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DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

August 21, 2013

6:00 P.M.

**Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois**

RESERVATIONS

by August 19 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or 847-823-8747

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

**Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 P.M.
Folak's Lincoln Tavern**

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013—
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013—
Business Expo & Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013—
"Octoberfest" Dinner Meeting
Elk's Lodge, Des Plaines

WHY POLISH-AMERICANS WILL REGAIN INFLUENCE OVER AMERICAN POLITICS

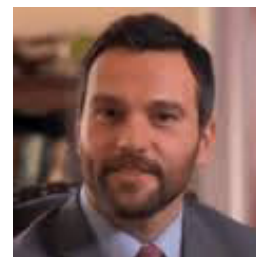
This is the topic of our speaker at the August meeting, Lukas Fuksa, an attorney engaged in the practice of corporate law, construction law, business and real estate transactions, and commercial litigation.

Mr. Fuksa was born in Poland and came to the United States when his family moved to Chicago in 1982. Lucas graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. After practicing law with two different firms from 2002 to 2006, Lucas co-founded the law firm of Fuksa Khorshid, LLC in late 2006, where he currently focuses his efforts on catering to the needs of small to medium-sized businesses.

Lucas is currently in his fourth year as the President of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce. Through the PACC, Lucas has led many initiatives focused on promoting the interests of the Polish-American business community in the United States and increasing trade and investment among Poland and the United States.

In the fall of 2012, Lucas co-organized a political action committee aimed at uniting the Polish-American community in an effort to gain a larger influence in the American political process. The organization came to be known as the "Polish American Leadership Political Action Committee" or "PAL-PAC." Through PAL-PAC, Lucas hopes to engage the Polish-American community in local, state, and federal elections, underscore issues that are important to Polish-Americans, and identify political candidates that will address the concerns of Polish-Americans.

Make sure to reserve your spot for this very informative talk at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at Przybylo's. We will enjoy an Italian Fest at this meeting. You can email your reservation (preferable) to meeting@chicagosocietypna.org, or call 847-823-8747. *Abondanza!*



CHICAGO SOCIETY BUSINESS EXPO

At our September meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with a Business Expo. The Expo will be held on September 18 at Przybylo's White Eagle in Niles. The purpose of the Expo is to give our brother members an opportunity to promote their businesses, and to encourage our own brother members to support them! Attorneys, roofers, plumbers, real estate agents, insurance agents, doctors, musicians, electricians, and all other professions are welcome. Let your brother members know what your business is and get new referrals. If you would like to promote your business at this Expo, please contact Brother **John Cieslik** at 773-775-0331. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials and your business cards. Please bring a guest to that meeting. It will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase our organization and the talents of our members.

Bring a Friend! The Business Expo is a perfect opportunity to introduce potential members to the Society. You are encouraged to invite a friend, associate or colleague to come and see what the Society has to offer. If you wish to bring a guest, he must meet the qualifications of membership, and inform Brother **Charles Cwiakala**.



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DID YOU MAKE YOUR
MEETING RESERVATION?

Dear Brothers,

The 2013 Chicago Society Golf Outing was a success thanks to Brother **Komosa**, who served as chairman of the event and also to Brothers **Czaja** and **Skaja** for being the sign chairmen. I would like to thank all those who attended and enjoyed the day with golf, libations and entertainment provided by Brother **Bartoszcze** on the eleventh hole. A special thanks to Brother **Ronald "Topper" Topczewski** and Sgt. Jim Sadowski for manning and collecting donations for "closest to the pin" on the eleventh hole.

The dinner, raffle and 50/50 were outstanding with special thanks to Brothers **Stawski** and **Sraga** for donating various Stawski products and items for the event. Also a special thanks to Brothers **Matuszczak**, **Wojciechowski** and **Przybylo** for donating great prizes. My apologies if I forgot anyone especially after a long day of making sure everyone had something to drink on the course.

I would like to thank all those that purchased a Tee Sign – thank you for your support of the scholarship fund!!!

One last thing I would like to say hope everyone is having a great memorable summer.

Fraternally Yours,
Mark Orwat



I'm sure the "senior" members of the Society fondly recall the *Trójkąt Polonijny*, the "Polish Triangle," formed by Milwaukee, Ashland, and Division streets. This was the hub of Polonia, the center of its social and political life. Here were the headquarters of the major organizations: the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Women's Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America with the Polish Museum. The dailies *Dziennik Związkowy* and *Dziennik Chicagowski* were published here. How many plays, Ref-Ren's revues, operas, and other theatrical productions do we remember performed at *Trójcowo* (Holy Trinity High School? My late father was a member of *Nasza Reduta*, one of numerous amateur Polish theater groups. My late grandmother sewed costumes for the Pucinska-Wolski Theater of Operas and Operettas. I fondly recall the *Warszawianka* restaurant on Ashland, going to numerous weddings and other functions at Oaza, Polish school at Holy Trinity, followed by *harcerstwo* and *Lechici* at Pulaski Park. Ahh, memories of days gone by.

The *Trójkąt* is still home to the PRCUA and the Polish Museum. Holy Trinity Church is a thriving mission. Recent additions are the Chopin Theatre and the Society for the Arts, which presents the annual Polish Film Festival.

The "Polish Triangle Coalition" was formed in 2011 to improve the environment of the Triangle and surrounding area. Neighborhood community groups, merchants and local schools are working to create a more pleasant and lively area at the Polish Triangle. This summer, the Coalition is sponsoring "Tuesdays @ Triangle," a series of music, dance and other performances every Tuesday evening through Sept. 24th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food is also available from truck vendors. Stop by after work and bring a folding chair and enjoy the evening.

According to its website, the Coalition is planning the following improvements to the Triangle: information and historical kiosks; a Mosaic ring around the fountain to replace the mud ring; blooming fountain to replace the water; a permanent food vendor; bicycle rental; decorative cover protecting the CTA stairwell. For more information, visit www.polishtrianglecoalition.org.

In conjunction with this revitalization of the Triangle, there is a movement to change the name of the Division Blue Line subway stop to "Division-Polonia Triangle," similar to "35th St.-Bronzeville" and "Cermak-Chinatown." You can sign a petition urging this change at www.change.org/petitions/chicago-transit-authority-modify-the-cta-blue-line-s-division-station-to-division-polonia-triangle. I encourage every member to do his part to help revitalize and invigorate this vital piece of the history of Chicago's Polonia.





◇ Spotted at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin (Door County) were Brother **Robert** and Jennifer **Groszek** with boys **Drake** and **Luke**, Brother **John** and Sandra **Pikarski, Jr.**, and Brother **Charles** and Agata **Komosa** with boys **Charley** and **Alex**, at the 64th Annual Convention of the National Medical and Dental Association and National Advocate Society Convention. Congratulations to Brother **Groszek** for being installed as second vice president of the National Advocates Society.

◇ On the road again, Brother **Charles Komosa** drove his wife and children to the PNA District 1 Summer camp in the Boston area, where his wife worked as the camp nurse for two weeks and the boys went to camp. Upon their return, Brother **Charles** treated the family to a surprise trip to New York City with a tour of downtown Manhattan on a double decker bus, a ferry trip from Battery Park to the Statue of Liberty, a great dinner in Times Square, then an exciting and energizing night tour of downtown New York and over the Brooklyn Bridge into Brooklyn. Brother **Charles** and family departed New York late that evening and drove to Washington, D.C., to visit his sisters for two days.

◇ Brother **Terry Przybylski** was recently elected as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Des Plaines Toastmasters Club. Our "toast" to you, Terry! Congratulations! *Na zdrowie!*

◇ Brother **Tom Pawelko** recently scored his first hole-in-one in a golf game. Watch out, Tiger Woods. Congratulations!

◇ **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert** was on his annual polka tour, first spending five days in

Pulaski, Wisconsin, for the Pulaski Polka Days near Green Bay. The second stop was the International Polka Association's Festival and Convention, where he was re-elected to another two-year term as a Director with the largest number of votes for any contested position at the convention. Directors **Dan Mateja** and **Laura Mateja** were not only there, but entertained an enthusiastic audience at the festival as the IPA Tribute Band of which **Dan** is leader.

A SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING

Brother **Charles Komosa**, chairman of the Annual Chicago Society Golf Outing, reports that the Annual Golf Outing was a successful event despite the change to a Thursday from a Friday. The weather was fantastic and the libations were flowing with the assistance on and off the course of our lovely bar cart attendants. Fifty-five members and their guests enjoyed the beautiful weather and an enjoyable afternoon on the links. Margaritas and other beverages were flowing at the Technicraft booth, together with music from Brother **Kamil Bartoszcze**.

The afternoon ended with a delicious dinner and further camaraderie. At the dinner, Brother **Charlie** thanked the participants for their support of the Chicago Society Scholarship Fund. After dinner, the following awards were given out: Longest Drive, **Marek Wesolowski**; Closest to Pin, **Chris Kogut**; Fraternal Participation for bringing in the most four-somes; Brother **Pete Dykas**; Individual Woman Scramble, **Iwona Filipiak**; Team Low Score with a score of 62, **Bob Kogut**, **Chris Kogut** and **Mark Wesolowski**; Senior Fraternal Participation, Brother **Ro Matuszczak**.

Brother **Charles** would like to thank the many brothers for their assistance and hard work: tee sign chairmen

Brother **Frank Czaja** and Brother **John Skaja**; Brother **Ronald "Topper" Topczewski** and **James Sadowski**; Brother **Mark Orwat**; Brother **Ro Matuszczak**, Brother **Kamil Bartoszcze**; Brother **John Wojciechowski**, Brother **Bill Wojcik**, Brother **Stanley Stawski** and Brother **Les Sraga** of **Stawski Imports**, and Brother **Andrew Przybylo** for their raffle donations, Brother **Paul Odrobina** for the PNA donation of award plaques and golf balls, and a special thanks to Brother **Ted Wiecek** for all the photos of our golfers and tee sign sponsors. A very special thank you to the 2013 Golf Outing Sponsors: **Laramie Bakery**; **Dunning Electric**; **The Polish Museum of America**; **Skaja Funeral Home**; **Robert Pietryka Funeral Home**; **Casey Laskowski Funeral Home**; **District XIII, PNA & The Women's Division**; **Alderman John Arena, 45th Ward**; **Alderman Ray Suarez, 31st Ward** and **Vice Mayor City of Chicago**; **State Rep. Maria Antonia "Toni" Berrios, 39th Legislative District**; **Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka**; **Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios**; **Gordon & Pikarski, Attorneys, Zoning, Real Estate Taxation & Condemnation**; **Dan Mateja** and the **International Polka Association Tribute Band**; **Ronald Olech, CPA**; **Sawa's Old Warsaw**; **Technicraft Collision Repair Experts**; **Polish American Police Association (PAPA)**; **Chuck & Mark Cwiakala**; **Chicago Society Members**; **Distrikt XII Polish National Alliance**; **Catherine Court Apartments**; **Troy Realty LTD.**, **Hubert Cioromski**; **Polish National Alliance**; **Ted Palka, Candidate for Cook County Sheriff**; **White Eagle Banquets**; **Kasia's Polish Deli**; **Polish Women's Alliance 115th Anniversary**; **Mega Events & the 2013 South Side Polish Fest**; **Illinois State Rep. Robert F. Martwick, Jr.**; **Dr. Chet Kloss, Dentist**; **Stawski Imports**; **the Milwaukee Society**; and **John Wojciechowski, VP of the Copernicus Foundation**.

CONDOLENCES

Edward J. Spula, brother of Brother **Frank Spula**, President of the Polish National Alliance and the Polish American Congress, passed away August 1, 2013. Our condolences to Brother **Frank**, Edward's wife **Christine** and their daughters, and all the family.

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WHAT IS THE P.N.A.? WHAT CAN IT DO FOR ME?

The speaker at our July meeting was Brother **Charles Komosa**, National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance (PNA), who spoke of the history and current activities of the PNA. The PNA was organized in Philadelphia in 1880 by Polish born Americans, as a mutual life insurance company. Its goal was to promote activities of general interest. It grew by leaps and bounds, primarily because of the situation in Poland at that time (Poland was not an independent nation then). Lodges across the US built halls, which became the nuclei of Polish life in their communities, hosting meetings, dances, classes, and other social events. Many of these lodge halls are still open and functioning.

The PNA began publishing its internal organ, the *Zgoda*, in 1881, and the *Dziennik Związkowy* in 1907, both of which are still being published. It founded Alliance College in Pennsylvania in 1912 (now closed). It owns radio station WPNA as well as PNA Bank.

In 1939, **Karol Rozmarek**, the grandfather of Brother Charles, became the PNA's President. This was a dramatic time, not only for Poland, but for Europe and all of the world, as World War II erupted. The 1940s saw a building of networks of Poles throughout the country. Karol Rozmarek founded the Polish American Congress in 1944 to unite Polonia's energies in the fight for a free and independent Poland. The PAC continues to this day as a permanent fixture in Polonia's political agenda.

Currently, the PNA has over 150,000 members, with assets of \$440 million. It has \$800 million of insurance in force, making it the 8th largest fraternal organization in the country. The PNA offers a variety of competitive products, including tax-free life insurance proceeds for final expenses, mortgage cancellation, emergency funds, college funds, child care and a monthly income. The PNA's Youth, Sports, and Seniors programs offer many programs and activities to its members. Brother Charles encourages Society members to join the PNA, either with life insurance or by purchasing an annuity, stressing that the goal of the PNA is to give back to its members with a wide range of benefits. Brother Charles also distributed copies of the book *Yesterday, Today, To-*

morrow: The Story of the Polish National Alliance by Donald E. Piekosz. We thank Brother Charles for the informative talk and for the enlightening book. *Bóg zapłać!*

ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER FOR ABRAMOWICZ SEMINARY

The annual benefit dinner for the Bishop Abramowicz Seminary will take place on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at the Westin O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont. The evening will start with cocktails and a silent auction at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$175 per person.

The Bishop Abramowicz Seminary program is unique. Beginning in September 1999, it has recruited seminarians in Poland who, with the approval of their respective bishops, have chosen to leave their native Poland to complete their seminary training here, first at the Bishop Abramowicz Seminary in Chicago, then at Mundelein Seminary.



Among those attending will be His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, along with the auxiliary bishops of Chicago. During the dinner the Guzior family will be honored with the Caritas Christi Award.

For tickets and reservations please call Mrs. Camille Kopielski 847-394-2520. For further information call Very Rev. Jacek Wrona or Dorothy Lin 312-915-0598.

CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION MAKES GRANTS

The Chicago Society Foundation at its recent meeting approved a grant of \$5,656 to the Polish Museum of America for a new sound system in the Sabina Logisz Great Hall. Anyone who has recently been at an event in the Hall knows how sorely needed is a new sound system. The Foundation also approved a grant for \$750 to the "Life in a Jar"/Irena Sendler Foundation, which will be used to develop a visual exhibit on newly found heroes from Poland during the Holocaust. Their museum is located in Fort Scott, Kansas.

CASINO DAYS SCHEDULED

Texas Hold 'em Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for the remainder of 2013. They will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17; Tuesday, Oct. 1; Wednesday, Nov. 6; and Tuesday, Nov. 19. All will be held at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle. Volunteers are need for these events. You don't need to know how to deal, only how to smile. Shifts are 1:30—6:30 and 6:30—midnight. If you can give a few hours of your time on any of those dates, please contact Brother **Chuck Cwiakala**.



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FOLKLORE OF POLAND

Let us continue our tour of Poland with the region of Podhale. While actually a part of *małopolska*, Podhale is so unique that it is often considered a separate region. Podhale (literally "under the Mountain meadows") is Poland's southernmost region, sometimes referred to as the "Polish highlands". It is located in the foothills of the Tatra range of the Carpathian Mountains, and is characterized by a rich tradition of folklore. One of the biggest attractions of Zakopane and the Podhale region is the authentic and colorful highland folklore. It was developed as a result of the synthesis of the folk culture of Poles and Slovaks, and the Balkans and is linked to the culture of all Carpathian lands. Also, the mountaineers of Podhale (called *górale*) have been exposed to a different set of cultural influences; by far the most important influence to reach Podhale from outside of Poland was during the 15th and 16th centuries when a nomadic people, the Wallachian shepherds, wandered through the Carpathian Mountains. Their culture and folklore were very strong and left a profound imprint on the cultures throughout the Carpathian Mountains. The folklore of Podhale has more similarities to other areas in the Carpathian Mountains outside of Poland than it does to Poland proper. The dance, music and folklore of the Podhale region is drastically different from the rest of Poland. Podhale is extremely mountainous, the people there have a very different life style from the other regions of Poland, where the land is mostly flat. The main occupation in Podhale is animal husbandry while in the countryside of the rest of Poland it is agriculture.

Podhale is unique in that the folklore there is still alive. Many *górale* continue to hand-build wood houses in the old style. They continue their form of high altitude shepherding, which the Wallachian nomads brought to this region. The men still work the fields and walk the streets in their traditional costume, and at a wedding or christening celebration, or a party, musicians will play *góral* music. The *kapela* of the region consists solely of strings: 1st violin, 2nd violin, and a bass of various sizes. The music is considered to be a perpetual part of the folk tradition, handed down from generation to generation, without notes or written music, but in its original form, played "by ear." The same tunes and songs are played in neighboring villages, but sung a little differently. Beautiful highland music today accompanies *górale* at home, in the tavern, and at various celebrations, making life a joy.



Górale are a hard-working people who love to sing, dance and celebrate. In a traditional dance, *góral* men impress their women with their fancy dancing and complicated footwork. One man intones a tune to the *kapela*, then dances to that tune to impress the women. Since Podhale is so mountainous, this dancing is done in one place, on a flat part of ground or even on a tree stump. The men take turns showing their prowess to the women, with a variety of intricate footwork including acrobatic jumps, leaps, and squats. Highland dancing is individual, each

man dancing in his own way, according to his character, temperament, and spirit. The melody is in the soul like blood in the veins, it harmonizes as the body moves to the rhythm of the dance, giving elasticity to the feet (A little vodka helps).

Songs are usually only one verse, called the "chant," that is performed before the start of the dance by one of the boys. One important element of the song is the *góral* dialect, a characteristic element of the Highlands. Often, translating the texts from the dialect to Polish loses their beauty and originality. Characteristic of *górale* in signing is the women's *biały głos* (white voice). This type of singing primarily uses the chest register and is similar to controlled screaming. The vocal range is restrictive and in a lower texture.

The costume from Podhale is a living attire. This clothing is worn on a daily basis. Men wear white wool felt, heavily embroidered tight pants with a *parzenice* design and hand-made hard soled moccasins (*kierpce*), with lacing up the lower leg. A mountaineer hat with a red band and shells is worn on the head. The width of the brim varies according to the taste and age of the wearer. An unmarried "available" mountaineer wears a feather in his cap. A white linen or cotton shirt is worn, usually with a metal pin attached to the chest. This metal pin originally served as a means of "buttoning" the front of the man's shirt. Its design is similar to the *parzenica* on the men's trousers. For more festive occasions a *cucha* or white felt heavily embroidered cape with sleeves is worn over one shoulder and tied with a wide red ribbon. A wide ornamented leather belt is worn around the man's waist. The width of this leather belt depends on the ranking of the mountaineer in his "tribe." A *ciupaga*, which originally was used as a hatchet for chopping and fighting, is now blunt and serves as a walking stick and for dancing. On the back of the *ciupaga* are small rings. These not only make a pleasant jingle in movement, but also are used to attach insignias of places visited.



The women's dress consists of a flowered skirt of lightweight wool, a white cotton blouse, with eyelet embroidery all over the collar, the sleeves and the cuffs, and a velvet vest heavily ornamented with beads and sequins. The patterns often represent the mountain flowers and plants. While similar to the skirts worn in the Kraków region and surrounding areas, the difference is that on the skirt of the Podhale women the flowers are graduated, from being smaller and more scattered on top to being larger and closer together at the bottom. Just like the men, the woman also wear *kierpce* on their feet.

The *górale* also have their distinct dialect, still alive today. We can hear it in conversations among highlanders in Zakopane and surrounding Podhale villages. The poet Kazimierz Przerwa-Tetmajer used the Podhale dialect extensively in his poems.

The folklore of Podhale is a living tradition. *Góral*skie chaty

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

- 5 Romuald Poplawski
- 8 John Skaja Jr.
Andrew Zapalski
- 10 George Batorski
- 11 Antoni Zaskowski
- 14 Robert Nowaczyk
- 17 Theodore Lipkowski
- 18 Marek Kowalczyk
Ronald Topczewski
- 20 Stanley Stawski
- 26 Stewart Sawa
- 27 Richard Bivins
- 28 Mark Kupiec
- 29 Mark Matker
- 30 Joseph Kuechel

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following brother member, who is celebrating the anniversary of his induction in August.

Andrew Wawrzyniak 1998 15 Years

RULES FOR VOTING AND RUNNING FOR OFFICE IF NOT SLATED

The Nominating Committee shall select at least one candidate for each elective position who shall be required to sign an acceptance of nomination. At the October meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates that has been selected. Any member may run against a slated candidate for a particular office. The rules and procedures for doing such are stated in the Constitution, Article VII: Election of Officers and Directors.

At the regular meeting in October the Nominating Committee shall accept for nomination such additional lists of candidates for the respective offices as may be submitted by the petitions of ten or more members, provided however that the signed acceptance of each candidate is attached to each such petition. The adjournment of the meeting shall close the nominations in the absence of a motion for that purpose. Immediately thereafter,

the nominating committee shall submit a list containing all of the names of the candidates to the Recording Secretary who shall cause the publicizing of such list to all members in good standing at least ten days prior to the date of the November election meeting.

The President shall appoint five Judges of Election, if necessary, who shall prepare a ballot, have charge of the polls of election, canvass the votes and certify the results to the Recording Secretary. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected, to sign petitions or to vote. No member admitted to membership in the Society within five days of election shall be eligible to vote at the election.

2014 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society of the PNA's election of 2014 officers and directors has been chosen and approved. The Nominating Committee is composed of: chairman **Stan Jendzejec, Tom Pawelko, Edmund Boduch, James Kopka, Joe Hercik**; alternates: **Richard Bivins** and **Bill Wojcik**.

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director-at-large, please contact the Chairman or another member of nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. You must contact them as soon as possible since the slate will be announced at the October meeting.

TASTE OF POLONIA

Since the Festival's inception, Chicago Society members have volunteered at the bars at the Taste of Polonia. The members of the Chicago Society are once again asked to volunteer; however, this year we will work at Big Nick's Casino, chaired by Brother **John Wojciechowski**. Poker and Black Jack dealers are especially needed. The dates are August 30 and 31, September 1 and 2, 2013. Working at the Taste has been a tradition with the Society for many years. Members always have a good time. If you are available and interested, please e-mail Brother John at jawo428@aol.com, or let him know at the August general meeting.

FOLKLORE (continued from p.5)

(wooden houses) can be seen in much new construction throughout the country. Wood carvings from Podhale are known throughout the world, usually of comical or religious figures, as are wooden plates and jewelry boxes. Anyone visiting Zakopne has certainly sampled *oscypek*, a unique cheese made from sheep's milk (an acquired taste). Equally popular are paintings on glass. The main theme of the art are religious elements. At the end of the nineteenth century, the work of painting on glass had significantly disappeared. The renewed interest in this art took place after World War II. Currently in Podhale there are a lot of artists who are willing to develop this old but beautiful art. Zakopane and the surrounding Podhale region are a must see for any visitor to Poland.

POLISH TRIVIA

A group of five Polish folk artists specializing in lace making have produced what is likely to be the largest item of its kind. What is this item? Send your response to editor@chicagosocietypna.org.

Answer to July's Question: Pawel Prylinski, a native of Kalisz, Poland, is the massage therapist for the Chicago Blackhawks.



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