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Pilgrim Monument to Recognize Tip O'Neill's Legacy

The son of the late Speaker of the House will recount his father's role in preserving the Cape Cod National Seashore

Provincetown, Mass. (March 16, 2010) – Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum will hold a *Cornerstone Dinner* at the Lobster Pot Restaurant as part of the countdown to the monument's 100th anniversary. In addition to the five course meal prepared by the award-winning Chef Tim McNulty, and a fabulous raffle with prizes furnished by local businesses, guests will enjoy a behind-the-scenes account of the landmark federal legislation that created the 33-mile national park on the Cape Cod seashore.

Thomas P. O'Neill III, a part-time Harwichport resident, will recount how his late father Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977-1987, filed the bill to create the national park despite strong opposition from Cape Cod residents at the time. "It's was truly a profile in courage; the people of Truro even hanged my father in effigy," recalls the former Lieutenant Governor with a laugh. "I'm really looking forward to sharing the story. It's a classic Washington caper."

Like the Cape Cod National Seashore, the Pilgrim Monument has hosted visitors from around the world who climb the 116 steps to the top to experience the panoramic views of the historic Provincetown Harbor, where the Pilgrims first arrived in November of 1620.

Tickets to the Cornerstone Dinner are \$102, to commemorate the 102 Pilgrims who were on board the Mayflower as it made its first landing in the New World. They are available online at www.pilgrim-monument.org, or in person at Seamen's Bank in Provincetown. The dinner will be held at the Lobster Pot Restaurant, 321 Commercial Street in Provincetown, Thursday, April 8, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For more information about the Cornerstone Dinner, the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, and other *Celebrate 100* festivities, visit www.pilgrim-monument.org or call 508-487-1310.

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Provincetown Harbor, and the signing of the Mayflower Compact. In addition, the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum collects, preserves, interprets, researches, exhibits, and publishes archival historical materials and exhibit materials depicting important events of Provincetown history. www.pilgrim-monument.org.

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