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THE BULLETIN OF THE BC CLUB OF CAPE COD - COMMENCEMENT EDITION



ANNUAL DUES DUE! VENMO IS COMING!

To provide you with a wide range of activities, support local charities, and bestow our annual scholarship to a Cape student, your nominal \$25.00 fee is needed. And to simplify payment we're accepting annual dues via Venmo. Check the website:

[bcclubofcapecod membership](https://bcclubofcapecod.com/membership)

SUMMER 2024

CRUISING THE BAY AND THE SOUND

Join BC alumni on two cruises this summer: our annual Sunset Lobster Dinner Cruise out of Sesuit Harbor in Dennis on 7/20 and a Sunset Cruise on the Liberte Schooner from Falmouth on 8/2.

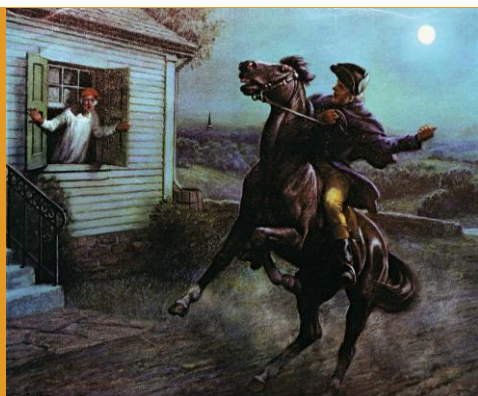
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lobster cruise registration](https://bcclubofcapecodevents.com/lobster-cruise-registration)

SEPTEMBER 2024

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNING

Mark Sept 13 on your calendar for the 2024 annual golf tournament to benefit the Veterans Outreach Center of the Cape. You can register now or sponsor the event by visiting bcclubofcapecod.com/event

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

For alumni thinking about visiting the Minute Man National Historical Park next year in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, be prepared! Register for an engaging talk about the patriots, players, and politics that figured prominently in the fight for Independence. BC alum and retired Army Lt colonel Brian Cummins will share stories of courage, valor, and some serendipity as a musket fired "the shot heard around the world." **Wed, July 17 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, Kennedy Museum, Hyannis. Fee: \$15/per person for members; \$20/per person non members.**

Assistance Needed!

Plans are underway to launch a series of leadership seminars on the Cape! Club Board member Mary Ellen Joyce is the director of BC's MS-Leadership and is lining up faculty to deliver insights to Club members, *especially young alumni*, on achieving leadership excellence and living a full and complete life.

HOWEVER, to keep attendance fees to a minimum BCCCC needs to secure meeting space at a nominal cost. **If you are a member of a club, association, parish, etc. that has space to accommodate 75-100 people and A/V equipment please let us know!** Contact the Club at bcclubofcapecod@gmail.com.

The pillar of the program is Ignatian leadership that research shows is essential in developing the leaders we need now. Learn how *magis* is the fundamental building block for today's leaders. We hope you can help us bring this programming to the Cape!



DUES MATTER!

Few organizations on the Cape provide as robust programming as BCCCC. In fact, BC's Alumni Affairs tells us the Cape Club as its most active in terms of events and activities. From *Sheagles* Golf League to summer sails; from Edu-Events to private tours of Cape landmarks, we strive to offer opportunities for *all* alumni to participate in activities of interest and engage with one another.

But as of May 1, 2024, half of the Club members have not paid 2024 dues. This nominal fee of \$25.00 not only covers a minimal overhead but allows Cape alumni to provide financial support to students from the Cape who matriculate at our alma mater. Membership also confers early-bird registration to landmark events such as a private tour of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

As of June 1, 2024, alumni who are not current in their dues will be charged non-member rate to attend events. bcclubofcapecod.com/membership





COMMENCEMENT 2024

Nearly 3,000 students, graduate and undergraduate, are expected to attend the 148th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2024. A dramatic change since Rev. Robert J. Fulton, S.J. presided over the first commencement ceremony in 1877.

Boston College opened on Harrison Avenue in Boston's South End in 1863, welcoming its first students in September 1864. The course of study was designed to last seven years, but it wasn't until fourteen years after its founding that BC could finally mount a formal graduation ceremony attended by twelve young graduates.

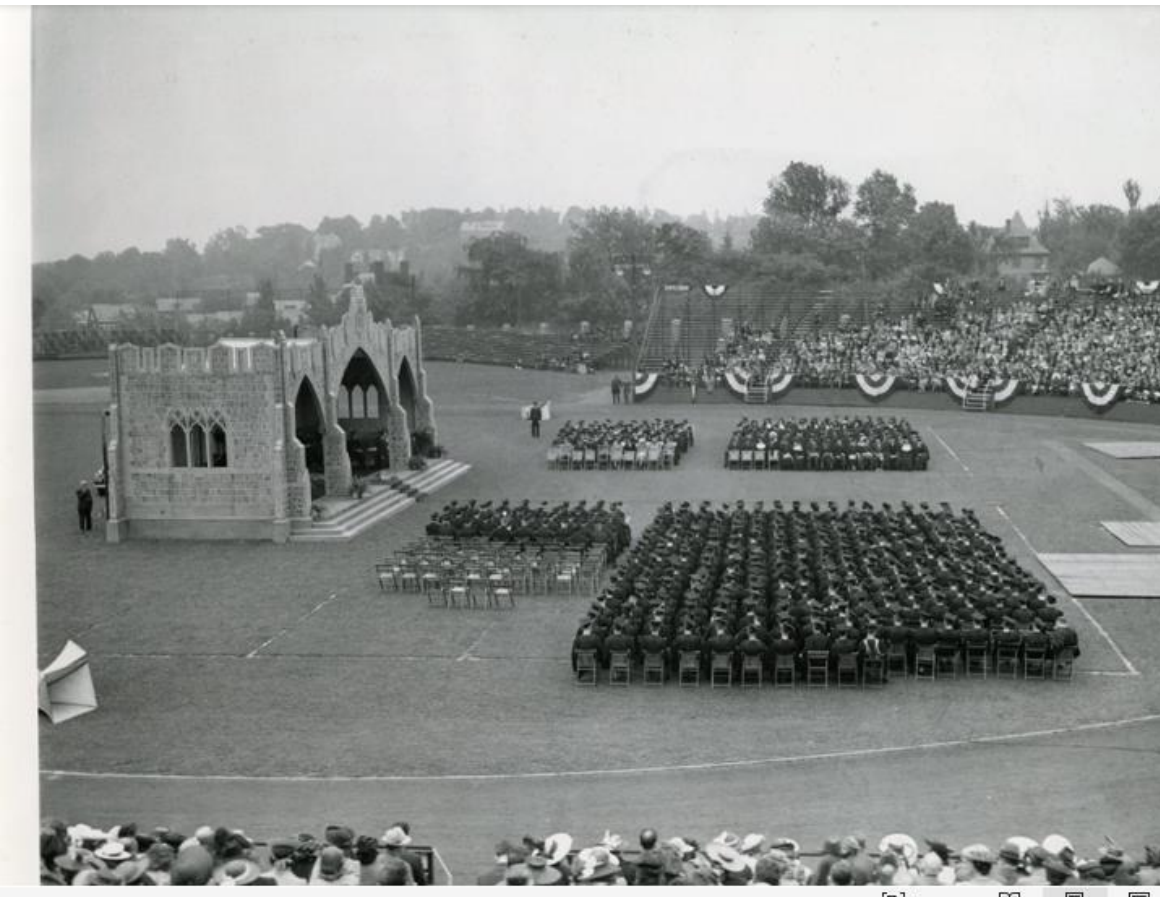
The first commencement ceremony extended over three nights in June 1877. It was attended by Massachusetts Governor Alexander H. Rice, who was instrumental in obtaining the land for the South End campus, and the first Archbishop of Boston, John Joseph Williams. Seven of the graduates became priests and four entered the medical profession. The number of graduates fluctuated between 10 and 20 annually for the remainder of the 19th century.

The opening of BC's new campus in Chestnut Hill (spring semester 1913) enabled the first commencement ceremonies to be held on the Heights that year, on June 17, 1913. At that graduation, 79 candidates received their degrees.

Enjoy the following photographs of BC commencement ceremonies over the years!



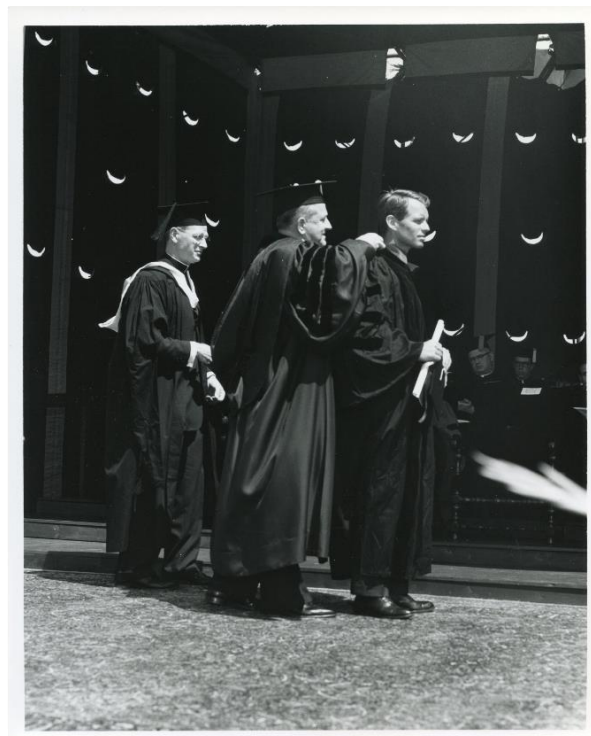
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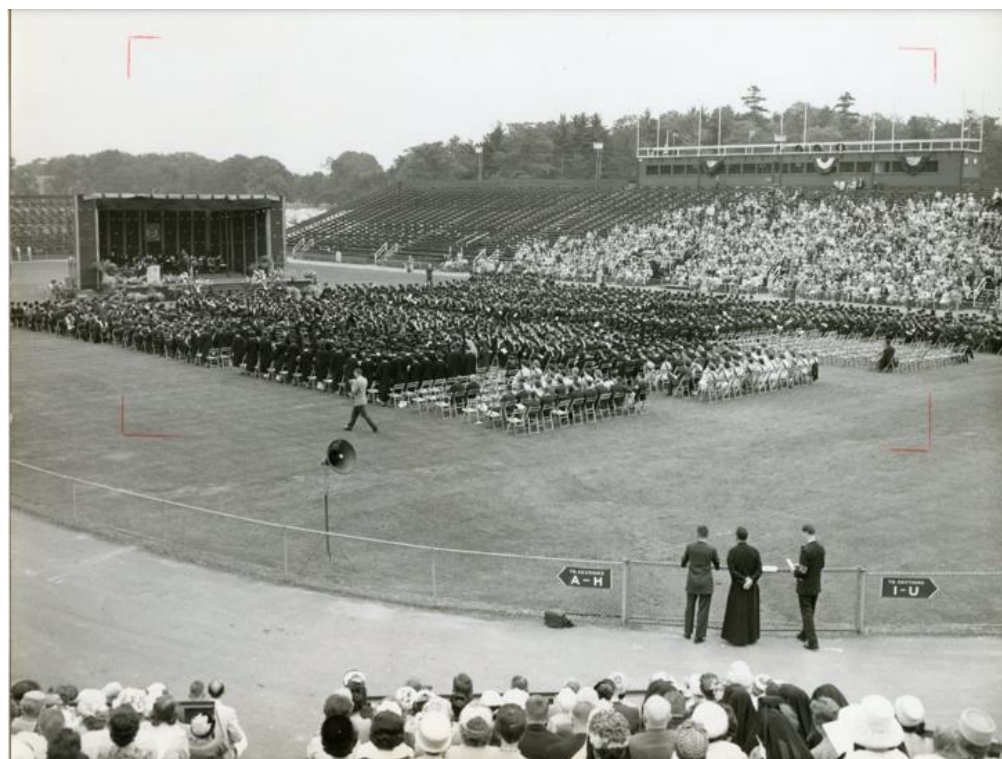


1952



Robert F. Kennedy receiving honorary degree 1960 from Rev. Michael Walsh, S.J., President

1962



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