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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 16, 2016

6:00 p.m.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by March 14 to

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847-635-0883

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, April 4, 2016

7:00 p.m.

PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Lincoln Library Museum Trip
Springfield, Illinois

Saturday, May 7, 2016
CS Pre-Parade Brunch
Hotel Allegro
171 W Randolph St
Reception 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Chicago Society Fishing Derby
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

MARCH 2016 SPEAKER & DINNER MEETING

Ms. Nicole D. Milos, attorney, partner, Cremer, Spina & Shaughnessy Law Firm will be our featured speaker at the March 2016 General Meeting. Nicole will speak about "concealed and carry issues and permits," as well as the liabilities created by business owners choosing to, or not choosing to, display the "no guns allowed" signs appearing everywhere. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the White Eagle.



Nicole is a graduate of John Marshall Law School (J.D., 2001), and Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame (B.S., 1998). She is a member of the Illinois bar, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois; U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois; U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Indiana; District Court for the District of Kansas; Northern District of Ohio; 6th Circuit Court of Appeals; and 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Nicole has also been admitted to practice on a *pro hac vice* basis in many states throughout the United States. Nicole is an active member of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and The Executives' Club of Chicago. Nicole has published and presented extensively on concealed carry laws and defense strategies for cases alleging the criminal acts of third parties. She has also offered presentations regarding risk transfer strategies, best litigation practices and claim evaluation techniques.

The March General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but a delicious dinner menu! The dinner menu includes cream of chicken soup, house salad, European bread basket, corned beef, cabbage, roasted potato, vegetable of the day, dessert, coffee, and or tea.

For reservations call Brother Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 or email meeting@chicagosocietypna.org



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Dear Brothers,

The month of March is always a busy time in Polonia especially when Easter is celebrated in the later part of the month. You have both the cultural as well as the religious traditions requiring our attention and participation. But March is also a time to reflect upon the direction of the Society. The Society's life blood is its members and their participation in our activities. The basic activity of the Society is the monthly general membership meeting. One of my goals this year is to present an interesting slate of speakers that would attract more members to attend the meetings. So I am asking our members, if anyone knows of someone who would be willing to speak to our group on an interesting topic, please contact me or talk to me at the next general membership meeting.

I want to thank all of our members and their friends for attending this year's annual Śledź held at LaVilla Restaurant and Banquets. I would like to especially acknowledge and thank Brother **Charles Komosa** and Brother **Mark Orwat** for chairing this entertaining event. Brother Komosa did an outstanding job in his pageant narration and one-liners! And no Śledź would be complete without the crowning of the King and Queen: the Honorable Judge Edward H. Marsalek and his lovely wife Ann. Congratulation to Brother **John Cieslik** for being named this year's St. Joseph. Amen.

The Polish Constitution Day Parade will be held on May 7, 2016, and will be stepping off this year on Wacker Drive and State Street. The pre-parade brunch will again be held at the Walnut Room of the Hotel Allegro. Last year, this was one of the hottest tickets in town to get. It sold out early and this year is on track to do the same. Do not delay in ordering your tickets.

Finally, did I mention that our membership dues are required to be paid by March 1, 2016. You can always pay them on-line at www.chicagosocietypna.org

Fraternally,

Brother Ted Makarewicz



Dear Brothers, as the new editor, I welcome your comments, feedback, proposals and submissions. I especially welcome any news about interesting trips, life events. Please share anything noteworthy in your life with your brother members. You can submit any and all items of interest to

editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Fraternally,

Mark Pasieka, Editor



SAVE THE DATE!
POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY
PRE-PARADE BRUNCH

Please save the date! The Chicago Society's Annual Polish Constitution Day Pre-Parade Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, in the Walnut Room of the Hotel Allegro, 171 W Randolph St, Chicago. 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 cost of the brunch is \$35.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased now via our website at <http://www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html>. Please make your reservation early because there is limited seating this year. For additional information or reservations for the Brunch, please contact Chairman Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 or 847-331-8007. **Brother** Matuszczak has been involved with the Brunch since its inception in May, 1978, making this his 39th year. Co-chairman is **Brother** Charles Komosa.

This is the 125th 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.



Polish Constitution Day Parade



2ND ANNUAL CHICAGO SOCIETY FISHING DERBY



Event Chairman Brother Steve Rakowski invites fellow sportsmen/women to join us for a relaxing fishing outing on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will be cruising Lake Michigan in search of limits of salmon and trout aboard boats captained by friendly and experienced fishermen. The cost will be \$125.00 per person and our event is limited to the first thirty people who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the Chicago Society.

All fisher-persons will also need to purchase a one-day fishing license. Our meeting point will be dock AA of North Point Marina in beautiful Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. Meeting time is 5:30 a.m. for check-in and to receive boat assignments. Boats depart the dock at 6:00 a.m. sharp! Plenty of free parking will be available. Our boat captains will provide all equipment and clean and package your catch for the drive home.

After the event please stay for a light BBQ lunch and the swapping of pictures and stories. If you'd like to just attend the BBQ, cost per person is \$25.00 and we'll start at 1:30 at the Salmon Unlimited Pavilion adjacent to the Marina.

Please contact Brother Steve at 847-204-4106 for information, reservations, and complete details.

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ŚLEDŹ A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 60 members and their guests enjoyed the Annual Chicago Society Śledź, held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at LaVilla Restaurant & Banquets. Following a welcome from Śledź Chairman Brother **Mark Orwat** and President Brother **Ted Makarewicz**, Brother Orwat introduced our 2015 St. Joseph, Brother **Ryszard Jadczyk** to give the invocation, asking for God's blessings on those gathered as we enter Lent. A delicious dinner, starting with the traditional śledzie followed by a dinner cuisine selections of chicken or fish, including minestrone soup and other accompaniments, was graciously served by the LaVilla staff. In keeping with the tradition of Pączki Day, the guests enjoyed delicious pączki, donated by Brother **William Wojcik**, manager of Laramie Bakery. A revised and energetic Śledź pageant was narrated by Brother Charles Komosa, in a Mardi Gras costume, who spoke of the traditions incorporated in the pageant. These traditions stem from the Middle Ages, when people feasted prior to the fasting required of Lent. Singers traveled from house to house, with much frivolity, presenting a variety of plays and pantomimes. Our pageant included a number of "characters": the Angel (Brother **Robert Groszek**), symbolizing all that is good; the Devil (Brother **Michael Dropka**), tempting us to break our Lenten fast, Father Time (Brother **Ro Matuszczak**), the reaper of all, and the pallbearers (Brother Mark Orwat, Brother **Ronald "Topper" Topczewski**, Brother **Steve Rakowski**, Brother Ted Makarewicz, Brother **Rocky Nowaczyk**) carrying the śledź. Ruling over the festivities were the King and Queen of the pageant, Brother **Edward Marsalek** and wife. Finally, our current St. Joseph Brother Ryszard Jadczyk anointed Brother **John Cieslik** as the Chicago Society's St. Joseph for 2016. Music was provided for the guests after dinner by DJ Kamil. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening. Brother Mark Orwat and Brother Charles Komosa would like to thank all the guests and members for another successful Śledź.



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**DELINQUENT 2016
MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Pursuant to the Chicago Society By Laws, names of members who have not paid their current year's membership dues will be considered delinquent, have their names published in the March Forum, and membership suspended until reinstated:

- Barszczewski Norbert
- Cwiakala Mark
- Dropka Michael
- Garrido John
- Hercik Joseph
- Kaszubski Mark
- Kenzer Gary
- Kozlowski Dariusz
- Kupiec Mark
- Kurzydowski Henry
- Laskowski Slawek
- Lebed Fred
- Marciniak Henryk
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- Matker Mark
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- Pieczonka James
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- Sraga Les
- Sufranski William
- Wojcik William
- Zolkowski Dan

Please contact Chicago Society Financial Secretary Brother Ryszard Jadcak at 847-639-2327 if you wish to make two installment payments, or if you feel your name was listed in error or for payment arrangements. You can pay dues via the Chicago Society PayPal account by credit card or check easily and quickly at <http://www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html>.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

The Chicago Society would like to extend to the following brother members celebrated their birthday in March, and a warm wish of Sto Lat!

- 4 Fred Lebed
- 9 Joseph Bauerly
- 10 Charles Komosa
- Edmund Nowak
- 12 William G. Marutzky
- 14 Milton Steinke
- 18 Jerry Sufranski
- 20 Paul Koontz
- Les Sraga
- 21 Dale Ihssen
- 22 Alfred Kotlarz
- 23 Christopher Grzadziel
- Daniel Pikarski
- 24 Mitchell Pasiewicz
- William Sufranski

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate:

Brother Krzysztof Kielczewski and Jesse Soszko celebrating their 20th Anniversary of induction into the Chicago Society;

and Brother Marek Kowalczyk, celebrating his 5th Anniversary of induction into the Chicago Society!

CONDOLENCES

The entire membership of the Chicago Society extends heartfelt condolences to Brother **Adam Augustynski** and family on the loss of his father, Marian Marcin Augustynski, who passed away on December 22, 2015, at the age of 88. Marian is survived by his wife Genowefa

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FEBRUARY 17, 2016**



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