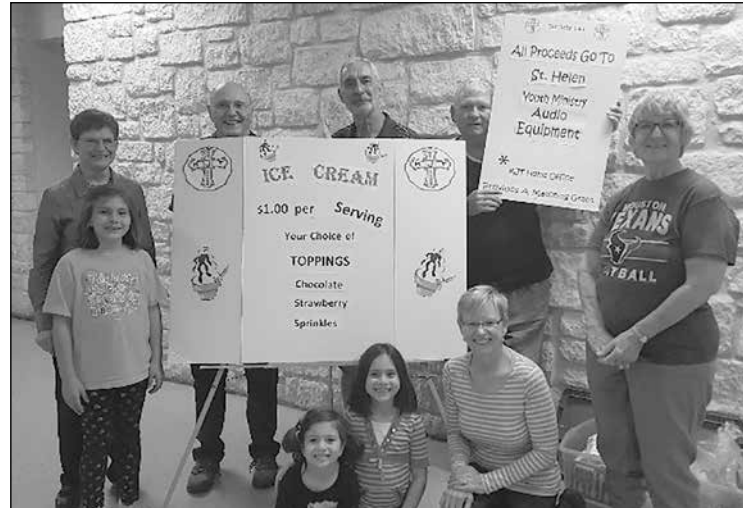
Georgetown Society #114 officers (left to right) Jeanette and Richard Nemec and Dan Berto shown at the Annual Officers Meeting at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Pflugerville.



District IV Officer Swearing-In Ceremony – (Far right) Vice President Dan Berto is a member of Society #141 of Georgetown being sworn in by State Director Ray Pokorney (far left).



Shown are District IV children (above and below) participating in games sponsored by Georgetown Society #141 members.



Georgetown Society #114 members setting up the first Ice Cream/Dessert sales event at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry held on Friday, February 12 at St. Helen's Parish in Georgetown.



Pflugerville Society #132 held a successful Chili Bingo in January to raise funds for the St. Elizabeth Scholarship Fund for seniors graduating this year. This effort made it possible for Society #132 to make a contribution of \$1,400 to assist in the education of our Catholic Youth. In the photo above Diane de Roulac is presenting Fr. Craig De Young with a \$1,400 check. From left to right is Mary Friesenhahn, Denise Detzel and Jim Krahula.



Pflugerville Society #132 is also participating in the Pflugerville ISD Backpack Program by providing nutritional packaged food that disadvantaged students can enjoy over the weekend when school cafeteria food is not available. In the photo above Diane de Roulac and Jim Krahula are shown presenting Bill Thomas, Backpack Program Coordinator, a \$530 check to assist in the Backpack Program.

*You have not lived until you
have done something for someone
who can never repay you.*

~John Bunyan

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#35 ENNIS

By Cy Svrcek

Ennis Society #35 held its meeting on Sunday, February 28. Secretary Joe Landsfeld opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. There were several important items on the agenda. It was decided to have a general clean-up of the entire KJT Hall on Monday evening of May 23 starting at 7 p.m. This will be prior to the 50th anniversary of the Ennis National Polka Festival to be held on May 27 through May 29. Society #35 is one of the participating organizations of the festival.

There was an applause thanking Keith Kapavik and Wesley Odlozil for their continuous maintenance of the hall.

In preparation for the Festival, strudels were being baked on Monday, March 14 in the hall kitchen. Janice



Society #35 Vice President Ashley Holland and family joining in along with other society members (above and right) for the St. Joseph Cemetery clean-up on Saturday, March 5.



Landsfeld brought up the Join Hands Day project. The society would help in the St. John Parish clean-up of the St. Joseph Cemetery on Saturday, March 5. The National Join Hands Day is on Saturday, May 7.

The annual Society #35 Youth Easter Party will be held on Sunday, March 20. The event will be at the hall with various games, egg hunt and snacks for the youth members and their friends.

Also discussed was the KJT Scholarship Program. In addition, the Home Office scholarship program, Ennis

Society #35 will be presenting three local scholarships. The local guidelines will follow the Home Office eligibility rules. The deadline for the local scholarship applications is Friday, April 1.

Secretary Landsfeld also reported that the KJT Youth Camp and Teen Camp will be at Cooper Farm on July 24-28 and July 28-August 1, respectively. Deadline for both camp applications is Friday, June 24.

The meeting was followed by snacks including klobase cooked by Keith Kapavik.

25-Year Membership

March 2016

Society #3, Hostyn
Andrew J. Muras

Society #9, Fayetteville
Blayne M. Mozisek
Blayne N. Mozisek
Jacob Paul Muske
Rebecca S. Vitek

Society #20, Shiner
Ronald J. Harabis

Society #35, Ennis
Christopher M. Russelburg
Mark Wayne Russelburg
Jason Robert Valek
Jerry Wayne Valek

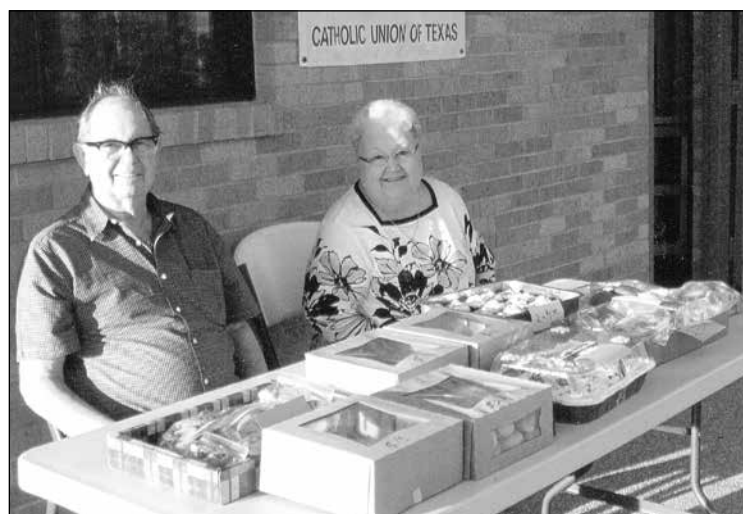
Society #48, Hillje
Blake Allen George

Society #56, Houston
Jonathan Bernard Roeder
Vincent Michael Roeder

Society #79, Hungerford
Joseph B. Kubena

Society #111, Dallas
Anna Elizabeth Wavrusa

Society #117, Waco
Anna Marie Meek



Each year Jourdanton Society #87 holds a Valentine's Day Bake Sale. All net income plus a matching grant from the Home Office is presented to the St. Matthew's CCD program. The CCD uses this money to purchase books, CD's, videos and supplies for all classes. The society would like to thank its officers and parishioners for contributing and helping to make this event a great success. (Above) John and Patsy Harper are shown tending to the table of goodies for Society #87's Valentine's Day Bake Sale before and after Mass on Saturday evening. (Below) Phillip Netardus, Susan Netardus and Molly Netardus tending to the table of goodies for Society #87's Valentine's Day Bake Sale before and after the Sunday morning Masses.



Moulton Society #38 recently donated \$1,000 to the Moulton Volunteer Fire Department from the proceeds of their annual Plates-to-Go. Members and officers in attendance for the presentation of the check were (left to right) Mark Pilat, Alice Fisbeck, Secretary Margaret Hanslik, Yvonne Pilat, Vice President Nina Blaschke and President Marcus Jalufka presenting the check to Fire Chief Tim Koncaba.

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

~Mother Teresa

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#112 AUSTIN

By Sarah Vitek

The meeting of St. Stephen's Society #112 of Austin was held on Thursday, February 11 at

Sacred Heart Church. Interim President Ted Vitek called the meeting to order and Vice President Anne Hyzak led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



Frenstat Society #12 held their annual fundraising dance on Saturday, January 9 at the Frenstat Hall from 7-11 p.m. The Red Ravens provided the listening and dancing entertainment. Tables were totally filled and this was the best attended dance yet. Society #12 would like to thank everyone for coming out to support their Religious Retirement Fund benefit. Hamburgers and the dance were a huge success.



Donna and Joe Rychlik are shown were wearing their flashing red glasses for the Red Ravens dance as were so many others at the Society #12 annual fundraising dance.



Dustin and Brittany Knesek and Glen Tydlacka greeted all of those that came to the KJT dance held at Frenstat Hall in January.

Vice President Anne Hyzak reported that a KJT Memorial was sent to the Florence Neal Family on the death of Ed Neal Sr. Ed was the second society president and served in 1961-62. A sympathy card was sent to Gilbert and Vlasta Vitek on the deaths of her brother-in-law and nephew. The society sent Ann Hyzak a sympathy card on the deaths of two brothers-in-law and several cousins. May they all rest in peace.

A thank you card was received from Fr. Matt Iwuji thanking the society for the kind remembrance of him at Christmas. A thank you note was received from the Ed Neal family for the enrollment in the KJT Memorial Foundation.

Chaplain Fr. Matt Iwuji expressed his condolences to all who have been grieving during this time. He spoke about being in the Lenten season and that ashes remind us of who we are and what we are. Lent has a special meaning for us since it comes in the Year of Mercy. Let us pray for the Pope as he travels to Mexico and ask Almighty God to bless us in a very special way this year.

Interim President Vitek stated that the officers and sales reps attended a meeting in Pflugerville on Saturday, February 6. The incentives and other items for the coming year were discussed. Everyone needs to look for new members.

Ben Chapa and Rodney Zurovetz will coordinate the hamburger cookout, which would be on Wednesday, March 9. Christopher Zurovetz, Aaron Chapa and Glenn Vitek would help cook the burgers. Susan Zurovetz, Darlene Chapa and Sarah Vitek would handle other preparations.

Sarah Vitek gave the Audit report. Other committee members were Eileen Rosipal, Bernard Tupa, and Nick Macik and Kenneth Klanika as non-voting members. Darlene

Chapa presented the Budget and Finance committee report. Other committee members were August Motloch Sr., Kenneth Klanika, and Nick Macik and Ted Vitek as non-voting members.

The society charity donations were approved for the year.

Since the society elected not to collect local dues, discussion was had on a fundraiser to help the society bring in funds. It will be held on Friday, May 6 from

3-7 p.m. at 13816 Immanuel Rd. in Pflugerville. The members will prepare a burger, chips and drink, price to be determined. Since that area is in a business park, everyone is hoping for lots of business as employees are leaving work.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer. Fr. Matt Iwuji won the society drawing. The delicious potluck meal of Mexican food was furnished by all the members.

50-Year Membership

March 2016

Society #13, Yoakum
Anthony W. Molnoskey
Christopher J. Molnoskey

Society #81, Poth
Marvin T. Pawelek
John C. Piskor

Society #16, Wallis
James Richard Brown

Society #84, El Campo
David Leon Bujnoch
Timothy H. Bujnoch
John A. Drozd
Randy D. M. Pollard
Jeffrey A. Schneider

Society #20, Shiner
Alan D. Kloesel
John E. Kurtz
John N. Kurtz
Adolph R. Novosad Jr.
Quentin D. Novosad

Society #90, Rosenberg
David A. Drabek

Society #35, Ennis
Jerry F. Dlabaj Jr.
Dwain R. Jakubik
Christopher P. Mikel
Wayne R. Sylvester Jr.
Wayne R. Sylvester
Brian K. Valek

Society #102, San Antonio
Michael A. Machacek
Kenneth L. Schreiber
Timothy W. Schreiber

Society #40, East Bernard
Mark W. Hlavinka

Society #107, Abbott
Christopher R. Rychlik

Society #43, Wied
Charles V. Chovanetz
Arnold Pavlicek
Lawrence J. Rothbauer Jr.
Richard L. Rothbauer

Society #107, Abbott
Robert C. Hlavenka
Joseph F. Pustejovsky

Society #55, Corn Hill
Michael W. Lefner

Society #111, Dallas
Brian E. Adamcik
Wesley William Kucera
Timothy Paul Valenta

Society #56, Houston
Walter A. Bucko

Society #117, Waco
Albin A. Petter

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Frank J. Krupala
Thomas E. Svajda

Society #119, La Marque
Randal J. Bilek

Society #76, Dime Box
David B. Koudelka
Glenn D. Spitzenberger

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch
Larry W. Hilscher

Society #80, Sealy
Danny A. Nichols
Ronney O. Nichols
Thomas M. Nichols

Society #122, Freeport
Timothy S. Decas



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#115 VICTORIA

By Lawrence Yanta

The St. Joseph Society #115 of Victoria held election of officers at its January meeting. Those elected were President Lawrence Yanta, Vice President Donald Dusek, Secretary Robert Stryk and Treasurer Joe Pustka. Monetary donations were made to Incarnate Word Sisters and Sister to Sisters in Formation, Religious Retirement Fund, Fr. Dan Morales for Christmas and for a Donald Yanta Memorial.

The annual audit was performed by Edwin Stryk, Michael Nevlud and Charles Holik.

The district meeting would be held in El Campo in February.

Door prizes from the local society as well as from State Director Zdansky were awarded.



Attending the Victoria Society #115 meeting were State Directors Margaret Holik (left) and Ellen Zdansky.



New officers of Victoria Society #115 are (left to right) Treasurer Joe Pustka, Secretary Robert Stryk, Vice President Donald Dusek and President Lawrence Yanta.



Society #115 Audit Committee members were (left to right) Joe Pustka, Edwin Stryk, Charles Holik and Michael Nevlud.



Shown at the Victoria Society #115 meeting were (left to right) Lawrence Yanta, State Director Margaret and Charles Holik.



Corpus Christi Society #72 junior members are shown coloring Easter rabbit pictures and marking plastic spoons made into Easter bunnies. Shown enjoying the activity at the meeting, Sunday, March 6 are (left to right) Caroline Finnegan, Kendall Williams and Alana Williams.

IN MEMORIAM OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS



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 departed members who are listed below. May their souls rest in peace.

February 2016

Society #115, Victoria
Donald R. Yanta
Date of Death: 12/27/2015
Age 84

Society #92, Damon
George J. Buchta
Date of Death: 09/12/2015
Age 77

Society #14, Bryan
William F. Nemec
Date of Death: 11/01/2015
Age 82

Society #129, Schulenburg
Arnold F. Bohuslav
Date of Death: 01/11/2016
Age 84

Society #56, Houston
Clarence J. F. Baca
Date of Death: 11/30/2015
Age 95

Society #31, West
Raymond W. A. Fiala
Date of Death: 02/11/2016
Age 79

Society #117, Waco
Harry Matustik
Date of Death: 10/27/2015
Age 92

Society #1, Praha
Anton Okruhlik
Date of Death: 02/03/2016
Age 87

Associate Members

Society #134, Round Rock
Ann Edwards
Date of Death: 12/29/2014
Age 73

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Charles J. Kalinec
Date of Death: 01/10/2016
Age 83

Society #50, Penelope
Patrick Gallia
Date of Death: 01/26/2016
Age 78

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Martha Matula
Date of Death: 04/00/2014
Age 94

Society #13, Yoakum
Lois Jirkovsky
Date of Death: 01/19/2016
Age 81

Society #20, Shiner
David J. Marcak
Date of Death: 12/29/2015
Age 70

Society #115, Victoria
Margie Brosch
Date of Death: 06/20/2015
Age 75

Society #49, Needville
Jerry Kaderka
Date of Death: 01/15/2016
Age 94

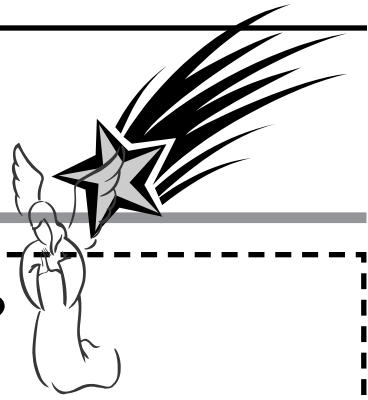
Society #100, Caldwell
David A. Polansky
Date of Death: 01/16/2016
Age 69



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Youth Activity Corner



February 2016 Who Am I? Contest Winner

Angela Mach, Age 10, Society #109, Hillsboro
Renae Friesenhahn, Age 10, Society #112, Austin

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Who Am I?

I grew up in a world where my life was not my own. As a prince of Poland, the second son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, I was scheduled to cement my father's authority and increase Poland's power. I realized from an early age that my life belonged to someone else, but to a much higher King than his father. Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, I stood by that loyalty through my whole life. I died at the age of 23 in 1484 from lung disease. I was buried with my favorite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called "Omni die dic Mariae" which you know as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." Because of my love for this song, it is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir though I didn't write it. I am the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. My feast day is March 4. Who am I?

February 2016 Who Am I?

Answer: Blessed Francisco Marto & Blessed Jacinta Marto

Answer the question correctly and three winners ages 9-12
will be eligible for a drawing of a \$5 cash prize.

Entrants must be KJT members.

Send in form below by APRIL 13

to the KJT Home Office, P.O. Box 297, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Who Am I? Answer: _____

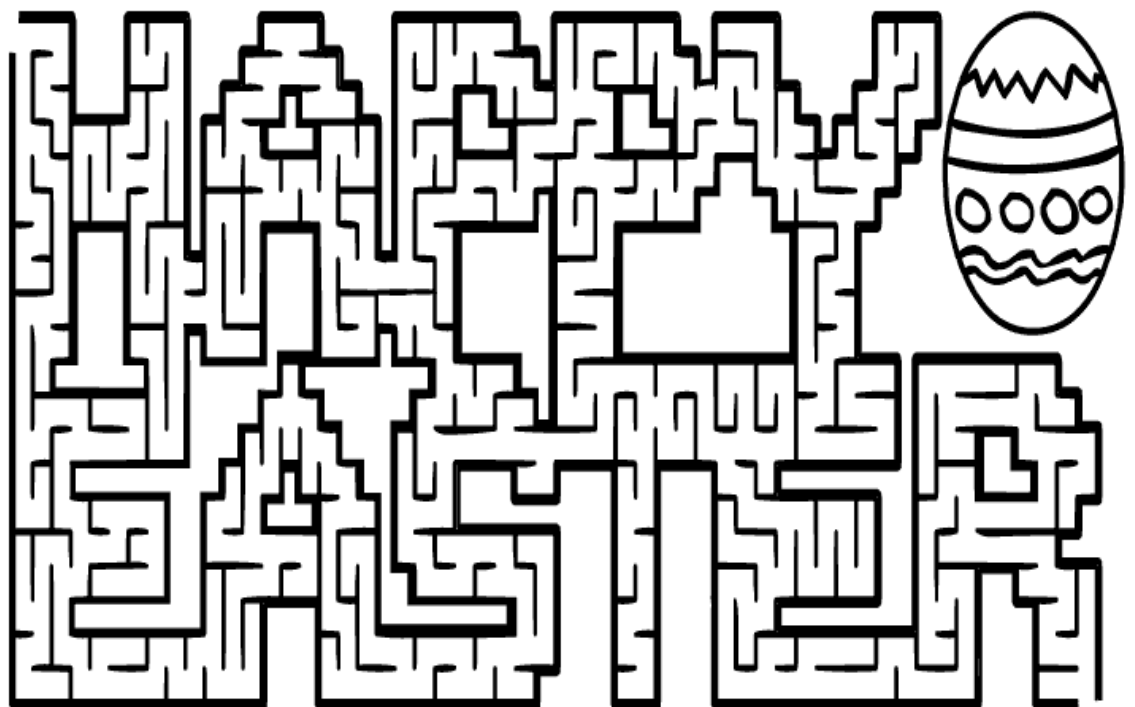
Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Society # _____

Help Find The Easter Egg!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2016

MAR



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 25.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Saturday-Sunday, March 26-27, members to pass out Easter baskets to children of St. Matthew's Catholic Church after the 6 p.m., 7:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses and 9 a.m. St. Ignatius Catholic Church Sunday morning Mass.

**Happy
Easter**

EASTER

Sunday, March 27.

2016

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Friday, April 1.

SOCIETY #35, ENNIS, SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, April 1.

SOCIETY #29, FRYDEK, SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, April 1.

SOCIETY #134, ROUND ROCK

Saturday, April 2, meeting, St. William's Parish Hall.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Saturday, April 2, will compete in Schulenburg Sausage Festival and will sponsor the ice tea and lemonade booth.

DISTRICT III ANNUAL MEETING, HALLETTSVILLE

Sunday, April 3, St. Mary's Catholic Church, beginning with a 9:15 a.m. Mass for living and deceased members. Registration will follow Mass in the St. Mary's Hall. There will be a brunch, meeting and youth activity. For more information,

contact Wanda Zabransky, District III Secretary-Treasurer, (361) 293-5193.

DISTRICT V ANNUAL FAMILY DAY, ENNIS

Sunday, April 3, Ray Spence Farm, 1755 FM Road 85. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Festivities begin at noon and end at 3 p.m. Fishing, horseshoes, washer pitching and crafts. Food will be provided. Please bring fishing equipment, lawn/folding chairs. District V meeting will be held at 3:15 p.m. The day is being sponsored by Ennis Society #35. For more information call Tanner Schlottman (214) 535-2269, Keith Kapavik (214) 334-1385 or Joe Block (214) 289-6953. The society will be needing volunteers to help in judging of events so please notify an officer. Directions to Ray Spence Farm: Either north or south bound travel of Interstate 45, exit FM 85 Exit #247 (FM 85 starts at I-45). Proceed 3.3 miles, turn right into driveway at KJT sign. This will be directly across Spence Road, follow the driveway to the lake area. Please make note of the fishing rules that have a stipulation added: if you fish in the small tank/pond you can keep any fish that you care to. In the big tank/pond, any fish that is caught must catch, record and release.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, April 3, Matching Grant Turkey Shoot benefitting the Turtle Wing Foundation, High Hill Store, 1 p.m.

21ST ANNUAL CZECH SPRINGFEST, HOUSTON

Sunday, April 3, SPJST Lodge 88 Hall, 1435 Beall St., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission - adults \$8, children under 11 free. Traditional Czech Sunday Dinner served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$10, children under 11 \$7. Soup and sausage with sauerkraut served at 1 p.m. Kovanda's Czech Band playing from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mark Halata Band will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 3-6 p.m. Guest artist Jaroslav Rod, Drator from Dubnica nad Vahom Slovensko Republic will demonstrate the

skill of weaving jewelry and other art using copper wire. Items available for purchase. Silent auction with over 100 items to bid on. Kolache eating contest. Several vendors selling artwork, handcrafts and jewelry. Country store with kolaches, czech pastries, home canned goods, bread, cakes and cookies for sale. Sponsored by the Czech Heritage Society of Texas, Harris County Chapter. For more information call (713) 349-0500 or email chsheritage20@att.net or visit www.txchshcc.com.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, April 10, Corporate Communion at 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by a meeting with coffee and kolaches.

HISTORY OF WEST MUSEUM FOURTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, WEST

Sunday, April 10, West Knights of Columbus Hall located at 2547 Jerry Mashek Drive. Beginning at 11 a.m., a lunch of fried chicken, sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, dessert and tea will be served. Cost is \$10 for dine-in or take-out meals. A live auction will begin at noon. The silent auction will close at 2 p.m. Raffle tickets (\$2 each or three for \$5) for a Wilke's Big Rack 30" Fire Pit, a 40" Visio LED Smart TV and a \$300 Slovacek's gift card will be available at the event. The West Polka Boys will be providing musical entertainemt. For more information, call or text (254) 709-1757.

KJT DISCOUNTED SPLASHWAY SEASON PASS DEADLINE

Friday, April 15.

SOCIETY #141, GEORGETOWN

Friday, April 15, meeting, Holy Cross Center, St. Helen's Catholic Church, 6 p.m. A youth activity will be held after the meeting.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA

Sunday, April 17, meeting.

EARTH DAY

Friday, April 22



CERNOSEK & AMALIA CERNOSEK PETER FAMILIES REUNION, HOSTYN

Saturday, April 23, an old-fashioned "Fun Day" will be enjoyed by all descendants, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., with a barbecue lunch at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Come help us relive some of the Cernosek Family history. Bring your old photos, memorabilia, etc. Czech songs and Czech heritage will be shared. Prizes will be given. A silent auction on items brought. A bouncy castle for the young, washer games and other games, dominoes and cards for everyone's enjoyment. Must RSVP for catered meal count to Frank or Wanda at (210) 690-8237 or (210) 262-2839.

SOCIETY #63, SMITHVILLE

Tuesday, April 26, meeting, KC House, 7 p.m. Refreshments of hot dogs will be served.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, April 28, meeting, Room 1, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 5th St., Missouri City, TX 77489, 2:30 p.m.

IRS FORM 990-N DUE

Saturday, April 30.

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SOCIETY #56, HOUSTON

Sunday, May 1, meeting, Pope John Paul Building, second floor right beind the rectory, Assumption Catholic Church, 1:30 p.m. followed by social, bingo and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date and plan to attend and be involved.

SOCIETY #35, ENNIS

Tuesday, May 3, meeting, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Friday, May 6, Hamburger Fundraiser, 13816 Immanuel Road, Pflugerville, 3-7 p.m. Burgers, chips and drink.

JOIN HANDS DAY

Saturday, May 7.

CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS DANCE, CORPUS CHRISTI

Saturday, May 7, Moravian Hall,

5601 Kostoryz Road, 4-8 p.m. Music by nationally acclaimed Chris Rybak. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (361) 215-9163.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8, Mother's Day Bake Sale before and after all weekend Masses.

SOCIETY #29, FRYDEK

Wednesday, May 11, meeting.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Wednesday, May 11, meeting, Sacred Heart Reception Room, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG

Sunday, May 15, meeting.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Sunday, May 15, quarterly meeting, Hostyn Hall, 9:30 a.m. Mass is at 8 a.m. for the living and deceased members followed by a free-will Scholarship Breakfast.

SOCIETY #117, WACO

Sunday, May 22, meeting honoring the 2016 High School Graduates who are KJT and KJZT members, Waco Knights of Columbus Hall, 5515 Sanger Avenue. A \$200 scholarship will be presented to each graduate. Meeting starts at noon with a hamburger lunch and trimmings. Members are to bring side dishes and desserts.

SOCIETY #43, WIED

Sunday, May 22, meeting, 10:30 a.m., meeting/brides room, St. Mary's. All members are encouraged to attend.

SOCIETY #35, ENNIS

Monday, May 23, general clean-up of the entire KJT Hall starting at 7 p.m. in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of the Ennis National Polka Festival.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Tuesday, May 24, officers meeting, 6 p.m. Meal served at 7 p.m. followed by regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church Center.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, May 26, business

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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meeting, Room 1, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, TX 77489, 2:30 p.m.

59TH ANNUAL NATIONAL POLKA FESTIVAL, ENNIS

Friday-Sunday, May 27-29. Memorial Day Weekend. Festival kicks off with an opening dance Friday at 7 p.m. featuring polka music and the King and Queen Dance Contest. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, floats, bands and colorful costumes will kick off the downtown festivities. Experience the traditions, religious customs, dancing, tastes, sights, sounds and "a little bit of the Czech Lands" through historic downtown and at the three spacious air conditioned halls – the KJT, KC and Sokol Halls. Enjoy a weekend of polka dancing, Czech foods and 14 sensational live polka bands including Grammy Award winning Brave Combo!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT ENTRY FORMS DUE

Tuesday, May 31.

2016 JUNE
SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON
Wednesday, June 1, fourth regular meeting, Formation Center of St. Matthew's Religious Education Facility, Classroom No. 5, 7:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 5, meeting, Moravian Hall, 5601 Kostoryz Road, 2 p.m.

26TH ANNUAL CZECH KOLACHE KLOBASE FESTIVAL, EAST BERNARD

Saturday, June 11, Riverside Hall. Plenty of music, dancing and lively entertainment with bands and entertainers. Arts, crafts, plate lunch, hamburgers, raffle prizes, kid games and family fun. Plenty of kolaches for sale. For information call (979) 335-7907 or (979) 531-9747 or visit web site www.kkfest.com.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY

Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, Flag Day ceremonies after

all Masses at Immaculate Conception Church.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, Flag Day Ceremony at all Masses.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, June 12, meeting after 7:30 a.m. Mass with coffee and kolaches.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Sunday, June 12, KJT Youth Club Swim Party.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE

Sunday, June 12, meeting.

FLAG DAY

Tuesday, June 14.

SOCIETY #141, GEORGETOWN

Tuesday, June 14, 12:05 p.m. Mass, St. Helen's Catholic Church, Flag Day Ceremony, business meeting and joint lunch with KJT/KJZT.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON

Tuesday, June 14, Flag Day Ceremony at the Jourdanton Community Center, 9 a.m.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Thursday, June 23, business meeting, Room 1, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, TX 77489, 2:30 p.m.

KJT YOUTH AND TEEN CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE

Friday, June 24.

SOCIETY #134, ROUND ROCK

Sunday, June 26, meeting, St. William's Parish Hall.

SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN

Sunday, June 26, Family Night with Tailgate Party, Dell Diamond.

STS. PETER & PAUL FEAST, PLUM

Sunday, June 26, Polka Mass at 10 a.m., fried chicken, "Plum-style" sausage, dressing, buttered potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans with dessert. Serving from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in air-conditioned dining hall. Drive thru plates-to-go from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Music by Ken Brothers from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,

country store, penny raffle with many prizes to win, cake walk, plant wheel and lots of children's games. Country auction with lots of unique homemade crafts beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bingo in air-conditioned hall starting at 2 p.m., hamburgers at 4 p.m. and free dance at 7 p.m. Fun for all ages, come enjoy a great day!

OFFICER MEMBER RECRUITMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE – FIRST PERIOD

Thursday, June 30.



SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Friday, July 1.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY

Sunday, July 3, Stafford Fundraiser, Stafford Complex.

SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN

Wednesday, July 13, annual charity fundraiser, La Grange KC Hall.

ACROSS TEXAS

West Museum Hosts Fundraiser

BY NANCY HYKEL, SECRETARY HISTORY OF WEST MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

History of West Museum members will be hosting their fourth annual fundraiser on Sunday, April 10 at the West Knights of Columbus Hall located at 2547 Jerry Mashek Drive.

Beginning at 11 a.m., a lunch of fried chicken, sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, dessert and tea will be served. Cost is \$10 for dine-in and take-out meals.

A live auction will begin at noon. The silent auction will close at 2 p.m. Raffle tickets (\$2 each or three for \$5) for a Wilke's Big Rack 30" Fire Pit, a 40" Visio LED Smart TV and a \$300 Slovacek's gift card will be available at the event.

Museum President Georgia Hutyra states that "funds raised from this annual event will be used to pay for operating expenses. We want to ensure that our museum will be enjoyed by future generations and that it will continue to draw visitors to historic downtown West. There are no paid employees and all museum staff are volunteers."

During the past year, over 2,500 people from Texas and from 24 different states have visited the museum. Visitors have also come from seven different countries – Norway, Russia, Australia, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Canada and Mexico. "I think all of us have been astonished with the number of visiting guests," states Hutyra.

Come out and enjoy the West Polka Boys while visiting with friends and family and at the same time support the efforts to preserve the history, heritage and culture of the

people of West and surrounding communities.

For additional information or to donate an item for the auction, call or text (254) 709-1757.



Enjoy and help preserve photos at the History of West Museum like the one above showing a West street scene about 1900 looking east on Pine Street. The Cotton Mill Tower can be seen in the background.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Ruby Herpick's 65th wedding anniversary was acknowledged at the Corpus Christi Society #72 meeting on Sunday, March 6. Congratulations Bill and Ruby!

HELP US FIND THESE MEMBERS



MISSING MEMBERS

Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. Contact with our members is very important to us. We need to

deliver important papers to these members. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the Home Office at 800.245.8182.

SOCIETY #31, WEST

Ervin B. Cinek
Douglas R. Daskocil
James Key Kaspar
Deborah K. Kerschen
Randall Kocian
Hattie Kolar
James M. Matus
Stephen M. Mellgren
George W. Nors Jr.
Richard John Nors
Michael A. Perry

Walter Mabry Reaves Jr.
Brian Keith Scott
Bryan Wayne Sulak

SOCIETY #34, NADA

Leroy J. Buzek
Edward C. Pavlu

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

The KJT asks members to always check their certificates to note whether they have the proper beneficiaries designated.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT PROGRAM



The Catholic Union of Texas will continue to offer the Catholic School Tuition Grant Program in 2016 to assist in obtaining an excellent education from a Catholic school! The Catholic school tuition program awards a maximum of 100 grants of \$100 each to students chosen through a random selection process. The student applying for the grant must be a life insurance member of the KJT. We will accept only one application per student.

The application must be postmarked by May 31, 2016. Winners will be notified by August 1, 2016. All awards will be paid directly to the Catholic school that the student attends after verification of attendance is submitted. Submitting an application does not guarantee that the entry will be automatically selected.

Catholic School Tuition Grant Program for Grades K 11

Catholic School Tuition Grant Program Rules

1. The student must be a life insurance member of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT.
2. The student must enter a Catholic elementary school or be part of a Catholic accredited homeschool curriculum, grades Kindergarten through 11 in Fall 2016.
3. Winners will be determined by a random selection process and notified by mail.
4. All awards will be paid directly to the Catholic school the student attends. Verification of attendance will be required.
5. Please submit the following entry form. Photocopies of this form are also acceptable.
6. For additional information, contact the KJT Home Office at (800) 245-8182.

Mail this completed form to:



Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
CST
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Parent/Guardian _____ Telephone No. _____

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