

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
7 April 2024

The meeting came to order at 1:03 PM, chaired by Vice President Peter O'Neill. 14 Members attended the meeting.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Mark Roddy (E)
Vice President	Peter O'Neill (P)
Recording Secretary	Ed Lacey (P)
Financial Secretary	Fred Parker (P)
Treasurer	Phil Torrey (P)
Chaplain	Fr. Peffley (E)
Chairman, Standing Committee	Fred Burgess (P)
Marshal	Peter Garry (P)
Sentinel	John Murphy (P)
Historian	Jim Noone (E)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (P)
Chairman, Charities & Missions	Joe Boyle (P)
Chairman, Catholic Action	Peter O'Neill (P)
Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland	John Murphy (P)
Chairman, Pro-Life	Fred Burgess (P)
Chairman, Political Education Committee	Kevin O'Brien (E)
Chairman, Project St. Patrick	Mark Roddy (E)
Chairman, Immigration Affairs	Ed Lacey (P)

Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March Division meeting was approved.

Correspondence: Thank you letters and cards for Division financial donations were received from the Car Ministry and the Mobile Ultrasound and Resource Center (on behalf of the struggling Irish family in the area). Also received was a "Save the Date" card from Bethany House for their planned Solidarity Walk on 22 June.

Membership: Craig Duffy, a new candidate for associate membership, was approved without objection and duly inducted into the Division.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee (Fred Parker)
 - We are still collecting funds and processing bill payments from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance (SPDD).
 - The Associates prepared 77 Easter Baskets that were distributed as follows: 40 to the

House of Mercy, 36 to military families, and 1 to the SPDD silent auction.

- Freedom for All Ireland (John Murphy)
 - Sinn Fein holds a plurality in the Northern Ireland Parliament and, for the first time, has secured the position of First Minister. These are positive steps on the road to an eventual unified Ireland.
 - However, there is concern that in the 21st Century the Republic of Ireland may be straying from the Hibernian vision of what a united, moral, and Catholic Ireland should be – what her many martyrs fought for through the generations.
- Catholic Action (Peter O'Neill)
 - We are in the Easter season and as Catholics there is much to be grateful for. One very uplifting note is the number of conversions to the Faith we have seen this season – 23 at St. Timothy's alone!
 - There are a number of new Christian themed movies in the theater (i.e., *I Thirst*, *Barabbas*), suggesting there is a growing market for faith-based movies.
 - A new Vatican document on gender altering procedures is expected to be issued this week.
- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - April is "Abortion Recovery Awareness Month."
 - In an interview with the BBC, Live Action President Lila Rose sagely declared that "the right to life should not be up for a vote."
 - In a similar vein, Priests for Life President Frank Pavone noted that our goal must remain the preservation of all life. However, while this remains our ultimate objective, we must acknowledge that the reality is that we will not achieve this all at once. Acceptance of less-than-full achievement of our goal (i.e., a 15 week abortion ban) does not mean that we are abandoning our pursuit of an end to all abortion.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at \$23,695.00.

- Accounting from the SPDD is still underway, with a bounced check or two still requiring resolution and additional bills to be paid. However, it appears that we did not do as well as we had hoped, being down \$ 3-4,000.00 from last year's event.

Unfinished Business:

- **Division Elections:** As agreed at our last meeting, election of next year's Officers will take place in September of this year.

New Business:

- **Memorial Day:** Joe Boyle noted that Memorial Day is coming up and the Division will oversee the planting of flags (the Saturday before) and the Cemetery Ceremony and Procession. We will need to secure the services of a Piper and a Bugler, and Color Guard volunteers.

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- *Upcoming Events:* Vice President O'Neill reminded Members of the upcoming Appreciation Brunch in June and Division Picnic in August.

Historian's Report:

There was no Historian's Report this month.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- Health of Aging Members: John Murphy cautioned aging members to be aware of the dangers of bacterial infections and the risks of potentially fatal sepsis.

Prayer Intentions: Prayers were offered for the intentions and individuals on our prayer list.

The meeting concluded at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary