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### NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY**  
**July 20, 2011**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Copernicus Foundation**  
**5216 W. Lawrence Ave.**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

**RESERVATIONS**  
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### NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, August 1, 7:00 P.M.  
Folak's Lincoln Tavern

### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 20—  
General Meeting  
Copernicus Center, Chicago

Wednesday, August 17—  
General Meeting  
Elks Club, Des Plaines

Sunday, August 21—  
Family & Friends Picnic  
Elk Grove Village

On July 1, 2011 Poland took over the presidency of the Council of the European Union, often called as the European Union Presidency. The position rotates among EU member countries and lasts 6 months. Before Poland, the presidency was held by Hungary, and after December 31, 2011, it will be taken over by Denmark for the first six months of 2012.



For more information about this great honor and opportunity, as well as to learn about the events associated with the term, please visit the official presidency web site at [www.pl2011.eu](http://www.pl2011.eu).

### JULY MEETING PRESENTATION

Frank Gramaldi, an assistant commissioner of Design and Construction for the O'Hare Modernization project will be present to speak about the O'Hare Expansion project at our July 20, 2011 meeting at the Copernicus Foundation. Specifically, Frank and possibly Greg Cunningham, deputy commissioner with the Chicago Department of Aviation will introduce the project and their departments, how the project will improve business, create jobs, inject money into Chicago's economy, reduce delays at O'Hare. Likewise, the commissioner will suggest ways as how to profit from the expansion now and into the future, and how to obtain contracts related to the expansion. The Commissioner may also speak about how the vision of the modernization, if completed, with a second terminal on the south side of the field, will improve the traffic conditions in and around O'Hare. There will be an audio visual presentation.

### VOLUNTEER FOR THE TASTE OF POLONIA!

The members of the Chicago Society are once again volunteering to man the main bar and side bars at the Taste of Polonia. The date is September 4, 2011. We have two shifts. First shift is 12 noon until 5pm. Second shift is 5pm until 11 pm. This has been a tradition with us for many years. We always have a good time. If you are interested please email me at [frankcz@usa.net](mailto:frankcz@usa.net) and tell me which shift you would like to work. You can also let me know at the July general meeting. Note: If you signed the sheet at the last meeting, please contact me. There was a mix up and I lost some names. Thank you.

Frank Czaja



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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I hope everyone survived the continuous days of rain, and that you did not have huge problems. Now, it seems we are stuck in a tropical mode. Even though, I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July Holiday and had a safe and enjoyable celebration. If you have been on vacation I hope it was memorable. If you will be going on vacation, enjoy and be safe.

I want to thank Brother Komosa for all the work and effort he did to make our annual golf outing a success. My gratitude also goes to his co-chairman Brother Skaja and all those who helped out at the golf-outing. A great time was had by all. There were some new faces among the golfers, and I hope they will return again and again. As always, the raffle was outstanding due to the generous donations of our members and sponsoring businesses; so all were greatly appreciated. If you enjoyed yourself this year, or even if you were unable to join us, please remember to keep this outstanding and fun event in your plans next year.

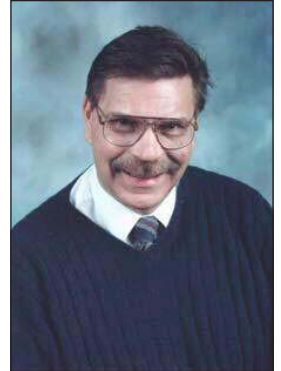
If you have visited the website lately, I hope you have noticed that you can now pay your dues and events or even make donations on line. There is also a new way to take polls so stop by and tell us your opinion. Everyone can certainly give thanks to Brother T. Ron Jasinski Herbert for doing a great job setting all of this up for us. It was a yeoman's task. Keep in mind, also, that there will be more to come regarding website, Forum and Facebook. If you have any new ideas, contact me or another board member.

Remember to save the date of August 21, 2011, so you and your family can join us in for our annual picnic. As usual, there will be great food, music, games for the children and exciting prizes.

Last, but not least: Congratulations and welcome to our new members.

Have a great month, and get ready for August.

Fraternally yours,  
Frank Czaja



### FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Washington D.C., New Orleans, and so many other places are all great vacation destinations. But there is one place that has impressed me the most. It's the place where mountains meet the ocean, where whales share their waters with orcas, where people really mean what they say, even though they don't say much. It's a place where you can walk on a glacier, and where you can camp and have a camp fire on the side of the road. It's a place where you feel far away from everything, yet at great peace with yourself and the environment. It's a place where you don't miss home. Yes, we came back exhausted from our 10-day trip to Alaska at the end of June, beginning of July, but I am sure we will not hesitate to jump on the plane and go back there again, any chance we have.

I hope everyone had a nice 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Wherever your travel destination is this summer, I hope you have a blast and bring back great memories. "Podroze krztałca" as we say in Polish. I will be waiting to hear about all your stories and feature them in the Around the Society column. Send me your vacation pictures too. There is plenty of room in the FORUM for them.



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## AROUND THE SOCIETY


Penderecki Conducts Penderecki - The great contemporary Polish composer, Krzysztof Penderecki, whose work has been a touchstone in his home country and beyond since the 1950s, comes to Millennium Park to conduct his own composition featuring three solo cellists as well as Beethoven's heroic early symphony. This event is sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland. The event will take place on Friday, July 15, 2011 and Saturday, July 16, 2011.

**Frank and Darlene Czaja** attended The Lumen Cordium Society Annual Eucharistic Liturgy on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Holy Family Church in Chicago. Mass was celebrated by Francis Cardinal George. They attended a reception with the Cardinal following the Mass. They were even fortunate to meet with the Cardinal and get their picture taken with him.

Condolences are extended to **Chester M. Przybylo** and his wife Elizabeth, whose mother, Lillian L. Rogoz, nee Latocha, passed

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away at age 90. Throughout her life she worked outside the home as opportunities arose, appreciating most of all her duties at the Reed Mental Health center, where she dispensed calmness, serenity, and mothering to staff members in need of support. On a happy note their daughter Jennifer, a graduate of Yale, recently living in New York City, has finished her studies at Cambridge, England, and has been accepted at Stanford for the medical program.

On a sad note Regina T. Siwietz, nee Ludtka, age 92, widow of **Everest E. Siwietz**, who had been a member 50 years ago and associated with Du-Al Floor Company on Peterson Avenue, has passed away. The couple had lived in Lincolnwood Towers during his membership.

Correction: Brother **Andrew Zapalski** marched with the Chicago Society unit in the Polish Constitution Day Parade on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Sorry Andrew for the omission of your name. You have been a regular marcher for a few years. Thank you Event Chairman **Ro Matuszczak**.

The widow of the late **Richard M. Jaskulski**, Irene M. Jaskulski, age 92, died and was buried June 29 in San Diego, California. She had lived in Poway, California and other California and Arizona places after leaving Chicago with her late husband, who had been a dentist in the Logan Square neighborhood.

Jozefa Boduch, the mother of Brother **Edmund Boduch**, passed away in June. Our sympathy is extended to Brother Boduch.

Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** reminds those CS Board members who are not aware of the Elks Club facility in Des Plaines, the site of our August meeting, that you can have a visual tour by visiting their website at: <http://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgefacilities.cfm?lodgenumber=1526> The location is easily locatable, and there is plenty of parking.

Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** recommends two Polish English-language online newspapers: *The Warsaw Voice*: <http://www.warsawvoice.pl/WVpage/pages/index.php> and *Krakow Post*: [http://www.krakowpost.com/sections/krakow\\_post-news](http://www.krakowpost.com/sections/krakow_post-news)

Brother **Ted Wiecek** is working on a new brochure layout and content for the Chicago Society PNA. Big thanks to Brother Wiecek for his time and efforts. It is a much needed marketing material and it should help us bring new members and inform the public about our activities.

Don't miss the Polish Museum of America Library annual Duplicate Book Sale on July 23-24. This year they will also be selling traditional Polish items: paintings, pottery, ornate frames and more. Gathered funds will be used to make improvements necessary to the continued functioning of the 96-year old library.

## WHY NOT SUPPORT YOUR BROTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO SOCIETY!!

In our upcoming September meeting the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with a business expo which will be held at the White Eagle. The purpose of the expo is simple. Why not support our own BROTHER MEMBERS IN BUSINESS!

I am often asked by people if I know any good attorneys, roofers, plumbers, real estate agents, insurance agents, doctors, musicians or electricians. I usually reply "yes I do" and refer people whom I trust and know offer quality service at a reasonable cost. More often than not, many of these business professionals are Chicago Society members. The problem with many of us is we often forget or just didn't know that a brother member was in a particular business. This is why we are having the expo in September to let all who attend know what we do for a living.

I strongly suggest that if you would like to promote your business at our September meeting, please let me know by calling me, John Cieslik, at 312-859-5404 or let brother Chuck Cwiakala at 847-823-8747 know you would like to participate. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing materials and of course your business cards. You can also let me or Chuck know at our July and August meeting that you want to participate.

Please also try to bring a guest to that meeting. It will be a one of a kind opportunity to showcase our organization.

John Cieslik

**OUR PICNIC: AUGUST 21**

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH – MATT L. RODRIGUEZ

Brothers,

I have difficult time writing about me. I would much rather write about all the background that helped me. I have had the privilege of serving the citizens of Chicago for 4 decades. Very much of it, of course, is public record. Everything however, has a beginning, and mine starts where I was born and spent most of my youth. It began in the “Back of the Yards” (when there were still stock yards). My father was of Mexican extraction, but born in Texas, from where his family left for Chicago while he was young. My mother was born of Polish immigrants from Krakow. None of my grandparents spoke English fluently, yet raised large families, who lived typical good middle class lives. My Polish grandfather built a two-story frame house 80 years ago (still habitable), which I couldn’t even begin.

My parents thought that education was very important, and made certain we had a Catholic education. We went to Sacred Heart School where the Felician Sisters educated us, and proudly taught Polish language and traditions. After graduation, I felt I had a vocation to the priesthood and entered St. Jude Seminary, in Momence, Illinois. After my first year of High School, we went home for a few weeks of summer vacation. At that time, I felt more than uncertain regarding the priesthood. I then entered Holy Trinity High School, from which I graduated.

I was initially employed at the Audit Bureau of Circulation, an outstanding employer, while attending college courses in the evenings or Saturdays. As I married and matured, I felt more and more inclined to becoming a police officer. I tested, passed, and happily joined the Chicago Police Department, on 16 December 1959. After the choice of my wife of 56 years, Ruth, the police decision was the most gratifying decision of my life. I was able

to continue my education (except for short periods dictated by Department needs). I was able to achieve: an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration; a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration; and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. Giving credit where credit is due, my wife helped me throughout, and the Department, which was encouraging education for police professionalization, allowed “shift adjustments” for education. As is obvious, there is much personal work, good fortune and opportunity that contributed to my career.

Many ask “Who did you know?,” “Who did you have to know?” or “Who helped you?” EVERYONE! In over 38 years as Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain (all tested for and Civil Service positions). During 38 years of public service, one meets many citizens, from the homeless to Presidents of Banks, other Police Officers (many great “cops”), Supervisors, etc. To be more specific and as an example, after I had earned a Master’s Degree, I received a phone call from the then Deputy Superintendent of Investigative Services, a gentleman for whom I never directly worked. He stated that he was reviewing a list to eligible applicants for the Department’s sponsorship of candidates to attend the Northwestern University’s Traffic Institute (Management Program). He asked if I was firmly interested. This opportunity represented the ability to attend this distinguished, but expensive University for a full academic year and with full pay. I, of course, agreed. I later was chosen as one of the successful nominees.

Another time, a former Superintendent recommended that I be accepted for a National Police Professional Organization’s Program, (POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM’S SMIP), conducted by Harvard’s School of Government at North Andover and Boston, Mass. I hope this conveys the sense that it is mainly, not who you know, but who knows you or knows of you.



**Brother Matt Rodriguez speaking  
at a Chicago Society Meeting**

From 1980 to 1992, I served as a Deputy Superintendent of Police through three administrations of Mayor of Chicago and four administrations of Superintendents of Police. Whenever a vacancy for the Office of Superintendent of Police occurred, a nationwide search was conducted. All interested individuals were required to send the Police Board their records and qualifications. The Board reviewed these resumes, and chose the best 10 candidates for personal in-

terviews. The Board then submitted its top three choices to the Mayor, who selected his choice from these 3 selections. Except for one recent selection, the above process prevailed. I fortunately was one of the three finalists three times (1983, 1987 and 1992).

I was appointed Superintendent of Police on April, 13, 1992, by Mayor Richard Daley. I served until the end of 1997. During this period, I was elected by my fellow Chiefs and served as Chairman of the Major Cities Chiefs Association for 4 years. This organization was composed of Chiefs of Police of the largest Police Departments in the United States and a select few in Canada.

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**CHICAGO SOCIETY, PNA  
2011 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

SUBMIT A ONE TO THREE PAGE ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

***HOW WOULD YOU PERSUADE A PERSON OF POLISH DESCENT TO GET INVOLVED IN POLONIA ORGANIZATIONS?***

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED BY OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicago Society Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 College or University: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES**

1. Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student who has completed one semester and is currently enrolled in a two or four year accredited college or university.
2. The applicant must demonstrate a minimum 3.0 on a 4 point scale or its equivalent as supported by an official college transcript.
3. Scholarship grants will be based on the quality and thoughtfulness of the applicant's essay, not financial need.
4. A sponsored applicant must be a child, stepchild, grandchild, great grandchild, niece or nephew of a member in good standing for three continuous years.
5. Non-relative sponsored applicants must prove Polish ancestry.
6. The applicant agrees that Chicago Society may publish his or her essay in its organization's publication.

**AMOUNT OF GRANTS**

There will be three one-time awards not to exceed \$6,000.00 in total, the sums to depend on the quality and number of applications received.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. The application for a scholarship grant shall consist of the submission of this application form, transcript of academic record, and the essay on 8½ x 11 sized paper, 12 point font, one to three pages written in English concerning the above topic. It must be submitted by the date stated above.
2. The essay will be reviewed on an anonymous basis. The essay must NOT identify the applicant or any sponsor or the application will be disqualified.
- 3 A non-relative applicant should state the basis of his or her Polish ancestry on the reverse side of this application form.
4. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify an application if it is incomplete, submitted after the deadline or not in compliance with these rules.
5. The applicant must SEND completed application and all materials on or before October 3, 2011 to:

Chicago Society Scholarship Committee  
 c/o Kenneth P. Gill, Chairman  
 556 Garland Court  
 Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
 or e-mail Ken29gill@aol.com

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individual has applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the P.N.A. Any member should contact the Personnel Director prior to the next general meeting if he has an objection regarding the admission of a prospective member. 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: Zbigniew (Tony) Jackowski  
 5108 N. Long Ave  
 Chicago, IL 60630  
 773-685-8110

Occupation: Retired Chicago Police Sergeant  
 Birth date: August 31, 1947  
 Birthplace: Rhine, Germany  
 Education: DePaul University, Chicago  
 Spouse: Sharon  
 Sponsors: Joseph F. Hercik  
 Frank Czaja

## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to wish the following members, who are celebrating their birthday this month, a greeting of *Sto Lat*.

Mark Cwiakala	7/1	Thadeus Makarewicz	7/14
Zenon Kurdziel	7/1	Tomasz P. Pawelko	7/14
William B. Drozd	7/7	William Wojcik	7/20
Waldemar Wyszynski	7/7	Edward H. Marsalek	7/22
Mark S. Dobrzycki	7/9	Donald A. Gutowski	7/23
Romuald E. Matuszczak	7/10	Jack Skaja Sr.	7/24
		Edward T. Sawa	7/27

### MATT RODRIGUEZ (Cont'd from p. 4)

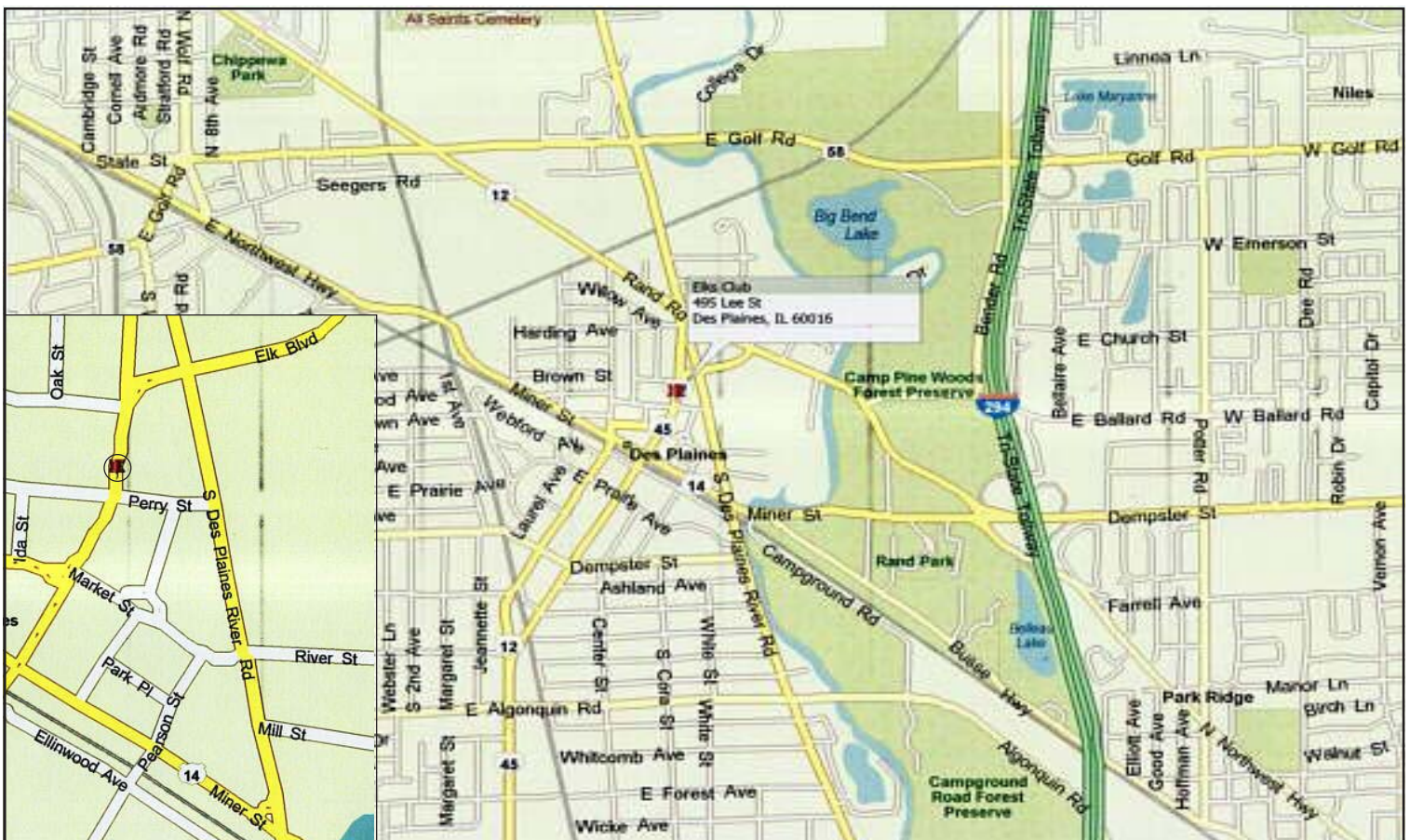
I would strongly encourage anyone, who is highly interested and is qualified to consider this career choice. My career has afforded me the ability to learn and lecture worldwide, i.e., China (1983), England, Italy, Russia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, and Germany (1997).

Since I retired, I have been a consultant for the National Drug Enforcement Section located in Johnstown, Pa. I have been a consultant in Homeland Security, particularly regarding its impact on "first responders." I

have, until I recently retired, conducted College Criminal Justice and Police Organization classes.

Not so much "Me", but I, who is the fortunate recipient and product of hard-working and good parents; an excellent Catholic and higher education; having lived in a great multi-cultural neighborhood; a wonderful 57 year marriage with a loving daughter and grandchildren; my past and present friendships, and last, but certainly not least, the "Holy Ghost".

## AUGUST MEETING LOCATION MAP MAP FOR AUGUST MEETING, ELKS CLUB, 495 LEE ST. DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS



**EDITORIAL** (Continued from page 2)

We have great events ahead of us. Our annual summer picnic is just around the corner and this year we are going back to the Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village. Whoever knows the number, please call and reserve good weather on Sunday, August 21.

We won't be having good weather for the September Business Expo at the White Eagle in Niles. It's on the date of our General Meeting. The plan is to make this the highlight of our organization when it comes to businesses that we represent. Thanks to the hard work of Brother John Cieslik, Chuck Cwiakala and all those who help them, it's shaping up to be a really great event.

Fraternally,  
Norbert Barszczewski

## MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to commend the following members, who are celebrating the anniversary of their induction this month, for their many years of membership.

Mitchell Pasiewicz	1996	15 years
Michael Schneider	1996	15 years
Mark Matker	2006	5 years

## THANK YOU NOTE FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear Dr. Klos and Members of the Chicago Society:

Please accept my thanks for awarding me first place in the Society's 2011 Scholarship

Program. I was extremely honored that I won and thought this year's essay topic was very challenging. I hope it elicited many thoughtful responses from your candidates.

Your generous award will help to defray the cost of attending Purdue University this coming fall.

I want you to know that I do not take the scholarship award from the Chicago Society for granted. I am truly thankful that there are organizations such as yours that invests its time and resources in students who might be struggling under the pressures of paying their academic bills. My parents have helped in the past with the tuition – but this last year I wanted to contribute as well. So in addition to carrying a full time class load, I was also working part time at the university — so I know how much this money will help.

Again thank you to you and the members of the Chicago Society for this award and for the good work you all do within the Polish community.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie C. Domagalski  
June 16, 2011

## POLISH TRIVIA

Who sold Warsaw?

If you know the answer, please email it to [editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org). First person who emails the correct answer will be featured as the winner in the next Forum.

The answer to the June Polish Trivia is: A rock from Wawel Castle (Cracow) is in the Tribune Tower Building.

The winner is Brother Mark Dobrzycki who was the first to provide the correct answer. Congratulations!

## PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

The payment page is now active at the Chicago Society website. In order to make a payment for dues or an event, or to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, you can now go to [www.chicagosocietypna.org](http://www.chicagosocietypna.org) and click on the "Payments" button, located just above the "Members" button at the homepage.

Dues and event payments are for specific category amounts. Multiple event tickets can be ordered before submitting a payment. When making a donation to the Scholarship Fund, any amount can be specified.

The payments are by credit card or debit card through the PayPal system, which is totally secure, the nation's most popular and trusted payment system.

PayPal has accepted the Chicago Society PNA as a non-profit corporation with charitable goals. Having passed a rigorous investigation into the purposes and goals of our organization, payments to the Chicago Society were granted the lowest transaction rate, considerably lower than the commercial rate or the rates charged by credit cards.

Persons making dues payments pay nothing extra for the service, although a small convenience fee may be added in some other cases. The transaction fee is paid by the Chicago Society itself. In fact, you will even save the continually increasing cost of postage.

The payment system is actually very simple to use. If you can turn on a computer, you have all the expertise needed.

## INDUCTED TO MEMBERSHIP

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to wish the following gentlemen, who were sworn in last month, a greeting of *Witamy!*

Dale Ihssen, sponsored by Brothers Frank Czaja and Kenneth Gill

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