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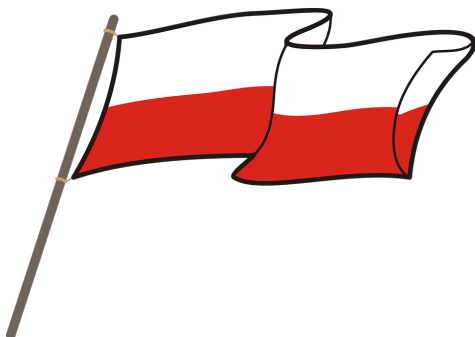
### COMING EVENTS

#### July General Meeting **CANCELLED**

Monday, August 3, 2020  
August Board Meeting  
TBD - 6:00 pm

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for articles at this time.  
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Due to the COVID-19  
health crisis, all other  
planned events have been  
cancelled or re-scheduled  
to a date to be



Dear Brothers,

First, I want to wish a healthy and speedy recovery for Brother Jan Plachta, who recently was involved in a bike/car accident. Things looked very serious for Jan and I am pleased to report he is doing much better. Thanks to bike helmets, he is now on the road to recovery. Please say a prayer for Brother Jan and his family for a speedy and healthy recovery.

I hope all had a happy, healthy and safe Independence Day weekend. Happy 244th Birthday USA!

The July General Meeting is CANCELLED. We are now halfway through 2020, and what a year it has been. As parts of the country may be experiencing a second wave of the virus, here in Illinois things have gotten better; restaurants are opening up slowly, but not yet to full capacity. The Board is still meeting on a regular basis via phone conference to see how we can resume our duties of an organization and meet up in person. Unfortunately there is no solution in place yet. We are an older organization and the health and safety of our members must remain preeminent.

Happy Birthday to all members who we missed wishing birthday greetings since we last met.

As we move forward, please remember that we, The Chicago Society Board, are here for you. If you have any ideas or concerns, please email us with what's on your mind.

I will be forming a committee together this month so they may nominate your next President of the Society and his supporting cast. If anyone is interested in running for Office, currently you have to be a PNA policy holder. Policies are as cheap as an annuity.

Once again, take care everybody. Please continue to be safe, stay Healthy and see everyone soon.

Fraternally yours,

*Peter Dykas*

Chicago Society President.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





## CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

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### July Birthdays

- 01 Zenon Kurdziel
- 04 John Wasilewski
- 07 Krzysztof Zadło
- 07 William B Drozd
- 10 Romuald E Matuszczak
- 14 Tomasz P Pawelko
- 14 Thaddeus Makarewicz
- 22 Edward H Marsalek
- 23 Donald A Gutowski
- 24 Jack Skaja Sr.
- 27 Edward T Sawa

## Chicago Society Pledge of Allegiance



“Oh emblem of my country and of my nation!

“Proud and ever living symbol of the truth:

“That all men are created equal;

“That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights;

“That among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

“That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;

“Flag of America, proud symbol of human rights and individual freedom;

“Let us not forget, Oh Lord, that under the protective folds of this flag, our fathers found a refuge from political oppression, a haven from the tyranny of the invading powers; that it was in this country that our fathers were first afforded an equal opportunity in the pursuit of their happiness; that for the truths which this flag represents, Thaddeus Kosciuszko gave his services—Casimir Pulaski, his life.

“Flag of America! To the country you represent, we of the Chicago Society pledge our unswerving allegiance.”



## This Month in Polish History: The Flag of Poland

The Polish flag is two equal horizontal stripes, the upper one white and the lower in red. The colors are defined in the Polish constitution as the national colors. The Polish coat of arms is placed in the center of the white stripe for official use abroad and while at sea.

The national flag of Poland is simple in design, but still strikes a certain level of pride for many Poles all over the world. Poland has a national holiday for the flag – Flag Day, May 2nd, is a holiday set aside to celebrate the raising of the red and white flag.

If you've ever wanted to know a little more about the plain white and red, or biały czerwony, you're in the right place.

It's worth noting that it's hard to talk about Poland's flag without referencing the red and white of Poland and the Polish coat of arms. So to learn it's origins, you first need to know a little about the origin of red and white in Poland.

Interesting facts about Poland's national flag:

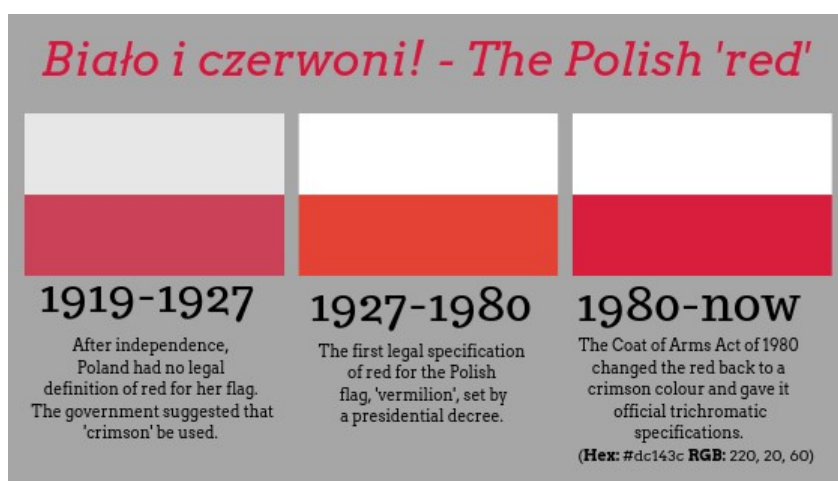
- ◇ When hung vertically, the white stripe must be on the left
- ◇ When hung on a coffin, the white stripe must be over the heart
- ◇ The flag must be raised before 8 am and lowered before sunset.
- ◇ If the flag is flown at night, it must be illuminated.
- ◇ When disposing of a flag, it must be ripped in half, separating the colors, and then burned.

To find the first official usage of red and white representing Poland, we need to go back over 1000 years to 966 – the baptism of Poland. This is when Mieszko I converted to Christianity, leaving behind paganism.

In Christianity, White represents purity, and red represents love. The legend of the Polish Eagle states that the first settlers of Poland saw a white eagle landing in front of a red sunset and use that as a sign that they should settle there (in what is present-day

Gniezno). After Poland's baptism, the church required a lot of Pagan symbols to be replaced with Christian ones. As many countries back then didn't have 'flag's as we know it today, but rather banners and insignia.

Poland's first royal banner dates back to King Boleslaus the Generous (who reigned for a whole 3 years from 1076 to 1079). But it was King Vladislaus the Elbow-High (who ruled from 1320 to 1333) who used red cloth and placed a white eagle on it.



**Chicago Society, P.N.A.  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Held on Monday June 29, 2020**

**Due to the corona virus emergency this was a teleconference meeting**

1. Call to Order: President Dykas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Ciesla, Cwiakala, Dykas, Kawalkowski, Matuszczak, Mikoda, Wiermanski. Absent were: Brs. Konopka, Plachta, Paciewicz, Kozelka, and Kurdziel. Br. Dykas declared a quorum. Br. Dykas and Br. Ciesla gave an update of Br. Plachta and Br. Dykas volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting

3. Correspondence: None

Bills: Br. Matuszczak moved to pay the bill for \$105.20 from System Forms, Inc., for printing and mailing of the April Forum. Br. Konopka submitted a bill in the amount of \$105 to be paid for the speaks gift that is to be paid Sports Award. Br. Mikoda seconded. Motion passed.

4. Directors and Officers Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Br. Konopka was absent but reported that there will be no meeting in July , As there is no meeting, there will be no speaker. We will resume speakers once we resume meetings. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Cwiakala seconded. Motion passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Br. Matuszczak stated that there was no meeting in June and the July meeting has been cancelled too. We will have to wait till the August Board meeting to see if we could have a meeting in August. Br. Mikoda moved to accept the report. Br. Ciesla seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Br. Wiermanski stated that last week he send his report to the Board members. There were no comments. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Cwiakala seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla reported that the Wiecek repayments are on schedule and has a balance of \$7,215.04 (32+more payments). We have 103 members; 8 members have not paid their dues. Br. Andrew Przybylo will be resigning at the end of the month. Two applicants will be inducted. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Cwiakala seconded. Motion Passed.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kawalkowski reported that no events are planned due to the uncertainty of the future but some ideas are being floated around once we know more. Br. Konopka reported on the Golf Outing. Golf Outing Committee discussed the effect of the virus on the success of this event, there is still a lot of uncertainties. The Committee decided that due to serious complications with the virus, the Golf Outing should be cancelled. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion Passed.

Advocate: Br. Pieciewicz was absent. Wiecek payment are on schedule.

Director of Outreach: Br. Kurdziel was absent.

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka absent.

Director of Personnel: Br. Cwiakala stated no new applications were submitted. The invitation for the delayed inductions for the two approved candidates will be extended for the August meeting, pending that we can. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Kawalkowski seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Br. President Dykas will be setting up the Nominating committee for August with 5 members and 2 alternates.

Good of the Order: Br. Kawalkowski wants to do a boat cruise for next year, restrictions pending.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Br. Ciesla and was seconded

by Br. Matuszczak. There being no further business, Br. Dykas adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm. Next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3rd.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Dykas – fill in Secretary

## Closing Prayer:

Father in Heaven, we stand before You **today** in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant us strength. We want You to give us the strength to power through all of the tasks **to-day** — whether little or big. It is by Your will that we live oh Lord. We ask that You give strength to our brother Jan Plachta as he recovers from his horrific accident and to all our brothers and sisters during these trying times of the COVID 19 pandemic. Thank You for Your everlasting presence Lord and in Jesus' name, we **pray**.

- Brother Andy Haszlakiewicz



## NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN WHISKY

This whisky earned a score of 93 points at the Ultimate Spirits Challenge in 2014; Japanese Whisky of the Year.

Nikka Coffey Grain is an original single grain whisky, distilled mainly from corn in a Coffey still. Using the two Coffey stills at the Miyagikyo distillery, which were imported from Scotland to Japan in 1963, Nikka has produced a number of single cask single grain whiskeys from time to time over the years.

This, however, is their larger release of wonderfully exotic single grain whisky. Exotic, fruity and unique, it is meant for the connoisseur in search of an unconventional whisky.

The Miyagikyo Distillery was founded in 1934 by one of the two most influential men in Japanese Whisky, Masataka Taketsuru. Yoichi Distillery lies in southern Hokkaido and has three sides surrounded by mountains, a terrain much similar to the one found in Scotland, where Masataka studied the art of Whisky production and returned to Japan as a master blender — with a Scottish wife to boot. Yoichi possesses its own cooperage and is particularly careful when selecting its barrels. Known as Hogshead the barrels are made on-site using new oak. Yoichi produces big, oily Spirits in the Highland style.

Nikka Coffey Grain is made from a mash bill containing mostly corn, and a dash of malted barley. It was distilled using a Coffey still (aka patent still). The founder, Masataka Taketsuru imported a Coffey still from Scotland because he desired a grain Spirits high in alcohol content, but also one that retains the character of the grain, its flavors and aromas.

The newer, more widely used, types of continuous stills stripped the Spirit of too much flavor. The Coffey still is notoriously difficult to operate, but it does produce Whisky with a more characterful spirit. This unconventional Whisky is NOT for everyone. It's for those who appreciate the different. You, we hope.





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