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THANKSGIVING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2017
6:00 p.m.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by November 13, 2017 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, December 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.

LaVilla Restaurant & Banquets

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017
Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting
White Eagle Banquets

Monday, December 4, 2017
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Saturday, December 9, 2017
CS Deserving Children's
Christmas Party
PNA Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 20, 2017
December General Meeting &
Christmas Party
White Eagle Banquets

GOBBLE SOME TURKEY & CAST YOUR BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Civic Vice President Brother Charles A. Komosa would like to inform you that there will not be a speaker at the Chicago Society Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Election Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at White Eagle Banquets on Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. The delicious dinner menu includes mushroom-barley soup, carved roast turkey with giblet gravy, herb stuffing, mashed and sweet potatoes, a vegetable medley, assorted pastries and coffee. Please ask your wife or personal finance administrator for a few extra dollars that evening as we will hold our annual turkey raffle which will give you the opportunity to win one or several of 15 gourmet birds weighing between 21 and 23 lbs. Reservations are mandatory. No exceptions! Please contact Brother Chuck Cwiakala for reservations at 847- 823- 8747 or at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org.

NOTE: The deadline to make your reservation is Monday, November 13, 2017. As in past years, there will be no charge for the November meal this year. All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting we offer a 50/50 raffle for the members. Please consider asking your wife or accountant for a few extra dollars to purchase \$5.00 or more in raffle tickets. The Election of Officers and Directors for the Chicago Society for 2018 will also be held on that day.

The candidates are as follows:

President: Steve Rakowski

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Advocate: Adam Konopka

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Mark Orwat

Dear Brothers,

October was Polish Heritage Month. I hope you had an opportunity to take advantage of some of the great programs and festivals going on around town. Be assured that the Chicago Society was well represented at a number of them. Our Brother **Peter Dykas** represented us and was recognized by the Heritage Tour sponsored by the Cook County Courts. I attended the Disco Night at the Polish Museum, the Advocates Society's Judges Night, our Candidates Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, the Polish American Congress Heritage Awards Banquet, meeting at the Consulate with **Deputy Prime Minister, Mateusz Morawiecki**, and the Polish American Chamber of Commerce Delegation Dinner-to name a few.

I mentioned in last month's Forum about the important amendments to our constitution being proposed. Please join us for our November general meeting and take the opportunity to have your voice heard on the issues proposed. Please remember to e-mail your RSVP to **Brother Chuck Cwiakala** so we can make sure a space will be reserved for you. As is our tradition, our turkey raffle will also take place instead of a speaker. Good luck to all who patronize this raffle.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Steven Rakowski



Dear Brothers,

I have been appointed by **Brother President, Steve Rakowski**, at the November Board meeting as acting Editor until the end of the year. I apologize if anything is missing from this month's Forum but due to the short notice and time I hope it meets your expectations. Please try to attend the November General Meeting, Elections & Thanksgiving Dinner featuring our Annual Turkey Raffle. Although it is a non-contested election, all the brother candidates are civic minded, ethical, fraternal, and a bunch of good guys! Speaking of elections: a big thanks to all who attended our Annual Candidate's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and co-chairmen **Brother Mark Orwat**--no complaints and much fun! I wish you and your family a very warm and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,

Brother Charles Komosa,

Editor

2017 DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Deserving Children's Christmas Party is being held on December 9, 2017, at the Polish National Alliance. I am thrilled and honored to be Chicago Society's Chairman for this yearly event. The last 52 years, we were blessed to have **Brother Ro Matuszczak** as the Chairman to lead this event and give some needy children, about 65, the chance to have Santa come by and present them with a gift. Brother Ro will continue to partake in this event as my Co-Chair and guide me with his talents and expertise. To help make this event special and really have all members be part of this one way or another, I ask of you all to help in supporting us with a donation of a gift to give to a needy child. Looking for a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl ages 3 to 13 or if you don't know what to get,



CHICAGO SOCIETY P.N.A. PROPOSED FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen have applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the PNA. If any member has an objection regarding the admission of this prospective member, he should contact the Personnel Director prior to the next general meeting. Sponsors are to attend the general meeting in which the new member will be inducted and to introduce him to the Personnel Director and to others before the Induction Ceremony.

Name: **Chester Konopka – wife
(Barbara)**

Address: 8330 West Monroe
Niles, IL 60174

Phone: 847-692-2859

Occupation: Machinist, Chase Fasteners,
Inc

Birth date: April 09, 1952

Birthplace: Poland

Education: Professional Technical School
in Poland

Sponsors: Brothers Adam Konopka &
Bernard Pacyniak

Name: **Thomas Gabryszewski**

Address: 5512 West Higgins Avenue #3E
Chicago, Illinois, 60630

Phone: 312-859-1099

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Birth date: September 11, 1962

Birthplace: Chicago, USA

Education: DePaul University, B.A., John
Marshall Law School, J.D.

Sponsors: Brothers Charles Komosa &
Romuald Matuszczak

Name: **David H. Marutzky**

Address: 6215 West Catalpa
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Phone: 773-206-1135

Occupation: Business Inspector & Officer,
Carpenter's Union

Birth date: March 16, 1954

Birthplace: Chicago, USA

Education: A/A Degree

Sponsors: Brothers William Marutzky &
Steve Rakowski

cash donations or sponsors are also accepted. We already have generous members who have donated, Thank You to the **Brothers Jack & John Skaja** for a gift and cash donation and to Brother Rocky Nowaczyk with the help of the members of PAPA who gave numerous gifts. The Polish Scouting Organization is donating refreshments to the event. **Brother Frank Spula & Brother Charles Komosa** and the PNA are donating the cafeteria space to us so we have a place to do this. But we still need more. Looking for a food sponsor and a sponsor for the magician. You too can be a part of this event just by giving. It is the Holiday that gives and makes us Happy. So please see me, **Brother Peter Dykas**, at our November meeting, which is the last one before the party, if you want to help. Thank You in advance.

CHICAGO SOCIETY PHEASANT HUNTING OUTING!

Brother Steve Rakowski, chairman of the CS Pheasant Hunting Outing, invites fellow members, hunting enthusiasts and friends for our inaugural hunting outing scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., at Coon Creek Hunt Club, located at 11050 Slough Road, Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038 (near Marengo, IL). Late Fall is a perfect time to pheasant hunt and the Chicago Society has arranged for a great experience for members and friends in one of Northern Illinois' premier hunt clubs. The cost will be \$150.00 per person and our event is limited to the first twenty hunters who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the PNA Chicago Society. The hunt will include a guide and three birds per hunter. ** All hunters will also need to have in their possession a one-day hunting license with a habitat stamp. * Licenses are not available at the Club. We will be meeting at 7:45 a.m. sharp for check-in, release signing, and field assignments. Loaner guns are available on a limited basis on a first-come-first-served basis and arrangements will need to be made prior to the day of the hunt. Only a non-toxic shot is allowed and is available for purchase at the Club. Professional guides with seasoned dogs will be provided for each group as needed. Of course, if you have a hunt-trained dog, you are encouraged to use it.*

After the event please stay for a chili lunch and to share pictures and stories of the hunt. **Additional pheasants are available at \$25/ per bird.* Please inquire about availability and cost of chucker, quail and partridge. For more information contact **Steve Rakowski** at 847-204-4106 or via e-mail at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com

*Available on-line at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/HuntingLicenses-Fees.aspx>

2017 CHICAGO SOCIETY BUSINESS EXPO- A BIG SUCCESS!

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, the Chicago Society hosted its Annual Business Expo organized and chaired by **Brother Peter Dykas** at White Eagle Banquets. Many thanks go out to the following that put in so much time and effort to showcase their businesses and talents. **Brother Anthony Kawalkowski** of Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra, From the Heart Musical Productions, Inc. to, our President Steve Rakowski, K & R Family Legal Services, L.L.C., to inform us of his type of field he specializes in, **Mrs. Jolanta Walaszek**, PNA Membership Director and **Brother Charles Komosa** of the Polish National Alliance to offer pamphlets and promotional items, **Brother Robert Rakowski**, Midwest Vice-President of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union Federal Credit Union also spoke of the Union's current

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



- 02 Stan Lesniak
- 05 Jesse J Soszko
- 06 Steven L Rakowski
- 06 Edmund Boduch
- 11 Chester M. Przybylo
- 11 Andrew Csoke
- 12 Robert P Groszek
- 16 Martin Weihing
- 18 Roman E Piotrowski "Pete"
- 18 Marshall S Olech
- 18 Harold Brown
- 19 Robert F Mance
- 22 Edward Wasilewski
- 22 Ronald J Nawrocki

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother Richard M. Wiermanski who is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society, and Brother Chester M. Przybylo who is celebrating the 55th Anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society.

Thank you for your loyal membership & STO LAT!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Hunting Outing

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Inaugural Ball

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

promotions and handed out pamphlets and items, **Brother Tom Sieja**, President & CEO of Verify Investigations and also representing the Polish American Police Association (PAPA), **Brother Greg Sarwa** of the Adam Travel Agency who offered us some insight on purchasing travel and he offered our members a special discount code for all who book and travel through his agency and last, but not least, to **Brother William Marutzky** for giving us some knowledge of where to stash our money and what proper documents we need to have for Estate Planning. These 8 businesses donating their time and effort and very useful information to make us more knowledgeable to . Once again, a big THANK YOU! To all of the Exhibitors this year!



Congratulations and a wish of much happiness to **Brother Mark Orwat** and his new bride **Gina "Janeczka" Orwat** for getting married at St. Hyacinth's Basilica on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Over two hundred and fifty guests attended the wedding reception at the swanky Chateau Ritz in Niles, Illinois. Bother Mark's best man was **Brother Robert Groszek** and his wife Jennifer served as a bridesmaid to Gina Orwat. In attendance and dancing he night away to the famous Markus Band were **Brothers Ro & Chris Matuszczak, Adam & Amanda Konopka, Steve Rakowski & Iwona Filipiak, Ted Makarewicz & Linda Kuczma, Chuck Cwiakala, Charles & Agata Komosa, Mario & Agata Mikoda, John & Jeannie Cieslik, Stanley Jendzejec, Tom Pawelko, and Les Sraga**. The bottles of Wodka were plentiful and were empty as fast as they were served!

Congratulations to **Brother Tom Sieja** for his recently celebrating his 10th Anniversary as a Chicago Police Officer! "We serve and protect!" A big thank you to all of our brother member police officers!

Congratulations to **Brother Terry Przybylski**, who is also a Trustee and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Lafayette Council 361 in Chicago, took part in a special procession on Wednesday, October 13. It went from St. John Cantius Parish (a historically Polish parish, now primarily a center for Latin Masses) to Holy Trinity Polish Mission, on Chicago's near Northwest Side. It was one of a series of processions that have been held this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. About 1,000 people took part in the procession down Chicago Avenue; they were led by four flag-bearers in 4th Degree regalia from the Lafayette Council, and **Brother Terry** was chosen to carry the Polish flag.

Bon Voyage Welcome Back! **Brother Robert Radkowski & wife Malgosia** with children Natalia (13) & Christian, (8) spent an entire month travelling Poland. First, the Radkowski Family spent a week in Warsaw actually for the first time - believe it or not! Then they visited Krakow and Zakopane and the little towns nestled in between. Brother Robert & Malgosia originally were born and hail from Jaslo & Staszow, Poland. It was a great way for them to show their children where we came from and also enjoy the beautiful scenery and architectural wonders....A "doskanle" Great trip!!!

All work & no play! - **Brother Charles & Agata Komosa** spent a few days in Myrtle Beach, SC with their sons Charley (13) & Alex (12) on a work vacation at the Litchfield Resort in Litchfield, SC. While the family was enjoys the warm waters and ocean Brother Charles assisted with PNA's 55th Annual National Golf Tournament as PNA's Fraternal Committee Chairman.

"Harcerzy" - The Polish Scouting Organization had their fundraiser at The Lone Tree Inn on November 5th, 2017. . Over 330 people were in attendance. The ladies dressed in elegant dresses and in high heels, and the men dressed as gangsters and in Cloche hats, and couples dancing the Charleston's all in accordance to the ROARING 20's Theme. Spotted tearing up the dance floor were the Polish "Good Fellas" **Brothers Peter & Agnes Dykas, Adam & Amanda Konopka, Bernard & Basia Pacyniak, Chris & Kathy Grzadziel, Alexander Danel and Kris and Kinga Zadlo**, who was the evenings MC. The scouting organizations own dance groups Lechici and Orleta put on fabulous performances and got the crowd dancing. The world class musician **Brother Anthony Kawalkowski** and his amazing orchestra entertained the guests for the entire evening! Nearly 50 items were donated for their silent auction and the Hors d'oeuvre and desert table were to die for, all donated by members. The evening lasted well past midnight and event was a great success

2018 INAUGURAL BALL - SAVE THE DATE!


On Saturday, January 27, 2018, the Chicago Society, P.N.A. will host its 2018 Annual Inaugural Ball and Installation of Officers at the elegant Victoria in the Park Banquet Facility in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. This year we are honoring **Brother Mr. Thaddeus J. Makarewicz, Esq.**, a dedicated Polish American an activist belonging to and serving as an officer in organizations like the Chicago Society, Advocates Society, Polish Arts Club, Polish Museum of America, Polish American Association, Bishop Abramowicz Seminary and former Chairman, Chicago Sister Cities Warsaw Committee. We would request that you show your support for this year's honoree by placing a personal greeting or congratulatory advertisement in our program book. The Inaugural Ball is always an elegant affair especially being held this year at Victoria in the Park Banquet Facility. Please show your support for our well deserving honoree by attending the Ball and placing an ad in our program book.

The rate are full page \$100.00, half page (1/2) \$60.00, and quarter page (1/4) \$30.00. Please call **President Steve Rakowski** or **Charles Komosa** for special pricing for inside front cover, back inside cover, and back cover. Please make all checks payable to the: Chicago Society, PNA. Please call **Brother Steve Rakowski** at (847) 204-4106 or email him ads to steve@kandrfamilylaw.com or Brother Charles Komosa at 773/286-7123 or email him at charles.komosa@pna-znp.org with ads for the program book or questions. The 2018 Inaugural Ball Chairman, **Brother Romuald Matuszczak**, will be taking Ball ticket reservations. The price per guest will be \$130.00 and invitations will be mailed out soon. A full article with all the details will be in the December Chicago Society Forum and on the CS website. If you have any questions about the Ball please contact Brother Romuald Matuszczak at (847) 331-8007. Brother Ro mentioned that you can pay for the Ball tickets with check, credit card via PayPal, money order, or cash (USD currency only).

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