

**NATIONAL
FRATERNAL
CONGRESS
OF AMERICA**



**JOINING HANDS
TO TOUCH LIVES**

The Association of America's
Fraternal Benefit Societies

Contact: Rose Riccetti
630-522-6322, ext. 114
rriccetti@nfcenet.org

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

NFCA Honors “Fraternalist-in-Action” for Volunteerism

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

Member Joseph A. Malkowski named Fraternal MVP.

OAK BROOK, IL, July 24, 2006 – The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) is proud to recognize Joseph A. Malkowski—a member of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA), Lodge #2109, Maple Heights, Ohio—as a Fraternal MVP (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of July 24, 2006. Fraternal MVPs are “Fraternalists-in-Action” who volunteer their time and energy to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors.

“The NFCA wishes to salute those individuals as true fraternalists,” said NFCA Chair of the Board Michael J. Wade. “As a Fraternal MVP, Joseph Malkowski embodies the heart of fraternalism through his hard work, dedication and generosity.”

A fraternalist all of his life, Malkowski has been Financial Secretary of PRCUA Lodge #2109 (formerly Alliance of Poles of America Group #9) for more than 50 years. He also has been a delegate to its conventions since 1958, without interruption, and President Mary E. Pawlak awarded him the gold medal, the Alliance’s highest honor, in 1990. In 1994, President John Borkowski awarded Malkowski the title of Honorary Delegate for life to all future conventions of the then-Alliance of Poles of America.

In January 1982, Malkowski was appointed by President Ben Michalski as Chief Organizer of the Alliance of Poles of America for four years. Soon after the 36th Quadrennial Convention in Troy, Michigan, he was appointed by President Mary E. Pawlak to the post of General Secretary. *(Note: On January 1, 2005, the Alliance of Poles of America officially merged with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.)*

During his years serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific, Malkowski was awarded three bronze stars, many ribbons and achieved the rank of petty officer second class. Currently, he has been a member of various veterans' groups such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Polish Army Veterans Post #152. Commander Joseph Lecznar of Post #152 presented Malkowski with the "Sword of General Haller Award" in 1993.

Malkowski has been very active in the Ohio Fraternal Congress since 1982, including serving on the Executive Board since October 1983, and serving as President in 1994-1995.

Malkowski and his wife, Mildred, have three children and four grandchildren, and reside in Maple Heights, Ohio.

Fraternal MVPs are part of the NFCA's Fraternalists-in-Action program, which recognizes individuals whose unique stories best represent 21st Century fraternalism. These fraternalists demonstrate exceptional compassion and vision through their volunteer activities.

About Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA)

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) is the oldest Polish American fraternal in America. It was established in 1873 in the spirit of brotherhood to unite and help Polish immigrants. Today, PRCUA performs religious, charitable, educational and civic work on behalf of its members and the Polish American Community. PRCUA is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with additional offices in Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.prcua.org.

About the NFCA

The 120-year-old NFCA unites 75 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies operating in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The association represents 10 million people in 36,000 local chapters, making it one of America's largest member networks. Fraternal benefit societies provide their members with leadership, social, educational, spiritual, patriotic, scholarship, financial and volunteer-service opportunities. Combined, the NFCA's member-societies maintain more than \$315 billion of life insurance-in-force and, in 2004 alone, contributed almost \$390 million to charitable and fraternal programs. In addition, fraternalists volunteered approximately 91.5 million hours toward community-service projects during that same period. For more information, visit the NFCA's Web site at www.nfcenet.org.

###

NFCA Headquarters: 1315 West 22nd Street, Suite 400, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Phone: 630-522-NFCA **Fax:** 630-522-6326 **Web Site:** www.nfcenet.org **E-Mail:** nfca@nfcenet.org