



20 months until the millennium of the coronation of the first king of Poland



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Quotes about Poland and Poles:

“Agents, like some curse, go on side by side and step by step. Gentlemen, when I took this truth as my subject, I chose it deliberately and for no other reason than to dot the "i" so that it would not be said that we have to mess with the truths of the agent. Poland, perhaps, will also face hard experiences.

During crises, I repeat, beware of agents. Go your own way, serving only Poland, loving only Poland and hating those who serve foreigners.

Józef Piłsudski

HISTORICAL EVENT FOR POLES IN MANITOBA!

-MAY-

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN MANITOBA

Thanks to the partnership between the Canadian Polish Congress and the Honourable Minister Obby Khan, Polish Heritage Month will be proclaimed in Manitoba!

We thank the Honourable Heather Stefanson and Obby Khan for making May Polish Heritage Month in Manitoba.

The Polish contribution to the development of Manitoba is beyond dispute. The first settlers arrived here in 1817. Over 200 years of Polish presence in Manitoba has not only shaped the economy and culture. That's almost a tenth of the population.

Manitoba was the largest concentration of Poles who left their homeland until the end of World War II.

It was here that in 1932, on the initiative of the lawyer Bernard Bronisław Dubieński, under the name of the Association of Polish Societies in Canada, the first Polish organization was established - transformed in 1944 into the Canadian Polish Congress, enabling coordinated action of the entire Polish community in Canada.

The first two consular posts established in Canada were in Winnipeg and Montreal.



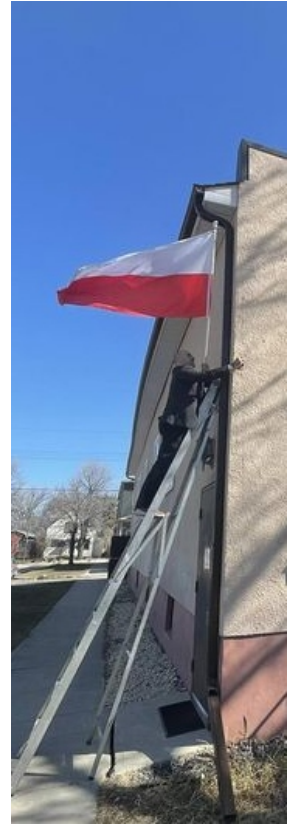


3 MAY CONSTITUTION DAY AND FLAG DAY

The Polish community in Manitoba celebrated the 232nd anniversary of the May 3rd Constitution. The celebrations began with a Holy Mass at the Church of St. Andrew Bobola under the presiding of priest canon Walery Bykowski. After the holy mass, a solemn academy took place at the headquarters of Sokol St Boniface Winnipeg, during which children, cub scouts from the Gromada Słoneczne Plemię, scouts from the Szczep Gdańsk, students from the Polish Saturday School in Winnipeg and dancers from the Polish Dance School "Sokół" presented a performance illustrating the adoption of the world's second constitution.

The numerous gathered Polonia did not spare the claps to their youngest representatives. It was an excellent performance and a testimony of Polishness!

Many thanks to the Polish community for coming, Vice President Wioletta Los for the artistic design and image of the Royal Castle in Warsaw, maestro Tadeusz Biernacki for musical support for children so that they could sing so beautifully, and to all those who contributed to the splendor of the academy.





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LIFE OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY IN MANITOBA



Preparations for Easter Breakfast at Holy Ghost Parish in Winnipeg.



The Polish community in Manitoba remembered. Representatives of our community paid tribute to those who died 13 years ago near Smolensk.



Egg painting at Cooks Creek. The children had the opportunity to cultivate the Polish tradition of Easter eggs.



Back to the 80s in Sokół St Boniface! Dancing in the rhythm of songs from those years :)

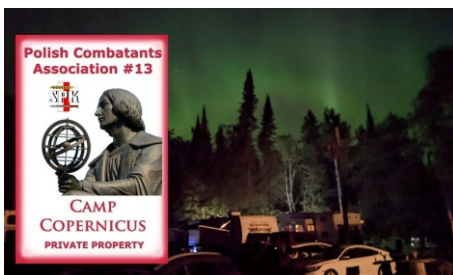
IT WILL HAPPEN SOON

MAY/JUNE

May 27 - Children's Day at the church of st. Andrew Bobola organized by the parish and Sokół Boniface

June 10th - ceremony of naming the Camp Copernicus to the SPK center in Big Whiteshell

June 17th - concert on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Polish Dance School "Sokół"



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LIFE OF THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS



Representatives of the Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba District: President Jolanta Gronowska, Vice-President Paweł Pecold, President's spokesman Simon Biel met with the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage



During the celebration of the Constitution of 3 May in Toronto, President Jolanta Gronowska talked with the Deputy Speaker of the Polish Parliament, Małgorzata Gosiewska.



The President of the KPK MB participated in the ceremonial laying of wreaths by representatives of the government and the Sejm at the Katyn Monument in Toronto.

(on the photo above: Deputy Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland Małgorzata Gosiewska, Minister of National Defense Mariusz Błaszczak and Government Plenipotentiary for the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad Jan Dziedziczak).

President Gronowska together with the Vice-President of the KPK MB Wioletta Los and the Secretary General of the KPK Barbara Pawlak represented the Polish community in Manitoba during a gala on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Canadian Polish Congress.

From the left: President of the CPC Manitoba Jolanta Gronowska, President of the CPC Alberta Greta Derus, President of the CPC General Board Janusz Tomczak and President of the CPC of British Columbia Michał Dembek





Dear Polonia,



The Constitution Day on May 3, which we celebrated a few days ago, mainly evokes in us the glorious aspect that this important document was adopted by Poles as the second country in the world and the first in Europe.

It's wonderful and amazing. Thinking about this, we reluctantly recall the facts that, after the adoption of the Constitution, changed the face of the Republic of Poland, throwing it into non-existence for 123 years, and depriving our ancestors of freedom, the recovery of which later generations had to pay for with the sea of blood shed and the atrocities suffered. We forget that the Constitution, although it gave us a place in the history of the world, was preceded by a crisis of social structures, of which the richest of the strata - the magnates, having the greatest influence on the fate of the state, at a time when the nation needed its patriotism, thought about its own interests, plunged into revelry at the expense of the state, and traded with the freedom of the Republic. The Constitution was wisdom, but long overdue.

232 years have passed since that memorable May 3, and although Poland, including Polonia, is in a different place, one must not lose vigilance, because there is no shortage of those who will sell Poland or Polonia for their luxury, for their popularity, for their private benefits. The most dangerous phenomenon is the feigning of activities for Poland, for the Polish community, which in fact are calculated for the private profit of those who act. The most valuable is the work of those anonymous ones who do not wave flags of pride with their own names, but offer their work to fulfill their patriotic duty. Huge changes have taken place in the Polish community in Manitoba, and we are not even halfway there. May we manage to change it so that if the day will come and we will have to adopt a historical document, it will be the beginning of glory, not the fall.

Jolanta Gronowska
President CPC MB