STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

Looking Forward to a Successful 2019

My wife, Kelly, and I were talking this past week reminiscing about the turn of the millennium. Do you remember when the calendar was rolling from 1999 to 2000 and everyone was worried that the entire world would shut down not knowing how computers would respond? Gosh, that seems like yesterday, but here we are 19 years later at the start of a new year. I wish all of you a happy new year, and I hope things are going well for you so far. I would like to thank all KJT members, society and district officers, insurance representatives, home office staff, state directors and state officers for all that you do! KJT’s financials improved once again, but membership continues to be a concern. With everyone’s help in 2019, we can be successful in improving both KJT’s financials and membership numbers!

Financials

KJT’s financials continue to show improvement. Through the 3rd quarter of 2018, surplus increased by 10% over 2017 and now sits at $4.987 million. KJT’s assets have risen to over $85 million, which is an increase of 84.1% since 2010. Surplus during this same -period has increased by 99%. KJT’s assets to liabilities ratio is now 106.23%. The final results for 2018 will be reported in a future issue of the KJT News as soon as they become available.

Membership

Vitek claims #1 in 2018!

I n 2018 The KJT welcomes seven repeat and three first time winners to the KJT Stars. We congratulate our 2018 award winners and look forward to honoring them at our upcoming event.

David Wagner
KJT State Vice President

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KJT College Scholarship
Deadline Approaches
Apply Today!!!

KJT offers $20,000 in scholarships ranging from $800-$1,500. If the scholarship recipient will be attending a Catholic college or university, the scholarship amount is doubled.

The KJT Memorial Foundation will award two $800 scholarships in 2019 to applicants attending a vocational or technical school.

Deadline is March 1, 2019
**EDITOR’S MESSAGE**

**Persistence is the Key to Success.**

is by improving our social media and email marketing. You will start to see more post on all 23 Facebook pages, the officers and representatives will continue to receive their monthly Tidbits letter, and the newsletter will continue to be offered electronically through email and the KJT website.

New for 2019 is our KJT Quarterly Newsletter. You can sign up for this newsletter through Facebook or the KJT website. If you decide to join, you will receive a quarterly newsletter filled with products we offer, introducing KJT Sales Representatives, and events happening from the Home Office. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a KJT Member or would like more information about our products, please share this information with them.

I pray for a blessed 2019 for all of our members, family and friends. I pray you find faith, hope, and love in all that you do, and I pray for the safety of all members, family, and friends as we head into this new year.

**Board Highlights**

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, November 27, 2018. State Spiritual Director Fr. Bob Knippenberg offered the Holy Mass for all enrolled in the KJT Memorial Foundation. The roll call indicated that all directors and officers were present.

All financial reports, investment reports, and marketing reports were accepted as presented.

President Christopher Urban welcomed Mr. Joseph Annotti, President & CEO of the American Fraternal Alliance, as a guest speaker. Mr. Annotti addressed the board on several topics including tax law/risk based capital ratios, NAIC rating factors, cyber security, annuity suitability, corporate governance, and solvency.

Mr. Theron Holladay, Sr., President & CEO of Parkway Advisors, then gave a presentation updating the board with the KJT’s investment portfolio for the third quarter.

Changes in interest rates were approved. Look in the KJT News for specific details.

Ronald L. Briggs, PC of Rosenberg was approved to conduct the 2018 financial audit.

The various programs for 2019 were reviewed and approved. The three statewide charities for 2019 will once again be the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund, Seminarian Education Fund, and Kids Unlimited.

The next board meeting will be March 7, 2019.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTIVITY MANAGER**

**Goodbye 2018 … Hello 2019**

November and December. In early November, I had the pleasure of attending a beautiful memorial Mass hosted by KJT Society #40 in East Bernard. This is a yearly event with KJT & KJZT in East Bernard in honor of those who we have lost throughout the year. A delicious meal always follows it. Thank you Big Ed Marik for inviting me.

December was Christmas everywhere. I was fortunate to be able to attend the Christmas socials of Society #46, La Grange; Society #56, Houston; Society #121, Spring Branch; Society #119, La Marque and Society #40, East Bernard. Unfortunately, with conflicting schedules, I was unable to attend Society #29, Frydek. It is always a great pleasure visiting with each society and their members. Thank you each and everyone for the invites.

The greatest event is the Reason for the Season, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We give our thanks and praise for all of his great blessings.

We start 2019 with our yearly SDOR meetings. The good news with our financial growth but not so good with our membership numbers. I ask for all of us to make the greatest effort to turn the tide in 2019. The KJT has so many products and benefits to offer. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call your local society officers or sales representative. Our Media Director, Stephanie Prihoda, is working hard to keep our KJT website updated with as much information as possible. Be sure to check us out on the KJT Facebook account as well as the website. I know in January 2020 our president Chris Urban would take great pride in boasting good news on the financials, but he would love to be able to boast on membership as well.

**WE CAN DO IT!!!!**

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

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MESSAGE Continued

Membership continues to be KJT’s biggest challenge, and this is where we need everyone to get on board in 2019! Membership now sits at 16,623, a net decrease of 138 members from 2017. With the help of all societies and members we can turn this around! Give your local insurance representative a call today with any referrals for membership that you may have. The list of benefits for being a member is long and attractive.

The long list of member benefits is a good reason to join KJT! Our benefits include our life and annuity program, loan program, youth camp, teen camp, college scholarships, religious scholarships, Catholic school tuition grants, volunteer opportunities, and many others. If you know someone who might like to take advantage of what KJT offers, give them our number or have them talk to your local representative.

Donations

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2019 Programs

The programs for 2019 remain unchanged. Please refer to www.kjtnet.org and the KJT News for additional details on the various program events as the dates draw near. You can find information and the deadlines and dates for important events directly below.

We still encourage our local societies to hold Matching Grant Fundraisers for worthy causes where the society is located. This program is a great way to get your KJT society involved in various projects in your parish or community so be sure to ask your officers how you can be a part of this program. Twenty-six societies held matching grant fundraisers in 2018 for which the KJT Home Office matched $8,329.

Join Hands Day is a national day of volunteering that societies can engage in a project to be “helpful” to some individual or entity.

Flag Day is a day to honor the American Flag. We ask our societies to have some type of event honoring the American Flag, either on this day or some other patriotic day such as July 4th or Veteran’s Day. These events are great avenues to get publicity for your local society so please ask your local society officers how you can get involved!

KJT State Family Day

KJT State Family Day will be on July 21, 2019. This, incidentally, is the first day of KJT Youth Camp, so we encourage you and your family to come to join us for Family Day before taking your camper out to camp. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served shortly after Mass. We will also have fun activities for the kids as well.

KJT Youth and Teen Camps

Youth Camp will be held from July 21 – July 25 and Teen Camp will be from July 25 – July 28. More details will be forthcoming in the KJT News and on our website as the time for camp gets closer.

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

KJT Scholarships

KJT will again reward $20,000 in scholarships for 2019 to qualifying applicants who will be continuing their education at the college level. Additional scholarships (the number to be determined at the annual meeting in March) will be available through the KJT Memorial Foundation for students who will continue their education at a vocational or technical college. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1, 2019.

PerkSpot

KJT members continue to take advantage of the savings from our PerkSpot benefit. If you have not signed up, you really should take a look at what PerkSpot can save you. You can go to kjt.perkspot.com to sign up today or go to www.kjtnet.org to learn more about the program.

I, along with everyone here at the home office and your state directors look forward to serving you once again in 2019. I ask God’s blessings upon KJT and its members for a successful year!

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Spring is the time of year to and blessed 2019. For me, wish everyone a prosperous and Happy New Year! I also qualified for multiple Star Award standings, Ted taking the top spot in the #1 spot. In addition to his third time to take home volume. This is his seventh $155,000 in life insurance annualized premium, and $4,200 in adjusted um, over $4,200 in adjusted

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I wish everyone a prosperous and blessed 2019. For me, Spring is the time of year to think about property valuations, exemptions and designations and the various deadlines related to each. The Texas property tax system has four main phases or sets of functions that occur within certain dates: appraisal, equalization, assessment and collection. Below I have set out the dates and activities that typically occur within each phase of the Tax Calendar. (For property owners the Appraisal Phase and Equalization Phases are critical for timely claiming exemptions and certain designations.)

When in doubt about a deadline, I suggest you contact your county’s appraisal district and ask questions and/or go online and review the Texas State Comptroller’s website - https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/basics.php. The Comptroller’s website is very informative. Just don't miss a deadline!

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**Appraisal Phase (Jan. 1 through May 15)**

Jan. 1 – April 30 Property is appraised and exemption applications are processed

April – May 1 Notices of appraised value are sent

May 15 Appraisal record prepared and submitted to the ARB

**Equalization Phase (May 15 through July 25)**

May 15 – July 20 Protests and challenges are heard and determined

July 20 Appraisal records are approved

July 25 Appraisal roll is certified

**Assessment Phase (July 25 through Oct. 1)**

July 25 Appraisal roll received by taxing units

July 25 – Sept. 30 Tax rates are adopted and taxes are levied (calculated)

Oct. 1 Tax bills begin to be sent to taxpayers

**Collection Phase (Oct. 1 through Jan. 31)**

Oct. 1 – Jan. 31 Current taxes are collected

Feb. 1 Penalties and interest begin to accrue

July 1 Additional penalties may be added for legal costs

**VITEK Continued**

SDOR meetings.

Theodore “Ted” Vitek earns the number one Star Award spot for 2018. He ended the year with 7 issued insurance applications, over $18,000 in life premium, over $4,200 in adjusted annualized premium, and $155,000 in life insurance volume. This is his seventh time on the Stars board and his third time to take home the #1 spot. In addition to taking the top spot in the Star Award standings, Ted also qualified for multiple other incentives and contests throughout the year. Year in and year out, Ted has done an excellent job representing the local Society #112, Austin and overall the KJT. We look forward to what Ted and Society #112 will accomplish in 2019 and beyond. Congratulations to Mr. Vitek for being once again the best of the best.

Earning the second place Star Award in 2018 was Carly Divin, Society #4 of Ammannsville. This is Carly’s second trip to the Stars Award list. In 2018, Carly accounted for 7 issued applications, over $3,100 in life premium, and $340,000 in life insurance volume. Congratulations on solid back to back years for Carly! Continuing in third place on our Star Awards list was Margaret Hanslik. Though no stranger to writing insurance, this is Margaret's first year being a Star. She accounted for over $2,100 in life premium, 7 issued insurance applications and $340,000 in life insurance volume. Congratulations to Margaret on a great year!

Rounding out the Star Award winners list is fourth place, Tanner Schlottman, Society #35, Ennis, FIRST TIME winner; fifth place, Ellen Zdansky, Society #72, Corpus Christi, sixth time winner; sixth place, Stephanie Prihoda, Society #46, La Grange, third time winner; seventh place, Cynthia Nemec, Society #139, Bay City, second time winner; eighth place, Thomas Arelano, Society #141, Georgetown, FIRST TIME winner; ninth place, Margaret Hollik, Society #48, Hillje, second time winner, and tenth place, Brenda Fietسام, Society #3, Hostyn, second time winner.

We are very proud of the efforts that all of our Stars put forth in 2018. Without their dedication and efforts, our goals would have greatly suffered. Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to seeing which one of you will take the top honor in 2019!
**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TOP PRODUCERS**

Ted Vitek  
**Society #112, Austin**  
Second Place November  
First Place December  
Top Producer  
New Application Producer-2 months  
New Member Application-2 months

Carly Divin  
**Society #4, Ammannsville**  
First Place November  
Second Place December  
Top Producer

David Cernosek  
**Society #42, Holman**  
Third Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer

Deborah Currey  
**Society #130, Elgin**  
Forth Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer  
Top Application Producer December

Ronnie Hostas  
**Society #59, Seymour**  
Fifth Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer  
Top Volume Producer Nov./Dec.

Margaret Hanslik  
**Society #38, Moulton**  
Sixth Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer

Tanner Schlottman  
**Society #35, Ennis**  
Seventh Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer  
New Application Producer-9 months  
New Member Application-9 months

Mildred Machacek  
**Society #20, Shiner**  
Eighth Place Nov./Dec.  
Top Producer

Daniel Lev  
**Society #90, Rosenberg**  
Ninth Place November  
Tenth Place December  
Top Producer

Pat Nevlud  
**Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch**  
Tenth Place November  
Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky  
**Society #72, Corpus Christi**  
Ninth Place December  
Top Producer  
Top Application Producer December  
New Application Producer – 168 months  
New Members Application-165 months

David Wagner  
**KJT State Vice President**

THE HEAVY HITTER AWARD is an incentive that measures the sales representative’s production based on adjusted annualized premium and the number of applications. It rewards those representatives that not only submit a lot of premium but those that also submit a fair number of applications throughout the year. The four designations are Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.  
We are happy to announce that five of our agents qualified for the Bronze Level Award in 2018. Carly Divin, Margaret Hanslik, Tanner Schlottman, Ted Vitek and Ellen Zdansky all qualified for this designation. A huge thank you to each one of our Bronze qualifiers as they will receive a check for $100.  
Congratulations to our Heavy Hitter winners and we look forward to a successful 2019.
MEMBERSHIP PINS

Theo Svec Honored for 75 Years

KJT SOCIETY #3, HOSTYN member Theo Svec received his 75-year membership pin at the Sunday, November 18, 2018 meeting. State President Christopher Urban was honored to present him with the pin along with the Hostyn Officers and members. Pictured above are Society President Patrick Janda, Society Treasurer Brenda Fietsam, Recipient Theo Svec, State President Christopher Urban, Society Secretary Joyce Muras, and Society Vice President Benedict Kallus.

August Motloch, Jr. Honored for 75 Years

KJT SOCIETY #112, AUSTIN - August Motloch, Jr. was presented a 75-year pin by State Director Shirley Pokorney. Many of his family members were present along with Society President Michael Hyzak. Congratulations Augie, you are an asset to our society.

Recognizing Members with Membership Pins

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January 2019

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KJT IN ACTION

Austin Celebrates with Santa

The Austin KJT Soc. #112 and Austin KJZT Society #93 held their joint Christmas party on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at St. Louis Wozniak Hall with over 100 members and guests in attendance. A delicious fried chicken dinner and side dishes was enjoyed by all. A craft corner was provided for the children for their entertainment. There also was a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Christmas music was provided and the ever popular Chicken Dance was done. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa. Along with his helpers, he presented each child with a stocking stuffed with candy, apple and orange. We would like thank Michael Hyzak, President, Shirley Macik, Secretary, Nick Macik, Treasurer, Sarah Vitek, Reporter, Ted Vitek, Honorary State Director, Elizabeth Mokry, Honorary State Director and Shirley Pokorney, State Director for everything you have done for our society. We were honored to have the Home Office representation at our Christmas Party.

(Pictured Above) Santa (Honorary State Director Ted Vitek) with his two elves, Darlene Kutach and Darlene Vitek.

(Pictured Below) Baby Julia Lynch taking her First Christmas picture with Santa, her mother Emily Lynch and great-grandmother Martha Tschoerner.

KJT ANNUITY PORTFOLIO RATES

FPD Annuity 5*/Kapital Account 4*
(Issued on/after January 1, 2019)
Minimum Deposit of $250 to Open Kapital Account or FPDA
(Additional premiums are required)
Or opening deposit of $500
With no additional premiums required
Deposits of $250 - $749 – 3.0%**
Deposits of $750 - $24,999 – 4.0%**
Deposits larger than $25,000 – 4.25%**
*Guaranteed Rate 1.50%
**Includes a 1.25% FIRST year bonus interest rate
***RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION***

IRA 4*/Roth IRA 4*
(Issued on/after January 1, 2019)
Minimum Deposit of $2,000 to Open IRA 4 or Roth IRA 4
Deposits smaller than $25,000 – 4.0%**
Deposits larger than $25,000 – 4.25%**
*Guaranteed Rate 1.50%
**Includes a 1.25% FIRST year bonus interest rate

Czech Heritage Ancestry

Does anyone in your society stand out for promoting the Czech language or culture? If so, let us know and they may be recognized at the Texans of Czech Ancestry banquet in La Grange coming up March 16, 2019.
Contact Kevin Kana at 979-968-5877.

KJT 25-Year Membership

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KJT IN ACTION

Christmas Pageant in Yoakum
KJT Society #13, Yoakum

Members of KJT Society #13, Yoakum gather for Christmas.


2018 Life Premium Challenge Agents

David Wagner
KJT State Vice President

At the beginning of the year, each KJT agent was challenged to write $3,000 in Life premium for 2018. Several agents answered this call to action and achieved the goal. The KJT Home Office would like to recognize the following agents who rose to the challenge and submitted at least $3,000 in Life Premium:

Deborah Currey, Carly Divin, Tanner Schlottman, Albert Sustala, Ted Vitek, and Ellen Zdansky

We congratulate the six agents who achieved this goal, Thank you. In 2019, we will once again challenge our agents to reach the $3,000 Life Premium mark.

Society Sponsors Food Drive
KJT Society #55, Corn Hill

FR. STEPHEN NESRSTA (center) joins members of Corn Hill Society #55 for its December meeting. The society sponsored a food drive with parishioners from Holy Trinity Catholic Church donating approximately 700 pounds of food and $270 for the Caring Place, which helps the needy in the Jarrell/Georgetown area. This is the seventh year the KJT has coordinated the drive.

If you would like more information on how you can become a KJT member, visit our website, www.kjtnet.org and find a representative near you, or give us a call at, 1-800-245-8182.
**KJT IN ACTION**

**East Bernard Host Memorial Service for Members of KJT**

**KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40, East Bernard and KJZT St. Anne Society #30, East Bernard held their 15th Annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, with Chaplain Rev. Don Ruppert presiding.**

Before the service, Ann Kramr and Helen Mica led the rosary, while other members served as greeters, altar servers, lector, gift bearers, and Eucharist Ministers. Mark Dujka provided the music. A special altar with candles representing each deceased member for the past five years and two larger candles representing all deceased members from the two societies.

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

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

Special guest was KJT State Director Margaret Holik, KJT State Director and Activity Manager Michael Reznicek, and KJZT State Director Arlene Cloyd. Door prizes were given to complete the evening.

**The following KJT members names were read:**

- Christine Hlavinka
- Francis “Jr” Vacek
- Bernard “Bennie” Orsak
- Henry J. Hlavinka
- Oscar J. Litvik
- Lucille Ferguson
- William “Bill” Marik
- Daniel “Danny” Pilcik
- Norbert J. Janis
- Theodore Keprta
- John Szymanski
- John F. Dusek
- Syl Marik
- C. Marik and KJZT society secretary Julia Kubes read the names of each deceased member at which time a family member, or the candle lighter assistant, lit a candle in honor of the deceased members.

East Bernard officers presented a check to State Directors Margaret Holik for the Religious Retirement Fund, Seminarian Education Fund and Kids Unlimited. At the presentation were KJT Society #40, East Bernard treasurer Dennis Viktorin, Society Vice President Sandy Logan, State Director Margaret Holik, Society President Edwin C. Marik, Society Secretary Mark Dujka, and KJT State Director and Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek.

**Pictured above, Benard Orsak Jr. lights a candle for his father, Bennie Orsak, as candle light assistant Sandy Logan looks on.**

**East Bernard St. Wenceslaus Society #40, East Bernard and KJZT St. Anne Society #30, East Bernard held their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Members and guest brought non-perishable items that were given to the Giving Tree, sponsored by CDA Court #1108 and Holy Cross Church. Attending the party were (left to right) KJZT society treasurer Emilie Svoboda; society secretary Julia Kubes; society vice president Gladys Dusek; KJZT State Director Arlene Cloyd; and society president Angeline Grigar, KJT Society vice president Sandy Logan, society secretary Mark Dujka, society president Edwin C. Marek, and KJT State Director Michael Reznicek.**
Back in September 2018, KJT Society #43, Wied decided to step up their game in community service and headed into the unknown world of the rodeo life. Each society comes together to decide where they feel most of their collected donations should be donated to. It was an unanimous decision when the Wied society members decided to donate to the The Riding Therapy Center of Victoria when they hosted their 1st Annual “Rock It, Don’t Knock It” benefit playday. The Riding Therapy Center of Victoria was established in 1989, as a riding center that leads with its mission statement as a guide towards assisting those who need therapy due to injuries, disabilities, and/or other needs.

MISSION STATEMENT:
Donum Dei (Latin meaning “Gift from God”) Incorporated, doing business as The Riding Therapy Center of Victoria, was created in response to God’s love. The purpose of Donum Dei, Inc. is to offer equine-assisted activities and therapies in an attitude of service to God the Father, God the Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in the most Holy Trinity. Our work is done with respect and dignity to all.

But it gets even better…

The members collectively donated $600 to the riding event that would pay for half the cost of the winning saddle for the overall winner of the day. With this, the KJT Members also participated in a 50/50 raffle by donating various items to raffle off. They were able to collect an additional $200 to donate to the therapy center, as well as offer man-power to assist in the activities.

The Wied society members had never worked a rodeo, or playday before. So, for most of them, it was a first. They learned a lot about how playdays are run, they met a few of the riding members of the riding therapy group, both two legged and four, and found a new way to help out a community of those in need.

Thank You for the sponsorship, donation, and support of our “Rock it, Don’t Knock It” Benefit Playday held on September 22, 2018
It was a huge success because of your gracious contribution!
Mary Thanks & May God Bless You
ROCK IT, DON'T KNOCK IT

Therapeutic Riding: How it Works

Horseback riding engages the rider in three main areas: physical, cognitive, and emotional. It uses these related forms of therapy in conjunction with the horse’s three-dimensional hip movement to transfer motion to the rider that is similar to the walking gait of a human. Horses are the best, most forgiving teachers and often help to bridge a social, physical, or cognitive gap to the outside world to foster independence, self-confidence, and improved spirits.

Who We Serve...

The RTC serves a growing number of 50 riders every week through the dedicated support of volunteers, staff and of course, its therapy horses. Any individual (over four years of age) with a disability, special need, or mental illness can benefit from the services provided by The RTC.

Clients have shown marked improvement in balance, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, cognitive functioning, social skills, sequential thinking, improved self-esteem, and independence among many other benefits. Research has shown a marked improvement of strength, balance, flexibility, coordination and autonomy in individuals who participate in therapeutic riding.

Volunteers Make the Difference

Our program would not be possible without the dedicated support of our volunteers.

Come join our team today and start making a difference!

New Volunteer Training and Orientations are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month!

Contact us today to find out when you can get started making a difference in someone's life.

Who to contact

Phone: 361-578-8182

Email: Executive Director- Tammy theridingtherapycenter@gmail.com

Email: Office Manager- Michelle thertcoffe@gmail.com
KJT IN ACTION

Christmas Celebration in La Marque

KJT SOCIETY #119, La Marque

KJT SOCIETY #119 held their annual KJT/KJZT Christmas Party on December 9th at the Queen of Peace Life center in La Marque. There was a lot of fellowship with approximately 33 people in attendance. Our Society presented Donnie VanAckeren, a representative from the Galveston County Food Bank, with a check including the matching grant funds that were raised at our fundraiser. Donnie was very grateful for the donation and has offered to help us promote KJT and any event that we may need promoting in the future. As the party drew to an end, it is the tradition of our Society to do a drawing for the statue of the Infant of Prague. Each year a name is drawn and the lucky winner gets to take the statue home for the year and returns it the following year at the Christmas Party. This year Janis Wright was the lucky winner. Before everyone left we held a drawing for door prizes. This year everyone was able to win something to take home to remember the day.

Hope each and every one had a safe and a Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year.

Pictured above is the presentation of the matching Grant check to Donnie VanAkeren with the Galveston County Food Bank.

Presented in the picture from Left to Right: WK Leonard (Society Representative) Janis Wright (Society Secretary) Donnie VanAkeren (Galveston County Food Bank Representative) Mike Reznicek (Society President) Melba Reznicek (Society Treasurer) Mandy Reznicek (Society Vice President) and Fr. Paul Chovanek (Society Chaplain)

Donations Made in La Grange

KJT SOCIETY #46, La Grange

KJT SOCIETY #46, LA GRANGE made donations to the La Grange SHOCK religious education program, to the Sacred Heart School, and to the Sacred Heart religious educators program.

Pictured below from left to right are: Gailynne Zapalac, society treasurer; Debbie Greene, SHOCK Representative; and David Wagner, society vice president.

Smithville Donates to CCD

KJT SOCIETY #63, Smithville

KJT SOCIETY #63, Smithville held their Christmas meeting in December in which they were able to present two donations. The first donation was made to the Smithville CCD program. KJT SOCIETY #63, Smithville presented $300 in matching funds to the St Paul CCD from the KJT Home Office.

Pictured above, left to right, William Psencik, society president; Nancy Janecek, society treasurer; CCD students Madalyn, Gabby, and Lauren Hanslik; and teacher Kathy Hanslik.

The second donation, pictured below, was made to State Treasurer/Secretary Kevin Kana. This was the society’s annual donation for the Retired Priest and Religious Retirement fund and the Seminarians Education Fund. The $1700 was raised with two garage sales, and the last one was held at the home of Beno and Jane Hellinger in Austin. The Hellinger’s and family have worked hard and long to accomplish such success over the years. We thank them for their dedication.

Pictured below from left to right: William Psencik, society president; Nancy Janecek, society treasurer; CCD students Madalyn, Gabby, and Lauren Hanslik; and teacher Kathy Hanslik.
Caldwell Makes Donations

KJT Society #100, Caldwell

KJT ST. BENEDICT SOCIETY #100, CALDWELL hosted a meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2019, with State Director Shirley Pokorney present. The KJT officers presented State Director Shirley Pokorney with a check for the state charities. The money donated was from the society bake sale fundraiser, “Breakfast with Santa” fundraiser that was held December 1, 2018, and a matching grant from the KJT Home Office. Pictured on top those presenting the check from left to right: President Joe Rychlik, Vice President Anthony Motloch, and Secretary/Treasurer Louemma Polansky and State Director Shirley Pokorney.

Also, in attendance at the January 5, 2019 meeting were three Society members who were honored for receiving their 50-year KJT pin. Pictured below from left to right are Jimmy Urbanovsky (9/1/68), Society Secretary/Treasurer Louemma Polansky, Society President Joe Rychlik, Society Vice President Anthony Motloch, John David Rychlik (11/1/68) and front row: Milton Mynar (9/1/68).

CCE Program Donation

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi

KJT SOCIETY #72, Corpus Christi held their 2018 Christmas Party and election of new officers in December. During the meeting, the election of officers took place. Rosalie Bohuslav retired as society president, Rosalie Williams retired as vice president, while the secretary and treasurer remained the same.

New President is Ellen Zdansky replacing Rosalie Bohuslav, New Vice President is Beverly Mokry Holman replacing Rosalie Williams, Kara Johnson remained the Treasurer, and Connie Williams remained the Secretary. Pictured below are retiring officers and new officers of KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi. (L to R) Kara Johnson, Connie Williams, Retiring President Rosalie Bohuslav, New President Ellen Zdansky, Cynthia Nemec - New State Director, Retiring Vice President Rosalie Williams, New Vice President Beverly Mokry Holman.

Ellen Zdansky presented Retiring President with a Poinsettia Flower Thank you gift and a heartfelt speech. Thank you to Rosalie Bohuslav for many years of wonderful service.

We had our meeting and then played bingo and passed out door prizes. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner and desserts. All Children in attendance received a $10 bill as a Christmas gift.

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KJT ST. AUGUSTINE Society #109, Hillsboro recently held a fundraiser to benefit Our Lady of Mercy Church’s CCE program. Winners of the drawing were Marshall Peterson of Axtell, Barbara Chudej of West, and Estephanie Orellan of Hillsboro. Presenting a check to Father Ouseph Thekkumthala and Lupe Mancha is society president Milton Peterson of the Hillsboro society. Pictured also is the kindergarten class of Our Lady Mercy church. These children pictured will also benefit from this fundraiser. We want to thank everyone that participated and also the KJT Home Office in La Grange, Texas.

KJT SOCIETY #100, CALDWELL hosted their annual “2018 Breakfast with Santa” fundraiser and bake sale which took place in the St. Mary’s PAC on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Pictured to the right are all the KJT #100 Society members who worked this event with Santa (Society Vice President Anthony Motloch dressed as Santa.) Pictured left, society member Donna Rychlik manning the bake sale table.

Everyone had a great time! A huge “Thank you” to everybody who helped make this a success, and joined us for breakfast.

MR. ERNEST BEZDEK received a memorial booklet from West Society #31 who enrolled him in the KJT Memorial Foundation for his 90th birthday. “Mr. B” as he is fondly called had a birthday on December 7th. He has been a KJT Sales Representative for over 40 years. He wrote his first policy either in 1975 or 1976.

He & his wife, Evelyn have been faithful members of West Society #31 for many years, always dedicated to the society. Unfortunately, he lost his wife, Evelyn in May 2015. They have 2 daughters and a son, and he has 5 grandchildren (one deceased) and 2 Great Grandchildren. All of whom are KJT members. West Society officers and members would like to thank Ernest for his years as a KJT Sales Agent and wish him many, many more years.

THE 2019 KJT OFFICERS for Society # 141 Georgetown were sworn in on December 1, 2018 by State Director Thomas Arellano. Pictured Left to Right Vice President Rick Nemet, Secretary Jeannette Nemet, Treasurer Dan Berto, President Gary Gentz and Thomas Arellano.
In Memoriam of...

November 2018

Society #19, Cameron
Paul E. Matocha, 95
Passed Away 07/17/2018

Society #43, Wied
Julius Smolik, 87
Passed Away 09/10/2018

Society #48, Hillje
Raymond M. Watson, 71
Passed Away 09/07/2018

Society #43, Wied
Virginia Pustka, 78
Passed Away 10/08/2018

Society #1, Praha
Leon F. Pesek, 89
Passed Away 07/17/2018

November 2018

Society #20, Shiner
Charles A. Netardus, 71
Passed Away 10/20/2018

Society #48, Hillje
Bernard F. Hrncir, 71
Passed Away 10/18/2018

Society #87, Cyclone
Melvin J. Posvar, 74
Passed Away 06/11/2017

Society #43, Wied
Thomas A. Labay, 69
Passed Away 10/03/2018

Society #35, Ennis
John N. Smith, 37
Passed Away 07/13/2018

December 2018

Society #102, San Antonio
Fredrick L. Krause, 71
Passed Away 07/17/2018

Society #28, Granger
Frank G. Zbranek, 82
Passed Away 11/08/2018

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Mark Sablatura, 81
Passed Away 11/11/2018

Society #48, El Campo
Alphonse J. Fucik, 78
Passed Away 10/05/2018

Society #103, Baytown
William E. Heintschel, 82
Passed Away 11/05/2018

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Herman T. Bohuslav, 90
Passed Away 11/13/2018

Society #139, Bay City
Paul M. Mallia, Jr., 88
Passed Away 12/07/2018

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 above.

May their souls rest in peace.

Margaret Filip Sustala
September 7, 1930- December 13, 2018

Margaret Filip Sustala was born on Sept. 7, 1930 in Moravia, Texas to parents Joseph and Albinia Filip. She was raised in Hillje where she met and married her husband of 71 years, Albert Sustala.

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KJT Memorial Foundation

For donations of less than $25 an enrollment card is sent to the designated individual and for donations of $25 or more, they will receive a hard-bound book with a beautiful holy picture.

All those enrolled are remembered in daily prayers and monthly Holy Masses. Express your love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and times of illness as well as condolences to a loved one’s family by enrolling them today!

Online Applications For Enrollment
In The KJT Memorial Foundation
Are Now Available
www.kjtmemorial.org

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KJT Society #3, Hostyn
Diana Kallus, Reporter

The Hostyn KJT Society #3, Sts. Cyril, Methodius, and George met November 18, 2018, after the scholarship breakfast in the Hostyn Parish Hall.

President Patrick Janda opened the meeting and led the opening prayer. President Janda welcomed seventeen members and one guest, State KJT President Christopher Urban.

Secretary Muras read the minutes of the last meetings, along with “Thank You” cards from Marissa Muras, Layton Kloesel, Sadie Noska, and Dillon Goedrich, who attended the KJT Camp.

Members who attend the society youth and family day on August 18, 2018, at the Hostyn pavilion enjoyed themselves. Kids enjoyed the slip-n-slide, small pool and games while the adults enjoyed dominoes and visiting. The evening ended with pizza.

The fundraiser on July 11, 2018, was a success. The KC Hall was booked for July 10, 2019.

One member has deceased since our August meeting, Danny Janacek.

Each year Society #3, Hostyn selects a Seminarian to present him with a Christmas gift, thanking him for answering God’s calling to be a priest. This year the society has selected James Dvorak with a gift of $200.

Next year we will select a different Seminarian.

Gifts were presented to Chaplain, Father Dan Kahlich; Co-Chaplain, Deacon John McCourt and eighteen altar servers.

Donations were presented to AMEN Project, Deputy Santa, Scholarship Breakfast Fund, Religious Retirement Fund, La Grange Volunteer Fire Dept., and four Masses per year for living and deceased members at Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn.

Students that received Catholic School tuition grants from the Home Office were Anthony Janda, St. John Paul II in Houston; Dillon and Luke Goedrich, St. Rose School in Schulenburg; and Kenlie and Kirtley Kallus, Nolan and Ryan Surman at Sacred Heart School, La Grange.

Election of Officers for 2019 was on the agenda. All members in attendance agreed to vote all existing officers for another year by acclamation; the motion was made and passed. Patrick Janda, President; Benedict Kallus, Vice-President; Joyce Muras, Secretary; Brenda Fietzam, Treasurer; and Diana Kallus Reporter.

KJT State President Christopher Urban addressed the group in a prayer, and Betty Baca.

St. Ignatius KJT #46, La Grange
Linda Templin, Secretary

A meeting of the St. Ignatius, KJT Society #46 was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Msgr. Harry Mazurkiewicz Center.

The meeting was called to order by Society President Mike Kaspar, who then led the group in a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Gailynne Zapalac gave the Treasurer’s Report. David Wagner reported that Society #46 gained 13 new members during 2018 and lost 4 members, Albert Pechal, Joseph Hlavika, Daniel Kallus and Betty Baca.

Donations were discussed. Priest & Religious Retirement Fund $250, Religious Education Donation $250, Kids Unlimited $250, Sacred Heart Church $200 (donation for use of Center for Fajitas & Christmas Social), Holy Rosary Parish – Hostyn $300 (use of walk-in cooler, kitchen & BBQ pits for fajita fundraiser), CCD Educators & Assistants $250 (donation to religious education Christmas party, SHOCK Group $100 (donation for selling fajita dinner tickets), Memorial Foundation Donation $20 (4 deceased members), and Father Matthew $50 (Christmas Gift).

A motion was made by Ben Chovanec to nominate and elect the following officers - Mike Kaspar, President; David Wagner, Vice President; Gailynne Zapalac, Treasurer and Linda Templin, Secretary.

Daniel Petter’s name was drawn for the attendance door prize ($40.00). Daniel Petter was not in attendance; therefore, the attendance prize will grow by $5 for next year’s drawing.

Santa Claus visited the children in attendance and were given a monetary present while David Wagner gave out attendance prizes to adults.

KJT Society #80, Sealy
Bernice Stolarski, Secretary

KJT Society #80, Sealy met in November to go over the agenda. Ivy and Leon Konvicka provided the meal. The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Betty Stolarski was acknowledged as a guest at our meeting. Both the minutes and the financial reports were approved.

Every year our society has participated in Make A Difference Day. This year large hairbrushes were given to the residents of Colonial Belle Nursing Home, Veranda House, and Brazos Landing. Participating in the project were Barbara Hajdik, Ivy Konvicka, and Bernice Stolarski.

Billie Jean Nichols, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for 2019: Larry Kuciemba as president, Barbara Hajdik as Vice President, Steven Kutra as Treasurer, and Bernice Stolarski as Secretary. The slate of officers was unanimously approved. Monetary Christmas gifts were approved for the clergy. Members also approved buying four KC Casino Night tickets to be given away as door prizes. Winners were Fred Patek, Louis Hajdik, Mark Stolarski, and Ivy Konvicka. Any prize won will be the property of the KJT. An audit committee of Barbara Hajdik, Leon Konvicka, and Bennie Stolarski were selected.

The next meeting will be our After Christmas Party on Friday, January 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the ICC Center. A short meeting will be held, and then members can enjoy playing games or visiting. We hope that starting the party earlier will encourage more members to participate.
KJT Society #31, West George Nors, Reporter

West Society #31 members were treated to a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on November 11, 2018. After the breakfast a meeting was held.

President Michael Kraemer called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed guest and thanked everyone for coming. Cathy Kraemer read the minutes from the October meeting.

Bella Kidwell and Raymond Mikeska won the attendance prizes.

Sales Representative Ernest Bezdek will be turning 90 years of age on December 7th. A motion was made and seconded to enroll him in the KJT Memorial Foundation.

Sandy Kidwell stated that she will get the KJT on the Church’s Web site.

Under old business was the upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th. President Kraemer stated that help will be needed. Nine turkeys will be deep fried that morning at the Kraemer’s shop. Georgie Nors stated that the dressing will be made the day before at her home. President Kraemer asked the members to bring either a Salad or Dessert. Also raffle prizes for kids and adults would be appreciated. KJT will again donate a Ham for a raffle prize. There will be no kids program, only Christmas singing and a visit from Santa. Sherry Pavlas stated that we will honor the deceased KJT and KJZT members at the Christmas Party. Also the members present who have received their 25, 50, and 75 year pins this year will be recognized. Sherry stated that she will send Christmas Cards to the Rest Home members.

President Kraemer stated that during the December meeting will be the Election of Officers. He appointed a nominating committee of Don Urbanovsky, Mike Kidwell, and Ernest Bezdek.

Robert Nors stated that he was approached by a member of the Memorial Weekend Car show. He stated that our Hamburger fundraiser would be good and needed for that day. After some discussion, it was decided that it would make more money than having 2 HB fundraisers. Also, maybe have hot dogs and sausage wraps, and have the French fries and potato chips, and maybe wrapped cookies or brownies to sell. We will still need to advertise a little as usual, but the Car Show will advertise. We’ll have more discussion in the upcoming meetings.

Under new business: President Kraemer stated that he will have the Calendar of Events for 2019 at the December meeting. Robert Nors stated that the books will need to be audited at the January meeting. The Audit is due in the Home Office at the end of January.

Robert Nors stated that Sandy Kidwell is interested in being a Sales Representative. New members are needed for our Society. Everyone was encouraged to help get new members and to encourage Sandy and help her sign up new members.

Raffle prize winners were Robert Nors and Ervin Laubert. President Kraemer thanked the members who help with the pancake breakfast.

Members were reminded that next month the meeting will be held on December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Tours Hall.

KJT Society #134, Round Rock Felix Leonardi, Secretary

St. William KJT Society # 134, Round Rock held a Christmas gathering on December 8th, at the St. William Catholic Church pavilion center. Our meeting started with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Tina Risinger.

The meeting minutes of October 20th was read by Felix Leonardi and the Treasury report was read by Janie Zbranek.

Leon Barton reported that KJT society (Catholic Union of Texas) started 115 years ago. Remembering those who have passed away in 2018 – Martha Unruh, John Bruskwitz, Frank Zbranek (Louis Zbranek’s brother), Annie Mudrack, and Ray Pokorney. Monsignor Louis Pavliceck prayed for the faithful departed love ones. Convention update: Age limit changed from 70 to 75 for State Director position eligibility. Congratulations to Shirley Pokorney and Thomas Arellano for being elected to the State Directors.

KJT Society #134 officers for 2019 are Tina Risinger, Leon Barton, Janie Zbranek, and Felix Leonardi.

Thomas Arellano thanked everyone for the invitation to the KJT Christmas gathering event. He stated that capital accounts are doing well.

Leon presented Christmas gifts to Monsignor Louis Pavliceck and to Fr. Dean Wilhelm, St. William’s pastor.

Special thanks go to Les Miller for providing music all these years. Thanks to Gabriel Miller, Pat Pietrasik, and Carolyn Lozek for singing the Christmas songs.

Also special thanks to Louis Zbranek for collecting Priest retirement Fund and Leon Barton for meals/catering all these years.

Door prizes were drawn and priest retirement fund collected.

Important dates:
> March 16, 2019 - Parish Hall, setup: 3pm to 7pm - event: 7pm to 9pm
> June 29, 2019 – Pavilion, setup: 3pm to 7pm – event: 7pm to 9pm

Round Rock St William’s KJT #134 presented Msgr. Louis Pavliceck with a Christmas Gift at their meeting & Christmas party on Saturday December 8, 2018.

Pictured left to right are officers: Leon Barton, Tina Risinger, Msgr Louis Pavliceck, Janie Zbranek & Felix Leonardi.

KJT #134 celebrated 30 years as a Society and Msgr. Louis Pavliceck has seen this society grow from its formation in 1988 under the direction of Leon Barton.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019 JAN
KJT Society #129, Schunenburg Society Meeting
Sun., January 20, 2019
At 2:00 p.m. at James and Carolyn Prihoda’s Residence

Hallettsville State Championship Domino Tournament
Sunday, January 20, 2019

KJT Society #63, Smithville Society Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
At the KC House at 6:00 p.m.
Chili will be provided, members are asked to bring a side dish.

KJT Society #80, Sealy After Christmas Party – ICC Center
Friday, January 25, 2019
Officer’s meeting at 5 p.m.
Meal at 6 p.m. followed by a short meeting.

El Campo- Polka Fest- New Taiton Sunday, January 27, 2019

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi Society Meeting
Wed., January 30, 2019
Zdansky’s Residence at 6:30 p.m.

2019 FEB
Ground Hog Day
February 2, 2019

KJT Society #4 of Ammannsville Sunday, February 3, 2019
will hold its first quarterly meeting of the year in the rectory following the 8 am Mass.

KJT Society #112, Austin Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Society Meeting at 6:30
Pok-E-Joe’s
2121 Parmer Ln. Austin TX

Ennis Czech MusicFest, Sokol Hall Sat., February 9, 2018

KJT Society #31, West Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Society Meeting Meeting after 8:00 a.m.
with coffee & kolaches

KJT Society #43, Wied Sunday, February 10, 2019
Society Meeting at 10:20 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church

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KJT College Scholarship Applications Due
March 1, 2019

Texas Independence Day

HUNGERFORD KJT #79
BBQ CHICKEN & SAUSAGE DINNER

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019
HUNGERFORD HALL
HUNGERFORD, TEXAS

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

SERVING BEGINS AT 10:30
DINE IN OR
DRIVE THRU LINE
AUCTION & FREE DANCE

MUSIC BY
RED RAVENS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE A/C – HEATING UNITS

DANCE
Bexar County Czech Heritage Society
Sunday, March 3, 2019 Doors open at 1:00 pm
MUSIC by: Czechaholics (2:00-6:00pm)

Martinez Social Club
7791 FM 1346 at FM 1516
San Antonio, TX 78220

ADMISSION $10.00 Admission for Children 14 and under – Free

Refreshments: Sausage on a Bun, Sauerkraut, Kolaches

www.bexarcountyczechheritagesociety.com
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi
Society Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Moravian Hall at 2 p.m.

Caldwell Church Picnic
St. Mary’s Church Picnic

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

KJT Society #31, West
First Friday of Lent
Fish Fry
Friday, March 8, 2019
at the St. Mary’s Parish Center
Benefit for the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 10, 2019

KJT Society #80, Sealy
Society Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
At the ICC Center
Officer’s meeting at 6 p.m.
Meal at 7 p.m.
followed by a regular meeting.

TOCA Award Dinner
In La Grange
March 30, 20019

Spring Begins
Wed., March 20, 2019

Hallettsville
South Texas Polka
& Sausage Festival
March 22-24, 2019

KJT Society #112, Austin
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Society Meeting
at 6:00 p.m.
Hamburger cookout
At the Sacred Heart Cafeteria

St. Patrick’s Day
Sunday, March 17, 2019

Good Friday
Friday, April 19, 2019

Hallettsville Fiddler’s Frolic
April 25-28, 2019
Church Picnics:
Frydek: St. Mary’s Church Bazaar
Weimar: St. Michael’s Spring Fest

KJT Society
IRS From 990-N Due
April 30, 2019

Reminder:
Starting in January, all calendar events will be posted in the newspaper, on the website calendar and a Facebook event will be created as well.
If your society has a Facebook page, like it now so that you can stay caught up with the latest in your area.

Study Abroad in Prague, the Czech Republic

When: June 26 to July 17 (2019)
Depart US June 26, 2019

Where: Prague, the Czech Republic

Housing: Group participants will be housed in double occupancy unairconditioned dorm. The dorm is situated in the northwestern part of Prague, linked to down town by bus and subway.

Food Service: Three meals a day will be served.

Czech Language Instruction: Czech classes will be at the agricultural school. The classes are non-credit courses. Arrangements for credit must be made with your university before you depart.

Instructors: Professors will be from Charles University and a linguistic institute in Prague.

For more information email: polasek29@gmail.com
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KJT Societies On Facebook
Join today to keep up-to-date on the latest meetings, events, and activities going on in your area, and from the Home Office.

- Home Office #80, Sealy
- #12, Frenstat #90, Rosenberg
- #13, Yoakum #100, Caldwell
- #20, Shiner #111, Dallas
- #29, Frydek #112, Austin
- #31, West #115, Victoria
- #35, Ennis #117, Waco
- #43, Wied #119, La Marque
- #46, La Grange #129, Schulenburg
- #48, Hillje #132, Pflugerville
- #63, Smithville #134, Round Rock
- #72, Corpus Christi #142, Chappell Hill

Check us out on these other Social Media Connections:

Facebook: Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT Home Office
Check in daily to find information and updates on all upcoming events and meetings.

Instagram: catholicunionoftexas
Follow with pictures of all the events members attend and events societies are hosting.

Twitter: @KJTmedia
Watch for frequent information on Tweet about services we provide and events taking place.

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