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The Shooting Society – Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków is one of the oldest shooting organizations associated with the city’s defence. The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków dates back to 1257, when the city was formally established under the Magdeburg Law.

The duty of the burghers was to defend the city. In order to provide them with proper military preparation, it was necessary to organize training for the city’s defenders and to ensure that they are in constant combat readiness. The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity, also known as the Shooting Society, was subordinated to the municipal authorities, and its members repeatedly defended the city against enemy invaders.

The shooting exercises were carried out in accordance with strictly defined rules. Once a year a ceremonial contest was held in order to select the king of the shooters. The title of Sharpshooters’ King was awarded to the best marksman.

Over time, the importance of The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity increased: it participated in all royal entries and coronations, it organized tournaments and festivals.

To this day, the members of The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity observe the rich ceremonial traditions and participate in numerous cultural and historical events in Kraków. Every year, a shooting competition is organized and the winner is awarded the title of the Sharpshooters’ King. His enthronement takes place at the Main Market Square in Kraków and has been a part of the Kraków Days festival celebrations for many years. The new Sharpshooters’ King receives the nomination from the Mayor of the City of Kraków.

One of the honorary members of The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków was Pope John Paul II,

and the ranks of its honorary brothers included, among others, the President of the United States George W. Bush and the President of the Republic of Poland in Exile Ryszard Kaczorowski.



On 9 August 2018, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a silver collector coin with a face value of 10 zł – “760th Anniversary of the Shooting Society – Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków”.

Face value: 10 zł

Metal: Ag 925/1000

Finish: proof (selective gilding)

Diameter: 32.00 mm

Weight: 14.14 g

Edge (side): plain

Mintage: up to 15,000 pcs



Designer: Grzegorz Pfeifer

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.

The Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków was honoured with the city’s highest decoration – the gold medal of Cracoviae Merenti, as well as the papal medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, awarded by Pope Benedict XVI.

The reverse of the coin commemorating the 760th anniversary of The Shooting Society – Sharpshooters’ Fraternity in Kraków features the Fraternity’s symbol, the Silver “Kur”, donated by the Kraków City Council in 1565, with the Fraternity’s seat in the background. Legend has it that the Fraternity received it from King Sigismund Augustus.

The obverse of the coin depicts the Barbican – the northernmost part of Kraków’s fortifications. It was formerly linked with the Florian Gate, and its main task was to defend the gate. On the eastern wall of the Barbican there is a commemorative plaque in honour of the excellent marksman Marcin Oracewicz, who was a member of the Sharpshooters’ Fraternity.

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