STATE VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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Get It While It’s Cheap!
Make no mistake – the cost of life insurance is lower the younger you are when you purchase it. So, do what you can to purchase at LEAST enough for burial. This is an expense that won’t disappear. Purchasing a 10 Pay Life (paid up in 10 years) or 20 Pay Life (paid up in 20 years) as soon as you begin your working career will go a long way. Leverage your money, you will be glad you did . . .

Insure Your Love
Remember, life insurance is not for the person it covers yet the people who are left behind. When you purchase life insurance you are buying it to provide financial support in the case you die. Don’t make your family suffer because you

KJT Kruise
Southern Caribbean Trip Filling Quickly

By Shirley Pokorney, KJT Kruise Director
Virtually no ocean or sea compares to the waters of the Southern Caribbean. Aqua blue water as clear as your drinking water softly massaging the porcelain white beaches created over the centuries by the tides eroding the coral reefs and (Continued on page 3)
FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Reaching For Level 1 Society Recognition Award

As all the spring and summer festivals get into full swing it looks to be another busy year. As societies, we should have been looking back on 2016 and making a greater plan for 2017. You should be striving to reach Level 1 which produces the highest financial rewards provided by the Home Office. By reaching Level 1, there’s $300 just for reaching the level, it also increases the Matching Grant funds to $500 and then you have the Catholic Grant that you can receive up to $500 and Religious Education Grant for $250. Societies that work hard on building membership also have the growth incentive which has increased in 2017 and by working hard to meet the requirements for the different levels you can also earn more dollars for your society.

The state officers and Board of Directors have worked hard to make it easier for societies to meet the requirements to earn level awards. Creating excitement within your society and by teamwork it makes any of the level awards obtainable.

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 REZNICEK
KJT Fraternal Activity Manager

State Vice President's Message . . .

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didn’t plan accordingly.

A Little Bit Is Better Than Nada . . .

Some people begin to research life insurance to only find they are grossly underinsured. It’s then when these people simply “give up” due to the cost or disbelief. Rome wasn’t built in a day, take steps if you must yet purchase what you can afford when you can afford it. Taking small steps is better than standing flatfooted while sinking.

You Might Be Surprised . . .

Another aspect that surprises folks is life insurance is still available to most people. The life insurance industry has come a very long way in the last 2.5 decades.

Some carriers issue policies until age 80 while offering Simplified Issue plans (or limited underwriting plans). Don’t talk yourself out of something that may be simple and still available. Remember when your teacher said, “There are no dumb questions.” Well, a quick phone call could surprise you. In closing there are several good reasons to purchase life insurance beside the ones I’ve mentioned. Find your reason for purchasing life insurance and don’t let an excuse prevent you from making a good decision!

TEXAS CZECHS:
ROOTED IN TRADITION

BY LORI NAVJAR
PolkaWorks mission is to highlight unique cultural traditions through documentaries, photography and public programs designed to educate and inspire. We’ve traveled thousands of miles across the grand state of Texas to share stories through exhibits, film, photography, public programs and diverse social media.

We are proud of our community activities that involve local theaters, state and family historians, imaginative storytellers, talented musicians, inspired chefs and community cooks, and Texas PBS.

Since October 2014, the “Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition” exhibition has been hosted at the following venues: Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria, Czech Center Museum in Houston, Lavaca Historical Museum in Halletsville, Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Library in Temple, State Capitol Visitors Center in Austin, and currently at La Retama Central Library in Corpus Christi.

“The Grove, Texas” documentary has aired in 2016 on Texas PBS stations that include: KERA in Dallas, KLRU in Austin and KNCT in Killeen and Waco.

It is also soon to air in 2017 on KTTZ in Lubbock, KCOS TV in El Paso, Panhandle PBS in Amarillo and even Eastern New Mexico.

Our “Saddle Up – Ranching, Rodeo and Tradition” exhibition is in production now and scheduled to showcase in 2018.
Caribbean Kruise Filling Quickly . . .

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now lying in pictorial beauty on the island. It’s the coral reefs and the unending chain of the Leeward Islands that keep the waters so pristine and smooth that you’ll scarcely realize you’re afloat in one of the major seas of the world. Islands will rarely be beyond eyesight as we traverse from one port to another, allowing us to experience the feeling that Columbus, Drake, Black Beard all enjoyed here in the islands that became the stepping stone to Europe’s occupation of the Americas.

Those already signed on board and those who will be joining us will be in for a very special treat, barring clouds, with the full moon on Thursday, October 5. The most beautiful image I’ve ever experienced was the full moon reflecting in the shimmering waters of the Caribbean. This time I WILL be camera ready!

Each of these islands has a unique and distinctive character. The Brits and Spaniards claimed a large portion of the islands, but the Danes, Portuguese, French and others also acquired and colonized land through treaties or battles, giving the Caribbean its worldwide diversity.

Whatever your reason for wanting to cruise this paradise, whether it be history, white sands, calm aquamarine waters or fabulous fine jewelry finds, this trip is one size fits ALL!

Cabins are still available for the KJT Southern Caribbean Kruise on October 1-8, 2017, but choices are becoming more limited and you must reserve soon to avoid being totally left out. This is because the ship is small to allow it to maneuver around the shallow waters of the islands, and it is also Carnival’s most popular route. Departing Puerto Rico, the itinerary includes stops at St. Thomas, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and St. Maarten. Early saver rates are still in effect, but prices rise as sections sell out. A deposit is all that is required now with the balance not due until July.

For more information, contact Shirley by phone at (312) 251-1185 or email pokorneyshirley@aol.com.

75-Year Membership
April 2017
Society #35, Ennis
Stanislav J. Liska
Johnnie J. Slovak
Charles J. Vrzalik
Society #43, Wied
Benedict H. Janak
Society #120, Beaumont
John L. Slovak

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE
The Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas, CESAT, requests that every Texas Czech write a letter to their State Senator and State Representative requesting the Czech language be allowed to be taught at community colleges in Texas. It was possible to teach Czech until 2016 when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board removed Czech from the Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM). Please keep your letter to one page in length. To find your State Senator and State Representative, you can go to the following website: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Zip.aspx.

Want to know more about each port? Find articles describing them in archived KJT News at http://kjtnet.org/archives starting with the April 2016 issue.

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.
STATE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Holy Angels Guide With Their Own Lightness . . .

“Then the angel said to the women in reply, ‘Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.’” (Mt 28:5-6a)

God sends holy angels to announce two great events that mark Christ’s life. Angels, of course, appear at his birth, where they herald the joyful news that peace has arrived for people of good will. Angels also appear at Christ’s empty tomb, where they instruct Mary Magdalene and the other Mary about Christ’s Resurrection. In both instances, angels bring God’s light to the world.

Little attention is paid nowadays to angels as messengers of God. The sad feature of this development results in our forgetting that God does speak to us. When we forget the lightness of angels, we find ourselves ghettoized in a dark corner of the universe. We forget that divine revelation opens for us truths that otherwise would never even suspect. Think of the women who came to the tomb at Easter daybreak to mourn a dead man. Instead, angels revealed to them that he is risen.

Twice the holy women are told, Do not be afraid. These words ring out as true today as they did when the two Marys first heard them. Truth to tell, when we try to figure out things for ourselves, we oftentimes become confused and upset. Who can solve every problem? Who can meet every need? Easter prepares us for a new way of life, one that holy angels guide with their own lightness.

May the God of Light send his holy angels to you and your family this Easter (remembering that the Easter Season continues until the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 4!) bringing with them the grace to rejoice in the Resurrection of His Son!

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

WELCOME TO OUR SALES FORCE

Tommy Prasifka Joins KJT Team

BY DAVID M. WAGNER
KJT State Vice President

THE Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, is excited to announce our newest agent – Thomas (Tommy) Prasifka. He was born in Houston and grew up in Hutchins, which is in the Dallas area.

Tommy attended St. Augustine Parochial School and graduated from Bishop Dunne High School. After graduation he attended Angelo State University in San Angelo for two years. He transferred to Sam Houston State University and began his career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from SHSU and continued his employment with the State of Texas. Tommy promoted through the system and retired with 30 years of service to the State of Texas. After his retirement, Tommy and his wife Patricia moved to Shiner. Tommy went back to work for Texas Precious Metals located in Shiner. He is proudly taking on additional responsibility as the newest KJT Insurance Representative. His dad Tim has served the Dallas area as a representative for many years.

Tommy is currently a member of Society #20 in Shiner. He is happy to be serving Society #13 in Yoakum and assisting the current representatives in Shiner. We welcome Tommy and are very excited to have him as part of the team!

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Hosted by the West and surrounding Societies of District V

Registration starts at 11:00 am, Festivities from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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

The officers ask for some help with the contests so any volunteers that will step up will greatly be appreciated.

District V Meeting will be held around 3:15-3:30 pm.

Contact information: Tanner (214) 555-2269, Keith (214) 334-1385, Joe (214) 289-0953

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Joe Landsfeld  
Society #35, Ennis  
• First Place March 2017 Top Producer

Linda Gaas  
Society #29, Frenstat  
• Second Place March 2017 Top Producer

Robert Nors  
Society #31, West  
• Third Place March 2017 Top Producer

John Kana  
Society #4, Ammannsville  
• Fifth Place March 2017 Top Producer

Ted Vitek  
Society #112, Austin  
• Seventh Place March 2017 Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky  
Society #72, Corpus Christi  
• Fourth Place March 2017 Top Producer

Mildred Machacek  
Society #20, Shiner  
• Sixth Place March 2017 Top Producer

Margaret Hanslik  
Society #1, Praha, Society #38, Moulton & Society #43, Wied  
• March 2017 Volume Leader

W.K. Leonard  
Society #119, La Marque  
• March New Application Producer – 2 months

Application for 2017 KJT Summer Youth Camp  
SPJST ENC (COOPER FARMS) NEAR WALDECK  
JULY 23TH THROUGH JULY 27, 2017  
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Camper’s Legal Name: ___________________________________________________________

Camper’s Preferred First Name: ___________________________________________________

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: □ 2014 □ 2015 □ 2016

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: ___________________________________________________

Camper’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________

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: ____________________

Did You Know?  
Green thumbs up! Spruce up your windowsill garden: According to a new study, women who are surrounded by plants, including herbs and vegetables, live 12 percent longer than those who are not! Source: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
District IV Enjoys Fun Family Day At Old Settler’s Reunion Hall

By Shirley Pekorney
District IV President

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DISTRICT NEWS

Nueces River Is Backdrop For District X's Family Fun Day

BY ROSALIE WILLIAMS
SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI

District X societies from Corpus Christi, McCook and Sinton enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Beverly and James Holman residence on the Nueces River on Sunday, April 9. The afternoon included a short meeting, food, games, fishing and a great Easter egg hunt!

Everyone enjoyed the fajita meal with all the trimmings and lots of desserts.

Thanks to the Holman’s on the Nueces River for a great place to use for Family Fun Day!

50-Year Membership

April 2017

Society #1, Praha
George E. Cerny Jr.

Society #14, Bryan
Emil V. F. Luza

Society #39, Marak
Jerome L. Marak

Society #43, Wied
Randall A. Gillar
Joseph Francis Kallus

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Chad D. Evans
Johnny E. Havelka
David W. Kureska

Society #84, El Campo
Victor B. Drozd Jr.
Mark Anthony Drozd
Chris P. Roe

Society #102, San Antonio
Anthony C. Chovanec
Willie S. Chovanec
William A. Stehling

Society #103, Baytown
John A. Cook

Society #111, Dallas
Mark A. Holub

Society #114, Temple
Bernard L. Grygar
David W. Grygar
Leslie J. Grygar
Edward W. Pavelka

Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch
Timothy Tlucek

Looks like the Easter bunny was quite busy at the District X event!

District X youth gather for a group shot with their full Easter baskets!

There are Easter eggs everywhere!

Look what we won!!!

Wow – It’s an Easter egg right in front of me!
ACROSS TEXAS

27th Annual Kolache Klobase Fest To Be Held At Riverside Hall

By Martha Viktorin

This is the 27th year for the Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at Riverside Hall in East Bernard. This event brings people together to enjoy good music, good food and to celebrate ethnic heritage and culture. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continuing nonstop until 8 p.m., this year’s festival again features a first-rate lineup of entertainers.

This year’s entertainers include the Ennis Czech Boys, Czech and Then Some, Dujka Brothers, Red Ravens, Al Sulak’s Country Sounds and Strait from the Heart (a festival tribute band). There will again be a three-band concert at 4:30 p.m. inside the hall featuring Czech and Then Some, Dujka Brothers and Red Ravens.

Dancers are also on the program this year – students from the A Time to Dance Studio will perform in the pavilion at 2 p.m. A Kolache Eating Contest sponsored by the KJT Home Office is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in the pavilion.

Festival admission is $8 per person – children 12 and under free. The admission fee covers all entertainment and music provided by bands and entertainers in the hall and outdoors in the pavilion. Parking is free and there are plenty of handicapped parking spaces. Massive water fans will cool the pavilion to provide a more comfortable setting for dancers and spectators. A large mesh canopy will cover a large area in front of the pavilion to protect festival visitors from the heat of the sun.

Arts and crafts booths will be located both inside and outside the hall. Crafts and goods of every kind will be available for sale. This is a good opportunity to shop for all types of hand-crafted items, jewelry and clothing.

This year there will again be entertainment for the younger set. Kid games and activities will keep the youngsters occupied. At 2 p.m. there will be a performance by students from the A Time to Dance studio of East Bernard which is under the direction of Morgan Fritz.

A plate lunch will be served again this year featuring sausage, barbecue chicken, sauerkraut and other trimmings. The sausage and chicken will be prepared on site the morning of the festival by society members assuring a fresh cooked meal. Serving will begin at 11 a.m.

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27th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival ...

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This year, drive-thru plates-to-go will again be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Festival admission will not be charged for drive-thru plate customers. Of course, there will be hundreds of kolaches for sale throughout the day. As in prior years, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches will be available in the afternoon.

A great list of prizes highlights the drawing this year including several quilts hand-crafted in Texas, gift certificates and many other great prizes. Drawing tickets are available from each KJT society member and various local businesses. They are also available through the mail if so desired – contact Edwin C. Marik at (979) 335-6402.

The Kolache Klobase Festival, in its 27th year, provides fun and entertainment for the entire family. The Festival Committee welcomes and encourages the wearing of Czech costumes to add a festive atmosphere and to further promote the preservation and celebration of ethnic heritage. The P.O.L.K. of A. are also urged to attend in their "red and whites" and to join in the spirit of fun and appreciation of the happy sounds of polka and waltz music.

A moving flag tribute is scheduled at 3 p.m. and will recognize attending armed services veterans. This will be followed by a grand march featuring the Czech and festive costumes on parade.

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

KJT Society #40 of East Bernard, the festival sponsor, is a non-profit organization and has been in existence in East Bernard since 1905. The society participates in a program of charitable works including special youth programs, scholarships, social welfare and civic support.

Society #40 would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy the festival.

Application for 2017 KJT Summer Teen Camp
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(13 - 15 Year Age Group)

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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: [ ] 2014 [ ] 2015 [ ] 2016

Camps may request ONE (1) 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 KJT, 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: __________________________

DISTRICT IV ROLLS INTO COUSHATTA ON JULY 5

Overnight Stay Only $110 Per Couple

BY SHIRLEY POKorney
DISTRICT IV PRESIDENT

There are many folks who, when told about the District IV KJT Coushatta Casino Trip, will inevitably respond “Oh, we get free nights at casinos.” Yes, and so do we and most of our riders who eagerly anticipate this announcement of the trip year after year.

But do you arrive relaxed and ready to enjoy, and was your trip down a fun party with games and food shared by everyone? Consider your gas cost, add in the $46 Coushatta gives each couple, and it becomes a wash.

This Annual District IV Trip is a member service and is not for gain to the District or individuals. After all hotel and bus gas charges are paid and the bus driver is tipped $100, everyone has a chance at winning a share of the remaining monies, usually around $200 divided into $50 and $25 drawings or contest prizes. So, the games of chance continue on the return trip as well!

This excursion has been a blast for the last 21 years. The fellowship among friends and members around the District has everyone eager for this announcement of the next trip. We hope you can join us and find out for yourself what all the BUZZ is about!

Here is a snapshot agenda:

Depart Pflugerville – Wednesday, July 5 @ 7 a.m.

Arrive Coushatta – Wednesday, July 5 @ 1 p.m.

Depart Coushatta – Thursday, July 6 @ 1 p.m.

Arrive Pflugerville – Thursday, July 6 @ 7 p.m.

Spaces will be reserved in the order checks are received.

No verbal reservations will be accepted. Non-KJT members may send in a check, but will be placed on standby until all KJT members have been confirmed. Checks will be returned to couples who do not make it onto the final bus roster. Make check out to “KJT District IV” in the sum of $110 per couple. This fee includes one double occupancy room, portage fees, $46 complimentary casino free-play, driver tip, and a variety of prizes for bus games and contests. No refunds can be issued, but you may find your own substitute if you need to cancel.

Mail reservation checks along with names of riders, current mailing address, phone number and dates of birth (all must be over 21) to: Shirleypokorney
10100 Bennett-Pokorney Manor, Texas 78653
For more info: (512) 251-1185

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Czech Youth and Family Day
Saturday, June 24, 2017

Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center
250 W. Fairgrounds Rd.
La Grange, Texas, 78945

CHS & TCHCC Co-Sponsors

Registration at 9:30 a.m. in the TCHCC Lobby. Lunch $5.00

The day will begin with a tour of the Museum’s new exhibit and Genealogy Library. In the library families will have the opportunity to research as to the origin of their ancestors. Families are encouraged to tour the village.

There will be introduction of the 2017-2018 Miss Czech Slovak, CHS Chapter Queens, Little Sisters and other guests in the Hanslik Hall.

Activities planned are Tarocky lessons, Czech lesson, Pernicky ornaments, Czech Bingo, art of Strudel making and home-made Ice Cream. There will be information regarding regional Czech & Slovak Kroj.

For info call Vlasta Vitek 512-836-0383 or 512-496-3432 or Jean Blaha Davis 979-884-0182
VlastaVitek29@gmail.com janndvdav@verizon.net

Name of Parent, Grandparent, etc. or Sponsor

Address ________________________________________________________________

Telephone __________________

Amt enclosed $ _____ Ck # ______ Cash_____ Send to: Vlasta Vitek,
11502, North Oaks Dr.
Austin, TX, 78753-2846

Family and children’s names, ages & address if different from above:

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Please return no later than June 17, 2017

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CHARITIES PROGRAM

Damon Society #92 President Andrew Sykowski is shown presenting State Director Margaret Holik with a check for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Do not define yourself by your expectations. Life is full of change – that’s the only thing that’s certain. So protect your dream but don’t let it limit you.

~ Corinne Bailey Rae
SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

Matching Grant Turkey Shoot Started With Big Bang!

BY JAMES PRIHODA

St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg’s Matching Grant Turkey Shoot to benefit Luke B. Friedel’s medical expense for cancer treatment started with an enormous bang! Society members scrambled to set up as the participants lined up to get started.

In short order, round one was filled and the action began with the first bang from Target #1 and continued till 7 p.m. with Target #20 of Round 23 being shot and the targets picked up and judged.

The results for the 460 targets and five (121) spot cards being shot at during the afternoon amounted to $2,350 toward the benefit and a $250 Matching Grant allocation.

A gracious and appreciative thank you to all the approximately 250 participants!

Schulenburg Society #129 Youth had a food sellout at the event!

Approximately 250 participated in successful Turkey Shoot!

Prepping for the big competition!

CHARITIES PROGRAM

Manor Society Presents Fund Check

Manor Society #131 presented a check to State Director Ray Pokorney for the Religious Retirement Fund. A breakfast kitchen fundraiser was held in January. Making the presentation were Society President Joe Banda (right) and Treasurer Jose Sanchez Jr. (left).

A great thank you also to George Tofel, owner of Tofel’s Place, for helping the society host the Turkey Shoot.

25-Year Membership

April 2017

Society #3, Hostyn
Hannah B. Delgado
Breyson B. Kolek
Jacob B. Kozelsky

Society #4, Ammannsville
Megan Renee Bartos
Curtis Roy Roensch III
Stephen Michael Roensch

Society #16, Wallis
Heidi Nicole Vykukal

Society #20, Shiner
Brenda Lynn Mascheck
Emery Lynn Mascheck
Matthew Lynn Mascheck

Society #27, Taylor
Adam Lee Roznovak
Linda M. Strmiska

Society #35, Ennis
Byron Wesley Betik
John Timothy Cox
Kevin Michael Haba
Kara Beth Long

Society #46, La Grange
Aaron M. Chavarria

Society #55, Corn Hill
Helen Marie Havelka

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Jerry J. Mokry
Hailey Alyse Rosebrock

Society #90, Rosenberg
Jonathan Evan Davis
Edwin A. Valicek Jr.

Society #111, Dallas
Magdalen Mary Jaresh
Kathryn Angelica Muras
Bryan Kyle Vrla
David D. Vrla
Rebecca Nicole Vrla
Kimberly Erin Wagner

Society #126, New Braunfels
Teresa May Roberts-Elben
A KJT MEMBER’S LONG JOURNEY

Overcoming Cancer In My 20s

BY THOMAS TYDLACKA
SOCIETY #90, ROSENBERG

When I proposed to my girlfriend Sarah in September 2013, I thought that would be the biggest moment of my year. Little did I know that just a few months later, at the age of 24, I would be diagnosed with stage III colorectal cancer.

My diagnosis came after I’d started to notice a pain in my back. I thought it was just kidney stones, but doctors found a mass in my abdomen during a wellness exam. An ultrasound and a CT scan revealed a racquetball-sized tumor in my colon. Not wanting to take any chances, I came to MD Anderson and had a colonoscopy with Patrick Lynch, M.D.

I anxiously waited and prayed for results, so when I got the phone call confirming my diagnosis, I was scared but relieved. I knew my faith in God would keep me going.

Because I have no family history of cancer, colorectal cancer at my age was quite surprising. However, Dr. Lynch ran genetic tests that showed I have Lynch Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that made me more susceptible to getting colorectal cancer and that was actually discovered by Dr. Lynch’s father.

My Initial Colorectal Cancer Treatment

In December 2013, I started treatment at MD Anderson. I endured six rounds of a chemotherapy cocktail called FOLFOX-6, which stole my energy and my appetite, and caused neuropathy in my fingers and toes.

On Good Friday of 2014, I visited a local emergency room for severe internal bleeding. The doctors got me stabilized so that I could return to MD Anderson for an emergency embolization procedure to stop the bleeding.

A few weeks after I’d recovered, Miguel Rodriguez-Bigas, M.D., performed an 8.5-hour surgery to remove the tumor. I felt very comfortable in his care and knew that I was in good hands.

The surgery removed about 40% of my colon, as well as 20% of my right kidney and more than 30 lymph nodes. I also had intraoperative radiation therapy. Fortunately, I didn’t need an ileostomy, a surgical opening created in the abdomen wall to remove bodily waste.

I’ve learned to find small silver linings in experiences like this. After recovering, I had six more rounds of chemotherapy. It felt so good to ring the bell at MD Anderson to mark the end of my treatment in September 2014.

A Colorectal Cancer Recurrence

Following my treatment, I moved on to planning my wedding, but cancer had other (Continued on page 13)
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KJT SCHOLAR

Sarah Levine Receives Scholarship

Sarah Levine from Missouri City Society #133 received a $250 local society scholarship check from grandfather Jim Kulcak to attend Texas A&M in Corpus Christi. She is pursuing a degree in child psychology. She is very thankful for the scholarship and all the great experiences that she had at KJT Summer Camp. Sarah is the daughter of Ron and Karen Levine and the granddaughter of Jim and Wilma Kulcak, all from Society #133. Congratulations Sarah!

Choosing An Immunotherapy Clinical Trial

At that point, my oncologist, Michael Overman, M.D., recommended an immunotherapy clinical trial he was leading. I decided to give it a try. I started taking nivolumab in March 2015, and I’ve had nothing but positive results. My lymph nodes have returned to normal sizes, and I’ve got my energy and appetite back. I’ve had no significant side effects, and everything else has turned around for me.

Finding Strength And Encouragement Through Others

I married Sarah on November 28, 2015, seven years after I first asked her out. I’m so glad that she has been with me throughout this rollercoaster ride. She’s been my rock since my diagnosis.

During my journey, I’ve learned the importance of seeking encouragement from others battling colorectal cancer. I became an active participant in a Facebook support group, which was a great source of inspiration and strength. I’ve also been participating in the annual SCOPE 5K at MD Anderson since 2014.

Background/Family Information

Thomas Tydlacka is a member of Society #90 of Rosenberg, District VI. He is a Stage IV Colon Cancer Survivor, and was honored at this year’s M.D. Anderson 12th annual Sprint for Colorectal Oncology Prevention and Education (SCOPE) Run and awarded with a Courageous Spirit Award (2017), on behalf of SCOPE and The Erin Marie Scott Memorial Foundation presented at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center on Saturday, March 25. This coincided with the month-long recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month for March. This year marked his 4th race that his team of family and friends – “Boom Shaka Team Tydlacka” has participated in. In his first race, he was on active chemo treatment during the race and was pushed in a wheelchair because I was weak from chemotherapy, but I got up to walk across the finish line. My family and friends have been by my side every year, with a team we call “Boom Shaka Team Tydlacka.”

Most importantly, I received strength and courage from God. My faith has helped to keep my spirits strong, despite everything, and I know that I wouldn’t be here without Him.

When you face off against cancer, you learn to live life one day at a time and enjoy the little things. Most importantly, you learn to never give up.

I was honored at the 12th Annual SCOPE 5K Run, which was held at MD Anderson on Saturday, March 25. The race promotes colorectal cancer screening and honors those diagnosed with the disease.
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#117 WACO
By Evelyn Skopik

Waco Society #117 met on Sunday, February 19 at the Waco KC Hall at 5515 Sanger Avenue with a meeting and social. President Frankie Muehlstein performed the cooking for the noon lunch. He made his famous homemade beef stew. The members brought salads and desserts. After lunch, the society met to conduct business of the society. President Muehlstein opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and special guests in attendance. Special guests were State Director Robert Nors and his wife Georgia. State Director Nors thanked retired Society Treasurer Willie Svrcek for his many years of service.

He highlighted the KJT’s upcoming events:
- State Family Day – Sunday, July 23 at the KJT Fraternal and Activity Center in La Grange
- KJT Youth and Teen Camps
- Taroky Tournament – Saturday, October 21 at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange
- KJT North Texas Golf tournament – Saturday, April 29 in Ferris
- Waco Society Member 75-Year Membership Pin Presentation – Sunday, November 26
- KJT District Family Day – Sunday, April 30 at Dulock Family Farm – Registration at 11 a.m.

KJT Project H – Request project approval from Home Office
- President Muehlstein announced that get well cards were sent by Secretary Evelyn Skopik to members Willie Svrcek and Agnes Prasik. It was decided to send a $500 donation to the Religious Retirement Fund. Alvin Sykora

The meeting adjourned with a prayer for living and deceased members. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 9. A fried chicken lunch will be served at noon followed by the business meeting. An Easter Egg Hunt for the youth will be held followed by a cake walk for all to enjoy. Members are requested to bring baked goods for the cake walk.

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.

March 2017

Society #122, Freeport
William A. Kubala
Date of Death: 02/05/2017
Age 97

Society #28, Granger
Robert J. Bohac
Date of Death: 11/04/2016
Age 64

Society #54, Fort Worth
Donald R. Morbitzer
Date of Death: 01/21/2017
Age 82

Society #19, Cameron
Mildred Matoha
Date of Death: 04/04/2016
Age 92

Society #42, Holman
Joseph Muras Sr.
Date of Death: 02/11/2017
Age 93

Society #112, Austin
Frances L. Tomasek
Date of Death: 09/06/2016
Age 78

Society #4, Ammannsville
John A. Tofel
Date of Death: 02/23/2017
Age 67

Society #111, Dallas
Adolph F. Janecka
Date of Death: 02/15/2017
Age 85

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Ralph L. Pakebusch
Date of Death: 02/12/2017
Age 87

Society #46, La Grange
Gus F. Lindemann
Date of Death: 02/10/2017
Age 86

Society #35, Ennis
Jerry E. Zmolek
Date of Death: 01/04/2017
Age 84

Society #48, Hillje
Frank A. Korenek
Date of Death: 12/26/2016
Age 88

Society #31, West
Jerry L. Mynarcik
Date of Death: 02/17/2017
Age 71

Society #46, La Grange
Benedict Vitek
Date of Death: 02/28/2017
Age 85

Society #20, Shiner
Alfons Zissa
Date of Death: 01/19/2017
Age 92

Society #20, Shiner
Dennis Roznowsky
Date of Death: 02/18/2017
Age 68

Society #40, East Bernard
John Szymanski
Date of Death: 07/03/2016
Age 89

Society #129, Schulenburg
Bennie Barborak
Date of Death: 02/24/2017
Age 84

Society #43, Wied
Eugene Gillar
Date of Death: 01/13/2017
Age 70

Society #14, Bryan
Ronald W. Pivonka
Date of Death: 02/25/2017
Age 68

Society #112, Austin
Edward A. Neal
Date of Death: 01/19/2017
Age 80

Society #49, Needville
Jerome Janda
Date of Death: 03/04/2017
Age 93

Society #111, Dallas
Flora Mikulec
Date of Death: 10/27/2016
Age 77

Society #3, Hostyn
Edward F. Janda
Date of Death: 02/27/2017
Age 67

Society #132, Pfugerville
Campbell DeRoulac
Date of Death: 09/24/2016
Age 77

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.

KJT Who are we?
Christian protection and savings, too
For your future, your family and you

KJT Who are we?
A thriving product of our ancestor’s foresight
That proud to be a perpetual light

KJT Who are we?
We’re adding leaves to a tree
Planted in 1889 for you and me

Rosalie Bohuslav
President
Corpus Christi Society #72
On Sunday, April 9, Frydek Society #29 Youth celebrated Join Hands Day at Colonial Belle Nursing Home with Frydek Society #29 KJT and KJZT as well as St. Mary’s Altar Society. They had an April birthday celebration singing Czech favorites and passing out homemade kolaches to the residents. This is a tradition with this youth program and these societies and many of the residents say they look forward to it each year. (Four photos shown above and below.)

Winner of metal cowboy sculpture – Carmen Draper

Winner of gold cross – Geraldine Telepak

Pictured at one of the fish frys were Bob Pargmann, a customer and KC member, and KJT members Larry Gregoire, Pat Ernis, Pat Gregoire, Bernice Ernis and Daphne Gentz. Society #141 President Gary Gentz, who is also a KC member, was in the kitchen helping make the food.

#141 Georgetown
By Bernice Ernis

The Georgetown Society #141 sold ice cream and desserts at the KC Fish Frys during Lent again this year. They made $602.43. The money that they earned this year will go to the church for altar linens.

Along with the money earned for selling ice cream and treats that the members and some parishioners bring, like cupcakes, brownies, bars and cookies, the Home Office matches $500.

They also have a raffle for items that are donated. One of the parishioners, Angelo, makes things and donates them to be raffled off. This year he donated two items that were raffled off on the last Friday. They were won by two female parishioners, Carmen Draper and Geraldine Telepak. One of them was a gold cross and the other a metal sculpture that Angelo made of a cowboy and his son looking at a cross. Angelo’s wife donates desserts every year too.

The raffle brought in another $71 dollars. So with the ice cream sales of $602.43, the raffle and the Home Office matching grant of $500, the donation to the church came to a total of $1,173.43!

Several members work the table and bring desserts every year.

10 Rules For Making Every Day A Great Day

1. Think that good things will happen.
2. Express gratitude to a loved one.
3. Put your gripes away in a box.
4. Be patient with an annoying person.
5. Do something for yourself.
6. Reach out to someone who needs comfort.
7. Focus deeply on each moment.
8. Learn from a mistake.
9. Look closely at a flower or tree you have not noticed before.
10. SMILE.
SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#119 LA MARQUE
By Melba Reznicek

La Marque Society #119 held a meeting on Sunday, March 12 at Queen of Peace Life Center in La Marque. The members welcomed their newest agent, Brady Alexander, to the society. He is the third generation of agents in the society. First generation is W.K. Leonard and second generation is Lisa Alexander.

The members also welcomed State Director Larry Kuciemba and thanked him for attending. He covered several points of interest.

The members discussed several of the events and the dates for the upcoming year. Join Hands Day will be held on Saturday, May 20 at the Queen of Peace Church in La Marque to spruce up the church grounds prior to the festival. On Sunday, June 4, the Queen of Peace Spring Festival will be held at the Queen of Peace Church in La Marque. Society #119 will provide the beer garden, consisting of turkey legs, sausage on the stick, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and of course the refreshing beverage, beer.

The society will also move its June meeting to Sunday, June 4 prior to the festival. It will be a short and sweet meeting held in the beer garden before all the activities begin.

Next on the calendar of events will be the Sixth Annual Craft and More event. This was tentatively set for October 7 but due to other conflicting events it has been moved to Saturday, October 21. This will be in conjunction with the society’s Matching Grant donation and the recipient this year will be the Ronald McDonald House in Galveston. Members are really excited about this. Members also discussed the KJT State Family Day on Sunday, July 23 and Project H. As the meeting drew to a close, everyone wished Fr. Paul a Happy Birthday and presented him with a cake and wished him well on his upcoming trip to Poland.

At the Dearing Elementary Backpack for Kids Program presented were (left to right) Shirley Pokorney, Diane De Roulac and Bill Thomas, Backpack for Kids representative.

Pictured in front of the Blood Mobile with the logo “We Are Blood” are Society President Jim Krahula and KJT members Rosa Linda Hernandez, W.C. Kolinek, Mamie Black and Paul Detzel. “We Are Blood” is the new name of the Blood Center of Central Texas.

#132 PFLUGERVILLE
By Juan Bosquez

On Sunday, March 12, Pflugerville Society #132 donated $375 to the Dearing Elementary Backpack for Kids Program. Dearing Elementary School has identified 20 children who are needy from kindergarten through fifth grade. These children will be provided breakfast and lunch for the weekend.

On Saturday, April 8, Society #132 held a successful Chili Bingo in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Hall. Ninety percent of the proceeds from the bingo will be given to the St. Elizabeth Youth Scholarship Fund and 10 percent will go to the Agnes Pokorney Scholarship Fund. Everyone had their choice of 16 recipes from a variety of homemade chili ranging from Italian chili to chicken chili, turkey chili and venison.

On Sunday, April 9, the monthly pancake breakfast attracted a strong crowd with a good number participating in the semi-annual KJT Blood Drive. As usual, everyone donating blood received a free pancake breakfast.

#80 SEALY
By Bernice Stolarski

The Sealy Society #80 officers met on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. which began with a prayer and then the meal served by Ivy and Leon Konvicka.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m. with roll call of officers, reading of the minutes and the treasurer’s report. Barbara Hajdik gave the CCSF report including the names of Leon Konvicka, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Billie Jean Nichols, Louis Hajdik and Bernice Stolarski.

Society graduating seniors receiving scholarships are Will Cerny, Samantha Cerny and Hannah Waltrip.

Members were invited to participate in the Join Hands Day project beginning at the Sealy Cemetery at 9 a.m. on May 6.

Fundraising projects were discussed. It was decided to hold a raffle with the tickets being handed out at the September Member Appreciation Day. The remaining tickets will be mailed. Any members wishing to donate prizes for this raffle are asked to contact Joe Bliski or Bennie Stolarski, Fred Patek or Mark Stolarski who are the three committee members working on the raffle prize list.

State Director Larry Kuciemba stated that the society reached a Level III Society Recognition Award and that the KJT is doing very well.

A Gift That Reflects Your Love

Does your daughter or son or grandchildren have life insurance protection? What better gift can you give to them than a life insurance policy? By doing so, they can start their life with some financial security. Do not forget that insurance is much less expensive at an early age. It’s a financial advantage that can be used in a multitude of ways later in life. Since life insurance requires underwriting, it is much easier to get coverage at an early age due to better health. Life insurance is solid financial protection. Remember, purchase a gift that last a lifetime.
## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

### #31 WEST
**By Georgie Nors**

On Sunday, March 12 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, West Society #31 members were treated to a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. After the breakfast, a regular meeting was held. President Michael Kraemer opened the meeting and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Albert Charanza, Jr. and his niece Ann Chapple to the meeting.

Georgie Nors and Brent Pavlas won the attendance prizes.

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Door prize winners were Georgie Nors and Sherry Pavlas. Sherry Pavlas led the closing prayer.

### FAOT

#### KJT Takes Home Silver Trophy Again

The KJT once again brought home the traveling Silver Trophy after taking first place at the 13th Annual Fraternal Alliance of Texas Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, March 4 at Fiesta Lanes in New Braunfels. The KJT team consists of (left to right) State Vice President David M. Wagner, Deric Hayek, Michael Burke, Charles Srubar Thomas Petras and Dusty Wagner. Way to go guys!

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St. Augustine Society #129 of Schulenburg provided helping hands to the Schulenburg Museum Fundraiser. A meal of roasted beef and sides was served on Sunday, March 26.

St. Augustine Society #129

#### Thursday, April 27, 2017

**Victoria Community Center**

2905 East North St.

7-10 pm Performance and Dance

**Advance Admission:** $10 per person; $12.50 at the door ($8 per person for VCCHS members if mailed in)

Mail check by April 21st payable to VCCHS to:

Advancing Catholic Education

Victoria County Czech Heritage Society

PO Box 1145

Victoria, TX 77902

Include names attending: Your tickets will be at the door.

The band performs brass music from numerous authors, but in recent years most of their performances feature songs written by themselves - both polkas and waltzes, as well as arrangements of solo pieces. The band has a rich history. It was founded in a small village beneath the castle ñ brnice, Czech Republic in 1970 and since that time, has performed at festivals, feasts, dances, balls and concerts and also abroad in several countries. During this period they released more than 30 CD’s, cassettes and DVD’s. One of the first major hits of this band is “The Garden of Moravia”, whose song became almost a kind of little anthem. They are a quite popular orchestra to many listeners at home and abroad as they feature 21 band members, 10 of which will be coming to Victoria April 27, 2017.

**Stříbrňanka** is a professional band with young, lively musicians from Stříbrnìka, Czech Republic, located in South Moravia. The band has a distinctive, unmistakable sound, playing a wide repertoire of Czech and Moravian folk music, concert, solo and dance songs.

Stříbrňanka has a unique repertoire based almost entirely on their songs and songs written especially for this band.
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SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY
Thursday, April 27, business meeting and meal, restaurant, Missouri City, 6:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #63, SMITHVILLE
Thursday, April 27, meeting, KC House, 7 p.m., with sandwiches and sides as refreshments. An officer from the Home Office will attend.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY STIBRINANKA, VICTORIA
Thursday, April 27, Victoria Community Center, 2905 East North St., Victoria. Performance and dance from 7-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Victoria County Czech Heritage Society. For information call (361) 649-2243 or email joejanak@nodial.net.

TRACKING ANCESTRAL FOOTPRINTS – A GENEALOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP, CALDWELL
Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Texas Hwy. 71 W., Caldwell, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. For more information, contact Gladys Valchar at (972) 790-2848.

CINCO DE MAYO
Saturday, May 6.

KJT NORTH TEXAS GOLF TOURNAMENT, FERRIS
Saturday, April 29, Old Brickyard Golf Course, 605 North Fwy. Service Road, Ferris, Texas 75125. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Four-person scramble (one team member must be a KJT member). $75 person ($300 per team). RSVP to insurance@kjt.net. Call 800.245.8182 for more information. Prizes and other giveaways. Proceeds going to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF TEXAS SPRING MEETING AND 16TH ANNUAL MISS TEXAS CZECH SLOVAK QUEEN PAGEANT, HALLETTSVILLE
Saturday, April 29, Knights of Columbus Hall, 321 US Hwy. 77, Hallettsville. Hosted by the Lavaca CHS Chapter. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. with the crowning of the new 2017-2018 Miss Texas Czech Slovak Queen. Visit vendor booths, displays, silent auction and traveling library and see the contestants competing on stage interview, kroj modeling, talents and personal interviews.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR, KATY
Saturday, April 29-Sunday, April 30. Saturday, 6-10 p.m., barbecue dinner, silent auction, laserg tag, children’s games, rock wall, movie for the children and music by the Duika Brothers. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., cultural food booths, laserg tag, children’s games, rock wall and live auction.

IRS FORM 990-N DUE
Sunday, April 30.

DISTRICT V ANNUAL FAMILY DAY, TOKIO
Sunday, April 30, Dulak-Snapka Farm, hosted by the West and surrounding societies of District V. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Festivities from noon-3 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring fishing equipment, lawn/ folding chairs. The fishing, horse shoe and washer tossing events will be held from noon-3 p.m. The officers ask for some help with the contests so any volunteers that will step up will greatly be appreciated. District V meeting will be held around 3:15-3:30 p.m. Contact information: Tanner (214) 535-2269, Keith (214) 334-1385 or Joe (214) 289-6953. The farm is located at 1092 Tokio Loop off “Old Railroad Road”, exit I-35 at FM 1858 and turn to the direction going west, almost four miles turn right onto Old Railroad Road, go about three miles and turn left onto Tokio Loop, go about two miles and the Farm is on the left, look for the yellow signs at points of turns.

SOCIETY #56, HOUSTON
Sunday, April 30, meeting, Assumption Catholic Church, Pope John Building, second floor right behind the rectory, Houston, 1:30 p.m. Meeting followed by social, bingo and meal. We encourage all members to mark the date and plan to attend and be involved.

SOCIETY #31, WEST
Sunday, April 30, local scholarship applications due.

SOCIETY #43, WIED
Sunday, April 30, meeting after 9:14 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s (the white house). All members are encouraged to attend.

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM
Sunday, April 30, meeting, St. Joseph Family Center after the 9 a.m. Mass.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA
Sunday, April 30, meeting.

SOCIETY #23, WOOLSEY
Sunday, April 30, meeting after 9:14 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s (the white house). All members are encouraged to attend.

SOCIETY #132, SCHULENBURG
Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Annual Church Festival & Spring Bazaar. Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, Mother’s Day Bake Sale before and after all weekend Masses.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY
Tuesday, May 23, officers meeting 6 p.m., meal and regular meeting, 7 p.m., Lifeteen Room, Immaculate Conception Church Center.

SOCIETY #92, CORPUS CHRISTI
Wednesday, May 24, meeting, 3518 Bonner Drive, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY #113, MISSOURI CITY
Thursday, May 25, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 29.

SOCIETY #129, SCHULENBURG
Monday, May 29, Veterans Day Memorial Day Service, McBride Post #143, Schulenburn.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT ENTRY FORMS DUE
Wednesday, May 31.

SLAVNOST-MAY FEST, TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTER, LA GRANGE
Wednesday, May 31, Celebrating 20 Years, 250 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, Texas 78945. Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants of All Years Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Meal served starting at 11 a.m. $10 per person which includes meal and all events. Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra 12:30-5 p.m. Fun for the whole family! Czech Village and Museum tours, pastry shop, Classic Car Show, door prizes, gift shop, give-away drawing, country store, and food and drinks available all day.

SOCIETY #34, NADA
Saturday, June 3, meeting.

SOCIETY #11, LA MARQUE
Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m., short meeting prior to church Spring Festival. Members will meet in beer garden before festivities begin.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI
Sunday, June 4, meeting, Morovan Hall, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE
Sunday, June 4, Queen of Peace Spring Festival, Queen of Peace Church, La Marque. Society will have a beer garden providing (Continued on page 19)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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turkey legs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and refreshing beer.

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


SOCIETY #34, ROUND ROCK Saturday, June 10, meeting, KC Pavilion.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, Flag Day Ceremonies at all three Masses. Altar flowers and 9 a.m. Mass for living and deceased members of the society.

SOCIETY #31, WEST Sunday, June 11, Flag Day, ceremony at all Masses.

SOCIETY #31, WEST Sunday, June 11, meeting, 2 p.m., prior to Youth Swim Party.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY Thursday, June 22, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

KJT YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION DUE Friday, June 23.

STS. PETER & PAUL FEAST, PLUM Sunday, June 25, Mass at 10 a.m. with Bishop Brendan Cahill officiating. Meal of fried chicken, "Plum-style" sausage, dressing, buttered potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans with dessert. Serving 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 Friday, June 30.

SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE Saturday, July 1.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY Thursday, July 27, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

KJT SUMMER YOUTH CAMP Sunday, July 23-Thursday, July 27.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY Tuesday, July 25, officers meeting 6 p.m., meal and regular meeting, 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church Center.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY Thursday, July 27, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

KJT STATE FAMILY DAY Sunday, July 23.

SOCIETY #27, CORPUS CHRISTI Tuesday, July 25, officers meeting, KC House, 7 p.m.

SOCIETY #13, YOAKUM Sunday, August 20, meeting, St. Joseph Family Center after the 9 a.m. Mass.

SOCIETY #130, ELGIN Tuesday, August 22, meeting.

SOCIETY #123, MISSOURI CITY Thursday, August 24, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.

SOCIETY #72, CORPUS CHRISTI Tuesday, August 22, meeting.

SOCIETY #130, ELGIN Tuesday, August 22, meeting.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON Saturday, August 26, 7th Annual KJT Benefit Raffle in conjunction with the Poth VFD Barbecue Chicken Dinner, 12 p.m. Proceeds benefit KJT Charities and Poth VFD. 200 tickets to be sold. First prize, $500 VISA gift card, second prize, $250 VISA gift card, third-fifth prizes, $100 VISA gift card, sixth-ninth prizes, $75 VISA gift card and tenth prize, $50 VISA gift card. Donation $20. Need not be present to win. Contact Jackie Moczgemba at jackiejeansky@msn.com to purchase tickets.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA Sunday, September 3, Mass with Polka music at 10 a.m. All-you-can-eat barbecue beef, pork and sausage dinner with trimmings prepared on the church grounds and plates to go beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Recreation Hall. Country auction at 1:30 p.m. Bingo, music and other events throughout the day. Come join in an old-fashioned feast! Fayetteville is right in the middle of the Central Texas Golden Triangle area and is conveniently located between Austin, Houston and San Antonio. For further information call (979) 378-2244.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON Sunday, September 10, meeting and covered dish meal, Moravian Hall, 2 p.m.

SOCIETY #31, WEST Sunday, September 10, Corporate Communion at 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by meeting with coffee and kolaches.

SOCIETY #119, LA MARQUE Sunday, September 10, meeting and covered dish meal, Queen of Peace Life Center, 1 p.m.

SOCIETY #80, SEALY Sunday, September 17, Member Appreciation Day, Hill Center, Sealy. Registration at 1 p.m. followed by games, door prizes and catered meal at 5 p.m.

SOCIETY #87, JOURDANTON Saturday, September 23, Join Hands Day. Members to help with clean-up and set up of St. Matthew's Church Picnic, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 9 a.m.

SOCIETY #81, POTH Sunday, September 24, 7th Annual KJT Benefit Raffle in conjunction with the Poth VFD Barbecue Chicken Dinner, 12 p.m. Proceeds benefit KJT Charities and Poth VFD. 200 tickets to be sold. First prize, $500 VISA gift card, second prize, $250 VISA gift card, third-fifth prizes, $100 VISA gift card, sixth-ninth prizes, $75 VISA gift card and tenth prize, $50 VISA gift card. Donation $20. Need not be present to win. Contact Jackie Moczgemba at jackiejeansky@msn.com to purchase tickets.

SOCIETY #115, VICTORIA Sunday, September 24, Czech Fest fundraiser.

SOCIETY #133, MISSOURI CITY Thursday, September 28, business meeting, Room 2, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, 2:30 p.m.
KJT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BY KEVIN KANA
KJT STATE TREASURER-Secretary

The Board of Directors meeting of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT, was held at the Home Office in La Grange on Tuesday, March 7. State Spiritual Director Fr. Bob Knippenberg offered Holy Mass for all enrolled in the KJT Memorial Foundation. State President Christopher L. Urban welcomed the board members and distributed the agenda that would be followed.

The roll call indicated that all directors and officers were present as well as Honorary State Directors Marvin Marek, John Pavelka, Henry Netardus, Stanley Cernoch and Honorary State Attorney Jacob Walla.

All financial reports, investment reports and marketing reports were accepted as presented. The Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) annual banquet was to be held at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange on Saturday, April 22. The Board of Directors selected KJT Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek of Society #119 of La Marque as the KJT’s honoree of the year for all he does in promoting Czech heritage and culture. The Poth and Eastgate societies will be commemorating their centennials in 2017. More information will follow for society celebrations.

Did You Know? The state fish is the Guadalupe Bass and was named so by the 71st Legislature in 1989.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

The Catholic Union of Texas will continue to offer the Catholic School Tuition Grant Program in 2017 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, 2017. Winners will be notified by August 1, 2017. 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.

Please print

Student’s Name __________________________ Certificate No. _________ Society No. __________
Address ___________________________ City________________ State___ Zip ___________
Parent/Guardian __________________________ Telephone No. ______________________
School Name _______________________________ City __________________________ State________________ Zip __________
Make Check Payable To: ________________________________________ (school or business office)
Send Check To: Address _____________________________ Grade-Fall 2017 ______
City________________ State ___ Zip ___________

Deadline May 31, 2017

Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
P.O. Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945

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