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Quotes about Poland and Poles:

„Poland has been emboldened to plough its own furrow on defence because, on the big things that matter to Europe’s security, it has been proved right, the Germans (and the French) hopelessly and dangerously wrong.

“It is too late for Britain to play its part in reforming the EU but, as France and Germany decline in importance, the new rising power in Europe is a close ally of ours [Great Britain] who sees the world largely as we do.”

Andrew Neil, Daily Mail

MAY PROCLAIMED

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN MANITOBA



Premier Heather Stefanson handed over to the President of the CPC MB Jolanta Gronowska Proclamation of May as Polish Heritage Month!



HISTORY HAS BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE OUR EYES!

On May 15, 2023, during the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, Obby Khan, officially proclaimed the month of May to be Polish Heritage Month within the province of Manitoba. This was the result of cooperation between the NCP board in Manitoba and Minister Obby Khan.

Khan unofficially handed a copy of this statement to the President of KPK - Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba Jolanta Gronowska on May 13 during the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Combatants Association No. 13 and the 55th SPK Iskra team. The proclamation was officially presented by Prime Minister Heather Stefanson to president Gronowski on May 15 just before its solemn reading in the legislature. The act was adopted by members of the legislature and received royal assent from Anita Neville (Manitoba Lieutenant-Governor), representing the British King Charles III.

Polish Heritage Month will now be celebrated every year throughout May in the province of Manitoba. By declaring May as Polish Heritage Month, the Province has officially recognized the contribution of many generations of Polish Canadians to the history, culture and society of Manitoba. The month of May will be an opportunity to familiarize the people of Manitoba with Polish history and traditions.

In Canada, over a million citizens are of Polish decent, and according to the 2016 census, about 80,000 Polish people live in Manitoba, which they began to settle in 1817, enriching its culture, heritage and becoming an integral part of its multicultural community.



Minister Obby Khan invited Polish children to his office and told them about the work of the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage in the government of Manitoba.



THE BIGGEST POLISH PARTY IN MANITOBA!

On May 13 th , 2023, SPK Iskry and SPK Branch #13 celebrated their 55 th and 75 th anniversaries with the Footsteps Through Poland Gala at The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre! We were honoured to have over 450 guests attend the celebration and are humbled by the extravagant support we received from our sponsors.

The evening began with a cocktail hour where guests were able to enjoy a beverage or two, including our featured drink the “Chcesz Peach”, a combination of Baltic Brothers Peach Tea Bomba and lemonade. Also in attendance was Czerwona Rzeka, playing for guests as they entered the hall. Their presence was graciously sponsored by Lotlinx



Guests were then asked to take their seats for dinner, which included an excellent Chicken Lorraine main course, and wine provided by Assiniboine Dental Group. During dinner we heard kind remarks and speeches from Izabela Fabjanska-Potapczuk, Polish Consul to Canada, Personal Movement Division, The Honourable Obby Khan, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, Andrzej Ruta, National President of SPK, Jola Gronowska, President of KPK Manitoba, and Daniel Kosinski and Magda Pawlak, the President and Artistic Director of SPK Iskry.



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Some highlights of the evening include: The Honourable Obby Khan declaring May “Polish Heritage Month” in Manitoba, Ted Noga receiving a Silver Cross, as well as Ola Tutaj and Jacek Chojczak receiving Gold Crosses from SPK President Andrzej Ruta in recognition of their accomplishments and contributions to the organization, Lucy Greniuk, Tom Malkiewicz, Greg Romaniuk, Krysia Kovach and Czerwona Rzeka receiving awards of merit in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Polish-Canadian community, An exclusive preview of the “Footsteps Through Poland: Stories of our Forebearers” interview documentary, produced by SpokoMedia. The documentary includes interviews with prominent members from SPK Iskry’s past and speak of the Polish diaspora in Winnipeg, the forming of SPK Iskry, and the importance of Polish heritage and camaraderie, Bernard Pacak, Krysia Kovach, and Robert Langtry receiving awards for their dedication to SPK Iskry from Daniel Kosinski and Magda Pawlak, the President and Artistic Director of SPK Iskry, and finally, a performance by SPK Iskry.



Once the formal portion of the evening was completed, guests enjoyed themselves at the open bar and on the dance floor, which was kept alive all night by Wave Sound & Lighting. The Footsteps Through Poland Gala was a lot of hard work for all of those involved, and we were ecstatic to see so many familiar and new faces having an excellent time all evening long.

SPK Iskry and SPK Branch #13 are truly grateful for all of your support and sincerely hope that those in attendance had the best time. Thank you to all of our guests and sponsors, SPK Iskry looks forward to dazzling you at the Footsteps Through Poland Concert, November 5, 2023 at the Centennial Concert Hall!



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TRADITIONAL PROCESSION OF GOD'S BODY!

Corpus Christi procession in the parish of pw. St. Andrew Bobola in Winnipeg.



SPK KANADA IN MANITOBA

Representatives of the Main Board of SPK Canada, headed by President Andrzej Ruta, took part in the Holy Mass, in the Church of the Holy Ghost, for those who died at Monte Cassino and laid wreaths and flowers together with the President of KPK Jolanta Gronowska at the SPK monument at the Holy Ghost Cemetery.





THE POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL ENDED ANOTHER YEAR

On May 27, the Polish Saturday School in Winnipeg finished another school year. The Holy Mass for our school was conducted by father Janusz, for which we thank you very much.

After the Mass, each class, together with their teachers, performed beautifully recited poems about Grandma's and Grandpa's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, as well as songs from our childhoods. The Parents Council also thanked Mr. Józef Kukielka for the long-term dedication to the school, which ended with a standing ovation. After the performances and speeches, all participants enjoyed snacks prepared by the Parents' Council. The Children were also surprised with bouncy castles and snack bars



for the occasion of Children's Day.

Many thanks are addressed to Fr. Valery Bykovsky and the Parish of St. Andrzej Bobola for his continuous contribution to the education of our children and youth. Thanks are also directed to Sokół St Boniface for support and help.

A huge thank you to all Parents and Grandparents who invest in their children's learning of Polish culture and language.

School enrollment for the 2023/2024 school year is now open.

Please email polishsaturdayschoolwinnipeg@gmail.com and the form will be sent.

School fees:

1st child \$350.00, 2nd child \$150, 3rd child free, adult: \$250.00

Family discount: \$700 (2 children and 1 adult)

To be paid by the end of August. Please direct your questions to the School's email.

CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL

Every year, on the occasion of Children's Day, the parish of pw. St. Andrzej Boboli, in cooperation with Sokół St Boniface, organizes a picnic and attractions for children.





THE GREAT POLISH ASTRONOMER HAS HIS PLACE IN MANITOBA

The Polish community in central Canada honored the memory of the great Polish astronomer. The lakeside resort in Whiteshell Provincial Park has been named after Nicolaus Copernicus since Saturday.

Thanks to the Association of Polish Veterans from Circle No. 13 in Canada, which has its headquarters in Winnipeg. Koło 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.



Despite the fact that the camp is located at a considerable distance from the city of the winnipeg, many Poles appeared at the ceremonial opening, who took part in the ceremonial naming of the camp after Nicolaus Copernicus. The symbolic moment of naming the center managed by SPK on the Big Whiteshell Lake was the cutting of the white and red ribbon by Paweł Pecold, President of SPK 13, and Jolanta Gronowska, President of KPK Manitoba. The prayer was said and the center under the new name was solemnly consecrated by canon priest Walery Bykowski, pastor of the parish of Saint Andrew Bobola in Winnipeg. Participants of this unique ceremony had the opportunity to see the exhibition, which was designed and funded by the Polish-Canadian Association of Businessmen and Professionals in Windsor, and whose originator is the president of the association, Jerzy Barycki. Both the exhibition and the ceremonial naming of the center on Big Whiteshell Lake after Nicolaus Copernicus are a homage by the Canadian Polish community to the Polish astronomer on the occasion of the 550th anniversary of his birth in 2023.





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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH SCHOOL DANCE OF „SOKÓŁ”



The Polish School Dance of Sokół celebrates half a century of its existence this year. On this occasion, a jubilee concert and a special gala were held. We present photos from both events. We wish you 100 years!





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THAT IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT POLISH PAVILION

Date: 13-19 August 2023

Location: RBC Convention Centre- 375 York Street
North Building , Main floor

Admission can be purchased online: www.folklorama.ca
If you buy a ticket online, you enter the pavilion through a separate entrance

Ticket Price:

Regular Admission Ticket
(\$7.50 + \$1.50 Fees) = CAD **9.00**

Pavilion admission ticket. Available seating is first come first served.
Price includes taxes and fees

Child Admission Ticket

Child admission ticket (age 12 & under). Available seating is first come first served. Maximum 5 per paid ticket.
Related to CAD **0.00:**

Our dishes:

pork knuckle, bigos, tripe, croquettes with cabbage / mushrooms together with borscht, pork cutlet, Coleslaw cabbage rolls - M&S Meat Market
Smokies- Karpaty Meat
Pancakes with cheese - Polsat
Pierogi- Mom's Perogies
Bar rightly stocked!



Exhibition "Folk Costumes" prepared by Ogniwo Polish Museum.

Exhibition by KPK on the occasion of the 550th anniversary of Nicolaus Copernicus

Dance performances, S.P..K. Iskry, School SPK, Sokol Polish Dance Ensemble

Souvenirs from Polish: scarves, wreaths, ciupagi, beads and many other things!



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LIFE OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY IN MANITOBA



The annual picnic of members of the Federation of Polish Women in Canada, Unit No. 7, which will celebrate its 60th anniversary in October!



Youth from the parish of the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg, who will take part in World Youth Day in Portugal.

IT WILL HAPPEN SOON!

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

August 6-19 - Folkorama - Polish Pavilion

September 30th - harvest festival in Sokole St Boniface

October 14th - Wedding feast on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Polish Women's Federation in Canada, Cell No. 7 in Winnipeg

**Polish Canadian Women's Federation
Branch No. 7 in Winnipeg**
invites you to:

BIESIADA WESELNA/ TRADITIONAL WEDDING FEAST
to celebrate our 60th anniversary

October 14, 2023
Holy Ghost Church Hall @ 342 Pritchard Ave
Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM
Zabawa to follow

Featuring **ISKRY** presenting "Boryna's Wedding" a spectacle based on W. Reymont's Nobel Prize winning novel "Chłopi"/"Peasants"

Bring a gift: non-perishable food item for Winnipeg Harvest

"Wedding" Menu

zurek	white borscht
pieczone prosie	roasted pig
kurczak	chicken
smalec ze skwarkami	pork cracklings
ogorki kiszzone	dill pickles
bigos	hunter's stew
stół wiejski	traditional meat table
domowe wypieki	home baking

AND MORE!

CASH BAR - DOOR PRIZES

TICKETS:
Before Aug. 14 - \$85
After Aug. 14 - \$95

Contact Maria: (204) 952-7993
or Wioletta: (204) 294-6248





Dear Polonia,



Holiday time is always special. It is a time of respite and rest. It's time to be closer to nature. Time for trips and free time. Connecting with spaces and people that we do not get to see often due to the daily hustle.

But now it is the time of holidays, where what is urgent and important must be put on the backburner, so that we can gain strength and energy to act for the next year. We all need a reset.

A reset is something that opens up new perspectives and gives us a fresh look. We will not gain the necessary strength to work and the right dynamics for the changes that lie ahead of us if we do not properly distance ourselves from what fills our everyday life. I wish each of you to use this time for your own benefit. I wish you good days, full of sunshine and joy.

Especially, to our immigrants who are on the path of emigration, not to be afraid to be part of our community and to enter into its life, even if still from afar. We are waiting for you and your families, hoping that your choice will open up new opportunities for you, and will bring us great Poles who will become part of the Polish community in Manitoba! I wish you in Poland and Polonia in Manitoba once again a unique holiday!

Jolanta Gronowska
President CPC MB

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