

POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



2004
Recognition
Award Banquet

Polish American Engineers Association

Recognition Award Banquet

**commemorates the PAEA's 70 years of service
to Polonia as well as the achievements
of the award recipients.**

Edward Blicharski

Tadeusz Maczynski

Jan Rzycki

George Turowski

Special Award: Prof. Ferdynand Leya, M.D.



"Many of the significant bridges in the United States are the result of a singular vision. The names Eads, Roebling, Modjeski, Strauss, and Ammann are immediately recognisable and synonymous with their achievements. Each of these designers has made an invaluable contribution to our understanding of bridges as well as additions to the portfolio of bridges unique to the United States. Most impressive is their confidence and ability to explore the unknown - while often producing some of the most visually and physically spectacular structures in this country..."
(Bridge Design & Engineering Portal: www.bridgeweb.com).

To honor the outstanding accomplishments of Ralph Modjeski, the Polish American Engineers Association has established the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund is maintained by voluntary contributions as well as from proceeds of this dinner dance.

Banquet Program

COCKTAIL HOUR:	6:00 - 7:00PM
DINNER:	7:00 - 8:00PM
WELCOME REMARKS:	8:00 - 8:15PM
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	8:15 - 8:20PM
AWARD PRESENTATIONS:	8:20 - 8:45PM
REMARKS BY DR. F. LEYA	8:45 - 9:00PM
DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF MICHAEL KIENKO QUARTET	8:45 - 11:00PM
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	DR. RONALD WOLOSEWICZ, PE
YOUR HOSTS:	POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

HISTORY OF POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

In the early 1900's, the Polish emigrants in the Chicago area were developing a bustling economy. As the immigrant's participation in the industrial development in the Chicago area was increasing, a need existed for engineering oriented organizations to assist these hardworking people in meeting and in overcoming new problems.

Even today youth guidance is a pressing need, but it was more so in the early 1900's. Parochial and public school graduates at both the elementary and high school levels could not generally turn to their parents for advice on the ways to acquire a technical education. These graduates had to rely on their own efforts or at best on advice of their teachers.

In this rapidly expanding industrial climate, the needs of the small industrial establishments who were trying to grow and to develop into useful ventures were equally as important. These small industrial concerns did not have any engineering advice available to assist them in their business ventures.

During these times, the legal, medical and religious professions were reasonably well organized and they served the youth interested in these disciplines. However, in the various technical fields, organizations did not exist. The Polish press presented infrequent but accurate accounts on the accomplishments of the master builder, Ralph Modjeski. They also shared with their readers the achievements of other engineers on Polish descent who settled in America. These well written but infrequent references served to inspire youths of Polish descent to seek an engineering training and to make engineering their life's work.

Engineers of Polish descent mainly lived outside of the Polish ethnic areas and had little if any, contact with each other. More important, there was a lack of communication between these engineers and the youth aspiring to obtain an engineering education. One can well understand the difficulties facing a typical eighteen year old and the bewilderment that arose when he entered the technical institute's environment that was totally different from the environment in his own ethnic area.

The first technical society in the Chicago area serving the needs of the Polish-American Community was the POLITECHNIK. This organization was formed in 1920 by a group of students of Polish descent who were attending the Armour Institute of Technology, today the Illinois Institute of Technology. The principal aim of POLITECHNIK was: to stimulate friendly ties among students in acclaiming to the institute's environment, to help new stu-

dents plan their studies, and to help them to avoid those pitfalls common to any technical institution. The senior members of the society took particular care and interest in the freshmen during those critical periods of adjustment.

The POLITECHNIK also served the Polish-American Community with its participation in the traditional Polish Day Festivities. Through the courtesy of the Chicago Bridge Department and some local manufacturers, the POLITECHNIK exhibited bridge models, models of mechanical construction equipment, and architectural perspectives of bridges, industrial structures and office buildings.

It was during these exhibits that many high school students of Polish descent began to feel a need for and a desire to obtain an engineering education. On an individual basis, meetings with interested youth were arranged who were encouraged to seek an engineering education at the Armour Institute of Technology. The POLITECHNIK was primarily concerned with the students and with their academic life while they were at the technical institute. With each graduation depleting the ranks of the POLITECHNIK, participation in civic affairs of the community also began to show a steady decline.

In the early 1930's the Polish Press in Chicago reported on the activities of professional engineers of Polish descent in Detroit. These reports attracted attention of civic-minded Polish American engineers and the idea germinated in Detroit bore fruit in Chicago. The first meeting of the interested engineers was held on September 22, 1934 and was exploratory in character. The meeting agenda was to explore and to examine in detail the following points: to determine the feasibility of formation of an engineering association composed of engineers of Polish descent, to provide in whatever way possible ideas that would have an impact on civic affairs; to assist the small and struggling engineering ventures; to provide technical assistance and guidance to various craftsmen; and finally to awaken the youth of Polish descent to opportunities in the engineering professions.

All of these goals were similar to the goals of the Polish American Businessmen's Association, and the assembled engineers accepted these ideas since the Polish Community of the Chicago Metropolitan Area would gain considerable benefits from them. The formation of this new organization was due to the inspired efforts of Prof. J. Kozaczka of Lewis Institute, of W. Kosicki, acting president of the Polish Engineers Society of Detroit, and of F. Nurczyk, who was the founder and General Manager of the

Polish American Businessmen Association. At this first meeting the assembly elected the following engineers: Prof. J. Kozaczka, President; F. Nurczyk, Vice President; and S. Pawlowski, Secretary-Treasurer. To bring this new organization (as yet without a formal name) to the attention of Polish American engineers in the Chicago area, a publicity campaign was launched in the Polish press. The publicity brought good response and the nucleus of the engineering association was formed.

As with all new organizations, a name had to be selected; goals had to be defined; a Constitution and By-Laws had to be written, and had to be presented for adoption by the members. The assembly elected E. Pawlowski and F. E. Wolosewick to develop a suitable Constitution and to perform all duties associated with their elected function. The final draft of the Constitution and the formal name of the Association as the POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (PAEA) was approved and adopted in the early part of 1935. Many of the senior members of POLITECHNIK became founders of, or became early members of the POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (PAEA).

The original Constitution of 1935 was in force until December 1951. At this time the impact of World War II created a new set of problems and a constitutional revision was necessary. The revised Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the membership of PAEA in the early part of 1952. With the passage of time, additional revisions to the Constitution and to the By-Laws were necessary.

The Polish American Engineers Association began in a very humble manner. From its inception, PAEA engaged in educational programs to inspire the American youths of Polish descent to strive for an engineering education. Radio talks of an informative nature on various engineering topics were delivered by members of the association in the years from 1940 to 1950. These talks were made possible through the courtesy of the Polish American Businessmen's Association who relinquished portion of their time on radio station WGES.

In the difficult years following the depression, and in the changing environments of the 1935 era, PAEA conducted guidance and an employment center to provide direction to American youth of Polish descent. But of a far greater significance was the impact that PAEA exerted in youth guidance towards obtaining training in various engineering disciplines. No formal records were kept of these contacts with the students who sought PAEA advice. It suffices to say that many students who were assisted by PAEA did complete formal education at technical institutions. These young men later attained positions in the industry, in the armed forces, in the educational field, and some became successful entrepreneurs.

Another field of Polish American Engineers Association activity was to advise inventors of the feasibility of their inventions; on methods of improvements of their patents; and or to advise inventors of similar patents. When inventions seemed to be new and novel, those inventors were given specific instructions on contacting patent attorneys who would process their inventions for them. As needs arose, lectures were sponsored, specifically designed to meet the requirements of the public demanding them. Although PAEA was never involved in formal educational programs, members were frequently asked to acquaint the expatriated Polish engineers with American design techniques. Such meetings were generally conducted on a personal basis. After a condensed problem-solving program, these engineers became so well conversant with our design techniques, that they could perform their duties more efficiently in engineering offices.

PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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Walter Rymysz,	Vice President
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POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish American Engineers Association was organized on November 11, 1937. The membership of this organization is made of wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of engineers. At the outbreak of Second World War the Ladies Auxiliary of PAEA concentrated their efforts in the humanitarian area, assisting injured Polish soldiers, orphans, veterans and displaced Persons in Europe and Far East. The original aim of the organization was to assist the Polish American Engineers Association in knitting a closer contact with various other professional groups, to assist also in propagation of interest in the engineering field among young people, and to award scholarship to needy American engineering students of Polish descent.

OVERVIEW OF PAEA MEETINGS

FOR 2003-2004

Throughout its entire history, PAEA has made every effort to make the monthly meetings interesting. Outside speakers were invited to present interesting lectures in various disciplines. Members are encouraged to give presentations in their areas of specialization or on problems arising in their industries. During the past 70 years over three hundred lectures were given for the membership. It is of particular interest that some of these presentations were based on original investigations of the members. Among our most notable speakers were Commanders of the Chicago District Corps of Engineers office, local University Professors, representatives from City of Chicago, various federal and state governmental agencies, representatives from the General Consulate of Poland, Illinois Supreme Court and private industry. To provide more time for technical discussions and for social functions, the PAEA business meetings are usually very brief.

During the past year, the following topics were presented:

Sept. 17, 2004,
LTC Norm Grady,
Deputy Commander Chicago District Corps of Engineers -
"Rebuilding Iraq"

May 21, 2004,
Professor John J. Dykla,
Professor of Physics, Loyola University -
"What's the Matter with the Dark Energy of the Universe?"

April 16, 2004,
Ms. Lee Ann Murino,
Cebal Americas
"Production Methods of Plastic Containers".

March 19, 2004,
Mr. Michael Niedzinski, M.S.,
Director of Technology & Standardization USA, Alcan
Aerospace -
"Aerospace Trends in Materials and Processing Technology".

February 20, 2004,
Mr. Christopher Szewczyk
"Contrasts between Engineering and Investing as Science"

January 16, 2004,
Mr. Edward J. Swierz, S.E., P.E.,
The Thornton Tomasetti Group
"Lifting the Roof at Miller Park".

November 21, 2003,
Mr. Walter Rymsza, P.E.,
Vice President Bowman Barrett & Associates,
Mr. Joseph Abruzzo, P.E., S.E.,
Senior Project Manager Bowman Barrett & Associates
"After the Fire - Reconstruction of the Canadian National
Railroad Bridge in Riverdale, IL."

For those PAEA members who are registered either as professional engineers, structural engineers or architects, attendance at the technical meetings qualifies toward maintenance of the professional license. Each technical meeting that lasts at least 50 minutes provides PAEA members with the opportunity for obtaining one Professional Development Hour Credit. Forms are available from the administration

In memory of the outstanding accomplishments of Ralph Modjeski, PAEA established in 1992 the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund. We are awarding every year two or three \$500 scholarship to engineering students of Polish descent. Since our membership dues are low this scholarship fund is maintained from voluntary contributions of our friends and members. Our recipients were:

1992 - Ewa Sniezko	-	University of Illinois
Grzegorz Szeszko -		Illinois Institute of Technology
1993 - Michal Burzawa	-	University of Illinois
Andrzej Tarko	-	University of Illinois
1994 - Ewa Dembowska	-	Marquett University
Robert Stankiewicz	-	University of Illinois
1995 - Tomasz Czystczon	-	Rochester Inst. of Technology
Sebastian Hasik	-	Tri-State University
1996 - Malgorzata Kaminska	-	Wayne State University
Joseph Drapa	-	University of Illinois
1998 - Edward Stankiewicz	-	University of Illinois
Jaroslaw Zmuda	-	DeVry Institute of Technology
1999 - Rafal Skorka	-	University of Illinois
Paul Salamandra	-	University of Illinois
2001 - Anne Griffin	-	Michigan State University
2003 - Lukasz Majewski	-	Illinois Institute of Technology
Peter Niedzinski	-	Illinois Institute of Technology
2004 - Kai Kojro Badziak	-	University of Illinois
Marcin Wilk	-	University of Illinois
Catherine Witczak	-	University of Pennsylvania

Throughout its entire existence, PAEA maintained a series of informal and formal social gatherings to permit members to become better acquainted with each other. Formal dances were held and were well attended by the invited public. Supplementing the major social functions are the annual Christmas parties for the children of the members. A summer time activity regaining popularity are the picnics held at various summer homes or resorts.

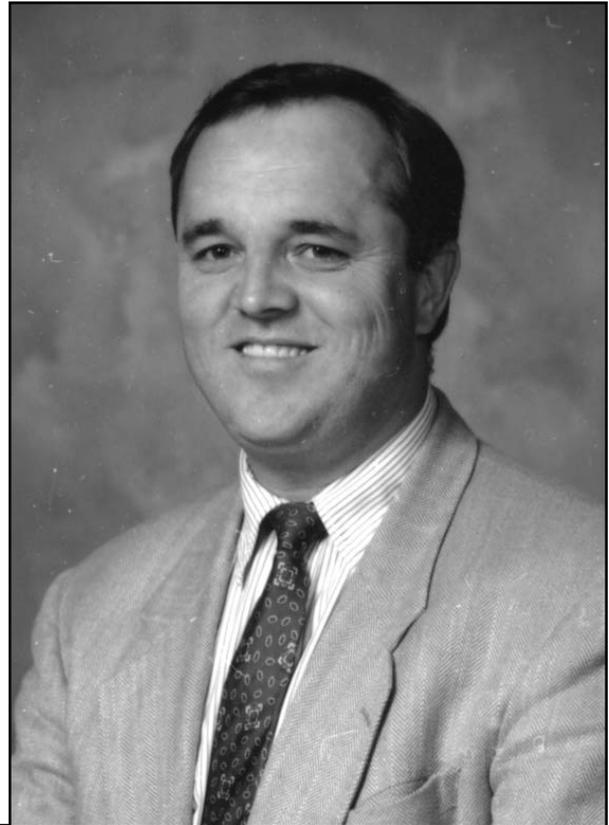
Although PAEA does not maintain a formal employment service, information on job opportunities occur frequently during the professional activity of its members. During the meetings such information is freely exchanged, and those members wishing to change their position would be guided and instructed on the procedures to be followed. Additional meetings are held via a Job Club to provide specialized training.

The Polish-American Engineers Association was formed in 1934 by a group of engineers, scientists and architects. The objective of this organization is to advance and sustain the science of engineering, to continually strive to develop and expand the organization by attracting young engineers of Polish heritage. Our other objective is to propagate contributions of Polish American engineers to the betterment of the United States and to foster closer relations among engineers and other professional people of related fields. During the past 69 years over three hundred lectures in various disciplines of engineering were given for the membership. Our Ralph Modjeski Scholarship fund awards every year two scholarship to engineering students of Polish descent. Polish-American Engineers Association is a member of the Illinois Engineering Council.

Currently our group has 128 members and a larger group of supporters who attend some of the meetings prior to submitting a formal application to our organization. Most of our members are working for major consulting firms; some are occupying top positions within the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and various federal governmental agencies.

PROF. FERDYNAND LEYA, M.D.

PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE / CARDIOLOGY
DIRECTOR, INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY
DIRECTOR, CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LAB



Dr. Ferdynand Leya was born in Poland in 1952. He received his education in Poland and in 1977 received his MD with highest honors from the Nicholas Copernicus Medical Academy of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Dr. Leya arrived in the United States in 1978 when he accepted a residency in internal medicine at Columbus Hospital in Chicago. By 1980, he was the chief resident in internal medicine at Columbus Hospital and also an instructor in Medicine at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago. In 1981 he began his association with Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois by accepting first a fellowship and two years later being granted a research fellowship in Cardiology. In 1984 he joined the faculty of the Loyola Medical Center as an Assistant Professor in the Cardiology section and in 1991 he was promoted to an Associate Professor in the Cardiology Section.

Because of his background as a research fellow, he developed grants totaling in excess of 3 million dollars, was the principal investigator, and developed several nationally recognized interventional cardiology programs. Currently, Dr. Leya is a tenured Professor of Medicine at Loyola, Director of Interventional Cardiology, Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program, and serves on several national cardiovascular committees. He holds board certifications in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology.

He is considered as expert and one of the most experienced interventional cardiologists in the Chicago area having performed thousands of cardiac procedures. This vast clinical experience has enabled him to have authored or co-authored over 75 papers, books, and abstracts. As a full-time member of the Loyola University Medical Center, he actively participates in the teaching of medical students, residents and fellows who have a unique opportunity to be trained in state-of-the-art interventional cardiology.

In July 1995, Chicago Magazine named him among the leading interventional cardiologists in the Chicago Metropolitan area. In recognition of his outstanding service, accomplishments and contributions in the field of modern medicine, the Polish American Congress Illinois Division presented Dr. Ferdynand Leya in 1977 its Heritage Award, and in 1998, the American Institute of Polish Culture presented him with its Medal of Recognition.

Dr. Ferdynand Leya gave a number of presentations for PAEA. On January 18, 2002 dr. Leya gave a presentation on the first implantation of a permanent artificial heart in a human being. On May 19, 2000 meeting, he Leya discussed for our members the latest developments in the interventional cardiology and use of robotics in open heart surgery. On February 20, 1998 dr. Ferdynand Leya provided at our regular meeting an update on the latest developments in the cardiology.

Dr. Leya is married and has two children. He enjoys spending time with his family, skiing, running, reading and working around the house, "a handyman".



EDWARD Blicharski

Mr. Edward Blicharski was born and raised in Chicago. After two years as an army paratrooper serving with an engineer company, he was honorably discharged in 1946.

Under the G.I. Bill he attended the Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Illinois in Urbana at Navy Pier and the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he received his B.S. in Architecture in 1952.

His first job was with Sargent and Lundy, a large firm designing power plants. His next job was with a small architectural firm designing religious, commercial and industrial buildings. In three years he rose to chief draftsman and designer. In this period he passed his state board exams and was now a registered architect. He now opened a part-time offices. His next job was at a medium size office. A short time later he was hired as a designer for the First McCormick Place project with Shaw, Metz and Dolio, a 400 persons office. This was the largest project in the state of Illinois at that time.

After two years to complete the design stage of McCormick Place in 1959, he went full time with his own office, named Edward F. Blicharski – Architect, designing commercial, industrial, residential and institutional work. His office had five people at its peak. Many of his clients are from Poland to name a few. The American Union Saving Loan for Henry Brandt, the Casey Laskowski

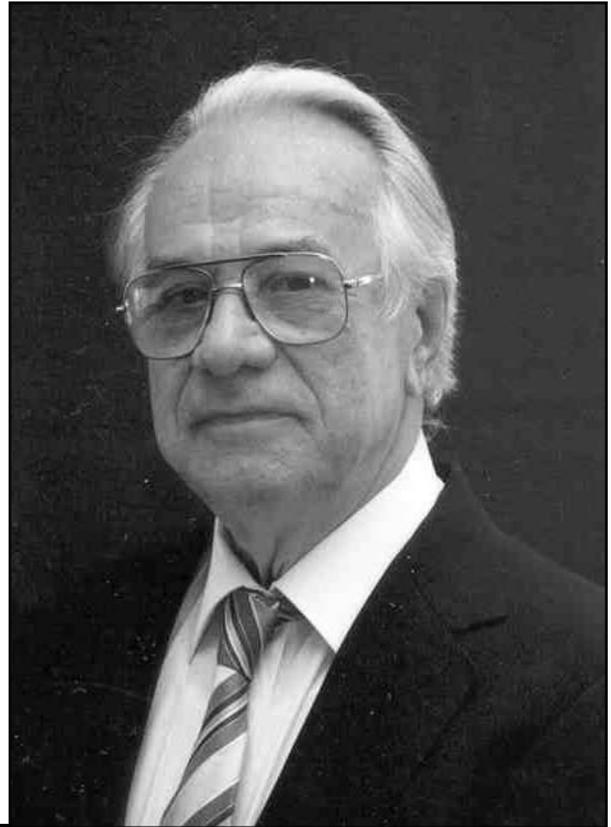
Funeral Home and Residence, the Copernicus Center Citizen Building on Milwaukee near Belmont, a Century Tile Store in Woodstock for Paul Spiewak, Four Car Wash Buildings, a Restaurant Residence for John Kamysz, and about eight projects for Ted Przybylo's House of the White Eagle.

One of the largest projects his firm designed was the Resurrection Retirement Community Complex. He developed a virgin sixteen-acre site that included earthwork, sewerage flatwork and lighting for the streets and parking areas. His architectural office proceeded with the first phase including two six-story buildings for 232 apartments and an octagonal shaped community building. He spent over one year developing drawings and specifications and next two years in the construction and supervision phase to completion.

His architectural firm has produced 2,000 projects in 45 years.

Edward is married to Dee, a retired assistant principal. They are active in many Polonia affairs and organizations. Ed belongs to Chicago Society, Polish American Businessmen Club, Polish Arts Club, Polonus Philatelic Club, Polish Military History Society of America and Polish American Engineers Association.

TADEUSZ MACZYNSKI



Thaddeus Maczynski was born in Krakow, in Poland, before World War II. After graduating from grammar school during the German occupation, he started working as an intern for Orion, a precision metal company, where he learned the trade of tool and die making. After four years at Orion, he received his certificate as a professional tool and die maker in 1948.

In 1950 Ted received his degree as a Technical Mechanic from the Krakow Technical Institute (PSP), and in the same year started working at the Institute as a trade instructor. He taught there for three years, and after the first year of teaching, he was promoted and held the position of superintendent until 1953. In 1953, he started working in a firm manufacturing special aviation and transportation equipment (WSK) as an assistant manager. He was assigned in the special new production division where production included research and development. While there, as a result of Ted's recommendations, 42 design changes were implemented for which he received an Award from the Heavy Industry Ministry; he worked there until 1959.

From 1951 to 1955 he continued his studies at the Evening Engineering School at the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy (AGH). He received his Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1955, graduating with Honors.

From 1959 to 1966, Ted worked as the Senior Designer at the Central Design Office (CBP&DPT). This firm designed and supervised completion of tunnel furnace projects for the steel mill and heavy industry plants in Poland and in Europe.

In 1966, Ted and his family emigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago. For a few years, he worked at Zenith Electronics, and for over two decades he worked as

Vice President in Charge of Production at the J & K Metal Specialties, Inc. in Chicago. For three years prior to retiring, Ted worked for Har Jes Tool & Engineering in Chicago, and collaborated on projects for Motorola, Zenith, H.G. Fisher, and Woodwork Corporation of America, among others. After retiring, Ted continued working part-time for five years as a consultant at the Northstar Metal Products, Inc. as their Quality Assurance Manager.

Throughout his career Ted received certifications in various areas relating to metal production and machine computer programming from Cincinnati Milacron, U.S. Amada Press Brake School, IDEX Corp. of NY, and Tooling and Manufacturing Association.

An active member of P.A. E.A for 35 years, he served as the financial secretary for three terms. Ted organized two of the last Engineer Balls at the Blackstone Hotel, and assisted with several Christmas parties for the children of the P.A. E.A. members.

He is also an active member of Polonus Philatelic Society, Polish American Numismatic Association, Pope John Paul II Foundation, Polish National Alliance, and the Polish Eagle Society Lodge 523 where he served as President and Financial Secretary for over 20 years. For his involvement in cultural and philanthropic activities, Ted was awarded the Silver Cross of Merit, and from Rome he received the Exsuli Bene De Ecclesia Merito medal.

Ted and his wife Barbara have been married for many years and have two married daughters Donna and Hedy. They are the grand-parents of Rachel and they are very proud of their children's accomplishments and careers.



JAN RZYSKI

Two years prior to the outbreak of the Second World War, Jan Rzycki began his engineering studies at the Poznan Polytechnic College. With the outbreak of the war, he was assigned to work as a draftsman for the German Arms and Ammunition Company in the buildings of the H. Cegielski factory in Poznan that appropriated by the Germans. Because of allied bombing raids on Poznan, the factory was destroyed and he was transferred to Karlsruhe in Germany. At the end of March 1945, the French forces occupied Karlsruhe and he became one of the many displaced persons in Germany. While in the displaced persons camp in Karlsruhe, thanks to UNRA, Jan Rzycki perfected his German language skills and was able pass the entrance examination for the Karlsruhe Polytechnic Institute. The Karlsruhe Polytechnic initiated educational programs in February 1946.

At the beginning of September 1946, he returned to Poland because of the economic conditions under which his widowed mother lived. Jan began working as a technical director of a small private company that produced machinery parts for manufacturing cigarettes for the Polish Tobacco Monopoly in Poznan. At the same time he resumed engineering education at his old Alma Mater and finished his 3rd year of study in 1947. In the same year he married his wife Jadwiga and was transferred to H. Cegielski plant where he worked as a design engineer working on a variety of projects. One of the more extensive projects was the reconstruction of a very large air compressor. He was also active in preparing documentation for the production initiation of machine guns.

While still working at the Cegielski plant, Jan and a friend opened a fruit drying company. Jan Rzycki developed

and built a plum dryer in the form of a tunnel that had a drying capacity of two tons per day. He also provided a repair and reconditioning service for various animal feed drying equipment manufacturers in the Wroclaw area.

Because of pressure exerted by the communist authorities, Jan Rzycki was forced to close his business. After closing his business, he accepted a position at an engineering design office for food industry in Poznan. His major tasks were the preparation of design documentation for baking machinery. Afterwards, he returned to H. Cegielski plant where he prepared a project for an underground shooting gallery.

In 1962 Jan emigrated with his family to the USA. After a period of time he found work at the A. J. Boynton Co. in the machine construction division for steel melting plants. Five years later in 1967, Jan accepted a position with the Sargent & Lundy Engineers in Chicago. He worked at S&L for 17 years leading a team of engineers tasked with design of coal handling systems for electrical power plants. This assignment also included the monitoring of the firms that were fabricating the coal handling systems. Jan Rzycki closed his professional activity and retired in 1984. In 1960's he became member of the PAEA where he found a friendly and helpful atmosphere needed for arriving immigrants.

Jan and his lovely wife Jadwiga have been married for 57 years. In addition to raising and educating two daughters, she has been active in the Polish Scouting Association and the Polish Women's Alliance. One of their daughters, Kinga, has been active in the Polish Scouting Association and was for several years in charge of the Polish Girl Scout program in the USA. Their other daughter, Magdalena, has her own firm, Commercial Art, in Boulder, Colorado.

GEORGE TUROWSKI



Mr. George Turowski was born in Krakow Poland before the World War II. In 1943 he was arrested by Gestapo Police in Krakow and spent 8 months in Montelupich prison. Later he was sent to Concentration Camp in K. L. "Pustkow" by Dembica. Mr. George Turowski and three other prisoners escaped from the Concentration Camp in June 1944. To avoid being captured by Gestapo he joined Polish Underground Army - Narodowe Sily Zbrojne "Brygada Swietokrzyska". After the War in Germany, he joined Polish Guard Camp under the Command of the U.S. Army European Theater. Mostly, Polish Guards took over German prisoners of war camps. In 1949 he immigrated to the United States.

In March 1951 during Korean War, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was with the 6th Division Combat Engineers. He was Honorably Discharged in 1953 from the army. Under the G. I. Bill he attended University of Illinois Navy Pier Campus, then transfer to Illinois Institute of Technology.

In late 1955 through 1971 Mr. George Turowski worked for A. J. Boynton Consulting Engineers on various structure and bridges projects. Two outstanding structures he was directly involved with were: North Dearborn Street Double left Bascule Bridge and Calumet Skyway. Since January 1972 he has been employed by the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering assigned to the Division of Bridges and Viaducts, as Designer and Assistant Project Manager.

His responsibilities included design, training and maintenance of moveable bridges. He was one of the designers of removal of the Z curve and the reconstruction of the North Lake Shore Drive. Another major accomplishment he was involved in was construction of the Columbus Bridge. The bridge is the second longest movable bridge in the world. He also worked under rapid transit extension from Jefferson Park Train Station to the O'Hare International Airport.

After 21 years of service, he retired in 1992 from engineering profession.

Mr. George Turowski joined Polish American Engineers Association in 1966. He served as treasurer and Vice President of our organization for over 20 years. Mr. George Turowski was very active for over 50 years in Polish Veterans of WWII. S.P.K. For his services for the "Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantow w Ameryce Polnocnej" he received "Zloty Krzyz Polski Walczacej". He also received "Zlota Odznaka Honorowa Stowarzyszenia Polskich Kombatantow". Also was promoted to the First Lieutenant in the Polish Army.

Mr. George Turowski was also serving as a financial Secretary of Lodge 1267 Polish National Alliance for over 20 years.

He and his wife Helen just celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary.



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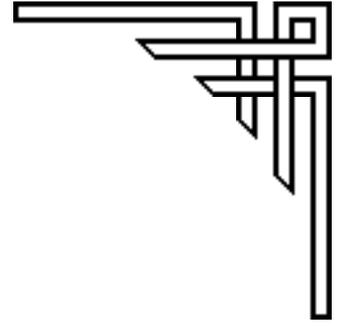
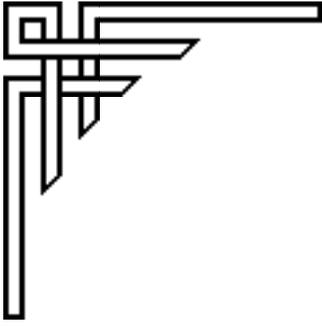
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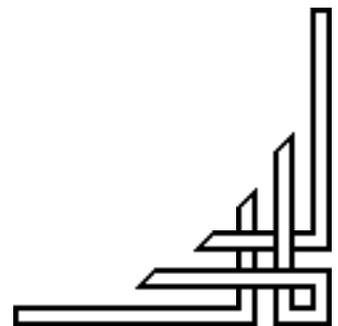
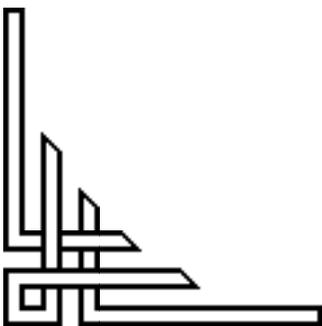
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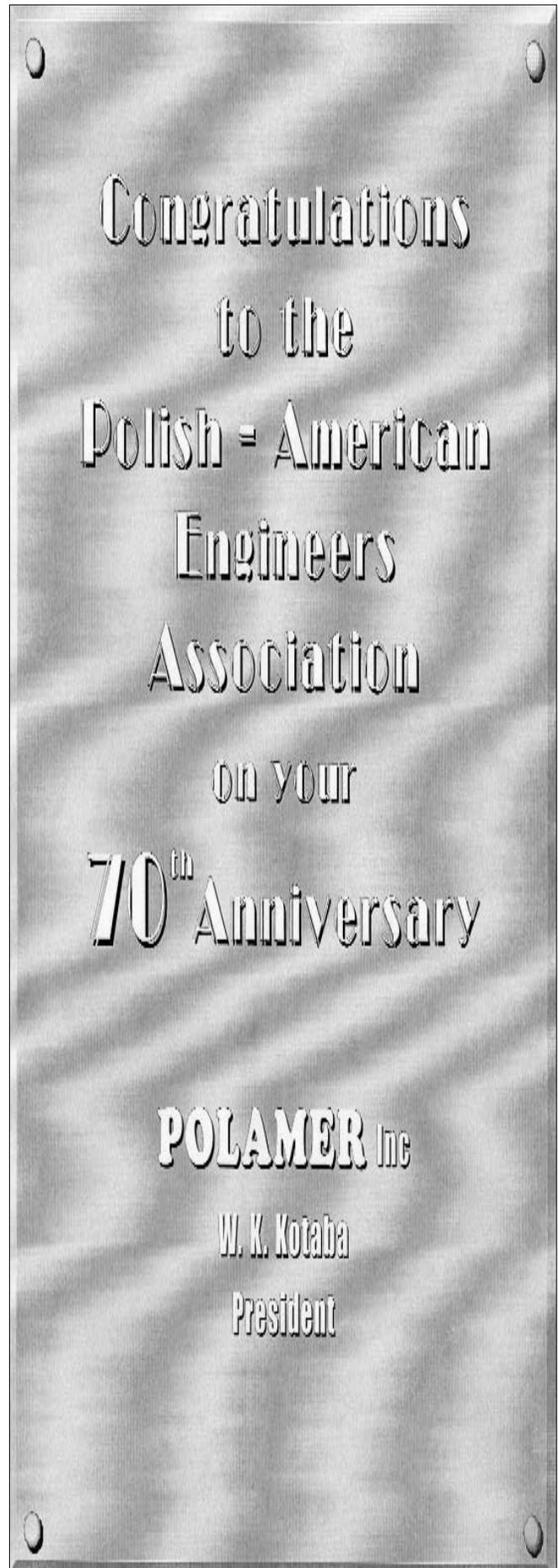
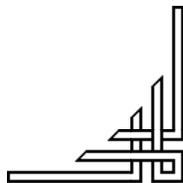
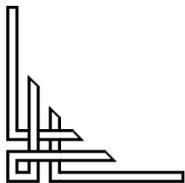
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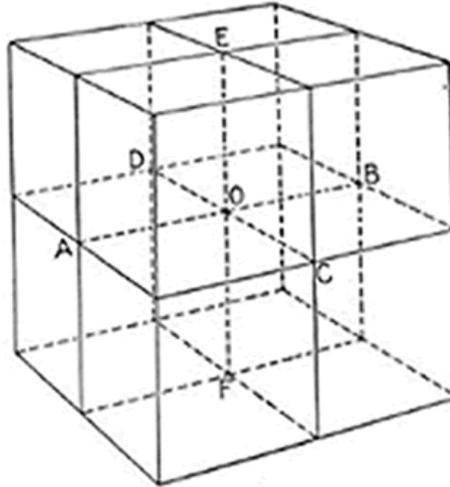
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