POLONIA NEWS

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Calendar:

4 XI 1794, massacre of the civilan population in Praga, Warsaw by Russian army
5 XI 1370, Casimir the Great, the last king of Poland from the Piast dynasty has died
11 XI 1918, Poland regained independence after 123 years of partitions
17 XI 1370, Louis of Hungary was crowned King of Poland in Krakow
28 XI 1627, the Polish fleet defeated the Swedish fleet in the Battle of Oliwa
29 XI 1830, the November Uprising began

GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS

In mid-October in Cambridge, Ontario, the general reporting and election meeting of the National Canadian Polish Congress was held.

The President of the Canadian Polish Congress, Manitoba District, **Jolanta Gronowska, was elected Director to the National board of the KPK.**
Paweł Pecold, Vice President of KPK-MB, **became the Regional Director for Central Canada.**

THE POLISH ENDOWMENT FUND FUNDRAISER

Thank you Polonia! The Polish Endowment Fund Fundraiser on October 16th at St. Boniface Golf Club was a major success! Without your participation in this event, it would not be possible! This Fund was established in 1999 by Canadian Polish Congress to secure the continuance of Polish language and culture courses. Our main goal is to raise funds required to sustain the Polish Studies program at the University of Manitoba.

On October 16th we had 145 attendees join us for our luncheon. Dorota Blumczyska, former Polish Language Program student and current CEO of the Manitoba Museum, gave an incredible keynote speech. She spoke about her heritage, the role of the Polish Studies Program played in her education and the importance of identity. It was extremely touching.

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Dr Jeffery Taylor, Dean Faculty of Arts, spoke on the Polish Studies program and how important these fundraisers and conveyed his gratitude to Will and Mavis Tishinski and the Polish Fraternal Aid Society of St. John Cantius for their continues support. He also acknowledged Zofia De Witt, Endowment Fund Founder, as the University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for 2021.

Zofia de Witt presented a Dr. Victor Turek Student Aid Association Prize of $600.00 to Sean Mancik. Congratulations Sean!

We were also honored by the presence of Sylwia Czerwinska, Vice-Consul of Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto. Polish Consulate in Toronto has been a great supporter of our endeavor for many years in the past. We would like to thank the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto for also supporting us this year by covering the venue costs. Honorable Ron Schuler represented Government of Manitoba and brought greetings on behalf of the Premier.

As a community we raised over $8,000 for the Endowment Fund during our Fundraiser Lunch. In addition, the Endowment Fund was enriched by extremely generous donation of $20,000 from the Polish Fraternal Aid Society of St. John Cantius, $500 donation from Polish Combatant's Association in Canada Branch #13 and $250 donation from Polish Dance Ensemble SPK Iskry.

With this support, these donations help provide students with enriching educational opportunities, ensuring Polish language and culture continue to grow in Manitoba.

For more information on our Polish Studies Endowment Fund or to make a donation please contact one of us, Kamillah El-Giadaa (kamillah.elgiadaa@gmail.com) or Adam Pawlak (adamapawlak@gmail.com).

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#ZNICZDLABOHATER CAMPAIGN

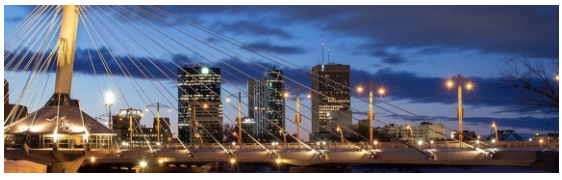
Polish organizations from Manitoba associatedat Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba District took part in the #Zniczdlabohatera campaign carried out on the initiative of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto. Folks gathered at the Holy Ghost Cemetery in Winnipeg, at the SPK monument. one hundred candles we lit to honor the memory of the heroes. We recalled all those who died for Poland in prayer led by our pastors, father Janusz, father Tomasz and priest Walery. Scouts were also present from the tribe "Gdańsk".
Glory to the heroes!

FAMILY COFFEE AND PUMPKIN CARVING

Family coffee at Sokol St. Boniface included pumpkin carving, children's activities and adult conversation. Fun was had by both young and old.

MANITOBA WILL BE THE LOCATION FOR NATIONAL AGM 2024!

The national Canadian Polish congress executive council awarded KPK Manitoba as the next host for the general assembly. As such we are delighted and honoured to announce that Winnipeg Manitoba will be the location for national AGM in 2024!!



FROM ST ANDREW BOBOLA'S PARISH

Dear Polonia!
In November we pray in a special way for the souls of our faithful deceased. In the first days, we will traditionally go to cemeteries to pray at the graves of our relatives and friends.

Let us use this time not only as a reflection on the passing of earthly life, but above all as a spiritual support for our faithful deceased by offering them Holy Communion. and plenary indulgences. The Church gives us the opportunity to offer one plenary indulgence for one soul of the dead every day for 8 days. For pious visits to a chapel or cemetery and saying "Our Father" and "I believe in God", being in sanctifying grace. From November 1, Masses are celebrated for eight days every day. for the souls of the faithful who died with gifts (the order of services on the parish website on the Internet.)

On October 26, in the church of St. Andrzej Bobola, a new Council of the Knights of Columbus was established in which young men were entered. It is the only Council in all of Manitoba that is made up of male youth. The council chose St. John Paul II as the patron..

The initiator of the creation of the Knights of Columbus was Fr. Michael McGivney, of the Church of St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. McGivney wanted to build a strong one a male organization that na foundation of living faith and she created unity with the churchto be a network of fraternal relationship helping each other and others.

The official foundation date is March 29, 1882.
The name of the organization commemorates figure of Christopher Columbus.They can become members only men being practicing Catholics. However, they join the activities whole families. The guiding principles of the law are: mercy, unity, brotherhood and patriotism.

FROM THE SCOUT'S CAMP

The "Gdańsk" tribe reports that the scouting year is in full swing.During the last few meetings, the enthusiastic young learned the techniques of first aid and pioneering, i.e. camp building skills. Applying and creating dressings address wounds and first knots were a huge success!
We remind you that weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 18:30 at Sokół St Boniface (523 Doucet St.) If you are interested, please contact us immediately before our meetups, or by e-mail at: harcerstwowmanitobie@gmail.com

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IT WILL HAPPEN SOON

NOVEMBER

13 - Independence Day - Holy Mass (11.00) in the church of the Holy Ghost

13 - Independence Day - ceremonial academy (12.30) - 1335 Main St / Legion 246

19 - Andrzejki in the parish of the Holy Ghost - help young people go to WYD in Lisbon

26 - Andrzejki in Sokół St Boniface

DECEMBER

4 - Mikołajki in Sokół St Boniface

Dear Polonia,

The past month has been a time of significant changes for congress. We carried out the necessary reforms, made important analyzes, and paved the way for new paths. It is indispensable in the face of the challenges that lie ahead. Congress has to change because life changes.
The effect of these changes are noticeable.
Manitoba was present at the national AGM of the Canadian Polish Congress in Toronto.
Manitoba became part of the governing body of the main congress as well within most of national committees.
Manitoba will host the next AGM in 2024.

It is a great honor for us. It's a return to the cradle. It was in Winnipeg in 1932, on the initiative of lawyer Bernard Bronisław Dubienski, under the name of the Union of Polish Societies in Canada, the first Polish organization was established, enabling the coordinated operation of the entire Canadian Polish community. The AGM in 2024 is an opportunity for us.

There will be more opportunities that will present for Manitoba, and it is only up to us whether and how we use them. Fortune favors the bold. We do not lack the courage to act. When circumstances are right, it must be taken advantage of. Manitoba once had an impact on the fate of the Polish Canadian community in Canada. It's time to come back to that.... for everyone's sake.

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