

72nd Annual Pulaski Day Parade
Sunday, October 4, 2009
5th Avenue, NYC

On Sunday, October 4th, 2009, with Honorable Curtis Sliwa, Grand Marshal, leading the way, the 72nd Annual Pulaski Day Parade will be headed up 5th Avenue in New York City.

Mr. Sliwa is the leader and founder of the Guardian Angels, created in 1977 as the “Magnificent 13”, a group dedicated to combating violence and crime on the New York City Subways. This group grew and was renamed the Guardian Angels. Mr. Sliwa is president of the organization and oversees its worldwide operations. He frequently visits chapters throughout the world and graduates new chapters. The Guardian Angels operate in nine countries and 82 cities around the world with approximately 5,000 members.

Mr. Sliwa is also a radio broadcaster and has a broadcast on WABC.

The theme of the parade this year is “For Freedom – Yours and Ours”, “Za Wolnosc – Wasza i Nasza”. The parade will commemorate a banner year of anniversaries:

- 90th of the Second Republic of Poland
- 70th of the Nazi/Soviet Invasion of Poland
- 65th of the Battle of Monte Cassino
- 65th of the Warsaw Uprising
- 30th of the First Papal Visit of John Paul II to Poland, lead to start of Solidarity
- 25th of the Murder of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, The Solidarity Priest
- 20th of the First Free Elections and the end of Communism in Poland

Preparations are under way by the executive committee. The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Polish People’s Home in Passaic, NJ. The meeting schedule after this will be Thursday, September 17th at Polish National Home in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY, Tuesday, September 22nd at St. Theresa’s Pope John Paul II Center in Linden, NJ and on October 1st at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, NJ. All meetings are scheduled at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, September 26th, 2009, the Parade Banquet will be held at 6:00 pm at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway in Manhattan. Heidi Jadwiga Kopala is chairing the Banquet Committee. Ticket prices are \$195 per person, \$150 for students with a valid ID, and \$80 for children under 12 years of age. For tickets please contact Ms. Kopala at 908-665-9672 or jazdia22@comcast.net.

The Banquet Journal committee is being chaired by Michael Pajak. Journal Ads are due to Mr. Pajak by the September 10th meeting. Mr. Pajak may be contacted at 718-383-9587 or polstar.shop@verizon.net.

On the day of the parade, Sunday, October 4th 2009 the Parade Breakfast will be held at 10:30 AM at the 3 West Club, 3 West 51st St., in Manhattan. Gabriella Urbanowicz is chairperson. Ms. Urbanowicz may be contacted for tickets at 718-782-0115.

Ms. Jennifer Costa is chairing the presentation of Miss Polonia’s and Contingent Marshals at the banquet. Forms for the Marshals and Miss Polonia’s are available on the pulaskiparade.org website. Ms. Costa may be contacted at 732-925-4382 or JenniferMarieCosta@yahoo.com

The order of march for the parade is chaired by Zygmunt Bielski. Contingent forms for member organizations are available on the parade website. They are due to Mr. Bielski by September 22nd. Mr. Bielski may be contacted at 718-748-9676 or dhZygmunt@aol.com.

Sashes and flags are being handled by Peter Walentowicz. Sashes are \$30 and flags \$3.00. Mr. Walentowicz may be contacted at 973-432-8841 or pwalentowicz@csandw-llp.com

Sponsorships for the parade is chaired by Frederick Czulada. For information on becoming a corporate sponsor contact Mr. Czulada at 718-833-4119 or fczulada@nyc.rr.com

The parade is Polonia's time to show off their heritage and pride by honoring General Casimir Pulaski an American Revolutionary War Hero. All of Polonia, friends of Polonia and the people of New York are invited to the march in the parade or view it from 5th Avenue in Manhattan on Sunday, October 4, 2009.