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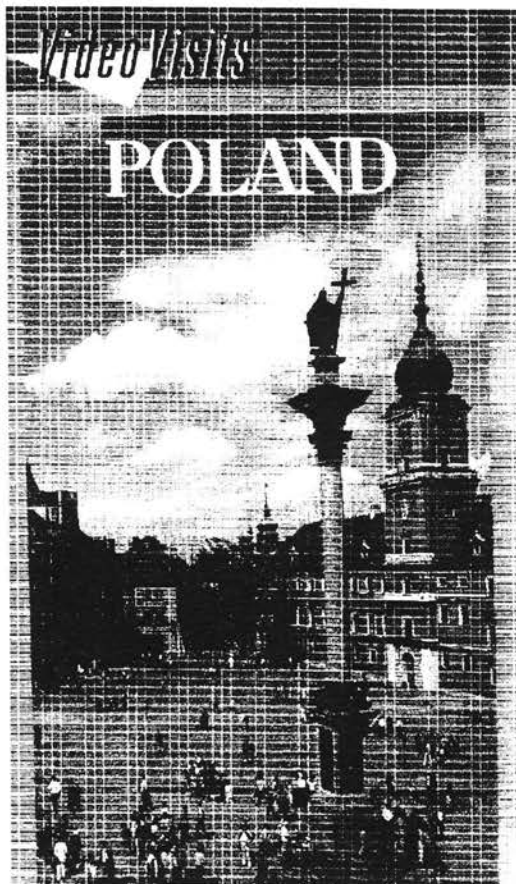
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April Membership Meeting to Feature Video Presentations

The next general membership meeting of the **Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota** will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 13, 1996 at the Northeast Public Library, 2200 Central Ave. NE in Minneapolis. The meeting will feature two video taped presentations of interest to our members.

The first tape, **Polish Roots in Carlton County**, describes Polish settlement in Pine and Carlton

POLISH ROOTS IN CARLTON COUNTY



counties in and around the towns of **Sturgeon Lake, Cloquet, Moose Lake** and **Willow River**. The video also features the establishment of the several Catholic churches in the area which had significant Polish membership. These include: **St. Joseph** in Split Rock, **St. Casimir** in Cloquet, **St. Isidore** in Sturgeon Lake, **Holy Family** in Moose Lake and **St. Mary** in Willow River. Names of many of the original Polish families are mentioned. This video is available through the Carlton County Historical Society, 406 Cloquet Ave, Cloquet, MN 55720 for \$7.00 plus postage and handling.

The second tape, **Poland: A Proud Heritage**, is a travelogue of the country. Those of you who are planning a visit to Poland (or those who wish to go) will enjoy this preview. Warsaw's Castle Square, Cracow's Wawel Hill, the Tatra Mountains, the Bialowieza Forest, a trip down the Dunajec River and the monastery of Jasna Gora are among the many attractions prominently featured. This video is available through The Kosciuszko Foundation Bookstore, 15 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10021 for \$24.95 plus postage and handling.

President's Letter

By Greg Kishel

Our Society started 1996 with a shot of vigor--nearly 40 members and guests heard member Michael Dec's entertaining presentation on his genealogical trip to Galicia, at our February 10th meeting. This was probably a record attendance, whether for our usual location at the Northeast Minneapolis Public Library, or for anywhere else we've assembled. We had good representation from both the Twin Cities and outstate Minnesota, garnered in several new members, and saw other new faces. Let's build on this show of interest and energy!

I am happy to be starting a term as the PGS-MN's third president; change is good for any organization, even one whose basic subject matter is as static as genealogy is. Our organization is well into its fifth year of operations. We have some 140 dues-paying members. Over the past year we have tried to expand and systematize our efforts for meeting publicity and for member retention. We have put the *Newsletter* on a regular publication schedule and have largely adhered to it--the inevitable vagaries of "Polish time" notwithstanding! These efforts are starting to show some results, but there is more to be done to grow. With that theme in mind, I am suggesting several initiatives for our group. I will spend a couple of President's Letters to present them to you.

The first effort I would like to start is a drive to *increase membership in outstate Minnesota*. We have a stable membership base in the large urban Polish-American community in the Twin Cities. I am surprised, however, that we have so few members in the Winona area, one of the first and most prominent areas of Kaszubian settlement in the United States. We have very few members in the regions of St. Cloud/central Minnesota and southwestern Minnesota, which also had significant Polish immigration. Finally, we have only a couple of members in St. Louis County, and none at all either in Duluth or on the Iron Range. Again, this is a surprise; the Zenith City had a large enough Polish community to support at least four church congregations, including one of the very few parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church in the state, and the Range had a diversity in Eastern European immigration unmatched by few areas in the whole country.

Many of the descendants of these communities left "the old home town" for the metro area and elsewhere, but many are still there. There are genealogists in these areas who have interests in Poland. There are many more people of Eastern European descent there whose interest in family history could be sparked. We just need to let them know that we are here to help them. To do this, we will be "getting our act together and taking it on the road." We will try to have a couple of "outstate outreach" meetings each year, in cosponsorship with a local genealogical group if possible. We have a growing bank of speakers, and can formulate programs of local interest--whether they are structured as "how-to" presentations, regional history, or personal experiences in genealogical travel. Needless to say, our presenters will be a testament to the benefits of membership and participation in our Society.

These outreach meetings, of course, will not supplant our regular membership meetings in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Those will continue on our past schedule of four per season, plus our usual full participation in the Minnesota Genealogical Society's "Branching Out" extravaganza. These ancillary meetings, however, will be scheduled with an eye toward a nice Saturday drive in good weather for those of our metro-area members who would like to see how the country cousins do their genealogy.

As the incoming chair of our Program and Publicity Committee, I will need some help to make these plans a reality. I will be contacting several outstate local genealogical societies this spring, to gauge their interest in cosponsorship. I will also be contacting a few of you out in the country, for your assistance--unless you contact me first! I'm open to all ideas; if you have a topic you'd like to present through our vehicle, a speaker you'd like to see, a place to meet, or most anything else that would help us get up and running on this project, I want to hear from you. Let's try to make this truly the Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota!

I will pick up with my other ideas in our next issue. Stay tuned, and pitch in.

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The Bulletin Board

YOU WILL NOTICE a **membership questionnaire** inserted between the middle pages of this newsletter. We encourage all members to complete this questionnaire and to return it promptly. This is your chance to provide us with your input. The results of this survey will help determine the future direction of this organization.

With this issue there is a change in the POSITION OF EDITOR of this newsletter. From now on, all submissions of articles, letters to the editor, new items, queries, etc. should be sent to: **Paul Kulas, PGS-MN Newsletter, 12008 West River Road, Champlin, MN 55316.** We encourage members submit items for publication. Please help us publish a quality newsletter useful to all members.

With this issue ED BRANDT'S BIBLIOGRAPHY, "**Some Resources for Research on Polish-American Genealogy**", is concluded. This bibliography began in the Winter 1994-95 issue of this newsletter and has appeared in each issue since then. We thank Ed for this very fine compilation of resources for researching our Polish ancestry. We hope that members have found this bibliography useful in their individual research.

The new year marked the start of the term of office for newly elected officers and appointed committee chairs of PGS-MN. Their names are listed on page 2. These people make up our BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Our constitution states: "The general government, management, and direction of the PGSMn shall be vested in the Board of Directors." The board therefore, is the final authority regarding the activities and direction of PGS-MN. Up to now, advance notice of the board's meetings has not been made to the general membership and meetings have been held in private homes. At the first meeting for 1996, it was decided that notice of board meetings should be given to general membership by way of the newsletter and that meetings should be held in a public place (Notice the announcement of the April board meeting in Upcoming Events on page 12). All members therefore are encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors and to become active participants in the planning and execution of activities of PGS-MN.

The new year also marked the departure from the Board of Directors of two charter members of PGS-MN. **Blanche Krbecek**, our founding president, guided PGS-MN during its formative years and laid the groundwork for most of our activities. Our three major activities -- newsletter, programs and library -- were all initiated during her tenure as president. **Ed Brandt**, was our long-time program chair and as such was responsible for arranging most of our programs since our

organization's inception. He was also responsible for starting and staffing Polish Night at the Library and has been a frequent contributor to the newsletter. We thank Blanche and Ed for their long service to PGS-MN and hope they will continue to be active members of our organization. Their experience and expertise are invaluable.

The new year also marked the end of **Kornel Kondy's** tenure as President and as editor of the newsletter. We thank Kornel for his many contributions to our organization. Kornel will continue to serve on the board as immediate past president and on the newsletter staff as contributing editor.

Dated material for this issue of the newsletter has delayed the printing of the series about **Polish Churches in the New Ulm Diocese.** Hopefully this series will begin with the Summer issue. In the meantime, remember that films of the vital records of Polish parishes in the Diocese of New Ulm are available at the LDS Family History Center in Crystal. Film numbers 1705530 and 1705531 include records of **St. Adalbert's Church in Silver Lake.** Numbers 1710897 and 1710898 include records of **St. Joseph's Church in Rosen.** Number 1710900 includes records of **St. Joseph's Church in Holloway.** Numbers 1711138 and 1711269 include records of **SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Taunton.** Numbers 1728358 and 1728360 include records of **SS. Peter and Paul Church in Ivanhoe** and numbers 1718361, 1728378 and 1728379 include records of **St. John Cantius Church in Wilno.** These films are filed with other permanent loan items at the Crystal library and the call numbers include GS prefix letters prior to the film numbers.

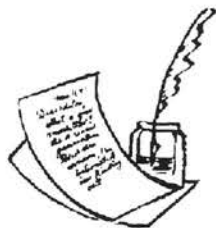
Also remember the films of the vital records of all parishes (including its Polish parishes) of the **Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis** are available at the archdiocesan archives. The archives are located at 226 Summit Avenue in St. Paul and are open to the public **by appointment only.** Call (612) 291-4429 to schedule an appointment.

NEEDED: Someone to SERF THE INTERNET. At the first board meeting in 1996 the need for a computer committee was discussed. PGS-MN needs to have a presence on the World Wide Web. We need someone with computer expertise to show us how this can be accomplished. Are you willing to undertake this responsibility? If you are interested in serving as Computer Committee Chair or as a committee member contact Greg Kishel, PGS-MN President, P.O. Box 16069, St. Paul, MN 55116-0069 or call any member of our Board of Directors listed on page 2.

Volunteers are needed for the FEEFHS convention held in Bloomington, June 8-12, 1996. If you can help, contact: Ed Brandt, 13 - 27th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3101.

Visiting Duluth?? You may want to sample authentic Polish food at **The Polish Hearth** at 114 West 1st Street. There are also several historically Polish Catholic churches in the area. They are: **St. Mary Star of the Sea** at 325 East 3rd Street, **SS. Peter and Paul** (now called Holy Family since the parish was merged with a nearby French parish) at 2401 West 5th Street and **St. Joseph** at 6110 Church Road in nearby Gnesen. **St. Josephat National Polish Catholic Church** is located at 417 North 3rd Avenue East.

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Letters to the Editor Listy do Redaktora

Editor's Note: The following letter was received by the Polanie Club of Minneapolis. They sent it on to us because its subject concerns family history and they thought it deserved publicity. We agree. We hope that its publication in *PGS-MN Newsletter* yields desired information for its writer.

Szanowny Panie!/Szanowna Pani!

Although my written and spoken Polish is remarkably good, English is my first language, so I'll continue with that.

I am writing in the hope that your publishing company is alive and well. I have a 1977 edition of your book *Treasured Polish Christmas Customs and Traditions*, an excellent publication that has given me great joy over the years.

I am working on a book tracing Polish post-war immigration from Germany. It begins with my parents' families and their lives in Radom (about 100 miles south of Warsaw), continues into their experience of forced labour in Germany during the Second World War, travels through their years in the displaced persons camps of Germany (Jerzbeck, Wendorff/Wendorck, Eckenforde, Lübeck, Minster) and then takes them to Australia in 1950. I was born after the war in Germany.

My parents are now almost 81 years old (10/1/1915) and 75 years old (9/2/1921) respectively. They have remarkable memories, which is a good thing - I would never have thought to write this book 20 years ago, when they were younger and stronger. Sadly, many old friends of that generation are gone on their final journey. Those left behind are fading. Nevertheless, I have some wonderful first-hand accounts of their experiences.

To give my book an international perspective, it is very important that I trace some of those Polish folk who found themselves in German displaced persons camps when World War II ended. They may well remember my parents, Stanislaw and Józefa (Kwaczynskówna) Wilk. Life is full of extraordinary coincidence, even though the road from German displaced persons camps radiated out in every direction on the globe.

Leaflets were distributed throughout those camps, inviting immigration to the U.S.A. (long queues), England, Canada, Venezuela (too hot!) and Australia (*where?!!*). My mother was somewhat nervous about travelling to a country she'd never heard of but my father had great hope in his heart. One can only speculate on the colourful rumour that swept these camps filled with thousands of hungry, exhausted, frightened and mostly idle people, too scared to go back home because of the Russians and Communism but anxious to settle into a new life with their children.

I would be absolutely delighted to hear from you. Even if you cannot help me directly, perhaps you may be able to put me in touch with clubs, organizations or individuals who left the displaced person camps of Germany for the United States of America. Some stories simply *have* to be told.

Of course, the other fascinating aspect of a book like this is a "whatever happened to ...?" chapter that deals with the children of the immigrants. Did they manage to maintain something of their parents' culture in their new country? Did they prosper? Did they stick to the Polish community or branch out? This book does not pretend to offer any kind of statistical analysis. Rather, it is more concerned with anecdotal information - the human beings behind the statistics, the personalities, the struggles, the achievements, the contribution to their adopted countries. While I am very concerned with accuracy, I am also anxious to keep the book balanced, so that tales of tragedy and heartache are offset with tales of humour and happiness.

If there is any one of my generation who would like to contribute a page or two on their American experience, or that of their parents, I should be delighted to hear from them. I plan to devote a chapter to the lives of other disenfranchised Poles who found themselves a long way from the rhythms of Polish city and country life. Mingled with the determination to make a better life must have been a hunger for the familiar strains of music, colour and tradition that were laid down in our ancestral memories generations ago and reinforced throughout our lives. On top of it all lies the culture of our adopted country, which all of us have grown to love.

Łączę wyrazy prawdziwego szacunku i serdeczne pozdrowienia,

Yours Sincerely,

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An article on several ethnic churches in Minnesota was published in the March, 1966 issue of Minnesota Monthly. Polish churches featured in this issue are **St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Winona** on page 20 and **St. John Cantius Church in Wilno** on pages 44-46.

You are reminded that **POLISH NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY** continues at the MGS Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. One of our more experienced genealogists is there to assist you on these nights. Complete library hours are: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 pm; Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and 6:30 to 9:30 pm; and on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The library is located at 1650 Carroll Avenue in St. Paul. Come and make good use of this facility, of our Polish collection and of Polish nights at the library on the second Thursday of each month.

Orchard Lake (Michigan) Schools Emphasize Polish Heritage

by Paul Kulas

In the Fall issue of this newsletter, I described a trip through Polish areas of Ontario, Michigan and Wisconsin (See: "A TRIP TO POLISH CANADA (and to Polish Michigan and Wisconsin), Autumn, 1995, pp. 5-8). In that article I mentioned that I would describe the Orchard Lake (MI) Schools and the various centers on campus in more detail in a future issue. This article is based on my impressions during that visit and on various promotional pieces of literature gathered at that time.

The Orchard Lake Schools have played a significant role in the Polish immigrant experience in North America. The Orchard Lake Schools trace their origins to the establishment of the "Polish Seminary" in Detroit, Michigan in 1885. The need for a Polish Seminary emerged in the 1870's in response to concerns for the pastoral care for the many Polish immigrants then arriving. In 1879, **Father Leopold Moczygemba** (the founder of America's first permanent Polish community in Panna Maria, Texas) secured permission from Pope Leo XIII to establish a seminary for training young men for service to the Polish immigrants in America. Four years later, **Father Joseph Dabrowski** (who was for twelve years pastor of the first Polish community in Polonia, Wisconsin and was also responsible for the establishment of the Felician Sisters in the United States) undertook the establishment of the institution and the idea of a Polish Seminary became a reality.

The Orchard Lake Schools have trained many of the priests and religious leaders of historically Polish parishes in the United States and Canada. It is worth noting that of the current Americans in the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, three of the ten are of Polish descent and have ties to the Orchard Lake Schools. This is a far cry from the situation at the turn of the century, when Polish immigrants undertook a campaign to secure the appointment of one of their own to the American church hierarchy. This campaign was finally successful when **Father Paul Rhode** was made Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in 1908. He was



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the first American bishop of Polish descent (For a description of the efforts to obtain a Polish bishop see Chapter 5, "History of the Polish Church in America" in A History of the Poles in America to 1908, Part I, by Waclaw Kruszka, copy available in the Polish collection at the MGS library).

Of the three Cardinals of Polish descent the most recent appointee (1994) is **Adam Cardinal Maida**, Archbishop of Detroit and a 1948 graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory and a student at Saint Mary's College from 1948-1950. He joins Saint Mary's College alumnus, **John Cardinal Krol** of Philadelphia, as a prince of the Church. (Cardinal Krol died March 3, 1996.) The third Cardinal of Polish descent, **Edmund Cardinal Szoka** former archbishop of Detroit now at the Vatican, is an honorary alumnus of the Orchard Lake Schools.

Twenty-four years after its opening in Detroit, the growing Polish Seminary moved to Orchard Lake, Michigan in 1909, occupying the more expansive facilities of the former Michigan Military Academy. In 1927, three separate institutions were created under the umbrella title -- The Orchard Lake Schools. They are: Saint Mary's Preparatory, Saint Mary's College and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary.

Saint Mary's Preparatory is a four-year secondary program of pre-college studies preparing young men for future study and careers of service. Academic standards are high and 95% of its students attend college upon graduation.

Saint Mary's College is a four-year, co-educational, Catholic liberal arts college offering Bachelor of Arts, Science, Business Administration, General Studies, and Human Services degrees. In keeping with Saint Mary's commitment to the perpetuation of Polish culture it offers a Polish Studies major among its programs of study. This major offers a broad range of courses in Polish language, literature, history and culture. (I would like to suggest that perhaps a course entitled "Tracing your Polish Family History" might be an attractive addition to the requirements for this degree.)

SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary is a Roman Catholic seminary and a co-educational graduate school of theology with a unique ethnic and pastoral

focus, which offers a variety of programs to prepare men and women for various Church ministries. Among its students are native Poles being trained for ministry in dioceses throughout the United States and Canada.

The recently appointed President of Saint Mary's College is PGS-MN member **Dr. Thaddeus C. Radzilowski**. When we visited the Orchard Lake campus in August of 1995, he graciously gave my wife and me a personally escorted tour of the campus.

Among the sites of special interest to those interested in Polish aspects of the campus are: The Castle, the Ark, the Galeria, the Activities Building, the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, the Dombrowski Fieldhouse, the Alumni Memorial Library and the Marian Grotto.

The Castle, built in 1858 as a private residence, is the oldest building on campus. It served as the headquarters for the Michigan Military Academy. It now serves as the residence of the Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, houses a formal conference room known as "The Walnut Room", and includes a number of guest rooms. Special overnight guests at the Castle have included **Karol Cardinal Wojtyla** (now Pope John Paul II), in 1969 and 1976 and the Primate of Poland, **Jozef Cardinal Glemp**, in 1985 and 1993.

The Ark, houses various Centers, Museums and Archives each dealing with some aspect of the Polish experience either in Europe or in America.

The **Center for Polish Studies and Culture** was established "to promote broader understanding and deeper appreciation of the Polish experience through research, educational programs and publications." The **Polish American Liturgical Center** was founded to supply Polish-American communities with Polish language homiletic and liturgical materials. The **Pope John Paul II Center** was established to "gather, organize, and make available all materials connected with the life, papacy, and teachings of the Polish Pope."

Among the museums located in the Ark are the Pope John Paul II Museum, the Polish Army 2nd Corps Museum, the 1st Polish Armour Division Museum, the Polish Home Army Museum, and the Polish Singer's Alliance Museum.



Historical marker on the Orchard Lake campus

The Ark also houses the **Central Archives of Polonia**. The archives is a repository for materials dealing with the Orchard Lake Schools, American Polonia, and Polish history and culture. It contains an abundance of material of interest to the Polish researcher. Its holding include: Jubilee Books and other information of Polish parishes, biographical information of Polish priests, materials from Polish organizations, yearbooks of Polish schools and other materials of American Polonia. It also contains several personal collections of interest. These include: the papers of Father Franciszek Bolek who was the publisher of the *Encyclopedia of Polonia* and the research notes of Frank Renkiewicz who was the author of the Polish chapter in *They Chose Minnesota: A Survey of The State's Ethnic Groups*. Researchers are welcome but a letter or a call to the archives outlining research goals and requesting an appointment before coming would be appreciated. The address of the archives is: Central Archives of Polonia/Centralne Archiwum Polonii, The Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324. Polish speakers may call the Director, Rev. Roman Nir at (810) 683-0412 and English speakers may call the Vice-Director, Mrs. Carol Baerman at (810) 683-0409.

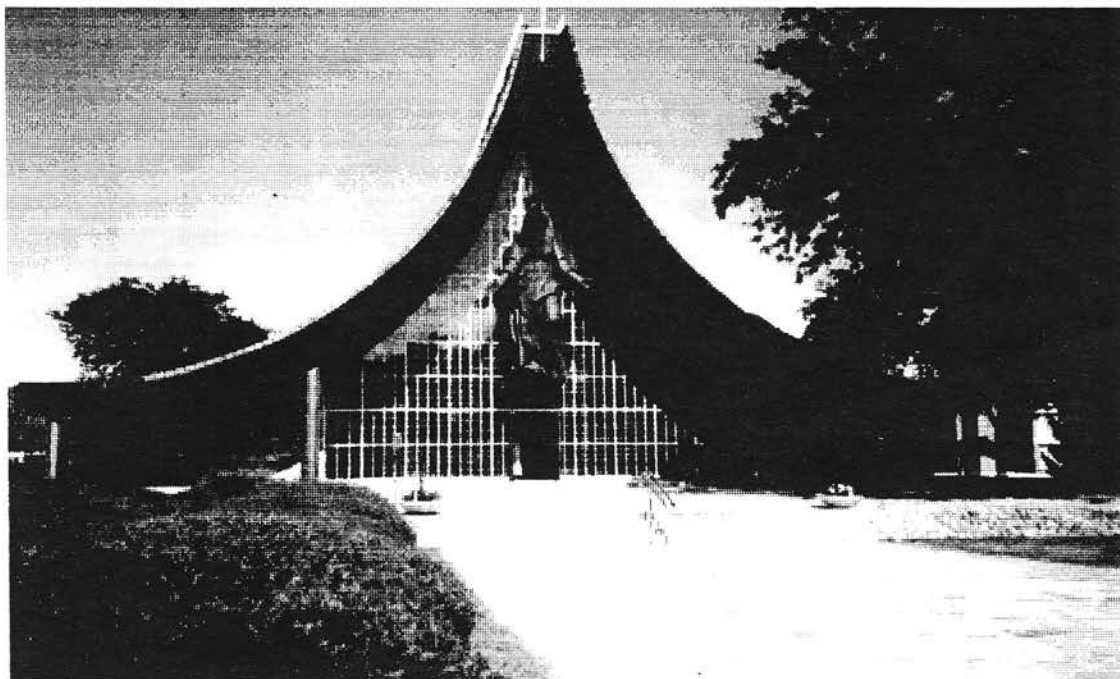
The Galeria, a beautiful military structure of red

brick, was originally a mess hall for the Michigan Military Academy. It served as the campus chapel for the Orchard Lake Schools from 1919 to 1962. It is now the art gallery for the campus. It regularly features exhibits of Polish and Polish American Art as well as lectures and concerts.

The Activities Building, is a multipurpose service building which houses a variety of functions including the St. Mary's Bookstore, the Polish Heritage Room and the Polish Historical Panorama. **The St. Mary's Bookstore** sells a variety of items of interest to Polish Americans including greeting cards in English and Polish, books, souvenirs, clothing and religious articles. **The Polish Heritage Room** displays unique Polish books and folk arts. **The Polish Historical Panorama**, depicts more than one thousand years of Polish history and culture through more than 100 hand-crafted figures synchronized on a moving track with a taped narration in either English or Polish. The Panorama may be seen by appointment only and there is a nominal admission fee. It is a "must see" on a visit to the Orchard Lake campus.

The Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake is a modern structure built in 1963. A sculpture of Our Lady of Orchard Lake graces the front entrance.

The Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake is located on the Orchard Lake campus. The shrine features a sculpture of Our Lady of Orchard Lake above the front entrance. It also houses six Marian chapels, each dedicated to an aspect of Polish religiosity, behind the main altar.

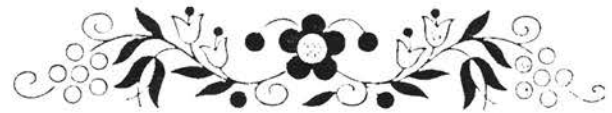


The church includes six Marian chapels in a separate area behind the main altar. The first chapel on the right is a chapel dedicated to canonized American saints. A second is dedicated to **Our Lady of Ostrabrama** with a copy of the painting that is revered at Wilno's old city gate. A third chapel is dedicated to the canonized saints of Poland. A fourth chapel commemorates **Our Lady's Church in Krakow** (Kosciol Mariacki) and includes a smaller version of the triptych by Wit Stwosz. A fifth is dedicated to **Our Lady of Czestochowa**, Queen of Poland and includes a replica of that most famous painting. The final chapel is dedicated to those who served in the Polish Army's 2nd Corps. Be sure to view these chapels when visiting the campus.

The Dombrowski Fieldhouse is another highlight when visiting the campus. **The National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame** is located on the second floor. The Hall pays tribute to Polish Americans who have distinguished themselves in athletics. A visit to the Hall brought back special memories of my childhood when I was an avid



The National Polish American Hall of Fame is located in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse on the Orchard Lake campus.



sports fan. Among the heroes of my youth who are inducted in the NPASHF are Polish-Americans **Johnny Lujack**, **Ziggy Czarobski** and **Leon Hart**, who led Notre Dame's "Fighting Irish" to four undefeated seasons between 1946 and 1949, and charter member **Stan Musial**, who led the National Baseball League in hitting, seven times between 1943 and 1957. I want to do a separate article on the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame in a future issue of this newsletter.

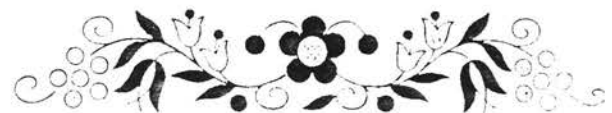
The Alumni Memorial Library supports the curriculum of the Orchard Lake Schools. Of special importance is the Library's Polish language collection of over 8,500 volumes and 100 periodicals. This collection is one of the largest of its kind in the country and contains unique titles.

The Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which faces Orchard Lake, has become a popular shrine of devotion which attracts thousands of visitors annually.

The Orchard Lake Schools promote a **Polish Day** on the first Sunday of each month. The "Polish Sunday" program includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and homily in the Polish language, followed by dinner, special lectures, tours, viewing of the Polish Historical Panorama and cultural activities.

For information about any aspect of the Orchard Lake Schools and Centers, write to: The Chancellor, The Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake, MI 48324-0515. Phone: (810) 682-1885/(313) 963-8075.

The Orchard Lake campus is rich in references to Polish and Polish American history and culture. It is well worth a visit by those interested in their ethnic heritage. You should call ahead to make sure the buildings you are interested in will be open to you when you arrive.



SOME RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH ON POLISH-AMERICAN GENEALOGY (CONCLUDED)

compiled by Edward R. Brandt for the
Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota
as revised April 28, 1995

Local Genealogical Resources (in addition to
LDS libraries)

1. Minnesota Historical Society (The new Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul 55102-1906, combines the formerly separate locations of the library and the archives. MHS has published a guide, *Genealogical Resources of the Minnesota Historical Society*, and offers frequent briefings on its resources. The new MHC is just south of I-94 at the Marion St. exit.) (296-2747)
2. Minnesota Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 16069, St. Paul 55116-0069 (The library is now at 1650 Carroll Ave., 1 block south of the Snelling Ave. exit of I-94, then 2 blocks west. This not a mailing address. This facility houses the PGS-MN Polish collection.) (222-6929)
3. Immigration History Research Center, 826 Berry St., St. Paul 55114 (This is between University Ave. & Franklin Ave., 1 block east of the Minneapolis city line.) (627-4208)
4. Borchert Map Library, Wilson Library, University of Minnesota (West Bank), 309 - 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis 55455 (627-4208)
5. Buenger Memorial Library, Concordia College, 275 N. Syndicate St., St. Paul, MN 55104 (The library is located behind the parking lot on Concordia Ave., the eastbound-only south frontage road for I-94, just east of Hamline Ave. The Germanic Genealogical Society collection in the Reference Room includes material relating to Poland, especially, but not only, the formerly German-ruled areas.) (641-8240)
6. Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota, 514 - 22nd Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55418 -- has mostly books on Polish history, literature and culture.

Diplomatic Offices of the Polish Government

1. Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, 1530 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60610-1695 (312-337-8166)
2. Embassy of the Republic of Poland, 2640 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009 (202-234-3800)

REMEMBER

The Fifth United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference
to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 18-21, 1996

Come and use the largest collection of records in the world, including: Polish church and civil records; U.S. ship passenger lists; U.S. census records; naturalization records from many U.S. courts; parish records from Polish Roman Catholic parishes from certain U.S. dioceses; Hamburg ship lists and much more!

On-site translations available at no cost.

Meet the leading United States experts in the field of Polish genealogical research.

Lectures and orientation session on all aspect of Polish research for both the beginner and seasoned researcher.

\$50.00 per person Conference Fee includes Breakfast Buffet Sunday morning, Conference Banquet Monday evening and Conference materials.

For additional information (including registration materials, and savings on hotel resevations and airline fares) write to: **UPGS Chirperson, Mrs. Clare Ann Gaouette, 7822 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213-3420.** Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for reply.

Have Fun and Learn About Polish History & Culture From Early Times to the Renaissance

*A community education course sponsored by
the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM)*

The course will explore many exciting topics on Polish medieval history, culture, and tradition, such as:

Who are the Slavs and where did they come from?

Truth and legends about the establishment of the Polish state

What were the beginnings of Polish towns and villages?

What do Polish names mean?

The White Eagle and other Polish coats of arms

The stories that Polish medieval monuments and art that can tell us;

"trips" to Biskupin, Gniezno, Torun, Krakow, and other places

From Kadlubek to Kopernik: Polish writers of the medieval era

And everything about the kings, queens, knights, and ghosts of

Poland's Middle Ages!

Dates: Wednesdays from May 1-June 19, 1996.

Time: 7-8:30 P.M.

Place: PACIM Library (514 22d Ave. N.E., Minneapolis)

Cost: \$22.50 for PACIM members; \$25 for non-members

Teacher: Anna D. Jaroszynska-Kirchmann

Send checks payable to PACIM to: **PACIM Education committee, c/o John Radzilowski, 1363 W. County Rd. B, #A2, Roseville, MN 55113.** Questions? Call: 604-0210.

FEEFHS CONVENTION, JUNE 1996

The convention of the Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) in Minneapolis on June 9-12 will include many presentations of interest to Polish-American researchers. The convention will be held at the Thunderbird Hotel and Convention Center, 2201 East 78 St. (at the 24th St. exit of I-494).

The following is a sampling of presentations related to Polish research:

Sunday, June 9

1. Joel Wurl, "An Overview of the East European Holdings of the Immigration History Research Center"
2. Helene Cincebeaux, "Lithuania: Research in Archives and Villages"
3. Keren Hobbs, "Farmers, Farriers and Footsoldiers; Imperial Austria-Hungary Recruits an Army of Peasants: War as a Factor Leading to Emigration"
4. Thomas A. Peters, C.G.R.S., "Lemko Genealogy - Case Studies Emphasizing Procedures and Pitfalls"
5. Robert Weiss, "Finding and Obtaining Records on Your Jewish Ancestor from East European Archives"
6. Thomas Kent Edlund, "The Current Status of Microfilming in East, East Central and Southeast Europe"
7. **John Radzilowski, "The Poles in Minnesota and the Dakotas"**
8. **Stanley Brescoll, Jr., "Polish-American Research in the U.S."**
9. Dr. Arlene H. Eakle, "'Place of Birth: Prussia'; But Where? New, Often Unused Records and Newly Available Sources That Tell Where"
10. Prof. William E. Wright, "The Ethnic Composition of the Austro-Hungarian Empire"

Monday, June 10

1. Patricia A. Eames, "Finding Your Family at the National Archives"
2. Father Alfons Kubat, "Obtaining Genealogical Information from Latin Parish Registers"
3. **Jan Zaleski, A.G., "Following the Paper Trail to Your Ancestral Village in Central or Eastern Europe"**
4. Edward Nelson, "The East Europeans of the Iron Range"
5. **Jan Zaleski, A.G., "Overcoming Geographic Obstacles to Polish Research"**
6. Halyna Myroniuk, "The Czech, Slovak, Polish and Rusin Collections at the Immigration History Research Center: Sources for Genealogical Research"
7. Patricia A. Lowe, "LDS Resources for East and Central European Genealogical Research"
8. Robert Weiss, "Tracking Your Ancestors Back to Your Ancestral Village in Central or Eastern Europe and Making Maps of Your Ancestor's Neighboring Villages"

9. Larry Goga, "The Rusins of Minnesota"
10. Brian J. Lenius, "Researching Galizien Germans"
11. Jan Steven Zaleski, A.G., "Finding Records on Ancestors Who Entered the United States from Canada"

Tuesday, June 11

1. Brian J. Lenius, "Multi-Ethnic Research in Galicia"
2. Dallas R. Lindgren, "Genealogical Resources of the Minnesota Historical Society Research Center"
3. Brent Allison, "Cartographic Resources for East and Central European Genealogical Research"
4. Dr. Duncan B. Gardiner, C.G., "The Austro-Hungarian Empire: Research Sources and Geographical-Historical Background"
5. Dr. Edward R. Brandt and Brian J. Lenius, "Tracing Germans and Dutch Mennonites in the Area of Interwar Poland, Volhynia and the Vistula-Nogat Delta: Migration Trails and Genealogical Records"
6. Dr. Bruce E. Kahn, "World War II German Aerial Reconnaissance Maps of Eastern Europe" (title tentative)
7. **Adeline M. Sopa, "Kaszuby and the Kaszubians"**
8. **Adeline M. Sopa, "Polish Settlements in Wisconsin"**
9. Thomas Kent Edlund, "The Current Status of Microfilming in East, East Central and Southeast Europe"
10. Prof. La Vern J. Rippley, "Genealogical Research in Silesia"

Other subjects include a beginners' workshop, computer genealogy, recording your data, and genetic genealogy.

On Saturday, June 8, there will be a sightseeing tour of East European ethnic neighborhoods, churches and other landmarks in St. Paul and Minneapolis. This will be followed by an ethnic dinner and an evening of ethnic entertainment, with dancers, singers and a folk costume parade featuring at least four ethnic groups.

The Wednesday, June 12, browsing tour of local genealogical resource centers will include: the Borchert Map Library at the University of Minnesota, the Immigration History Research Center, the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, Buenger Memorial Library at Concordia College and the Minnesota Historical Society Research Center.

The registration fee for the convention is \$49, with provisions for one-day registration. There will be an extra charge for each of the three banquets and two luncheons, as well as for the Saturday ethnic tour and evening of entertainment and the Wednesday resource center browsing tour.

For further information, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: **FEEFHS Convention, P.O. Box 624, South St. Paul, MN 55075-0624.**

Missing Branches

QUERIES: Each issue of this newsletter contains a research information exchange section. Members are invited to place inquiries pertaining to the exchange of family information, requests for help or offers to aid others researching the same family lines. Send to: Paul Kulas, PGS-MN Newsletter, 12008 West River Road, Champlin, MN 55316.

John Filozof, 720 Pine St. North Brunswick, NJ 08902 writes the following: I have been doing research on my FILOZOF name for a little over one year and have been doing pretty good. My grandparents come from Poland (Lubin & L'wow) separately around 1912, went to Adams, Mass., met and were married there and then moved to Shenandoah Pa. in 1918. I am looking for any information on anyone with the FILOZOF/FILOSOF name anywhere.

W. Kornel Kondy, 619 SE 7 St., Minneapolis, MN 55414-1327 wishes to contact any descendants of FRANCISZEK (FRANCIS) KONDEJ, age 17, who arrived in New York with Kornel's father on 16 May 1901, from Bremen on the SS Neckar. Destination: brother in Adams, Massachusetts. Last residence as Ostrowna, Austria (Galicia). Think it is present day Ustrobna, Krosno Province, Poland.

Bruno C. Syzdek, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102-5768, Phone: 702-876-3861 writes the following: My Grandfather, WOJCIECH (ALBERT) SYZDEK was born 17 February 1858 and died 24 June 1943. He had a half brother JOHN SYZDEK who married APPOLLONIA (Unknown). He died in the late 1940's. He settled in Chicago, Illinois or East Chicago, Indiana. He had two daughters. JOSEPHINE married a SARANNA(O) or SORANA(O). They had 3 sons, Nicholas, Albert and William. Last known location was in the 1930's at 26 Portsmouth Place, NE Grand Rapids, Michigan. EMILY married MICHAEL GOCAL and resided at 1002 Roxana Place, East Chicago, Indiana. They had a son, Walter Raymond and daughters Millicent Marie and Marcia Jean. In the 40's - 50's the family had a (western?) musical program on Radio (WKAN?) Kankakee, Illinois known as the Sun Valley Boys and the Sun Valley Sweethearts. Emily died 25 November 1953. Seeking John's parents name, any ancestor/siblings or any descendants and their location in Poland or USA. Willing to share information.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following new members.

Karen M. Anderson, 3066 Arcade St, Little Canada, MN 55109 is researching the MONDRY family name in Poland and Germany and in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Dorlores M. Berg, RR2 Box 119, Sanborn, MN 56083-9426 is researching FLOREK, GALLUS and JANUNICH/YONICK family names from Oppeln (Opole), Poland. These people settled around Delano, MN. She is looking for their children who branched out to many other states. Some FLOREK's went to western MN, to Montana and to other states west, perhaps Oregon, Idaho and Washington. JAUNICH/YONICK's went to Kansas or Nebraska besides other places in MN. At this time she's particularly looking for JOSEPH FLOREK, son of JACOB and FRANCES FLOREK who lived by Watertown, MN. Joseph went west and no one knows anything more about him except that he possibly worked for the railroad at one time. Joseph would have been born in the 1880's and would be her great, great uncle. She's also looking for descendents of his sister Susan who married JOHN BUHL/BRUELL and moved west. She states: "I've just become aware of this organization and sure hope I can find some help through you. Thank you."

John & Judy Cowles, 4217 Newton Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55412 are new members.

Terry Kita, 5036 Queen Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410 is researching the KITA family name from Poland, perhaps Russia.

Cecilia D. Patalita, 201 Oakmont Drv, Dewitt, NY 13214 is researching the GŁADYSIEWICZ family name in Głebokie near Rynarów, Rzeszow Province and the CHERUBIN family name in Łacha, Łaczhi, Myszyniec.

Kathy Schafer, RR #1 Box 99A, Strathcona, MN is researching MASLOSKI, MASLOW, WILEBSKI, JANUCZEK family names from Poland.

Rose (Berczyk) Spangenberg, 520 E Roselawn Ave, Maplewood, MN 55117 is researching JOSEPH BERCZYK, 1830-1940 and CHARLES BERCZYK 7/24/1876-1/18/1963 from Upper Silesia, Poland. She is trying to find out where in Poland they came from and where they landed in the U.S.

Frank Wilebski, 12620 Natches Ave S, Savage, MN 55378 is researching WILEBSKI, GORKA, SOBIEROCKI family names in central and eastern Poland and in Lancaster and Wilno, Minnesota.

Fred Wilebski, P.O. Box 74, Lancaster, MN 56735 is researching DONAJKOSKA, JANUCZEK, WILEBSKI/WYLEBSKI/WIELEPSKI family names.



Upcoming Events

April 13, 1996 at 10:30 am: PGS-MN membership meeting will feature two video tape presentations. They are: "**Polish Roots in Carlton County**" and "**Poland: A Proud Heritage.**" The meeting will be held at the Northeast Public Library, 2200 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. See page 1 for details.

April 27, 1996 at 10:00 am: The quarterly meeting of the **PGS-MN Board of Directors** will be held at the Northeast Pubic Library, 2200 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. This will be a business meeting only. Members wishing to become involved in planning and execution of future activities of PGS-MN are encouraged to attend.

May 1-June 19, 1996, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm: A course sponsored by the Polish Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM) entitled **Polish History and Culture: From Early Times to the Renaissance** is offered at the PACIM Library, 514 22d Ave NE, Minneapolis. See page 9 for further details.

May 2,3,4 & 5, 1996: Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic event, the **1996 Festival of Nations** will be held at the St. Paul Civic Center. Tickets: 612/647-0191.

May 18-21, 1996: THE FIFTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of the **United Polish Genealogical Societies** will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah. Representatives from Polish genealogical societies throughout the United States as well as nationally recognized speakers knowledgeable in the field of Polish genealogical research will be present. See page 9 for further details.

June 9-12, 1996: The international convention of the **Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS)** at the Thunderbird Hotel and Convention Center, 2201 East 78th St., Bloomington, MN will include at least six presentations by four Polish-American experts. There will be non-genealogical ethnic activities on June 8 and a tour of local genealogical resource centers on June 12. See article on page 10 for further details.

August 13-18, 1996: The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM) has been chosen to host the **1996 American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) Convention** meeting at the Marquette Hotel in Minneapolis. Further information can be obtained from: **Edward Rajtar, 2239 Stinson Boulevard NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Phone: 612-781-6688.**

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POLISH ROOTS IN CARLTON COUNTY



A videotape of the Polish settlements in Carlton and Pine counties will be featured at the April 13th meeting of the Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota.