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DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

August 20, 2014

6:00 P.M.

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

RESERVATIONS

by August 18 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

**Tuesday, September 2, 7:00 P.M.
PNA Home Office**

COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 17, 2014—
Family & Friends Picnic
West Busse Woods, Grove 31**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014—
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014—
Texas Hold-Em Casino
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC ON AUGUST 17

Come to the Annual Chicago Society Family and Friends Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014. The picnic will be held in the Busse Woods West Forest Preserve Grove #31 in Elk Grove Village, located on the north side of Higgins Road (Rte. 72), west of Arlington Heights Road. The area is south of the Northwest Toll Road. This is the same location as two years ago. A map is located on page 5 in this *Forum*.

The picnic is free for members, their families and friends. Freshly grilled and cold foods along with various beverages will be served under the covered pavilion. There is ample open space surrounding that platform, and everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows. There is also a small lake nearby. Fishing permits and equipment are a necessity, although trophy fish are rare at this location. There are rest room facilities at the site. Games and treats will be provided for children.

Chairman Brother **Fred Koziol** encourages everyone to attend this always enjoyable event. The ever-popular Raffle will again run by Brother **Ro Matuszczak** and his wife Chris. Brother Ro is asking members to donate any worthwhile prizes for the raffle. Brother **Frank Czaja** and his wife Darlene will have plenty of fun children's games to keep the kiddies entertained. Musical entertainment is also being planned.

Come; bring your family friends for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Please contact Brother Koziol for more information at (773) 297-7768.

LEADERSHIP IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT AS A POL-AM

Our speaker at the August meeting will be Simon Wlodarski, who currently serves as Chief of Staff for the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. In 1994, Simon enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman. Having served in a variety of billets in the Infantry, Simon completed his tour of duty and went on to complete a degree in Engineering from Iowa State University. Pursuing a commission in 2003, Simon went on to serve as an infantry platoon commander in Iraq and company executive officer before completing his service as a Captain in 2009. In 2011, Simon was commissioned in the Illinois National Guard, and was deployed to Afghanistan embedded as a US Officer within the Polish Military Contingent—Afghanistan. During the deployment, Simon was promoted to Major.



For his service, Mr. Wlodarski has been awarded the following decorations: the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Naval Unit Citation, the Global War of Terror Service and Expeditionary Medals, the Afghan Campaign medal, National Defense Medal, the Sea Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the NATO ISAF Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Mr. Wlodarski is also a recipient of the Republic of Poland Star of Afghanistan. Reserve your spot now for our next Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Przybylo's. You can email your reservation (preferable) to meeting@chicagosocietypna.org, or call 847-823-8747.



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MEETING RESERVATION?**

Dear Brothers,

I would first like to thank all those who attended and supported the 2014 Chicago Society Golf Outing. The golf outing was a huge success. Thanks to Brother Komosa for getting a record number of golfers out this year and for taking on this event year after year. Also, thanks to Brother Czaja for being the sign chairman.

A special thanks to Brother Ronald "Topper" Topczewski and Sgt. Jim Sadowski from PAPA for manning and collecting donations for "closest to the pin" on the eleventh hole. This year was a record breaker also for "closest to the pin." Thanks again. Thanks also to Brother Mikoda for making sure all the golfers had enough refreshments on the course. The dinner, raffle and 50/50 were outstanding with special thanks to Brothers Czaja, Wiecek and Wojciechowski for helping out. 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!!!

I would also like to thank Brothers Stawski and Sraga from Stawski Distributors, Brother Wojcik from Laramie Deli and Bakery, Brother Matuszczak and Brother Przybylo for your donations. My apologies if I forgot anyone, especially after a long day of making sure everything was running smoothly.

Not too far away is our annual Friends and Family Picnic, which will be held on August 17th at Busse Woods Grove #31. Thank you Brother Koziol for being the picnic chairman.

One last thing: I hope everyone is having a great, memorable summer.

Fraternally Yours,
Mark Orwat



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 at our regular meeting on September 17 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 **Cwiakala**.

CASINO DAYS SCHEDULED

Texas Hold 'em Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for the remainder of 2014. They will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 2; Wednesday, Oct. 22; Tuesday, Nov. 18; and Wednesday, Dec. 3. 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**.



In Memoriam

William "Billy" Folak passed away July 28, 2014, at the young age of 49, following a lengthy and serious illness. He was a member of the Chicago Society until just recently, when his health prevented him from being active. His late father was William "Bill" Folak, also a member of the Chicago Society, and his late mother Sandra was the sister of Chris Matuszczak, wife of Brother Ro Matuszczak. The family owned and operated Lincoln Tavern in Bucktown, the site of Chicago Society Board meetings and Chicago Society Foundation meetings for many, many years. Funeral services were held August 2, 2014. Our deepest condolences to his sister Veronica, who cared for him for many years, and the rest of his family. May he rest in Peace.



**JOIN US AT THE PICNIC
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

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GET WELL WISHES

Brother **Charles Komosa**, Director of Publications, recently experienced some health problems, which necessitated him to be hospitalized for a few days. He is now recuperating and regaining his strength in the relaxing climes of the PNA Camp in Yorkville. We all wish him *szybkiego powrotu do zdrowia*.



CONCERTS OF THE ANTHONY KAWALKOWSKI ORCHESTRA

Mark your calendars for two concerts by Brother **Anthony Kawalkowski** and his orchestra. The first, "Autumnfest," will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Sun City Del Webb, Drendel Ballroom, 12880 Dell Webb Rd. in Huntley, IL. Enjoy the sounds of familiar Fall favorites, from a medley of *Sound of Music*, to classic Oktoberfest songs from Germany, Austria, Italy, and Poland, with a little Elvis mixed in. Tickets for non-residents are \$27 and can be purchased by calling 847-515-7650.

Brother Kawalkowski and his orchestra will again present a concert of Christmas favorites, "The Love and Peace of Christmas," on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Center. If last year's concert is any indication, this year's will be even more spectacular. The full orchestra and vocalists will feature Christmas classics from *Silent Night* to *Sleigh Bells* and many more. The concert will feature sing-a-longs and a visit from Santa Claus, with a special appearance by Chicago's own Wayne Messmer, and more surprises. For ticket information, go to <http://www.akorchestra.com>.

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE 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 29, 30 and 31, September 1, 2014. 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.



BISHOP ABRAMOWICZ SEMINARY BENEFIT

Chicago (PMN)—On Sunday, September 7, 2014, the annual benefit dinner for Bishop Abramowicz Seminary will take place at the Westin O'Hare Hotel in suburban Rosemont, Illinois. The evening will start with cocktails and silent auction at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$175 per person.

Bishop Abramowicz Seminary program is unique. Commencing in September, 1999, it has annually recruited seminarians in Poland who, with the approval of their respective bishops there, have each freely elected to leave their native Poland with the idea of completing their seminary training in the United States, first at Bishop Abramowicz Seminary program in Chicago, then at Mundelein Seminary.

Among those attending the banquet will be Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago along with the auxiliary bishops of Chicago. During the dinner Camille Kopielski, who has served as a leader of numerous local and national Polonia organizations, will be honored with the Caritas Christi Award.

For tickets and reservations call 708-484-6513.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman has applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the PNA. If any member has an objection regarding the admission of this prospective members, 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.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Romuald Poplawski
- 8 John Skaja
 Andrew Zapalski
- 10 George Batorski
- 11 Anthony Zaskowski
- 14 Robert Nowaczyk
- 17 Theodore Lipkowski
- 18 Marek Kowalczyk
 Ronald Topczewski
- 20 Stanley Stawski
- 26 Stuart Sawa
- 27 Richard Bivins
- 28 Mark Kupiec
- 29 Mark Matker
- 30 Marcin Krempa

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

Marshall Olech 1969 45 years

2015 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society of the PNA's election of 2015 officers and directors has been appointed. The Nominating Committee is composed of: Brothers Chairman **Stan Jendzejec, Ray Golenia, Joe Hercik, Tom Pawelko and Stanley Sawa.**

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 the nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. You must contact them as soon as possible because the slate will be announced at the October meeting.

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.

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA

Chicago (PMN)—The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of The Polish Museum of America (PMA) formally announced the selection of the new Managing Director, Malgorzata Kot, on July 25, 2014. After an intense search and interview process, Kot was chosen from a field of qualified candidates.

Malgorzata Kot has been with the PMA for 19 years as the Head Librarian, and is respected and known among all segments of Polonia, Poland, and abroad. During her tenure, she developed many cooperative relationships and introduced several innovations to the PMA. The Museum is an integral part of her professional life, and she has a great vision for the future of the PMA and its mission.

Kot assumes her new position on September 1, 2014.



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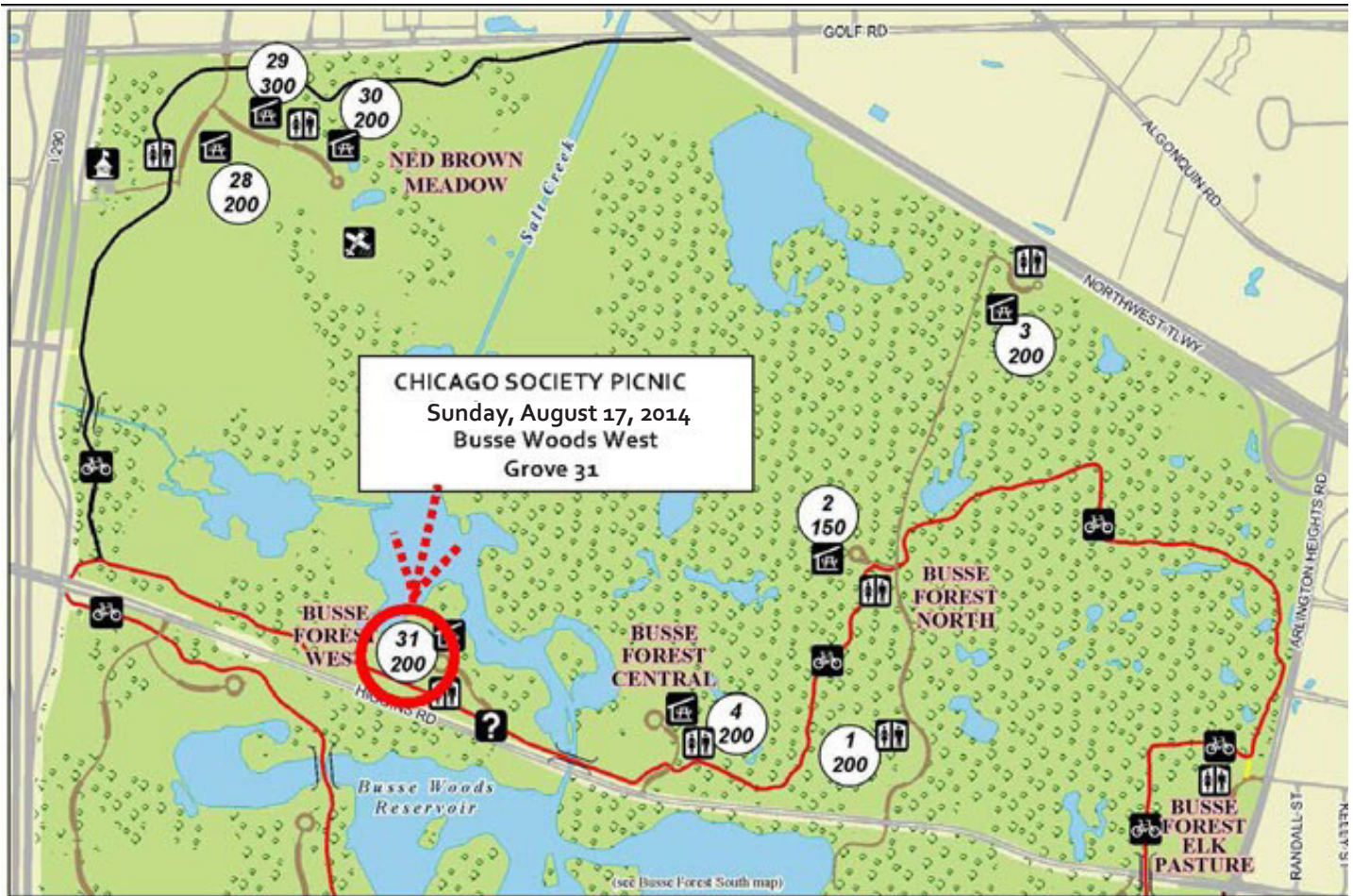
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Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on July 25, 2014, that Poland will probably appeal against a European Court of Human Rights ruling that Poland hosted a secret CIA jail. "We're analyzing materials and it is quite probable that we will appeal against this ruling," Tusk said.

According to statistics published in *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, and repeated by *Catholic World News* on July 24, 2014, Sunday Mass attendance has fallen below 40% in Poland. Nevertheless, the nation has more seminarians than any other in Europe. According to the report 39.1% of the baptized now attend Mass on Sunday, down from 57% in the 1980s and 50% in the 1990s. The number of diocesan and religious priests in Poland continues to rise as ordinations outpace deaths. Vocations to women's religious communities, however, have lagged, and the number of

women religious in Poland fell by 284 in 2012.

Estimates from the Labor Ministry indicated on July 9, 2014, that Poland's unemployment in June was the lowest in two years. The jobless rate fell to 12.1% from 12.5% in May. That was the lowest since 2012, the Ministry said.

Soldiers with the Illinois National Guard's 108th Sustainment Brigade and Polish diplomats have marked the 21-year anniversary of military cooperation. A statement from the National Guard on July 23, 2014, said that the sides celebrated with recent events at a U.S. camp and the Polish Embassy in Kuwait. One of the events was an American-style barbeque. The Illinois contingent was paired with Poland in 1993 in the Defense Department's State Partnership Program. One reason the Illinois force was matched with Polish soldiers was the large number of state residents who are of Polish heritage. The contingents have deployed together in conflict areas.



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