“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times…” Anyone following current events may feel that Charles Dickens would be describing the world today, instead of 1790’s France during the Revolution!

The idea of Fraternalism is somewhat going through its own revolution. Conceived in the form of guilds in Old England and brought over to the USA in the 1800’s, the notion that people could band together to help each other and in turn help their common cause was a good idea. The sale of life insurance gave these Societies the financial means necessary to accomplish their goals.

Unlike “the good old days,” time has become more precious due to all the constraints of modern day living. Few people have time to attend Society meetings and tend to the everyday business of volunteerism, the mainstay of fraternal activities. As a matter of fact, the past generation has not taken the torch as we would have hoped, and left a lot of the responsibility to us Baby Boomers!

But there is a new generation out there, and they are more like us. They want to make the world a better place. They like to work with others, and finally, they want to know their money is helping their neighbors, not some international conglomerate!

K.J.Z.T. is exactly what the newest generation is looking for! Through its charitable acts, K.J.Z.T. feeds the hungry, houses the homeless, helps the church and helps in emergencies. The concept of the Local Society enables members to work arm in arm to accomplish this mission while making new friends and enjoying each other’s company. This co-op arrangement enables us to keep our non-profit, tax-exempt status which makes our life insurance products more secure than 90% of all life insurance companies!

Tell your kids and grandkids about K.J.Z.T.! Introduce them to what we do and how we do it! Show them this article!

There is a place where they can not only directly help their causes, but indirectly help the church and their fellow Texans. Tell them to find out more about us at www.kjzt.org or search for us on Facebook. I think they will like what they see.

With your help, we can make sure our future will be, “The Best of Times…”

Autumn Blessings
A Letter from

The President

By Loretta Stahl, President/CEO

During the past few weeks we have seen the horrific devastation of Hurricane Harvey. As true Fraternalists, our Societies and Members have once again shown support to those affected by the storm through donating to the Hurricane Harvey Fund. We have extended the collection date until November 15, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all who are struggling to put their lives back together during this extremely difficult time.

We will be adding a Fraternal Events Coordinator to the State Office Staff. We are currently accepting applications for this position. Detailed information may be found in the Ad below. If you or someone you know are interested, please call.

Scholarship Applications are available once again. The detailed information is located elsewhere in the Journal. We want to encourage all graduating high school seniors and those attending colleges, trade schools or universities to apply for a Scholarship.

Our District meetings have come to a close and we would like to thank all the hosting Societies. We appreciate the extra efforts you have put forth to bring your District Membership together. The many hours of planning, decorating and providing delicious meals all create such a terrific atmosphere for the Membership to share time together. Congratulations again to all the 50 and 75 Year Pin Recipients as well as the Platinum, Diamond and Ruby Status Societies.

We at the State Office wish each of you a wonderful Fall and a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We encourage you to take charge of your health.

Fraternal Events Coordinator

The State Office is seeking a full-time Fraternal Events Coordinator to travel around the great state of Texas to create and develop an outward Fraternal Program to encourage and attract new members and families to Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas – K.J.Z.T. by promoting family, values and the Catholic religion. The Fraternal Events Coordinator will consult with Societies to determine objectives and requirements for events, such as meetings, district dinner dances, contests, silent auctions, blood drives etc. and other special statewide Fraternal activities. The Fraternal Events Coordinator will coordinate services for events, such as accommodation and transportation for participants, facilities, catering, signage, displays, special needs requirements, printing and event security.

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor’s degree or 5 years related experience or 5 years fraternal experience. Requires experience in special events management, promotion, and knowledge of media production, communication, and dissemination techniques and methods. Must have a demonstrated ability to handle multiple projects and details simultaneously with an analytical ability to gather and summarize data for reports, find solutions to various administrative problems, and prioritize work. Must be able to travel in the field Thursdays through Sundays.

K.J.Z.T. offers an excellent salary and benefits. Generous benefits includes company car, cell phone, health, vision and dental insurance, paid time off, company paid retirement plan and paid holidays.

Please email resume to btaylor@kjzt.org or fax to 512-326-4394. Check out our website at www.kjzt.org. EOE
Unfortunately, Sometimes It Takes a Storm

By Very Rev. Gary W. Janak, State Chaplain

It has been a few weeks now, since the arrival of Hurricane Harvey, and the devastation it has caused to so many. Parishes and parishioners in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the dioceses of Corpus Christi, Victoria, Beaumont and areas of Austin were severely impacted. As I “rode out the storm”, as so many of you reading this issue of The Journal did, and diligently worked during the weeks of recovery, I witnessed numerous acts of kindness and watched in wonderment on television of heroic rescues of those stranded by flood waters. The outpouring of love of volunteers who assisted victims has been inspiring. The need surfaced and people responded, including the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas. We can be proud of what the K.J.Z.T. State Office and our fraternal members have done, and are doing, to assist those in need in their particular parishes and communities.

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that this is how we are to live each day, as followers of Christ: “Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

In the aftermath though of the hurricane, I have prayed and reflected on the reason why we are not as helpful to others, or as kind and patient to one another, on a daily basis. I realize that, unfortunately, sometimes it takes a storm. Yes…

Unfortunately, Sometimes It Takes a Storm…to make us realize how important it is to be kind and courteous to one another, the need for us to exhibit compassion and love to others and the opportunity we have every day to be just a little bit more patient with others.

Unfortunately, Sometimes It Takes a Storm…to make us realize that what we think is important is not that important at all. In believing it is, we miss so many opportunities to be Christ-like to one another and to truly make a difference in the lives of others.

Unfortunately, Sometimes It Takes a Storm…to make us realize, most of all, how important it is to depend totally upon God and to have a relationship with our Lord through daily prayer and weekly Holy Communion. How often we take God for granted and call out to Him only during the storms and troubles of life.

Let us pray…

Gracious God, your word of peace stills the storms that rage in our world. Bring hope to all persons and places that know devastation in the calm following the winds and rains of Hurricane Harvey. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Let your love be known through those who work to bring order to the chaos. Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering and make us bearers of hope that can be found in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In Christ,
Father Gary Janak
State Chaplain
**Deacons from Czech Republic Presented Gifts**

On August 15, 2017 in Praha, the Texas District of the National Alliance of Cezch Catholics held their annual meeting. Present at the meeting were K.J.Z.T. State Directors Joyce Kurtz and Grace Vinklarek who presented each of the three transitional Deacons from the Czech Republic a gift check from Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T.

**Monsignor Hybner Receives Award**

Retired K.J.Z.T. State Chaplain, Monsignor Joseph M. Hybner, was awarded a Texas-shaped plaque from the Fraternal in honor of all his many years of service. Presenting the plaque were President/CEO Loretta Stahl and State Director Joyce Kurtz.


**Czech Republic Donates to La Grange**

A presentation was made on September 14, 2017 of a generous donation received by the city of La Grange. A check for $237,437.00 was presented to the La Grange Area Ministerial Alliance Good Shepherd Fund from the people of the Czech Republic to the community of La Grange, Texas hit by Hurricane Harvey.

The ceremony was held at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange. Those in attendance included State Director Arlene Cloyd and State Director Grace Vinklarek.

**Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief**

As we have all heard and watched, so many Texans have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. While we watched, so many lives changed in just a matter of hours. The strength of the storm and the damage it brought to our State is still hard to believe. We continue to pray for all those affected and wish them the best recovery possible.

In the spirit of Fraternalism, the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas-K.J.Z.T. will be accepting donations for the victims of the Hurricane Harvey Disaster. Donations will be matched 100% up to $1,000.00 per Society/Member through our People Helping People Disaster Program. Please consider joining others in making a donation to help those who desperately need financial assistance in getting their lives back to normal.

Please forward all donations by **November 15, 2017** to: K.J.Z.T. State Office, ATTN: Harvey Disaster Relief, PO Box 18896, Austin, TX 78760. Please make your check to Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T.

We invite you, your Society, and Members to join us in making a difference. Your Society may donate funds from your Treasury or have a fund raiser.

Due to the magnitude of this disaster, all donations and matching funds will be forwarded to the Catholic Charities Program of the affected areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of any assistance.
Member Celebrates 105th Birthday!

Lillie Sulak was born September 10, 1912 and joyfully celebrated her 105th Birthday this year. She is the eldest member of Society 31 in La Grange.

A Mass of thanksgiving for her intention was held Saturday, September 9th at the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Her two children, Jane Lewis and her husband Rob and Tim Sulak, hosted a dinner at her home on Sunday, September 10th. In the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a Come and Go party was held at Jefferson Place Assisted Living, which was attended by many family and friends. The tables were decorated with centerpieces of roses in various shades of pink, her favorite color.

Lillie’s loving family also includes three grandchildren and their spouses, and six great grandchildren.

She has been a K.J.Z.T. member for over eighty-three years and served many years as Society 31 Reporter and Chairman of the Juniors, having been the first Junior Chairman.

Her connection with Society 31, St. Frances of Rome, goes back to its’ organization on November 9, 1909 by Anna Drapal Kallus, her grandmother. At the initial meeting, Mary Janda Kallus, her mother, was elected President and held this office for twenty-eight years without interruption.

Members Help with Harvey Clean-Up

Two members from Society 16, Ennis, read a post about the Schoenstatt sisters in Rockport needing assistance with their retreat center. Joan and Jeff Johnson took cleaning supplies and tools with them and worked all day to salvage furniture from a damaged building, sorted food donations, and disposed discarded materials.

Junior Earns Hockey Awards

Waxahachie’s Cole Seevers earned the 2017 AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey League Goaltender of the Year and won this season’s Silver Division Varsity City Championship with Mansfield High School. Cole plays hockey for a city further than Ellis County.

“When I started, I was just going for the JV team.” Cole said, “All I wanted to do was step it up and be a good varsity goaltender. It didn’t matter where I had to go to play.” That caliber of training involved both finding adequate ice time at a nearby arena or ice rink and players to match or exceed his level. Every rink is at least 50 miles away. There are 40 teams in his league. Even with the practice times and games each week, Cole is able to maintain his high grade average.

Hopefully, athletes like Cole pave the way to their collegiate or professional hockey futures and create a new and better breed of hockey players and local leagues. Cole is a senior at Waxahachie High School. He is the son of Matt and Melissa (Prachyl) Seevers and the grandson of Al and Linda Prachyl. They are all very proud of his hard earned goals. Pictured is Cole Seevers.
St. Mary’s Our Lady of Lourdes Society No. 27 Caldwell and St. Cecilia Society No. 28 Frenstat co-hosted the District XI/XII Meeting on June 11, 2017 at St. Mary’s parish activity center in Caldwell, Texas. Registration began at 11 a.m. President Mary Harris of Caldwell and President Marcella Franzetti of Frenstat welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Father Bernard Hung, Society Chaplain, said the opening prayer and the blessing of the meal.

The meeting was called to order by both Presidents with the Introduction of clergy, State Director and State Officer. Mrs. Anne Wick, State Coordinator of Junior Activities, introduced the Marak Juniors. The Juniors led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and helped light candles for the Memorial Service.

Deacon John Young delivered a very inspirational message. President Mary Harris presented Deacon Young with a gift.

Next was the roll call. There was a total of 84 members and guests present.

A motion was made by Carolyn Motloch to dispense of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Bernie Polansky. The motion carried. Next was the awarding of the 50 and 75-year pins and the awarding of the Fraternal Status certificates.

Messages were delivered by President/CEO Loretta Stahl and State Director Emma Jean Ribar.

In new business, State Director Mrs. Ribar presented the “Traveling Madonna” to the next hosting Society. The next District Meeting will be hosted by Society No. 48 Cameron in 2018.

The Juniors showed everyone what beautiful pictures they made. The hosting Societies would like to thank Mrs. Anne Wick as well as Junior Director Debbie Vansa and Assistant Junior Director Lindsey Vaculin of Marak for doing a great job with the Juniors. They are our future.

The meeting was then adjourned and closed with a prayer. The Presidents thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Fraternal Status Awards
Pictured (L to R) are Bea Janecka for 19 Taylor, Marcella Franzetti for 28 Frenstat, Mary K Marusak for 130 Georgetown, Judy Vaculin for 21 Marak, Henrietta Hajda for 18 Granger, State Director Jean Ribar, Dorothy Klepac for 15 Corn Hill, Helen Metzer for 6 Bryan, Mary Harris for 27 Caldwell and Jane Hellinger for 93 Austin.

75-Year Membership Pin Recipients
Pictured (L to R) are State Director Jean Ribar, Bea Janecka, Elizabeth Meyer, Barbara Johnson, Betty Rychlik, Willie Mae Murray, Dorothy Klepac and Helen Kucera.

50-Year Membership Pin Recipients
Pictured (L to R) are State Director Jean Ribar, Sandy Garrett, Barbara Danek and Nancy Murray.

Junior Members
Pictured (L to R in front) are Kenley Harris, Claire Kopriva and Kate Kopriva. Pictured (L to R in back) are Assistant Junior Director Lindsey Vaculin, Gracen Dach and Junior Director Debbie Vansa.
The District VII Meeting was held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the McBrides’ Steakhouse in Wichita Falls. The hosting Society was Society No. 121 Wichita Falls.

The meeting was called to order by Society No. 121 President Winifred Kajs. Mrs. Kajs welcomed everyone present and then Mrs. Evelyn Brown, Secretary for Society No. 121, led the prayer before the meal. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Kajs with the lighting of the candle and the names were read by Mrs. Brown of all the deceased members since the district’s last held meeting. After the meal was enjoyed by all, the meeting continued with President/CEO Loretta Stahl addressing the members with all the current business of the Fraternal.

The 50-year and 75-year membership pin recipients were announced.

State Director Sally Long encouraged all members to continue to enroll and promote the KJZT insurance and also to make sure current address, phone numbers, beneficiary and any other information was current. She said to contact VP/Insurance Services Pam Strickland at the State Office at 1-888-253-2338 to make any changes or to receive information about current information on file.

The next hosting Society will be 86 Seymour.

Door prizes were awarded and a goody bag distributed to all present.

The meeting adjourned by President Kajs with the recitation of the Hail Mary for World Peace and a safe journey home for all present.

Members in attendance were Sharon Huley, Dorothy Matus, Georgia Hall, Mary Musil, Mary Ann Sokora - Treasurer of 121 Wichita Falls, Winifred (Winnie) Kajs - President of 121 Wichita Falls, Evelyn Brown - Secretary of 121 Wichita Falls, Mary Ress, Esther Kajs - Secretary of 88 Vernon, Mary Hrncirik - Vice-President of 86 Seymour, Pat Coker - President of 86 Seymour and Helen Shaffer. Guests in attendance were President/CEO Loretta Stahl, State Director Sally Long and Kristin Long.

2018 District Meeting Schedule

ALL MEMBERS and their families are INVITED to attend the District Family Socials and Meetings. Merit Pins of Recognition will be presented to eligible Members in recognition of their dedication and years of service and membership. The Junior Divisions of the various Societies will also participate in their District’s Meeting and Activities. Come out to meet your fellow members!

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Study Czech at Home

Would you be interested in learning Czech from the comfort of your home? The Schulenburg Campus of Blinn College has recently begun offering Czech language classes via synchronous learning - in a live, on-line classroom. Students are able to join the class from any location where they have access to high-speed internet. Instructor Thadious Polasek has been teaching Czech for 35 years at both the high school and college level.

The program is also actively seeking scholarship funding for students who find the cost prohibitive. Individuals and organizations are asked to consider contributing to assist dedicated students who are committed to preserving and passing on the language of their Czech heritage. One hundred percent of scholarship donations go towards tuition for Czech language students. Donations can be made out to Blinn College and sent to Ms. Becky Garlick, Campus Director, at Schulenburg Campus, 100 Ranger Drive, Schulenburg, Texas 78956. Please note Czech scholarship on your check and envelope.

For more information, contact Loraine Orellana at email lorellana@blinn.edu; phone 979-743-5237; or fax 979-743-5225.
Juniors

Pictured are Juniors of District III and VIII performing at the meeting.

The District III/VIII Meeting and Social was hosted by Society No. 22 Wallis on Sunday, August 6, 2017. The 9:30 a.m. Mass at Guardian Angel Catholic Church was offered for all K.J.Z.T members. Registration began at 11:30 a.m. The Juniors led the sign of the cross in Czech and Father Thuy said the blessing.

Mary Kulhanek called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. with introduction of President/CEO Loretta Stahl, State Director Arlene Cloyd, Sales and Marketing Manager Jim Wiest, and State Coordinator of Junior Activities Anne Wick. Local officers were introduced: President Mary Kulhanek, Vice-President Joleen Phillips, Treasurer Adela Wadephul and Secretary Judith Michulka.

Anne Wick introduced all the Junior Division leaders and assistants. The Juniors sang God Bless America and Deep in the Heart of Texas.

Judith Michulka led the Memorial service.

The Juniors and their leaders were dismissed to their meeting.

President Mary Kulhanek asked Secretary Judith Michulka for a roll call. The societies present and their members both adult and Junior were Damon #85-12 members, East Bernard #30-9 members, Ellinger #41-3 members, Fayetteville #10-2 members, Frydek #29-16 members, Hillje #33-2 members, Industry #47-2 members, Needville #49-14 members, Rosenberg #71-6 members, Sealy #42-7 members, Sugarland #120-4 members, Wallis #22-68 members.

State Director Arlene Cloyd gave out the Fraternal Awards: Platinum went to East Bernard #30, Ellinger #41, Needville #49, Sealy #42, Wallis #22, Fayetteville #10, Industry #47, Rosenberg #71, Frydek #29, and Damon #85.

Mary Kulhanek read the names for the 50-year and 75-year achievement pins. Pins were awarded by State Director Arlene Cloyd to those present.

The reading of minutes from the 2016 District III/VIII meeting was dispensed. State Director Arlene Cloyd, State President/CEO Loretta Stahl, Sales and Marketing Manager Jim Wiest all spoke.

The next District Meeting will be hosted by Damon #85. Door prizes were given.

Fraterna Status Awards

Pictured (L to R in front) are Sophie Korenek for 30 East Bernard, Mary Vrazel for 41 Ellinger, Shirley Kaminski for 49 Needville, Bernice Harlan for 42 Sealy and Marilyn Buchta for 85 Damon. Pictured (L to R in back) are Judith Michulka for 22 Wallis, Mary Jane Toddy for Fayetteville, Julie Kenjura for 47 Industry, Martha Macha for 77 Rosenberg, Bea Chalupa for 29 Frydek and State Director Arlene Cloyd.

75-Year Membership Pin Recipients

Pictured (L to R in front) are Dorothy Bush, Mary Lee Cameron, Edith Pavlicek, Viasta Jurek, Irene Svoboda, Joan Karasek, and Alice Faldyn. Pictured (L to R in back) are Theresa Demel, State Director Arlene Cloyd, Loretta Myska, Patsy Kalmus, Delores Macha, Georgia Maroul, Anna Huebel, Edith Korenek, Mary C. Faichtinger, and Blanche Pater.

50-Year Membership Pin Recipients

Pictured (L to R) are State Director Arlene Cloyd and Margaret Janicek. Not pictured are Sandra Tondre and Debbie Zapalac.
Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions

November 2017
Christians in Asia. That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

December 2017
The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Statement of Condition
Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T.
June 30, 2017

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Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions

Faithful martyr and missionary
Father Stanley Rother beatified in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sep 23, 2017 / 02:16 pm (CNA/EWTN News).- Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma priest martyred in Guatemala, was beatified Saturday during a Mass in Oklahoma City attended by over 20,000 people.

Pope Francis named him blessed in a letter that cited his “deeply rooted faith,” his “profound union with God,” and his “arduous duty to spread the word of God in missionary lands, faithfully living his priestly and missionary service until his martyrdom.”

His feast day is set for the anniversary of his death, July 28, 1981, which the papal letter described as “the day of his heavenly birth.”

Blessed Stanley Rother served indigenous people of his Guatemala parish at a time of civil war. He returned to his home state of Oklahoma after a death threat, then returned knowing the dangers.

Before his last Christmas, the priest wrote to a parish in Oklahoma about the dangers in Guatemala: “The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger,” he said. Armed men broke into his rectory, intending to abduct him. He resisted and struggled, but did not call for help, so others at the mission would not be endangered. He was shot twice and killed.

At a time of great social and political turbulence, the priest lived as a disciple of Christ, “doing good and spreading peace and reconciliation among the people,” Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect for the Congregation of Saints, said in his homily.

“Unfortunately, this immediate recompense on this earth was persecution and a bloody death, in accord with the Words of Jesus: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit,” said the cardinal, citing the words of the Gospel.

Celebrating the Mass with Cardinal Amato were Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul Coakley, dozens of bishops, scores of priests and thousands of laity, including some from Guatemala. The Mass took place at Oklahoma City’s Cox Convention Center.

Family of Fr. Rother were also in attendance. Sister Marita Rother read the first reading, from the Book of Sirach.

Though Blessed Stanley faced difficulties in his seminary studies, he showed great dedication to the manual labor he was familiar with from his youth on his family farm near Okarche, Okla.

After volunteering for the Guatemala mission Santiago Atitlan, the priest learned Spanish. He even the local language of the Tz’utujil Mayan Indians so well that he could use it in his preaching.

He would spend 13 years of his life there, diligent in visiting newlyweds and baptizing and catechizing their children. He was vigorous in both religious and social formation, drawing on his experience to work the fields and repair broken trucks while also building a farmer’s co-op, a school, a hospital and the area’s first Catholic radio station.

Blessed Stanley even took action after a major earthquake in 1976.

“With courage he climbed the ravines in order to help the very poor, pulling the wounded out of the ruins and carrying them to safety on his shoulders,” Cardinal Amato said.

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Dear Everyone,

Greetings from a relatively green Rotu! Thanks be to God! The rains that gave us a good 4 inches in May dwindled down to only a quarter of an inch in June with a return to the high temperatures. This was worrying; however late July brought us 7.5 inches and cooler temps with new leaves on the trees and a good growth of grass. Thus the beginning of August has us sitting comfortably with water tanks full and grass for the animals. Late last night we received another inch of rain for which we are most grateful.

Many things have been happening since I last wrote at the beginning of May. Vital equipment for our work in building the church and our many other projects was purchased. A hand-powered rock grinding machine for making gravel for construction was purchased along with a block-making machine that makes the perfectly-sized blocks required by the architect. We also had a heavy duty trolley made for ferrying all these heavy machines. Already we have 550 blocks and 20 tons of gravel made. With the high cost of transport to our remote area on our bad roads these machines are perfect for us as we have plenty of stones, sand and manpower.

Work on the new church continues. It is a real challenge as the architect lives in Ireland which makes getting everything the way he wishes sometimes a bit confusing. But hey, with good internet and pics on Iphones, it works. Below is a picture of the mock-ups done showing how the windows, pillars, etc. will all fit into place. Adjustments had to be made so the final product is what we want which was a good lesson for us in the importance of this what initially seemed frivolous effort. By September it is anticipated that we will be ready to begin construction of the rising walls. This has been a long process because of the intensive simple manual labor being used, but it is bringing development and skills to the local community.

The new St. Bakhita Nursery School, owned and operated by the Holy Ghost Fathers, officially opened its doors on the 20th of June. The first day there were 8 students out of a target of 20. However, by the time the school term ended on the 28th of July there were 22 children attending. Each student pays 100/= ($1) a week for tuition. The idea of this separate nursery school is to give the children a really good foundation in their initial education since the present government teachers are reluctant and find it difficult to teach on a regular basis. This is partly due to the remoteness of the area, poor road infrastructure and lack of formal and informal services.

By the end of June we noted that the malnutrition rate in the children under 5 years of age was increasing instead of decreasing with all the food we were giving out monthly during the child welfare clinics – i.e. from 19% in April to 27% in June. It was obvious that all members of these hungry families were sharing the food meant for the children. The Catholic Mission decided to intensify our efforts at feeding more of the population and thus began distribution of food to the elderly weekly and increased the food-for-work activities. We are beginning to see the positive effects as the rate of underweight children improved by 5% at the end of July. A recent visit by a campaigning politician bore witness to this improvement when he asked how it was that the people of this area look so much better nourished than other places of Pokot.

In July, the government land survey that we began taking steps to have carried out over 2 years ago finally took place. The land in this area of Pokot is communal and has yet to be adjudicated for title deeds, thus it was necessary for the community to hold a meeting then write a letter verifying that the land was being given by them for the building of the Mission, health unit and schools. Having held the meeting, written the letter and all in attendance affixing their fingerprints/signatures, a government survey team from the county came up to do the survey and install beacons. This done we are now waiting for them to get back to us with the maps and finally a letter allotment. As the community grows, it is important for the future of the Mission and its projects to get these documents in place while those who gave the land are still alive.

Sadly to say that I am still waiting for the government to replace our nurse even after providing them as requested with the name and papers of a qualified nurse who wishes to join us. I think in the end they will come through knowing that at the end of this month I will no longer be volunteering my services ultimately meaning the closure of the facility. We wait in HOPE!

Our national elections are taking place today. This is a very tense time for the country as there are some very strong individuals and parties vying for the top jobs in the national and county governments. A public holiday has been declared to give all eligible the opportunity to vote. During the last election, there were only 11 registered voters in the immediate Rotu community. Today, there are 58 and as the polls closed this evening, 43 of those cast their ballots. The eligible population is much larger; however the majority of people do not have identification cards so cannot register to vote. Everyone is praying that there will be no post-election violence such as happened in 2008.

As a matter of interest to those of you who have made a visit to Pokot in the past and have experienced the infamous Nginyang River, a new bridge is being constructed once again for the 4th time, all the others having been washed away in the heavy floods that plague this river. I do not think it will be completed before I leave in December which is a shame as this river has caused me untold tension over the years. In fact, I sat at it for several hours just 2 weeks ago upon going down and my return from a shopping trip to Nakuru. This bridge looks like it might work, but there have been challenges to the constructors as 3 newly constructed large pillars washed away in the latest floodwaters.

With this last bit of information, I will close. Tomorrow is another busy day in the health unit and the election holiday will be over. God bless and thanks to all of you for your love and support!
Pictured at left (Top to Bottom) are the new bridge being constructed over the Nginyang River, people taking a look at the river and a mock-up showing the beginning construction of the new church. Pictured at right (top to bottom) are the new gravel-making machine and locals helping.

**Calendar of Events**

**November 1**
All Saints’ Day. We encourage you to pray to all those who have been named Saints. May they watch over us today and every day.

Applications for K.J.Z.T. Scholarships are available starting on this day. Students: please mail, fax or email your request for an application to the State Office.

**November 2**
All Soul’s Day. We encourage you to observe this day by praying for all those who have left this earth and now reside and rejoice with the Lord.

**November 11**
Veteran’s Day. Please pray for those who have lost their lives defending our country as well as those who continue to be affected by the events they experienced. May Society recognize and revere them as they should be.

**November 15**
Newspaper Deadline for the November/December issue of the Catholic Family Fraternal Journal.

**November 23 and 24**
The State Office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

**December 1**
Christmas Gift Information Forms for Postulants and Seminarians are available in this issue and are due on this day.

**December 8**
The State Office will be closed in observance of the Immaculate Conception.

**December 22 through 26**
The State Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays.

**January 1 and 2**
The State Office will be closed in observance of New Year’s Day.
State Director Joyce Kurtz presented 4 Convention gift checks to 4 Catholic Schools within her District I. Each check was for $1,500.

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic School of Schulenburg**

Pictured (L to R) are State Director & Vice-President of Society No. 12 Sweet Home - Joyce Kurtz, Principal of SRLCS - Rosanne Gallia, and Jeannie Mican, Administrative Assistant at SRLCS and member of Society No. 12 Sweet Home.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School of Hallettsville**

Pictured (L to R standing) are Msgr. John Peters - Pastor SHCC and Chaplain of Society No. 2 Hallettsville, Jennifer Golsch - Society President, Mary Ann Pavliska - Treasurer, and Anita Migl. Pictured (L to R seated) are Kevin Haas - President SHCS and State Director Joyce Kurtz.

**Shiner Catholic School**

Pictured (L to R) are Rita Kurtz - Treasurer of Society No. 5 Shiner, Pat Brown - Secretary, State Director Joyce Kurtz, Father Bryan Heyer Pastor and Chaplain of Society No. 5 Shiner, Neely Yackel - Principal of SCS, Mary Ann Marek - Society President and Dorothy Marcak - Vice-President.

**St. Joseph Catholic School of Yoakum**

Pictured (L to R) are Helen Manning - President of Society No. 1 Yoakum, Lorene Barton - Vice-President, Virginia Ferrell - Secretary, Elaine Dornak and Judy Balzer - Treasurer. Pictured (L to R in back) are Sean Mooney - Principal of SJCS and State Director Joyce Kurtz.

**Society No. 31 La Grange**

officers presented a Convention gift of $1,500 on August 7th to their local Catholic school.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School of La Grange**

Pictured (L to R) are Treasurer - Barbara Ellert, Secretary - Marilyn Kothmann, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church - Rev. Fr. Matthew Kinney, Sacred Heart School Principal - LaDonna Voelkel, and Society President Elizabeth Kallus.

**Society No. 37 Hochheim**

applied for and received a $2,000 Convention Gift to present to Bluebonnet Youth Ranch.

**Bluebonnet Youth Ranch**

Pictured receiving the check is Carol Boening, member of the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Board of Directors. Presenting the check are Society members Don Wigginton, Nancy McNease, Joyce Word, Ruby Wigginton, Charlene Stehle, Roberta Wenzel, Janet Zabransky, Rose Mary Havlik, and Tommy Wenzel.

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

- Kathy Calvin
State Director Sofie Perkins presented 3 Convention gift checks to 2 Catholic Schools and a Convent in her area.

Sacred Heart Catholic School of Rockport will be using their gift to purchase Guided Reading Books in the Reading Program to assist students in remedying reading difficulties and in enriching the achievement of other students. They were most appreciative in receiving the gift.

St. Pius X Catholic School of Corpus Christi will be using their money for tuition assistance of students whose families can not afford a Catholic Education as well as for the School’s Endowment Fund. They were very happy to receive the gift and said it would be well spent in helping needy families.

The Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Convent of Corpus Christi will use their gift for furnishing their Retreat Center in Bluntzer, outside of Corpus Christi, with furniture. The Retreat Center will be used for youth as well as adults. The Sisters were very thrilled to receive the gift and will put it to good use.

Sacred Heart Catholic School of Rockport

St. Philip Catholic Church parking lot project

Pictured (L to R) are Kathy Barnes, Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sofie Perkins, State Director, and Rev. Ray Yrlas, Jr., Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish.

President/CEO Loretta Stahl and Alice Kubacak of Society No. 93 Austin presented a check for $1,000 as a Convention gift from the Fraternal.

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Georgetown

In Praise of Saints

How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord which you give us for our eternal well-being Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God In the honour and noble victory of the martyrs. The white-robed company follow you, bright with their abundant faith; They scorned the wicked words of those with this world’s power. For you they sustained fierce beatings, chains, and torments, they were drained by cruel punishments. They bore their holy witness to you who were grounded deep within their hearts; they were sustained by patience and constancy. Endowed with your everlasting grace, may we rejoice forever with the martyrs in our bright fatherland. O Christ, in your goodness, grant to us the gracious heavenly realms of eternal life.

Unknown author, 10th century

November 2nd is All Souls Day

All Souls Day is a time to pray for departed souls. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Many cultures mark the day differently. In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles for the departed. In parts of Latin America, families visit the graves of their ancestors and sometimes leave food offerings for the departed.

[For all our departed brothers and sisters] Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
2 Hallettsville  The Society held a People Helping People Community Project. With the State Office matching 50% of their Bake Sale proceeds, they were able to present 2 checks in the amount of $900 each to EMS and Meals on Wheels of Hallettsville. They were both very thankful for the donation.

Pictured (L to R) are Secretary Renee Hardt, Clerical Chairperson Anita Migl, Debra Delarosa (EMS), President Jennifer Golsch, Becky Janak (Meals on Wheels), and Treasurer Mary Ann Pavliska.

118 Taft  Holy Family, Society 118 chose the Catholic Communications Network of the Corpus Christi Diocese for their Fraternal 100 Project recipient. Treasurer Sarah Ring presented a check to Mr. Marty Wind, Director. The Catholic Communications Network broadcasts Sunday Masses from Corpus Christi Cathedral and operates the KLUX 89.5 radio station which provides positive, wholesome programming.

31 La Grange  The third quarterly meeting was held Thursday, August 3, in the Msgr. Harry Mazurkiewicz Center at Sacred Heart Parish. President Elizabeth Kallus called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and Spiritual Advisor Deacon Mike Meismer led the opening prayers for living and deceased members. The Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags were recited.

Reading of the May meeting Minutes was dispensed, Treasurer Barbara Eilert filed her report, Secretary Marilyn Kothmann read news from the State Office.

In the absence of Vice-President Joy Kovar, President Kallus reported five Society C.E.F. enrollments and twenty-four by individuals; and she also gave her Publicity report.

Officers Kallus, Kothmann, and Eilert attended the District V Workshop on June 24th.

State Convention reports were given by delegates Kallus and Kothmann.

New business was discussion about the Annual Meeting and Dinner, Christmas presents for Chaplain and Deacons, 2018 People Helping People Parish Project, and meeting dates for 2018.

State Director Grace Vinklarek spoke about the State Convention and changes in the fraternal program.

Attendance prize was won by Rose Recek, a gift donated by State Director Vinklarek was won by Kallus, and a gift donated by Kothmann was won by Deacon Mike.

The Meeting was closed with the Memorare prayer, after which members visited while enjoying pizza, chips and dips, and dessert.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be Thursday, November 9th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Harry Center with a presentation about the 2016 summer trip to World Youth Day in Poland to be given by guest speaker Debbie Greene.

11 West  West Society No. 11 sponsored the Country Store at the Church of The Assumption Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the K.C. Grounds. A profit of $1,664.00 was made on the Country Store.

A big thank you to Msgr. John McCaffrey, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Jim Rike, Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School, for allowing us to use the school gym again this year.

The sale was a big success, bringing in $7,020.00 to benefit St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Catholic Radio KEDC 88.5 FM, St. Joseph Catholic High School Science Department, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and 40 Days for Life in Bryan-College Station.

Thanks to K.J.Z.T. member Fred Wenck, owner of AccuPrint Graphics and Printing in Bryan for the advertisement banner and street signs. He did a great job for us, as well as put up the signs for us before the sale. On Wednesday before the sale, Helen Metzer, our President, coordinated setting up the Gym with rented tables (donated again this year by Lee & Sara Fazzino Farm) and category signs, to get the gym ready for Thursday and Friday’s inflow of donated clothes, furniture, and a variety of other items. Carl Roesler built additional clothes racks for us as his donation.

Over 60 active members, parishioners and friends helped work Wednesday through Friday before the sale, setting up tables, unloading, organizing, sorting and pricing. On Saturday, we supervised the aisles and worked as cashiers, sackers, and movers. The experienced volunteers trained new workers, which give us more helpers each year. We also had “specialty” booths like Jewelry (organized by two of our officers, Mary Hovorak and Loretta Lanicek, and Amy Hovorak), small Furniture Dept. outdoors (organized by members, Irma Goode & Linda Holubec, and a large Furniture and items Dept. on the porch outdoors (organized by Dennis Macha and family, Fred Wenck, and Frank Zemanek) as well as organization of clothing, kitchen, crafts, books, sports, toys and games, knick knacks, and technology items by our members. Our Cashiers included members, Liz Zemanek (Garage Sale Chairman), Janet Luza, Mary Ann Bell, Helen Metzer, and helpers Georgia Palermo, Patricia Dworaczky, and Kelsey Newland. So many other members and friends contributed their time: BJ & Linda Hejl, Diane Benbow, Gene Chmiel, Alisa Zubik, Rhonda Pearce, Janet Krupa, Will Hanus, Irma Escobedo, Sharon Dayhoff, Charlene Clark, Terry Zalmanek, Josh Johnston, Janine Barry, Mitchell Barry, Janie Yow, Molly Herbst, Elaine Morrisey, Cathy Bowers, Betty, Pam and Linda Stetz, Mel Hall, Ed and Rae Gurka, Lisa and Bridget Storemski, Lorraine Roesler, Rita Vanek, and many more.

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We treated our volunteers to lunch with refreshments on Saturday. Over a dozen large pizzas were partially donated by Domino’s Pizza in Bryan, delivered piping hot. Thanks to Janine Barry, science teacher at St. Joseph Catholic High School, for helping set up a lunchroom in one of the classrooms and donating drinks and desserts to go with the pizza.

Everyone benefitted from this annual community fundraiser: the charitable organizations that received the funds; the people who cleaned out their storage spaces to donate; the people who bought the goods at low prices; Twin City Mission which picked up and benefits from the leftovers; the members and volunteers from fellowship and learning to work together; and families with children who grow with the garage sale each year. Since we hold the sale annually on the same first Saturday of August, returning workers say it’s like a family reunion as well as a spiritual experience.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, our Society held a VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER and PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS from the Garage Sale to the above organizations, as well as PRESENTATION OF CONVENTION GIFTS to St. Joseph Catholic School and Red-C Catholic Radio. Our Society provided a fully catered meal of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, tea, blackberry cobbler, and banana pudding as well as spirits before the meal. Liz Zemanek read a THANK YOU LETTER to the volunteers for making the sale a success in once again being able to help the receiving organizations and the less fortunate.

Our members have been very active in the K.J.Z.T. Fraternal Program each year since its inception and have helped church and community organizations with thousands of hours of volunteer service and thousands of dollars in contributions. Our Bryan Society has achieved Platinum Status throughout the campaign. We appreciate the additional fraternal program funds from the K.J.Z.T. State Office that help in the contributions to organizations. It is our hope to continue this service, and we welcome new members to join us. You may contact Liz Zemanek, Secretary, at email: lzemanek@suddenlinkmail.com

Liz Zemanek, Secretary and Garage Sale Chairman
K.J.Z.T. No. 6
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979/224-2844
101 Victoria  The Society donated $2,000 to their parish for TV Masses.

2 Hallettsville  The Society sponsored a bingo at the Genesis Nursing Home in Hallettsville. Prizes were quarters with cookies to enjoy afterwards.

49 Needville  The Society donated their Fraternal $100 to Katie Vacek for her many medical bills after being paralyzed from a fall out of a tree.

32 Houston  The Society donated their Fraternal $100 to Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

32 Houston  As part of their People Helping People project, the Society donated to Assumption Catholic School.


4 Praha  The Society held a quarterly meeting on July 23, 2017.

144 Belton  Mary Queen of the Rosary Society sponsored the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15th at Christ the King Catholic Church. Members who sang in the choir were Janice Nelson, Mary Helen Rodriguez, Lupe Guajardo, Marie Harley, Carolyn Prosise, Esmeralda Garcia, Eva Bright and Frances Essig. They were assisted by Wayne Bachos playing the piano. The Society decorated Mother Mary with flowers and candles. They also prayed the Rosary for her with all the people in the Sanctuary.
On Sunday, August 20th, Society No. 93 held a bake sale to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul society. The sale was very successful with 20 members participating. Several members baked traditional Czech pastries which included kolaches, poppy seed rolls, coffee cakes, strudels, and breads. The parishioners of St. Louis King of France always look forward to the K.J.Z.T. bake sales.

93 Austin

The Society sponsored an afternoon of bingo at Stevens Nursing and Rehab in Yoakum on Friday, August 11th.

37 Hochheim

Pictured are residents of Stevens Nursing and Rehab and KJZT members - Dennis Havlik, Janet Zabransky, Nancy McNease, Don Wigginton, Charlene Stehle, Emerson Flessner, Ruby Wigginton, Bennie Gerdes, and Pauline Kloesel. Rose Mary Havlik was present but not pictured.

85 Damon

Stephanie Fojtik wore the lottery sombrero at the Society’s parish annual bazaar.

93 Austin

Society No. 93 of Austin presented their fund raising check for “Feeding Families Across Texas” to Pastor James Misko for the food pantry of St. Louis King of France.

16 Ennis

Member Marcy Krieger received her Grandmother’s Pin at the Society No. 16 Ennis Annual Celebration held on August 12th.

46 Corpus Christi

The Society had its third quarterly meeting on Sept. 10th at Moravian Hall from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. They had a speaker, a Justice of the Peace Judge, that told everyone about her job and responsibilities to her area she works in. It was very interesting and all learned a lot. She does a lot of work with children and young adults in keeping them in school and off the streets. She also volunteers a lot with the youth. A meal was held, done by K.J.T. They joined in to hear the judge.

5 Shiner

The Society made a donation to the Shiner Volunteer Fire Department. Funds were allocated from the State Office thru the “People Helping People Program.”

16 Ennis

The Society chose the pre-school Nepomucene’s Children for their Community fundraiser for 2017. Funds were raised for much needed items. A check was presented for $3,751.00 to Nepomucene’s Children, with $2,895 raised from a raffle at their Annual Celebration on August 12th, and an additional $856.00 in matching funds from the State Office. State Director, Sally Vlk Long, previously presented Nepomucene’s Children with an additional convention gift of $500.00.
**16 Ennis**  The Society held their Annual Celebration on August 12, 2017. The celebration began with a Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church and then members went to the K.J.T. Auditorium for a dinner, followed by the awarding of pins for 75 and 50 year pin recipients as well as mother and grandmother pins. The evening continued with a cake walk and bingo. At the end of the evening the prizes for the Community Fundraiser raffle were drawn.

Seventy-five year pins awarded, left to right are Bernice Kadlubar, Geraldine Kubin, Hattie Devlaming, Irene Vitovsky, Leona Honza, Edwin Mikula for his sister Geraldine Pruett, Emma Patak, Dolores Luska, Marion Zhanel. Also receiving pins but not present were Josephine Brown, Adell Honza, Adele Meyer, Helen Miller and Mildred Trlica.

Fifty year pin recipients, left to right are Evelyn Knize, Rachel Wood and Michelle McManus. Also receiving pins but not present were Mary Estein, Linda Glover, Deborah Haisler, Alice Lunkwicz, Donna Moore, Pam Oakley, Gail Peyton, and Kimerley Woods.

A Mother’s pin was awarded to Sherry Vrana, pictured with Amber Vrana (left) and Mary Liska. Not present were Nolan and Grant Vrana.

A Grandmother’s pin was awarded to Karen Epps. Pictured with Karen are Randy Epps, Kaylin, Jose Jr. and Kendall Flores, and Klaytin, Krystin and Kelsie Gamble.

**3 St. Mary’s**  The Society participated in this year’s Feeding Families Program.

Pictured L to R are Jennifer Janik, Sandra Aiken, Deberah Konvicka, and Dorothy Schneider.

**4 Praha**  The Society held a bake sale on September 2nd raising almost $2,000.00. Proceeds will benefit Sisters of the Incarnate Word and the Flatonia Public Library.

Pictured (L to R) are Treasurer Patricia Masek, Secretary Nancy Jasek, Vice-President Elliene Vrazel and President Georgia Cerny.

**12 Sweet Home**  On Sunday, September 24, 2017, the Society sponsored the Country Store for their annual Fall Picnic as part of the Fraternal Program People Helping People Parish Project.

Members present for the picture were (in front) Mary Ann Matusek, (L to R in front row) Annette Boon, Allison Mican, Gladys Hermes, Darren Jurena, Alex Jurena, Diane Jurena, and State Director Joyce Kurtz. Pictured (L to R in back row) are Gracie Lampley and Louise Jurena.
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“His death was a tragedy for Oklahoma and for Guatemala. However, through his death, his saintly life has become known well beyond the boundaries of Guatemala and Oklahoma and the faith of all those who are now familiar with his life is greatly strengthened, and the Church continues to flourish,” Archbishop Beltran said.

Archbishop Coakley said that the priest “chose to remain with his people” and “gave his life in solidarity.”

“Pray that Church will experience a new Pentecost and abundant vocations, aided by the intercession of Bl. Stanley Rother,” he said.

The Mass was multi-lingual, incorporating Spanish, Comanche and the Mayan language of the indigenous people Fr. Rother served.

The offertory was dedicated to the Guatemalan parishes where Blessed Stanley Rother served, in order to help meet their needs and sustain the faith there. The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma is managing donations through the webpage http://stanleyrother.org/mass

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**Thank You**
Swelling in the legs or ankles is caused by retaining fluid in the leg tissues and the medical term is peripheral edema. The list of causes of leg edema is long ranging from simple issues to serious medical conditions. It can be a very troubling sign for patients, but thankfully the cause is not always serious. I hope to shine some light on the subject and explain some of the causes in detail.

Major organ systems like the kidneys, heart, liver, and circulatory (veins and arteries) all directly interact with blood flow in the body and when a problem develops in one or more of these organs, swelling in the legs or elsewhere can result. A classic medical example is when the heart is not pumping as strong as it should, blood flow can back up and fluid may be retained in the legs, lungs, or abdominal cavity. So any medical condition that weakens the heart tissue might lead to peripheral edema in the legs. This could be from a prior heart attack, prolonged high blood pressure, or many other problems that affect the proper pumping of the heart muscle.

Kidney failure can contribute to fluid buildup in the legs when the kidneys can’t properly control fluid balance or salt balance in the blood. Causes of kidney failure are many but may include infection, high blood pressure, trauma, and inflammatory conditions. There is frequently some loss of kidney function with advancing years. If the kidneys can’t filter blood, a mismatch of fluid or salts in the body results, often with accumulation of edema in the legs.

Scarring of the liver, known as cirrhosis, and other maladies of the liver can lead to peripheral edema. Scarring of the liver may lead to increasing blood pressures in the veins of the liver which can “push” fluid from the blood into other body tissues or spaces like the legs or abdominal cavity.

Blockage of the body’s venous system or lymph system is a common cause of leg swelling. Any blockage or slowing of the blood flow through the veins or lymphatic systems can allow fluid to leak into spaces where it shouldn’t be. An example of this would be a blood clot in the leg causing swelling and sometimes pain. Another example is when a tumor might block lymph flow through the body causing peripheral edema.

Many prescription medications and even over the counter medications can cause leg edema; you should review all of these with your doctor if you develop swelling. Not all causes are serious. Situations including pregnancy, physical inactivity, gaining weight, prolonged standing, and tight-fitting clothing can contribute to peripheral edema.

If you do develop swelling of the legs or feet, do discuss it with your doctor and it’s very likely that you will get some good reasoning on why the edema is present and what you might be able to do about it. Simple testing can often detect serious problems or common situations might be present that explain the swelling. Checking the legs for swelling is a part of a good medical exam anyway, so don’t let the sign go unaddressed!
Mix with hands, shape into loaf and put into greased pan. Mix topping with ingredients and spoon over loaf. Bake at 350˚ for 1 hour. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

**Fresh Spinach and Strawberry Salad**
Submitted by Theresa Zetka, Society No. 69 Smithville

1 lb. fresh spinach
1 pt. fresh strawberries
1 c. sugar
1 c. walnuts, whole halves

Combine sugar and walnuts in saucepan on medium-high heat; stir until sugar becomes brown in color. Immediately spread onto waxed paper to cool. Try to keep pieces separate, but do not burn yourself. Quarter strawberries and add to spinach and walnuts.

**Dressing:**
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. dry mustard
3 T. poppy seeds
½ c. sugar
4 scallions, diced
⅓ c. tarragon vinegar
2 c. safflower oil

Combine all ingredients in a blender except for the safflower oil and poppy seeds. After mixing, slowly add safflower oil using low speed. Fold in poppy seeds. Toss over salad.
October is Czech Heritage Month
Let’s give thanks to our founders who recognized the need for life insurance for women. Let’s also give thanks to the original Czech settlers, who kept the spirit of their culture alive and we must continue to do so ourselves in honor of them.

The Texas State Historical Association’s website reads, “Two basic characteristics of the Czechs in Texas lie at the heart of their social structure: the extremely close-knit family unit and the attitude toward land.”

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T. continues to strive to keep the value of the family unit of utmost importance: the Czech family, the Catholic family, our community family.

Please keep all of this in mind as we celebrate Czech Ancestors and Czech Heritage in this month of October and all during the year.

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Sponsored by the Bexar County Czech-Heritage Society
Sunday, Oct 29, 2017

New Location! Mikulski Hall
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Open and Serving at 11:30 am
Music by the Moravians, 12:30-4:30 pm

Admission-Adults and Children older than 12 -$5,
Children 12 and under-Free
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Children 12 and under-$5

Meal-Sausage, Pork roast, Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Green Beans,
Peaches
Drinks, Kolaches and a variety of desserts for sale

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Bring Family and Friends
For more information Call: (210) 659-9132 or (210) 659-7011

The Czech Summer Study Tour 2018
When: June 27 to July 18 (2018) Depart US June 26, 2018
Where: Praha, Czech Republik

Housing: Group participants will be housed in dorms of the Agricultural School at Suchdol with double occupancy rooms sharing a bath. Single rooms are available at an extra charge. The dorm is situated in the northwestern part of Praha, linked to down town by bus and subway.

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

Czech Language Instruction: Class size will depend on enrollment. Your level: beginning, or intermediate will be evaluated informally for placement into the proper class. The class will meet five days a week for four hours before lunch and once a week for two hours of conversation after lunch. The classes are non-credit courses. Excursions and cultural events are included.

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

For more information contact:
Thadious Polášek of Schulenburg, Texas (US coordinator for CUZ)
polasek29@gmail.com 979 562 2207

The Universal Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas – K.J.Z.T. Prayer Day will be once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Please offer a prayer for all Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas – K.J.Z.T. members and each other’s intentions.
Applications for Scholarships are available November 1st and due Feb. 9, 2018

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas – K.J.Z.T. is pleased to announce that scholarship applications for the year 2018 will be available in November.

Written requests for applications must be made by the student in one of the following ways:

- Mail: P.O. Box 18896
  Austin, Texas 78760-8896
- Fax: (512) 444-6887
- E-mail: info@kjzt.org

To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be a member in good standing for at least one year.

Scholarships are available to high school graduates who are planning to attend college or current college students. The Fraternal also offers scholarships to members who are planning to attend or are currently attending a technical or vocational school full time.

A one time scholarship from the K.J.Z.T. Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded to members who are not active in the K.J.Z.T. society registered Junior Division and its programs.

Members who are active participants in the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas Junior Division and its programs of activities sponsored by an officially registered society can apply for additional scholarships each year for up to three years after the initial year has been completed.

Scholarship amounts are determined by the Board of Directors on the basis of qualifications adopted by the Board of Directors.

Immediate family members of the Board of Directors and State Officers are eligible for the Pavlu Memorial Scholarship, K.J.Z.T. Memorial Scholarship and K.J.Z.T. General Scholarship. However, they will not be eligible for the K.J.Z.T. Scholarship from the Junior Expense Account. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 9, 2018.

Important Junior Division Information

By Anne Wick, State Co-Ordinator of Jr. Activities

The summer of 2017 is just about over and that means that we will have to start planning activities for next summer’s Junior Division. This is the time of the year for the Local Societies who do not have a Junior Division or anyone who are interested in the Junior Division to obtain information.

Here are a few dates to remember:

Sunday, June 24th thru Wednesday, June 27th, 2018
CAMP GUARDIAN ANGEL – An important reminder: Our camp has reached the limit of campers the camp can accommodate for the last four years. If we reach capacity next year, after openings are filled, the rest of the campers will be put on a waiting list. Any Junior age 7 thru 17 can attend.

Saturday, July 28th, 2018
JUNIOR DIVISION DAY AND AWARDS CEREMONY – Will be held at the Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Hostyn, Texas. More information will be published as it becomes available.

SCHOLARSHIP applications will become available soon. Seniors in high school and first time applicants will need to start applying. Applications are available from the State Office and more information can be found on this page, opposite this article.

Please contact me if you are interested in starting a Junior Society in your area and for other information regarding the Junior Division. I will be more than happy to assist you.

With the month of November coming up, please pray for the Poor Souls and thank God for the gifts that are given to us.

The month of October is dedicated to Queen of the Holy Rosary. Take time to pray the rosary and for all the hurricane flood victims. Also, October is Czech Heritage Month, so I would like to close with:

Spanem Bohem! (God be with you!)
12 Sweet Home  On June 26, 2017 Sweet Home Soc. #12 Juniors did a Pilgrimage and Outing. They visited Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and grounds in Hostyn, Texas. After prayers and meditation, they then proceeded to La Grange and visited Monument Hill State Historic Park. When touring the park and having a short meeting was finished, all enjoyed a Chicken Nugget lunch with trimmings. After lunch, they had some free fun time and then departed for home. All had a great time.

Pictured (L to R) are Kayla Kurtz, State Director and Junior Director Joyce Kurtz, Madelyn Kurtz, Allison Mican, Jeannie Mican and Kenzie Kurtz.

11 West  West KJZT Juniors sponsored the bingo at the Church of The Assumption Festival with was held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the K.C. Hall

Pictured (L to R seated) are Junior Director Sherri Zacharias, Caleb Gerik and Rachel Zacharias. Pictured (L to R standing) are Ann Chapple, Claire Hutrya, Natalie Hutrya, Katie Hutrya, Zachary Gerik, Noah Plsek, Maverick Plsek, Coleman Wolf, Marisa Kapavik and Lauren Scott. Others who helped and are not pictured were: M.J. Kostecka, Christopher Hovde, Angie Hovde, Candace Kapavik, Emily Polansky, Mary Wolf, Nathan (Tiger) Chupik and Theresa Plsek.

21 Marak  At the District XI/XII Meeting on June 11th, Junior members visited the church grotto.

Pictured (L to R) are Claire Kopriva, Kenley Kopriva, Kate Kopriva and Gracen Dach.

104 Abbott  Junior members worked at the annual spaghetti dinner parish fundraiser on August 27th. Juniors filled beverage cups, served desserts, carried trays, and cleaned tables and trays.

Pictured cleaning trays are Ryan Pustejovsky and Allison Pustejovsky. Junior members Lydia Pustejovsky, Chris Pustejovsky and Payton Pustejovsky helped keep beverage cups full.

101 Victoria  The adult Society gave 4 scholarships to Junior members: Justin Mueller, Melanie Hermes, Kate Motley (not present) and Michael Hill (not present).
Justin is the son of Paul and Cindi Wheat. Melanie is the daughter of Greg and Janet Hermes. Kate is the daughter of Ed and Melanie Motley. Michael is the son of Steven and Gail Hill.

Top: Pictured (L to R) are Carolyn Nevld and Justin Mueller. Middle: Pictured (L to R) are Carolyn Nevld and Melanie Hermes. Bottom: Pictured (L to R) are Carolyn Nevld and Ed Nevld receiving the scholarship on behalf of Kate Motley.
**21 Marak**  Junior members took part in and had a presentation at the District XI/XII Meeting on June 11, 2017.

Pictured (L to R in front) are Kenley Harris, Claire Kopriva and Kate Kopriva. Pictured (L to R in back) are Assistant Junior Director Lindsey Vaculin, Gracen Dach, Junior Director Debbie Vansa and State Coordinator of Junior Activities, Anne Wick.

**85 Damon**  The Juniors made and donated a canned good basket for their annual parish bazaar for the auction.

Pictured are Claire Jetton, Clayton Pavlicek and Christopher Pavlicek. On the right are Caroline Jetton and Taryn Fojtik.

**22 Wallis**  In preparation for their District Meeting, Juniors painted flower pots and pine cones to be used as decoration and door prizes.

Pictured are some of the Juniors (L to R) Joleen Phillips, Stephanie Phillips, and Riley Jo Brorsen.

**21 Marak**  The Marak Picnic was Sunday, September 10th. The Juniors were in charge of a snow cone/soda stand and a fish pond.

Pictured (L to R) in front are Claire Kopriva, Kate Kopriva and Bailey Vansa. Pictured (L to R) in back are Katie Krenek, Erin Tomek, Bryce Givens, Cutter Hubnik, Cade Hubnik, Chase Hubnik and Junior Director Debbie Vansa.

The Juniors were also in charge of Offertory at Mass.

In addition, they led the Rosary.

Pictured (L to R) are Cade Hubnik, Kate Kopriva, Claire Kopriva, Cutter Hubnik, Bailey Vansa and Kenley Harris.

**104 Abbott**  A small group of juniors attended Junior Division Day in Shiner on July 29th. While in the area, the Juniors also went on a pilgrimage and visited the painted churches.

Pictured (L to R in front) are Ally Hanaway, Madison Murphy and Will Gerik. Pictured (L to R in back) are Katie Hanaway, Lauren Gerik, Allison Murphy and Kyle Gerik.

**104 Abbott**  Junior members recently toured the History of West Museum in West, Texas.

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12 Sweet Home  On Sunday, September 24, 2017 at the Koerth, St John the Baptist Picnic the Juniors sponsored and served Nachos as part of their People Helping People Parish Fundraiser.

Pictured (L to R) are Darren Jurena, Alex Jurena, Kenzie Kurtz and Kayla Kurtz. Also working but not available for picture were Madelyn Kurtz and Allison Mican.

Feast of the Guardian Angels  
October 2nd

“From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God.”

- from the Catechism of the Catholic Church; 336.

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God’s love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide.

Amen.

K.J.Z.T. Camp for Juniors is named Camp Guardian Angel! Any K.J.Z.T. member age 7 thru 17 can attend. Deadline is April 30th. Please contact State Coordinator of Junior Activities Anne Wick at annewick@gmail.com or 979-263-5317 for more information. This year’s dates are:

Sunday, June 24th, 2018 thru Wednesday, June 27th, 2018

Come join in the fun!

Don’t have a Junior Society in your area? Start one!

Here are some basic guidelines:

Elect officers in your local group and hold meetings regularly. When first organizing a Junior Group, the Junior Director appoints temporary Officers before the election is held.

A successful club is one that exercises and develops real leadership. It must render service to its membership and also to its community. Your can render welfare service, charitable efforts and financial improvement. No club can exist by itself alone.

Keep a record of your charter members.

JUNIOR PLEDGE: I pledge upon my honor to obey and uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the K.J.Z.T. and to promote in every way the welfare of this organization, and as a Catholic to be a good Christian and a good citizen of my community and of the United States of America.

It is easy to make a pledge but hard to keep it unless you understand it. When you say the pledge you are saying:

I pledge my honor – I can be trusted to do and mean what I say. to obey – I know that I have taken code of honor. I will try to live by the code. and uphold the Constitution – I will abide by the Constitution and always remember that the K.J.Z.T. is organized under the patronage of the Glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And By-laws of the K.J.Z.T. – I will be obedient to my Society and always do what it says.

And to promote in every way the welfare of this organization – I will help make our organization better materially as well as spiritually and I will think of others first.

and as a Catholic to be a good Christian – Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and to practice the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic faith. and a good citizen of my community and of the United States of America – to participate in civic affairs of my community and to respect the Constitution and laws of the United States of America.
Junior Activities

Scavenger Hunt- Fall Finds
Can you find all 20?

- stick that looks like a letter ‘y’
- squirrel
- green fallen leaf
- pickup truck
- pumpkin
- brown fallen leaf
- acorn
- pile of fallen leaves
- pine cone
- person wearing a hat
- bird
- red fallen leaf
- yellow fallen leaf
- red bike
- scarecrow
- rake
- person holding a hot drink
- dog
- orange fallen leaf
- a gray and a brown rock

Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns

Fall Sudoku

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John E. Pustejovsky is a new member of Society No. 104 Abbott. He is the son of Erwin and Leticia Pustejovsky.

August Alexander Rem is a new member of Society No. 30 East Bernard. He is the son of Matthew and Jennifer (Krenek) Rem.

Olivia Rose McBurnett is a new member of Society No. 16 Ennis. She is the daughter of Haydee and Corey McBurnett of Arlington, Texas and a 4th generation K.J.Z.T. Society No. 16 member. Her dad, grandmother Deanna Kriska Smith and great-grandmother Irene Kriska are lifelong members. The Society looks forward to having her join her Aunt Kate Smith and cousins Katherine, Molly and Ellie Clark at the K.J.Z.T. Junior events in Ennis!

Leo Richard Gilburt is a new member of Society No. 16 Ennis. He is the son of Savannah and Chris Gilburt. He has a brother, Eli, and a sister, Andie Rose. Leo’s grandparents are Sandra and Andy Mikula.

Remington Rose Ford is a new member of Society No. 30 East Bernard. She is the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Krenek) Ford. Her grandparents are Patsy and Gary Krenek, and Charlie and Melissa Ford.
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Pursuant to Contract Terms for certificates

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2017 Christmas Postulant Gift Information

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2017 Christmas Seminarian Gift Information

When filling out this form, please make sure the address you list for State Office use is the most current and up-to-date.

*At least one address is required.*

Name of Seminarian: __________________________

K.J.Z.T. Society No. of Seminarian: ________________

Home Address or Name and Address of Seminary:
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Year of Study: __________________

Parents’ Name and Address: __________________

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This Seminarian is being recommended by:
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Please return by December 1, 2017 to: Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas
P.O. Box 18896
Austin, Texas 78760-8896
Mass to be Offered In Memoriam of Deceased State Chaplains, State Directors and State Officers

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T. has requested that Holy Mass be offered in Memoriam in November for the following deceased State Chaplains, State Directors and State Officers of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T.

- Rev. Charles J. Benes
- Mrs. Josephine Barta
- Mrs. Hermina Bartosh
- Mr. Roman Bartosh
- Miss Gertrude Bohac
- Msgr. William Botik
- Mrs. Julie Brandesky
- Mrs. Kristina Darilek
- Rev. Vaclav Demel
- Mrs. Gussie Franta
- Mrs. Elaine Gaida
- Mrs. Josephine Habarta
- Mrs. Margaret Haberl
- Mrs. Edna Hasserd
- Mrs. Marie Holub
- Rev. Joseph Horacek
- Mrs. Carolyn Hrncir
- Mrs. Marie Hrncir
- Mrs. Mary Hybner
- Mrs. Anna Jakubik
- Mrs. Marie Janecek
- Mrs. Marie Jares
- Mrs. Mary Jauer
- Rev. Karel Kacer
- Mrs. Matilkda Kafka
- Mrs. Rita Kallus
- Mrs. Otilie Klecka
- Mrs. Marie Klekar
- Mrs. Christine Knapek
- Mrs. Angelina Kopecky
- Dr. Charles Kopecky
- Mrs. Ludmila Kostak
- Rev. Thomas Matl
- Mr. Timothy Maresh
- Mrs. Clara Miller
- Msgr. Alois J. Morkovsky
- Mrs. Magdalena Muska
- Rt. Rev. Louis P. Netardus
- Rev. Al Padalecki
- Mrs. Agnes Kallus Parma
- Mrs. Marie Parma
- Miss Marie Parma
- Mrs. Benita Pavlu
- Mrs. Anastazie Peter
- Mrs. Pavlina Peter
- Mrs. Bettie Petru
- Mrs. Magadalena Prajer
- Rev. Francis Pidal
- Mrs. Adela Pohl
- Mrs. Alice Polasek
- Miss Antonia Pustka
- Mrs. Bettie Quitta
- Mrs. Angelina Repa
- Mrs. Lucy Simnacher
- Mrs. Mary Sherek
- Mrs. Marie Smykal
- Mr. Cyril Stavinoha
- Mrs. Ann Toman
- Mrs. Dorothy Tomsu
- Rev. Method Vaculik
- Rt. Rev. Ignac J. Valenta
- Mrs. Marie Valouch
- Msgr. John Vanicek
- Mrs. Marie Yurek
- Mrs. Ann Zemanek
- Dr. John S. Zvesper

We Care... We Want to Help: Fraternal Benefits Available to You

Guaranteed Insurability for Newborns

If your newborn is not in perfect health, CFFT will offer a fraternal benefit that can help meet your need. We will provide a $5,000 whole life certificate at standard rates for your uninsurable or rated baby.

Life Insurance for the Mentally or Physically Challenged Child

If your special uninsurable child is between 61 days and 16 years of age, he or she may qualify for a CFFT $2,500 whole life insurance plan at a rated premium.

Death Benefits

We understand the tragedy of losing a child and/or mother. To help relieve some of the financial burden, a $1,500 death benefit will be paid when a new mother dies within 30 days of giving birth, or when a baby dies less than 60 days after birth. To honor the sanctity of life, this benefit is also extended to the family if the child is stillborn anytime after 20 weeks of gestation.

Orphan Benefits

Fortunately, the number of children who lose both parents is few. But when it does happen, their guardians must provide for the children in their care physically, emotionally and spiritually. To help ease the financial support required, CFFT provides a monthly payment of $75 to the legally appointed guardian for support of each eligible orphan.

Insuring Your Child

We respect the emotional devastation of losing a child. To ease the financial burden, we provide a sense of security to your family through an insurance certificate. We at CFFT offer several alternatives to address this need.

*Rules and Restrictions May Apply. Membership in CFFT goes beyond the purchase of insurance products. Because we are a Fraternal organization, many benefits are free to CFFT members. The Family and Orphan Fraternal Benefit Programs are Fraternal benefits and not guaranteed contractual life benefits. As such, these benefits are subject to change without notice.
THE MAGNIFICAT

CANTICLE OF MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, 
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 
for he has looked with favor on his lowly 
servant.

From this day all generations will call me 
blessed: the Almighty has done great things 
for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him 
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm, 
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their 
thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, 
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel 
for He has remembered his promise of mercy, 
the promise He made to our fathers, 
to Abraham and his children for ever. Amen.

EACH DECEASED MEMBER, 
SOCIAL MEMBER OR 
ASSOCIATE WITH 
INSURANCE 
named in our "In Memoriam" column is 
remembered by the Catholic Family 
Fraternal of Texas with an Annual 
Enrollment in the K.J.Z.T. Clerical 
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“You’re never too young to get life insurance, because you never know what will happen.”
—Jamey Koonsman, who lost his daughter and wife

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