**Michael Collins Division 1 Denver Colorado**

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**Division Newsletter Nov/Dec 2023**



**Officers:**

Chaplain - Deacon Jim Blume

President -Tim Henning

Vice President -John Aylward

Recording Secretary -Neil Quinlivan

Financial Secretary- Ted Rhoades

Treasurer -Michael Collins

Standing Committee Chairman- Bill Fetherston

Marshall -Sean Hudson

Sentinel -Jim O’Shea III

**Committee Chairmen:**

Committee on the Sick - Bill Beach

FFIA - Ed O’Shaunessy

Pro Life- Deacon Jim Blume, Ted Rhoades

Immigration- Ted Rhoades

Rituals and Degrees -John Aylward

Parade- Peter Kirwin, Mike Regan, Michael Collins

Hibernian Hunger -Tim Henning

Veterans Affairs -Brendan O’Neill, Bill Beach

Denver Gaels/GAA Liaison- Kevin Zahler

Entertainment Committee- Jim O’Shea

Social Media -Kevin Jones

Web Manager -Sean Hudson

Immediate Past President- Kevin Jones

**Michael Collins Division Past Presidents:**

Aidan McGuire

Tom Burke

Phil Lanphier

Jim Sullivan

Tom Maloney

Tom Myers

John Murrow

Brian O'Connell

Tom Morrissey

Dave Beauman

Kevin Jones

Jeff Rodenberg

Bill Fetherston

Peter Kirwin

Mark Stutz

Pat Tierney

John Morrisroe

**SACRED HEART FOOD DRIVE**

A group of people standing on a sidewalk

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Liam Driscoll - Fr. Carrigan Division along with Tim and Kevin ponder the question, “If we pray hard enough will these boxes move themselves”.

**GIVING COMFORT THROUGH CHRISTIAN CHARITY**

A group of people standing together

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John M., Bill B., Deacon Jim and I had a wonderful visit with Louise Donovan, the founder of the LAOH in Colorado. Louise fell recently and broke bones in her neck and back but is on the road to recovery. What an amazing lady, she was in great spirits.

**COLORADO STATE CONVENTION 2023**

The evening of Saturday, October 28th, 2023, was a historic moment; the Colorado Hibernians had their first State Convention in many years.

On that snowy evening we traveled to the Willow Creek 3 Clubhouse in Centennial, Colorado. There was a meet-and-greet, followed by a business meeting where our state officers were elected.

We then went to a Mass, where the Colorado Hibernians were recognized, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

After the Mass we returned to the club house to swear in our new state officers:

President – Patrick McGuire

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Vice President – Tim Henning

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Treasurer – Jeff Rodenberg

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Recording Secretary – John Alyward

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Past President – Bill Fetherston

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Patrick McGuire being sworn in as the new State President for Colorado by our National Director, Bob Mehrens

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Patricik McGuire presents Bob Mehrans with a commemorative plaque from our State Chapter

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And then we had a couple of reveals:

A new state banner,

A white flag with a logo on it

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And a new parade banner:

A person holding a banner

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We then enjoyed fellowship with our brothers, families, and members of LAOH with a catered BBQ meal.

**Thank You! Thanks You! Thank You!**

Many thanks to the officers of the MIchael Collins Division who did a tremendous job in moving us forward this year. Special thanks to our Committee Chairmen. You brought great information to meetings and really helped to promote the work of the order. You made our meetings more interesting by connecting to your counterparts at National. Thank you for all of your hard work. I have often said that the most important thing we do as Hibernians is pray for one another. Thanks to Bill Beach for getting the word out when we had a brother in need of prayer. Deacon Jim is the best Division Chaplain in the country. As our spiritual leader, mentor, friend and brother we are blessed to have you, Deacon. As the oldest active and largest Hibernian Division in the State of Colorado, the Michael Collins Division, has set the standard to follow. We have much to look forward to in the coming year as we continue to grow the AOH in Colorado. I Hope you all have enjoyed the newsletter this year thanks to the editor in chief, Jim O’Shea. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention my partner in crime, John Aylward, who has spent copious hours of hard work to help us accomplish our goals this year. We are in good hands as John takes over as president in 2024.

**Merry Christmas to all Brothers and a Happy New Year to you and your families.**

**HAPPENINGS:**

At the  **Michael Collins Division 1 Denver Membership Meeting** Wednesday December 13, 2023. New officers for 2024 were elected:

President – John Aylward

Vice-president – Tim Henning

Financial Secretary – Ted Rhoades

Recording Secretary – Kevin Jones

Standing Committee – Dan Quinlivan

Treasurer – Mike Collins

Marshall – Sean Hudson

Sentinel – Neil Quinlivan

**Nollaig na mBan**

[Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians](https://www.denverlaoh.org/)’s

Women’s Little Christmas

American Legion Post 1

[5400 E Yale Ave., Denver, CO 80222](https://maps.app.goo.gl/P8XWykNdCu7TuCpB7)

January 5th, 2024

Michael Collins Division officers installation will take place following dinner. Brothers we have offered to do setup and cleanup before and after the party. **Please RSVP ASAP.**

Hope to see you all soon.

Tim Henning - President

Jim O’Shea – Newsletter Editor

A person and person holding a stick and a baby person in a manger

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