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### DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

**WEDNESDAY**

**October 15, 2014**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

### RESERVATIONS

**by October 13 to  
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org  
or 847-823-8747**

### NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

**Monday, November 3, 7:00 P.M.  
Site to be Announced**

### COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014—  
Meeting & Oktoberfest Dinner  
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets**

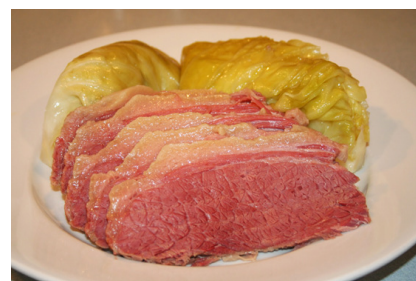
**Wednesday, October 22, 2014—  
Texas Hold-Em Casino  
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets**

**Thursday, October 23, 2014—  
Candidates' Corned Beef Dinner  
AAC Eagles Club, 5844 Milwaukee**

**Monday, October 27, 2014  
CS Foundation Meeting  
Smakosz Restaurant**

### 2014 CANDIDATES CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Chicago Society Annual Candidates Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the AAC Eagles Club located at 5844 N. Milwaukee in Chicago. As usual, all members and their guests are welcome to join us and network, break bread and have a great evening! The very low priced ticket of **\$35.00** includes open bar with premium liquor starting at **6:00 p.m.** followed by dinner featuring Harrington's famous corned beef with horseradish, cabbage, boiled potatoes, pumpernickel bread, and apple pie and coffee for dessert. After dinner we will have the ever popular Executive Raffle and continue to network!



Please call co-chairmen Brother **Charles Komosa** at 773-286-7123, Brother **John Cieslik** at 312-859-5404 or Brother **Mark Orwat** at 773-502-6969, if you would like to attend or for information.

Tables of ten are available. Please make your reservations early because **tickets will not be sold at the door**. Please reserve your tickets early because we sold out last year and expect many candidates seeking elective office to attend. You can pay online using **PayPal** on our website at [www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html](http://www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html).

Listen to what the candidates have to say to vote in the Illinois General Election a week later on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Membership Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but it is that time of year for the much anticipated Oktoberfest Dinner at the meeting. House Director **Chuck Cwiakala** has a delicious dinner menu for the meeting, which will include German-style potato soup, two different German sausages, red cabbage, spaetzle, and German chocolate cake.

### MEETING SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Brother **John Cieslik** has arranged for very own Brother **Romuald "Ro" Matuszczak**, to be our featured speaker at the October General Meeting to be held on October 15, 2014 at the White Eagle. Brother Ro will provide an overview of his experiences, trials and tribulations, as well as poignant observations concerning his membership in the Chicago Society.

### CASINO DAYS SCHEDULED AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Texas Hold'Em Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society has been scheduled for the remainder of 2014. They will be held on Wednesday, October 22; Tuesday, November 12; and Wednesday, December 3. All of the Casino Days will be held at Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets. Volunteers are needed for these events.

You don't need to know how to deal, only how to smile. Shifts are 1:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.. If you can give a few hours of your time on any of those dates, please contact Brother **Chuck Cwiakala**.



## CHICAGO SOCIETY Forum

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MEETING RESERVATION?

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and memorable summer. I would like to thank Brother **John Cieslik** for organizing a successful Business Expo at our last meeting, together with all the members who participated by promoting their business and making us aware of what business or service they provide. Thank you all.

Not too far away is our Friends & Candidates Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the AAC Eagles Club located 5844 N. Milwaukee in Chicago. Cost is only \$35.00 for Harrington's Corned Beef and an open bar. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Please call Brother **Charles Komosa** at 773-286-7123 for reservations. Space is limited. Please make your reservations early.

Finally, remember October is Polish Heritage Month. Try and spread our heritage. Attend the various observances throughout the area. Let others know about our rich history and be proud.

Fraternally yours,  
Mark Orwat

## FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Dear Brothers,

Just a reminder that we have a very busy October with our General Meeting and (thanks to Brother Chuck) an Oktoberfest style dinner. October is Polish American Heritage month in Illinois! Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 in Illinois.

Our very Brother **James Pieczonka** is running for Judge in the 12th Sub circuit and Brother **Robert F. Martwick, Jr.** is running for reelection for Illinois State Representative in the 19th District. Please support our candidates if you live in their sub-circuit or district.

Happy Halloween and buy the good candy for the kids trick-or-treating. *"If you don't believe in ghosts, you've never been to a family reunion!" Boo!*

Fraternally,  
Charles Komosa

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chicago Society Nominating Committee chairman Brother **Stanley Jendzejec** has presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2015:

President: **Ted Makarewicz**

and **Robert Groszek**

Executive Vice President: **John Cieslik**

Civic Vice President: **Charles Komosa**

Recording Secretary: **Ted Wiecek**

Financial Secretary: **Richard Jadcak**

Treasurer: **Ronald Topczewski**

Advocate: **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**

Senior Director: **Mark Orwat**

Social Activities Director: **Mario Mikoda**

Clubhouse Director: **Ro Matuszczak**

Directors at Large (5)

**Peter Dykas**

**Charles Cwiakala**

(3 positions have no recommendation)

Any additional member interested in running for an office must submit his petition to the chair of the Nominating Committee before the close of the October General Meeting. The election of Officers and Directors will be held at the General Meeting on November 19, 2014

## CONCENTRATION CAMP ART AT POLISH MUSEUM

Chicago, Illinois (PMN)—A temporary exhibit opening on October 19, 2014, at The Polish Museum of America will showcase photos of 20 rare pieces of art, created despite great personal danger, by prisoners of German Nazi concentration camps during World War II. The pieces, made illegally during the prisoners' captivity, document the reality of the camps, as well as demonstrate how making art was an important escape and respite from the horrors of imprisonment. The exhibit runs through January 11, 2015.



## AROUND THE SOCIETY!

Congratulations and *Sto Lat* to Brother **Zenon Olejniczak** and his beautiful bride of 50 years, Jadwiga, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Fountain Blue in Des Plaines, IL. They renewed their wedding vows at a Mass earlier in the afternoon at St. Constance Church in Chicago. Attending their wedding reception were Brother **Joseph Hercik** and Irene, Brother **Paul Odrobina** and Janice with daughter, Katrina, and **Charles Komosa**.

Congratulations to Renee Laskowski, daughter of Brother **Tom** and Christine **Laskowski**. She is the youngest grandchild of Virginia and the late Brother **Casey Laskowski**. She completed the Ironman in Madison, Wisconsin, in September. She swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles and then ran 26.2 miles for a total of 140.6 miles. Her time was 13 hours and 50 minutes. She is a Nurse Practitioner at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Her parents were exhausted from following her and cheering her on throughout the day and evening.

A September Soiree fundraiser was held at the home of Brother **Ro** and Chris **Matuszczak** for Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. The event was co-hosted by Brother **Richard** and Maria **Ciesla**; **Charles** and Teresa **Cwiakala** and **Ro** and Chris **Matuszczak**. Many brother members financially supported Judy at the soiree, including **Don** and Lucille **Gutowski**, **Mark Orwat**, **John** and Jean **Cieslik**, **Stanley Jendzjec**, **Tom Pawelko**, **Romuald Poplawski**, **Robert Groszek**,

**Jack Skaja**, a representative of **Dan Patlak**, **Frank Spula**, **Steve Rakowski**, **James Pieczonka** and **Dr. Alexander** and **Lauren Tzanos**. All totaled there were over forty persons who attended. It was a successful affair. A good time was held by all on a weather-perfect day!

Congratulations to Brother **Joseph** and Judy **Drobot** on his installation as president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America with a very swanky dinner and program at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont. Other Brother members enjoying the evening were **Richard** and Maria **Ciesla**, **Ro** and Chris **Matuszczak**, **John Wojciechowski** and lady friend **Boguslawa**, **Peter** and **Agnieszka Dykas**, **Don Versen**, and **Charles** and **Agata Komosa**.

Brother **Anthony "Tony" Kawalkowski** and his world famous The Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra has two upcoming performances on **Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** at Sun City Dell Webb in Huntley, Ill., entitled Autumn Fest and his second magnificent concert will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at the Copernicus Center at 6:00 p.m. entitled The Love and Peace of Christmas. For tickets for either performance or information - please call (847) 515-7650.

Brother **Andy Batorski** is back to recuperating after a second operation on his back. His original operation was about a year ago and he went for another procedure in June of this year. He is doing great and hopes to be back attending our meetings.

**Paul Koontz**, grandson of Brother **Ro** and Chris **Matuszczak**, recently passed his

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## In Memoriam

Brother **Walter J. Sojka**, a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, was called home to God on August 17, 2014, at the age of 84. He was the beloved son of the late Peter J. and the late Elizabeth J. (nee Wrzesinski); loving brother of the late Peter J. Jr. (late Lottie) and the late S.M. Ancilla CSFN; proud uncle of **Adrienne Jaworski** (Jack Graham), **Susan (Jesus) Villa**; great-uncle of **Todd (Nichole)**, **Adrienne Accardi** (Corey Purcell), **Lisa (Vince)** **Jesaitis** and **Jeff (Kelly)** **Jaworski**, **Reid Jesaitis**, **Alex** and **Nathaniel Accardi**.

Owner of the **Walter L. Sojka Funeral Home** for over 60 years, neighborhood residents and businesses dubbed him 'the Mayor of Chicago Ave.' His professional leadership, civic, and religious involvement were the cornerstones of his life.

He was founder of the **Polish Museum of America Summer Ball**, the **Friends of Nazareth of Des Plaines** and the **Friends of Sister Ancilla for the Phillapian Mission**. Brother **Sojka** was an officer or member of numerous organizations including: **National and Illinois Funeral Directors Associations**, the **Chicago Society**, the **Polish Roman Catholic Union of America**, the **Polish Museum of America**, the **Stanley Barbasz VFW post #72**, **Bishop Murphy's Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, the **Catholic League**, **St. Vincent DePaul**, the **Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce**, the **Chicago Intercollegiate Council**, the **Northwest Community Organization**, where he established the first senior citizen club in the community in 1962 at **Pulaski Park**, and many more.

He was **Lay Chairman and Greeter** for **Pope John Paul II's** visit to Chicago in 1979. His leadership at **St. Boniface** and **Holy Innocents Catholic churches** will always be remembered

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bar exam. It looks like we'll have another "attorney" Chicago Society member. He is interested in joining our organization. Ro is preparing a membership application for him.

Brother **Bob Mance**, Vice President of Chapter 37 of the U. S. Army Special Forces Association and a member of the British Royal Marines Association, will be in England to present a plaque to the Royal Marines who are celebrating their 350th anniversary. Bob was the first person from the U. S. Military to be a member with the Royal Marines. Good going Bob!

Brother **Henry Kurzydowski's** daughter, Aleksandra Kay Kurzydowski, a 2nd year student at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City, has been chosen by the prestigious Kosciuszko Foundation in NYC as 1 of 30 undergraduate student recipients of a scholarship sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. The \$2000 award is for undergrads of Polish descent studying in the US & pursuing degrees in media communications, political science, social studies or law. This is the first time an undergraduate scholarship has been made possible thanks to a \$ 60,000 grant from the Polish government.

Brother **Ronald "Topper" Topczewski** and his crew (Dr. Joe Sadowski, Eddie Kopij, and Bruce Beauprie) rode 2,393 miles for 7-1/2 days to attend the Riding Doctor's Convention at Lake George, New York. Brother **Topper** rode through Chicago, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and arrival to Lake George. On his return trip he rode across the state of New York

via Buffalo, Lake Erie Canal route home, then Cleveland, Indiana and sweet home Chicago. Brother **Topper** and crew rode all back roads only paying tolls in Illinois and had fantastic weather.

### PROPOSED FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY 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 either of these 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.

Name: Krzysztof Zadlo  
Address: 1347 Lathrop Avenue  
River Forest, IL 60305  
Phone: (312) 848-5308  
Occupation: Executive for the Invenergy  
Birth date: July 7, 1967  
Birthplace: Chicago  
Education: Electrical Engineering MA  
Sponsors: Mark Orwat  
and Charles Komosa

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **Stan Lesniak** on his 65th anniversary and Brother **Theodore Lipkowski** on his 20th anniversary as members, respectively.

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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

The Chicago Society extend a warm wish of *Sto Lat* to the following brother members who are celebrating their birthday in October:

- 2 Richard Ciesla  
John Cieslik  
Victor Kay
- 6 Richard Kula
- 7 Richard Jadcak
- 8 John Pikarski
- 10 Theodore Sanders
- 15 Stanley Sawa
- 18 Frank Cizon
- 20 Wojtek Skonieczny
- 22 Dariusz Kozlowski
- 25 Edward Mazur
- 26 Mark Orwat



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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

The Chicago Society Board of Directors has approved the amendments below. They will add a fourth classification of membership. "Non-Resident" membership, a current classification, is for previously active members who move out of our geographic area. The proposed "Associate Membership" is for men who were never active members and do not live within Cook County and its contiguous counties, but who wish to join the Chicago Society.

Words with a line through them will be deleted. Italicized words will be added.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. A condition of membership shall be absolute and unqualified loyalty to the Constitution and Government of the United States of America and respect ~~of~~ *for* local authority.

SECTION 2. Each member is encouraged to support the Society activities, events and fund-raising projects to the best of his ability.

SECTION 3. Membership in this Society shall consist of ~~three~~ *four* classifications:

A. Active Membership. Any male of Polish lineage or affinity, over 18 years of age, of good character and reputation, whose acceptance will add to the welfare and progress of the Chicago Society and who is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States residing in Cook County or its contiguous counties may be admitted to membership in the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors. (As amended on August 15, 2012.)

B. Non-Resident Membership. Any active member who moves from Cook County or its contiguous counties ~~or its suburbs~~, upon written application to the Board of Directors, may retain his membership in the Society as a non-resident member as provided in the By-Laws.

C. *Senior Membership*. Any member in good standing may attain senior membership *by virtue* of his years of membership and age in accordance with the By-Laws.

D. *Associate Membership*. *An applicant who otherwise complies with Section 3 Paragraph A of this Article, but does not reside in Cook County or its contiguous counties and has never been inducted into Active Membership, may be admitted to Associate Membership in the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

### ARTICLE IV - INITIATION FEES, DUES, INDUCTION

SECTION 1. Each applicant for membership in the Society shall submit with his application an initiation fee in an amount to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and which has been ratified by a majority of the members present at a regular or special business meeting.

SECTION 2. The name and pertinent facts concerning the applicant shall be publicized for consideration by the members.

SECTION 3. After publication and acceptance into membership the applicant shall be inducted within ~~one year~~ *six months* thereafter. If the applicant fails to be inducted within ~~one year~~ *six months*, the Initiation fee is forfeited and the applicant is then required to submit a new application and initiation fee,

SECTION 4. The dues of the members of the Society shall be in an amount and for a particular period as established from time to time by the Board of Directors and which have been ratified by a majority of the members present at a regular or special business meeting.

*SECTION 5. Following compliance with the foregoing Sections of this Article, an applicant for Associate Membership may be inducted by proxy, an Officer or Director standing in his place and stead.*

If the proposed amendments are accepted by the general membership at the November meeting, the following additions, deletions and changes will be made to the By-Laws.

### BY-LAWS

#### I. Dues

Annual dues for all members shall be ~~\$125 for 2008, and \$150 for 2009 and thereafter~~, except as follows:

A. For Senior members the annual dues shall be \$75.

B. For members age 28 or younger the annual dues shall be \$75.

C. For members who reside outside of the Cook County or its contiguous counties and make a request *for Non-Resident Membership* on the approved form, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, *or are Associate Members*, the annual dues shall be \$45.

D. Dues must be paid by March ~~1st~~ 1 of the year for which they are billed and will be considered delinquent if not paid within 60 days of billing or within 60 days after having been ~~sworn in~~ inducted as a member.

#### II. Initiation Fees

An applicant *for Active Membership* shall submit a \$50 initiation fee with his membership application to the Board of Directors. An ~~applicant~~ *applicant* who is the son of a member *or who is applying for Associate Membership* shall submit a \$25 initiation fee with ~~their~~ *his* membership application.

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