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### Illustrious Brother Tadeusz Gliwic

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On the afternoon of 19 May, 1994, the Supreme Council of Poland lost their Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Brother Tadeusz Gliwic, 33°, the Past Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Poland, and the senior Polish Freemason, following a heart attack. His sudden and unexpected departure has left the Supreme Council of Poland – and the Polish Masonry – in a state of shock.

Ill. Bro Tadeusz Gliwic was born 14 August 1907 in Petersburg, the past capital of Russia. His father, Hipolit Gliwic (1878–1943) an economist, politician and diplomat (i.e. in the late 20-ties a *chargé d' affaires* of a Polish embassy in Washington, D.C., next a senator and a deputy speaker of the Polish Parliament) was an eminent Freemason, also – a member of the Supreme Council of Poland. Ill. Tadeusz Gliwic was made a Mason in a Mother Lodge of Poland „Kopernik” (Copernicus) in 1934; after more than three years he became a Master Mason. In 1937 he was elected Deputy Grand Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the NGLP. In February 1961 Ill. Gliwic became one of the seven Polish Masters (who had been initiated before the war) who reestablished the Mother Lodge „Kopernik” in the Orient of Warsaw. Ill. Gliwic was serving in this clandestine Lodge as its second Warden, next a Secretair, and since 1988 as its Worshipful Master.

Ill. Gliwic became a Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1991 in the Valley of American Military, Orient of NATO bases, S.J. U.S.A. On December 27, 1991 when the National Grand Lodge of Poland was reestablished, Ill. Gliwic was elected its Grand Master. The reawakening of the Polish obedience, and next on October 19, 1993 – in the House of the Temple, S.J. U.S.A. – the Supreme Council for Poland was the culmination of a long Masonic activity of Ill. Brother Gliwic.

Polish Senior Brother was laid to rest on Thursday, May 25th in the Powązki Cemetary in Warsaw after the roman-catholic celebration in the Carol Boromeus Church. A Masonic Memorial Service was hold on June 16th, 1994.