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NETWORKING & DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2015
6:00 P.M.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS
by November 16 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
847-635-0883

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, November 30, 7:00 P.M.
Location TBA

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 21, 2015—
CS 1st Annual Pheasant Hunting
Outing
Coon Creek Hunt Club,
Garden Prairie, IL

Tuesday, January 12, 2016—
CS Texas Hold'em Casino Days
White Eagle Banquets

Saturday, January 23, 2016 —
CS Inaugural Ball
Café La Cave
2777 Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL

GOBBLE SOME TURKEY AND CAST YOUR BALLOT

The Chicago Society Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Election Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 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. Please contact Brother Ro Matuszczak for reservations at 847-635-0883 or at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org. NOTE: The deadline to make your reservation is Monday, November 16. As in past years, there will be no charge for the November meal this year



The Election of Officers and Directors for the Chicago Society for 2016 will also be held on that day. The candidates are as follows:

President	Ted Makarewicz
Executive Vice-President	John Cieslik
Civic Vice-President	Robert P. Groszek
Recording Secretary	vacancy
Financial Secretary	Richard Jadczyk
Treasurer	Ted Wiecek
Advocate	Steve Rakowski
Senior Director	Mark Orwat
Social Activities Director	Mario Mikoda
Club House Director	Romuald Matuszczak
Directors at Large:	Charles "Chuck" Cwiakala
	Peter A. Dykas
	Charles A. Komosa
	Mark Pasieka
	Andrew Zapalski



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Charles Cwiakala

DID YOU MAKE YOUR
MEETING RESERVATION?

Dear Brothers,

Happy Halloween, Happy All Saints Day, Happy All Souls Day and finally Happy Thanksgiving!!! And this is just a prelude to the Christmas Holiday Season. My point is to take time to enjoy the moment. To enjoy our friends and family and to reflect upon all that has transpired in our lives during the past year. To remember those that are no longer with us and to think about a cherished moment you had with that person that made you laugh or put a smile on your face. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

I want to thank Brother **Charley Komosa** and his faithful committee for another great Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The corn beef from Harrington's was plentiful and everyone had a good time. And of course, there were a good amount of judicial candidates and local politicians to add a little spice to the evening. Trust me, no one went away hungry or thirsty. To add to our upcoming calendar of events, Brother **Steve Rakowski** is adding to our "List of Firsts." Steve recently chaired the very successful 1st Annual Chicago Society Fishing Derby and now he has agreed to chair the 1st Annual Chicago Society Pheasant Hunt on November 21, 2015. I believe the event is almost sold out, but please contact Steve or myself at the general meeting for further information.

I would encourage all our members to attend our Thanksgiving meeting and celebrate the holiday with your brother members. We will serve our traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings and of course, raffle off a large number of frozen turkeys. And finally, we will vote in our new officers and directors for the upcoming year. I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally yours,

Brother **Ted Makarewicz**, President

Dear Brothers,

Please try to attend the November General Meeting, Elections & Thanksgiving Dinner featuring our Annual Turkey Raffle. Although it is a non-contested race, all the brother candidates are civic minded, ethical, fraternal, a "hell" of a

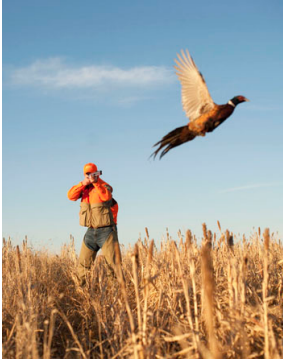
bunch of good guys! Speaking of elections: a big thanks to all who attended our Annual Candidate's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner--no complaints and much fun! I wish you and your family a very warm and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,

Brother **Charley Komosa**, Editor



CHICAGO SOCIETY PHEASANT HUNTING OUTING



Saturday, November 21st 8 to Noon! Join fellow hunting enthusiasts for our inaugural hunting outing. 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, Coon Creek. The cost will be \$125.00 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. Coon Creek Hunt Club is located at 11050 Slough Road, Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038 (near Marengo, IL). We will be meeting at 7:45 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 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.

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

Preferred hunting partners:

Your name: _____

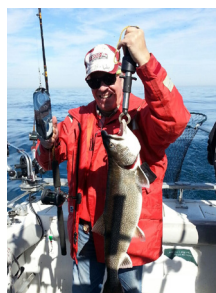
Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Participant assumes all liability for loss or injury suffered by Participant while engaging in the Hunting Outing. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the PNA-Chicago Society, its officers and agents for and against all claims, charges, or expense suffered by Participant.

Participant's signature

For more information contact Brother Steve Rakowski at 847-204-4106 or via e-mail at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com.

CHICAGO SOCIETY FISHING DERBY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

On Sunday, October 25, 2015, the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress held their 46th Annual Polish American Heritage Award Banquet. Brother Ro Matuszczak received the Civic Award for life achievement. Judge Diann Marsalek, daughter of retired Judge Brother Ed Marsalek received the Public Service Award. Master of Ceremonies was Brother Mark Kupiec. It was a gala evening, well attended. Bon voyage!

Recently, Ro Matuszczak returned from an overseas trip visiting Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; and Tallinn, and Estonia. He was accompanied by his two daughters Yvonne Koontz and Renee Robinson - who were also his chaperones. On their return trip, the plane had to make an emergency landing in Greenland because of smoke in the first class cabin caused by an electric coffee maker. Not sure if more was involved but the landing was made. The captain stated they are awaiting a mechanic from Copenhagen and passengers would have to overnight in Greenland. There was an old hotel at the airport where all passengers stayed. The next day, after the problem was fixed, the flight continued to Chicago. An exciting trip! Did you know that the most hot dogs sold in America on an annual basis is at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport?— over 2 million per year!

**SAVE THE DATE! THE 2016
INAUGURAL BALL IS COMING!**

The Annual Inaugural Ball with Installation of Officers of the Chicago Society will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Café La Cave located at 2777 Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL.

Ball Chairman Brother Ted Makarewicz ensured that the evening will meet the high standards of the Chicago Society with great food, good drinks and quality entertainment. More information to follow in the December Forum!



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IN MEMORIAM

Mary C. Sawa, nee Flanagan of Countryside, age 66. Beloved wife of Brother Stanley Sawa; loving mother of Scott Sawa, Megan Sawa and step-daughter, Sharleen (Peter) Mahoney; proud grandmother of Reagan Mahoney; dear sister of Terese (Bob) Danaher, Terrence (Candace) Flanagan and John (Sally) Flanagan; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Avid Chicago Bears fan. Mary was active in many Polish American organizations over the years and she and Stanley were close friends of many of our Chicago Society members and their wives.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following brother members who are celebrating the anniversary of their induction in November. Brother **Chester Klos**, 30 years, inducted in 1985; Brother **Chester Lizak**, 30 years, inducted in 1985; Brother **Peter Dykas**, 20 years, inducted in 1995; Brother **David Utting**, 20 Years, inducted in 1995; and Brother **William Przybylski**, 10 years, inducted in 2005



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ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

On Thursday, October 29, 2015, the Chicago Society sponsored its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the AAC Eagles Club in Chicago. Brother **John Cieslik**, Brother **Mark Orwat** and Brother **Charles Komosa** co-chaired and emceed a very successful event with 95 guests, elected officials and candidates. Tremendous help came from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** and Agata Komosa. All enjoyed a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Harrington's World Famous Corned Beef. Brother Charles Komosa opened the program and greeted all the guests then introduced his co chairs Brother John Cieslik and Brother Mark Orwat. After the outstanding Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, President Brother **Ted Makarewicz** introduced the elected officials and candidates for elected office. Many officials and candidates were in attendance, including Brother Hon. **Robert Martwick**, State Representative 19th District, purchased a table but was unable to attend, Brother Hon. **Andrew Przybylo**, Mayor of the Village of Niles, Brother Hon. **James Pieczonka**, Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County 12th Sub Circuit, Hon. Judge Diann Marsalek, purchased a table, Hon. Joseph Berrios, Cook County Assessor, Hon. Chris Taliaferro, Alderman of 29th Ward, Steve Kozicki, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Stephanie Saltouros, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, 10th Sub circuit, Tom McGuire, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, David Studenroth, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, and Joe Cook, candidate for GCWRD Commmissioner. The program ended with an executive raffle for various gifts. All of the guests had a great fraternal evening!

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!*

- 2 Stan Lesniak
- 4 Henry Kurzydowski
- 5 Jesse Soszko
- 6 Edmund Boduch
- Steven Rakowski
- 11 Andrew Csoke
- Chester Przybylo
- 12 Robert Groszek
- 16 Martin Weihing
- 18 Harold Brown
- John Garrido
- Marshall Olech
- Roman Piotrowski
- 19 Robert Mance
- 22 Ronald Nawrocki
- Edward Wasilewski
- 30 Martin Vogel



Dan Patlak, Commissioner of Cook County Board of Review, speaks to the members at the October meeting

TRAIL OF HOPE

THE ANDERS ARMY, AN ODYSSEY
ACROSS THREE CONTINENTS

A NEW BOOK BY NORMAN DAVIES

Following the conquest of Poland by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union in 1939, hundreds of thousands of Polish families were torn from their homes and sent eastwards to the arctic wastes of Siberia. Prisoners of war, refugees, those regarded as 'social criminals' by Stalin's regime, and those rounded up by sheer chance were all sent 'to see the Great White Bear'. However, with Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union in Operation Barbarossa just two years later, Russia and the Allied powers found themselves on the same side once more. Turning to those that it had previously deemed 'undesirable', Russia sought to raise a Polish army from the men, women and children that it had imprisoned within its labour camps.

In this remarkable work, renowned historian Professor Norman Davies draws from years of meticulous research to recount the compelling story of this unit, the Polish II Corps or 'Anders Army', and their exceptional journey from the Gulag of Siberia through Iran, the Middle East and North Africa to the battlefields of Italy to fight shoulder-to-shoulder with Allied forces. Complete with previously unpublished photographs and first-hand accounts from the men and women who lived through it, this is a unique visual and written record of one of the most fascinating episodes of World War II.

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