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COMING EVENTS

August General Meeting

CANCELLED

Monday, August 31, 2020 September Board Meeting TBD - 6:00 pm

There are no "deadlines" for articles at this time. Please contribute anything you would like published to ted.kozelka@gmail.com.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, <u>all</u> other planned events have been cancelled or re-scheduled to a date to be

Dear Brothers,

As I write this there is a distinct touch of Fall in the air. Temperatures are pretty cool for August, but sort of



refreshing. We all know the term "Dog Days of Summer", as it can get pretty hot around here. But before we know it, summer will be over, Halloween will be here and then Thanksgiving. I really hope we will be able to meet with each other over our traditional Thanksgiving dinner (I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it may happen) but for know we don't know. This August general meeting is cancelled but we will be trying a test run thru a Zoom account. If it works, we may do it on a regular basis. Watch for future emails about this.

Since I mentioned our Thanksgiving dinner, which happens in November, it is also the same time we hold our elections. A new Board and Officers will be picked by our Nominating Committee. If anyone is interested please contact them via email to let them know that you are interested and which office you would like to serve. More details will come out in regards to this.

Not to jump to far ahead, but I wanted to mention that the Deserving Children's Christmas party is being planned, but with a twist. If we can't meet inside our traditional PNA room, I would like to do it outside, in a parking lot where we can keep safe distance from each other and not get too close to prevent illness. I believe that Santa would not take a Holiday off and with these events happening, where families being in tough times happening more frequently, it would give the children some happiness to see Santa and get a gift.



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August Birthdays

80	Chester S Slonina
80	Andrew Zapalski
80	John R Skaja Jr.
80	William F Marutzky
09	Andrew G Haszlakiewic
11	Anthony Zaskowski
14	Robert Nowaczyk
17	Theodore L Lipkowski
18	Ronald C Topczewski
18	Scott Cisek
26	Stuart A Sawa
30	James J Robaczewski
30	Joseph A Kuechel

Chicago Society Pledge of Allegiance



"Oh emblem of my country and of my nation!

"Proud and ever living symbol of the truth:

"That all mean 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."



President's Message, Continued



So I am still looking for monetary donations. Also, If anyone has contacts to get food donated and or entertainment please let me know. Also volunteers would be a great help too; hot beverages and warmth through a fire pit will be provided. Hoping for much more. Check back later for more info.

And one final point I would like to mention. The Officers and Directors, along with myself, have called most of our members to reach out and say hi. We wanted to let you know that we have not forgotten about the members of which we represent. If you have not heard from us or missed our call, and want to reach us, feel free to call us or send an email to me. I would be glad to talk to you.

We are in a difficult time here, and miss the companionship and comradery we had through all these years. Let's pray and hope we will meet very soon and a cure and vaccination happens very very soon.

Good vibes and positive thinking. Be safe and be healthy to all.

Peter Dykas

Chicago Society President.



This Month in Polish History: The Flag of Poland

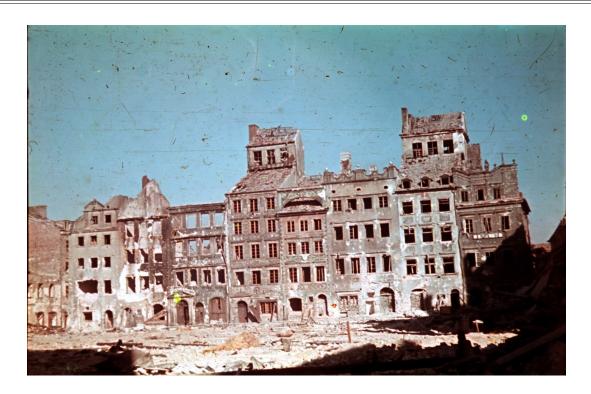
The Warsaw Uprising (Polish: Powstanie Warszawskie; German: Warschauer Aufstand) was a major World War II operation, in the summer of 1944, by the Polish underground resistance, led by the Polish resistance Home Army (Polish: Armia Krajowa), to liberate Warsaw from German occupation. The uprising was timed to coincide with the retreat of the German forces from Poland ahead of the Soviet advance. While approaching the eastern suburbs of the city, the Red Army temporarily halted combat operations, enabling the Germans to regroup and defeat the Polish resistance and to destroy the city in retaliation. The Uprising was fought for 63 days with little outside support. It was the single largest military effort taken by any European resistance movement during World War II.



The Uprising began on 1 August 1944 as part of a nationwide Operation
Tempest, launched at the time of the Soviet Lublin–Brest Offensive. The main Polish objectives were to drive the Germans out of Warsaw while helping the Allies defeat Germany. An additional, political goal of the Polish Underground State was to liberate Poland's capital and assert Polish sovereignty before the Soviet-backed Polish Committee of National Liberation could assume control.

Other immediate causes included a threat of mass German round-ups of able-bodied Poles for "evacuation"; calls by Radio Moscow's Polish Service for uprising; and an emotional Polish desire for justice and revenge against the enemy after five years of German occupation.

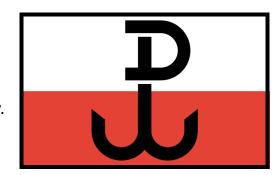
Initially, the Poles established control over most of central Warsaw, but the Soviets ignored Polish attempts to make radio contact with them and did not advance beyond the city limits. Intense street fighting between the Germans and Poles continued. By 14 September, the eastern bank of the Vistula River opposite the Polish resistance positions was taken over by the Polish troops fighting under the Soviet command; 1,200 men made it across the river, but they were not reinforced by the Red Army. This, and the lack of air support from the Soviet air base five-minutes flying time away, led to allegations that Joseph Stalin tactically halted his forces to let the operation fail and allow the Polish resistance to be crushed. Arthur Koestler called the Soviet attitude "one of the major infamies of this war which will rank for the future historian on the same ethical level with Lidice."



Winston Churchill pleaded with Stalin and Franklin D. Roosevelt to help Britain's Polish allies, to no avail. Then, without Soviet air clearance, Churchill sent over 200 low-level supply drops by the Royal Air Force, the South African Air Force, and the Polish Air Force under British High Command, in an operation known as the Warsaw Airlift. Later, after gaining Soviet air clearance, the U.S. Army Air Force sent one high-level mass airdrop as part of Operation Frantic.

Although the exact number of casualties is unknown, it is estimated that about 16,000 members of the Polish resistance were killed and about 6,000 badly wounded. In addition, between 150,000 and 200,000 Polish civilians died, mostly from mass executions. Jews being harbored by Poles were exposed by German house-to-house clearances and mass evictions of entire neighborhoods. German casualties total led over 2,000 to 17,000 soldiers killed and missing. During the urban combat, approximately 25% of Warsaw's buildings were destroyed. Following the surrender of Polish forces, German troops systematically levelled another 35%

of the city block by block. Together with earlier damage suffered in the 1939 invasion of Poland and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943, over 85% of the city was destroyed by January 1945 when the course of the events in the Eastern Front forced the Germans to abandon the city.



Closing Prayer:

Prayer of Jabez

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying,
Oh that Thou would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory,
and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou would keep
me from evil, that it may not grieve me!

And God granted him that which he requested."

Jabez was in a long line of descendants from the house of Judah.

- Brother Andy Haszlakiewicz







Journeyman Featherbone Bourbon

Journeyman Distillery's Featherbone Bourbon Whiskey is distilled and bottled in Three Oaks, Michigan. Unusual for a whiskey, Featherbone is named after the building that Journeyman Distillery now calls home. The now defunct Featherbone factory once made leather goods, such as whips and corsets.

It should be noted that this was back during the Prohibition Era, when the mentioning of leather whips and corsets would not elicit quite the same reaction it is likely to today.

Handmade. Organic. The label of Featherbone is adorned with a couple of the more trendy buzz words in the food and drink world today. Whether you are the type of consumer who seeks out or avoids those words at all costs, the true measure of any whiskey will be the blind experience in a simple tasting glass.

Bottled at 90 proof, additional appointments to my sample bottle included a wax seal securing the cork in place, and a hand-numbered batch and bottle label. I

have bottle 15 of batch 29, to be specific. I found the overall presentation to be charming and attractive.

Appearance: Golden honey, quick and thin legs

Nose: Floral, tobacco, slight hint of cola on the tail end of the nose

Palate: Vanilla, tobacco, decent amount of rye spice. Rather thin mouth feel.

Finish: Quick burn with lingering tobacco notes.







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