



Christmas Wishes From PNU Vice President

A few of the greatest gifts given to us at Christmas are Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. "Where Are You Christmas?" by Faith Hill, is one of my favorite songs, especially the lyric – "If there is love in your heart and your mind, you will feel like Christmas all the time." May we all try to "feel like Christmas all the time", by sharing with others the gifts given to us through the birth of Christ Jesus. Have hope, be joyful, and let there be love in your heart and your mind, every day, regardless of the season.

On behalf of the PNU Board of Directors, I wish all of our members, Directors, Secretaries, Staff, and your families, a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

- Kathryn Nemkovich, PNU Vice President

Christmas Wishes From PNU CFO John Andrzejewski



These are dark days. Not exactly the way to start a Christmas greeting but stick with me. As Christmas approaches our days get shorter and darker with the late rise and early fall of the Sun. December 22 marks the winter solstice this year as well as the day most

lacking in daylight. But do not despair for soon the light of our world will be upon us. In just a few short days. December 25th, 2019 we will mark the brightest day in the history of mankind. The day, during which the light of our world first took His first breath in the form of a new born child.

December 25th is a highly anticipated day throughout the world during which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. With His birth God saw fit to extend a gift to man that man is still attempting to fully understand. In this gift we find hope, love, light and most importantly the promise of eternal life. He arrived on a silent night in the little town of Bethlehem but caused quite a stir as angels heralded His arrival on high, shepherds quaked, and kings followed the light of a distant star marking His presence. The spirit of Christmas moves us to be kinder, more humble, and more aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters, for it is a responsibility given to us by God through His only Son. **(Continued on p.2)**

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From The PNU Board of Directors!

(From the left back row) Michael Mietlicki, Very Rev. Robert Michael Nemkovich Jr., Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky, and Gregory Senkevitch. (From the left second row) PNU CFO John C. Andrzejewski, PNU CEO Martin H. Wachna, Jr., CEO, and Mari Jane Stankowski, Director. (From the left first row) PNU Vice President Kathryn Nemkovich and Mary Stankowski.

Holiday Office Hours: PNU and Spojnia Credit Union offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. Our offices will also close at 3:00 pm on New Year's Eve and we will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day, and February 17th in observance of President's Day.

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111th Anniversary Offer Program Success

The PNU's 111th Anniversary Insurance Offer was a great success! 11 new policies were issued for a grand total of \$129,100 worth of insurance and annuities for the month of October. 6 new policies were issued in the month of November and \$145,221 worth of insurance policies and annuities were sold. Great job everyone!

(Continued from cover) The PNU is founded upon this responsibility and has brought light to the lives of many members through the past 111 years. So, as the season is upon us I urge our members to carry the light during these dark days knowing that the spirit of Christmas shines from the love and joy that is born to us this day.

During this season of joy and hope it is my sincerest wish that the light of Christ be ever present in your heart. On behalf of the PNU and SCU I wish you a Merry Christmas! I also wish each and everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Joyous New Year! *Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!*
John Andrzejewski – CFO/Secretary

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Polish National Union Death Benefit Report
**We express our sincere
condolences to the families of the deceased.**
**May perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest
in Peace.**

Stephen Drahus III
Amelia Liska
Dolores Godek
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Irene Wall
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31st General Convention makes Constitutional Changes

The 31st General Convention held September 29 through October 6 considered fifteen changes to the PNU's constitution. Based on the discussion and action taken at the convention the following changes have been made. These changes have been included in the PNU's printed Constitution and Bylaws which are a part of the documentation associated with the contract of insurance. The changes became effective upon passage and subsequent approval for use by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

Amendments to the Constitution**Article IV – Section 5 (f) (K)**

Legislative Powers - The General Convention

Sections f and k were deleted. The sections were used to list as a delegate to the convention a representative from the Education and Youth Commission and a representative from the Fraternal Activities Committee. With the deletion the ability of the named commission and committee to send a delegate to the convention has been removed.

Article V - Sec. 4

Executive Power- Board of Directors

Sec. 4 The appointment of District Directors shall be made by the Board of Directors.
He shall be appointed to a four (4) year term.

Article V - Sec.5

Executive Power - Board of Directors

Sec. 2 Qualifications for election to the Board of Directors shall be:

Fully paid membership in the PNU of at least five (5) years.

Membership in the Polish National Catholic Church of at least five (5) years.

Citizenship of the United States of America.

Successful completion of a criminal background check within 30 days of election or appointment.

Additional Qualifications for the C.E.O. and C.F.O. as determined by the PNU Board no later than 60 days prior to the convention.

Amendments to the Bylaws**Article II – Section 5 (a)**

Delegates to the General Convention

The presiding officers of the branch must publish a notice of such meeting **via electronic means and posted on the PNU website or** in the official organ of the PNU, "Straż — The Guard", at least once before such election is held giving place, date and time of such meeting.

Article II – Section 6 (e)

Delegates to the General Convention

Delegates shall be elected on the basis of one (1) delegate for every **fifty (50) members and major fraction thereof (twenty-six (26) or more)** of the pooled membership.

Article III – Sec.2 (o)

Conduct and Order of the General Convention

Subsection (o) which reads "Election of the location of the next General Convention" was deleted and the subsections were then lettered o through r.

Article VI – Sec. 3

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 3 The selection of the place for the next General Convention shall be **determined by the board of directors.**

Article VIII – Sec. 1

Rights and Duties of the Board of Directors

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors shall **distribute** the minutes of the General Convention within six (6) months of receipt from the Convention Secretary.

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Article VIII – Sec. 7

Rights and Duties of the Board of Directors

Sec. 7 was changed by deleting the words “as appointed by the C.E.O.” The section now reads as follows:

Sec. 7 At the first regular meeting after the General Convention, the Board of Directors shall approve one (1) director from its members to the Education and Youth Commission as provided by Article XII, Section 1; two (2) members of the PNU to Spójnia, Inc. Board of Directors as provided by Article XIII, Section 2; one (1) director from its members to the Fraternal Activities Committee as provided by Article XXVI, Section 1. Each of the remaining directors of the Board of Directors shall be delegated to assume an area of specific responsibility.

Article IX

Duties of Officers of the PNU

Section 1 of Article IX was changed through the deletion of the words “advertising programs and,” in subsection (g) and the complete deletion of subsection (h) and (j). After deletion the subsections were lettered resulting in the following:

Sec. 1 The C.E.O.: Is the chief executive officer of the PNU.

Shall, with the consent of the Board of Directors appoint all committees from the members of the PNU.

Shall convene and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Shall review all orders for payment, all charters for the Branches and all membership certificates.

Shall in concurrence with the C.F.O., invest money of the PNU in a manner prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the laws of the states wherein the PNU is authorized to operate as a fraternal benefit society, the Constitution of the PNU, and the rulings and enactments of the Convention and of the Board of Directors.

This is to be in conjunction with an active investment committee guided by a written investment policy.

Shall be responsible for deposit of monies received by the PNU to its banks approved by the Board of Directors.

Shall be responsible for public relations. Shall have the responsibility for membership programs and direct the promotional and implementation aspects of them.

Article IX – Sec. 3 (h)

Duties of Officers of the PNU

Shall publish a list indicating the number of new members and names of deceased members **periodically** in the official publication.

Article XIX – Sec. 3

Branch Meetings

Sec. 3 In case the President or Vice-president are absent from any of the meetings, the **Branch** Secretary or other member of the Branch Committee shall preside.

Article XXIII – Sec. 2

Duties District Directors

Sec. 2 He convokes four (4) District Conventions each year and presides over them. He shall announce the place and time of the District Convention **via electronic means and on the PNU website or** in the Straž eight (8) weeks before the date of the Convention.

Article XXII – Sec. 3

Districts of the PNU

Sec. 3 At the head of each District is a Director, who is **appointed by the Board of Directors**. In case of death, resignation, or absence of the District Director, the Vice-director presides until the **appointment** of a successor.



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The PNU welcomes Julie Andrzejewski as the new District 1 Director!



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The PNU welcomes Leslie Pietrowitz as the new District 2 Director!



District 1 hosted a "Morning at the Movies" event at the Cinemark in Moosic, PA on December 7th to see Frozen II in theaters. Everyone had a great time!



Vice District 1 Director, Joan Scheuneman made these Christmas decorations by hand! The tree is currently on display at The Steamtown Mall in Scranton, PA. Home Office Staff Jessica Moser and Maintenance Director Sal Naro, helped Joanie assemble the tree at the mall.

**District 1 Meeting
 Announcement
 Saturday, March 7th
 10:30 AM at St. Mary's PNCC
 in Duryea, PA.**



Spojnia Credit Union's Assistant Manager Debbie Migliori (left) and Sandra Reed (middle) get in the Christmas spirit with Mari Jane Stankowski (right), PNU Director, at Posh Restaurant in Scranton on December 5th.

Keep your piggy bank happy with mobile banking!
 Call Spojnia Credit Union for more info!
 (800) 724-6352

In accordance with our PNU Constitution, we are calling a District Meeting for the purpose of reorganizing our District Committee and installing our new District Director appointed by the PNU Board of Directors, Mrs. Leslie Pietrowitz.

This district meeting will be held Saturday, December 14., 2019, at 2:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Church of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street, Wallington, New Jersey. Inclement weather date is Sunday, December 29, 2019, at the same time and place.

DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

- Call to order/Invocation
- End of Year Minutes/Financial reports/ Bill payments
- Acknowledgements/ correspondence/ general information
- Review of Convention September 29 –October 6, 2019
- Delegate reports/review – comments –etc.
- Sine dyne - Old Committee

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

- Install New Director, Leslie Pietrowitz
- Honorary Director, Edmund J. Kotula
- Election of District Officers/ Oath of Office
- Designate Depository of District Funds.
- Review meeting dates for the year and utilization of means of communication.
- Using computers and devices for rapid communication of activities.
- Review of Convention changes to the Constitution.
- Discussion of District Activities and programs.
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Adjournment
 - Closing Prayer

All branch representatives are expected to be in attendance. Please call me at 973-773-4090 if you do not plan to attend.

Fraternally,

Edmund J. Kotula
 District Two and Nine Honorary District Director



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2019 Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering Health Information & Emergency Permission

This form is required on site for every person under 18 years of age, not accompanied by parent or guardian. It must be retained by one of the group leaders, and be available on a moment's notice for any emergency.

Name _____ Parish _____ Email _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Group Name: Eastern Diocese PNCC- Winter Youth Gathering.

Date: December 27-28, 201 at Blessed Trinity Parish - Fall River, MA

_____ has my permission to participate in the Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering at Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA Please list (with dates) any major illness or injury this child has had within the past month within the past year:

Date of Tetanus Shot (should be within 5 years) _____

List any allergies (medication, inhalant, or food) :

Can this child take part in strenuous physical activity? _____

The following medication will be needed by this child during the retreat. (All such medication should be given to the group leader before leaving - it may not be carried by the child).

Medication: _____ Amount and time to be given: _____

I hereby give permission to the Group Leader of their designee to administer the above medication in the absence of a nurse.

Additional Information and remarks: _____

Holy Cross Parish
320 High St Central Falls, RI 02863
Very Rev. Robert M Nemkovich Jr.
Chairman Michael Zarek
Vice Chairman Thomas Zarek
Recording Secretary Mary Ann Zarek
Treasurer Wanda Janusz

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Holy Cross PNCC Central Falls RI

DISTRICT 2
Joseph Cyman, Spiritual Advisor
Leslie Pietrowitz, District Director
Linda Zulkowski, Vice Director
Peggy Kotula, Treasurer
John Czop, Recording Secretary
Rev Joseph Cyman, Financial Secretary

2019 EASTERN DIOCESE PNCC WINTER YOUTH GATHERING & LOCK IN

When: Friday - Saturday - Dec. 27 & 28, 2019

begins at 2:30 pm Friday and ends Saturday morning

Where: Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and be ready for some fun!!



Cost - \$20.00 per person - To register please contact:

Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich - Robnem21@aol.com

Come see your friends in Christ over the Christmas Vacation





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Thanksgiving Fraternalism

The Fall River Community Dinner at Blessed Trinity was a big success! More than 150 turkey dinners were served. Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich (left) helped carve turkeys. Thank you to all volunteers!



On Sunday, November 10, District 4 held its 2019 Thanksgiving Raffle. Pictured are Christina Giczkowski, Raffle Chairperson, and Bishop John Mack, HMRC Pastor, drawing the winning tickets. 1st prize \$100 to Justin Bates, 2nd prize \$75 to Andrea White and 3rd prize \$50 to Linda Klusek. We thank all who supported the raffle to benefit Trinity Food Pantry, Lancaster, NY. Proceeds of \$350 will be sent to the Food Pantry for Thanksgiving supplies.



PNU District 3 Raffle

Thank you to all who supported our PNU District 3 Raffle – District 3 will be providing pizza and ice cream Sun-days to all attending the Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering and Lock in on December 27 & 28, 2019. God bless you all! We hope that in the future more parishes will support this effort as it does

benefit our diocese and youth program.

Congrats to our winners:

- 1st Prize - \$50 – Janice K (Fall River, MA)
- 2nd Prize - \$25 – Robert G (Manchester, NH)
- 3rd Prize - \$25 – Sue S (Dearborn Heights, MI)



Remember When

Polish National Union Celebrated Polish Heritage at Tobyhanna Army Depot , Tobyhanna, PA - 1985
Pictured at Tobyhanna Army Depot (TAD) in front of the PNU's Polish display are Vincent Yuskiewicz, PNU President; Regina Orzell, Education & Youth Commission Representative; COL Thomas L Prather, Jr., Commander, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Wanda Cytowska, Editor, God's Field; Mrs. Norma B. Christian; Mr. Mason C. Linn, Chief Executive Assistant, TAD
Submitted by Julie Orzell



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District Five and District Twelve

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Melissa Snee thanked the branch secretaries for their reports and stressed that this needs to be part of every District meeting to keep everyone in the district up-to-date with our branch activities.

Spojnia Credit Union – updates and rate sheets were passed out.

2019 Convention – Convention is next week and we should all pray for it to be successful. The Convention Scrapbook is online – www.pnu.org click on “Celebrating Fraternalism”.

2020 Family Outing –

Ideas – Find a park have a picnic that is catered, bouncy house, games, face painting, clown with balloons. Think about other ideas and we will discuss it more at our January meeting.

Meeting Schedule for 2020:

Sunday, January 19th 7:00pm this will be a teleconference

Sunday April 19 Location and time to be determined – possibly Canonsburg

July – TBD

October - TBD

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paulette Beliunas, seconded by Rosalie Clark.

Melissa Snee closed the meeting at 2:40pm.

Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski offered closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Sleczkowski
Recording Secretary

PNU District 5 Quarterly Meeting – Sept 21, 2019

Meeting was hosted by Holy Family Parish, McKeesport, PA

Attendance – Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, Marian Sleczkowski, Henrietta Kleckner, Terry Kleckner, Melissa Snee, Paulette Beliunas, Janis Gibala, Ted Gibala, Rosalie Clark, Janice Amend, MaryAnn Kiska, Stan Kiska and Brent Adler. Meeting opened at 1:35pm by Melissa Snee Fr Bruce Sleczkowski offered prayer.

Minutes – Marian Sleczkowski read the minutes for the June 30th meeting. There were no changes/corrections. Terry Kleckner made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ted Gibala. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Henrietta Kleckner presented the Financial Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2019. Ted Gibala motioned to accept financial report, seconded by Paulette Beliunas. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Thank You card from Irene Jugan’s family for a Mass.

Old Business –

PNU Performance – Melissa Snee reported that the PNU 2019 performance needs improvement. Policies written – June 0 – July 2 – August 0. Irene Jugan’s memorial “Rock” for the Tree of Life – Fr Bruce is working on this with Judy Waskowitz.

2019 Family Outing – Attended “Faith Night” at the Washington Wild Things Baseball Game. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the buffet. We had 18 children, 27 Adults, and 1 Clergy. The District absorbed a small loss on the outing.

Melissa Snee reminded everyone that the Education & Youth raffle is still ongoing and that EVERY Parish should be publicizing this raffle. Winners will be announced at the Dec 5 meeting of the PNU Board. This commission provides many college stipends to our children, PNU 111th Birthday – Being extended is the guaranteed life to Oct 30, the annuity special runs through September 30.

New Business –

Branches Reports – Br 123 McKees Rocks – Reported by Paulette Beliunas – For Spojnia Sunday had a presentation after Mass and passed out pamphlets.

Br 132 McKeesport Reported by Henrietta Kleckner – Wrote 2 annuities, 1 converted policy. For Spojnia Sunday we offered coffee and donuts, passed out pens, pamphlets, etc., Spojnia Bingo.

Br 65 Washington – Reported by Brent Adler – He had business cards printed up, is working on potential policies, and he is still working on putting a letter out to the parishioners.

Dear Santa

I'VE BEEN GOOD ALL YEAR

LET'S TALK ABOUT

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District 6 Minutes October 19, 2019

Polish National Union of America District Six Meeting Saturday, October 19, 2019, 12 Noon All Saints Cathedral Parish The meeting was called to order by Vice Director Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr. at 12:10 p.m. Vice Director Kowalczyk was asked to chair the meeting because Director Christine Wachna has laryngitis. Christina Danielkiewicz was asked to be the secretary *pro tem* for today's meeting and she agreed. Robert Maycan welcomed everyone to the meeting on behalf of Br. 37. Congratulations were extended to Martin H. Wachna, Jr. on being elected as the CEO of the Polish National Union of America. The Invocation was pronounced by Rev. David Rowinski.

The Agenda, financial reports and minutes from the September 5, 2019 teleconference were sent out and printed copies were distributed to all present today. Upon motion made by Robert Maycan and seconded by Catherine Kowalczyk, the **Agenda** as presented was accepted. Motion carried. After review, and upon motion made by Dian Maycan and seconded by Robert Maycan, the **minutes** from the September 5, 2019 teleconference were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

The **Financial Report** was given by Catherine Kowalczyk. Financial Report from the 31st **General Convention Ad Book** There is no actual "book" that was printed. It is a "Virtual Book" on the computer. District 6 purchased and gave out pens with a flash drive to all Convention delegates and to all present at today's meeting. Br. 295 purchased compact umbrellas to all Convention delegates. They were printed with the PNU of A logo and the words "*Compliments of District 6 PNU, Br. 295*". Upon motion made by Robert Maycan and seconded by Christine Wachna, all the above financial reports were accepted, subject to audit. Motion carried. Both Rev. Kowalczyk and Christine Wachna had computers at the meeting and all were able to see the book "on line". It was also noted that District 6 did not charge the Home Office for their ad.

Some **highlights from the recent 31st General Convention** were reported by CEO Martin Wachna. There were 71 delegates registered, 2 no-shows because of illness. Going forward there will be one **(1) delegate per 50 members** rather than (1) per 100 members. This was a constitutional change. There were 137 people from the PNU on the cruise. Another constitutional change taking effect is that the **District Directors will now be appointed by the Board of Directors**. Other district officers will be elected in the respective districts. Recommendations for District Director can be submitted to the Board.

The following were elected at the 31st General Convention:

CEO Martin H. Wachna, Jr. Vice President Kathryn Nemkovich CFO John C. Andrzejewski Board Members Gregory Senkevitch; Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr.; Michael Mietlicki; Mary Jane Stankowski; Mary Stankowski Prime Bishop is seated automatically by reason of his office Internal Audit Committee Henrietta Kleckner – Vice Chair Mary Ann Sleczkowski – Secretary Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr. – Chair There is a Board meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in Scranton, PA.

Rev. Kowalczyk made mention that Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich as Chair of the Convention moved things along very well. Also "kudos" to Royal Caribbean for what they did for us. It's good to note that the ship was a 6,000 passenger vessel.

District 6 Fund Raiser – selling of shirts with the PNU logo – for the benefit of the Education and Youth Commission. To date, 62 shirts were sold for a net income of \$547.00. Following the Board meeting on October 24, 2019 the District Fund raiser will run for an additional three weeks. Upon motion made by Christine Wachna and seconded by Dian Maycan, proceeds for "round 2" of the District 6 fund raiser will go to the Education and Youth Commission. Motion carried There is also a fund-raising raffle coming up for the benefit of the Education and Youth Commission on December 5, 2019 at the Board meeting.

Election of District 6 Officers:

CEO Martin Wachna chaired the election. Martin Wachna informed us that a Board member or a member of the Internal Audit Committee will be attending all District meeting elections. Martin Wachna reminded all that effective with this Convention the District Directors will now be appointed by the Board of Directors. Upon motion made by Rev. John Kowalczyk and seconded by Robert Maycan, District 6 will recommend to the Board that Christine Wachna be appointed as District 6 Director. Motion carried.

The following were nominated for the respective District 6 offices: Vice Director Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr. the Vice Director also serves in the capacity as President on the Spójnia Park Board Recording Secretary Christina M. Danielkiewicz the District Recording Secretary also serves in this capacity on the Spójnia Park Board Financial Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Kowalczyk Trustees Robert Maycan, Dian Maycan, Rev. David Rowinski Chaplain No one at this time A motion was made by Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr. and seconded by Christine Wachna for the secretary to cast one ballot to elect the slate as presented. Motion carried. Secretary Christina Danielkiewicz then cast one ballot to elect the slate as presented. The Oath of Office will be administered at the next meeting.

Once the Director for District Six is officially named, they will report to the Home Office the official roster of District Six newly elected officers.

Meeting Schedule for 2020:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 Teleconference 6:30 p.m. CST Thursday, May 14, 2020 Teleconference 6:30 p.m. CST Thursday, August 27, 2020 Teleconference 6:30 p.m. CST District 6 Minutes October 19, 2019 Saturday, October 10, 2020 In Person / 12 Noon St. Michael the Archangel / Cedar Lake, IN Family Night (Wolves Hockey Game) is set for Saturday, February 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m. The Wolves are playing the Grand Rapids Griffins. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Christine Wachna will reserve 60 tickets. They will be located "center ice". We will find out the actual cost for parking at the Arena. Last year there were 43 attendees; 36 adults, 5 youth [free as a PNU member], 2 youth that paid. **(Continued On p.12)**



**PNU District Six
Family Night
Chicago Wolves
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Saturday**



February 15, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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**Parking fee is \$15 per car at the All State Arena.
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Family Night Schedule

- 6:00 p.m. All State Arena Doors Open
- 7:00 p.m. Chicago Wolves vs. Grand Rapids Griffins

Ticket Order Form

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Rev. John Kowalczyk announced that the National Convo will be held July 20-24, 2020 at Mercyhurst College, in Erie, Pennsylvania. He also informed us that he was appointed National Youth Chaplain by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. He asked that all support the various activities the youth are sponsoring – food drive, clothing drive and the like. The youth need our support.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Christine Wachna and seconded by Catherine Kowalczyk, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Rev. David Rowinski said a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Danielkiewicz

Acting Recording Secretary

Participating in Meeting: Martin H. Wachna, PNU CEO, Rev. John P Kowalczyk, Catherine Kowalczyk, Christine Wachna, Robert and Dian Maycan, Rev. David Rowinski, Christina Danielkiewicz

Fraternal Societies of NEPA Donate to Domestic Violence Service Center

As part of their Make-A-Difference Day Project, the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania presented a donation to the Domestic Violence Service Center (DVSC) at the October meeting held at the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Home Office in Wilkes-Barre. The donation was an assortment of items including household items, bed linens, towels, baby products, health and hygiene products. All of the items will be used by the residents of DVSC's emergency shelter and transitional housing unit. The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania (FSNEPA), a not-for-profit trade association, unites local leaders of fraternal benefit societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Members include: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Greek Catholic Union of the USA, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society and the Polish National Union of America.



At the donation presentation, from left: Anna Hudock, Jacqueline Barkos, Mary Ann Ewasko, John Andrzejewski, Theresa Kluchinski; Tammy Rodgers, Domestic Violence Service Center, Ann Dougher, Jim Yocum, Charlotte L. Androckitis; Mary Jo Savidge; and Anita Gregory.



A Heartfelt Handshake Amongst a Reconciled Polonia - (from left to right) James Robaczewski, PAC National Director, and as of last year, the new President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, shaking hands with one of the newest PAC National Director's representing the Michigan Division - The Very Reverend Canon Miroslaw K. Krol, M.A., S.T.L., Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools Roman Catholic "Seminarium Polski" - engaged in handshake with a fellow newest PAC National Director, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Polish National Union of America - Martin H. Wachna Jr., and witnessing this historic exchange within the Polish American Congress, is Steve Flor, PAC National Director Representative of the Polish Falcons of America.

(Photo by Kristy Bowman and caption by Steve Flor)



Congratulations to Very Reverend Jerry Rafalko on his election to the office of Bishop in the Polish National Catholic Church . (From left) Martin Wachna, newly elected PNU CEO; Very Reverend Jerry Rafalko, and PNU CFO/Secretary John Andrzejewski



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George Urciuoli, District 10 Director, presents a slideshow highlighting PNU products at All Saints Parish in Rome, NY
District 10 Presents “The PNU & You”

The Mohawk Valley Seniorate held its Thanksgiving services on November 16, 2019 at the All Saints Parish in Rome, NY. Representatives from parishes within the Seniorate participated in Holy Mass and a delicious luncheon prepared by the host parish. During the luncheon, George Urciuoli, District 10 Director, highlighted the PNU services, products, and advantages during a PowerPoint presentation, entitled “The PNU and YOU.” At the invitation of Fr. Jim Konicki, George will make the same presentation to the congregation at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Schenectady.

Respectfully submitted,
 George Urciuoli
 District 10 Director



Michael Zarek Honored

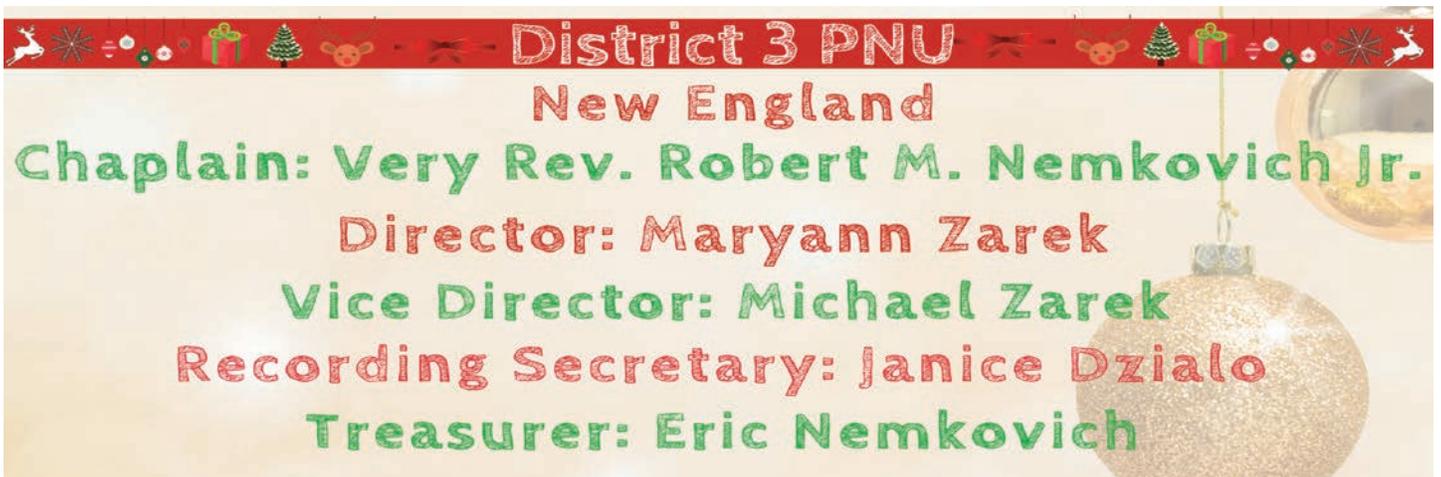
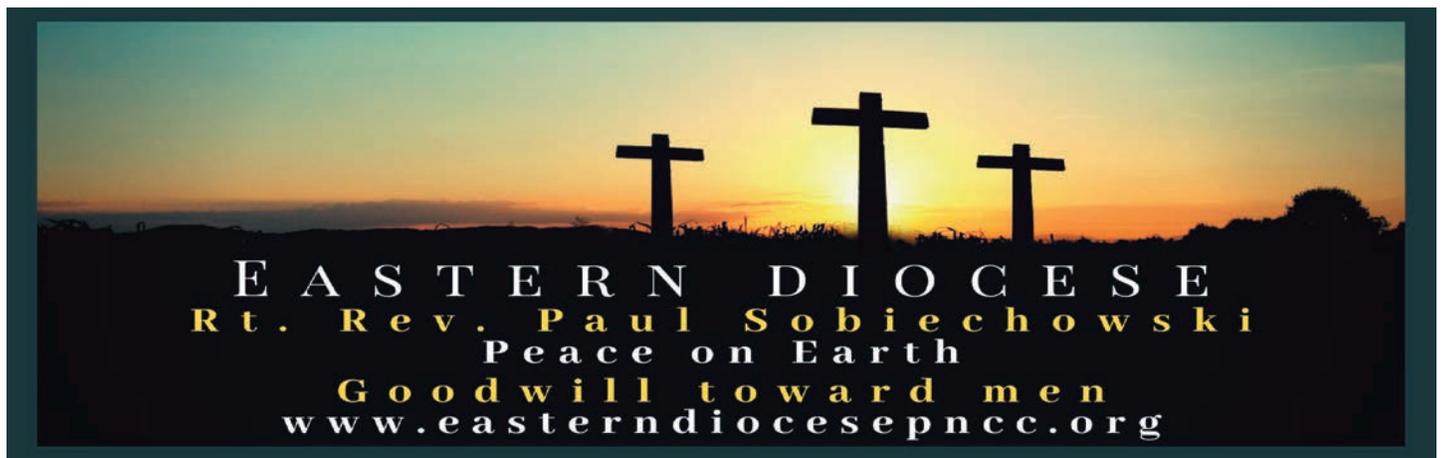


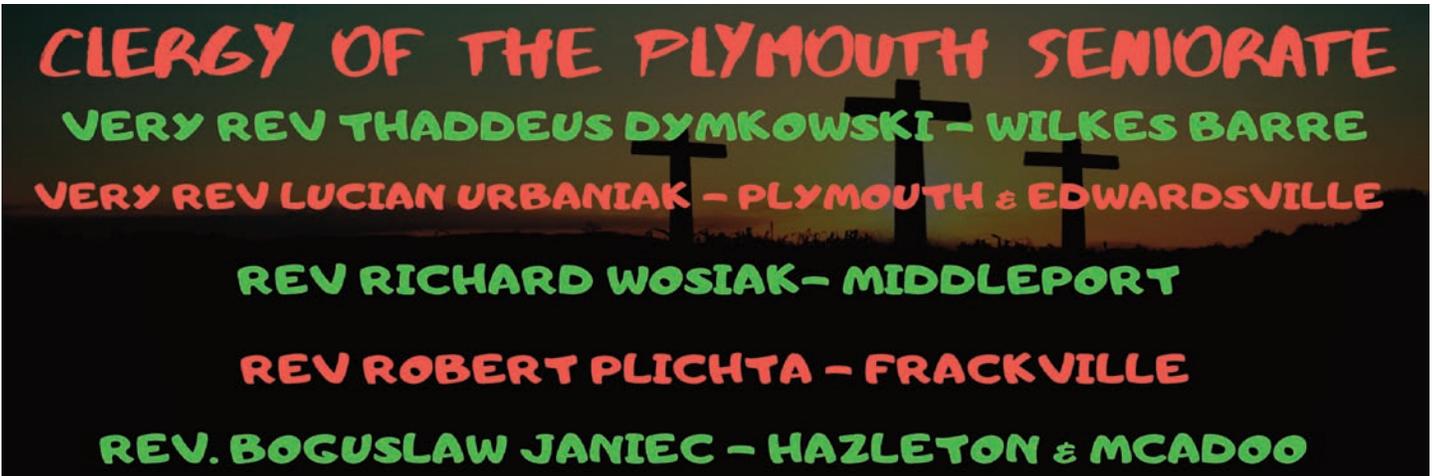
(From left) PNU CFO, John Andrzejewski, Michael Zarek, and PNU CEO, Martin Wachna, Jr., pose for a photo at Posh Restaurant in Scranton, PA on December 5th, 2019. Zarek was honored for his years of dedication and service to the PNU. Michael Zarek served the PNU Board of Directors from 2003 to 2019. He also served on the controlling committee from 1995 to 2003. The PNU Board of Directors, the PNU Home Office, The Spojnia Credit Union, and clergy members gathered at Posh Restaurant in Scranton, PA to honor Zarek. “Even though sometimes we disagreed, we always ended the day as friends,” PNU CEO Martin Wachna, Jr., remarked during his tribute speech in honor of Michael Zarek. Zarek received an appreciation plaque and wished the new Board of Directors luck.

Education & Youth Commission Draws Raffle Winners



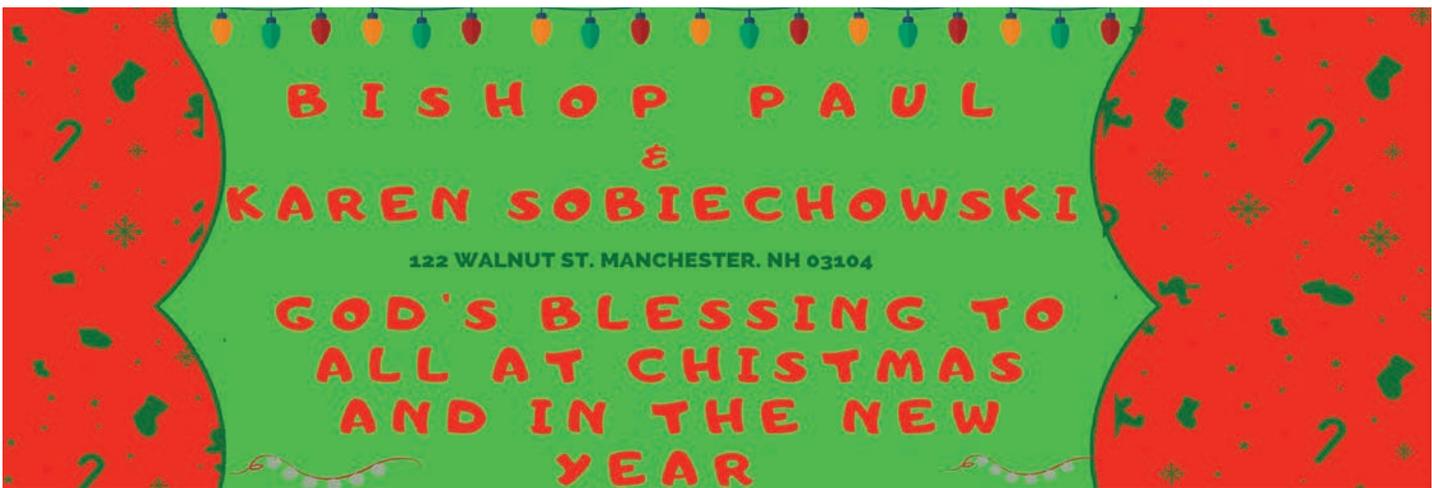
(From left) Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Education & Youth Commission Director, Mary Ann Stankowski, PNU CEO, Martin Wachna, Jr., Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich, Jr., Carol Mikovsky, and Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky getting ready to select the winners for the Education & Youth Commission Raffle at Posh in Scranton. Congrats to our winners!
 1st Place: Beverly Basinski, \$400 cash
 2nd Place: Scranton United Youth Association from St. Stanislaus, Amazon Echo
 3rd Place: Zofia Dross, \$100 cash





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**Report of Actions Taken
by the Board of Directors
of the PNU during a special reorganiza-
tion meeting
held October 5, 2019**

OPENING

A special reorganization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America (PNU) was held on October 5, 2019 in person aboard the Allure of the Seas. All members of the board were present. Also present was a member of the Internal Audit Committee. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky was called upon to swear in newly elected board member Gregory Senkevitch who attended the meeting via telephone.

Signature Authority

The first item discussed was the signature authority. CEO Wachna recommended those to be established. **After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation and approve the signature authority.** The motion passed.

Policies and Practices

The second item to be considered as a part of the reorganization was the policies, practices, and contracts currently used by the PNU to conduct business. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the executive officers and keep all current policies, practices and contracts in place.** The motion passed.

Named Depositories

The named depositories were listed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the named depository institutions.** The motion passed.

Professional Appointees

The professional appointees were listed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the professional appointees as presented.** The motion passed.

District Director Appointments

CEO Wachna opened the floor for discussion regarding the appointment of the district directors. The discussion included development of a plan to effect transition in the districts based on the appointment of directors. During the discussion the board noted the 60 day window within which the appointments had to be made. An initial list of directors to be considered for appointment was presented to the board.

The discussion included the appointment of a liaison between the district directors and the board. **After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment of Vice President Nemkovich as the district liaison from the board to the districts.** **The motion passed.**

The last item discussed concerned the possible mergers of districts having no directors. Discussion regarding this matter was tabled until the December meeting.

Other

A recommendation for consideration was received regarding the formation of a travel club as an additional benefit to the membership. The board entered into discussion regarding this matter. **At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made and seconded to direct the executive officers to explore the establishment of a travel club with The Cruise People for the benefit of the members.** The motion passed.

Meeting Date

A special meeting date was set for October 24, 2019. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019 – In Person

CLOSING

There was no additional business brought for discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

CEO Wachna adjourned the meeting.

This concludes the Report of Actions Taken at a special meeting held October 5, 2019. As submitted the report is represented to be as accurate as possible with regard to the content and matters discussed and the disposition of matters presented to the board.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Andrzejewski, III
CFO/Secretary



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**Report of Actions Taken
by the Board of Directors
of the PNU during a special reorganization meeting
held October 24, 2019**

OPENING

A special reorganization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America (PNU) was held on October 24, 2019 at the Home Office in Scranton, PA. All members of the board were present. Also present was a member of the Internal Audit Committee. CEO Martin Wachna welcomed all members of the board and indicated the main item for discussion was the appointment of the district directors.

Minutes

The minutes for the special reorganization meeting held October 5, 2019 were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no corrections or additions made. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the reorganization meeting held October 5, 2019 as presented. The motion passed.**

CEO Report

CEO Wachna distributed a brief report of activities to the board prior to the meeting. The report contained information regarding the appointment of district directors, sales, the website, and day to day activities. A review of the items in the report was conducted. **At the conclusion of the review a motion was made and seconded to receive the report. The motion passed.**

Appointment of District Directors

The board entered into a discussion regarding the recommendations for appointment. Discussion was held regarding the appointments being considered. At the conclusion of the discussion the following directors were considered for appointment.

- District 2 – Leslie Pietrowicz
- District 3 – Mary Ann Zarek
- District 4 – Beverly Basinski
- District 5 – Melissa Snee
- District 6 – Christine Wachna
- District 10 – George Urcuioli

It was noted that the individuals appointed would be notified by letter of their appointments. A question of clarification was raised about the payment salary as approved by the 31st General Convention. The board engaged in discussion regarding an appointment for those districts not listed with further consideration to be given to possible candidates prior to the 60 day deadline set in the revised constitution and by-laws. **At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the appointments to the position of District Director as per the list above. The motion passed.**

Sales

A brief discussion concerning proposals about sales which were contained in the CEO report was undertaken by the board. The programs as mentioned under the report were reviewed with the board. No action resulted from the discussion.

Executive Session

A brief executive session was called. No motions resulted from the session.

Other

The board entered a discussion concerning data requested at a previous meeting having to do with active branches and sales. The discussions lead the board to the topic of agent recruitment. No action resulted from the discussion.

Meeting Date

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019.

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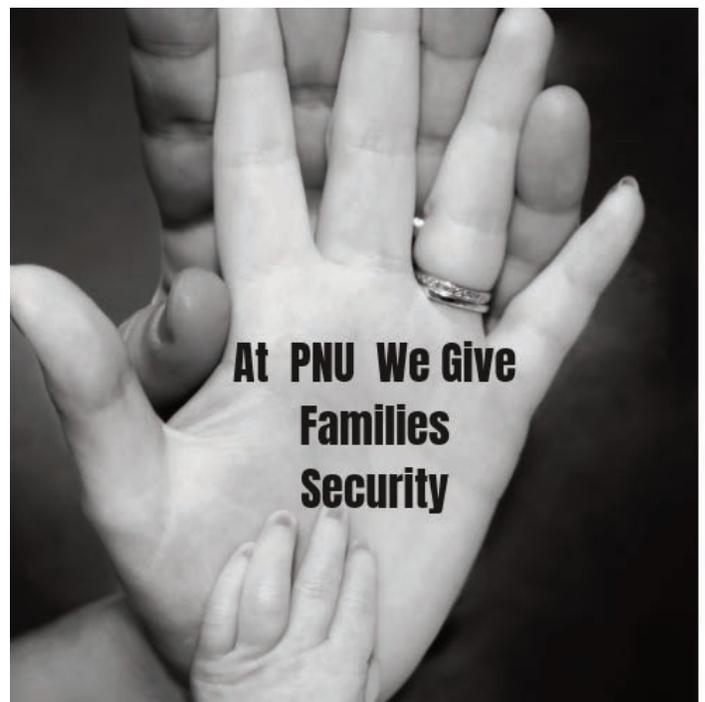
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