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The Declaration of Independence ♦ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1776

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience has shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature; a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing, with manly firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to the civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us;

For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states;

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world;

For imposing taxes on us without our consent;

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury;

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses;

For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these colonies;

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments;

For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection, and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred, to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

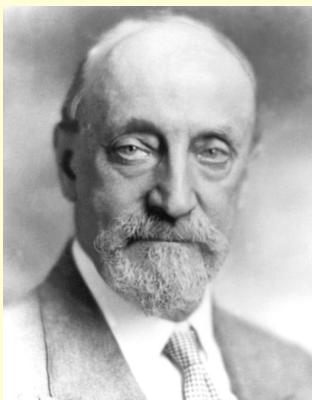
Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia, PA

**With Ceremony Honoring Ralph Modjeski,
Chief Engineer and Bridge Builder
Saturday, July 11, 2026
10 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

Bridge closed to vehicular traffic
Pedestrians can walk across the bridge deck
Main event is focused on the Camden, New
Jersey traffic side near the toll plaza
Pop-Up Museum with historical exhibits
and artifacts showcasing the
100-year legacy of the bridge
Entertainment – live music,
family-friendly fun rides & activities
Food trucks will be available
Admission Free – Open to the Public

**100th Anniversary of the
Benjamin Franklin Bridge
Opened (July 1, 1926 - 2026)
Connecting Philadelphia, PA and Camden, NJ**

**A Tribute to
Ralph Modjeski (1861-1940)
Polish Immigrant Becomes
Famous Engineer and Bridge Builder**



Ralph Modjeski, considered “America’s greatest bridge builder”, was born in Bochnia, near the city of Krakow, Poland on January 27, 1861. He immigrated to America at the age of 15 with his mother, famous Shakespearean actress, Helen Modjeska, in July, 1876. Even though Modjeski seemed destined to become an accomplished concert pianist, he went on instead to become a highly successful civil engineer and “one of the twentieth century’s most famous designers and builders of bridges”. In 1929, Modjeski was awarded the John Fritz Gold Medal, the

highest American engineering medal, with a citation for his genius in combining strength and beauty. He was also honored by the Pennsylvania state legislature in 1966 by a resolution citing him as one of America’s “greatest inventors”.

Despite his busy engineering career, he found time to relax playing the piano for several hours daily. He remained professionally active until 1936 and died in 1940. The bridge engineering consulting firm established by Modjeski in 1893 continues to operate under the name of Modjeski and Masters, with offices in Pennsylvania and several other states.

Modjeski’s Major Accomplishments Include:

- **Thebes Bridge** over the Mississippi River at Thebes, Illinois opened in 1904
- **Benjamin Franklin Bridge** between Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey - opened in 1926 (Considered Modjeski’s greatest achievement)
- **Tacony-Palmyra Bridge** over the Delaware River in Northeast Philadelphia - opened in 1929
- **Trans-Bay Bridge** between San Francisco and Oakland, California - opened in 1936
- **Blue Water Bridge** connecting Port Huron, Michigan with Sarnia, Ontario, Canada - opened in 1938

The Polish Bridge Builder

by Kaya Mirecka Ploss, PhD

The Change of Name

In the history of bridges in the United States Ralph Modjeski’s name will always be remembered. He was born Rudolf Modrzejewski in Krakow in the year 1861. Early in his American career, Modrzejewski changed his name to Ralph Modjeski. He found that Americans had great difficulty pronouncing, spelling, or remembering his complex Polish name. His mother, the famous Polish Shakespearean actress, Helena Modrzejewska, who brought her family to the United States in 1876, had the same problem. Upon the earnest advice of her friends she changed her name from Helena Modrzejewska to simply Madame Modjeska.

Engineering Won

Ralph Modjeski’s European education, in addition to languages and mathematics, included musical studies under Kazimierz Hofmann, son of the world renowned pianist, Joseph Hofmann. Curiously, during that same period Modjeski’s fellow student, was the illustrious, Jan Ignacy Paderewski. Ralph Modjeski was an extremely proficient pianist; in seven lessons he had learned four of Kohler’s etudes by heart and almost the entire sixth sonata by Mozart. If Ralph Modjeski had chosen a career in music instead of engineering the world might have gained a famous concert-pianist, but would have lost one of the finest bridge designers.

Engineering won and Modjeski completed his education in his chosen field at the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris. He graduated in 1885 leading his class with a degree in Civil Engineering. With his mother, the famous Helena Modrzejewska, already in America, Ralph returned to the United States and began his engineering career in Chicago where he worked for seven years with one of the leading bridge builders of that time, George S. Morison.

The First Bridge

In 1893, Modjeski decided to embark on private practice in the bridge design field. He obtained his first major project - the design and construction of a seven-span combined railway and highway bridge over the Mississippi River, at Rock Island, Illinois.

Later Modjeski developed a set of standard bridge designs for the Northern Pacific Railroad. From this point he rapidly progressed, designing an almost unbelievable number of this country’s finest major bridges.

Frank M. Masters of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was employed by Modjeski in 1904. Twenty years later in 1924 Modjeski and Masters formed a partnership. Today this firm continues to operate from offices in Harrisburg, New Orleans, Chicago, and Washington, DC.

The Bay and Ben Franklin Bridges

Time does not permit listing the many bridges in which Modjeski and his partners were involved. It is also significant to note that Ralph Modjeski was often called upon as a consultant and adviser. After several disastrous failures in the construction of the world’s longest cantilever-truss rail bridge in Quebec, Canada, Ralph Modjeski was called upon and brought the project to a successful conclusion in 1918. Modjeski was also chairman of the board of consulting engineers in charge of the design and construction of the great eight mile long BAY BRIDGE in San Francisco, which was finished in 1937.

In Pennsylvania, Modjeski designed what at that time was the longest suspension bridge in the world - the present BEN FRANKLIN BRIDGE in Philadelphia. Excitement reigned in that city on the day President Calvin Coolidge, assisted by the Army corps of Engineers, opened the bridge across the Delaware River.



Ben Franklin Bridge

He Helped Build America

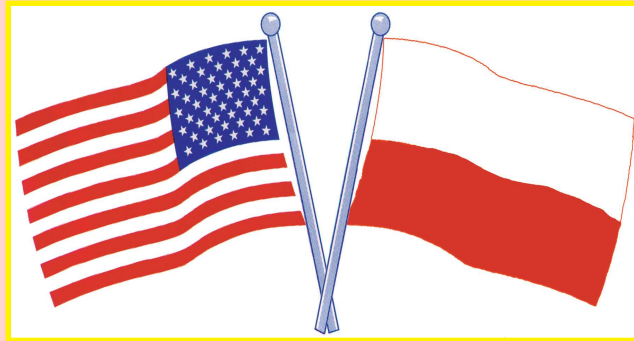
Only a few years later Modjeski designed the unusual, tied-arch Tacony-Palmyra Bridge further upstream on the Delaware. Some of Pennsylvania’s most interesting bridges have been designed by Ralph Modjeski and his partners. Many of them won national awards for their artistry of design. Graceful lines, arches, and staunch utility have always characterized Modjeski’s work. Almost all of the bridges that Modjeski and his partners designed are still in use.

Rudolf Modrzejewski, a.k.a. Ralph Modjeski, was almost 80 years old when he died in 1940. He was one of the many illustrious men that were born in Poland and helped to build America.

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

In 2026, we mark the 418th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers at Jamestown, Virginia, in October 1608. Polish people remain an important part of America's history and culture and live in all 50 states.

This year we also mark the **45th Anniversary of the founding of October as Polish American Heritage Month**, an event which began in Philadelphia and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride.

In 2026, we also mark the 1,060th Anniversary of documented Polish history, the 407th Anniversary of the first labor strike in America at Jamestown, VA, staged by Polish Settlers.

All Polish American organizations are encouraged to plan Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community and invite people to view the information on PolishAmericanHeritageMonth.com. On that site there is information about the First Polish Settlers in America, October 1, 1608 • History of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry • Things to Do During October "Polish American Heritage Month" • Polish American Heritage Month Posters • Tracing Your Heritage • Recent Editions of the Polish American News with Historic Reflections • Some Reasons Why Polish Americans are Important to the "Great Mosaic of America."

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Your participation is always appreciated. Best wishes to you and yours as you plan for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration! If you need additional information, contact the committee by telephone at: (215) 922-1700, Monday through Friday, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. or email us at:

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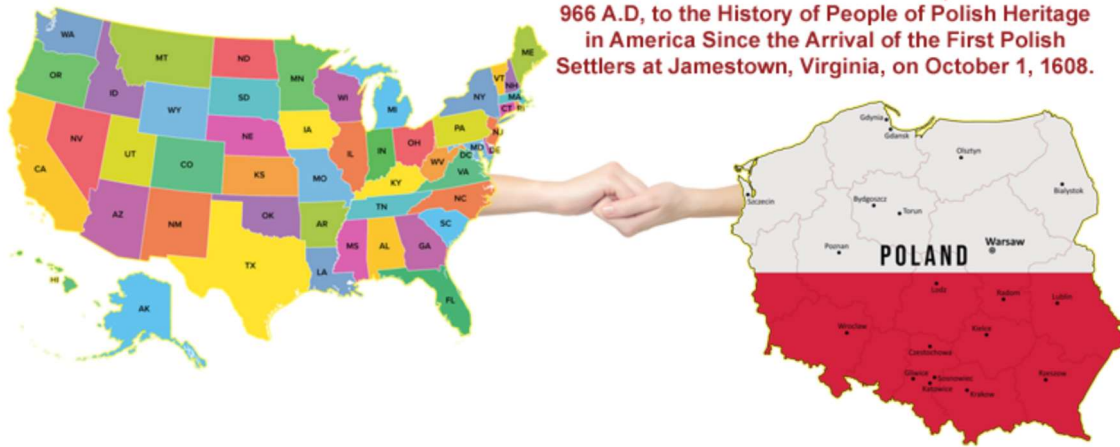
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Telephone: (215) 923-1900

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If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Medications and Prescription Plans

PACE PLUS is the name being used for the PACE/PACENET programs, (the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) that help pay for prescription drugs. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those who have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories for determining eligibility. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person \$45,000 or a couple \$55,000 annually. For more info and to get an application call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



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Senior Discount on Water

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the city of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

To qualify, you or your spouse must be:

- 65 years of age or older
- have an annual household income of less than \$42,100,(approximately \$3,508 per month.)

Additional Requirements include:

- Proof of Age
- Proof of Address
- Proof of Household Income

Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application contact PASS at 215-923-1900. For more info visit: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com



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Pennsylvania Real Estate Taxes

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Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted an employment opportunity, kindly let PASS know. Call Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job information to:

Attn: Employment Information

Polish American Social Services

Email: Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The outreach program is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS's Employment Outreach Representative for more information at (215) 923-1900.

Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available from Polish American Social Services. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, email your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Email your resume to:

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Employment Outreach

Email to: Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: **(215) 923-1900.**

City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze

If you are a senior citizen living in the city of Philadelphia and are interested in applying for the **City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program**, call "PASS" Polish American Social Services, also known as United Social Services.

To qualify for the **City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program**, you or your spouse must be 65 years of age or older. For a **single person, your total income must be \$33,500 or less and for a married couple, your total income must be \$41,500 or less.**

Those who qualify will receive a freeze on their City of Philadelphia property taxes.

Program Deadline: 9/30/26

For an application or additional information, call PASS's United Social Services Outreach Program, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at **215-923-1900.**

Congratulations Reverend Jan Palkowski



Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center & Theresa Romanowski, Vice President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, present an Award of Appreciation to Fr. Jan Palkowski for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Church & the Polish American community, and promoting the legacy of St. John Paul II.

Congratulations are extended to Fr. Jan Palkowski who celebrated his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 31, 2026. A beautiful Mass of Celebration took place in St. Adalbert Church, followed by a fantastic banquet in the parish hall.

Rev. Jan Palkowski, son of the late Stanislaw & Antoni Palkowski, was born on January 1, 1951, in Chobotki, Poland. He attended grade school in Zofiwka, Poland, high school in Rozanystok, Poland and in 1970 the Major Seminary in Lomza, Poland. Fr. Jan was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1976, by Bishop Mikolaj Sasinowski and celebrated his first Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Jasionowka, Poland on June 5, 1976.

Fr. Jan began his pastoral ministry as an associate pastor in the following parishes in the Diocese of Lomza: Stanislaus Kostka, Zales, BVM, Punska, St. Adalbert, Szczepankowo, and St. Ann, Jelonki.

On September 1, 1988, he was relieved of his ministry in the Diocese of Lomza and directed by the Bishop Most Reverend Julius Paetz, to work for the Polonia in the United States at the invitation of the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Leaving Poland on October 26, 1988, he went to Orchard Lake, MI, to participate in a special two month program, conducted by the seminary faculty, to prepare for pastoral ministry in the United States.

Fr. Jan began his pastoral ministry as an associate priest in St. John Cantius Parish, Philadelphia, PA, effective on December 19, 1988.

On June 22, 1994, he became the Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, PA, with a special ministry to the parishioners at St. Hedwig's Church, Chester, PA, and the Polish people in Delaware County.

Fr. Jan returned to St. John Cantius Parish as an Associate Pastor on October 18, 2000, and in October, 2006, returned to Sacred Heart Parish as Pastor.

On July 1, 2012, Fr. Jan became Pastor at St. Adalbert Parish, Philadelphia, PA.

On May 13, 2019, the merger of St. Adalbert Parish, St. George Parish, Mother of Divine Grace Parish and Nativity BVM Parish, all in Philadelphia, PA, was decreed, each keeping its name, with an effective date of July 1, 2019, with the parish church being designated as St. Adalbert Church and Fr. Jan becoming a Senior Priest in charge of the Polish Apostolate. The new parish name would be St. John Paul II Parish, effective on October 22, 2019, the feast day of St. John Paul II.

On Sunday, May 31, 2026, Fr. Jan Palkowski celebrated his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Mass of Celebration in St. Adalbert Church, followed by a banquet in the parish hall, receiving many awards, flowers and greetings.

Fr. Jan will be retiring at the end of June, his last Mass was on Sunday, June 28, 2026, followed by a farewell reception.

He will be truly missed. Fr. Jan is a sincere, humble priest and faithfully dedicated to the Catholic Church and to the Polish American Community.

The Polish American Cultural Center, Polish American Congress, the Parishioners of St. John Paul II and the entire Polonia extend God's blessings, best wishes, good health, peace, joy, and fulfillment in his new chapter of his life. Not only Sto Lat but Dwiescie Lat!!!



A Mass of Celebration for Fr. Jan Palkowski in St. Adalbert Church with concelebrating priests & in the presence of Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald & Most Reverend Witold Mrozwieski, who was the homilist.



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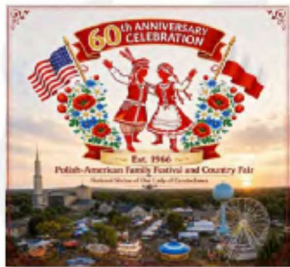


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Heroes featuring Eddie Biegaj 12:00 Noon-4:00PM	Polish Musical Artist Adam Chrola 12:00 Noon-4:00PM
Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men 4:00PM-8:00PM	DJ Grzegorz 4:00PM-8:00PM

Day 2: Sunday, September 6, 2026

Pavilion Stage	Village Stage
DynaBrass 12:00 Noon-4:00PM	DJ Grzegorz 12:00 Noon-4:00PM
Eddie Forman Orchestra 4:00PM-8:00PM	John Gora & Gorale 4:00PM-8:00PM

Day 3: Monday, September 7, 2026

Pavilion Stage	Village Stage
T.K.O. 12:00 Noon-4:00PM	John Gora & Gorale 12:00 Noon-4:00PM
Polka Family 4:00PM-8:00PM	Blue Sky featuring Nick & The City Slicks 4:00PM-8:00PM

Day 4: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Pavilion Stage	Village Stage
MonValley Push 12:00 Noon-4:00PM	Zespol "Top Dance" 12:00 Noon-4:00PM
Rick Anton's Jersey Polka Company 4:00PM-8:00PM	Windstar 4:00PM-8:00PM

Day 5: Sunday, September 13, 2026

Pavilion Stage	Village Stage
Polish American String Band 12:45PM-2:30PM	Windstar 12:00 Noon-4:00PM
Robbie Lawrence & The Steelworkers 4:00PM-8:00PM	Blue Sky 4:00PM-8:00PM

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Sunday - Sept. 6 & 13
 8:00, 9:30*, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM*, 2:30 PM & 5:00 PM

Monday - Sept. 7 (Labor Day)
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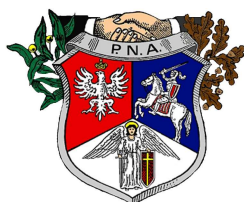
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The Pulaski Day Parade is a community-wide event that brings many people and organizations together to celebrate Polish History, Culture and Pride. As always your participation is very important.

During the **93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade**, we will highlight the music and dances that have united Poland and Polish Americans for centuries. We also will mark the **418th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish Settlers in America and the 45th Anniversary of October as Polish American Heritage Month.**

Since it's the **250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**, we are paying special tribute to **Revolutionary War Heroes, General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Hero of Two Continents, as well as to Ralph Modjeski, Chief Engineer of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia**, which is celebrating its **100th Anniversary** in 2026.

For now, kindly mark **Sunday, October 4th** on your calendar and look for additional information to be announced on the Polish American Radio Program and in the Polish American News.

Thanks to all Pulaski Day Parade divisions and promoters. Please help us maintain this outstanding community tradition which will be televised Live on **WPVI TV6 ABC, 1:00-2:30 P.M.**

Working together we always accomplish great things for Polish American heritage and the proud history and culture we represent.

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The Polish American Cultural Center presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of an historical event in Polonia or Poland's history.

For your information, we have listed a selection of historic reflections for the month of July.

To see additional Historic Reflections visit:
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July 1, 1926 - Benjamin Franklin Bridge (opened)

Opened in 1926, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge was built by Ralph Modjeski, a proud son of Poland. It was a proud day for Modjeski, especially as more and more Poles immigrated to America to be part of the Industrial Revolution and America's great ethnic mosaic. Polish workers were part of the team that helped Modjeski build the bridge which was first named the Delaware River Bridge. 2026 commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

July 2, 1923 - Wislawa Szymborska (Born)

Wislawa Szymborska was a Polish poet, essayist and translator. As the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1996, and numerous other awards, Wislawa Szymborska is considered one of the most important Polish poets of our time.



July 3, 1879 - Alfred Korzybski (Born)

Alfred Korzybski developed the theory of General Semantics, which states that human beings are limited in what they know by (1) the structure of their nervous system and (2) the structure of their languages. Alfred Korzybski published many books in the United States and lived in Lakeville, CT until his death in 1950.

July 4, 1934 - Marie Sklodowska Curie (Died)

A noted chemist and physicist, Marie Sklodowska Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland, on November 7, 1867. She was the first person and the only woman to be awarded two Nobel Prizes, in 1903 for Physics, and in 1911 for Chemistry. During her lifetime, she received over 125 degrees, medals and decorations from universities and organizations around the world. The Marie Curie-Sklodowska Institute in Lublin, Poland was founded in 1944 to further scientific research and learning.



July 5, 1879 - Wanda Landowska (Born)

Wanda Landowska was a Polish harpsichordist whose performances, teachings, recordings and writings played a large role in reviving the popularity of that instrument in the early 20th century. Wanda Landowska, who spent her last years in Connecticut, was the first person to record Bach's Goldberg Variations on the harpsichord.

July 6, 2000 - Wladyslaw Szpilman (Died)

Wladyslaw Szpilman was a Polish pianist and composer. He is well known as the protagonist of the Roman Polanski film, "The Pianist", based on Szpilman's autobiographical book recounting how he survived during World War II.



July 7, 1980 - Marika Dominczyk (Born)

Marika Dominczyk is a Polish-born American actress who has appeared in such films as the Forty Year Old Virgin and many television series including ABC's Brothers & Sisters. Marika landed the lead role of Lara in "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell".

July 8, 1925 - Dr. Alina Szczesniak (Born)

Dr. Alina Szczesniak emigrated to the United States and became the world's leading authority on food texture. She was a food scientist and researcher for General Foods Corporation for 34 years.



July 9, 1926 - John Dingell (Born)

We salute Representative John Dingell of Michigan, son of Polish immigrants, who was the longest serving member of the House of Representatives from 1955-2015.

July 10, 1835 - Henryk Wieniawski (Born)

Henryk Wieniawski was considered a violinist of genius and wrote some of the most important works in the violin repertoire. He passed away in 1880. Poland has honored Wieniawski by placing his portrait on postage stamps in 1952 and 1957, and on a 100 zloty coin in 1979. Every fifth year since 1952, Poland hosts the International Henryk Wieniawski Violin Competition.



July 11, 1926 - Reginald Lisowski (Born)

Reginald Lisowski was better known by his professional wrestling ring name, "The Crusher". Legend has it that the name came about when a promoter made an off-hand comment that he "just crushes everybody." His barrel-chested physique stuck with him for most of his career, and he won many wrestling titles, including the World Heavyweight Championship three times.

July 12, 1970 - Gerald Ostroski (Born)

Gerald Ostroski born in Collegeville, PA, is a former American football offensive lineman who played for the Buffalo Bills in the National Football League. He played college football at Tulsa University.

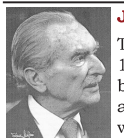


July 13, 1889 - Stanley Coveleski (Born)

Stanley Anthony Coveleski, was a Major League pitcher who played for the Philadelphia Athletics, the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Senators. Stanley Coveleski was famous for his spitball and one of the 17 pitchers allowed to continue to throw this pitch after it was outlawed in 1920. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969 and the National Polish American Hall of Fame in 1976.

July 14, 1886 - Jozef Zawadzki (Born)

Jozef Zawadzki was a famous physical chemist and technologist. His daughter Anna Zawadzka became a leader of the Polish scouting movement.



July 15, 1894 - Tadeusz Sendzimir (Born)

Tadeusz Sendzimir was an engineer and inventor with 120 patents in mining and metalwork. His name has been given to revolutionary methods of processing steel and metals used in every industrialized nation of the world.

July 16, 1971 - Edward Kowalczyk (Born)

Edward Joel Kowalczyk is the former lead singer for the band Live. He claims to be influenced by the writer Jiddu Krishnamurti and integral thinker Ken Wilber, and his lyrics reflect his mystical and spiritual tendency. He has influenced bands such as Daughtry, Matchbox Twenty and Breaking Benjamin.



July 17, 1976 - Dagmara Dominczyk (Born)

Polish-born American actress, Dagmara Dominczyk, was born this day in Kielce, Poland. Dagmara found herself in New York City after her family was expelled from Poland for her father's involvement in the Solidarity Movement. She is best known for her role as Mercedes in the 2002 movie The Count of Monte Cristo.

July 18, 1890 - Patryota (First Published)

We remember the first edition of Philadelphia's first Polish language publication printed on this day in 1890. The newspaper was called the *Patryota* (Patriot) and helped meet the needs of thousands of Polish immigrants in Philadelphia.



July 19, 1894 - Jerzy Pajackowski-Dydynski (Born)

Jerzy Pajackowski-Dydynski was a career military officer who served in World War I, the Polish War against Soviet Russia under General Haller in 1920-1921 and World War II. He is known as having been the oldest man in the United Kingdom at the time of his death at 111 years old.

PACC Historic Reflections Project Part 2

July 20, 1936 - Barbara Mikulski (Born)

Barbara Ann Mikulski was an American politician of the Democratic Party and was the most senior female Senator at the time when she retired. She was Maryland's first female senator, having served since 1987. She received 1,504,691 votes in her 2004 reelection campaign, the largest number of votes at the time for a senate candidate in Maryland. She was the longest-serving woman in the history of the US Congress and retired in 2017 as the longest-serving senator in Maryland history.



July 21, 1935 - Myron "Moe" Drabowsky (Born)

Myron Walter "Moe" Drabowsky was born in Ozanna, Poland. He was a well known right-handed relief pitcher in Major League Baseball and played for several teams including the Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox. In 1987, Moe returned to Poland as a baseball ambassador to help his birth nation form its first team for Olympic competition.



July 22, 1983 - Martial Law (Ended)

Martial law in Poland (Polish: Stan wojenny w Polsce, "the state of war") refers to the period of time from December 13, 1981 to July 22, 1983 when the government of the People's Republic of Poland drastically restricted normal life by introducing martial law in an attempt to crush the political opposition against Communist rule in Poland.



July 23, 1829 - Wojciech Boguslawski (Died)

Wojciech Boguslawski, born in Glinno, a village near Poznan, was a Polish actor, theater director and playwright. Known as the Polish-Enlightenment "Father of Polish Theater," he was the director of the National Theater (Teatr Narodowy), 1783-85, 1790-94 and 1799-1814. Boguslawski died in Warsaw in 1829.



July 24, 1909 - Jerzy Rozycki (Born)

Jerzy Rozycki was a mathematician and cryptologist who, along with fellow mathematicians Henryk Zygański and Marian Rejewski, made up the three-man team who cracked the German Enigma code during World War II.



July 25, 1831 - Maria Szymanowska (Died)

Maria Szymanowska was noted as the first virtuosa pianist and also was considered by some as the best female piano performer ever.



July 26, 1844 - Stefan Drzewiecki (Born)

Stefan Drzewiecki was a Polish scientist and engineer who distinguished himself internationally in aviation and ship building. He also invented the kilometric counters for taxi cabs.



July 27, 1956 - Dave Dombrowski (Born)

Dave Dombrowski was the president, CEO, and general manager of the Major League baseball team, the Detroit Tigers. Dombrowski signed free agents such as catcher Iván Rodríguez, left-handed pitcher Kenny Rogers, and outfielder Magglio Ordóñez, whose ninth-inning home run in ALCS Game 4 catapulted Detroit to the pennant in 2006. He served as President of Baseball Operations for the Boston Red Sox from 2015-2019.



July 28, 1961 - Scott Parazynski (Born)

Scott Parazynski, from Little Rock, AR, is a distinguished Polish American and NASA astronaut. Dr. Parazynski has logged over 1,381 hours (over 8 weeks) in space, including over 47 hours of EVA (Extra-vehicular activity) during 7 spacewalks, and has traveled over 23 million miles.



July 29, 2002 - Charles Wysocki (Died)

Charles Wysocki was a Polish American artist famous for his primitive Americana artwork. Wysocki is well known for his posters, prints, greeting cards, puzzles and calendars.



July 30, 1619 - Polish Settlers (First Labor Strike)

The first Polish settlers in Jamestown, VA, organized the FIRST labor strike on July 30, 1619, to protest their lack of participation in the new Virginia government. The assembly realized the importance of the Polish settlers and granted them representation in the new government of the Virginia colony.



July 31, 1959 - Michael Bielecki (Born)

Michael Joseph Bielecki (born July 31, 1959 in Baltimore, Maryland) is a former professional baseball player who pitched in the Major Leagues from 1984-1997. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first round (8th pick) of the 1979 amateur draft (Secondary Phase). He made his debut on September 14, 1984. His final game was on August 16, 1997.

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I welcome you to review the information from my recent weekly commentaries and ask that you share this information with others.

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Your Example Encourages Others to Get Involved!

Every time we promote the **Buy American Made Campaign** to family, friends and neighbors it's another opportunity to get more people involved in supporting American workers and the businesses that employ them.

Americans are feeling much better about the United States economy as businesses are growing and more product lines are being created to address the demands of customers. All of this is helping expand more jobs of every type in the United States. Much of what is happening is due to our long term focus to encourage the American people to seek out products made and assembled by American workers. Our supporter's actions and buying habits have been noted by America's businesses, by foreign importers and by store owners across America and is helping us to see more American made items available where we shop.

Outsourcing manufacturing to foreign countries and the loss of jobs and job skills did not happen in just 5 or 10 years, it has been happening for decades. With more Americans now united to support American made, we have the opportunity to maintain and restore industries to compete with foreign made items and create millions of new jobs for today's workers and for future generations.

As we often say, if only 50% of the items that you are looking for today were made in the U.S.A., millions of full and part time jobs would be added to the American economy. It would also keep more of our hard earned dollars circulating in the United States of America where American workers want to earn a living and be able to support themselves.

Thanks for seeking out products and services you know are supporting many levels of American workers.

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We Continue to Promote a Positive End Result!

Our campaign has always discussed ways to support jobs in America, and our end result has always focused on increasing jobs for American workers and improving the economy of the nation where we live and want all Americans to thrive.

One issue often discussed on "American Workers Radio" is the need to focus more of our tax dollars on educating America's high school students with a quality education that includes reading, math, history and a major focus on at least one job skill upon graduation that will allow every student to support themselves and thrive. **Offering students a diverse education that provides skills necessary for the modern workplace is the only way our nation can succeed in a global economy.** Although our service economy remained strong for many years, students must be prepared to apply their talents in every aspect of industry from research and development to high tech manufacturing processes to sales and management.

Your Efforts Matter

For many years, businesses have been stating loud and clear that they need more new graduates with hands on training in order to restore industries in the United States of America. The reality of change is upon us and in order for us to see more American made labels in circulation where we shop; **we need more graduates ready and able to lead the way so more businesses are confident that their investments will benefit business owners, investors and American workers.**

In recent years we have seen many businesses looking to expand their product lines in America. To help these businesses succeed, the **Buy American Made Campaign** has been urging everyone to support the products which represent the workmanship of American workers.

Thanks for supporting our efforts. Kindly spread our message to your family and friends so businesses continue to grow and more Americans are able to be employed.

Americans Have Always Had The Power!

We have always told supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** that **America's consumers have the power to make positive changes** in the way business is done in America simply by choosing how we spend our money and what we choose to support.

After years of promoting our movement, it is great to see Americans united to save and expand jobs for American workers. **It is vital that people share ideas that are encouraging business owners and investors to take a new look at making and circulating products made in the United States of America.**

If we put ourselves in the position of business owners considering to expand or relocate in America we would want to know that **America's consumers will go out of their way to support American workers and the Made in America label.**

By spending more of our money on what is made in America, we make it known that we support the products that represent the skills of American workers from the point of production to the point of sale. With your help we will reach the goal of having more competitive American made items available side-by-side with the imported items which continue to flood America's stores.

Kindly spread the word and thanks for your participation.

Support Your Local Businesses Throughout the Year and During

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As more Americans help to spread the word about restoring jobs and America's economy, everyone is urged to help us promote "National Small Business Weekend."

We began this special campaign in **March, 2012**, in response to local businesses stating that they lost customers to larger stores. In order to help local businesses, we encouraged supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** to shop local more often and began the **National Small Business Weekend** effort to show our supporters how important local businesses are to their communities.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities all over the United States. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed.

For more information, visit NationalSmallBusinessWeekend.com.

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- Troubleshoot and repair AC/DC motors, pumps, and rotating equipment
- Diagnose mechanical and electrical issues on-site
- Disassemble, repair, align, and reinstall equipment
- Communicate with team members (in English and/or Polish)
- Follow safety procedures and represent the company professionally

Qualifications:

- Experience with motors, pumps, or similar equipment
- OR mechanical/electrical experience with willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently and solve problems in the field
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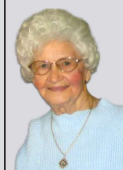


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Sto Lat



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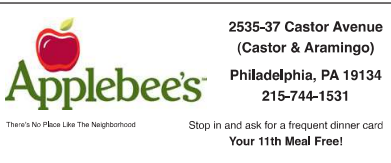
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