

# Come Out and Enjoy the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade

The Parade Salutes Two Proud Sons of Polish Heritage

General Casimir Pulaski and Pope John Paul The Great

Sunday, October 14th • 19th and the Parkway in Center City Philadelphia

## Theresa B. Romanowski Pulaski Parade Coordinator



I am honored, once again, to be the coordinator of the 2007 Pulaski Parade in center city Philadelphia. As the date of the parade, October 14, rapidly approaches, I would first like to thank the Pulaski Observance Committee for the excellent job they are performing. Much work is required to make the parade a success, and the committee certainly deserves great thanks for their dedication and hard work in striving to make the 2007 Pulaski Parade a success.

This year, as announced previously, we are honoring Jack and Dorothy Dempsey, the first husband and wife to be selected as Grand Marshals. I had the opportunity of working with Jack and Dorothy in the past, and they are devoted, dedicated people. Working with them is a pleasure.

We are also pleased to salute our Military Marshal, NASA astronaut Captain Christopher Ferguson, United States Navy, a native of Philadelphia, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Atlantis in 2006.

Kindly review the articles about our honorees and the Pulaski Parade schedule listed in this newspaper. The Pulaski Parade Committee and I invite you, your family and friends to come to view the Pulaski Parade on Sunday, October 14th. I wish all of you an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month!

## 74th Annual Pulaski Day Observance Update

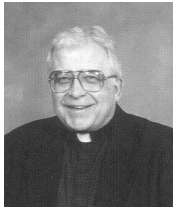
**Polish American Heritage Month & Pulaski Day Parade Proclamation Ceremony**, Thursday, October 4, 2007, 12 Noon at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. Winners of the Coloring Contest will receive awards, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.



**Pulaski Dinner Dance**, Saturday, October 13, 2007, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M. During the Dinner Dance, we will sash this year's Grand Marshals, Jack and Dorothy Dempsey. For information or reservations contact me, Jean McCloskey, at (215) 425-4783, or you can call the Polish American Congress office at (215) 739-3408.

## Tune in to the Weekly Mass at 5:30 A.M. Sunday, October 14, 2007 - WPVI-TV-6

Rev. John V. Oulds, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Coatesville, PA, will celebrate this Mass as the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Choir sings Polish hymns to mark Polish American Heritage Month. St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, in Coatesville is marking its 100th Anniversary this year. You can see a rebroadcast of the Mass at 10:00 A.M. on LaSalle University's Channel 56.



**Pulaski Observance & Heritage Mass**, Sunday, October 14, 2007, 9:30 A.M., in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & the Parkway, Philadelphia, PA.

**Sunday, October 14, 2007, Pulaski Tribute Program** 10:30 A.M., at the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral 18th & the Parkway.

**Sunday, October 14, 2007, Parade Formation** begins at 11:30 A.M., from 20th & the Parkway.

**Sunday, October 14, 2007, Pulaski Parade** steps off at 12:30 P.M., from 19th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. It will march down the Parkway to 16th Street, u-turn at 16th Street and march west up the Parkway, around Logan Circle and end at 22nd Street. Free seating and viewing areas located on Logan Circle.

**Sunday, October 14, 2007, Live Television Coverage on WPVI-TV 6**, 1 to 3 P.M. You are encouraged to set your VCR and come out and enjoy the parade live on the Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. Kindly invite your family and friends to view the parade!

## 2007 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshals

### Jack and Dorothy Dempsey

Jack and Dorothy Dempsey, the first husband and wife to be selected as Grand Marshals, were chosen in recognition of their 40 years of leadership and service to the Polish American community in the Philadelphia area.



Jack, born in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, attended All Saints Parochial School and graduated from Northeast Catholic High School for Boys in 1946. He was employed by Sears Roebuck & Company and served in the U.S. Marines.

Dorothy Bilikiewicz Dempsey, born in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, attended St. Adalbert Parochial School, Jones Jr. High School and graduated from Kensington High School for Girls in 1947. After graduation, Dorothy worked as a private secretary for the Aro Pneumatic Tool Company.

In 1952 Jack and Dorothy were married in St. Adalbert Church, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia. Together they managed the Bilikiewicz's Grocery Store in Port Richmond, which they eventually owned. They also opened a toy store next door called "The Arc". In 1981, they closed their business and became employed by the City of Philadelphia, Jack as benefits manager for the Philadelphia Parking Authority for 22 years and Dorothy as Director of Personnel for the Philadelphia Municipal Court for 21 years.

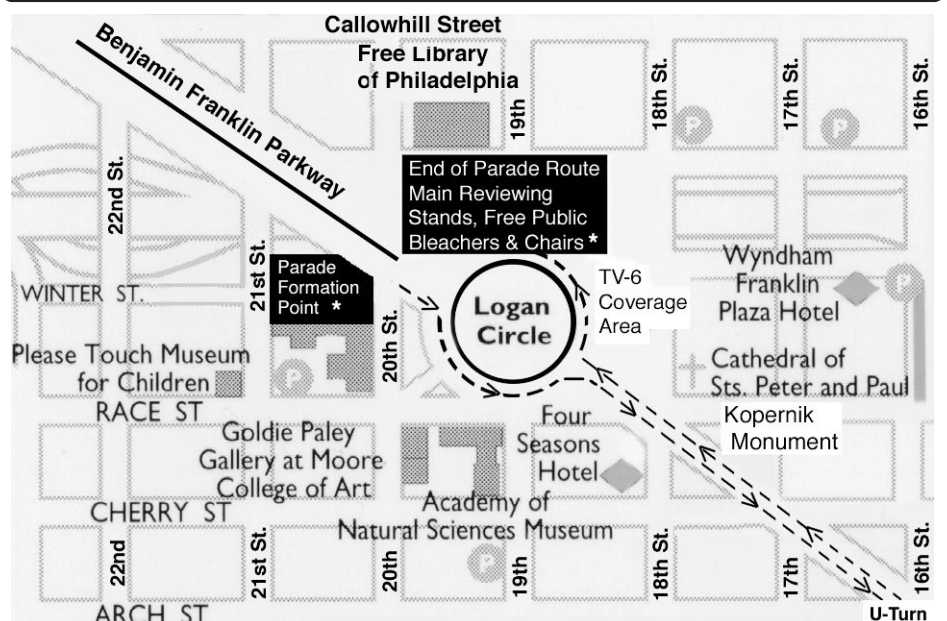
While living in Port Richmond, both were active. Jack was Social Director of Parents Guild, Chairman of the Port Richmond Committee for Community Improvements, a Democratic Committeeman for 30 years and Ward Chairman of the 45th Democratic Ward. Dorothy was Prefect of the Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Adalbert Church and active with her husband in all community activities.

Jack and Dorothy are both members of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Pulaski Parade Committee, with Jack and Dorothy serving on the Formation Committee for 30 years, and Polish American Cultural Center and Museum. Jack is also a member of the Joseph Pilsudski Fraternal Association and Dorothy is a member of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Group 2022.

Both Jack and Dorothy are retired, reside in the Chestnut Hill area and are members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish. Married for 55 years, they are the proud parents of three children, Jack, Denise, and Kevin, and proud grandparents of nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, its Pulaski Parade Committee, and the Polonia of our area extend congratulations and Sto Lat to Jack and Dorothy Dempsey - the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshals!

## 2007 Pulaski Day Parade Route



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