



## New York City Police Department Pulaski Association To Install New Officers At Annual Dinner Dance

**NEW YORK** - The New York City Police Department Pulaski Association was founded in September 1956. Currently, membership in the association is over 1600 active and retired law enforcement officers of Polish/Slavic descent, including civilian members of service and community members.

Police Officer Richard C. Narog, who was duly elected the 17th President of the New York City Police Department Pulaski Association for 2014-2015,

announces that the 58th Annual Dinner Dance and Installation of Officers will be held Friday, April 11, 2014 at Leonard's Palazzo 555 in Great Neck, N.Y. "Man Of The Year" is long-time supporter of Pulaski Association and Polonia - Queens Supreme Court Judge, Gregory L. Lasak. Cocktail hour begins promptly at 7 PM. Dinner and dancing to follow from 8PM to Midnight.

Anyone interested in attending may purchase tickets online <http://nypdpulaski.org/events.html>

**RICHARD C. NAROG**

Police Officer Richard C. Narog joined the New York City Police Department in 2006, after completing his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems from Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York.

Rich started his police career in the Transit Bureau, where he served as patrol officer, conditions officer, and anti-crime officer. In May 2011, Rich was selected for technical assignment to the NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau. His duty as a member of the original transition team was to assist in establishing the World Trade Center Command, the first Precinct Command under the Counterterrorism Bureau for the tenth anniversary of 9/11 Terror attacks. Rich is newly assigned to the Chief of Department's Office - Technical Assistance & Response Unit (TARU).

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## PAC - NJD President Sliwowski Delivers Powerful Speeches To Polish Community



**President Stanisław Sliwowski with Vice President for Polish Affairs Andrzej Burghardt.**

By John Czop

The Polish American Congress, New Jersey Division (PAC,NJD) has effective and efficient leadership. In his powerful speech on 12 January 2014 at the Division's Oplątek, at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, New Jersey, the Division's president, Dr. Stanisław Sliwowski recalled the Division's achievements over the past year.

The New Jersey Division organized lectures delivered by visiting Polish VIPS, which attracted large audiences at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark. Professor Zdzisław Krasnodębski, visiting scholar at Princeton University; Deputy Adam Kwiatkowski, who represents Poles living abroad in the Polish Sejm; and Tomasz Sakiewicz, editor-in-chief of the Conservative Christian Democrat daily newspaper GAZETA POLSKA, which recently launched its television service Telewizja Republika: all commented on the political scene in Poland as more and more Poles demand truth and justice for the victims of the Smolensk Disaster.

President Sliwowski underlined the key role of the New Jersey Division in organizing the Fourth Anniversary Commemoration of the Smolensk Disaster of 10 April 2010, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. on 13 April 2014, Palm Sunday, at the American Cześćochowa in Doylestown,

Pennsylvania.

President Sliwowski, in his speech at the American Cześćochowa on 15 February 2014 to members of the POLSKA GAZETA CLUBS from Canada and the United States, called attention to the fact that the New Jersey Division spearheaded two important resolutions which were enacted by the Council of National Directors of the Polish American Congress at their April 2012 meeting in Chicago.

The first resolution, calling on the Polish Government to stop blocking a digital broadcasting license for the Roman Catholic and Conservative television station TRWAM, succeeded. The first digital TRWAM broadcast took place that very day on 15 February 2014, shortly before Dr. Sliwowski's speech.

The second resolution requires us to continue to struggle for the realization of an independent international investigation of the Smolensk Disaster of 10 April 2010.

These resolutions agree with the views of the membership of the GAZETA POLSKA CLUBS and Dr. Sliwowski encouraged them to apply for membership of the Polish American Congress (PAC) and to attend this year's Seventieth Anniversary Convention, 29-31 May in Buffalo, which celebrates the establishment of the PAC in Buffalo, New York in 1944.

Dr. Sliwowski observed that the PAC will be much stronger with the addition of POLSKA GAZETA CLUBS to the membership.

## The Polish Archive

By Ewa Bronowicz



In this column you will learn or review what you know about Polish history through a series of articles featuring important events ranging from the Early Middle Ages to the Third Polish Republic.

If you'd like to suggest an important event in Polish history send us an e-mail. Please include your name, address, brief summary of the event, and why you think it's important. If your event is selected, your opinion will be quoted in the column.

### 966

The year 966 marks the beginning of Poland as a unified nation. A year earlier, the ruler Mieszko I, of the Piast dynasty, married Dobrawa, a Czech princess. The union solidified Poland's alliance with Bohemia (now the Czech Republic), but more needed to be done to build a strong country. The Germans were interested in expanding their territory. The Poles themselves were illiterate, and the country had no written language. Accepting Christianity, and thus joining the Western world, offered a solution to many of Mieszko's challenges. In 966, most likely on April 14th, Mieszko chose to be baptized. The decision allowed the ruler to strengthen his leadership in Poland as well as to raise his status in Europe. What is more, he opened the door not only to literacy, but to an entire Latin culture. Instead of numerous pagan beliefs, the country became united in one religion. By all accounts, Mieszko was a skillful politician, and a dedicated leader. In fact, after Dobrawa's death, he married Oda, the daughter of a German count, and this new political alliance allowed Mieszko to further enlarge his land. The incorporation of Cracow is yet another one of Mieszko's accomplishments. Upon his death in 992, Poland was a country with a well-established position in Europe.

While many historians agree that Mieszko's decision to join the Christian world greatly influenced the rise and the development of Poland, the new reality didn't come without any difficulties. For the pagan Poles, Christianity meant an imposed set of beliefs and a rejection of their own faith. Perhaps, just like Mieszko's decision to be baptized was more political than religious, so was the people's. While it took several centuries to fully spread Christianity throughout Poland, the Christianization of pagan Poland was a key factor in cementing our country's place in Europe.

## NY Polish Consulate Hosts Educational Fair Studies In Poland? - Why Not!

**NEW YORK CITY** - On Sunday, 23 March, between 10 AM and 2 PM, the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York will host the 3rd Edition of the Educational Fair.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York, the Polish Supplementary School Council of America together with the "Manko" Association, Jozef Pilsudski Institute in New York, the Polish Student Organization and the New York branch of the Polish American Congress is organizing the 3rd Edition of the Educational Fair.

The organizers cordially invite high school students of Polish descent, Americans who wish to study in Poland, with their parents. The Fair is an excellent opportunity to contact directly with representatives of Polish universities, who will talk about the principles and possibilities of studying in Poland.

The third edition of Education Fair will be composed of three areas - "Study in Poland", "Visit Poland" and "Get Well in Poland". The first area will give the attendees an opportunity to talk to university representatives from such renowned schools as: the Jagiellonian University, the Silesian Medical University of Katowice, the Medical University of Lublin, the Medical University of Białystok

and the Białostok University of Technology. In the "Visit Poland" area, various short movies will be shown to promote Polish tourist attractions in a number of Voivodeships (województwa): warmińsko-mazurskie, świętokrzyskie, małopolskie, mazowieckie, podkarpackie, pomorskie i lubelskie. Finally, the "Get Well in Poland" area offers of Polish medical centers will be shown, including the Specialist Medical Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery in Kraków, Aesthetica Dermatent Professional Dental Studio in Kraków, and Klinika Krakowska.

Studying in the country of ancestors may constitute an interesting

alternative, and a unique opportunity to explore the country and to strengthen ties with Poland.

We encourage all to come and find out more about university life in Poland. Admission is free.

More information on studying at a university in Poland can be obtained at the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Experience.

Link: <http://www.buwiwm.edu.pl/>

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