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Background on St. Stanislaus Society

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The Saint Stanislaus society currently operates as a Polish club open to members and guests, offering amenities including a bar, pool tables, music, and a hall available to rent.

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Minute book: Henryk Burek, Sekretarz Protokolowy

1959 Jan.-1964 Mar.

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1964 Apr.-1969 Feb.

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Provenance not recorded.

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Related Material

A copy of the *Konstytucja Towarzystwa Sw. Kazimierza Grupa 1625 Z.N.P., Turners Falls, Mass.* (1931) is located in Lesiski-Rusin Family Papers (MS 131).

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