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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 17

General Meeting

ONLINE via ZOOM

6:45 pm "Happy Hour"

7:00 pm Call-to-Order

Meeting ID: 969 2563 2546

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Call in at (312) 626-6799

Monday, April 5

Board Meeting

ZOOM - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 9

Golf Outing at Glen Eagles

A monthly news bulletin for the Chicago
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Brothers and friends,

The Spring is coming and bringing with it not only warmer weather but the gradual reopening of the economy and our society. During the shutdown the Society looked inwardly to prepare itself to better serve Polonia and its members. Our efforts in that regard continue with the activities of the newly formed social media (with new committee member Chris Laskowski) and custodial committees.

Special thanks to the audit committee (Board Liaison Brother Kenneth Kogut and Committee Members Robert Michalak, Marian Skawski and Kris Zadlo) for completing their audit of the Society's 2020 financial records. Your service to the Society is greatly appreciated! The committee's findings have been provided to the Board and are currently under review. We are also exploring the options and appropriateness of in person events and meetings. Please check your social media, the forum and your emails for updates.



While we may have in-person meetings prior, we are currently targeting our golf outing as our first event of the year. It will take place on July 9th at Gleneagles with details being circulated shortly. Even if you do not golf, volunteers are always needed and attending the dinner following the outing is a great stand alone option. As our main event this year, it is critical that we obtain all the support possible, so as to be able to continue to fulfill our mission to support Polonia's causes. If you are reading this and thinking that you are not going because you do not golf or cannot help because you cannot attend, please contact me immediately so that I can help outline the various ways that you can help serve the Society and Polonia at large by making the outing as successful as possible.

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CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

Board of Directors

President:

Adam Konopka

1st Vice President:

Chris Grzadziel

2nd Vice President:

Chuck Cwiakala

Secretary:

Andy Haszlakiewicz

Financial Secretary:

Richard Ciesla

Treasurer:

Jan Plachta

Advocate:

Ed Wasilewski

Senior Director:

Peter Dykas

Social Activities Director:

Zenon Kurdziel

Director of Outreach:

Ro Matuszczak

Director of Personnel:

Ken Kogut

Director of Publications:

Ted Kozelka

President's Message Continued....

In the short term, the deadline for membership dues has passed and pursuant to our constitution and bylaws, those members that have not paid are being published in this forum. I would encourage all of those listed to contact me or anyone on the Board regarding the reason for non-payment, should there be one. I would further encourage all members to reach out to anyone on that list to confirm that they are aware of the delinquency (notices have been sent).

Be well everyone.

Adam Konopka

President, Chicago Society PNA

Chicago Society General Meeting

Time: Mar 17, 2021 6:45 pm Cocktail Hour 7:00 pm
Meeting Called to Order Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/96925632546?
pwd=Ri9waTI1Q1p1UkFZeIJVMkVKSzMxUT09](https://zoom.us/j/96925632546?pwd=Ri9waTI1Q1p1UkFZeIJVMkVKSzMxUT09)

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Chicago Society Early History: Lodge 1450

1912 to 1916

Administration of Frank A. Osuch. This represents the formative period of the Society. Activity was directed primarily toward increasing membership and establishing a program for the organization. The annual commemoration of historical events such as the Lincoln, Kosciuszko and Pulaski Memorial manifestations were established as a definitive policy of the Society. By its efforts and accomplishments, the Society acquired a lasting prestige among the Pol-American organizations.

1917 to 1918

Administration of Michael Kitkowski. This was the period of World War I. These were indeed hard years for the officers, for it appeared when the final roll was called in 1918, that one hundred fifty members of the Chicago Society were enlisted in the Armed Forces of the United States; that every third member was a soldier and every third Society soldier was an officer in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. Every member who entered military service was corresponded with and furnished with little comforts and necessities, and his financial obligations to the parent organization, The Polish National Alliance, were advanced by the Society. The Chicago Society is proud of its war record.

1919 to 1922

Administration of Marion G. Kudlick. This period marks the establishment of a definite fiscal policy for the Society by the creation of a permanent reserve fund to assure financial stability. The activities of the protectorate over the underprivilege youth were expanded. On the initiative, the Polish Welfare Association was organized in 1921 and incorporated under the laws of Illinois in 1922. A kindred society known as the Milwaukee Society was organized in Milwaukee on December 15, 1921. Due to the extensive increase in membership, the activities of the Society became concentrated in the loop. A good fellowship committee was organized and promoted parties such as Halloween parties for the orphans and Polish picnics became a reality. The administration was noted for expansion in membership and activities and placement of the Society on a sound financial footing.

1923

Administration of Leo S. Mallek one of the founders of the Society was drafted to leadership in an effort to tide the Society over this critical period. This represented a period of transition in the history of the Society. New demands, a new headquarters and an entire change in the program. Another kindred society, known as the Detroit Society was sponsored and organized in Detroit on March 5, 1923. Lectures played a prominent part in the Society's programs during this year.

-Shared curtesy of Brother Rich Ciesla

Chicago Society, P.N.A.
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held on Monday March 1, 2021
Due to the corona virus emergency this was a ZOOM meeting



Call to Order: President Konopka called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Ciesla, Cwiakala, Dykas, Konopka, Grzadziel, Kogut, Matuszczak, Wasilewski, Plachta, Absent were: Brs. Haszlakiewicz, Kozelka, and Kurdziel. Br. Konopka declared a quorum.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Br. Grzadziel moved to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the previous Board meeting and to accept them as presented. Br. Dykas seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Br. Ciesla informed about a letter that was received from the Dziennik Zwiaskowy informing about Chicago Society Easter wishes. The deadline for accepting our greetings is set for March 19, 2021. Cost of a business size greeting is \$70. Br. Konopka recommended that Br. Plachta will send the check for \$70 with the Chicago Society Easter wishes to Dziennik Zwiaskowy. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the payment. Br. Ciesla seconded. Motion passed. The second letter was from the U.S. Census Bureau 2020. It is a thank you letter for the Chicago Society partnership in helping to achieve a successful 2020 Census. Br. Matuszczak moved to send the letter to our files. Br. Ciesla seconded. Motion passed. Additionally, there was a letter from the State of Illinois Department of Revenue, denying our sales tax exemption application. Br. Konopka recommended to discuss this issue with the past Treasurer Ric Wiermanski or with Mariusz Folta of the TaxPol Co.

Bills: Br. Matuszczak moved to pay the bill of \$125.65 from System Forms, Inc., for printing and mailing of the February Forum. Br. Konopka seconded. Motion passed. We still didn't receive an invoice for printing of January 2021 Forum.

Directors and Officers Reports:

1st Vice-President: Br. Grzadziel reported that he was in contact with potential speakers for when we will restart in person meetings. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept to accept the report. Br. Kogut seconded. Motion passed.

2nd Vice-President: Br. Cwiakala stated that some organizations are planning meeting in person for May 2021. He also is looking for a place where we could meet in person in May, depending what the City will do in the near future. We will decide at our April Board meeting. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Kogut seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla reported that our total deposits to date are \$9,085.24. The Wiecek repayments are on schedule and has a balance of \$5,416.04 (24+more payments). We have 101 members; which includes 3 members with waived dues. Seventy-five members have paid their dues for 2021. One applicant is to be inducted. Second notices to the members who have not paid their dues by February 1st were mailed on February 2, 2021 as regular first-class mail. List of theses members will be available for Board members to contact them individually to encourage them and pay the dues. Additionally, there were some changes to electronical addresses and phone numbers of some of our members. The list of members that still didn't pay their dues will be also published in the March issue of Forum. Br. Dykas moved to accept the report. Br. Wasilewski seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Br. Plachta stated that he send electronically the Treasurer report to the Board members. There were no comments. He added that a \$10 fee has been charged to our savings account at the PSFCU as a Membership Fee. Br. Cwiakala moved to accept the report. Br. Grzadziel seconded. Motion passed.



Advocate: Br. Wasilewski reported that there is some delay with the Wiecek payments. He had this problem in February, but PayPal finally received confirmation from his new bank account and transferred the money to us. We will need to wait for a few weeks to see if the payment will go thru. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Dykas seconded. Motion passed.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kurdziel was absent. There was no report.

Director of Outreach: Br. Matuszczak informed that most probably there will be no 3rd May Parade this year and consequently there will be no Pre-Parade Brunch. Br. Pieciewicz will need to decide how he will hand out the Chicago Society Foundation Scholarships. When we will meet again in person, we will need to look for a possibility of a Youth Camp. There may be a need for larger amount of money about \$2000 or \$3000. We could get it from the Chicago Society Foundation but their next meeting is end of March and a written request has to be send to them pretty soon. Br. Dykas raised a motion to approve a \$1000 expenditure for a “Pisanki” (Easter Eggs decoration competition) that is organized by the Polish Museum of America. Br. Dykas will confirm if this will be scheduled. We should also get a letter for such a request, written document that will be needed for our records. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the request. Br. Dykas seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka was absent and there was no report.

Director of Personnel: Br. Kogut reported that the Audit Report has been submitted. Copies have been sent to Board members for their review and comments to be discussed during the next April Board meeting. He also informed that there is an individual from last year that plans to join the Chicago Society. He will be introduced at our first in person meeting. Br. Kogut mentioned that he has passed list of the birthdays and anniversaries on to the director of publications to put in the Forum. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion passed.

Social Media Committee: Br. Dykas recommended a Chicago Society face-book page for the organization and a separate one for members only. Br. Laskowski has been recommended to join the Social Media Committee. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept this recommendation. Br. Dykas seconded. Motion passed.

Custodial Committee: Members are Br. Matuszczak, Br. Ciesla and Br. Wasilewski. This Committee needs a Chairperson. Br. Wasilewski was recommended as the Chair. Br. Dykas moved to accept the recommendation. Br. Kogut seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: There were requests for printed directory. There is a concern that as soon as one is printed then it's out of date. The current one needs to be updated. Spreadsheet is needed with members birthdays and their anniversaries. We need a new St. Joseph. Any volunteers?

Good of the Order: Br. Matuszczak observed that Br. Kurdziel missed some meetings lately. He could give up his office or be suspended. Br. Konopka said that he will discuss this with him.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Br. Matuszczak and was seconded by Br. Ciesla. There being no other business, Br. Konopka adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,

Br. Jan S. Plachta

On behalf of Br. Andy Haszlakiewicz – Secretary

UWAGA: Delinquent Dues Notice

The following members have not paid their dues before March 1st. The By-Laws require their names to be printed in the March Forum. All have been sent a second notice by US mail the first week of February. If dues are not paid by April 1st, these members will be suspended. If any member knows any of these, please call them and remind them that their dues have not been paid.

Adam J. Augustynski

Joseph N. Bauerle

Andrew Csoke

Mark Kaszubski

Robert Mance

Carlton R. Marcyan

Mario Mikoda

Andrew Noyszewski

Martin Obrecki

Wojciech Putz

Robert Radkowski

Thomas A. Sieja

Frank Spula

Les Sraga

William Sufranski

Anthony Zaskowski

Advertise with the Chicago Society Forum!

Has your business been effected by Covid-19? Take advantage of General Meeting business expos to share your profession/business with our membership! All participants will be given 2-5 minutes of time to present before the attendees during general meetings. In addition, all presenters will be able to advertise in the Forum for free.

Please contact President Brother Adam Konopka akonopka@dowdanddowd.com for details.

The 2021 Golf Outing is Coming!

Please put a note in your calendars, the Chicago Society PNA will be having our **2021 Golf Outing at Glen Eagles on Friday July 9th.**

Sponsored by Brother Adam Konopka, the Society will be looking for golfers, volunteers, and sponsors. Let's make up for not having this event in 2020 in a big way! Stay tuned for more details.



March Anniversaries

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following Brothers on their anniversary of being inducted into the Chicago Society.

Frank Czaja
Andrzej Czyszczon
Kenneth Kogut
Bernard Pacyniak
Terrance Przybylski
Jesse Soszko
Edward Wasilewski
John Wasilewski

Thank you for your loyal membership & **STO LAT!**

March Birthdays



The Chicago Society would like to extend to the following brother members, who are celebrating their birthday in March, a warm wish of Sto Lat!

Joseph Bauerle
Christopher Grzadziel
Jackson Haack
Marek Kowalczyk
Edmund Nowak, Jr.
Stanley Nowak
Daniel Pikarski
William Sufanski

Casimir Pulaski: Polish & American Hero

Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski of Ślepowron (March 4 or March 6, 1745 – October 11, 1779) was a Polish nobleman, soldier and military commander who has been called, together with his counterpart Michael Kovats de Fabriczy, "the father of the American cavalry."

Born in Warsaw and following in his father's footsteps, he became interested in politics at an early age. He soon became involved in the military and in revolutionary affairs in the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth. Pulaski was one of the leading military commanders for the Bar Confederation and fought against the Commonwealth's Russian domination. When this uprising failed, he was driven into exile. Following a recommendation by Benjamin Franklin, Pulaski traveled to North America to help in the American Revolutionary War. He distinguished himself throughout the revolution, most notably when he saved the life of George Washington. Pulaski became a general in the Continental Army, and he and his friend, Michael Kovats, created the Pulaski Cavalry Legion and reformed the American cavalry as a whole. At the Battle of Savannah, while leading a cavalry charge against British forces, he was fatally wounded by grapeshot and died shortly after.



Pulaski is remembered as a hero who fought for independence and freedom in Poland and the United States. Numerous places and events are named in his honor, and he is commemorated by many works of art. Pulaski is one of only eight people to be awarded honorary United States citizenship.





The Job Board

Advancing Professionalism in Chicagoland



The “Job Board” is a new section of the Chicago Society Forum designed to advance professional networking with an emphasis on job opportunities. If you know of a job opportunity within your company, or just one that you think a member could benefit from, please share! We all know Linked-In and other major job search websites can amass incredible amount of information, but there’s nothing like that personal reference to get you name on the top of the pile. Please let other members know so we can share more opportunities!

Sponsored by Brother Ted Kozelka



CNC Machinists (Elk Grove Village):

CGR Technologies is looking for CNC machinists to join our team - both experienced and novice. We have multiple positions available, either on our day shift or night shift. CGR Technologies provides a well-rounded benefits package with insurance, 401K and paid time-off offered to all full-time employees.

Requirements:

- Work across different departments (milling, turning, grinding)
- Machine parts to blueprint specifications
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints and inspect parts
- Previous experience with Okuma controls is a plus
- U.S. Citizen
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 2+ years experience
- Ability to work independently
- Working within tight tolerances

Contact:

- Brother Ted Kozelka at ted@cgrtech.com or 224-628-4207.

Sponsored by Brother Adam Konopka, President



Legal Assistant:

-Looking for legal assistant to work in an expanding, busy, fast-paced insurance litigation firm. Must be punctual, adaptable and have strong communication and organizational skills. Potential for starting part-time and transitioning to full time or starting full time. Proficiency in Word, Excel, Zoom, Outlook and PowerPoint required. Applicant needs to also be able to transcribe dictation, E-file circuit and federal court documents and maintain calendars/files.

Legal Clerk:

-Ideal candidate has experience in reviewing/drafting pleadings and discovery, is proficient in using technology to complete tasks, dependable, well organized and able to thrive in a fast-paced team environment. Task are assigned based on desire/ability and can range from administrative to legal. Great opportunity for exposure to major cases and complex legal concepts.

Contact:

-Brother Adam Konopka at akonopka@dowdanddowd.com or 312-762-9540.

Sponsored by Brother Chris Laskowski



Marketing Intern (Elmhurst):

-Responsibilities are geared around assisting the Associate Marketing Specialist with day-to-day marketing campaign activities and work-flow.

Graphic Design Intern (Elmhurst):

-Perform effectively as a member of the team and maintain update requests for web and print applications.
-Design marketing/sales assets for new marketing initiatives.
-Develop brand identities, new home communities, builder clients, and new internal divisions.
-Research and analyze appropriate design options for client requests.

New Home Sales Consultant (Elgin) and Associate (Bartlett):

-Staff the model home during hours of operation, provide exceptional customer service, and educate customers on the homebuilding/buying process.
-Drive traffic through marketing initiatives to generate traffic and sales in an effort to exceed sales goals.
-Create marketing efforts to grow brand awareness with the community.

Contact:

-Brother Chris Laskowski at claskowski@newhomestar.com or 847-387-0865.



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