

KJT STATE OF THE UNION REPORT

42ND GENERAL CONVENTION YEAR PREPARATION

With the dawn of 2018, I bid everyone a Happy New Year and a very successful year! At this time, I would like to thank all KJT members, society and district officers, insurance representatives, home office staff, and state directors and officers for all that you do! KJT once again showed positive results financially but membership numbers continue to be a concern. With all of your help, we can make 2018 a successful year on both fronts.

42nd General Convention – July 2018

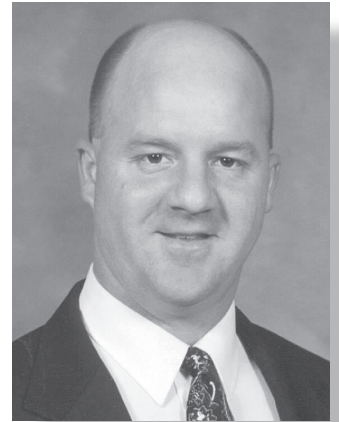
The 42nd General Convention to be held on July 19, 20 and 21, 2018 in Houston is six short months away! All societies have already been mailed credential packets which are due back to the Home Office by March 31, 2018. Additionally, resolutions for changes to the Constitution or By-Laws are due to the home office no later than February 23, 2018. Resolutions received prior to the February 23 deadline will be distributed to all societies prior to the convention for deliberation. Resolutions received after this date will be presented at the convention; however, societies will have no previous knowledge of these resolutions to consider prior to the convention.

Director Elections at the Convention

There will be three vacancies for state directors at the 42nd General Convention in July 2018. Directors Robert Nors, Raymond Pokorney, and Ellen Zdansky will all be retiring at the end of their terms this year. In order to qualify to seek the position of state director, one must be eligible to serve as a delegate to the convention. Candidates must submit an application of candidacy stating which position they are seeking and consent to a background check. Candidates can request this form from the Home Office and the form must be filed with the KJT State Secretary between February 1 and April 1 of this year. Candidate applications will be reviewed by a qualifications committee and the candidate will be notified whether or not the application is approved or disapproved.

Financials

KJT's financials continue to show improvement. Through the 3rd quarter of 2017, surplus increased by 4.42% to \$4.533 million over 2016. KJT's assets have risen to over \$80 million, which is an increase of 74.5% (\$34,448,249) since 2010. Surplus during this same time period has risen by 87%. KJT's assets to liabilities ratio is now 105.96%. We look forward to reporting the final results for 2017 in the near future.



CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN
KJT State President

Membership

Membership continues to be KJT biggest challenge and this is where we need your help! We have seen membership fall to 16,761, a net decrease of 192 members. 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 reasons to join KJT includes our life and annuity program, loan program, youth camp, teen camp, leadership camp, college scholarships, religious scholarships, catholic school tuition grants, volunteer opportunities, and many others. Again, 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

A huge "thank you" goes out to all who donated to any of KJT's charities this year! Individuals, societies and districts contributed to our three statewide charities for 2017, the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund, the Seminarian Education Fund and St. Jude Children's Hospital as well as to the Hurrican Harvey Relief Fund. I also want thank those of you who participated in the KJT golf tournament in 2017 as funds raised are going to be donated to St. Jude from this event. The goal of \$30,000 for the statewide charities was exceeded as a total of \$36,752.72 was collected! An additional \$14,285 was raised for Hurricane Harvey relief and I know some societies made substantial donations on a local level as well. WAY TO GO on the donation front in 2017!

2018 Programs

The programs for 2018 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.

Month	Day	Event
January	31	Annual Society Report due
March	1	KJT College Scholarship Forms due
April	20	KJT T.R.U.E. Leadership Camp – ends April 22nd
April	30	IRS Form 990-N due
May	5	Join Hands Day
May	12	KJT Discounted Splashway Season Pass Deadline
May	31	Catholic School Tuition Grant entry forms due
June	14	Flag Day
June	15	KJT Youth & Teen Camp applications due
June	30	Officer Member Recruitment app. deadline – 1st Period
July	1	Seminarian Scholarship applications due
July	19	42nd KJT General Convention – ends July 21
July	22	KJT Youth Camp starts – ends July 26th
July	26	KJT Teen Camp starts – ends July 29th
July	29	KJT State Family Day
October	6	11th Annual KJT South Golf Tournament
October	20	KJT Annual Tarock Tournament at TCHCC
December	10	Deadline for Statewide Charity Project donation
December	31	Officer Member Recruitment app. deadline –2nd

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. The KJT Home Office matched \$8,950 which was the highest total that KJT has matched to date in any given year. Twenty-six societies and one youth club held charitable events that took advantage of the matching grant from the home office in 2017.

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 29, 2018, which is the last day of KJT Teen Camp. If you are picking up your teen from camp that morning, come out and join us for a day of prayer,

fun, music, and fellowship. Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served shortly after Mass, and Chris Rybak will be on hand for entertainment throughout the day. We will also have fun activities for the kids as well.

KJT Youth and Teen Camps and T.R.U.E. Teen Leadership Camp (New for 2018)

KJT’s newest program, T.R.U.E. Teen Leadership Camp, will be held from April 20-April 22. This is a camp for KJT youth who are too old to attend summer teen camp and too young to become summer camp counselors. Those who attend will learn how to gain Trust, Respect, Unite others, and Evolve in their respective communities. This is a pilot program and we are excited to welcome our first group of leadership campers in 2018.

Youth Camp will be held from July 22 – July 26 and Teen Camp will be from July 26 – July 31. More details will be forthcoming in the KJT News and on our website as 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

The board increased the scholarship allotment from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for 2018 for presentation 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, 2018.

PerkSpot (2nd Year)

More and more KJT members are taking advantage of the savings from our PerkSpot benefit which offers a number of discounts from a wide range of merchants throughout the U.S. You can go to kjt.perkspot.com to sign up today or go to www.kjtnet.org to learn more about the program.

We at the home office and your state directors look forward to serving you once again in 2018. As we move forward this year, I ask God’s blessings upon KJT and its members for a successful year!

KJT State President
Christopher Urban