



To cultivate, enhance, and promote the understanding of the Polish language, culture, and arts;
To project the accurate and true image of the Polish American;
To promote cordial and cooperative relations among the members and the community-at-large;
To be a non-sectarian and non-partisan organization in south-central Pennsylvania

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Wigilia



Our Christmas Eve supper celebration will be held on
Saturday, December 3, 2016
at the Linglestown Fire Hall
5901 Linglestown Road.
Festivities begin at 5:00 PM.
All Association members, their family and guests are invited to attend.

In keeping with tradition, our Wigilia will be meatless. The Association will provide fish and beverages. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite Polish or American dish, large enough to share with about 10 people. Dinner will be followed by singing of both Polish Kolędy and American Carols.

Please contact **Lorraine Buchinski at 717-534-2058 (between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM) no later than Wednesday, November 23**, to make a reservation. Please provide the number of adults, the names, ages and gender of each child attending, and what help you can provide in preparing the hall and clean-up.

As always, Wigilia is free to members. To facilitate admission and avoid a charge for the dinner, members are encouraged to submit their 2016 dues (membership information is below) to ensure receipt by the treasurer prior to November 23. Guests and members who have not submitted their 2016 dues on or before the date of the dinner will be charged \$10.00 each and \$5.00 for each child between the ages of 6-12. There is no charge for children under age 6.

Christmas in Poland

Traditionally, Christmas is preceded by a period of four weeks during which fast is observed on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Strict fast is observed throughout the day before Christmas and, in the evening, the Wigilia (or Wilia) supper is served.

Wigilia is the most solemnly celebrated occasion and is so closely connected with family life, that members of the family who are away feel very deeply their absence from home.

When the first star appears in the Eastern sky, the family gathers at the table o the Wigilia Supper, a feast to commemorate the birth of the God child. In farm home, sheaves of grain , tied with colored ribbons, are placed in the corners of the room with a silent prayer for a good harvest in the next season There is always a thin layer of hay under the white tablecloth in memory of the God child in the manger. In every house in Poland, all members of the household, before sitting down to the table, break the traditional wafer, Opłatek, and exchange good wishes. The Opłatek is known as the Bread of Love. The wafers are sent by mail to the absent members of the family.

The supper itself differs from other evening meals in that the number of courses is fixed at seven, nine, or eleven. A lighted candle in the window symbolizes the hope that the God Child, in the form of a stranger, may come to share the Wigilia Supper and an extra place is set at the table for the expecting guest. This belief stems from the ancient Polish adage, "Guest in the home is God in the home." Polish carols, Kolędy, are very numerous and beautiful and are sung at Midnight Mass, the Pasterka (Shepherds Watch).

Suggested Wigilia Dishes

Dried Fruit Compote

Salmon

Pierogi

Baked Sauerkraut with Yellow Peas

Cauliflower with Crumb and Butter Topping

Rice with Creamed Shrimp

Poppy Seed Cake

Wesołych Swiat, Bozego Narodzenia i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku!



U.S. 2016 Election

World Leaders React to Donald Trump Winning the U.S Election

Poland

The *Associated Press* reported Marek Magierowski, a spokesman for the Polish President, said Poland cares a lot about whether Trump will implement NATO decisions to deploy military deterrence forces in Poland and the Baltic states,. He told the state's Radio 1 that it is a priority for Poland to see the implementation of NATO's decision to have a base for battalions in the region, including a U.S. armored brigade to be stationed in Poland, and also the construction of a U.S. missile defense base.

The European Council

President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, tweeted a letter of congratulations to Trump, inviting him for an early summit to chart EU-US relations.

<http://time.com/4563879/donald-trump-president-reactions-world-leaders/>

Trump Tells Polish-Americans He's Committed to Poland's Strength

Reporting for Bloomberg, Jennifer Jacobs covered a speech given by Donald Trump at the Polish National Alliance in Chicago on Sept. 28, 2016.

Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump told a group of Polish-Americans that the European nation would have a reliable ally in the U.S., if he wins the November election. At Chicago's Polish National Alliance, Trump credited Poland with staying "up to date" on its payments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Earlier in the event, Trump adviser and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani also sought to reassure the audience of about 100 people that Trump understands what "his solemn obligation" to NATO would be. Before Trump's public remarks, he met with 20 Polish-American leaders, including Polish American Congress President Frank Spula.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-09-28/trump-tells-polish-americans-he-s-committed-to-poland-s-strength>

Campaign for Polish Membership of UN Security Council in 2018-19 Inaugurated



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POLAND UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE 2018-2019

On September 16, 2016, at the Presidential Palace, President Andrzej Duda and Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski inaugurated a campaign to promote Poland's membership on the UN Security Council.

The President explained that Poland's candidacy is an expression of its ambition to return to an active role in shaping the international order. "The campaign's motto is Solidarity-Responsibility-Commitment, values we want to promote and bring into the work of the UN Security Council, while emphasizing that international politics should be based on the force of law, rather than the law of force," said President Duda.

Minister Waszczykowski expressed his hope that, using the media, the campaign will convey the message about Polish candidacy to a wide audience at home and abroad. "Poland wants to make a statement in the world, to show that we not only consume security, but also contribute to more security through our active diplomacy." According to the minister, a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council is not only a matter of prestige, but primarily "an opportunity to promote our region and our sensitivity to international issues at the centre of global politics."

One of the chief bodies of the United Nations, the Security Council is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. It comprises five permanent members (United Kingdom, France, China, Russia, United States of America), and ten non-permanent members, chosen for a two-year term.

Poland has been a Security Council member six times so far, most recently in 1996-97. The election of non-permanent Security Council members for 2018-19 will take place in June 2017. To secure a mandate, a candidate country must win the support of two-thirds of the UN General Assembly members.

MFA Press Office

http://www.waszyngton.msz.gov.pl/en/news/campaign_for_polish_membership_of_un_security_council_in_2018_19_inaugurated

Polish President and First Lady visit American Częstochowa

Andrzej Duda became the first Polish President in history to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Together with the First Lady, he took part in Holy Mass at the Shrine on September 19, 2016. Fr. Rafał Walczyk, Prior of the Shrine, welcomed the couple, noting this historic visit coincided with the 1050 anniversary of the baptism of Poland.



Foto: A. Hrechorowicz

Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland

After Mass, the President presented state awards to five members of the Polish-American community, "for outstanding merit in promoting historical truths about Poland, for involvement on behalf of the Polish community in the United States.

The Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to: Tadeusz Antoniak, head of the Smolensk Catastrophe Commemoration Committee, Father Rafał Walczyk, Prior of the Shrine, Stanisław Śiwowski of the Polish American Congress, New Jersey Division. The Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was awarded to Franciszek Gardyasz of the Circle of Friends of Radio Maria in Perth Amboy and Grzegorz Tymiński, creator and editor of the internet

site dedicated to commemorating Doomed Soldiers and cultivating their memory among Polonia (<http://doomedsoldiers.com/>).

Afterwards the President visited at the shrine's cemetery, where he unveiled a memorial to Poland's Doomed Soldiers. "Doomed Soldiers were beautiful people, raised in patriotic tradition, with a deep sense of dedication to their homeland. There was nothing worse for them than to have their homeland not be free. And for them, their homeland was not free, even though the Second World War had ended, and the German occupier was expelled. They did not accept a fake free Poland – stated the President during the commemorations at the cemetery. He emphasized, that because Doomed Soldiers are today regaining their honor, "Poland regains her honor, because a country has no honor, if it doesn't honor its heroes."

The cemetery, located on the grounds of the American Czestochowa, is the largest Polish military cemetery located outside of Poland. Close to 2,500 Polish veterans are buried in what is called "Polish Arlington" including Polish generals, soldiers from the First and Second World War and former prisoners of concentration camps.

(based on info on www.prezydent.pl) **Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC**
http://www.waszyngton.msz.gov.pl/en/news/president_and_first_lady_visit_american_czestochowa



Fot. Dominik Mikołajczyk

Visegrad Run in Washington, D.C.

On a sun-filled Saturday morning, October 15, in scenic Great Falls, Maryland, the Visegrad Four 5K Run – Walk and Kids Run was held to celebrate the Polish presidency of the Visegrad Group. This was the first such sporting event promoting Poland held in Washington, D.C.

The signal to start the race was given by Charge d'affaires of the Republic of Poland Maciej Pisarski, who then joined the runners in completing the race. Also running in the 5K were Petr Gandalovic, Ambassador of the Czech Republic and Peter Kmec, Ambassador of Slovakia as well as Hoyt Brian Yee, Assistant Deputy Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia.

Over 200 people took part in the race, including many diplomats, members of running clubs and members of the Polish, Czech, Hungarian and Slovak diaspora community around Washington, D.C. The Polish Embassy Running Team was composed of 18 runners. The runners were cheered on by family members and park visitors, who came to Great Falls to observe the nearby waterfalls and enjoy the beautiful autumn outdoors around the C&O Canal National Historic Park.

The event was organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in partnership with DC Road Runners Club and the Embassies of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC

http://www.waszyngton.msz.gov.pl/en/news/visegrad_run_in_washington__d_c__

Ambassador Wilczek met with Under Secretary of State Thomas Shannon



On November 10, the day after his assumption of duties as Ambassador in Washington, DC, Piotr Wilczek met with Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon. The conversation focused primarily on the future of Polish-American relations, especially in terms of security policies, including the realization of the decisions made at the Warsaw NATO Summit.

The future of bilateral and transatlantic relations were also discussed in the context of the recent US Presidential election results.

Ambassador Wilczek emphasized that Poland is a strong and tested partner of the United States. He also expressed his desire to further strengthen cooperation, including through high level visits in the coming months. The outstanding issue of visas for Polish citizens was also discussed.

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC

http://www.waszyngton.msz.gov.pl/en/news/ambassador_wilczek_met_with_under_secretary_of_state_thomas_shannon_;jsessionid=F99D899485AED9727A16791A811E45AC.cmsap1p

Minister Waszczykowski Meets New Apostolic Nuncio to Poland



phot. M. Jasiulewicz/MFA

On November 10, 2016, Minister Witold Waszczykowski met Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, the new Apostolic Nuncio to Poland.

The talks were an occasion to take stock of bilateral relations and discuss international developments. The minister emphasised that Poland takes a positive view of bilateral relations with the Holy See, which are marked by intensive top-level dialogue. He expressed his hope for continued cooperation between the two states on issues related to the democratization agenda, protecting human rights, the primacy of international law in solving international disputes, and development aid.

The chief of Polish diplomacy also reaffirmed the willingness to work together with the Vatican on protecting religious rights and freedoms and the rights of religious minorities.

Minister Waszczykowski said he believes that Nuncio Pennacchio starts his mission in a year that is unique for Poland, when it observed the 1050th anniversary of adopting Christianity and hosted World Youth Day in Kraków. He also thanked Archbishop Pennacchio for his support as the then Nuncio to New Delhi for Indian pilgrims travelling to WYD events in Kraków.

Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio worked in Panama, Ethiopia, Australia, Turkey, Egypt, Yugoslavia and Ireland, and was posted as nuncio to India, Nepal, Rwanda, Thailand, Singapore and Cambodia, and as a delegate to Myanmar, Laos, Malaysia, and Brunei. He arrived in Poland on 31 October 2016, and presented his credentials to the President on 3 November.

http://www.mfa.gov.pl/en/news/minister_waszczykowski_meets_new_apostolic_nuncio_to_poland

Jan Karski And Ryszard Kukliński Posthumously Promoted To The Rank Of General



President Andrzej Duda, posthumously promoted Lieutenant Jan Karski (left) and Colonel Ryszard Kukliński (right) to the rank of Brigadier General.



Jan Karski, Polish diplomat, army officer and emissary of the Polish Underground State and the Polish Government-in-Exile, strove to prevent the mass killing of European Jews being carried out by Nazi Germany during World War II. Risking his life he managed to enter the Warsaw Ghetto as well as the German Transit Camp at Izbica.

In 1943, he traveled to the US, where he met with Western leaders, diplomats, journalists, and Jewish leaders and shared a first-hand account of the crimes being carried out by Nazi Germany on the territory of occupied Poland. On July 28, 1943, Karski was received at the White House by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In 1944 Karski published "Story of a Secret State" in which he outlined his mission. After the war he remained in the United States and became a professor of international relations and the theory of communism at Georgetown University. In 1998, on the 50th anniversary of establishing the State of Israel, Karski was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Before that Yad Vashem Institute awarded Karski with the title of Righteous Among the Nations and the State of Israel with honorary citizenship. On 9 May 1995, Karski was also decorated with the Order of the White Eagle. In 2012,

President Barack Obama posthumously honored Jan Karski, who died on July 13, 2000, with the Medal of Freedom, the American highest civilian award.

In posthumously promoting Colonel Ryszard Kukliński to the rank of Brigadier General, President Duda emphasized that through this act, historical justice was being carried out. The President further acknowledged that the legacy of General Kukliński is indisputable and his actions were indispensable. Colonel Kukliński worked in the highest echelons of the Polish People's Republic. Risking his life, he gave American intelligence officials photographs of secret Warsaw Pact plans. When he was discovered, he was evacuated from Poland to West Berlin. A death sentence was ordered against him in Poland.

Kukliński was not rehabilitated until the mid 1990s. Kukliński is buried in the row of honour in the Powązki Military Cemetery in Warsaw, and he has been given honorary citizenship of several Polish cities, including Kraków and Gdańsk. [The Polish political group Centrum (at the time headed by Zbigniew Religa) requested, in 2004, that the President of Poland posthumously promote Kukliński to the rank of general. *Jack Strong*, a 2014 film was based on Kukliński's exploits. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryszard_Kukli%C5%84ski]. The promotion was accepted from the President of the Republic of Poland by Filip Frąckowiak, director of the Ryszard Kukliński Memorial Room.

Reported by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC on November 12, 2016
http://www.washington.msz.gov.pl/en/news/jan_karski_and_ryszard_kuklinski_posthumously_promoted_to_the_rank_of_general_;jsessionid=F99D899485AED9727A16791A811E45AC.cmsap1p

In Memoriam

Death of Famous Polish Director Andrzej Wajda



Tomasz Zurek/Reporter/East News

Andrzej Wajda, one of Poland's most famous directors, died at the age of 90, on October 9, 2016.

Andrzej Wajda was a film and theatre director, laureate of the Oscar for lifetime achievement in 2000. His films: *Canal and Ashes and Diamonds*, which examined WWII times, brought him international recognition. He was the co-creator of the Polish Film School, an informal group of Polish directors active in 1955-1965, who tried to come to terms with World War II in their movies.

He was born in 1926 in Suwalki in eastern Poland. In 1953 he graduated from the Leon Schiller State Theatre and Film School in Lodz.

His *Man of Marble*, 1976, won him international renown. The picture was hailed as a manifesto of the cinema of moral anxiety which revealed pathologies of the communist system. Its continuation, *Man of Iron*, 1981, was awarded the Golden Palm at the

Cannes festival. The trilogy's third part, *Wałęsa. Man of Hope*, produced in 2013, is a fictionalised biopic of Solidarity's leader, Lech Wałęsa.

Wajda received four Oscar nominations, most recently in 2008, for *Katyń*, which tells the story of the Soviet murder of almost 22,000 Poles, including 10,000 Polish officers, committed in the spring of 1940. He adapted for the screen the majority of Poland's literary canons, such as *Pan Tadeusz*, a romantic epic poem by Adam Mickiewicz [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pan_Tadeusz]; *Promised Land* by Władysław Reymont [http://www.secondrundvd.com/release_promised.php], and *Revenge* by Aleksander Fredro [<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zemsta>].

He was active until the end of his life – his movie "Afterimage" was chosen as the Polish entry for a Best Foreign Language Film Oscar this year.

Source: poland.pl

http://www.waszyngton.msz.gov.pl/en/news/famous_polish_dir

Polish Mass

**3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM
St. Catherine Labouré Church, 4000 Derry St., Harrisburg
Confessions after Mass.**

Polish Language Lessons

For individuals and groups, adults and children.
Contact Joanna Rzesotko: joanna.pu1@interia.pl

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Contact Anna Rossi at polamhar@gmail.com.

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If you would like to join or renew your membership in our Association please send an e-mail indicating your interest to: polamhar@gmail.com or download the membership form at:

<http://www.polamhar.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/MembershipForm.pdf>

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