

## President's Message

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, the City of New York will proudly host the 89th Annual Pulaski Day Parade, the greatest manifestation of Polish culture and pride in America, honoring the enduring legacy of General Casimir Pulaski, who sacrificed his life for the independence and freedom of the United States.

As the oldest ethnic parade established in the twentieth century and the second oldest parade in New York City's history, this distinguished celebration continues to honor the rich cultural heritage of Polonia and the lasting contributions of its forbearers to all aspects of American society.

The day's observances will begin with the Pulaski Day Parade Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral during the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the traditional Parade Breakfast at the 3 West Club. The parade will step off at 12:30 p.m., proceeding along Fifth Avenue from 39th Street to 51st Street.

Special recognition is extended to the Grand Marshal, the Honorable Dr. Iwona Korga of the State of New York, President of the Piłsudski Institute in Greenpoint, New York, whose leadership and dedication exemplify the spirit of Polonia.

We proudly acknowledge our Diamond Sponsor, the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary, honoring five decades of distinguished service and steadfast commitment to the Polish-American community.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to all contingents, their Marshals, Miss Polonia and Junior Miss Polonia—the heart and soul of the parade—as well as to our generous corporate sponsors and all other sponsors whose continued support ensures the success of this celebration, and to the devoted members of the Executive Board whose dedication and hard work make this historic event possible.

The 2026 parade theme, "For Our Freedom and Yours!", honors General Tadeusz Kościuszko and General Casimir Pulaski—soldiers of liberty for both Poland and America—while commemorating 250 years of American Independence.

May God bless and preserve Poland and the United States of America.

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