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# POLONIA NEWS



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## Quotes about Poland and Poles:

**Poland is one of our closest allies and friends. Poles have something that makes a man the best kind of ally. It is a great will to defend freedom - one's own and someone else's.**

**I told them what an extraordinary country Poland is. In some areas and in some sense I am part of Poland because I come from Chicago. I lived in Chicago, and there, in a sense, everyone has to become Polish - unless there is something wrong with him.**

**Barack Obama**

## CAMP COPERNICUS!

Camp Copernicus! Poles in Manitoba honored the memory of a great Pole. A lakeside resort in Whiteshell Provincial Park will be named after Nicolaus Copernicus.

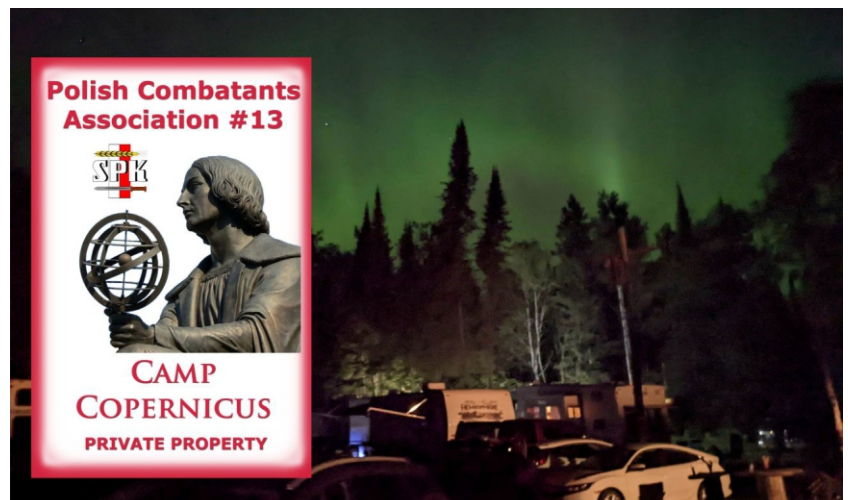
All thanks to the Association of Polish Veterans from Circle No. 13 in Canada, which has its headquarters in Winnipeg. Organization owns a resort on Lake Big Whiteshell in the south-eastern part of Manitoba and decided to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the birth of the Polish astronomer, who changed the perception of the cosmos, by giving it his name.

I think that he would have perfect conditions here to admire and study stars - Paweł Pecold, President of SPK 13 and vice-president of the Canadian Polish Congress in Manitoba, told the i.pl portal. - The resort is located in an area of low light pollution. Unless there is a phenomenon of the northern lights, then you can see the stars in perfect conditions.

To complete the formalities, the naming was reflected in the resolution of the general meeting of SPK members No. 13 voted on March 29, 2023.

This is a great day for the Polish community in Manitoba - rejoices Jolanta Gronowska, President of the Manitoba CPC.  
- For us, every trace of Polishness is a contribution in building Poland's good name abroad and awareness of our new generations here.

For the official "baptism" of the Association's center Polish Combatants on Big Lake Whiteshell, which is currently scheduled during early summer, the whole organization invites you today Polonia from Manitoba and abroad.





## „BLESS US SAINT JOHN PAUL II”

On April 2, at Holy Ghost Parish, the Polish community in Manitoba could see the exhibition "Bless us, Saint John Paul II". The exhibition, on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the death of the Polish Pope, was organized by the Radio Maryja Family from Winnipeg. The exhibition was enriched by exhibits from the collection of the late Józef Biernacki and a collection of postage stamps from the collection of Mr. Jan Bragin. Compatriots brought to the exhibition many interesting books, films, photographs and other memorabilia from the Holy Father's visit to Winnipeg in 1984.

Next year, we will have a double jubilee of Karol Wojtyła's visits to Manitoba. He visited Winnipeg in 1969 as a cardinal and again in 1984 as the Holy Father.



## APPEAL IN DEFENSE OF JOHN PAUL II

### To Poles scattered around the world and those in the homeland

Recently, we have witnessed an escalation of attacks on John Paul II, which is the aftermath of the broadcasting material in Poland, a TV station with foreign capital. This unprecedented attack on the greatest Pole in history, is not accidental. The position of Poland, of Christian Poland, has become for many very uncomfortable.

The regularity and scale of actions against Poland, both internal and external, cannot remain unanswered. The attack on the saint Pole is an attack on the values that have created Poland for centuries, which allowed the generations of our ancestors to survive the cruel times of German and Russian partitions and occupations, deportations to Russian gulags and round-ups to German concentration camps. These values were linked with a metaphor, in one of his parliamentary sermons, Father Piotr Skarga, saying about Poland: "This old oak has grown so much, and no wind has knocked it down, because its root is Christ."

The depth of this millennium, from Mieszko I to John Paul II, and in particular the wisdom of the most outstanding son of our beloved homeland, it is our being and ours, this is our dimension of tasks that we must undertake and fulfill, from which we cannot evade, we cannot desert. His messages and instructions are finally an order of truths and values that must be maintained and defended, just like Westerplatte. Today, this Westerplatte, which we will defend with all our might, is the figure of Saint John Paul II. We will defend for ourselves and for those who come after us...





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## COOKS CREEK ON THE LINE...

### Annual meeting

Monday April 10th at 7 PM St Michael's Church Hall 68152 PR 212 Cooks Creek, MB. Please join us to celebrate our past year and get a glimpse into the direction we will be taking going forward. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to [board@cchm.ca](mailto:board@cchm.ca) would be most appreciated.

### Volunteering

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering at our Museum. Share your energy, interest and talents with us as you step back into the time of our early pioneers.  
[board@cchm.ca](mailto:board@cchm.ca)

### Date to remember

Cook's Creek Heritage Museum- open to the public as of May 24th 10AM to 5PM  
Check our website for more details. [cchm.ca](http://cchm.ca)

### We have a job for you!

Post secondary students are invited to apply for our summer positions as Assistant Curator/Tour Guide. May 24th to August 29th ( 14 weeks) 35 hrs/week, \$15/hr.

**Deadline for application is April 21st**

Please submit a cover letter and resumé to [info@cchm.ca](mailto:info@cchm.ca)

## 20 YEARS OF TRADITION, 50 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

The Polish School of Dance "Sokol" celebrated Kulig 2023 at the beginning of March with a fantastic turnout and beautiful weather. The 20th anniversary of this tradition was a success!

Coming up, the dance school will be celebrating 50 years of teaching Polish dance. The concert welcomes everyone to the SOPAC (Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre) on June 17th at 6p.m. for a beautiful display of traditional dances. Also available will be the school's 50th Anniversary yearbook for sale, showing dancing from the first steps to now. The following week on June 24th, a gala will be held at the Viscount Gort Hotel for a nice evening of great food and dance.

Tickets are for sale for \$100 through contacting [sokolpolishdancers@gmail.com](mailto:sokolpolishdancers@gmail.com)  
Sponsorship packages of different levels are available for business recognition and additional benefits through sponsoring.

Please email [sokolsponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:sokolsponsorship@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you very much!





## LIFE OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY IN MANITOBA



Polonia cherishes Polish traditions. The sleigh ride of the Sokół Saint Boniface at Birds Hill Park



In March, the president of the CPC Manitoba met with, among others, family minister Rochelle Squires and Georgia's newly appointed ambassador to Canada Kaha Imnadze, who visited Providence University College in Otterburne on March 17.

Imnadze (photo on the right, right in the middle) was appointed to his ambassador post last summer following a decade as Georgia's permanent representative to the United Nations, where he focused on universal health care and sustainable development



SPK Iskra, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year, received a grant from the provincial government of Manitoba.

Congratulations and wish you another 55 years! Celebratory gala on the occasion of the jubilee will take place on May 13!





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## IT WILL HAPPEN SOON

### **APRIL**

*April 15 - Easter parish banquet in the Church of the Holy Spirit*

*April 22 - 12 to 14 - open day at the Polish Saturday School at the parish of St. Andrew Bobola*

*April 22 - spring fun in Sokole Saint Boniface*

*April 30 - the academy of the Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba District on the occasion of Constitution on May 3 Day*

*May 13 - a ceremonial gala on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of its existence Association of Polish Veterans #13 and the 55th anniversary of the SPK Iskry dance group*



## WISHES OF THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS IN MANITOBA



Dear Polonia!

Let this Easter time  
will fill you with joy and love,  
let there be no lack of health,  
and the One who has risen  
let it bring new hope  
and fill the world with peace.  
Good will win!

wishes you a healthy and joyful Easter

Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba District





Dear Polonia,



In our daily rush, it becomes increasingly difficult for us to find a moment to stop. It's getting harder and harder to find a moment to reflect. The dynamics of events overwhelms us. We're not keeping up. In a wide stream of information, it is useful to be able to distinguish fiction from reality, lies from truth. Without real and true information, our every opinion will be subject to error. And mistakes in life are better avoided.

In the Polish tradition, Easter is a holiday of reborn hope. This hope does not always come to us by itself. Sometimes you have to reach for it. Always worth it. The events of recent years have left us hopeless, but time is passing and something new is awakening. New Hope. What is bad will pass, and truth will prevail and honesty will triumph.

The Canadian Polish Congress in Manitoba faces many challenges, but one hope that the truth will prevail. This is what I wish for each of you, dear Polonia, that hope may not be lacking in your families and that the truth will prevail. And we, as a community, should not lack solidarity and decency. This solidarity that Saint John Paul II spoke about in Gdańsk: "Never: one against the other. Ones against the others".

Jolanta Gronowska  
President of CPC MB



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