



Polish Heritage Center



2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**FROM MARCH 27, 2012
TO DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Presenting our first Annual Contribution Report

This *cumulative* report covers the period from March 27, 2012 to December 31, 2018. This *cumulative* report was prepared as soon as the previous year's accounting information was received and processed, which should be in the January/February time frame of this year. Many of you have made more than one gift in the progress of the Polish Heritage Center. When you send your gift over time, the collected effect might escape you. That is the reason for this *cumulative* report — to show you how your REPEATED gifts build over time make a difference and are truly appreciated. It is hoped that this example might help others to consider a similar practice of supporting the Polish Heritage Center. Not everyone can make a large one-time gift, but all can make gifts over time. Whether it is monthly, quarterly, annually, or whatever frequency, your repeated gifts will make help make this worthwhile project a reality! The purpose is that as a 501(C)(3), non-profit organization, every effort will be made that you, our generous benefactors, will always know where your contributions have gone and what they are accomplishing. We are always accountable to you. Every effort has been made to ensure that this report is accurate and reflects correctly the levels of each of your contributions. If there are any corrections, please contact me, John Wojtasczyk, at either 210-387-7472 or wojtasczyk@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you.

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Bishop Yanta and the entire staff of the Polish Heritage Center are so greatly thankful for your many gifts that have made this tribute to our ancestors successful to date. As we all continue to move forward, this report may likely look different from year to year as a result of our ongoing fund raising. Two important reminders to keep in mind are:

1) Checks for memorials and tributes given to the Polish Heritage Center need to be made out to the Polish Heritage Center for proper credit. When audited, every gift needs to be proved as being given to the Heritage Center. Gifts given to a family in these circumstances needs to be deposited by the family and then one check written (include a list if you wish of those who donated) by the family to the Heritage Center. This way there is no confusion as to where the funds were meant to be directed.

2) Many of you over the years have given Bishop "gifts" meant for the Heritage Center, but written out to him. In the same manner, Bishop must first deposit these gifts and then write a check from his personal account to the Heritage Center. In both instances, the result will be that who ever writes the check for the Polish Heritage Center will receive the tax credit and satisfy an audit. If you are needing to track a gift meant for the Heritage Center, and wish to account for the gift, remember to make your gift to the Polish Heritage Center.

As these reports are prepared it is very helpful to have the wife's maiden, especially if it Polish! This helps us to *connect* the dots of relationships. So I would ask, when possible, that if you do not see your maiden name, drop me a line so that I can add it in the record. Likewise, if there are more than one name on the check, or within the household, please clearly indicate these names so that they are properly recorded!

Dziękuję y'all!

John Wojtasczyk (wojtasczyk@sbcglobal.net or 210-387-7472)



Bishop's Corner

Glory, praise, and thanksgiving to the Lord for bringing success to the work of our hands! The exterior of our building has been completed, and presently much of the work is on the inside. We are already preparing the last touches and will begin fabricating the exhibits that will give a historical background to our Polish heritage. We have a building that is no longer limited to south Texas, but has become a national and international project. It is what it is. Panna Maria, December 24, 1854, is the **FIRST** and **OLDEST** permanent Polish settlement in the United States. That is who we are. It is a privilege and responsibility requiring a first class response.

Let us be good stewards. A *steward* is one who manages someone's property or goods. God made the world and all the land. It belongs to God. What was it like 300 years ago in the present Polish parishes, farms, and ranches? And fast forward 300 years from now! In God's judgement, may we be good stewards. This Newsletter gives our annual report. May God think highly of each of us according to the talents He has given us. Even a widow's mite is with honor in God's eyes, because some of us have been given less talents than others. May our generosity bring about the "finish out" of our interior – the many exhibits that tell the story of why we are the **FIRST** and **OLDEST** Polish settlement in the United States.

Praying for you and your family, and our efforts to complete the Polish Heritage Center, I'm

†Bishop John W. Yanta

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