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DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 15, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by April 13 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
or 847-635-0883

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, May 4, 7:00 P.M.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015—
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Tuesday, May 2, 2015—
Pre-Parade Brunch
Hotel Allegro, Walnut Room

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PRE-PARADE BRUNCH

The Chicago Society's Annual Polish Constitution Day Pre-Parade Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Walnut Room of the Hotel Allegro, 171 W Randolph St, Chicago, Illinois.

The cost of the brunch is \$35.00 per person. Reception will be at 8:45 a.m., seating at 9:45 a.m., and a delicious plated brunch will be served at 10:00 a.m. The invocation will be given by Bishop Andrew Wypych. Brother Ted **Makarewicz** will present monetary awards to our scholarship recipients, who will be announced by Scholarship Chairman **Brother Robert Groszek**.

The parade is scheduled to step off at 11:30 a.m. Duke men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, a Chicago native, will serve as grand marshal for May 2's Polish Constitution Day Parade and is planning to attend the brunch.

This is the 124th Chicago parade in honor of this historic document, the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world only to the United States Constitution. The Chicago Society will have a float and marching unit in the Parade. There will be a band on the float and space for some persons to sit.

Those members who will not attend the brunch but will march can contact Chairman **Ro Matuszczak** or Brother **Frank Czaja** (official float chairman) as to our place in the parade. Information on the day of the event can also be obtained from any parade marshal. Preferred attire for the marchers is gray slacks, dark jacket, red tie and white shirt. A business suit is certainly acceptable.

Brother Matuszczak has been involved with the Brunch since its inception in May, 1978, making this his 38th year. Co-chairmen are Brother **Charles Komosa** and Brother **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**. Absolutely no tickets will be available at the door and all tickets must be prepaid!

For information or reservations for the Brunch, please contact Chairman Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 or 847-331-8007. Please make your reservation early, because there is limited seating this year for only 250 guests.

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

Brother **Robert Groszek**, Civic Vice President, has arranged for Richard Owsiany, President of the Polish Museum of America (PMA), to be our featured speaker at the March General meeting. Richard Owsiany has served on the PMA Board of Directors since 2007. He was elected Vice President in 2008 and has served on the Governance Committee, chaired the Finance Committee and the Nominations Committee and co-chaired the Paderewski Room Renovation Committee.

Rich has worked on many projects at the PMA including assisting in employee relations, operations, budgets and volunteering at PMA events and exhibits. In addition to the PMA, Richard is active in the Polish Scouting Organization [*Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego*]. He is a scoutmaster known in Polish as a *harcistrz*. He oversees two troops [*drużyna harcerzy* and *gromada zuchów*] assisting in weekly scouts meetings, as well as mentoring future scout leaders and is the Treasurer of the Chicago Council [*Hufiec*]. He sits on the Chicago Board of Directors [*Zarząd Obwodu*], National Board of Directors [*Zarząd Okręgu Stany Zjednoczone*] and the International Board of Directors [*Walny Zjazd*] which is based in London UK.

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MEETING RESERVATION?**

Brothers,

I would like to extend to you my belated wishes for a Joyous and Happy Easter. It seems that everything scheduled this year has been early. The Śledź was held the night before the February general meeting and since Easter is in the first part of April, we did not conduct our traditional Easter ham raffle. We were in the mist of celebrating at our March general meeting St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days. Hopefully, the rest of the year will fall into our routine scheduled activities allowing a little more time between events.

Last month I was concerned with the amount of delinquent dues paying members and those members who did not renew their membership. As I stated in my remarks at the inaugural dinner in January, the Society is only as good as each of its individual members taken as a whole. It's not just one or a few people that make for the betterment of the Society. It takes everybody to make this work. I would request that our members contact their friends and associates that were previous members and see if they would consider rejoining. We have lost a lot of talented people over the past few years.

I am proposing that the Board of Directors do an extensive review of the activities of the Society. I have asked the basic question to the Board of who we are and what do we do. The Society has been around for over 100 years and its time to do a little house cleaning. Maybe look under the bed and open some closets. You never know what you will find.

I have appointed a committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws and to submit a report of their findings to the Board to be acted upon. I also feel strongly that we need to have a picture of each our members for our directory. I do not know everybody and it would be helpful to be able to look at a picture to find the members name. In this day and age with smart phones and their built in cameras there should be no excuse not to have everyone's picture for the directory.

Finally, it would be helpful to better serve our members to get their feed back about the Society. What they like and what they think needs to be changed or addressed. I have only heard from one of our members since I became president in January. I know everyone has an opinion, especially Polish-Americans who are know to two or three different opinions on the same topic. Again, my cell number is (847) 456-0717 and my email is hogski@hotmail.com.

I hope to see you all at the Pre-Parade Brunch with basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski a/k/a Coach K of Duke University as this year's Grand Marshall.

Sincerely,

Brother Ted Makarewicz



Dear Brothers,

As the National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance I oversee the collection of premiums, policy maintenance and many other business functions. I do not personally sell life insurance as I used to but I should let you know that life insurance is a valuable tool for

several reasons. I want to give you good reasons to buy life Insurance. As I grew older, got married, started a family, and began my career, I realized that life insurance was indispensable and fundamental to a sound financial plan. Over the years, life insurance has given me peace of mind knowing that money would be available to protect my family and estate in a number of ways, including:

1. To Pay Final Expenses -The cost of a funeral and burial can easily run into the tens of thousands of dollars, and I don't want my wife, parents, or children to suffer financially in addition to emotionally at my death.

2. To Cover Children's Expenses - Like most fathers, I want to be sure my kids are well taken care of and can afford a quality college education. For this reason, additional coverage is absolutely essential while my kids are still at home.

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3. To Replace the Spouse's Income-

If my wife had passed away while the kids were young, I would've needed to replace her income, which was essential to our lifestyle. I also would've needed to hire help for domestic tasks we'd shared like cleaning the house, laundry, cooking, helping with schoolwork, and carting kids to doctor's visits.

4. To Pay Off Debts-

In addition to providing income to cover everyday living expenses, my family would need insurance to cover debts like the mortgage so they wouldn't have to sell the house to stay solvent.

5. To Pay Off Estate Taxes -

Estate taxes can be steep, so having insurance in place to pay them is essential to avoid jeopardizing assets or funds built for retirement. Use of insurance for this purpose is most common in large estates, and uses permanent (rather than term) insurance to ensure that coverage remains until the end of life.

The PNA offers very competitive whole life and term products like commercial companies and offer tremendous fraternal benefits to its members that other companies do not like scholarships and tuition rewards program. Please call me at the PNA if you would like a free insurance analysis and answer questions about the different policies and how much coverage you really need. I can tell you the advantage for insuring your children and grandchildren now, cash accumulation, and tax advantages. The PNA has been serving the community for 134 years- You don't need to support the corporate company. Buy local from PNA and build community! Fraternally,

Brother **Charles Komosa**
773/286-7123.

AROUND THE SOCIETY!

Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago, visited the PNA for a press conference with Brother **Frank Spula** and Brother **Charles Komosa** seeking the endorsement of the Polish American community. The PNA Boardroom was very well attended by the leaders of Polish American organizations. Brother **Robert Martwick**, Illinois State Representative, Brother **Mark Pasioka**, Brother **John Pikarski** and son Dan Pikarski were among the guests.

Illinois State Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger's Polish Advisory Council will meet at the Home Office of the Polish National Alliance on April 22, 2015, to discuss issues, ideas and programs that positively affect Polish Americans residents Illinois. The Polish American Advisory Chairman is Brother **John Cieslik** and co-chair Brother **Charles Komosa**.

Brother **Ronald "Topper" Topczewski** purchased a 2013 Tri Glide Harley Davidson with 403 miles on it - a three wheeler-easy to handle in the golden years, he said.

Brother **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert** has been traveling again. He was in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, near Detroit, for the Spring Meeting of the Directors of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC), on which he serves as Public Relations Director. The following weekend he, Brother **Jan Plachta** and Brother **Rom Poplawski** were in Rock Island, Illinois, to attend an event commemorating master bridge engineer Ralph Modjeski, who designed the Government Bridge joining Rock Island and Davenport, Iowa.

**POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY
PARADE NEW ROUTE**

This year's Chicago celebration of the Polish Constitution of 1791 will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, on Dearborn St. in the center of the city, instead of Columbus Drive. The City of Chicago is hosting the NFL draft on the same weekend and massive crowds of teams, players, media and fans are expected to flood the area for the weekend.

The 124th Chicago Polish Constitution Day Parade is in honor of this historic document, the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world only to the United States Constitution. Television coverage of the parade will be provided by ABC-7 and Polish stations. The parade route starts at Dearborn St. and proceeds from Lake to Van Buren, and begins at 11:30 a.m.

For the Chicago Society float number and further information call Brother **Frank Czaja** at (312) 520-6144.

APRIL SPEAKER (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

He has also served in various leadership capacities with the Polish American Congress, Illinois Division, Chicago Intercollegiate Council, Copernicus Foundation, Polish American Foundation, IPAC Federal Credit Union and Illinois State Bilingual Advisory Council.

Rich is a member of the Polish National Alliance, the Polonus Philatelic Society and the choreographer of the Legion of Young Polish Women's White and Red Ball. He is employed by the Chicago Transit Authority in the Law Department handling labor relations. Rich is a graduate of DePaul University and Ignacy Paderewski Polish Language School. He resides on the northwest side of Chicago with his two sons. His interests and hobbies include playing guitar in a band, stamp collecting, music and Polish history.

The General Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the White Eagle offers great camaraderie and a featured speaker. The delicious dinner menu for the meeting will include vegetable soup, breaded pork cutlets, veal in gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, bread, dessert and coffee.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

- 5 Matt Rodrigues
- 8 Andrew Przybylo
- 9 Eugene Urbaszewski
- 10 Joseph Dondalski
- Peter Dykas
- 13 Anthony Kawalkowski
- 14 Richard Jakubowski
- 17 Frederick Koziol
- 26 Mario Mikoda
- 27 Michael Schneider
- 28 Joseph Hercik
- John Wojciechowski
- 30 William Przybylski

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **James Kolak**, who is celebrating his 15th anniversary, Brother **Robert Groszek** on his 10th anniversary, Brother **Martin Weihing** on his 5th anniversary and Brother **William Wojcik** on his 5th Anniversary of inductions in April of their respective years.

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

The gentlemen listed below have been suspended for non-payment of dues for 2015 in accordance with the Constitution. Call Financial Secretary **Ryszard Jadcak** at 847-516-3333 regarding reinstatement.

Bernardoni, Brian
Bivins, Richard
Cioromski, Hubert
Cizon, Frank
Gadzinski, Michael
Kopka, James
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Mazur, Edward
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Minister of National Defense Tomasz Siemoniak said on February 26, 2015, Poland plans to send several dozen military instructors to Ukraine. "We want to train up to 100 instructors," he said, adding that the exact number of instructors would be agreed with the Ukrainian side, as would be the time when they were to be sent to Ukraine.

The Polish Ministry of Defense has confirmed that funds to purchase new submarines are already reserved, but it is during the 4th quarter of this year, when the Ministry is going to start the analyses of options, that they will be used to launch the acquisition process.



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Social hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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