

Report On Kosciuszko Day in Philadelphia



Irene Darlak leads the group in the singing of the National Anthems at the Kosciuszko Tribute Ceremony on Saturday February 3, 2007, at the Kosciuszko House, 3rd and Pine Streets in historic Philadelphia.



St. Adalbert Polish Language School children, along with the Polish Army Veterans, in front of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, leading the march to the Holiday Inn Hotel for the Kosciuszko Luncheon.



Congressman Bob Brady, Councilman William Greenlee, and Judge Bernice Soban DeAngelis join the luncheon guests for a group photo at the Kosciuszko Day Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Saturday, February 3, 2007.



Congratulations are extended to the 2007 Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Officers, during the Swearing in Ceremony at the Holiday Inn Hotel. From left to right are: Lou Rakszawski, Jozef Rzeznik, David Chominski, Alfreda Plocha, Joanna Majewski, Thaddeus Kosciuszko (portrayed by Richard Klimek), John Krakowiak, Theresa Romanowski, Judge Bernice Soban DeAngelis, and Michael Blichasz.



The Show, highlighting General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, "The Seeds of Freedom", was presented during the Kosciuszko Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Hotel by Family Stages, courtesy of the Copernicus Society of America and the Pizek Family.



Congressman Bob Brady presented the American Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol to Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, at the Kosciuszko Luncheon.

Learn more about the Life and Accomplishments of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko at: PolishAmericanCenter.org.

Polish Americans Salute General Kosciuszko

On Saturday, February 3, 2007, Historic Philadelphia was once again filled with Polish American pride as people gathered to recognize the accomplishments of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, an American Revolutionary War hero and freedom fighter for Poland. The 12 noon Tribute Ceremony at the Kosciuszko House, 3rd and Pine Streets in Philadelphia, marked a day of unity and pride.

Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, conducted the program and thanked everyone who attended the ceremony which commemorated another notable day in Polish American history.

The weather was cold, but the spirit was warm as elected officials, representatives from Polish American organizations, Polish & American Army Veterans, St. Adalbert Polish Language School and the "Harcerstwo" Polish Scouts welcomed General Kosciuszko, portrayed by Richard Klimek. The Polish American String Band provided music for the program and a mini-Kosciuszko Day Parade took place through Historic Philadelphia, which ended up at the Holiday Inn Hotel Ballroom at 4th and Arch Streets.

At the Holiday Inn, a luncheon program was conducted by Theresa Romanowski, Vice President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District. Msgr. Francis Feret, Pastor of St. Adalbert Church and PAC, Eastern Pennsylvania District Vice Chaplain, offered the Invocation, Judge Bernice Soban DeAngelis swore in the officers of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District for 2007, and a play "The Seeds of Freedom" was presented by Family Stages, which was sponsored by the Copernicus Society of America and the Pizek Family. The play was very well received by everyone who attended and was a historical tribute to General Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

Also participating at the Kosciuszko Day ceremonies were Congressman Bob Brady, Jonathan Saidel, Senator Shirley Kitchen, Councilman William Greenlee, Councilman Jack Kelly, Councilwoman Joan Krajewski, Councilman Frank Rizzo, and Steve Sitarski from the National Park Service. Compliments to Irene Darlak who sang the National Anthems.

The Officers of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, extend a sincere Thank You to everyone who attended the 2007 Kosciuszko Day program and offered financial support as sponsors and patrons, or assisted in any way. *Dziekujemy Bardzo!*



Congressman Bob Brady (left) poses with General Thaddeus Kosciuszko (portrayed by Richard Klimek) and Councilman William Greenlee at the Kosciuszko Luncheon on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

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