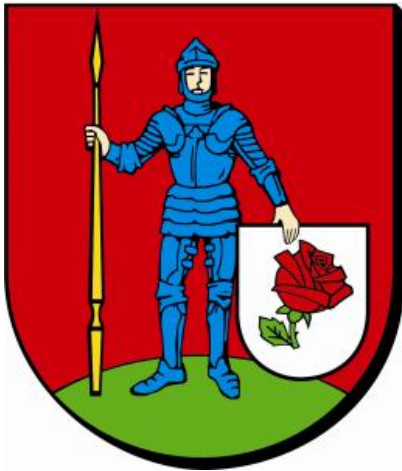


OSTRÓDA COUNTY COAT OF ARMS



On a “Spanish shield” in a red field, a blue-armoured knight stands on a green hill, holding a golden lance in his right and a silver Spanish shield, adorned with red rose bud, in his left hand. Elements of the coat of arms refer to historical events, such as the Battle of Grunwald and the incorporation of Prussia into Poland. The knight with lance and shield is a direct reference to the second seal of Ostróda (approx. 1440), which in turn was related to formation of the Prussian Federation, as well as an indirect reference to Polish knights from the era of the victorious battle of Grunwald and to Jan Bażyński. The rose on the shield symbolizes the Prussian Federation. The rose bud was also the main motive of Jan Bażyński's secret seal. Thus, the rose and the knight both symbolize Jan Bażyński - knight, squire and the most outstanding historical figure associated with the present area of Ostróda County. He was the first governor of Royal Prussia, who greatly contributed to the incorporation of Prussia into Poland. Most of his earthly possessions used to be located in what is now the Ostróda County.

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OSTRÓDA COUNTY FLAG



The County flag is rectangular in shape, with the sides length ratio of 5:8. In the centre of the red field of the flag is a white square with a side length equal to the height of the flag. Inside the square, in the centre, is an image of a natural red rose bud, also present on the County's coat of arms. The furthest left and right portion of the bud is placed at 0.1 length of the flag away from the edge of the square. The symbolism of the rose is interpreted the same way as in the coat of arms.

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