



# **McLAIN TO FACE FASTBALLS**

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On May 10, 2018, the Polish Day Parade Committee will hold its annual fundraiser for the benefit of the Polish Day Parade. One of Michigan's largest ethnic parades, the Polish Day Parade is an annual event occurring every Labor Day in the City of Hamtramck and is sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Michigan Division.

This year's fundraiser is a roast of Detroit Tigers sports legend Denny McLain. Denny is major league baseball's last 30-game winner (actually winning 31 games in 1968) and the only player to achieve the feat since Dizzy Dean in 1934. He is a two-time Cy Young Award winner (1968 and 1969) and American League Most Valuable Player Award winner in 1968. He is the only player in major league baseball history to win both awards by a unanimous vote.

The master of ceremonies for this year's roast is former WDIV-TV sports anchor Eli Zaret. The roasters include 18-year major league first baseman, outfielder, all-star, and graduate of Hamtramck's St. Ladislaus High, Tom Paciorek; 1968 Tiger relief pitcher Jon Warden; seven-year major leaguer and 1968 Tiger utility infielder Tommy Matchick; Lou Boudreau, Jr., Denny's brother-in-law and son of the Cleveland Indians Hall of Famer; and City of Warren Mayor James R. Fouts. Other surprise roasters may make an appearance.

The event will be held on May 10, 2018 at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 E. 15 Mile Road in Troy (northwest corner of Dequindre and 15 Mile Roads). The doors open at 5:30 and dinner is served at 7:00. Denny will be available for pictures and autographs. Tickets are \$75 per person or a table of 10 for \$650.

The Polish American Congress is a national umbrella organization representing at least 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Its membership is comprised of fraternal, educational, veteran, religious, cultural, social, business, and political organizations and individual memberships. The Polish American community prides itself on its deeply rooted commitment to the values of family, faith, democracy, hard work, and fulfillment of the American dream.