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During 2026 Polish Americans Proudly Celebrate the
250th Anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776,
and the 418th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Polish Settlers
in America at Jamestown, Virginia on October 1, 1608



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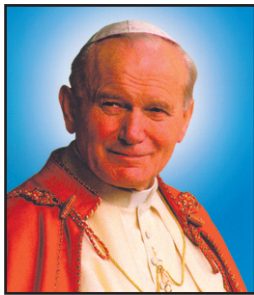
General Casimir Pulaski (1745-1779)
American Revolutionary War Hero
Father of the American Cavalry
Mortally wounded in the Battle of Savannah in October, 1779

During October We Celebrate
National Polish American Heritage Month
and on **Sunday, October 4, 2026** the
93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia

Also Celebrating Polish Heritage in America since 1608

And a community-wide tribute to

General Casimir Pulaski and Saint John Paul II



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2026 Pulaski Observance Schedule

**You're Invited to Join The
Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia and
Polish American Heritage Month Celebration**



On Sunday, October 4, 2026, the 93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade steps off at 12 Noon from the Parkway in center city Philadelphia and will be televised on WPVI TV-6 ABC. The parade marches down the Parkway to 16th Street, turns and marches up the Parkway to the reviewing stand at Logan Circle at 19th Street. **Live television coverage on WPVI TV 6 ABC begins at 12:30 P.M.** For information on how to watch the parade from your mobile device, **download the 6ABC Mobile App.**

For more information call the Museum between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at: (215) 922-1700.

The 2026 parade theme is “As America Marks the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Polish Americans Proudly Mark the 418th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers at Jamestown, VA in 1608”.

The parade will celebrate the history, culture and pride cherished by the Polish American community. **During the 2026 Pulaski Day Parade, we will also mark the 418th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.** The first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, Virginia on October 1, 1608. They were craftsmen invited by Captain John Smith to establish a glass industry in the Jamestown Colony. They opened a glassblowing shop, which became the first American industry, and the first commercial items to be exported from America to Europe. The first Polish settlers came to America 12 years before the Pilgrims.

In 2026, we also mark the 407th Anniversary of the Polish settlers staging the first labor strike in America after being denied participation in the new Virginia Assembly. Recognized for their vital role in the Jamestown settlement, the Poles were granted the same voting privileges as those enjoyed by the English.

General Casimir Pulaski, considered the “Father of the American Cavalry”, was born in Poland in 1745. Pulaski came to America to fight for their independence. He earned a commission as Brigadier General of the entire American cavalry from the United States Congress. Pulaski and his Legion were then ordered to defend Little Egg Harbor in New Jersey and Minisink on the Delaware; they then proceeded south to Charleston, South Carolina. It was **on October 9, 1779, during the Battle of Savannah, that General Pulaski, charging into battle on horseback, fell to the ground mortally wounded by the blast of a cannon.** Pulaski’s enemies were so impressed with his courage, that they spared him the musket and permitted him to be carried from the battlefield. **Pulaski died several days later on October 15, 1779, at age 34.** The Pulaski Monument, erected in his honor, is located in Monterey Square, Savannah, Georgia.

Kindly invite your family and friends to mark their calendars and plan to participate in the **2026 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 4, 2026.** For more info email Info@PulaskiDayParade.com.

Download the **6ABC Mobile App for Android or iOS** to watch the parade on your smartphone or tablet from **12:30 to 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 4, 2026.**

For more information about Philadelphia area activities, contact the **Polish American Cultural Center at (215) 922-1700, Monday through Friday between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.**



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**WPVI-TV 6 ABC Will Televis the
Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia**



Alicia Vitarelli

The PAC encourages you to inform your family and friends that they can view the **2026 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 4, 2026, 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 ABC** serving the Philadelphia and Tri-State area.



Michael Blichasz

Your broadcast hosts, **Alicia Vitarelli, TV 6 Reporter, and Michael Blichasz, host of the Polish American Radio Program,** will narrate this annual display of Polish history, culture, and pride.

PulaskiDayParade.com

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Ralph Modjeski

A Polish Immigrant Who Became a
Famous Engineer and Bridge Builder



Ralph Modjeski, considered “America’s greatest bridge builder”, was born in Bochnia, near the city of Krakow, Poland on January 27, 1861. He immigrated to America at the age of 15 with his mother, famous Shakespearean actress, Helen Modjeska, in July, 1876. Even though Modjeski seemed destined to become an accomplished concert pianist, he went on instead to become a highly successful civil engineer and “one of the twentieth century’s most famous designers and builders of bridges”. In 1929, Modjeski was awarded the John Fritz Gold Medal, the highest American engineering medal, with a citation for his genius in combining strength and beauty. He was also honored by the Pennsylvania state legislature in 1966 by a resolution citing him as one of America’s “greatest inventors”.

Despite his busy engineering career, he found time to relax playing the piano for several hours daily. He remained professionally active until 1936 and died in 1940. The bridge engineering consulting firm established by Modjeski in 1893 continues to operate under the name of Modjeski and Masters, with offices in Pennsylvania and several other states.

Modjeski’s Major Accomplishments Include:

- Thebes Bridge over the Mississippi River at Thebes, Illinois - opened in 1904**
- Benjamin Franklin Bridge between Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey - opened in 1926**
(Considered Modjeski’s greatest achievement)
- Tacony-Palmyra Bridge over the Delaware River in Northeast Philadelphia - opened in 1929**
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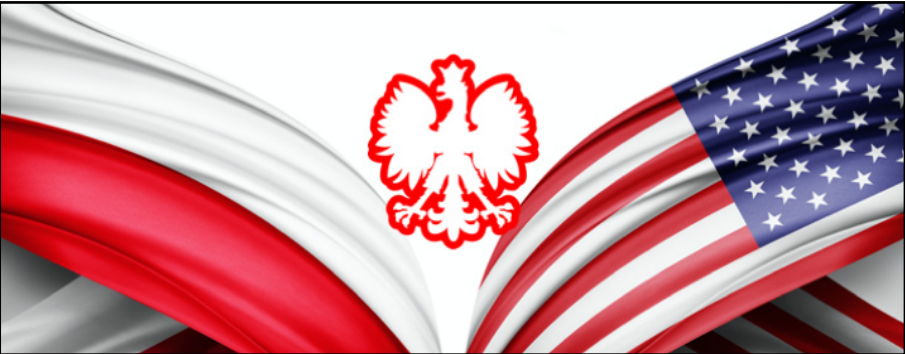
Sunday, October 4, 2026
93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade



Sponsored by the: Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, in conjunction with the Polish American Cultural Center.
The Pulaski Day Parade begins at 12:00 Noon from 20th & the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City, Philadelphia, PA • The Parade reaches 19th and Logan Circle at 12:30 P.M. Reviewing area with seating at Logan Circle at 19th Street where live television coverage will be from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 ABC. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunday, October 4th
AFTER the Pulaski Day Parade Party

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General Casimir Pulaski
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Pulaski Day Parade 2026
Sunday, October 4th 2026

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Niedziela 4 Października 2026

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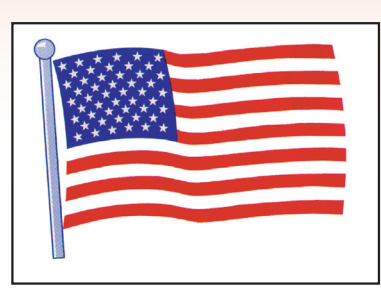
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Pulaski Day Parade, Sunday, October 4, 2026

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19th & the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City, Philadelphia • Parade Steps off at 12 Noon. Everyone is invited!

2026 Parade Line Up Honorary Grand Marshal Ralph Modjeski, portrayed by Stephen Skorczynski	
Guests of the Polish American Congress: Parade Contact: Theresa Romanowski Military Contact: Joe Fraioli Portrayal of General Casimir Pulaski - Andrew Klimek Roxborough High School Army JROTC Polish Army Veterans National Anthems: Nazareth Academy High School Chorale	
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POLISH EAGLES SPORTS CLUB: Organizational Grand Marshal: Szymon Moskal	
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA: Organizational Grand Marshal: Fr. Karol Jarzabek Divisional Marshals: Joanna Mikoluk, Aleksandra Sawicka, Participating Organizations: Shrine Volunteers Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School	
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**Polonia is Proud to Honor
American Revolutionary War Hero
General Casimir Pulaski (1745-1779)**



Casimir Pulaski, son of Count Joseph Pulaski, was born in Warsaw, Poland, on March 6, 1745. At the age of fifteen, he joined his father and other members of the Polish nobility in opposing the Russian and Prussian interference in Polish affairs. Outlawed by Russia for his actions on behalf of Polish liberty, he traveled to Paris where he met Benjamin Franklin, who induced him to support the colonies against England in the American Revolution. Pulaski, impressed with the ideals of a new nation

struggling to be free, volunteered his services. Franklin wrote to George Washington describing the young Pole as "an officer renowned throughout Europe for the courage and bravery he displayed in defense of his country's freedom."

In 1777, Pulaski arrived in Philadelphia where he met General Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Later, at Brandywine, he came to the aid of Washington's forces and distinguished himself as a brilliant military tactician. For his efforts, Congress appointed him Brigadier-General in charge of Four Horse Brigades. Then again, at the Battle of Germantown, Pulaski's knowledge of warfare assisted General Washington and his men in securing victory for American forces.

Later in 1778, through Washington's intervention, Congress approved the establishment of the Cavalry and put Pulaski at its head. Pulaski, who became known as the "Father of the American Cavalry," demanded much of his men and trained them in tried and tested cavalry tactics, many of which he used in his fight for freedom in Poland. Pulaski often used his own personal finances, when allocations from Congress were scarce, in order to assure his forces of the finest equipment and personal safety.

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Polonia in America!

As the sixth largest ethnic group in the United States, Polish Americans remain a vibrant part of our nation's ethnic mosaic, its tax base, and cultural well-being. If we look at what Polonia does in the Philadelphia and Southern Pennsylvania area, we see a reflection of the good Polish Americans do within local communities across the United States.

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2. Polish Americans pride themselves in property ownership and in proper building maintenance, which in turn promotes real estate values.
3. Polish Americans regularly sponsor public events of an ethnic or patriotic nature, highlighting ethnic richness. These events promote positive publicity and goodwill for the Polish American community and the community at large.
4. Polish Americans believe in education and often choose the private and parochial systems, increasing their own financial commitments, while reducing the financial burden on education budgets.
5. Polish Americans support youth, cultural and community service organizations, church groups, and civic and patriotic activities. Their community- wide efforts are sponsored with the intent to maintain Polish history, culture and pride, now and for the future. When community organizers seek assistance from city or state services, they are simply seeking a portion of the services and appropriations which are being made possible from a portion of their own tax dollars.

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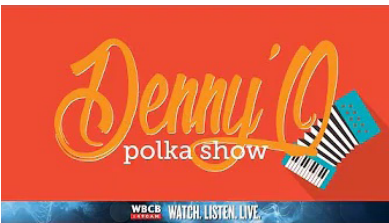
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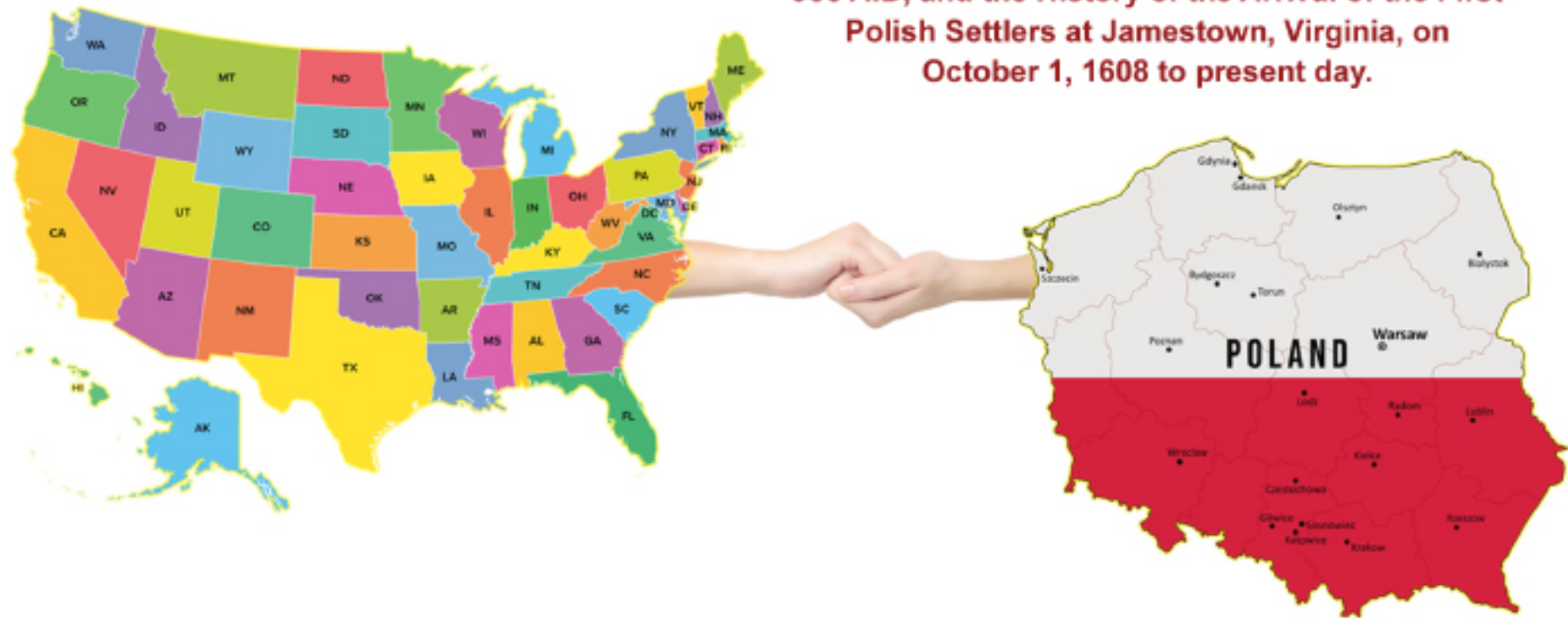
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2026, marks the 418th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America on October 1, 1608, at Jamestown, Virginia. For over four centuries, millions of Polish families journeyed to America in search of the American Dream.

Today, more than 20 Million Americans share full or partial Polish heritage and are known for their contributions to the Arts, Music, Education, Politics, Engineering, Communications, Medicine, Religion, Military, Travel, Research and Development, and community events. They are inventors, builders, manufacturers, and professionals who make up the Great Mosaic of America.

Polish Americans are proud to be a vibrant part of America’s history and culture for over 418 years. As

one of the larger ethnic groups in the United States, Polish Americans continue to contribute to the “Great Mosaic of America.” Listed below are just a few of the ways Polish Americans enhance the United States.

- 1. Polish Americans are competent workers, business owners and taxpayers. The taxes they pay represent a substantial portion of the annual revenue used to support government services and community programs.**
- 2. Polish Americans pride themselves in property ownership and in proper building maintenance, which in turn promotes real estate values in city neighborhoods and suburban communities.**
- 3. Polish Americans regularly sponsor public events of an ethnic or patriotic nature, highlighting their food, music and dances and ethnic richness. These events promote positive publicity and goodwill for the Polish American community and local communities.**
- 4. Polish Americans believe in education. They support public, private and parochial school systems that provide the education that benefit childrens’ future.**
- 5. Polish Americans support youth, cultural and community service organizations, church groups, and civic and patriotic activities. Their community efforts maintain Polish and Polish American history, culture and pride.**

Polish Americans are proud to be part of the History and Great Mosaic of America and encourage all Americans to celebrate the history, culture and pride of their family heritage.

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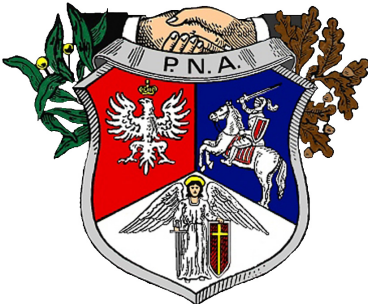
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The Polish American Cultural Center presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person’s life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Polonia or Poland’s history.

For your information, we have listed a selection of historic reflections for the month of October.



October 1, 1608 - First Polish Settlers in America (Event)

The first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, VA, on the ship Mary and Margaret. They were glassmakers from Poland hired by the Virginia Company of London to establish a glassmaking industry in the new American colony of “Virginia”. The glass products they produced became the first products made in America, and also the first products made for export to Europe for sale.

October 2, 1922 - William Swiacki (Born)

William Adam Swiacki played end for the New York Giants and Detroit Lions in the National Football League for five seasons. He played college football at Columbia University and was drafted in the sixteenth round of the 1946 NFL Draft by the Boston Yanks.



October 3, 1923 - Stanislaw Skrowaczewski (Born)

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski was born in Lwow, Poland, and became best known for his work with the Minnesota Orchestra. In 1997, one of Skrowaczewski’s works was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He also led the Cleveland Orchestra and was the composer-in-residence for the Philadelphia Orchestra.



October 4, 1705 - Stanislaw Leszczynski (Coronation)

Stanislaw Leszczynski was the first Polish king crowned in Warsaw, Poland.



October 5, 1861 - Antoni Fijalkowski (Died)

Antoni Melchior Fijalkowski was the Archbishop Metropolitan of Warsaw and spiritual leader of the nation during the partitions of Poland.



October 6, 1873 - Sir Pawel Strzelecki (Died)

Sir Pawel Strzelecki was an explorer of the Australian continent. He named the largest mountain in Australia after American and Polish freedom fighter, Tadeusz Kosciuszko.



October 7, 1943 - Eugeniusz Bodo (Died)

Eugeniusz Bodo was born Bohdan Eugene Junod. Eugeniusz changed his name to Bodo, a stage name, which he used at many theaters, eventually opening Cafe Bodo in Warsaw, Poland. With WWII raging, Eugeniusz Bodo ended up in the Soviet Union and was sent to a Gulag where he was executed.



October 8, 1910 - Maria Konopnicka (Died)

Maria Konopnicka was a poet, novelist, translator and essayist born in Suwalki, Poland. Her writing touched on many issues that beset the people in Poland during the late 1800’s. She often used the pen name “Jan Sawa.” Maria Konopnicka writings influenced generations of Polish poets and novelists.



October 9, 1779 - General Casimir Pulaski Mortally Wounded (Event)

General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, was mortally wounded while leading his troops in the Battle of Savannah, Georgia in 1779. Pulaski has parades and holidays in his honor until this day as well as parks, schools, bridges, towns and countries named after him.



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October 10, 1979 - Joel Przybilla (Born)

Joel Przybilla was a professional basketball player in the National Basketball Association. He went to the University of Minnesota and played for several NBA teams. He also played for the Portland Trail Blazers.

October 11, 1903 - Kazimierz Kordylewski (Born)

Kazimierz Kordylewski was an astronomer born in Poznan, Poland in 1903. In 1956, Kordylewski discovered clouds of dust, believed to be particles left over from our moon. These clouds are now named after him.



October 12, 1840 - Helena Modjeska (Born)

Helena Modjeska was a Polish actress of international fame who immigrated to the United States in 1876. She became a star of American stages for many years with her portrayals of Shakespearian characters. Modjeska was the mother of Ralph Modjeski, the builder of the Benjamin Franklin and Tacony Palmyra Bridges in Philadelphia and several others across America.

October 13, 1926 - “Killer” Kowalski (Born)

Professional wrestler Wladek Kowalski is known as “Killer” Kowalski to his long-time wrestling fans. He wrestled in over 6,000 matches from 1947 to 1977, winning great popularity in TV matches during the 1960’s and 70’s against foe, Bruno Sammartino.



October 14, 1864 - Stefan Zeromski (Born)

Stefan Zeromski was a Polish novelist who was given an apartment in the Royal Castle of Warsaw in recognition of his artistic abilities. He wrote over fifteen major works.

October 15, 1817 - Thaddeus Kosciuszko (Died)

After the struggle for America’s Independence, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko returned to his homeland of Poland. He swore an oath in the Krakow market place to fight for Poland’s liberty and took command of the Polish uprising in 1794, urging all men to take up arms to defend Poland.



October 16, 1726 - Daniel Chodowiecki (Born)

Daniel Niklaus Chodowiecki was a Polish-German painter and printmaker with Huguenot ancestry, who is most famous as an etcher. He spent most of his life in Berlin, and became the director of the Berlin Academy of Art.

October 17, 1849 - Fryderyk Chopin (Died)

Fryderyk Chopin, Polish composer and pianist, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland in 1810. At age 7 Chopin wrote his first composition, the Polonaise in G minor. At age 8 he presented his first public concert. Fryderyk Chopin’s music continues to be played throughout the world.



October 18, 1922 - Richard Stankiewicz (Born)

Richard Stankiewicz was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Detroit, and had a presence in several prestigious art galleries in New York City during his career. He became internationally known in the 1960’s for his trend setting work by welding pieces of scrap metal. He died in 1983 at his home in Worthington, Massachusetts.

October 19, 1984 - Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko (Died)

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity Priest, was murdered by Communist internal security agents. His murder only solidified the resolve of the Polish people to gain their freedom. Pope John Paul II visited the grave of Fr. Popieluszko during one of his visits.



October 20, 1948 - Honorable Robert Borski (Born)

Honorable Robert Borski, former United States Congressman, represented the people of Northeast Philadelphia for many years. We thank him for his many years of service.

October 21, 1969 - Wacław Sierpinski (Died)

Wacław Franciszek Sierpinski was a Polish mathematician known for outstanding contributions to set theory (research on the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis), number theory, theory of functions and topology. He published over 700 papers and 50 books. Three well-known fractals are named after him (the Sierpinski triangle, the Sierpinski carpet and the Sierpinski curve), as are Sierpinski numbers and the associated Sierpinski problem.



October 22, 1978 - Pope John Paul II (Installed)

Pope John Paul II, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October 1978, and served as pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice. On May 1, 2011, Pope John Paul II was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI as Blessed John Paul II, and on April 27, 2014, was canonized a Saint by Pope Francis as Saint John Paul II.

October 23, 1885 - Jan Czochralski (Born)

Jan Czochralski was a Polish chemist known for the Czochralski process of growing single crystals used in the production of semiconductor wafers. He also helped to develop a hand grenade for Poland’s Home Army during World War II.



October 24, 1916 - Edward Piszek (Born)

Edward Piszek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul’s Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia. Died 2004.

October 25, 1867 - Józef Dowbor-Musnicki (Born)

Józef Dowbor-Musnicki was a Polish military officer and commander, serving with the Polish army. He was also the military commander of the Greater Poland Uprising.



October 26, 1910 - John Cardinal Krol (Born)

John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1988. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II. Died 1996.

October 27, 1991 - Free Elections Held in Poland (Event)

We mark the date of the first free elections for the Polish Parliament, since World War II, on this day in 1991.

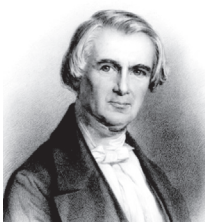


October 28, 1824 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)

Fr. Leopold Moczygemba was a patriarch of America’s Polonia. Fr. Moczygemba organized the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. He was one of the founders and also served as president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded in Chicago in 1873. He also established the first Polish College in America at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

October 29, 1924 - Zbigniew Herbert (Born)

Zbigniew Herbert was an influential Polish poet, essayist and moralist. He was a member of the Polish resistance movement during World War II. The publication of his Selected Poems in the United States and England made Zbigniew Herbert one of the most popular contemporary poets in the English-speaking world. Died 1998.

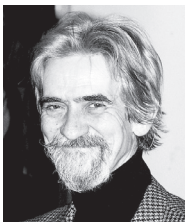


October 30, 1790 - Karol Lipinski (Born)

Karol Lipinski was a Polish virtuoso violinist and composer. His Stradivarius violin became known as the Lipinski Stradivarius. His compositions included four violin concertos, as well as polonaises, rondos and variations. The Karol Lipinski University of Music in Wrocław, Poland, bears his name.

October 31, 1950 - Józef Stolorz (Born)

Józef Stolorz is a fine art painter born in Katowice, Silesia, Poland. He has displayed paintings at over 100 exhibitions worldwide, including over 60 individual exhibitions and since 2002 has been listed in an official “Who’s Who in Poland”.



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Sto Lat! - May You Live a Hundred Years!

Often sung at birthdays and name days in Poland, much like “Happy Birthday” in the United States, “Sto Lat” is more versatile as it can be also heard at special events such as anniversaries, patriotic events and award ceremonies. Below is a Polish and English version for you to enjoy.

Sto Lat



Sto lat, sto lat niech zy- je, zy- je nam sto lat, sto lat
Good luck, good cheer may you live one hundred years good luck, good cheer

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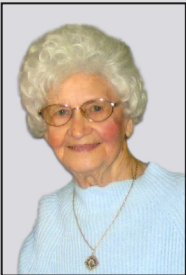
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Ralph Modjeski – Biography

Ralph Modjeski (born Rudolf Modrzejewski) was born in Krakow, Poland on January 27, 1861. Despite his mother’s recommendation to become a concert pianist, in 1878 Ralph went to France to study at the École des Ponts et Chaussées, one of the leading schools of Civil Engineering in Europe. He graduated in 1885 at the top of his class.



Rock Island (aka Government) Bridge

His career began working for the famous bridge builder George Morison. In 1893 Modjeski founded his own practice and landed his first major project in 1895, the Government Bridge at Rock Island, IL crossing the Mississippi River. The bridge is double-deck with rail above and vehicular below, includes a unique rim-bearing swing span with chain drive providing unlimited rotation, and remains in service today averaging over 5,000 openings annually.



Ralph Modjeski

Among many notable engineers that would apprentice with Modjeski, Joseph B. Strauss served as his assistant during a study for the City of Chicago, helping the City to establish their preferred “Chicago-type” bascule bridge design in 1901. Modjeski embraced and developed new concepts that set records for movable and fixed bridges. Partnered with Alfred Noble, he served as Chief Engineer for three swing bridges across the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland, Oregon, all between 1905-1908. The Willamette swing bridge had a length of 521 feet, making it the longest swing span bridge at the time.

In August 1908, he was appointed to a Board of Engineers to examine the failure mode and recommend design changes for replacement of the 1907 failed Quebec Bridge. Modjeski, along with Lt. Col. Charles Monsarrat and C. C. Schnieder, received tenders for the new bridge. It was these three engineers who oversaw the construction of the new Quebec Bridge, successfully opened in September 1917. Their consideration of transport and construction stresses was unique for the time. The bridge remains the longest cantilever bridge in the world.



Broadway Bridge

Through his career, Modjeski designed 7 swing and 6 bascule bridges, all of which included substantial approaches. Modjeski oversaw design and construction of two bridges containing Rall-type Bascules, the McKinley Bridge in 1907 and the Broadway Bridge in 1913. At the time it was built, the Broadway Bridge in Portland, Oregon, was the world’s longest double leaf bascule bridge. Today, it is the largest of the three functioning Rall-type bascule bridges. In 1919 Modjeski served as Chief Engineer for a Strauss Heel-Trunnion Bascule Bridge over the Thames River in New London, CT.

Between 1920 and 1930 his firm completed nearly twenty

bridges, including the Tacony-Palmyra, a unique Rolling Lift Bascule Bridge of Philadelphia in 1929.

Modjeski designed and consulted on seven major suspension bridges. Two of these, the Ben Franklin and Ambassador were the longest when constructed. One of his later projects was as President of the Board of Consultants for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge. The design consisted of a long deck truss eastern approach followed by a major cantilever bridge followed in turn by a tunnel through the Yerba Buena Island and then by a double suspension bridge with a common middle anchorage. It was being built at the same time as the nearby Golden Gate Bridge, but opened six months earlier on November 12, 1936. At the time it was the world’s longest bridge in total length. Modjeski passed away June 26, 1940, in Los Angeles, CA.



Tacony-Palmyra Bridge

The above information was found in various sources, including Modjeski and Masters, Inc. archival files, “The Man Who Spanned Two Eras” by Jozef Glomb and Peter Obst, and “Ralph Modjeski” by Frank Griggs, Jr., Dist. M. ASCE, D. Eng., P.E., P.L.S.

American Council for Polish Culture Convention in Philadelphia

by Peter J. Obst

As 2026 is the year of the American Semiquincentennial it was only proper that this year’s Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) under the theme of “Poles in the American Revolution” should take place in Philadelphia. One of the most historical cities in the United States, both Kosciuszko and Pulaski were here during the War for Independence. Convention participants, from among the 40 organizations that comprise the ACPC, started to arrive at the Marriot Hotel located in the historic Old City district even before the starting date of August 12, to make use of the time to see some of the historical places in Philadelphia.

The convention opened with greetings given in English and Polish by the organizers, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland Debbie Majka and Peter Obst, members of the hosting organization the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia. National anthems of Poland and the United States were sung by Michalina Goral Burnosky and invocation given by Mary Lou Wyrobek, followed by the singing of Serdeczna Matko. The keynote address was given by Krista Butvydas Bard, Honorary Consul General of Lithuania. She referenced the long standing ties of Poland and Lithuania dating back to the times of the Rzeczpospolita. Also mentioned was the fact that Kosciuszko was born in his family’s manor house on the Mereczowszczyzna estate in Brest Litovsk Voivodeship, then Grand Duchy of Lithuania. She concluded wishing the assembly much success in their deliberations.

During the business sessions a number of topics and programs were discussed. This involved the scholarships given by the ACPC; participation in the National Conference for the Social Studies, a teachers’ convention; outreach via the press and electronic media; and the election of members to the ACPC Board.

A major project of the ACPC this year, and over the next few years, is participation in commemorations of battles in which Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski took part. Edward Krolikowski gave a detailed presentation that referenced places such as Saratoga and Brandywine where the organization would like to participate and shed light on the Polish presence there. Edward also gave an interesting presentation “Celebrating Poles in the American Revolution” which mentioned some of the lesser known Polish born fighters in the American War for Independence. He discussed the emigration from Poland to America during Colonial times and how Poles joined the French armed forces and were sent to America to help the Colonists.

On Thursday, August 13, conventioners walked several blocks from the hotel to the corner of 3rd and Pine Streets, the location of a house where Kosciuszko stayed. Now a museum, the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial is managed by the United States National Park Service (NPS). At 4:00 pm Bogdan Klich, Head of the Polish Diplomatic mission in Washington, arrived to participate in ceremonies celebrating the 250th anniversary of Kosciuszko’s arrival in America. The opening greeting was delivered by Mark Szpak, 1st Vice-president of the ACPC. Then Bogdan Klich addressed the importance of Kosciuszko in American and Polish history, and the necessity of maintaining his memory and the house that bears witness to his presence here. Steve Sims, Superintendent of the Independence National Historical Park spoke about the history of the Kosciuszko House and its importance to the American and Polish communities in Philadelphia. Peter Obst gave a summation, referencing plans advanced by Jack Pinkowski, son of Edward Pinkowski the historian who was instrumental in creating this museum, to create a fund for maintenance of the building.

A wreath, in memory of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, was placed at the entrance to the house. Then those present had the opportunity to tour the museum guided by NPS Rangers. A convention shirt was presented to Bogdan Klich by Edward Krolikowski and ACPC President Cecilia Larkin. Afterward, the conventioners retired to Carpenters’ Hall, a historic building dating back to 1724 located just a few blocks away, for a delicious buffet dinner. It was in this hall that the Continental Congress first met.

On Friday, August 14, after the business session, the lunchtime speaker was Peter Obst who delivered a presentation “Ralph Modjeski: Master Bridgebuilder” illustrated with photographs. This year the Benjamin Franklin Bridge had its 100th anniversary which was celebrated with the bridge closed to traffic so that pedestrians could cross using the roadway reserved for cars.

Later, the group boarded a bus and traveled to the Gould Rehearsal Hall at the Curtis Institute of Music for the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Musical Recital. This year’s competition winner was Mezzo-Soprano Christine Boddicker. Her accompanist was Yoni Levyatov. The performance included songs by Moniuszko, Chopin, Karłowicz, Mozart and Mahler. At the end the audience was treated to some wonderful vocal acrobatics Non pia mesta from Rossini’s La Cenerentola. A reception followed the recital where many praised Christine’s crystal clear musical renditions.

On Saturday the business session concluded with the election of new members to the ACPC board. The following persons were elected: Directors: Jaroslaw Golembiowski, Róża Pace, Stella Szczesny, Olek Skrypczuk, Stasia Skrypczuk, Andrzej Urbaniak

Nominating Committee: Cecilia Glembocki
Credentials & Grievances Committee: Greg Butler, Barbara Lemecha, Honorary Consul Richard Poremski
Auditor: Honorary Consul Debbie Majka

Richard Poremski, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the board.

During their free time convention attendees took advantage of the fact that the hotel was in the center of Philadelphia’s historic district. Many visited Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and Betsy Ross’ House, where the first American flag was sewn. A few located the burial places of Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Benjamin Rush, and Haym Salomon, the Jewish merchant from Leszno, Poland, who became known as the “financier of the revolution.”

That evening was the traditional banquet where selected individuals were presented with awards for their activities on behalf of the Polish culture and service to Polonia organizations.

Lifetime Achievement Award - Deborah M. Majka, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland
Distinguished Service Award (posthumously) - Janusz Romanski
Cultural Achievement Award - Paul Krzywicki
Founders Award - Donna Chmara
Founders Award - Richard Poremski, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland

Each of the above mentioned persons received a personal congratulatory letter sent from the office of US Senator John Fetterman (PA). A moment of silence was observed for Dr. Janusz Romanski who passed away earlier in July. Before retiring he was an aeronautical engineer working for Piasecki Aircraft Corporation. He was a member and officer in many Polonia organizations including Polish Veterans, Polonia Technica, the Polish Peoples’ University and Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, to name a few. In addition, Cecilia Glembocki was honored along with her husband Ray, with an award for their 12 years as organizers of the “Polish Perspectives” project. Every year the ACPC has a presence at the National Conference for the Social Studies operating an information booth at this national convention for teachers.

The festivities concluded with a delicious dinner prepared by the Marriott Hotel’s Chef Tracy Cywinski. Dance music, both ballroom and polka, came from the Clear Day Band. It was an enjoyable evening for all concerned.



Richard Poremski, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, recipient of the Founders Award.



Group picture of the convention attendees in front of the Kosciuszko House Memorial.

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The Polish Folk Dance Groups, Galopka and P.K.M. gather for a group photo at the Polish American Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Doylestown PA.

Polish American Festival at Czestochowa Thank You 2026

The Pauline Fathers and Brothers from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania and the Polish American Festival Committee Volunteers extend a THANK YOU to all who attended and helped make the **60th Annual Polish American Festival a GREAT SUCCESS.**

The live music, Polish Folk Dance Groups, various entertainers, special exhibits, vendors, carnival rides and delicious Polish Food and refreshments all added to an outstanding festival during the Labor Day Weekend and the second weekend of September.

During the 5 days of the FESTIVAL, September 5th, September 6th, and September 7th, and September 12th & 13th, thousands of people attended and enjoyed themselves and now PLANS begin for NEXT Year's Polish American Festival.

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The program featured works by K. Lubomirski, S. Szymanski, M. Karlowicz, I.J. Paderewski, F. Chopin, W. Kilar, and S. Moniuszko. Thanks to the hundreds of people who came out to enjoy this wonderful concert.

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2. To remove obstacles and solve problems which prevent self-sufficiency and a reasonable quality of life.
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It is very important for the American people to speak up loud and clear that **JOB opportunities allow people to be compensated by America’s businesses** based on their jobs skills and reduce the need for government assistance to working age and able bodied people. It is time for the American people to call upon political candidates to work together to encourage businesses to expand in the United States. **By contacting your local representatives and using the power of your vote in the upcoming election we can end the loss of businesses and jobs which have been outsourced around the world for over 35 years.** Unfortunately, businesses moved production of their products to foreign counties to avoid the ever rising cost of doing business in the United States, rising taxes and growing regulations on businesses.

Americans also want to know that the officials they elect, and are paid to do a job, have the ability to **urge PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES to restore jobs in the districts** they are elected to represent, and are able to create and document realistic plans to make the changes needed to move forward in the United States.

As we prepare for the GENERAL ELECTION in November, EVERY ELIGIBLE AMERICAN is asked to be registered and to vote. Change can only happen when we are UNITED for the well-being of the United States of America, which is the greatest nation on earth.

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Americans Want MAJOR Changes in the U.S.A.!

While attending summer season events, I asked our fellow Americans what their concerns were and what changes they want to see in the United States. I told them I would include them in my commentaries. Here are 4 responses most people made:

- 1. Just a few years ago, I was able to pay my expenses and even save a few dollars. In the last few years INFLATION has caused havoc for me and my family and I can save money when we do without things my family enjoyed in the past.**
- 2. The company I work for has been hit with the rising cost of rent, utilities, insurance and general daily operations. It’s no different from what the average American family is experiencing with the daily cost of living. Unaddressed Inflation is putting Americans in growing debt.**
- 3. People are concerned about how local, state and the federal governments are spending their tax dollars. Local government spending is available on local government websites. However, people would like to see federal, state and local government budgets posted on the website of their national elected officials and local elected officials. This would allow taxpayers to easily see how their tax dollars are being authorized and also allow them to offer opinions on how our tax dollars are being spent.**
- 4. While people see advertisements offered by candidates seeking public office, they expressed an interest in seeing more public debates so they can get a better idea of the candidates’ priorities and see for themselves who is the best candidate to receive their vote.**

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During November, 2026, American Made Month will promote efforts to expand jobs for Americans and UNITE local, state and national businesses that manufacture, assemble, promote, distribute and sell American made items.

Brief Schedule:

- 1. Friday, November 6th, Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th,** go out of your way to support **National Small Business Weekend**, which is held the first full weekend of every month.
- 2. November 3rd is National Election Day**, an opportunity to vote for political leaders who support efforts to expand the American Made campaign and jobs for Americans from the self-employed to individuals employed by major corporations.
- 3. Weekend of November 6th, 7th & 8th,** promote American Made items, list the places where they are sold with a focus on the items that will make great gifts for the holidays.
- 4. November 11th, Veterans Day**, a time to honor veterans and promote jobs for America’s veterans and all American workers.
- 5. November, 26th, Thanksgiving Day**, a time to give thanks and unite our family, friends and neighbors to support the Buy American Made Campaign and jobs for American workers.
- 6. Friday, November 27th, Black Friday**, a time to focus on American Made EVERYTHING, so American made businesses benefit.
- 7. November 28th, Small Business Saturday**, a national event to support America’s small businesses and another opportunity to seek out American made products.
- 8. November 29th and 30th, the last days of American Made Month** is an opportunity to consider what more can be done to make the balance of the holiday shopping season a success for the businesses manufacturing, assembling, promoting, distributing and selling American Made Products.

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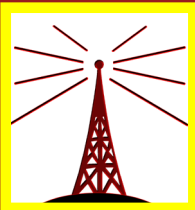
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