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## To Our Medical and First Responder Heroes



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# You Should Never Look Down On Someone Unless You Plan To Raise Them Up

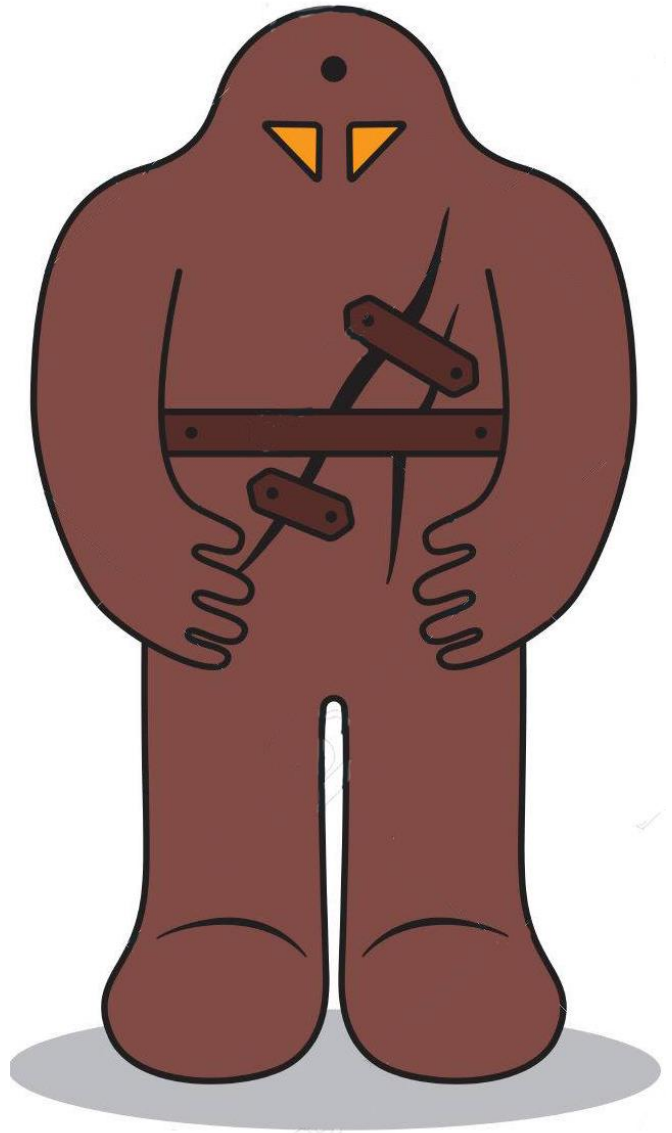
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## Education Director's Report The Golem of Prague

A “monster” of Czech folklore is the Golem of Prague. The legend has it that the Golem was created by a Jewish Rabbi to protect the Jews of Prague from persecution in the late 1500s. There are also accounts that other people created golems. The stories of such a “creature” originated in Jewish folklore. Because there was a large Jewish population in Bohemia and Poland, the story was widely known among the people of eastern Europe.

Golem was a giant created of clay, or mud, but was unfinished as a person. The “figure” had human form, but usually no mouth or nose, only glowing eyes, and could not think for itself. The “master” who knew the proper word to activate it could command the Golem perform his bidding – usually anything from simple manual labor to protecting the Jews from aggressors. But the Golem became violent and began to kill people that it had not been commanded to kill, so the Rabbi was ordered to destroy it. But did he? Legend persists that it still resides in the attic of the Old New Synagogue in the Prague Jewish Quarter. The Golem supposedly protected that synagogue from destruction by the Nazis when they destroyed all the other synagogues.

Golem stories were written down perhaps as early as the 1500s. Mostly during the 1800s, Golem became a central character in stories. In some stories it was a helpful being, in others it was evil. Some stories had people searching for the “sleeping” Golem with hopes of discovering the command word to activate it. The Frankenstein story is the most obvious modern adaptation of the golem concept. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, several European movies were made featuring the Golem. In modern American movies and TV shows, a golem has emerged as a character or concept in movies and even in TV shows, such as the *X-Files*, *The Order*, and even *The Simpsons*; in comic books such as the *Incredible Hulk* and *The Invaders*, and most recently in computer games such as *Dungeons and Dragons*, *Pokémon*, *Minecraft*, and other war type games.



**Look for the “Museum Feature of the Month” on the Sokol Ennis facebook page.**

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**Thinking ahead: Get ready for Mikuláš on December 6.  
Kids should put one of their shoes by the door the evening of Dec. 5.  
Will they find goodies or lumps of coal in the morning?**

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## Ellis County Czech Heritage Movie: Thursday, October 8, 2020 Ennis SOKOL Hall

The next meeting of the Ellis County Czech Heritage Society is set for Thursday October 8th, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Ennis SOKOL hall. Old members, new members, friends, and neighbors, are all invited to celebrate October as Czech Heritage month with the showing of the the 2018 Czech movie: *Hastrman*, "a dark thriller based on contemporary Gothic fiction".

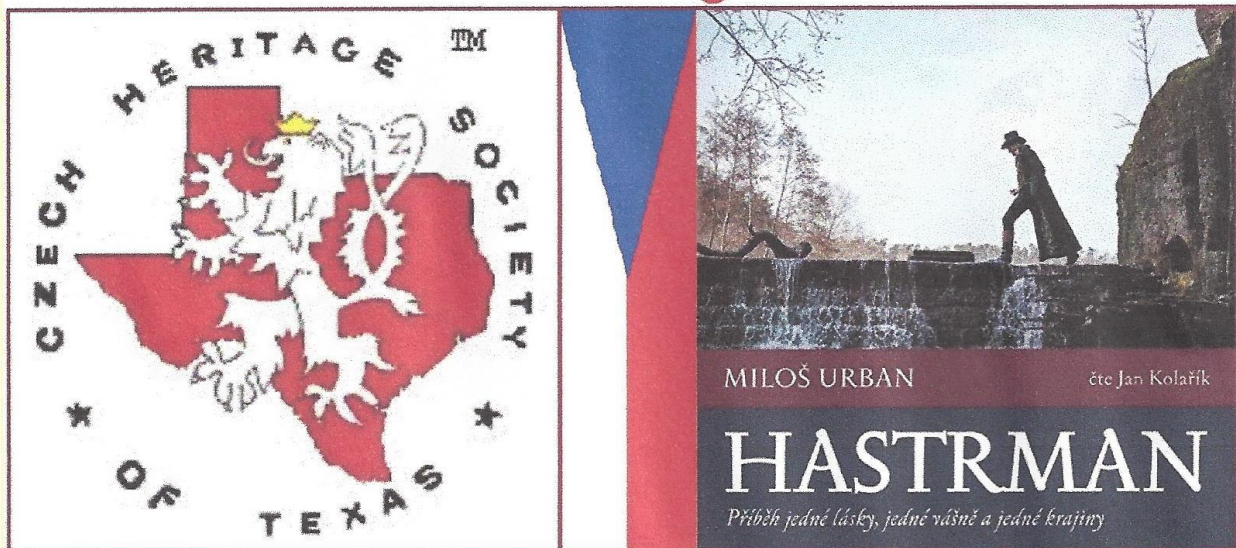
A strange nobleman returns after years abroad to a small Bohemian village to revitalize his family's property at the beginning of the 19th century. Despite looking like a human, he feels closer to animals. He turns out to be the *Hastrman*, a water spirit who needs water to sustain his life and gain superhuman strength. In this romantic fantasy, a new love brings *Hastrman* unexpected happiness and an agonizing dilemma: whether to remain a wild creature or cross the boundaries of intimacy with a human.

The film will be shown in the SOKOL Hall bar area which offers sufficient space for social distancing for all and no smoking, but no beverages will be available to purchase due to current coronavirus regulations. No money is, but face masks are, -required to enter.

The film is in Czech with English subtitles.

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## October is Czech Heritage Month in Texas!



Ellis County CHS meeting & movie Oct 8th at 7pm in the Sokol Ennis Clubroom!

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Gymnastics: Monday-Thursday – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Zumba: Monday & Wednesday – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Volleyball: Wednesday 7pm - – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Clubroom: Regular business hours Mondays & Wednesdays 5pm –11pm – CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Museum and Library: Open by appointment and for special events – CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Membership Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month – Dining Room – 7pm –

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## Message from the Membership Committee

Sokol KHB Ennis is continuing its annual membership drive for 2020. All members are needed to help with this endeavor. Please encourage your family, friends, and relatives to join. The membership application can be found on the membership page at [sokolennis.com](https://sokolennis.com) or in the Sokol clubroom. For more information regarding membership, please contact Membership Director David Slovak 214-906-0891 or [membership@sokolennis.com](mailto:membership@sokolennis.com).

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**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND RELATIVES TO JOIN.**

## Consider joining Sokol KHB Ennis for 2020!

Sokol KHB Ennis is entering its 112th year and there have been many changes since the organization was formed back in 1908. Its core foundations have remained solid, however, in that the organization is there to serve its members and to provide them not only with the finest gymnastics, volleyball, swimming, music and dancing facilities in the district but also to act as a professional host to many special social and cultural occasions we put on each year.

It is certainly true that while the sport of gymnastics – the coaching and the competition – is at the heart of what we provide, we are also keen to ensure that the social and cultural element meets the expectations of all our members. With that being an important focus, we always welcome our members' input.

For membership info & application form, visit  
**[sokolennis.com/membership](https://sokolennis.com/membership)**



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## GOINGS ON

On Mondays we are having a meal fundraiser starting at 5pm. To-go plates are available. Each week we will have a different menu. We will send out information thru email, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We also have a quilt raffle. \$1 a ticket. We have raffle tickets in the gym or you can email us at fundraising@sokolennis.com. The drawing will be held at the annual member meeting Dec 5th.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram for upcoming events and information.

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### KHB Member

#### **Lt. Col. Chaplain Henry Drozd March 04, 1937 - June 20, 2020**

Lieutenant Colonel "Chaplain" Henry Drozd went to meet his maker on June 20, 2020 from Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

Ennis is where Father Henry Drozd was born to Henry and Agnes (Vasek) Drozd on March 4, 1937. Father was one of five children – four sons and one daughter. He attended St. John's School until the 8th grade. In 1953, at the age of 16, he entered St. John's Seminary in San Antonio, Texas and studied there until 1959; that same year, Fr. Sonny was sent to Rome to study at the Ghegorian University. He was ordained in Rome in 1962. Upon returning to the United States, he began his priestly life right here in Ennis at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church. He served in various parishes. It was during those ten years that he became interested in the military "My life changed a bit into an adventure as an Army Chaplain. The spiritual needs of military personnel all over the world were the same. I could help fulfill that need." Fr. Drozd served in Korea, West Point, Monterey, CA-language school, Fort Bennie, Heidelberg, Germany, and Fort Bragg, NC and in Savannah, GA. His career also included a stint in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War in 1990-91. There he served with the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division. Fr. Drozd also became qualified as a Master Jumper with over 100 parachute jumps. "I am proud to say eleven of my military years were spent with the airborne troops." There was shortage of priests during wartime deployment and it was not unusual for chaplains to say 10 Masses on a weekend. He drove a humvee great distances getting to the locations where his services were needed. He was in the "thick of things" always with the Eucharist pyx in the pocket over his heart, ready to bless those shipping out or flying off into harm's way. Father Drozd said, "I have performed marriages, baptized many, from babies to adults-counseled those on the verge of suicide or in deep depression. In 1998, after 32 years, Father retired from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel. The years after retirement were very busy. He returned to Texas and undertook normal priestly duties serving the local parishes. No request for assistance was turned down. Father Henry's final "official duty" as a priest was to Baptize, from his death bed, his great nephew Richard Jordan Gathy. Father met his Maker on June 20, 2020. "Go Airborne soldier and keep those boots shined." You will be gone but never forgotten. You have served well your God and Country. Father is survived by one brother, Bernard Drozd and wife, Nancy; sister, Yvonne Mastronianni and husband, Jordan; sister-in-law, Mary Drozd; fifteen nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Deony and Leonard Drozd.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on October 17, 2020 in the St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church of Ennis service time is pending at this date. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of J.E. Keever Mortuary, Inc.

Fr Henry has been a KHB regular member since 2013

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# REMEMBER TO VOTE

## YOUR RIGHT – YOUR PRIVILEGE – YOUR DUTY

Texans will soon be heading to the polls to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. It's an important day that could change the course of the country in many ways. In Texas, besides electing the next president of the United States, we will be voting for a U.S. Senator, the 36 representatives who will serve in the U.S. House, as well as several other state and local races.

Here is some information you need to know to be able to vote in Texas for the 2020 Election,

### **Important 2020 Election dates**

- Monday, Oct. 5: Deadline to register to vote in Texas for the 2020 General Election
- Tuesday, Oct. 13: Early voting begins for the 2020 General Election
- Friday, Oct. 30: Early voting ends for the 2020 General Election
- Tuesday, Nov. 3: 2020 General Election Day
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021: United States presidential inauguration

### **How do I register to vote?**

- In Texas, you can register to vote by mail or in person. Texas does not offer online voter registration.
- To register to vote by mail, fill out the Texas voter registration form and send the completed form to your local election official.
- To register to vote in person, contact your local election office for information on when and where to register to vote.
- The deadline to register is Monday, October 5, 2020.
- \*If you've moved out of the county in which you were registered to vote, you will need to re-register.
- Deadline to register is October 5

### **How do I find my polling location?**

- Your assigned polling place is based on where you live. Visit your county's election page for the polling locations and sample ballots.
- You will also be able to find Election Day voting locations by visiting the state's webpage, which will be populated with voting sites a few days before Election Day. Or, you may want to contact the Election Official for State and County Elections in your county.

### **When and where can I vote during the early voting period in Texas?**

- Any registered voter may vote early in person. Early voting for the November 3, 2020 Election begins on October 13, 2020 and ends on October 30, 2020. You may vote at any early voting location in your county of registration.
- You will be able to find those early voting locations on your county's election page, or by visiting the state's webpage, which will be populated with voting sites a few days before early voting begins. Or, you may want to contact the Early Voting Clerk for State and County Elections in your county.

**When are polls open on Election Day?**

- The polls in Texas are open from 7 a.m. on the date of the election until 7 p.m. Anyone in line at the time the polls close will be allowed to cast their ballot.

**What photo ID do I need to vote?**

In order to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day, Texas voters will be asked to present an acceptable form of photo ID. Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

**Can I vote early by mail (also known as “absentee voting”)?**

Only specific reasons entitle a registered voter to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you are one of the following:

- Will be away from your county on Election Day and during the hours that early voting is conducted
- Are sick or disabled
- Are 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Are confined in jail

Even though the law also permits mail voting for those with a disability or illness, the Texas Supreme Court ruled in May that the risk of contracting coronavirus was not in itself a valid reason to use mail-in ballots.

**How can I submit an application to vote by mail?**

- You should request your ballot as far in advance of the election as possible. To apply for a mail-in ballot, you must deliver a completed application for ballot by mail to your county elections office. Applications can be dropped off in person before the start of early voting, which begins Tuesday, October 13 for the general election.
- Local election officials must receive mailed applications by Friday, October 23. Applications can also be submitted by fax or email, but the county must receive a hard copy within four business days.
- You can print out your own application, contact your local elections office to receive one, or request one from the secretary of state's office. Contact information for early voting clerks in every county can be found [here](#).
- When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it.

**When is the deadline to request to vote by mail?**

- Local election officials must receive mailed applications by Friday, October 23.

**When does my ballot need to be received in order to be counted?**

- Send your ballot in as soon as possible. The absolute latest that your county can receive your ballot is 7 pm on Election Day (if it's not postmarked) or 5 pm the day after Election Day (as long as it's postmarked by 7 pm on Election Day).
- If you printed the application you must place it in your own envelope and add postage. If you ordered the application online and it was mailed to you - fold the application in half, moisten the top tab, seal, and add postage.



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TIME.**

### **HERE'S HOW:**

1. Email your Christmas message to the Sokol KHB Newsletter editor at [ckalat@aol.com](mailto:ckalat@aol.com) - something like:
  - **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND a HAPPY NEW YEAR From .....**
  - **Merry Christmas to All And Best Wishes for a Safe, healthy, and Happy New Year from .....**
  - **DECK THEM HALLS, Y'ALL from .....**
2. Donate at least \$5 (more is certainly appreciated) to the Sokol KHB Scholarship Fund either (1) by mail to Sokol KHB Scholarship Fund, c/of Ray Ellevan, P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120 or (2) donate in person to treasurer Ray Ellevan.

**Your greeting will then appear in the December, 2020  
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