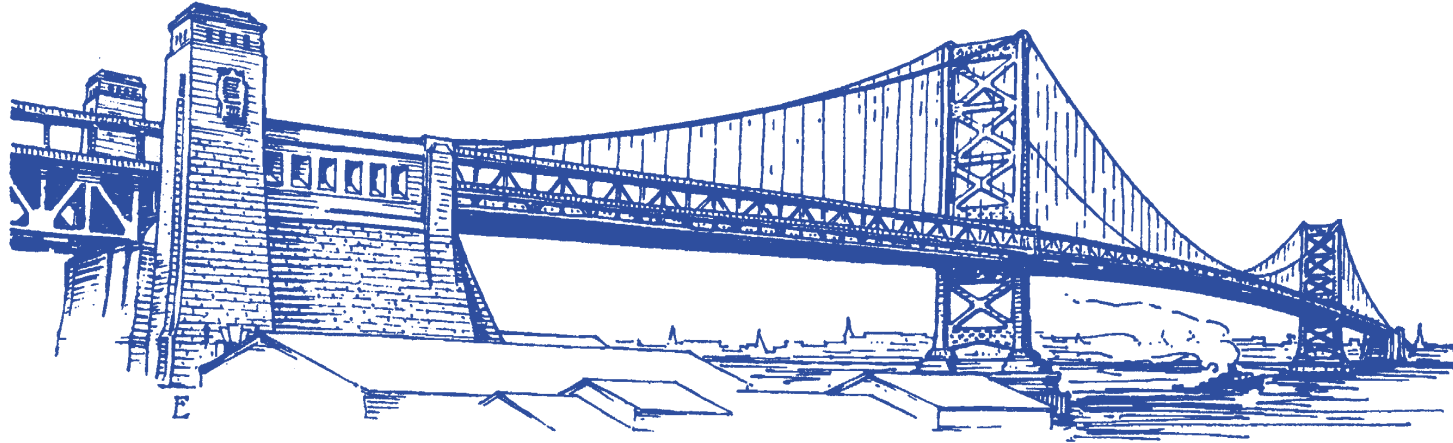


Meet us near the Benjamin Franklin Bridge . . .



. . . for a special ceremony to honor Ralph Modjeski

The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia

a member organization of the
American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC)

The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia is the local representative of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). The Society is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of our rich Polish cultural heritage among the citizens of the Greater Delaware Valley.

Through its stimulating monthly programs, the Society enhances understanding and enjoyment of Polish history and the culture and values of our forefathers. Its Annual Chopin Concerts, art exhibits, visiting author lectures, Polonaise Ball and other special events showcase the talents and accomplishments of Polish and Polish-American artists, musicians, writers, scholars and scientists.

Overall, the Society strives to share an awareness and appreciation of the quality of the Polish ingredient in our modern American mosaic.

Officers

Deborah M. Majka, *President*
Irene W. Musman, *Vice-President*
Eleanor McGinley, *Treasurer*
Teresa Wojcik, *Corresponding Secretary*
Diana Blichasz, *Recording Secretary*
Cynthia Brach, *Newsletter Editor*

Directors

Marie Hejnosz • Jeane Joka • Eleanor W. Lerke
Stephen Medvec • Peter Obst • Ann Szymanski

For membership information contact:

JoAnn Chernis

459 Flamingo Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128
phone: 215-483-7652 • e-mail: joacher@aol.com
also see: www.polishcultureacpc.org



Ralph Modjeski (Rudolf Modrzejewski 1861–1940) was one of America's great bridgebuilders. Educated at the famous École des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris, he interned with George Morison, one of America's great bridge engineers. Later, he started the firm of Modjeski and Masters going on to build some of the great bridges in the United States. In the Philadelphia area he built the *Benjamin Franklin Bridge*, the *Tacony-Palmyra Bridge*, and two bridges on Henry Avenue. His other major projects included the *Thebes Bridge* at Thebes, Illinois; *Quebec Bridge* on the St Lawrence River; the *Trans-Bay Oakland-San Francisco Bridge*, and the *Huey P. Long Bridge* in New Orleans. During a long career he introduced many advances in the design of long steel truss and suspension bridges, and was one of the first engineers in the United States to build large structures of reinforced concrete. He received many awards for his work including the Franklin Institute *Franklin Medal* (1922), the *John Fritz Medal* (1930) and the *Washington Award* (1931) given for his "contribution to transportation through superior skill and courage in bridge construction and design." The firm he founded continues to design and build bridges, maintaining the legacy he established.

The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia

and

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

invite you to a dedication ceremony of an official marker commemorating

Ralph Modjeski, Chief Engineer of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge

to take place on

the northwest corner of 6th and Race Streets, Philadelphia

Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. • public welcome

Lunch at 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 4th and Arch Streets

(order lunch reception tickets using the attached card)

for parking and additional information see: www.polishcultureacpc.org under Ralph Modjeski

**Ralph Modjeski Historical Marker Dedication
Lunch Reception at the Holiday Inn, 4th and Arch Streets**

Saturday, September 15, 2007, 2:30 p.m. • Cash Bar
choice of meal (give number of tickets per choice):

_____ Sweet Bourbon Flat Iron Steak
With Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Baby Root Vegetables
_____ Pan Seared Tilapia
Topped with Fresh Tomatoes and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Total number of tickets _____ at \$35.00 per person

Name _____

Address _____



Polish Heritage Society
of Philadelphia
c/o Debbie Majka
812 Lombard Street, #12
Philadelphia, PA 19147

tel: (215) 627-1391

Kindly make checks payable to: "Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia"
Please respond by Friday, September 2, 2007