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## It Too Shall Pass

Dear Members and Friends,

Being faced with the world's recent events, many of us are finding solace in a well known Persian saying. The story goes that there once was a king, who asked his wise men to come up with a sentence, that would be true and appropriate for all times and situations. It is believed that those wise men came back with a deep yet short answer : "And this too, shall pass away". We find comfort in this wisdom when we have to get through difficult times. However, we seldom remember to ponder on those words when times are good.

What we are experiencing right now, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, is beyond imagination. With all of the current unknowns, there are a few certain things. We know for sure that many movies will be made about the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, with the lesson that we are all in this together and that it too shall pass.

A global "go to your room and think about it" is in order. I hope that most of your thoughts, our dear reader, are calm, positive, grateful, loving, and optimistic about the future. This is a special time given to your families to be together, to cook together, to relax together, and to appreciate each other. Reconnect with your loved ones and nature. Make the best of these days. And when the time comes, we will figure it out, together.

So, what is the first thing you will do, when we gain our freedoms back, and when the World comes back to normal? Let us know.

PACOM will go right back to working on the Polonia Center project, to make our dreams a reality.

*Monika DeMari*



## **CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

### **A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO CELEBRATE THIS MEMORABLE DAY**

*Dear Club Members,*

*Monday, May 18, 2020 marks a day of celebration of the birthday of our beloved Pope. We were fortunate to have this picture of the young Karol Jozef Wojtyla with his parents. Since we have over a month to plan, I am requesting from our membership ideas on how to celebrate this special occasion. It does not have to be on Monday, it could be Sunday before, etc. Please submit your ideas to one of our Board Members, or directly to our communications director, Monika DeMari. We will decide based upon your recommendations and ideas, what will be a fitting event for us to celebrate. Please take the time to think about this date. Maybe a special mass and breakfast, I do not know. We can invite other clubs to come down and join us for whatever we decide to do.*

*I look forward to seeing each of you and more potential members at our special event to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Saint Pope John Paul II.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Michel S. Pawlowski  
President – The Polish American Club of Miami, Inc.  
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**Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel To Be Included In The Historic Restoration and Preservation of the Polish American Club of Miami**

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE HISTORIC RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF MIAMI

### HISTORIC RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF MIAMI



WE WELCOME OUR POLISH BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM THE NORTH, THE EAST, THE WEST AND THE SOUTH STATES, FROM POLAND AND ALL OVER THE WORLD TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE LAND OF SUNSHINE, POLISH LOVE, AND NO STATE TAX.

WE WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!

WE ARE BUILDING A MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE TO THE POLISH PEOPLE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD!

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING POLONIA!

Dear Members and Friends,

You are probably wondering how are we progressing on our great project. We decided to share with you our tentative schedule for this great journey in this bulletin. We are all so excited and we hope you are too. It will be a marvelous event to eventually have a groundbreaking ceremony and grand opening. We all can hardly wait.

- Rezoning Application Accepted by the City of Miami - **February 21, 2020**
- Schematic Plans Completed for Rezoning
- Rezoning Completed - **April 2021.**
- Site Plan Approval - **July 2021**
- Groundbreaking Ceremony - **August 2021**
- Construction Begins - **August 2021**
- Construction Ends - **February 2023**

### We would love to have our Grand Opening in May 2023

We expect delays along the way or hurdles to cross that would impact this timeline. Besides, our timeline is very aggressive. Normal time

factor for construction is completion in 18 months. Total overall project timeline from beginning to end is approximately 3 years plus or minus. No matter how much time it will take us, this project is something we can all look forward to. Potential construction could take place as early as 18 months from now, depending upon the re-zoning process – but it is the best case scenario if everything works like a clock non-stop. Normally, things do not happen that way. Please remember, that the re-zoning is a two-stage process to accomplish our dream monument to the Polish People. Here are the steps:

#### **STEP 1: T-5-L to T-6-8-0**

After this step is accomplished then we need to request a commissioner’s waiver to re-zone again without having to wait 18 months, which is the normal process.

#### **STEP 2: T-6-8-0 to T-12-18**

This step will enable us to go to at least 18 floors and higher with a restaurant at the top.

Rezoning is a very complex process requiring 24/7 dedication. We have a great team working with us to accomplish this task. You can be proud of everything we are doing for you and the Club.

## **THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE - A POLITICAL CRIME OF POLISH GENOCIDE BY RUSSIA – IS IT TIME FOR RUSSIAN REPARATIONS**

*Dear Members and Friends,*

*I sent the below article to the Editor of the Wall Street Journal, requesting that it be published on April 13, 2020 on either the Letters to the Editor or the Opinion Page. We will see what happens. I will look for it and let you know. Everyone needs to know what happened and the fact that Polish people are resilient despite the challenges of tragedies that we are faced with. Please remember to pray for the souls of over 22,000+ Polish military officers, and the best and brightest of Polish military leadership, physicians, teachers, lawyers, priests and researchers, who died as victims of Genocide against the Polish people at the hands of the Russians. We will watch to see if it is published.*

*Dr. Michel S. Pawlowski*

### **April 13 is the Anniversary of the discovery of the mass graves and is recognized as Katyn Memorial Day.**

**By Michel S. Pawlowski, D.Sc.**

The Katyn Forest Massacre conducted by Russia, during World War II, was the mass execution of over 22,000+ Polish military officers, and the best and brightest of Polish military leadership, physicians, teachers, lawyers, priests and researchers. This was meant to deal a cultural and historical blow to the identity of the Polish people and nation – a travesty and systematically planned genocide. Poland was beheaded, because it lost its elite. This was a crime against civilization and humanity. The Katyn Forest is located near the city of Smolensk, located on the Dnieper River, 220 miles west-southwest of Moscow.

The Russian NKVD (People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs), based upon signed orders from Stalin in the early 1940, massacred Polish Prisoners of War, hands, tied behind their back at Katyn, one of the mass graves of murdered Polish Officers and political leadership in history, in a brazen and calculated strategy to destroy Polish history, and culture .

The Prisoners of War were murdered because it was the policy of Soviet officialdom at the time that their destruction guaranteed elimination forever of a considerable segment of the hostile military and professional elite of Poland, thus creating a leaderless vacuum into which Soviet-groomed men could move into the future. Stalin issued an order to "liquidate" the prisoners in order to destroy the Polish people and culture.

The mass graves in the Katyn Forest were discovered and announced in April 1943 when German soldiers discovered the bodies some of the bodies. The Germans seized the chance to unravel the Alliance between the West and Stalin. The Nazi's used this as a campaign to inform the world of the massacre. The Russians denied the massacre at the time. In 1990 Mikhail Gorbachev admitted the NKVD had executed the Polish people and confirmed two other sites similar to Katyn. Vladimir Putin called Katyn a "political crime." April 13 is the Anniversary of the discovery of the mass graves and is recognized as Katyn Memorial Day.

We do not know the extent and records and data from Russia on the destruction of lives and property of Polish people during World War II. What we also do not know is the extent of records and data

available from Russia. We need to demand that Russia open up their archives to World War II research on what was done to institutions, culture and the people of Poland.

In Russia, these records are not State Normal Public Archives. Who knows what additional secrets are behind lock and key on the great atrocities that took place on the people and culture of Poland based upon the actions of Russia? We do know that Russia did nothing to save the Polish people during the Warsaw uprising although they were positioned on the Eastern Edge of the city to provide help, but help deliberately did not come, because it was part of Stalin's plan to liquidate the Polish people.

It is important to point out that the crime of genocide was not confined to the Katyn Forest massacre alone. It is estimated that over 1.2 million Polish citizens were sent to Siberia to meet their demise. Research in the Russia archives may be able to give us answers on the policies and decisions made during World War II. The world has to demand access to these records and support reparations to the Polish people. It is also time to revisit turning back to Poland, it's lost territory at Yalta. That decision is not what the United States stands for, ethically and morally.

Russia has never paid with reparations dedicated to the Polish people. Maybe it is time. The Katyn Forest Massacre was just one of many systematic genocidal crimes conducted by Russia against the Polish people. There is much, much more to reveal.

We must never forget the Katyn Massacre, a political crime of Polish Genocide by Russia under the rule of Stalin.

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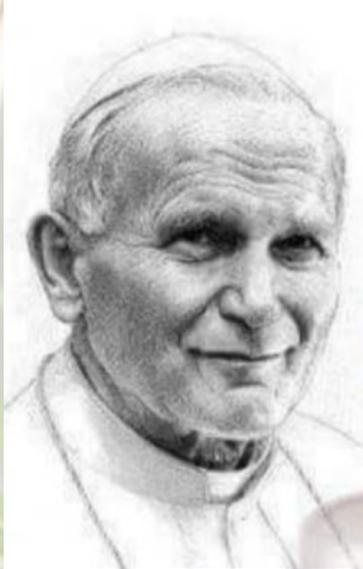
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# EASTER WISHES



**“Do not abandon yourselves to despair,  
We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.”  
Pope John Paul II**

**MAY THIS SPRING SEASON BRING YOU RENEWED HOPE FOR  
A BETTER TOMORROW. MAY YOUR HEART BE FULL OF BLISS AND  
JOY. WISH YOU NOT TO LOSE THE BEAUTIFUL EASTER FEELING  
OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES.  
LETS CELEBRATE EASTER WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER WITH  
THE PEOPLE THAT MATTER MOST.**

**HAVE A BLESSED AND HEALTHY EASTER EVERYONE!**

## With all this extra time...

In these recent weeks, we have all been given a lot of extra time to spare. Since we can't go far, and we have to continue the self distancing rule, it is reasonable to guess that many of our forgotten about gardens got some TLC. Closets got cleaned up, garages got organized, some fences received a fresh coat of paint, and DIY projects finally got finished. PACOM's property brick fence was painted red and white recently. We hope you like it and that it reminds you of our Polish flag.



## Our get well soon wishes go to...

Talking about perfect timing, our Dear President, Dr. Pawlowski couldn't pick a better time to get an unfortunate foot surgery. He is staying at home now for two reasons. He is practicing shelter in place, and he is healing his right foot, which is in a post surgery cast. Have a speedy recovery, Mr. President!

## The name of the game is...

Is anyone interested in helping us organize a special, community, social event to stimulate participation and encourage member participation? Maybe inviting a special speaker, etc.? Please let Monika DeMari know if you feel like planning an event. We need a committee to help us on this great journey. The name of the game is PARTICIPATION!

## Can I tell you all about...

We need new members. Please recruit others to join our great club with a fantastic future. We need each of you involved to support the club and be involved in fund raising. The next time you see a friend you can say: I have a great Club to interest you in. Can I tell you about The Polish American Club of Miami?

**Spread the word, recruit new members, renew your membership at:**

<https://www.polishamericanclubofmiami.com/membership>



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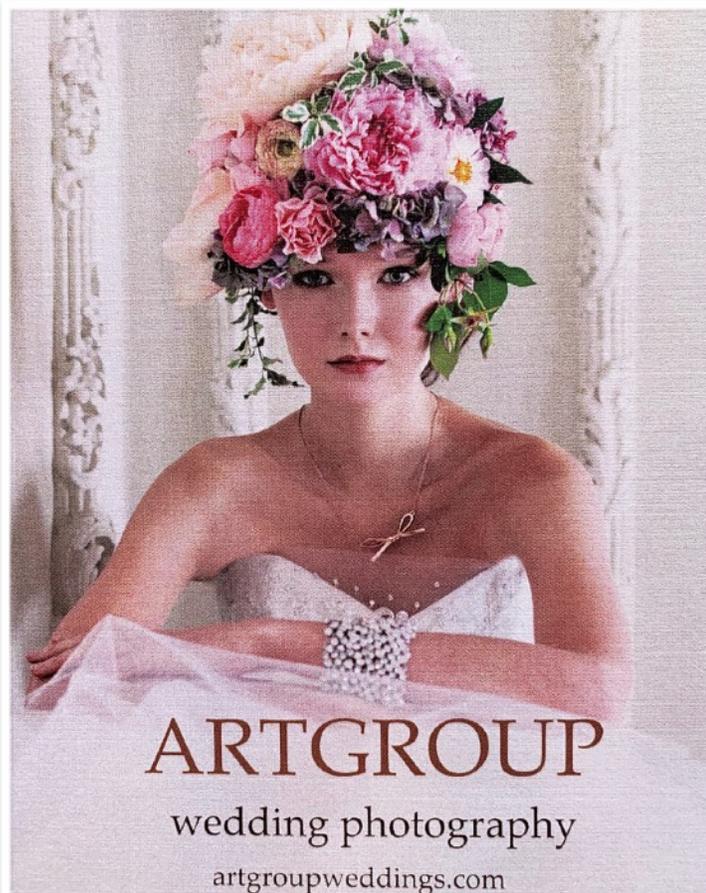
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