MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

Have A Wonderful Christmas Season!

My friends, as we move through the Advent Season preparing ourselves for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I wish all of you a healthy and happy Christmas Season and a Happy New Year! It is my wish that you all have a wonderful time visiting with family and enjoying your time together as you celebrate your blessings.

I continue to count my blessings as I have just completed my 15th year with KJT! Wow how time flies. I am truly blessed for the many friendships I have forged throughout the state with officers, representatives, directors and members. May God bless you all in this special season. From my family to yours... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cardinal DiNardo, on being elected as the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our prayers are with you as you begin your duties as the leader of the Bishops’ Conference! More information can be found on page 3 of this issue.

KJT Financials
You will find the third quarter financials for the KJT on page 6 of this issue. Our financials continue to remain steady through this extended period of low interest rates. Assets now sit at just over $76.5 million and surplus sits at $3,848 million. We hope to finish up the year strong and have great news to report in the New Year!

Directors Needed
42nd General Convention
July 2018
As mentioned in my September article, there will be three vacancies for State (Continued on page 2)
FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

2017 In Our Sights . . .

Although 2017 is fast approaching, the fourth quarter of 2016 has still been a very busy time for me. On Saturday, October 15, I attended a day of festivities at the Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center Muziky Festival that was held at the Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange. A KJT Taroty Tournament was led by Honorary State Director Stanley Cernoch and his wife Kay inside the Cultural Center. Outdoors were many booths for everyone to enjoy and La Grange Society #46 sponsored the children’s train ride. There was great music provided by Czech and Then Some and the Shiner Hobo Band. I enjoyed visiting with Danny Zapletal, and Michelle and David Slovak with Czech and Then Some. Later in the evening there was a great tribute to Donnie Yavra and his band on their retirement and Program Emcee Alfred Vrazel did an outstanding performance in honoring them.

On Wednesday, October 19, I was back in Hostyn and La Grange to help Society #46 with their fajita fundraiser. I had a great time and enjoyed being able to help.

Then on Wednesday-Friday, October 26-28, I had the privilege of joining State President Christopher L. Urban, State Vice President David M. Wagner and State Director Ray Pokorney in Houston for the Texas Fraternal Alliance Convention. It was a very informative and motivating convention and I enjoyed visiting with everyone.

On Saturday, October 29 I was off to Round Top to celebrate Octoberfest sponsored by the Round Top Rifle Association. It was another day of great food, cold refreshments and lots of German music presented by the Round Top Brass Band.

On Thursday, November 10, I was invited to East Bernard Society #40 for their Memorial Mass for the deceased KJT and KJZT members and State Director Margaret Holik was also in attendance for the event. It was a very beautiful candlelight ceremony with Mass and then we were invited to the reception that followed. I would like to thank Big Ed Marik and all the members of Society #40 for the invite.

On Friday, November 11, we gave our thanks and respect to all our veterans.

By the time this article is published and read we will be in the Advent Season and hope to make this a Very Merry Christmas. On the behalf of myself, my wife and family we would like to extend our wishes to all of you to have a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Fraternal Activity Manager and I will be looking forward to serving you in 2017. You can contact me at (409) 771-8101 or mareznicek@sbcglobal.net.

MICHAEL REZNICEK
KJT Fraternal Activity Manager

State President's Message . . .

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Directors at the 42nd General Convention in July 2018, I am re-stating this as there are requirements that must be met to qualify for the position and first and foremost on this list, one must attend at least 50% of his/her local society meetings during 2017. There are additional qualifications, so if anyone is interested and would like to learn more about the other qualifications, please call and ask for me to discuss.

Did You Know?

62% of people eat three slices or more of pizza in one sitting! (2% said they eat the entire pizza).

KJT COOKBOOK
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Looking for the perfect Christmas gift or recipe? Look no more . . . "Cooking with the KJT" is the ultimate gift for the chefs on your gift list!

Order on-line at www.kjtnet.org or send check or money order to:
Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT
PO. Box 297
La Grange, TX 78945

Please send me ___ copies of
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Address
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City, State, Zip

KJT COOKBOOK SNEAK PREVIEW

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

Mary Ann Valenda
Crom Hill, #55

1 lg. pkg. strawberry Jell-O
6 c. hot water
1 qt. ginger ale
1 qt. pineapple juice
1 lg. can frozen orange juice
1 c. lemon juice
1½ c. sugar
½ gal. raspberry or strawberry sherbet
1 lg. 7-Up or Sprite

Mix all ingredients together and just before serving add sherbet and 7-Up or Sprite

Important 2016-2017 KJT Dates

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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.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Cardinal DiNardo Elected USCCB Leader Of US Bishops

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on Tuesday, November 15 at the annual fall General Assembly in Baltimore. Cardinal DiNardo has served as vice president of the USCCB since 2013. Archbishop Jose Gomez of the Los Angeles Archdiocese was elected as USCCB vice president.

Cardinal DiNardo and Archbishop Gomez are elected to three-year terms and succeed Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, and Cardinal DiNardo, respectively. The new president and vice president terms began at the conclusion of the General Assembly.

Cardinal DiNardo was elected president on the first ballot with 113 votes. Archbishop Gomez was elected vice president on the third ballot by 131-84 in a runoff vote against Archbishop Gregory Aymond of the New Orleans Archdiocese.

The president and vice president are elected by a simple majority from a slate of 10 nominees. If no president or vice president is chosen after the second round of voting, a third ballot is a run-off between the two bishops who received the most votes on the second ballot.

Cardinal DiNardo was born May 23, 1949, and ordained a priest of Pittsburgh on June 16, 1977. He previously served as bishop of Sioux City, Iowa, from 1998-2004 before being appointed to coadjutor bishop, then archbishop, of Galveston-Houston. Pope Benedict XVI named him a cardinal in 2007, making him the first cardinal from Texas.

Archbishop Gomez was born December 26, 1951, in Monterrey, Mexico. He was ordained a priest on August 15, 1978. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Denver in 2001, and in 2004, he was appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Antonio. He was appointed coadjutor archbishop of Los Angeles in 2010, and was installed as archbishop of Los Angeles in 2011. Cardinal DiNardo is a member of the KJT.

TEXAS CZECHS: ROOTED IN TRADITION

Display In Corpus Christi To Run Through February 2017

PolkaWorks is pleased to announce the Corpus Christi location of the multimedia exhibition Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition – La Retama Central Library. It is now on display through February 2017.

The final public event in conjunction with the exhibition will be “Taste and Flavor of the Gulf Coast,” a cross-cultural food program featuring local cooks on Saturday, January 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

La Retama Central Library is located at 805 Comanche Street in Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. For hours and directions, call (361) 826-7055 or visit www.cclibraries.com.

Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition is made possible in part with major funding from Humanities Texas, KJKT-Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, KJKT-Catholic Union of Texas and individual sponsors. Local Corpus Christi sponsors include SPJST Lodge #79, the Czech Heritage Society of South Texas, Moravan Hall, Randy Sykora Home Repair and generous individuals.

PolkaWorks’ mission is to highlight unique cultural traditions through documentaries, photography and public programs designed to educate and inspire. You can contact PolkaWorks at www.polkaworks.org or (512) 448-4536.

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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Dozens of great categories like

- Hotels
- Computers
- Tickets
- Cell Phones
- Restaurants
- Automotive
- Apparel
- Toys & Kids
- Gifts
- Wellness

and many more!

EXPLORE YOUR SAVINGS TODAY
STATE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

May God Bless You With A Truly Holy Christmas . . .

The German theologian Gerhard Lohfink, in his books on Christology (Jesus of Nazareth and No Irrelevant Jesus) emphasizes time and time again the concept of “today.” For Lohfink, the preaching and practice of Jesus is this “now,” this “today,” that gives the gospels such urgency. The kingdom of God is now; repent and believe today; salvation is taking place right under our nose.

As we celebrate the nativity of the Lord we might ask how, in this moment, is Christ being born within us and our world? If Gerhard Lohfink is correct, is the birth of Jesus happening now, today?

In our hymn “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” we sing: “Good Christian men, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice; / give ye heed to what we say: / Jesus Christ was born today. / Ox and ass before him bow / And he is in the manger now. / Christ is born today! / Christ is born today!”

Now! Today! When nations cease their wars and live in peace, when life is chosen over death, when love governs our hearts and our families, when justice is done to one and all, when truth is told and deceptions end, when freedom conquers slavery, when . . .

May God bless you and your loved ones with a truly Blessed and Holy Christmas!

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Corn Hill Member Recognized For Tax Policy, Legislative Efforts

John Valenta of Corn Hill Society #55 was recently awarded the Dale Threadgill Lifetime Achievement award by the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. The memorial award recognizes the achievements of an individual whose work has directly and positively impacted the taxpayers of the State of Texas.

John was recognized for his work that has helped contribute to advancing the principles of fair state and local tax policy for both individual and business taxpayers.

His leadership and advisory efforts over his career in both the private and governmental areas have insured that the taxpayers of Texas are fairly represented and treated.

By Kathleen Valenta

St. Sylvester Society #119, La Marque
would like to extend to all societies and to the Home Office a

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!
misunderstandings about the Cardinal Müller corrects need to recover the sacramental the Church, and he stressed the mere doctrine, but a dogma of indissolubility of marriage is no given in June of this year, Cardinal “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and ‘gives sense to our life,” said thus we should announce the revealed God, the loving Trinity! We called to announce once again separated parents; and stresses individualistic and subjectivist, and how that education should be living present and working in icons of Christ’s love for his Church present and working in features a preface written by Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. WEDO NGLIGOLLIC-del SIEVRILICLCOGOLICOCOEOCEGETICLCOGOLICLGOE ONG lots of fun games, stands & booths Many more fun games, stands & booths Mexican food also available BBQ Dinner of Pork, Beef, Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Live Auction at 1 p.m. Live Music Office at (800) 245­8182. Contact the KJT Home Office at (800) 245­8182. Have you been wondering what to get your kids or grandchildren this year? It is never too late to purchase the perfect stocking stuffer! Life insurance or KJT Kapital Accounts are ideal holiday gifts for your loved ones – children or grandchildren! It’s easy . . . just give us a call at 800.245.8182 or contact one of our sales representatives. We can help!
Statement of Financial Condition

For Quarters Ended Sept 30

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Benefits and Expenses

| Policy Death Benefits          | $ 486,109 | $ 342,682 |
| Matured Benefits               | 144,826   | 591,427   |
| Annuity Benefits               | 1,202,691 | 667,951   |
| Disability Benefits            | 18,100    | 11,966    |
| Surrender Benefits             | 5,415,466 | 2,065,136 |
| Interest and Adjustments on    | 1,024,199 | 659,456   |
| Contract Funds                 | (124)     | (1,159)   |
| **Total Benefits and Expenses**| $ 8,291,237 | $ 4,339,777 |

Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds

| Net Gain (Loss) From Operations Before Refunds | $ 91,913 | $ 98,143 |
| Refunds to Members                        | 87,512   | 60,738   |
| Net Gain (Loss) From Operations After Refunds | $ 4,401  | $ 37,405 |
| Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses)        | 42,876   | 51,503   |
| **Net Income**                             | $ 47,277 | $ 88,908 |

Surplus

| Net Income From Operations              | $ 47,277 | $ 88,908 |
| Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains  |          |          |
| Losses (Gains)                           | (2,841)  | (4,860)  |
| Change in Non-Admitted Assets            | 10,049   | 10,049   |
| Change in Asset Valuation Reserve (43,017) | (43,017) | (43,017) |
| Losses (Gains)                           | (134)    | (1,159)  |
| **Net Change in Surplus**                | $ 14,309 | $ 42,207 |
| Surplus - Prior Year                     | $ 3,848,081 | $ 3,400,092 |
| Surplus as of Statement Date             | $ 3,848,390 | $ 3,442,299 |

2016 KJT SCHOLARS

The KJT fraternal family wishes to congratulate all of the 2016 scholarly accomplishments of its talented members and wishes them only the very best as they continue their educational endeavors and careers!

Jace Peacock was the recipient of a Missouri City Society #133 Scholarship. Jace graduated from Fairport High School and is the son of Tiffany and Jeff Peacock of Fairport, New York. Jace also received one of the State KJT Scholarships. His grandpa, Society #133 Treasurer Harvey Koudelka, awarded him this scholarship. Jace will attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in Business Management. Congratulations Jace!

Statement of Financial Condition

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Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus

| Reserves for Certificates | $ 71,179,951 | $ 65,764,485 |
| Contract Claims           | 104,855      | 134,221      |
| Liability for Deposit Type Contracts | 624,168 | 618,207 |
| Provisions for refunds payable | 117,570 | 114,524 |
| Asset Valuation Reserve   | 375,095      | 332,078      |
| Interest Maintenance Reserve | 98,151    | 113,702      |
| Miscellaneous Liabilities | 179,762      | 175,552      |
| Payable for Securities    | 35,049       | 36,569       |
| **Total Reserves and Liabilities** | $ 72,679,552 | $ 67,252,769 |
| Surplus                    | $ 3,848,390  | $ 3,834,081  |
| **Total Reserves, Liabilities, & Surplus** | $ 76,527,942 | $ 71,086,850 |

2017 Czech Summer Study Program 2017

June 28 to July 19, 2017

Depart US June 27, 2017

Praha, Czech Republika

Housing: Group participants will be housed in dorms of the Agricultural School at Suchdol with double occupancy rooms sharing a bath. Single rooms are available at an extra charge.

The dorm is situated in the northwestern part of Praha, linked to downtown by bus and subway.

Food Service: Three meals a day will be served featuring authentic Czech cuisine.

Czech Language Instruction: Class size and levels will depend on enrollment.

Your Level: Beginning or intermediate will be evaluated informally for placement into the proper class.

The class will meet five days a week for four hours before lunch and once a week for two hours of conversation after lunch.

The classes are non-credit courses. Arrangements for credit must be made with your university before you depart.

For more information contact:

Thadious Polasek
979.562.2207
or email: polasek29@gmail.com
MEMORIAL SERVICE MASS SINGERS

Theresa Parker and Msgr. Joseph M. Hybner, for which the Center was named.

Thanks to all who brought delicious desserts to share and gave special thanks to Mary Bartos of Flatonia who made and donated to the Father Joe over 100 beautifully decorated rosettes and to the many ladies of the KJZT for managing the kitchen duties and serving the food.

Many of the exhibits in the crowded Hoelscher Haus will be moved into the new space to make room for Po.L.K. of A. usage.

Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) will hold its 11th Annual Memorial Celebration and Open Haus on Saturday, December 10 at the Fair Pavilion in La Grange. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. Please Note: Date was changed from November 19 to Saturday, December 10 because of a scheduling conflict.

The day’s activities begin at 10 a.m. with a video presentation honoring the deceased members in the Polka Lovers Club of America and PLCTM. After a brief coffee/kolache break, Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Hybner of Shiner will officiate the Polka Mass at 11 a.m. The Texas Sound Check Band will provide music for the Mass, accompanied by Po.L.K. of A. choir. Other singers in attendance are welcomed to join.

After Mass, a delicious catered turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meal is free for members of PLCTM and Po.L.K. of A. Meal cost for the public is $10. Po.L.K. of A. members can RSVP to Kathy Cernosek at (281) 739-2685 or email at kreznicek10@hotmail.com. PLCTM members and the public can RSVP to Willie Bohuslav at (512) 347-1078 or (512) 779-8050 or email at JWBohuslav@aol.com. Please bring your favorite dessert for all to share! Thank you!

For your dancing pleasure, the Texas Sound Check Band will play from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy the fellowship of other polka lovers, get those last-minute gifts in the silent auction and take a chance at the 50/50 raffle. Great door prizes will also be given throughout the dance.

The day concludes with an Open Haus at 5 p.m. to tour the museum and Msgr. Joseph M. Hybner Center.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

EVERYONE WELCOME

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH’S PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (enter at back of Church)
500 W. Old San Antonio Road, Caldwell, Texas 77836
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Adults - $5.00  Children under 10 - $2.00

Bake Sale

!!!!!!Lots of Christmas Goodies!!!!!!

Bring Your Own Camera and Take Pictures of Your Child or Children with Santa

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ST. BENEDICT KJT SOCIETY #100, CALDWELL
9TH ANNUAL KJT STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
FLATONIA GOLF COURSE

Boy, we all need larger trophy cases . . .

Great form!

Let's get this party started!

It's show time!

Let's play some golf . . .

All smiles after a successful day at the golf course!

Just waiting for the final results to come in!

Taking a break during the 9th KJT State Golf Tourney . . .
The second annual Tarok Tournament, sponsored by the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, was held on Saturday October 15, at the Heritage Festival & Muziky Celebration held at the Texas Czech Heritage and Culture Center in La Grange.

Winners were: John Vrana (626 points) from Granger, first; Kenneth Lev (608 points) from Schulenburg, second; Dial Cornwell (563 points) from Corpus Christi, third, and Pam Franks (552 points) from Sanger, fourth.

A total of 28 players from different areas of Texas enjoyed the all-day tournament. Players started arriving around 8 a.m. to enjoy kolaches (Hruska’s from Ellinger) and coffee. Starting at 9 a.m., players played two rounds, broke for lunch and finished the afternoon with two more rounds. Cernoch’s Gold’n Crisp Fried Chicken from La Grange catered the fried chicken and trimmings meal.

Helping with the tournament were Arnold and Helen Janda, State President Christopher L. Urban and First Lady Kelly Urban, Shirley Antosh, Kay Cernoch, official score keeper, and Stanley Joe Cernoch.

The TCHCC and the KJT would like to thank everyone for participating in this enjoyable event.

Good Lord willing and the creek don’t rise, see ya’ next year!

Dekjui and S Panem Bohem.

2016 KJT State Taroky Tournament winners are (left to right) John Vrana, Kenneth Lev, Dial Cornwell and Pam Franks. Way to go!

Youth enjoying the barrel train ride driven by Gary Antosh at the Heritage Festival and Muziky Celebration on Saturday, October 15.

TCHCC and the KJT would like to thank everyone for participating in this enjoyable event.

State Vice President David M. Wagner taking the youth for a spin on the barrel train ride at the Heritage Festival and Muziky Celebration at the the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange.
**KJT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

Nada Society #34 held a Religious Retirement Fund Fundraiser in July at the Nada Community Center. The event also featured a bake sale to benefit the Nada New Hall Building project. A Matching Grant donation from the KJT Home Office was received for this effort. Shown are Nada Society #34 officers receiving the Matching Grant check from the KJT Home Office—Society Secretary Anita Meismer, Father Joe Vrana, St. Mary’s pastor and Society Chaplain, accepting the check from Society President Donald Naiser and Society Vice President Sean Korenek.

Father Eric Petre was presented a Matching Grant Fund check of $250 earned by the Sealy Society #80 for sponsoring the silent auction at the church bazaar on Sunday, September 4. The presentation was made at the society’s 100-year anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 18. At the presentation were Father Eric Pitre and society officers Steven Kutra, Joe Bilski, Bernice Stolarski and Barbara Hajdik.

It's that time again when Killeen Society #128 donates to the St. Joseph School. This is just one of the many donations that the society makes. The society is happy to support St. Joseph School. On Thursday, October 13, the check presentation was made after the society’s Family Appreciation Dinner, along with recognition to all who participated in the October Festival. Shown at the check presentation are (left to right) Father Chris Downey, School Principal Katie Groom, Society President Marilyn Stefek and Society Treasurer Carol Daude. Matching grant funds were given to the Killeen society by the Home Office.

**KJT CHARITIES**

Bay City Presents $500 To Fund

Bay City Society #139 President Larry Browning presented State Director Ellen Zdansky with a $500 check for the Religious Retirement Fund at the Monday, September 26 society meeting in Bay City. Also present at the presentation were Sales Representative Dan Stavena, Society Secretary-Treasurer Vincent Nemec and Society Vice President James Engbrock.

Smithville Society #63 received a KJT matching grant for the Breakfast Sale held at St. Paul Catholic Church in Smithville. The society presented a check to St. Paul CCD Leader John Kelly. At the presentation were (left to right) Kelly, student Madeline Hanslik, Society President William Paenkik, KJT State President Christopher L. Urban, Society Vice President Dan Drab and Society Treasurer Nancy Janecek.

Wied Society #43 Presents Check

Wied Society #43 Secretary Rebecca Till presented a donation to State President Christopher L. Urban on behalf of the society for the Seminarian Fund.
KJT CHARITIES

Society #100 Gives To Fund

At the District VIII Fall Social/Meeting held at Frenstat Hall on Sunday, November 13, St. Benedict Society #100 of Caldwell President Joe Rychlik presented State Director Ray Pokorney with Society #100’s 2016 Religious Retirement Fund Donation. Shown are (left to right) State Director Pokorney, Society #100 President Rychlik and District VIII Vice President Edward Beran.

Smithville Makes Donation

St. Paul Society #63 of Smithville donated to the Religious Retirement Fund by holding two successful garage sales. Those shown presenting check to State President Christopher L. Urban are society officers William Psencik, Dan Drab and Nancy Janecek. Madeline Hanslik is also pictured.

Society #40 Youth Give To Fund

On Thursday, November 10, the KJT and KJZT had a Mass for the deceased members that passed away in the last five years and the living members. After the Mass, everyone went to Riverside Hall for a meal and the East Bernard Society #40 Youth Club presented a check State Director Margaret Holik and State Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek for the Religious Retirement Fund. At the presentation were (left to right) Youth Leader Frank Buxkemper, Youth Club member Jonah Kubena, State Fraternal Activity Manager Reznicek, Youth Club member Bella Dujka holding the check, State Director Holik, Youth Club President Eric Kubena, Youth Club member Emma Logan also holding the check, Youth Leader Gloria Buxkemper and Deacon Stephen Vacek.

SOCIETY SPECIAL EFFORT

Georgetown Helps Out At Fall Festival

BY BERNICE ERMIS

Georgetown Society #141 has been hosting the ice cream booth at the St. Helen’s Fall Festival for quite a few years now. The last couple of years they have been joined by members of the youth organizations and they have served as chaperones. The money they earn goes to the church.

In year’s past, they had been making the ice cream, but recently decided it wasn’t paying off like they would like. In order to make a better profit for the church they have decided to buy the ice cream at a good cost to them and donating all the profits to the church.

Some of the members also sell ice cream at the bingo on Saturday night before the festival on Sunday. That money is donated to a charity.

Members also help out at different booths all around the grounds on Fall Festival day, including cooking food with the KCs, selling tickets to the quilt that is made and donated by the Ladies Club, the cake walk and other organizations.

Members Working In Country Store . . .

Making Hamburgers And Fries!

Society #141 Members Made Squares For Quilt

Supervising Sales Of Ice Cream With Help From Parish Youth!

Society #141 Member Presenting A Check For The Ice Cream Sales At The Saturday Night Bingo . . .

(Above And Below) Society #141 Members Taking A Break During Fall Festival!
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

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.

October 2016

Society #35, Ennis
Edwin Svehlak
Date of Death: 09/22/2016
Age 73

Society #13, Yoakum
Beverly Cunningham
Date of Death: 10/25/2016
Age 86

Society #130, Elgin
Judy Bobrowski
Date of Death: 07/18/2016
Age 67

Society #35, Ennis
Ernest S. Haba
Date of Death: 03/15/2016
Age 64

Society #55, Corn Hill
Theophil Zurovetz
Date of Death: 09/28/2016
Age 87

Society #28, Granger
Norbert L. Polasek
Date of Death: 09/09/2016
Age 74

Society #35, Ennis
Bernard Kriska
Date of Death: 09/05/2016
Age 89

Society #31, West
Ernest W. Nors
Date of Death: 10/03/2016
Age 81

In conclusion the success of the KJT Craft and More Show and the distribution of the funds from the matching grant to the recipient, Independence Village. The members would like to present the matching grant check at the society’s Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 11 at the Queen of Peace Life Center at 1 p.m. The society will provide the meat and members and guests are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Santa will make an appearance around 2:30 p.m. for all the young and young at heart. Members hope the youth come to enjoy a visit with Santa and he may even have something special for the children.

The society is excited and looking forward to a great 2017. It kick-started the New Year with the election of officers for 2017 at the meeting. It was unanimous that the present officers were re-elected for 2017, therefore the officers will remain as:

President Mike Reznicek
Vice President Mandy Reznicek
Secretary/Treasurer Melba Reznicek
Fr. Paul Chovanec will remain as Society Chaplain and W.K. Leonard as the society’s Sales Representative and the society will also have Lisa Alexander as its Sales Representative as well.

Meeting dates for 2017 have been scheduled as follows:

Sunday, March 12
Sunday, June 11
Sunday, September 10
Sunday, November 12
Christmas Party Sunday, December 10

All meetings will be covered dish meals and will be held at the Queen of Peace Life Center at 1 p.m.

The society has also put into motion ideas for many upcoming events in 2017 and are looking forward to a marvelous year.

Missouri City Society #133 members had a very successful July 3 fundraiser!
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#134 ROUND ROCK
By Margie Thompson

Round Rock Society #134 met on Saturday, October 22 in the St. William’s Parish Activity Center. Members signed in and Religious Retirement Fund tickets were sold by Louis Zbranek.

A Chili Supper was served at 7 p.m. The Society Chef was Chris Lively with help from his son J.J. At 7:46 p.m. a business meeting was called to order by President Tina Risinger.

Vice President Leon Barton reminded all members present that the Christmas party would be held on Saturday, December 10. Captain Reds will cater the Christmas Party with a chicken fried steak dinner and Santa will be a visitor for the evening.

Barton explained the dues collected from members – $6 comes to Society #134 and $10 goes to the Home Office.

Alvin Zamgamba was present and told members about his accident.

President Barton asked if members wanted to move the start time up for the Christmas party dinner. It was decided dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. on December 10.

Election of officers was held for 2017. It was decided to keep the same officers for 2017. They are:

- Tina Risinger, President
- Janie Zbraneck, Treasurer
- Leon Barton, Vice President
- Margie Thompson, Secretary

Guests for the evening were introduced by Tina Risinger. Frank Alverez from the Knights of Columbus invited all guests to the upcoming Knight of Columbus events they are sponsoring.

Barton announced Janie and Louis Zbraneck will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Bingo was played and door prizes were drawn.

Vice President Annie Hyzak sent sympathy cards to Wilburn Friesenhahn who is in rehab and Jennifer Klaniak’s dad who was recently hospitalized. Please keep these people in your prayers.

The next society meeting will be on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Reception Room and the officers will provide the meal.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer. Shirley Macik won the society drawing. Other winners were Vlasta Vitek, and Anita and Gene Kutach.

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St. Martin’s Society #43 of Wied donated four benches to the Wied Cemetery for All Souls services this year. This parish project was approved by Msgr. John Peters. Several members are shown with Msgr. after the services.

Victoria Society #115 made a monetary donation to the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry. Receiving the donation is Carol Alexander. Presenting the donation is Barbara Yanta (left) and Society #115 President Lawrence Yanta.

Wied Society #43 donated to St. Mary’s Church from the picnic spinning wheel booth which was presented to Msgr. John Peters by Society Secretary Rebecca Tilli.

#112 AUSTIN
By Sarah Vitok

The meeting of St. Stephen’s Society #112 of Austin was held on Wednesday, October 12 at Sacred Heart Church. Interim President Ted Vitek opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#31 WEST
By Georgie Nors

West Society #31 members, along with KJZT Society #11 members, were treated to a delicious breakfast prepared by Society #31 President Michael Kraemer after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 9. Afterwards the regular meeting was held.

President Michael Kraemer opened the meeting and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Nors and Marvin Cepak won the attendance prizes.

Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City held its annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11. Bay City Society #139 Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Nemec and his wife Cynthia donated 200 flags to the school in honor of their daughter, Airman 1st Class Stephanie (Nemec) Soares, who is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force (also a former student at Holy Cross) and member of Society #139), and in memory of Charles R. Nemec, who served in the U.S. Army, and Edward L. Dorotik Sr., who served in the U.S. Air Force (also a former student at Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City) and is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Marvin Cepak, Bill Veselka and Milan Dujka Jr.

The Christmas Party was discussed. Every year the meal is rotated with either Turkey/Dressing or a Pork Loin Meal. It was decided to have the Pork Loin Meal. The Christmas program was also discussed and President Kraemer stated he will get with the KJZT about the program.

President Kraemer stated that the election of officers is always held at the December meeting. He appointed a committee of Sherry Pavlas reported she will send sympathy cards to the families of Christine Matus and Ernest Nors.

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On Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13, a Ministry Fair would be held in the Parish Center after all the Masses. George Meurer and Irvin Laubert volunteered to man the Ministry Fair at the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday. It was reported that the society still has pencils and mugs left over to give away.

Ordering new shirts, plain T-Shirts and shirts with pockets was discussed. Also, ordering Koozies with navy and white letters was discussed. 500 Koozies cost 74 cents each, plus shipping and handling, with 100 costing $1.09. It was decided to order 500 Koozies.

President Kraemer stated that he will have a temporary calendar for next year at the November meeting to discuss and add to. He will add to have the June meeting at the Czech Inn at 2 p.m. with the Youth Swim Party. Also, the District Family Day will be held in the West area.

Robert Nors stated that the KJT Convention will again be held in Houston at the Omni Hotel in 2018. Members who would like to be delegates will have the attend 50% of the meetings from January to December 2017. Members who have spouses as officers in other organizations cannot be delegates. He also stated that he will need a director from this area to take his place after the Convention. The state director must visit each society in his area at least once a year and attend quarterly board meetings.

President Kraemer stated that they have received the matching grant from the KJT Home Office.

He also stated that he has raffle tickets to help with medical expenses for the Downing twins who were born premature. They are $1 each or six for $5.

The members agreed that the breakfast was really good.

Albert Charanza and Nancy Cunningham were the winners of the door prizes.

The next meeting would be Sunday, November 13 with kolaches and coffee, and the Parish Ministry Fair will be held.

Don Urbanovsky led the closing prayer.

#129 SCHULENBURG
By James Prihoda

St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg held their meeting on Sunday, October 16 at the home of James and Carolyn Prihoda at 2:10 p.m. starting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

They gave the financial report which included the results of the Turkey Shoot Challenge held on Sunday, August 21. The reading of correspondence and thank you notes was held at which time the members discussed the letter from the society’s bank regarding banking charges to be implemented on the account.

Reports were given on the Youth Summer Party and social held at Wolter’s Park and Pool Monday, July 18, the youth fundraiser event at the Turkey Shoot on Sunday, August 21 and the Challenge Turkey Shoot results and income. With the weather experienced that day the event was successful and profitable. A big thank you to George Tofel and Tofel’s Place for the use of the property for the shoot.

The group discussed and made plans for the Sunday, December 18 member’s social and meeting, youth and members Christmas Caroling at the nursing home and ideas on what could be done as small gifts for the residents in the spirit of St. Nicholas in this Holy Season of Jesus’ Birth.

Discussion of banking charges correspondence incurred a motion to authorize the Treasurer James Prihoda to close the bank account to stop bank charges and to search for a more favorable bank depository for the society banking account.

Resolution prepared to effect motion.

The next order of business was donations and charitable distribution of the fundraising efforts. After discussion, distributions were approved for KJT Charity Programs $300, St. Rose CCD $100, Schulenburg Fire Department $100, Muldoon Fire Department $100 and Schulenburg Police Department $100.

The meeting adjourned with Prayer of St. Augustine.

On Thursday, November 10, the KJT and KJZT had a Mass for the deceased members that passed away in the last five years and the living members. After the Mass, everyone went to Riverside Hall for a meal and the East Bernard Society #40 Youth Club presented a check to Deacon Stephen Vacek for his studies for the priesthood. At the presentation were (left to right) Youth Leader Frank Bukemper, State Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek, State Director Margaret Holik, Youth Club member Bella Dujka, Deacon Vacek, Youth Club President Eric Kubena, Youth Club member Jonah Kubena, Youth Leader Gloria Bukemper and Youth Club member Emma Logan.

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Give Of Yourself This Holiday Season . . .
Give the gift of your time, spirit or material goods to people in need in your community this holiday season.

The KJT has a reputation for being one of those organizations that makes the holidays more meaningful for its members and everyone else in the communities where KJT societies are located.

Encourage your children, family and friends to volunteer with you and brighten the holidays for someone else.

Share your good fortune with others not so fortunate . . . adopt a family or individual this holiday season!
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