**October 9, 2021**

**AOH PA STATE BOARD MEETING**

**Catholic War Vets Club**

**128 Jackson Street**

**Johnstown, PA 15901**

Brother Dougherty:

The Cambria County # 1, Our Lady of Knock Division AOH is prepared to host the State Board Meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2021. While there are still a few details to be confirmed, my purpose here is to describe the plan for the meeting and to answer as many questions as we can.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Due to another event, the Holiday Inn Downtown is NOT available on Friday, October 8th. Therefore, anyone wishing to stay on FRIDAY night should plan to make his own arrangements. There is an Econo Lodge downtown as well, about a mile from the Catholic War Vets Club and the number is (814) 536-1114. Approximately 5 miles away, there is a Quality Inn at (814) 266-3678 as well as a Sleep Inn at (814) 262-9292. These are located in the Richland section of Johnstown, where there is also a Hampton Inn and a Holiday Inn Express (for those looking for a little pricier stay or who might be able to use their membership points).

For SATURDAY night, the Holiday Inn Downtown has availability and we have blocked 15 rooms for you at the rate of $134.00. The number for the Holiday Inn Downtown is (814) 535-7777 and the address is 250 Market Street, Johnstown 15901. Parking is included. The Holiday Inn is a full-service hotel with a bar, dining room and indoor pool.

**MEETING INFORMATION:** The meeting will begin at the Catholic War Vets Club (address above) at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 9th and should conclude no later than 4:00 pm. Coffee and donuts will be served prior to the meeting beginning at Noon. Food service will follow the meeting.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** For those planning to attend Mass during your visit to Johnstown, we have found that the most convenient Mass location is Saint John Gaulbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, located downtown and a short distance from the Holiday Inn (and literally around the corner from the Catholic War Vets Club). Saint John's offers weekend Masses at 6:00 pm Saturday, as well as 7:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm Sunday.

**IRISH FELLOWSHIP:** As a special courtesy to our visiting Board members, The Cambria County #1, Our Lady of Knock Division, AOH will plan on finishing our meeting day by inviting you back to the Catholic War Vets Club after Mass for a special private party on Saturday night October 9th. As you arrive around 7:30 pm, we will have Irish entertainment that will run from 7:30-9:30 pm. This will be an AOH-and-Invited-Guest only event with a live Irish band. While the details for all of this are still being worked out due to the short notice, we hope that you will plan on joining us at this close-out of our meeting (and that you will bring your singing voices).

**2023 AOH STATE CONVENTION:** We recognize that this meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for an Inspection Team from the State Board to review the facilities, amenities and community of Johnstown, PA. To that end, we recommend that any members of a planned Inspection Team arrive on **Friday** to tour the Holiday Inn and the Pasquerilla Convention Center so that you can meet with the staff during their work day to answer any questions.

In Our Motto,

John L. Skelley

Division President

Cambria County #1

Our Lady of Knock Division

Ancient Order of Hibernians