

2008 Heritage Month Proclamation Ceremony



Winners of the Coloring Contest, along with General Casimir Pulaski (portrayed by Richard Piascik), at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum.



Left: General Pulaski, portrayed by Richard Piascik, Michael Blichasz, President, Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and 2008 1st Prize winner, Corrine Largist from St. Timothy School.

Above: Councilmen Frank Rizzo and Bill Greenlee present the 2008 Polish American Heritage Month Proclamation to Michael Blichasz.

On Wednesday, October 1, 2008, representatives of the Polish American Congress received proclamations for both Polish American Heritage Month, Pulaski Day, and the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America. Proclamations were received from Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell and City of Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. Proclamations and greetings were also received from Philadelphia's City Council and the Pennsylvania House and Senate.

During the proclamation ceremony, this year's Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal, Maria Koleda, was introduced. General Casimir Pulaski, portrayed by Richard Piascik, was on hand to welcome the guests and present awards to this year's Coloring Contest winners.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served, compliments of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum's volunteers.

2008 Pulaski Dinner Dance



Members of the 2008 Pulaski Day Parade Committee with Grand Marshal, Maria Koleda, at the Pulaski Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia, PA.



Grand Marshal Maria Koleda at the Pulaski Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Associated Polish Home Ballroom in Northeast Philadelphia, PA, along with members of her family.

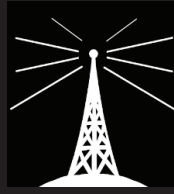
PAC Compliments the Parade Committee

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, extends special thanks to the entire Pulaski Day Parade Committee for an outstanding parade and events surrounding this year's 75th annual Pulaski Observance in Philadelphia, PA.

Special thanks to the presidents and leaders of participating organizations, pastors and clergy from the Polish parishes, and individuals who worked on the various committees. The parade brochure distributed during the parade outlined the many organizations and individuals who helped make this year's events another success.

Thank you also to the individuals who donated funds or offered salutes during the television broadcast on WPVI-TV 6 ABC.

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Representatives of Delaware County Polonia gather during a Delaware County Council meeting to receive a resolution declaring October as Polish American Heritage Month.



Pictured from left to right are: Helen Chominski, Hedwig Kierbiedz, Sophie Szymczyk, Hedwig Pennell, Stanley Zoltak, Jr., County Councilman John Whelan, Gina Dubinski, Wanda Durbano, Antoinette Wardynski and Marie Wardynski. Back Row: Jan Szymczyk, Councilman Tom McGarrigle, County Councilwoman Christine Fizzano-Cannon, County Council Chairwoman Linda Cartisano, and David Chominski.

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Father Martin Ivanovich, Celebrant of the 9:30 A.M. Pulaski Observance Mass and Rev. Msgr. Michael McCulken, Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, join with members of the parade committee in front of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul in Philadelphia following the Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2008.



On Sunday, October 5, 2008, the Pulaski Day Tribute Ceremony held at the Kopernik Monument, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, PA, honored two great men of Poland, General Casimir Pulaski and Pope John Paul The Great. Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, joined with members of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, at the Pulaski Tribute Ceremony prior to the Pulaski Day Parade.