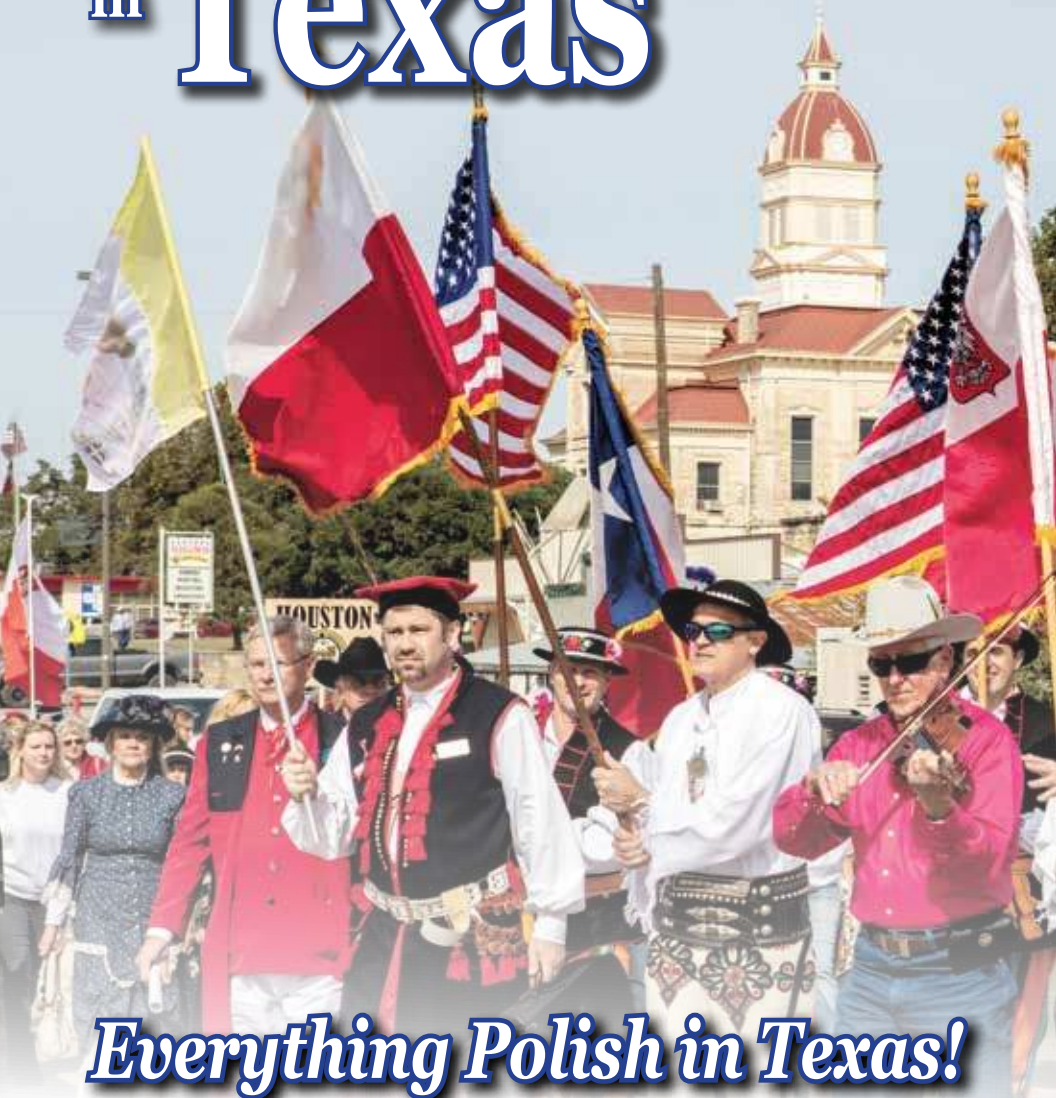


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COVER PHOTO: **Members from all over Texas attended the 2019 PACT Annual Meeting in Bandera on Nov. 16, 2019.** Photo by Michał Dembiński

POLISH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TEXAS

OUR LEADERSHIP

Founder and Chairman
Emeritus Most Rev.
John W. Yanta, D.D., Bishop
Emeritus, Diocese of Amarillo



Photo by Maureen Brown

PACT Directors and members met in Bandera on Nov. 16, 2019. The event was hosted by St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus, the Altar Society, and the parishioners welcomed our meetings with plenty of food and great cowboy-themed celebrations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Maureen Brown
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Elaine Mazurek Stephens
John Wojtaszczyk
Honorary Director: Robert Rusiecki,
Consul General of the Republic
of Poland in Houston



Photo by Laura Dylla

Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Houston, Robert Rusiecki (left to right) and his wife, Monika, along with Eric Opiela, Alex Baca, and Bishop John W. Yanta, enjoy lunch at The Farm Country Club, venue for the PACT Annual meeting awards ceremony on Nov. 16, 2019, in Bandera, Texas.

OFFICERS 2020

President – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
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2nd Vice President – Eric Opiela
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Youth Vice President –
2019-2020 Olivia Rytelewski
2020-2021 Gabe Podnesinski
Directory/Membership Chairman –
Mo Brown, Elaine Mazurek Stephens

MEMBER EVENTS

*Many events have been canceled or postponed.
Please check member websites for current information.*

January

1 - PACT Dues are due

February

Ognisko, Austin Polish Society

March

Bigos Cook Off, Austin Polish Society

April

Easter Egg Painting, Austin Polish Society

15 - Deadline for PACT Scholarship Essay Contest

Last Sunday - St. Hedwig, Feast Day Celebration, Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church

May

1st Sunday - Bandera, Parish Festival, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

3rd Sunday - San Antonio, Spring Festival, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Children's Day, Austin Polish Society

Dallas, Polish Picnic, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

July

Potluck, Austin Polish Society

August

1st Sunday - Kosciuszko, Annual Picnic, St. Ann Catholic Church

September

1st Sunday - Chappell Hill, Annual Homecoming Bazaar & Dożynki, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

October

2nd Sunday - Panna Maria, Turkey Dinner & Homecoming, Immaculate Conception of the BVM

November

8 - Dallas, Small Big Hearts Foundation, 5th Annual Gala

14 - Anderson, PACT Annual Meeting & Gala

Austin Polish Film Festival, Austin Polish Society

December

Chappell Hill, Polskie Kolędy, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

St. Hedwig, Wigilia, Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church

Bremont, Kolędy, Toy Drive, Festival of Lights, Bremont Chamber of Commerce

Houston, Christmas Party, PNA Council #182

Dallas, Christmas Celebration & Bazaar, Jan Karski Polish School

Panna Maria, Polish Christmas Mass, singing, Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Christmas Party, Austin Polish Society

Please check member pages and websites for up-to-date info.

**Submit YOUR Member events to
PACofTexas@yahoo.com**

Scenes
from 2019

Member Events



El Paso has an active and busy organization, hosting many events during the year.



Our members take part in beautiful, traditional Polish events such as the Houston Polish Festival.



Dance Group Wawel performs at many events, including the Houston Polish Festival.



Children are the pride and joy of Polish cultural activities all around Texas.



Polish Heritage Center USA in Panna Maria welcomed a Polish delegation of farmers visiting Texas A&M.



Austin Polish Society regularly hosts the Austin Polish Film Festival.



Jagoda Polish Folk Dance Ensemble performs at the Houston Polish Festival.



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Maureen
Brown

2020 Regions Represented by Members

(just to name a few!)



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2019 PACT Activities

- Assisted in the arrangements to display an art exhibit on the American Revolution/Civil War.
- Participated in the Proclamation of "Polish Month" in Washington County.
- Assisted in the arrangements to display the art exhibit "Fighting and Suffering" at Texas A&M.
- Obtained \$2000 in grants from the Polish Consulate in Houston for educational and cultural programs.
- Assisted in the application for grant funding of the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria from Wspolnota Polska.
- Submitted a letter of support to President Trump for the Visa waiver program.
- Participated in the planning for President Duda's June visit to Houston.
- Distributed 3,500 PACT directories at events around Texas.
- Joined the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas.
- Mailed a Letter of Support to the President of the EHESS (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales) (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences) and Ambassador of France in Poland concerning the misinformation about the role of Poles during the Holocaust.
- Sent representatives to meet with Argentines of Polish Descent and Brazilians of Polish Descent.
- Provided PACT representation at numerous meetings, festivals and programs across Texas.
- Maintained an active social media presence.
- Held regular directors meetings via teleconference.
- Provided letters of support for the U.S. Senate Resolution 556 commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Katyn Massacre.
- Provided a proclamation for Elenora Dugosh Goodley.
- Provided information for the PAHA Guide to Polish Historical Sites in Texas.
- Represented PACT at regional Polonia activities in Austin, Panna Maria, Sherman, Houston, Bremond, Chappell Hill, San Antonio, Dallas and more.
- Provided an interview to Polish TV 24 about Texas Polonia.
- Provided photos to ZGODA of Texas Polonia Activities.
- Provided professors from Adam Mickiewicz University an opportunity to document Wielkopolska 19th century dialect and music in Texas.
- Provided a letter of support to Polish President Andrzej Duda for the ACP Syndrome Project.
- Provided a letter of support for the VISA Waiver Program to Polish President Andrzej Duda and US President Donald Trump.
- Provided contacts for the Business and Trade between Texas and the U.S.

2019 PACT Donations

- **\$4000** awarded for scholarships
- **\$400** for hosting a lecture, "Polish Immigrants to Texas" in La Vernia
- **\$100** for Texas A&M Polish Association activities
- **\$500** for "The White Eagles" volleyball team in Houston
- **\$500** for transportation to PACT meeting for performers
- **\$300** for summer camp in Przysiek near Torun for Polish school students

Gratulacje!

Recipients of the 2020 PACT Essay Scholarship Awards - \$1,000 to each

Madison Dziuk
Texas A&M Univ.
James Mismash
University of Texas Austin
Jacob Campbell
La Vernia High School
Andrew Christy
Kingwood High School

2019 Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Awards



PACT President, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, left, and Msgr. Franciszek Kurzaj, pastor at St. Stanislaus in Bandera, present the 2019 PACT Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously to Reverend Stanislaw J. Olesky, S.D.S. Accepting the award for his brother was Father Kazimierz Olesky of St. Matthew's in Jourdan.



Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, along with Polish Consul General Robert Rusiecki, right, presents Debbie Brzezinski with a special Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Event Organizer for all the great events during our Bandera meeting.

Photos by Maureen Brown

President of Poland recognizes merits



Courtesy of Prezydent.pl. Photo by Jakub Szymczuk/KPRP.

The President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, in recognition of outstanding merits and special achievements in the field of Polish, social, cultural and economic activity, handed the state flags of the Republic of Poland to: Parish of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Houston; Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria, Texas; Polish School Nicolaus Copernicus in Houston; Polish School Jan Karski in Dallas; Polish American Council of Texas; Austin Polish Society; Polish Association in Texas in Dallas; The Wawel Dance Group of Houston; The Jagoda Dance team from Dallas, June 13, 2019, at Our Lady of Częstochowa Catholic Church reception hall in Houston, Texas.



In memory of my great-great-grandparents, John Kush and Josephine Opiela Kush.

They both came to Texas from the region of Silesia, in Poland. John arrived on the first ship in 1854 and was a stonemason who settled in downtown San Antonio and helped build many churches and buildings, including St. Michael's Church that stood in the footprint of the Tower of Americas, and where the couple wed in 1868. Josephine had come to Texas with her parents, Nicolaus and Josephine Opiela (buried in Panna Maria) and seven siblings in 1856. Their family home John Kush built remains in its original location in Hemisfair Park. I hope to honor them by serving as Director for the PACT and Marketing Director for the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria. I only learned of my Polish ancestors after working with the PHC, Bishop Yanta, and the communities and now I am blessed and will treasure this heritage and will pass on to my family.

— Maureen "Mo" Brown



John & Amanda Cebrowski

In Memory of...

Wacław Siekierski
and
Jozefa Rzańska Siekierski



In Loving Memory of
**Elenora Dugosh
Goodley**

Founding PACT Director,
2011 - 2019

*I'm a proud
descendant
of 1850 Polish
settlers, the
Kosub & Ploch
families.*

Genny Kraus

**Mazurka Polish Dancer
PACT Member**



Proudly helping Grimes County and beyond with genealogy and translations!

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Jolanta A. Mazewski- Dryden

- Director of Region H,
Polish National Alliance
- President, Polish Progressive
Lodge 2335 & Representative
Council 182
- Polish Events and Happenings
in Texas and Beyond



Immigrated from Poland in the early 60's to Texas. Has been actively involved in the Polish community since she was five, performing with the Polish Eagle Dance Group & holding a variety of positions in the Polish National Alliance for over four decades.

Active promoter of Polish culture, history, language and arts via Polish displays throughout Texas. Involved in festivals, consumer events, debutante balls, and bazaars, church events and private events. Does speaking engagements and TV promos for the community.

Uses Polish Events and Happenings in Texas and Beyond to promote Polish Cultural events, arts & culture, language and current events. Owns a Consulting, PR and Marketing firm, Dryden Event Productions.

Check out: <https://www.facebook.com/PolishEventsandHappeningsinTexas/>
Contact: jola@drydeneventproductions.com

Dr. Witold Lukaszewski, PACT Director

Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Poland's Accession to NATO



Celebrating fifty years of NATO and Poland's entry into the Alliance. A panel of distinguished guests at the meeting of the Polish American Congress. From right to left: Gen. Henryk Szumski, Chief of Staff of Polish Armed Forces; Hon. Daniel Fried, U.S. Ambassador to Poland; Hon. Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Poland's Minister of National Defense; Witold J. Lukaszewski, Vice President Polish American Congress, host, Washington, D.C., April 22-24, 1999.

John and Frances Lewandowski - Chappell Hill



John Lewandowski
(1875 - 1957)

*John and Frances
Jensurski
Lewandowski
arrived
in Chappell Hill
in 1899.*



Frances Lewandowski
(1879 - 1960)

**We are the second and third generation of their offspring,
Pete and Theresa Kapchinski Lewandowski.**



*Stanley, F. B. "Ski" and
Johnnie Lewandowski*



*Norman and Evelyn Lewandowski
Mushinski and F.B. "Ski" Lewandowski*



F. B. "Ski" Lewandowski



*Johnnie
and Evelyn
Mushinski
Lewandowski,
Brenda
Lewandowski,
Jame's
Mushinski
family*

**Descendant of
Wielkopolska and
Kujawsko-Pomorskie
whose ancestors settled
in Chappell Hill, Texas
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*Happy to be part of the
PACT as it fosters
continued interest in the
wonderful Polish Heritage.*

— Sue McCarthy

***Blessings
from***

***Susan
Moczygemba-
McKinsey***

Panna Maria, TX

**Daniel
Pall**



I am a 4th or 5th generation Polish American. My grandmother’s parents from my mother’s side came to America when they were young to work and pursue the “American Dream.” Through the years, that side of the family has either passed away or married into non-Polish descent. Polish life has since disappeared from our family. I study at Texas A&M, which led me to the TAMU Polish Club. The club and a trip to Poland have sparked a passion for me to bring Polish back into my family. I’m currently studying Polish, learning what I can about Poland, and embracing every opportunity that I can to get closer to this AMAZING culture!

Dr. Piotr Przybylski

- PACT Vice President and Board Member

- Born and raised in Kraków, Poland

- Oil & Gas advisor of Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas



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Mary Ann
Kotara Schirmer
5th Generation
in Panna Maria
Best Wishes to All!

Rising Hope, a YA historical fiction novel by **Marie Sontag**, Ph.D., tells the story of six teens who, through loss, find hope as their Boy Scout and Girl Guide troops join forces with the Polish Underground to fight against the German occupation of Warsaw during WWII.



"Rising Hope is an homage to all Polish teenagers who fought the German evil so bravely during WWII. A must read."

Julian Kulski, author of *The Color of Courage*, and a teen Polish insurgent in Warsaw, WWII

Amazon, Barnes & Noble

Elaine Mazurek Stephens



Descendant of Thomas Mazurek, one of the original Polish settlers in Bandera, Texas.

Also descended from surnames Gruszka, Haiduk, and Jureczki

Director & Membership/Directory Co-Chairman,

Polish American Council of Texas

Marketing Committee Member, Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation & Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

Founder & Chairman Emeritus of the Polish American Council of Texas:

Bishop John W. Yanta



Above: President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, presenting the highest award to a non-citizen of Poland, the **Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit** during his Presidential visit to Our Lady of Częstochowa Church, Houston, Texas, June 13, 2019. This award was presented for Bishop Yanta's long history of promoting, supporting, and preserving Polonia not only here in Texas, but throughout America.

On right: the **Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit** award with certificate of authenticity.

In memory of



Jerzy-Piotr Walicki

who arrived in the United States
from the region of Bialystock
in Poland on October 27, 1949.

Born: June 28, 1920

Deceased: June 2, 2007

— *Mark G. Walicki, son*

Richard Walicki, son

Kristina Cashin, daughter

John Zientek Jr.
3rd generation

In Memory of
John and Stella
Zientek

**Additional
PACT Members**

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Jerome Bielowicz

Dr. Marian Kruzel

Pamela Mitchell

David Moczygemba

Eric Opiela

Families

Joesph Czyz

Nickolas & Jennifer Kubiak

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John & Debbie
Brzezinski



Paul & Laura Dylla

In Memory of
Engelbert & Elenora Krawietz
and
Lawrence & Alice Dylla

**Malgorzata
(Margaret)**

**T. Gajda,
MD, FAAP**

&

**Krzysztof
(Christopher)**

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Gabe & Bertha Dworaczyk Korzekwa



In Memory Of

**Hagan Dworaczyk
& Pelagia (Wiatrek)
Dworaczyk**

**Benedict Korzekwa
& Hattie (Hoffmann)
Korzekwa**

Sam & Susie Kotara

**honor the Polish
heritage of the
Broll, Kotara, and
Wojtasczyk families.**

**They are actively involved
in the development of the
Polish Heritage Center
USA at Panna Maria and
the PACT.**



George & Betty Kowalik

Supporting the Polish Heritage Center to instill pride and knowledge of our ancestors' Polish heritage, faith, family and community and working to keep their history from being lost.

*We pay Tribute
to our ancestors
and honor their
sacrifices.*



The Kuciemba Family



**Rebel Ian, Rusty,
Liberty Rose, Wuisayo,
Katarzyna Victoria**

**Descendant of Wielkopolska
and Kujawsko-Pomorskie
whose ancestors settled
in Chappell Hill, Texas
Washington County
“The birthplace of Texas”
in the 1880’s**

Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz

*President & PACT Board Member
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Al & Angela Notzon

I have been working with Bishop John Yanta and have been involved in the Polish Heritage Center from its inception. I am

so thankful that my Polish ancestors risked so much to come to America and am humbled by the sacrifices they made for their future generations. I have sponsored the St. Michael's Cemetery window representation since my great-grandfather and great-grandmother Notzon are buried there, and I want to honor their memories as well as all my Polish ancestors through my gifts to the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria.



John & Denise SKROBARCZYK

**5th generation descendants
of immigrants
Josef & Joanna Skrobarczyk
who arrived in Panna Maria
in 1855**



Rosalie & Lambert Titzman

*In Memory of
John A. & Veronica
Parwelek*



John (Treasurer for PACT) &
Christie Wojtasczyk;

Descendants of
Morawiecz, Schlesia, Pawlik,
Hagel, Migura, Bednorz,
Brzezina, Skrobarczyk,
Grabon, Kowalik, Respondek,
Czerner, & Ibrom

*The
Church
was
founded
in 1855.*

Annunciation BVM Church



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Celebration**
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Austin Polish Society

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WE SADLY HAD TO CANCEL OUR 2020 EVENT -
SO WE ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021!!
WE HOPE YOU AND YOURS WILL JOIN US FOR A
MEMORABLE, FAMILY FRIENDLY, CULTURAL CELEBRATION
WITH LOTS OF POLISH FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING & MORE!!

Everyone's Invited!!

**As the Bremond Chamber of Commerce
Presents Our 2021**



We also wish to **THANK** our Festival Organizers,
Community, Sponsors, Volunteers, Participants and
Guests for Their Continued Support Each Year!!

Interested in Being a 2021 Sponsor or Volunteer?
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For More Festival Information & Updates,
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BANDERA COUNTY SISTER PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION

The Mission of the Bandera County Sister Partnership (BCSPA) is to advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding, friendships, and diplomatic relations.

We take the United States of America, Texas, and Bandera County with us when we go abroad. Our goal is to spread peace and goodwill through sister partnerships with international cities, counties, schools, citizens, and diplomatic exchanges; to promote Bandera as the USA's best western cowboy culture vacation attraction helping to expand economic development in the city and county of Bandera.

The BCSPA promotes tourism, culture, and the cowboy traditions of Bandera County, Texas since first established in 2004.



The world is opening their arms and ready to embrace Bandera County and the City of Bandera,

“The Cowboy Capital of the World.”



Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation

In the early 1850s, Father Leopold Moczygemba, from Pluznica, Silesia, a region in Europe, now southwest Poland, came to south Texas. To help his suffering friends and families in Poland the new priest encouraged them to move to Texas, settling in Panna Maria and many other Texas communities. Their descendants continue to call South Texas home.

The Foundation sponsors an annual essay scholarship contest, and maintains two websites, resulting in the building of bridges and relationships between Poland and Texas.

www.FLMFoundation.org
www.silesiantexans.com



These books are available free with a \$5 donation (each) for shipping and handling.

Both books are available in limited supplies.

•**The Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation** book prepared in 2019 answers the questions, “What is the purpose of the Foundation?” “How did it get started?” “Who is involved in this organization?”

•**Silesia for Silesian Texans**, prepared by Rev. Msgr. Franciszek Kurzaj in 2019, was edited by Sue Mason and researched by the Silesian Profiles Committee. ISBN 978-83-7342-687-0.

Please send your mailing address and a check payable to FLMF, P. O. Box 23568, San Antonio, Texas, 78223. The FLMF is a 501-C-3 nonprofit organization.

General Casimir Pulaski Society



GCPS is located in El Paso, Texas and serves people in West Texas, southern New Mexico and Juarez (Mexico).



Regular cultural and social events make GCPS a little piece of Poland in the heart of the Sun City. We might not be big, but we sure are great!

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Holy Cross Catholic Church



Rev. Roger Hawes

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HOLYCROSSYORKTOWN.NET

Mass: Sat. 5 pm;

Sun. 9:30 am

PARISH FESTIVAL - 2ND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

"We are proud of our Holy Cross Catholic Church Cemetery and our ancestors whose memories we honor there."



Scenes
from the
2019



PACT Annual Meeting

in Bandera,
Texas



Once again, we say *Dziekuje bardzo!*
to Bandera and St. Stanislaus Catholic
Parish for making our annual meetings
fun and outstanding!





**Join PACT at
our 2020 Annual
Meeting for
Members &
Directors
November 14, in
Anderson, Texas!**

After the director and membership meetings, the day included an official welcome ceremony at the Bandera County Courthouse by Bandera Mayor Suzanne Schauman and County Commissioners Jordan Rutherford and Bruce Elikier. Performers included Mini Wawel, Dance Group Wawel, Babcia Wawel, Kelly Scott and his Chuck Wagon, Wes Hatch and his Longhorn "Redneck," Bandera Cowgirls, Brothel Babes, Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters, Trick Roper Will Fitzpatrick, and Roy Dugosh.

Holy Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Kurzaj at St. Stanislaus. Lunch was held at The Farm Country Club where the crowd enjoyed the performances, a silent auction, singing, and award presentations. All silent auction sales benefited the PACT Scholarship Program. Our special appreciation to all the event sponsors, egg artists, and the people of Bandera!!



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church



**The Oldest Polish
Permanent Settlement
in the Nation
Founded 1854**

Mass:

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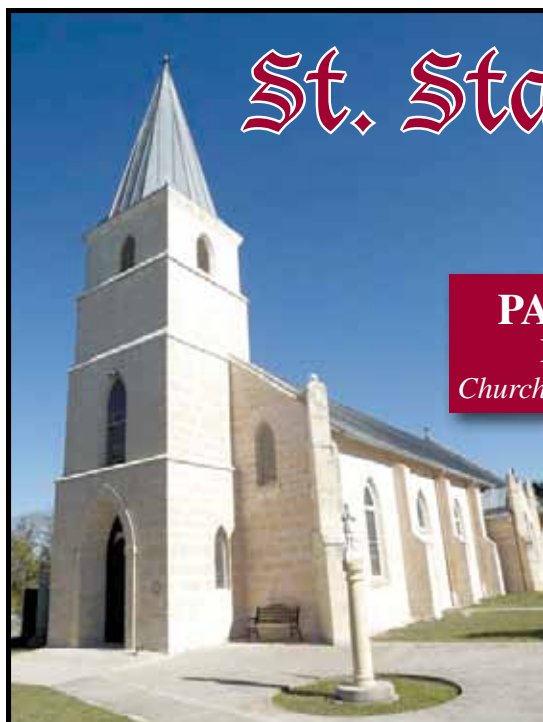
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