



Dear Sister and Brother Hibernians,

The time has come to start thinking about spring and make your plans to attend our much awaited 2017 Massachusetts State Convention to be held on **June 2nd – 3rd** at the Doubletree Hotel, 287 Hyannis Rd., Hyannis, MA. The room rates that were secured back in 2015 are \$129.00 per night plus applicable taxes. These rates will be honored from three days prior and three days post convention. Reservations can be made online at **www.capecod.doubletree.com** and using the **group code ANC** or by calling the hotel directly at **1-508-771-1700**. Make sure you ask for the Ancient Order of Hibernians group rate. Reservation can be made starting **January 30, 2017** and the cutoff date for reservations is **May 1, 2017**

Besides the mandatory meetings that will take place on Saturday, we have a lively fun filled weekend planned for all of you. On Friday June 2nd at 3:30PM we will be having a wreath laying ceremony at the JFK Memorial. This happens to be the 100th year of President Kennedy's birthday and this will be the perfect opportunity to reflect on Kennedy's legacy. John F. Kennedy was a member of Division 14 in Watertown, Ma being initiated in 1947. The Ice Breaker on Friday night will be a great way to meet other Hibernians from our Divisions around the State. The picnic buffet is sure to be delicious and the music by "Irish Whispa" will guarantee a great time.

After the convention meetings come to an end on Saturday afternoon, we will be installing our officers after the 5:00PM Mass at the Hotel facility. Once this special Mass and ceremony is over, we will convene to our dinner dance, where we will enjoy the entertainment of the Silver Spears Irish Show Band. Our hospitality room will be open after both the Friday and Saturday night events.

Sometime over the weekend, one should make a point of visiting downtown Hyannis at one's leisure. Main Street Hyannis is an interesting and eclectic all-American Main Street that is a wonderful place to visit to shop, dine and be entertained year around. With specialty shops, restaurants and fun attractions, there is something for everyone on Main Street in internationally known, downtown Hyannis. Shop for Nantucket Reds or sea glass jewelry, enjoy barbecue on the patio, hear jazz over martinis...all on Main Street, a 10 minute drive from the Doubletree Hotel.

Enclosed is the meal package form as well as the Program Book form. Please do your best to promote this program book as it acts as subsidy to some of the costs of putting on this convention. Please pay close attention to the cutoff dates and remember reservations need to be made at the Doubletree by **May 1, 2017**

We are very much looking forward to having a productive 2017 Convention and having you all join us will most definitely strengthen our bonds of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

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Jack Lahey, Massachusetts AOH State Board Vice President

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Mary Whidden, Massachusetts LAOH State Board Vice President

These documents are also available on the State website (www.massaoh.com)