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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

October General Meeting
White Eagle Events &
Convention Center
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by October 15 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Candidates' Corned Beef &
Cabbage Dinner
Copernicus Center 6:00 pm

Monday, November 5, 2018

November Board Meeting
PNA Home Office 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Deserving Children's
Christmas Party
PNA Home Office Cafeteria
12:00 pm

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2019 Inaugural Ball
Victoria in the Park Banquet
Mt. Prospect, Illinois
6:30 pm

October 2018 Dinner Meeting

Our speaker for the October General Meeting will be our own Brother **Marian Skawski**. He will be speaking to us on the 40th Anniversary of the election John Paul II as Pope. Brother Skawski came from Poland in 1966 after graduating from Krakow University of Economics with the Master's Degree in Economics and Mechanized Accounting.

After arrival to Chicago, besides his professional assignment, he was still continuing his education. In 1984 he received the Master's Degree in Management and Development of Human Resources from McGaw Graduate School- Evanston, IL.

He worked for Western Electric, AT&T and Alcatel- Lucent Technologies for 35 years. His last position with Alcatel-Lucent Technologies was Senior Market Manager. After retirement in December 2001 he became an Independent Financial/Business Consultant working as Internal Auditor, Interpreter and Instructor in High School.

Right from the beginning of his arrival to USA he became very active in Polish-American Organizations. The very first one was Knights of Dabrowski, where he was involved in the Crusade for Education for many years.

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Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Chairman **Mario Mikoda** along with co-chairs **Peter Dykas** and **Mark Orwat** invite you to the Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 26, 2018 at The Copernicus Center - 5216 West Lawrence Ave in Chicago.

The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The candidates and elected officials running for election will address the guests and introduce themselves. The event is usually sold out and many candidates and professionals attend. The evening concludes with our Executive Raffle of great prizes. We invite you to join us for a fantastic evening filled with a delicious dinner of famous Harrington's hand carved corned beef brisket, cabbage wedges, boiled red potatoes in the jackets, homemade Pumpnickel bread and horseradish, Hot Irish mustard and homemade apple pie for dessert. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes an open bar all evening. Tickets will not be sold at the door! For more info and to purchase tickets go to <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/corned-beef>.



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Dear Brother Members:

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to a close. Fall is upon us and before you know it you will be celebrating Christmas and New Year. The Chicago Society is moving forward. There are quite a few future events planned.

The first coming up is our yearly turkey raffle which will be held at our October meeting. This is because our November meeting falls on the day before Thanksgiving. Our annual Inaugural Ball will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019.. We are honoring the Polish American Chamber of Commerce. Brother **Chris Grzadziel** is chairman and is completing arrangements for participants to have a great time. By the way, the Annual Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Chairman is Brother **Peter Dykas** who has taken over the reigns from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** who chaired the event for 53 years. Peter is doing a great job .

The Chicago Society has also had an event before Easter called "Sledz", a Mardi Gras Party. The last attendance hasn't been very good and the question arose if we should continue having the event. This will be brought up at our meeting.

What is most important is that at all these functions we need your support. Your attendance is needed. Keep the Chicago Society strong. Be an active and loyal member.

Keep healthy and well.

Fraternally, Brother **Mario Mikoda**



Our sympathy to Brother **John Domagalski** and family on the passing of his brother, Dariusz (Darek) Domagalski. Darek was a resident of Poland. May he rest in peace.



WIERMANSKI, RICHARD M.

Born September 28, 1928 in Chicago, IL, passed away on September 17, 2018 in Fairfax Inova Hospital, VA. Resident of Greensprings, Springfield, VA. Beloved husband for 62 years of the late Bernadette M. Wiermanski; father of Mary (Tim) Kauper of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Rick (Cyndie) of Darien, IL, Ann (Joseph) Sidenberg of Sarasota, FL, Kathy Ercolano of Randleman, NC and David (Beth) of Fairfax Station, VA. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Predeceased by great granddaughter Abigail. President of the John Paul II Foundation, Past President of the American Council for Polish Culture, Past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of Knights of Columbus. Recipient of the Cavalier Cross from the President of Poland. Funeral Mass and entombment in Chicago, IL at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Inc., 300 Kent St., Falls Church, VA 22046.

2019 Election of Officers and Directors

During the September meeting the Nominating Committee announced the 2019 slate of officers and directors. The committee chairman is Brother **Ken Kogut** and the committee members are Brothers **Batorski, Zapalski, Kurdziel, and Gondela**. The 2019 slate is as follows:

President: Peter Dykas
First Vice-President: Adam Konopka
Second Vice-President: Romuald Matuszczak
Secretary: Jan S Plachta
Financial Secretary: Rich Ciesla
Treasurer: Richard W. Wiermanski
Advocate: Walter Pieciewicz
Director of Social Activities: Anthony P Kawalkowski
Director of Personnel: Charles Cwiakala
Director of Outreach: Vacant
Director of Publications: Christopher T Grzadziel

Those that have not been nominated by the committee and have interest in a position have until the October general meeting to present the Nominating Committee Chairman (**Ken Kogut** - kenk@kogutassoc.com or 708-560-0083) with a petition signed by 10 members in good standing to contest a certain position. The adjournment of the October meeting shall close all nominations. The qualifications, roles and responsibilities for each office are outlined in the Chicago Society constitution and by-laws. They can be reviewed on the Chicago Society website -- <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/>. During the November general meeting a vote will be conducted for any contested positions.



Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Chairman Brother **Peter Dykas** has announced that the Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12:00pm. The event will be held at the Polish National Alliance home office cafeteria. Peter took the reigns over from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** who chaired this event for over 50 years. Last year we hosted about 65 boys and girls ranging in age from 3 to 13. They were treated to a magic show with bunnies. For lunch they had hot dogs, chips and a drink. Then the surprise of the day was a visit from Santa Claus pulling in a hand cart full of gifts.

This event requires a lot of onsite help so if you are interested in helping please contact Peter. To help make this event special, we ask your help in supporting us with a donation of a gift to give to a needy child. We are looking for a new, unopened and unwrapped toy for a boy or girl ages 3 to 13. If you don't know what to get, cash donations or sponsorships are also accepted. 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 Brother **Peter Dykas**, at our October or November meeting if you want to help. Thank You in advance. Donations can also be made via PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/children-xmas>.



October Birthdays

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



- 02 Victor J Kay
- 02 Richard W Ciesla
- 06 Richard Kula
- 08 John J Pikarski Jr.
- 15 Stanley W Sawa
- 20 Wojtek V Skonieczny
- 25 Martin Obrecki
- 26 Mark Orwat
- 28 Robert A Michalak

Mailing of Printed Forums

As of January 2019, the mailing of The Forum via USPS will be to those that opt-in for the mailing. Please send your opt-in requests to Chris Grzadziel at cgrzadziel@gmail.com or 847-630-2863. Please respond by December 31, 2018. The Forum will be e-mailed to members and is available on the Chicago Society website. Please send your current e-mail address if you are not receiving any Chicago Society e-mails.

Winter Dress Code

Winter dress code is in effect from October to April for the General Meetings. Winter dress code is Business Casual — suit or slacks, sports coat and business shirt; tie optional.



2019 Inaugural Ball

Chairman Brother **Chris Grzadziel** along with co-chairmen Brothers **Ro Matuszczak** and **Peter Dykas** invite you to the 2019 Annual Inaugural Ball and Installation of Officers and Directors. The event will be held on January 26, 2019. We will once again be at the elegant Victoria in the Park Banquet facility in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. This year we are honoring the Polish American Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is dedicated to fostering its members' business interests, educating and facilitating commercial contacts, and building relations.



The evening will start at 6:30 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served in the main dining room followed by the installation of officers and directors and presentation of our honorees. Music will be provided by our own Brother **Anthony Kawalkowski** and his Orchestra. Tickets for this event will be \$135 per person which will include an open bar before and after dinner as well as a dinner choice of Filet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, Salmon with Tomato Dill Sauce or Vegetarian. There may be some surprises but you have to be there to see what they are. Black-tie is optional for this event but always welcome. Look out for the invitation in the near future. We will also have a program book for this event. Additional information will be provided soon.



Brothers,

Welcome to October which is designated as Polish-American Heritage Month. Please take time to share some information about Poland's history, culture and arts with your children and grandchildren so they can appreciate their Polish heritage.

If you missed the September meeting, you missed a great meal which included Filet Mignon. It was perfect.

The weather is getting cooler and fall is upon us. Although, as I write this, the temperature has spiked into the 80s. As the year is coming to a close, please remember we have several events over the next three months. I hope to see you there. Please refer to the calendar on our website or to other articles in the Forum.

Several members have reported that the last e-mails which I sent were not received. Please make sure you check your SPAM folder to make sure it was not caught there. Also, I have worked with the vendor that we use to send the messages to add configurations that e-mail servers can use to verify that we are valid senders. Hopefully this will help.

Fraternally, Brother **Christopher T. Grzadziel**, Editor

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October 2018 Dinner Meeting

In May 1997 he became a member of Chicago Society. For few years he was the Chairman for the Open Meetings and Trade Expositions. Also, he was the Vice Chairman to organize the Annual Chicago Society Inaugural Balls. He served as Recording Secretary for one year as well.

In 1998 Brother Skawski joined the John Paul II Foundation Chicago Chapter as the 1st V-P of the Chicago Chapter. In 2000 he became the President and served for two years. After that he served as a Chairman of the Auditing Committee for many years. In addition to the above Organizations, Brother Skawski was on the Advisory Board for the Bishop Abramowicz Seminary, the National Director for Polish American Congress and the treasurer for (PALI) the Polish American Leadership Initiative.

On personal side, Brother Skawski is married for the last 52 years, has son and daughter and three beautiful and smart granddaughters. He has many hobbies, but not enough time. His favorite ones are teaching, reading, writing, art, music, tennis and biking.

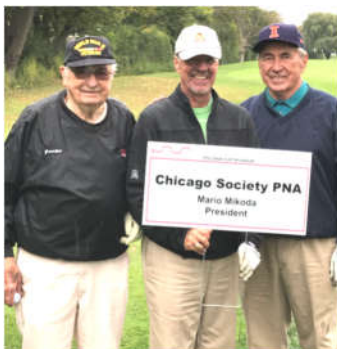
The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. This will be our Oktoberfest dinner with traditional German fare. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with the dinner meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call (847) 635-0883 for reservations. You can also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. Please note: Any guests at the meeting must be prospective new members and you must confirm the reservation with Brother **Ro Matuszczak**. No exceptions! All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting!

Turkey Raffle at October Meeting



The Turkey raffle is normally performed at the November meeting but since this year's November meeting is the day before Thanksgiving, we are moving up the raffle to the October meeting. We will be raffling off 12 turkeys. They will be frozen and will last until Thanksgiving. Please bring some extra change to buy some raffle tickets. GOBBLE GOBBLE!!

2nd Annual Polonia Golf Open



Team Chicago Society participated in the Polonia Open on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Illinois. The event was hosted by the Polish American Chamber of Commerce and the Copernicus Foundation. The foursome consisted of Brothers **Ro Matuszczak**, **Rich Ciesla** and **Ted**

Makarewicz. The fourth person in our foursome was Mario Puharic of Integra Communications. The Polish American Chamber of Commerce will be the honoree at the Chicago Society Inaugural Ball on January 26, 2019.



The Hunt for Chicago Society FORUMS

FORUMS from archive CDs have been converted to PDF files and are now accessible from the Chicago Society web site at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/archive>. There you will find direct links to Forums from the past few years and a link to our Google Drive folder with Forums dating back to 1922. We are still missing many Forums. Please contact the Forum editor at editor@chicagosocietypna.org if you have either a paper or electronic version of a Forum from this time period. At the same web link listed above there is a link to a list of missing Forums.





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