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Adam Cardinal Maida and Lady Blanka Rosenstiel.



Ms. Gina Janiga, Adam Cardinal Maida, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak.



Ms. Loretta Swit and Adam Cardinal Maida.



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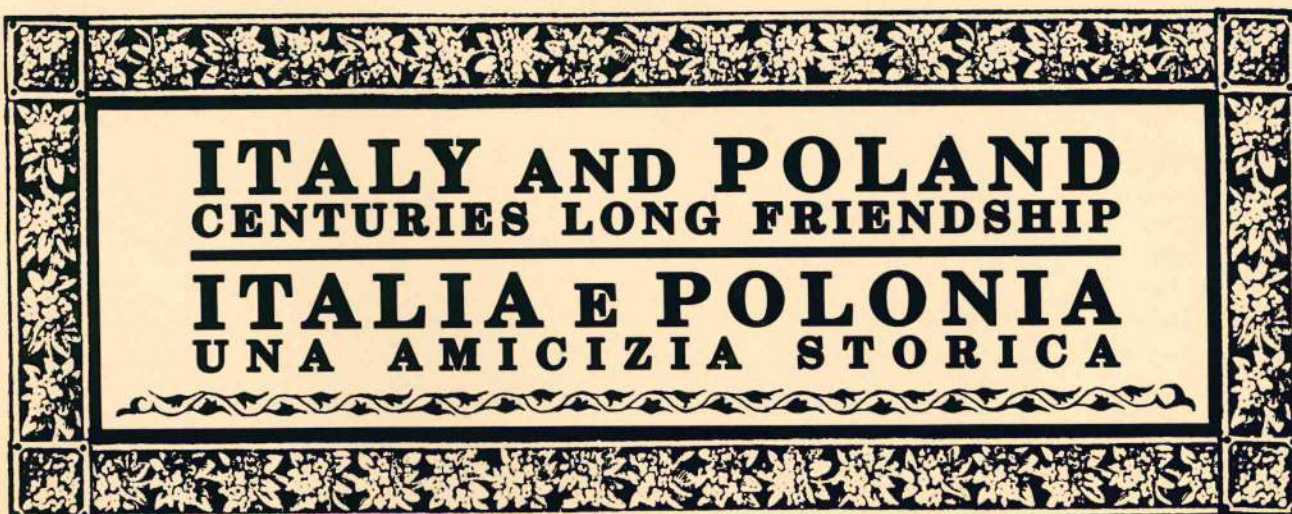


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Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling.

The International Polonaise Ball



Adam Cardinal Maida and Dame Pauline Kos

The International Polonaise Ball

that will be long remembered....

Because of the presence of His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, the 24th International Polonaise Ball with a theme of "Italy and Poland: centuries long friendship" could not be more appropriate. Poland and Italy, two countries in Europe, that have through their Christian faith, which Poland adopted during the reign of King Mieszko the First, in anno domini 966, shared extensively in their political and cultural exchanges. That historical event of Poland's acceptance of Christianity was the alignment of Poland with the Bishops of Rome. Thousand years later Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow was elected to be the Bishop of Rome as Pope John Paul II.

When in 1518 King Zygmunt the First of the Jagiellonian House of Poland married Queen Bona Sforza d'Aragon, Princess of Milano hundreds Italian artists and architects came to Poland and stayed to become Polish citizens. Queen Bona Sforza added much to the flourishing of good relations between the two countries ...

For this year's ball the newly refurbished Eden Roc Hotel seemed to be a perfect choice. The beautifully dressed ladies in sumptuous ball gowns and gentlemen in white or black tie with all the decorations and Polish Gold Eagles on red ribbons looked especially regal and reminded us of the elegance of the times gone by.

The delegation from Europe included quite a representation of Italian aristocracy, among them were seen : Prince don Alberto Giovanelli, Prince and Princess Giordano d'Altavilla, Countess Bianca Belli, N.H. Piero Cutelle, Count and Countess Ulrico de Portis di St.Pietro e Schiavoni, and Countess Lorenza Fisconi Thellung e Courtelary. The local Italians were very well represented. The Consul General of Italy and Mrs. Marco Rocca and Dr. and Mrs. Dario Carnevale, who most recently, was elected to represent all the Italians in the South East of the United States looked very happy.

Princess Marianne Bernadotte came especially from Stockholm, Sweden together with the lovely Margareta de Gea and Ula and Ian Nalewajko. From Monte Carlo an enchanting couple were Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Schietse..



Count Ulrico de Portis, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel,
Princess Marianne Bernadotte

"Italia e Polonia: una amicizia storica"
"Italy and Poland: centuries long friendship"



Countess Florina Margiaria, Hon. Marco Rocca, N.H. Piero Cutelle, Prince don Alberto Giovanelli, Countess Lorenza Fisconi Thellung, Ms. Francesca Quercia.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaman, Adam Cardinal Maida, Ms. Gina Jan



Mr. Thomas Schon, Mrs. Werner Schon, Adam Cardinal Maida, Hon. Werner Schon.



Dr. L.V. Kosinski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Adam Cardinal Maida, Miss Joanna Pijanowski.



But most of the guests came from various parts of the United States: New York, California, Washington D.C., Texas, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Illinois, Delaware, Georgia, Ohio, Toronto, Canada, Virginia, South Carolina and New Jersey, however the biggest delegation of over 40 persons came from Michigan. Lady Helen Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Germack made sure that their group of friends would attend and so did Countess Astrid de Grabowski, Mrs. Harriet Irsey, Mrs. Rubby Bacardi, Mrs. Grace Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O'Brian, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Mrs. Gina Janiga, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Brunhard, who hosted a table of twenty from Palm Beach.

The cocktail party, for which some of the liquor was provided by Sazerac Co. of New Orleans, was held in the Cotillion Room. A receiving line of ladies, under the supervision of Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, greeted all guests at the entrance. Mrs. Gina Janiga assisted by a few ladies, presented to all guests the traditional Polish Gold Eagles on red ribbons.

The excitement was felt by everyone - the guests were arriving, the cameras flashing... and there were many opportunities for reminiscing and taking photos with old and new friends. An Eagle carved in ice dominated the center oval table filled with hot and cold delicacies and assorted hors d'oeuvres.

When His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida made an appearance his impressive figure and personal charisma won everyone's heart - indeed, everyone wanted to be photographed with him and he obliged....

His Eminence was the honored guest of the evening - later on during the dinner, he would receive the American Institute of Polish Culture Gold Medal Award for his vision and efforts to establish the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Prince don Alberto Giovanelli.



Mrs. Margareta de Gea, Mr. Andre Pawlikowski.



Count Ulrico de Portis, Countess Romana de Portis.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaman.



Count and Countess Giordano d'Altavilla.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Mr. Waldemar Dowiak.



Mr. and Mrs. Ian Nalivajko.



Ms. Sigrid Seidell and Mr. Oswald.



Soon the lights started to blink. It was time for dinner. A dozen dancers clad in beautiful folklore costumes appeared at the door helping guests into the Ballroom. What a sight this was... beautifully appointed by Italian decorator Graziella Cripps and Count Maurizio Albrizzi d'Albrizio of Ft. Lauderdale tables with huge flower arrangements were illuminated by hundreds of tall pin in gleaming silver candelabras. Swags of pink satin elegantly criss-crossed the ceiling and hundreds of small lights cascaded on the mirrored walls making the room reflect the enchantment of the evening many a time. The ball was like a beauty and luxury.

The pink flood lights were lit. The Masters of Ceremonies, Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Andre Pascal were ready to read a few of the many messages especially for this occasion: from the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, President of the Republic of Poland, Aleksander Kwasniewski, His Eminence Angelo Sodano, Secretary of the Vatican State, His Excellency Ferdinando Ambasciatore of Italy and His Excellency Jerzy Kozminski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland.

Then the ball was officially opened with the traditional stately dance. Lady Blanka Rosenstiel with Mr. Waldemar Dowiak were followed by Princess Marianne Bernadotte with Prince don Alberto Giovanelli, Count and Countess Portis, Prince and Princess Giordano d'Altavilla, Major and Mrs. Marian N. M.A. and Mrs. Edna Gene Schofman, Mrs. Andrea Lippen and John Schmitt. I mention a few in the long procession of some twenty distinguished couples.



Princess Marianne Bernadotte and Adam Cardinal Maida.



Prince don Alberto Giovanelli and Lady Blanka Rosenstiel.



Prince don Alberto Giovanelli and Hon. Willy Gort.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel.



Hon. Marco Rocca.



Ms. Gina Janiga, Ms. Loretta Swit, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak.



Rev. Msgr. Stanley Milewski, Adam Cardinal Maida, Lady Helene Pierce.



Mrs. Barbara Cooper, Mr. Roman Cooper, Mrs. Malgorzata Pijanowski, Miss Joanna



Ms. Bernadette Lane, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Germ.

For a few hours, after the Invocation given by Rev. Msgr. Stan Milewski, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, guests dined and danced the tunes of Frank Hubbell society orchestra. The five course dinner v delightful and the sweets, Teramisu, Petits Fours and Polish chocolate waff enjoyed by all. The Delicious Luksusowa Vodka, Polish waffels and chocola were offered to the Institute by Adamba Imports of New York, Champagne v served freely and a special gifts of large bottles of Usquebach Ultra-Premiu Scotch given by Mr. Stanley Stankiwicz from Pittsburgh was a trill to the ma happy winners.

During the dinner guests had the pleasure to see the Polish Dance Gr of New York under the direction of Mr. Stanley Pelc, perform a Krakowia Tarantella and the White Mazur. Their performance, underwritten by Mr. and M Egmont Sondrling, was applauded heartily.

From the podium Lady Blanka spoke briefly about the beautiful Itali Polish historical relations and emphasized the necessity of continuous coopera among all Nations. She introduced some of the distinguished guests from Italy called upon Prince don Alberto Giovanelli to come to the podium. Prince Giova expressed his best wishes and brought regrets from Their Royal Heighnesses Pr Vittorio Emanuele and Princess Marina di Savoia e Napoli who, due to a f cancellation from Abu Dabi, could not arrive in time for the Polonaise Ball. Honorable Willy Gort, Vice Mayor of the City of Miami, presented a key to the on behalf of Mayor Stephen Clark.

The Honorable Marco Rocca, Consul General of Italy and Dr.D Carnevale thanked Lady Blanka and the Institute for choosing an Italian theme this year's Polonaise Ball. Both thought that it was a wonderful and enjoyable i Lady Blanka thanked her dear friends Princess Marianne Bernadotte and movie Ms. Loretta Swit for attending, and presented them both with bouquets of rose

Than was the time to call upon the evenings honored guest, Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, for the official presents of the A.I.P.C. Gold Medal Award. Sir William Flynn, Chairman of the Mutu America and President of American Association of the Sovereign Military Ord Malta in the U.S., spoke warmly about his friend of many years. He spoke about Eminence's vision and his untiring efforts on behalf of the Pope John Paul II Cul Center, he emphasized the need for such a Center in the nation's capital, and c upon all for their assistance and generosity.

His Eminence was escorted to the podium by Lady Blanka. presented the prestigious Gold Medal Award on behalf of the Institute an Board Members with words of appreciation and gratitude:

"Your Eminence, we want you to know that this year's Polonaise was focused on your unique vision... and in recognition of your plan for the] John Paul II Cultural Center and for your leadership I like to present to you, with love and appreciation, the Gold Medal Award of the American Institute of P Culture. May you be gratified for your perseverance and untiring efforts to l your vision for this project to fruition..."



Adam Cardinal Maida, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Sir William Flynn.



Adam Cardinal Maida.

In his acceptance remarks His Eminence mentioned the importance of recognizing the Pope John Paul II as the greatest Pope in history. He said:

...” the Center will be built in Washington D.C., and it is designed not only to illuminate the life and ministry of Pope John Paul II, and his successors, but also to foster the study of the complex interaction between the papacy and world cultures. More than \$30 million has been now raised and the construction is to begin before the end of this year. Approximately \$30 million are needed to build the Center as well as an additional \$10 million to endow its operation.

When completed, the Center will be the site of conferences, lectures, exhibitions, artistic performances and other events related to the interplay of faith and culture. The Center’s Museum and Library is expected to receive thousands of visitors annually who will view a high-tech audio-visual display depicting the 2,000-year history of the papacy...

A key feature of the Center will be at least six endowed academic chairs for scholars, who occupy these chairs will study, discuss, write and teach about the influence and impact that the papacy has had on world history and on the development of national cultures. Each chair will represent a specific culture which has been important in the life of the Catholic Church. Initially, the Polish, Italian, Irish, Hispanic, Korean and Jewish cultures will be represented with more chairs to be added as the Center grows and develops...

I am grateful to Sir William Flynn for leading the effort to fund the Center’s \$1 million Irish Chair in Faith and Culture and I am grateful to Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and her brother Waldmar Dowiak, who have pledged \$100,000 for the Center, and to Mrs. Harriet Irsay, Col. Arthur and Lady Gollow and Mrs. Ruth Crane, who have already pledged their generous support. In May, Lady Blanka and Mr. Dowiak and others who have been particularly influential in funding the Center will be invited to Rome to attend a ceremony in which Pope John Paul II will bless the building’s cornerstone... May I add, that to symbolize His endorsement of the Center and the close links it will have to the Vatican, the Holy Father has given permission for a stone to be taken from the tomb of St. Peter, directly beneath the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica - this stone will become part of the Center’s cornerstone.

His Eminence received a thunderous applause and a long standing ovation.

The Honorable Willy Gort, Vice-Mayor, presented His Eminence with a Key to the City of Miami and Lady Blanka received a proclamation calling January 1996, the American Institute of Polish Culture Day.



Dr. Dario Carnevale, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Hon. Marco Rocca.



Prince don Alberto Giovanelli, Hon. Willy Gort, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel.



Adam Cardinal Maida, Hon. Willy Gort.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O'Brien and their guests.



Dr. Robert Wozniak and Mrs. Paul C.



Polish American Dance Group of New York



Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sadowski.



Ms. Gina Janiga and Mr. Waldemar Dowiak.



Mrs. Harriet Irsay, Mrs. Marie Harms, Mrs. Janina Lennox, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt.



Mr. Ray Pardue and Countess Astrid de Grabowski.



Mr. Stefan Zmuda, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Emily England, Mrs. Dorota Gutowski.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stankiwicz and friends.



Mrs. Grace Clayton and Mr. Michael Turner



Mr. John Schmidt and Mrs. Ande Lippen.



Sir William Flynn and Adam Cardinal Maida.



Maj. and Mrs. Marian Nejman.



Mrs. Margareta de Gea and Dr. Jack Knowles.



Mrs. Ruth Crane and Adam Cardinal Maida.





Mrs. Henrietta Partyka, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Andrew Plucinski, Ms. Hanna Baczkowski, Mr. Chester Partyka.



Mrs. Carol Sadowski, Mrs. EdnaGene Schofman, Mrs. Ande Lippen, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, Mrs. Christine Schietse.



Mrs. Christine Schietse, Baron George Sambor, Mr. Oswald Schietse, Countess Magdalena von Freytag.



Mr. Adam Kruszelnicki and Miss Kasia Kurylonska.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaman.



Mr. and Mrs. Aristotle



Drs. Maria and Wieslaw Wojnarski, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Cooper.



Miss Natalia Wodecki, Mrs. Anna Mycek Wodecki, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Zielewicz, Mrs. Led



Lady Demetra Kruse, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Robert Kruse.



Sir Kenneth and Lady Helen Whittaker.



Mr. Edmund Sadowski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Dr. J.



Mr. Stefan Belz, Adam Cardinal Maida, Ms. Sabrina Noto



Dr. M.A. and EdnaGene Schofman



Polish American Dance Group



Miss Magdalena Misiurer, Mr. Grzegorz Jasiurkowski, Miss Judyta Misiurek.



Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Wojciech Rostafinski.



Judge E. Wayne Bachus and Lady Blanka Rosenstiel.



Hon. and Mrs. Mitchell Kafarski, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Germack.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Monsignor Antoni Czarnecki

The evening had to come to an end. Valuable door prizes were drawn, "pink bags" with goodies distributed, and a "Grand Polonaise" was performed by the Dance Group from New York with all guests participating. They were elated having been privileged to attend this exciting and solemn occasion ! An International Polonaise Ball like this will, indeed, be long remembered...

You can mark your calendar February 1st , 1997 for our next International Polonaise Ball. Its theme :

"Romantic Poland & Her People".

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