



Dear Brother and Sister Hibernians,

This year, 2017, the country will recognize and celebrate the 100th Birthday of President John F. Kennedy. In 2016 Senators Edward J. Markey (D-Mass), Elizabeth Warren, (D-Mass) Orin Hatch (R-Utah) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) helped to pass Senate legislation to establish a commission to be known as *the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission*. The commission was established to plan, develop and carry out the activities to honor President Kennedy on the occasion of this momentous birthday. The entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation co-sponsored the bill. Representative Joe Kennedy III introduced the companion legislation in the House.

We Hibernians, are proud and honored to have had President John F. Kennedy, as a brother Hibernian at the Tomás Cardinal O'Fiaich AOH Division 14 Watertown MA, up until his untimely death.

At our **99th AOH LAOH Biennial Massachusetts State Convention**, in June, we will proudly dedicate the convention to President Kennedy in honor of his 100th birthday. On Friday June 2, 2017 we will place a wreath at the JFK Memorial in Hyannis.

We are asking all Divisions to place an ad in the program book to help to defray the expenses of the convention. Enclosed are the forms for the ads and also a sheet for Sponsors and Memorials. A good idea is to pass the Sponsor/Memorial sheet around at meetings. We would like to get as many sponsors as possible and it is a good chance to enter, on the Memorial page, the names of your past members who worked so hard to keep your divisions going. Please return the enclosed forms to: Paula Paoli / Program Book Co-Chair / 22 County Road / Holyoke, MA 01040 Paula5412@comcast.net

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As quoted from MA Sen. Markey, "President Kennedy's legacy continues to resonate in importance and urgency in the 21st century. His challenge to land a man on the Moon led to the discovery of new technologies and spurred historic funding in science and research, the lifeblood of the Massachusetts economy."