

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
9 January 2022

The meeting came to order at 1:05 PM, chaired by President Kevin O'Brien. 15 Members were present.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Kevin O'Brien (P)
Vice President	John Murphy (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	Mick Torrey (P)
Sentinel	Peter O'Neill (P)
Historian	Jim Noone (P)
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)

Previous Meeting Minutes: Recording Secretary Ed Lacey read the minutes of the meeting of 5 December. The minutes were approved.

Correspondence: The Division received cards, letters, and an email message of Christmas greetings and thanks for our donations from Fr. Barkett, Fr. Peffley, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Friends of Chimbote, the Gabriel Project of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, the Happy Teeth Organization, and Toward Educating America's Children (TEACH).

Committee Reports:

- Catholic Action (Peter O'Neill)
 - The Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on 5 March at St. Joseph's Parish in Herndon. Those interested in attending can sign-up on-line.
 - Bishop Burbidge will soon promulgate new guidelines on Mass and the Sacraments.
 - The *Bible in a Year* Podcast, inaugurated last year, was enormously successful. It has now resumed for a second year.

- The Church continues to be plagued by allegations of clergy abuse, with another one (from 2018) arising recently. Peter noted that many accused Priests have been exonerated, but continue to be tainted by the accusation. He urged prayers for all of our clergy.
- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - January is “Sanctity of Human Life” Month.
 - The Annual March for Life will go forward as planned on January 21. The associated event at the Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University, however, has been canceled.
 - Fred noted that should the *Roe v. Wade* decision be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, the abortion issue will move to the individual states where the pro-abortion forces are already marshalling their forces.
 - Notwithstanding the fact that chemical abortions have been shown to harm women - in addition to killing their pre-born babies - the Biden Administration has now authorized delivery of the drugs by mail, eliminating the requirement for a Medical Doctor’s approval.
 - A recent report from the Students For Life revealed that 103 Christian schools had at least some connection with abortion-provider Planned Parenthood. On the good news front, however, one in three of these schools cut those ties after being contacted by Students For Life.
- Freedom For All Ireland (John Murphy)
 - The current focus is on securing compensation for the Irish victims of past atrocities carried out during The Troubles. Regrettably, the British Government is resisting these efforts.
 - The FFAI fund is soliciting \$1,000.00 donations from every Division, as well as individual donations to the fund. Our Division currently donates \$200.00 annually. We will continue to do so, with an eye to increasing the size of our donation in the future should our financial situation warrant doing so.
- Finance (Fred Parker)
 - A number of annual reports need to be submitted by the Division before the end of February. These include reports to the National and State AOH organizations, our Internal Revenue Service (IRS) report, and our Annual Event Report.

Membership: Our current membership is unchanged: 53 total – 44 regular Members, 5 Clergy, and 4 Active-duty Military.

Treasurer’s Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at \$12,112.65. Some additional funds will be collected as Member dues are submitted.

Unfinished Business:

- ***St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance:*** President Kevin O'Brien reported that a small planning meeting had been held for the event, scheduled for 12 March. We agreed to plan for 140 attendees. The Disc Jockey has been locked in, Mark Roddy will secure the liquor license, Mike Torrey will be talking to Business leaders about possible donations, and Phil Torrey has secured tentative agreement from Auld Shebeen to cater the event. There is some concern, however, about Auld Shebeen's ability to deliver, and we may need to find a back-up caterer. Much more needs to be done. President O'Brien said that a second planning meeting would be convened soon, and he invited all interested Members to participate. He stressed that we will need a lot of volunteers to ensure a successful event.

New Business:

- ***Hypothermia Week:*** The Associates will be providing dinner for the homeless the evening of 17 January at St. Mary's. Taffy Burgess has requested 3-4 of our Members to assist with serving. Several Members immediately volunteered to assist.
- ***Memorial Day:*** Chris Brensy, KofC 4th Degree Assembly 3596, spoke to the Membership about the possibility of co-sponsoring the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the St. Mary's Cemetery. This event has always been conducted by the Division on behalf of the Parish. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was unanimously approved to retain sole Division sponsorship of the event, but to invite Assembly 3596 to provide a Color Guard. Joe Boyle will manage the event for the Division, with assistance from Mike Torrey, Mark Roddy, Pat McGinty, and Fred Burgess.

Historian's Report:

Jim Noone spoke about the founding of the Guinness Brewery in Ireland. On 31 December 1759, Arthur Guinness took over an abandoned brewery on a nine thousand year lease (yes, 9,000!) for 45 pounds per year. This was the beginning of the now world famous Guinness Brewery. He began brewing porter – known in Ireland as Stout – using the soft water of Ireland. His success was such that by the 20th Century Guinness Stout had become the most popular Stout in the world. In 1929, Guinness began advertising. Its first slogan was “Guinness Is Good For You,” followed soon thereafter with “Guinness Gives You Strength.” In more recent times, Guinness established the Arthur Guinness Fund to assist aspiring Irish entrepreneurs with their start-ups.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- Prayers: President O'Brien thanked the membership for the prayers on his behalf for his recent surgery. He noted the importance of prayer, and commented very sincerely that our prayers for ailing members and those in their families is one of the very good things our Division does as a community.

Prayer Intentions: Prayers were offered.

The meeting concluded at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary