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DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

November 19, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by November 14 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or 847-823-8747

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, December 1, 7:00 P.M.

Location to be Announced

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 18, 2014—

Texas Hold-Em Casino
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, November 19, 2014—

Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, December 3, 2014—

Texas Hold-Em Casino
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Deserving Children's Party
PNA Building, 6100 N. Cicero Ave.

GOBBLE SOME TURKEY AND CAST YOUR BALLOT

The Chicago Society Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Election Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at Przybylo's 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 gives you the opportunity to win one (or several) of 16 gourmet birds weighing between 21 lbs – 23 lbs. Reservations are mandatory. You can email your reservation (preferable) to meeting@chicagosocietypna.org, or call 847-823-8747. **NOTE: The deadline to make your reservation is Friday, November 14. There is no charge for the November meal this year as in past years.**

The Election of Officers and Directors for the Chicago Society for 2015 will also be held on that day. The candidates are as follows:

President: **Ted Makarewicz** and **Robert Groszek**

Executive Vice President: **John Cieslik**

Civic Vice President: **Charles Komosa**

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

Recording Secretary: **Ted Wiecek**

Senior Director: **Mark Orwat**

Financial Secretary: **Richard Jadczak**

Social Activities Director: **Mario Mikoda**

Treasurer: **Ronald Topczewski**

Clubhouse Director: **Ro Matuszczak**

Directors at Large (5): **Peter Dykas, Chuck Cwiakala, Andrew Zapalski**

(2 positions for Director have no recommendation)

NOTE: Because the office of presidency has two candidates, there will be a paper ballot election for that position only. The rest of the candidates running are unopposed and will be elected via a voice vote during the November meeting.

CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER REPORT

On Thursday, October 23, 2014, 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 over 116 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-chairmen Brother John Cieslik and Brother Mark Orwat. Brother Cieslik then introduced Brother **Robert Martwick**, Illinois State Representative, who read the Chicago Society's special Pledge of Allegiance. Brother Cieslik then offered a prayer before dinner.

After the outstanding Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Brother Cieslik introduced the elected officials and candidates for elected office and each was given two minutes to offer remarks about their candidacy. Many officials and candidates were in attendance, including Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, Brother **Robert Martwick**, State Representative 19th District, who recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Illinois

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**DID YOU MAKE YOUR
MEETING RESERVATION?**

Dear Brothers,

First, I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

I would like to thank Brothers **Komosa** and **Cieslik** for a successful Friends and Candidates Corned Beef and Cabbage event. The showing this year was superb and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all who showed up to support this annual event. I would like to thank Brother **Ro Matuszczak** for the gifts he donated to make the raffle a huge success. I would like to also thank all who donated items that I have might have missed to mention as I was making sure everyone was hydrated.

The Chicago Society November Thanksgiving and Election Meeting will be held at Brother **Andrew Przybylo's** White Eagle Banquets in Niles on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. This year there is no fee for the turkey dinner, so all can come and enjoy the dinner and vote for the next administration.

Once again thank you for your support of the Chicago Society's events and have a safe Thanksgiving.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our very own brother member **James Pieczonka** upon being elected as judge to the 12th sub-circuit of Cook County.

Fraternally yours,

President Mark Orwat



Dear Brothers,

Please try attending the November General Meeting, Elections & Thanksgiving Dinner, featuring our Annual Turkey Raffle. In this *Forum*, I asked both of the candidates running for 2015 presidency to answer a few questions and offer their ideas about the future of the Chicago Society.

This is a contested race – both brothers are educated, civic minded, ethical and fraternal. Speaking of elections, all the candidates who attended our Annual Candidate's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner won their respective races! What does that tell you?

I wish you and your family a very warm and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Brother Charles Komosa

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AROUND THE SOCIETY!

Congratulations to Brother (Honorable) **Robert F. Martwick, Jr.** on his reelection as Illinois State Representative in the 19th District and Brother (the Honorable) **James Pieczonka** for being elected Judge in the 12th Sub circuit.

Spotted at the Polish American Congress Polish Heritage Month Celebration at the White Eagle were **Brother Robert & Jen Groszek**, **Brother Mark Orwat**, **Brother Charles Komosa**, **Brother Robert Martwick**, **Brother Steve Rakowski**, **Brother Frank Spula** and **Brother Mike Dropka**.

Brother **Ted Makarewicz**, chairman of the Warsaw – Chicago Sister City Program, spoke at a meeting of Judy Baar Topinka's Polish American Advisory Committee held at the PNA Home Office. **Brother Frank Spula**, **Brother Robert Groszek**, **Brother Paul Odrobina** and **Brother Charles Komosa** also participated.

Congratulations to Brother **Paul Odrobina's** wife, Janice Odrobina, for being a recipient of the Polish American Central Citizens Committee Pulaski Award, which honors Polonian civic leaders for their contributions in the Polish American community in Michigan.

Brother **Mike Dropka**, campaign manager for the Hon. State Representative Michael McAuliffe, dropped by the PNA for an interview and photo-op session with a reporter from the *Polish Daily News*, a PNA subsidiary. **Brother Frank Spula**,

President, and Brother **Charles Komosa**, Secretary, met with him.

Congratulations to Camille Kopielski (wife of the late **Brother Stanley Kopielski**) for being honored with the very prestigious Caritas Christi Award for her longtime dedication to the Bishop Abramowicz Seminary at their annual gala.

Brother **Frank Spula**, **Brother Paul Odrobina** and **Brother Charles Komosa**, in their capacity as PNA Executive officers, met with and hosted a media conference with Polish American leaders with Governor Pat Quinn and the following day with gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner at the PNA Home Office a week prior to the General Elections in Illinois.

Congratulations to Brother **Hubert Cioromski's** son Zach, who climbed the stairs to the top of the Willis Tower with US Senator Kirk Dillard to raise money for Zach's "I Feel Home" Foundation that helps people who suffered severe bodily injuries like he did a few years back.

CORNED BEEF (FROM PAGE 1)

State Representative Michael McAuliffe, 20th District, Illinois State Senator John Mulroe, 10th Legislative District, **Brother Andrew Przybylo**, Mayor of the Village of Niles, **Brother James Pieczonka**, candidate for Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County 12th Sub Circuit, Alderman Ariel Reboyras, 30th Ward City of Chicago, Alderman John Arena, 45th Ward City of Chicago and Jonathan L. Zivojnovic, Village Trustee of Elmwood Park.

The program ended with an executive raffle for various gift. 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!*

- 1 T. Ron. Jasinski-Herbert
- 2 Stan Lesniak
- 4 Henry Kurzydowski
- 5 Marcin Krempa
- 5 Jesse Soszko
- 6 Edmund Boduch
Steven Rakowski
- 11 Andrew Csoke
Chester Przybylo
- 12 Robert Groszek
- 14 Robert Nowaczyk
- 16 Martin Weihing
- 18 John Garrido
Marshall Olech
Roman Piotrowski
- 19 Robert Mance
- 22 Ronald Paprocki
- 29 Christopher Zwiercan
- 30 Martin Vogel

In Memoriam

Brother **James F. Kulze** was born on May 9, 1921, in Chicago to Max and Mary (nee Jur) Kulze. He died Saturday, November 1, 2014, at age 93, in Arlington Heights.

Brother Jim proudly served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He worked for many years as an accountant for a large Chicago manufacturer.

He was a member of the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, serving as its President for two years, as well as a board member.

Brother Jim graduated from Carl Schurz High School in Chicago, and from DePaul University. He was an avid Cubs baseball fan.

Brother James Kulze is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Lillian (nee Stirzenbecher), whom he married on July 2, 1949, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago, and his many friends at the Chicago Society and at the Lutheran Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

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PROPOSED FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen have 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: Fred Lebed
 Address: 134 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1350 Chicago, IL 60558
 Phone: (312) 952-0385
 Occupation: Executive for Construction/ Government Relations
 Birth date: March 4, 1954
 Birthplace: Berwyn, IL
 Education: DePaul University
 Sponsors: Mark Orwat and Charles Komosa

Name: Paul Thomas Koontz
 Address: 4707 Valerie Drive River Crystal Lake, IL 60014
 Phone: (847) 840-2616
 Occupation: Attorney
 Birth date: March 20, 1988
 Birthplace: Park Ridge, IL
 Education: J.D., Southern Illinois Univ.
 Sponsors: Romuald Matuszczak and Charles Komosa

BROTHER ROBERT GROSZEK'S RESPONSE ABOUT HIS CANDIDACY FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY PRESIDENT:

1.) **What is your number #1 priority if elected president of the Chicago Society?** *Membership and stature of the organization is the number one goal. We need to recruit new members and offer them the opportunity to build their social and business relationships. No longer is it sufficient to state that we are the almighty "Chicago Society". We need to build members by*



giving them a boost in society and through that member's personal life. I want to make sure that the Chicago Society stays intact as a strong networking fraternal organization for my two sons to join in the future!

2.) **What is your plan to motivate younger members to join and participate in the meetings and events?** *We need to take our members, especially new members, and meet them. Figure out how we as a group, can help them. At every meeting, I actively try to sit at different tables with different people to meet them. We had the opportunity to meet Judge James Pieczonka, his family and friends. As a result, many members privately assisted Brother Pieczonka win his election as Judge. This is what brotherhood is about! If elected president I would push to have events or participate in others' events so that we can show the younger members what we can do and attract them to the Society.*

3.) **What is your opinion about the Chicago Society Foundation?** *The Foundation was built on the funds from the sale of our clubhouse and hard work of our members. Although the Foundation is a separate entity, we need to remember from where the foundation has its roots. The Foundation now provides an excellent source of scholarship for other organizations and future members of the Society. The Foundation board needs to continue to work for the benefit of scholarship and the Chicago Society PNA. The Polish American Association and the Copernicus Foundation also has roots in the Chicago Society. I would like to see greater cooperation with these organizations.*

4.) **Tell me three words that describe you?** *Tireless, Energetic and Giving.*

BROTHER TED MAKARIEWICZ'S RESPONSE ABOUT HIS CANDIDACY FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY PRESIDENT:

1.) **What is your number #1 priority if elected president of the Chicago Society?** *My number #1 priority if elected president of the Chicago Society would be to reinvigorate our younger members to become more active and take ownership of the Chicago Society. All members, including our seasoned members, have to realize that it takes everyone's time, talent and treasure to accomplish the goals of the Chicago Society. We have to be more inclusive in our activities.*

2.) **What is your plan to motivate**

younger members to join and participate in the meetings and events? *My plan*

to motivate younger members to join and participate in the meetings and events would be to meet with the younger members on a one-on-one basis to get to know their goals, experiences and talents and to see how the Society can benefit from their membership. But in the same respect, explore how younger members can benefit from the Society. They have to feel welcomed and encouraged to interact with our membership in a meaningful way.



3.) **What is your opinion about the Chicago Society Foundation?** *The Chicago Society Foundation has been in existence since 2000 and provides philanthropic and charitable assistance to the Polish community within the guidelines of a 501 c (3) organization. The Foundation is there to promote the various activities of Polonia and I would urge more groups to make application for a grant and to take advantage of its benefits.*

4.) **Tell me three words that describe you?** *Integrity, Experience and Leadership.*

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following brother members, who are celebrating the anniversary of their induction in November: Brother Jack Skaja, inducted in November, 1964 (50 years), Brother Richard Ciesla inducted in November, 1969 (45 years) and Brother Donald Gutowski in November, 1969 (45 years).



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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's~~ *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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CASINO DAYS SCHEDULED AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Texas Hold 'em Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for the remainder of 2014. They will be held on Tuesday, November 12, and Wednesday, December 3rd. 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 p.m.-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**.

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