

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
3 March 2024

The meeting came to order at 1:09 PM, chaired by President Mark Roddy. 18 Members attended the meeting.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Mark Roddy (P)
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 (P)
Chairman, Project St. Patrick	Mark Roddy (P)
Chairman, Immigration Affairs	Ed Lacey (P)

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

Correspondence: Thank you letters and cards for our 2023 donations were received from St. Mary’s Pre-School, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, George Mason Catholic Campus Ministry, Healthy Teeth Journey of Hope, the Gabriel Project, the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, Students for Life of America, Compassionate Friends, and Toward Educating America’s Children (TEACH). Also received was an invitation to apply for an American Express Business Card.

Membership: Thomas Coyne, a new candidate for membership, was approved by unanimous vote and duly inducted into the Division.

- Fred Parker reported that three members were delinquent in paying their dues. In one case, due to medical issues, it was decided to set the delinquency aside.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee (Fred Parker)
 - Nothing new to report.
- Freedom for All Ireland (John Murphy)
 - President Roddy reported that our Division was one of only three in the Commonwealth of Virginia to meet the \$ 1,000.00 donation commitment in 2023.
- Catholic Action (Peter O'Neill)
 - We are in the midst of Lent, and there are still numerous opportunities in the Parishes and through on-line resources to pursue Lenten devotions.
 - Cardinal Burke is leading a “Novena for the Americas” from 12 March through 12 December. Details are available on his website.
 - Fr. Stefan is conducting a Healing Mass at St. Mary of Sorrows at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 5 March.
- Immigration (Ed Lacey)
 - The AOH is pressing for a revision of the E3 Visa program to permit some 5,000 unused visas allocated to Australia to be reallocated to Ireland.
- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - On 21 February, the Virginia March for Life was held in Richmond. Bishop Burbidge attended. The several thousand pro-life marchers were also joined by Governor Glenn Youngkin, Lt. Governor Winsome Sears, and Attorney General Jason Miyares, all elected Republicans.
 - The Democrat-controlled Virginia General Assembly has sent a number of bills disturbing to we Catholics to the Governor’s desk that would force health plans in the Commonwealth to cover contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs. The Governor should be urged to veto these bills.

Treasurer’s Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at \$18,051.81. He noted that recent disbursements had included a \$500.00 donation to a St. Mary’s Parish Irish family in need, and payments associated with the Division website and the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance.

Unfinished Business:

- *St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance:* See below.

New Business:

- *New Election Schedule:* President Roddy announced his intention to begin to implement this year the new Division election schedule approved several years ago but never put into effect. Henceforth, Division Officers will be elected in September for the following calendar year (rather than in January).

- **Recruiting:** Fred Burgess reported the cost of Division tri-folds for recruiting purposes is 60 cents apiece. The tri-folds potentially could be placed in the narthex at St. Mary of Sorrows and at neighboring Parishes.
- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance:** The Dinner Dance will be held on 16 March. The Caterer and Disc Jockey have been contracted. Peter O'Neill is securing beer, soda, and water for the bar, but volunteers are needed to serve as bar tenders. Likewise, volunteers are needed for ticket sales after Sunday Masses and at the KofC Fish Fry. A number of members present at the meeting volunteered to do so. Decorating the Hall will commence the night before, and volunteers will be needed for that as well. Fred Burgess has again arranged for The UPS Store on Main Street in Fairfax to print the programs at no cost to the Division. He noted that members can express their gratitude by remembering the store for their printing and shipping needs. Fred Parker said he needs all sponsor information by 9 March in order to have them listed in the program.

Historian's Report:

Due to the excused absence of Jim Noone, our outstanding Division Historian, there was no Historian's Report this month.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City: President Roddy heartily recommended the Private Tours of the Cathedral (cost about \$100.00) which he said are exceptional.
- Diocesan Men's Conference: Johnny Restivo and Fred Burgess said Fr. Mode's talk at the Conference about Fr. Capodanno was very interesting.

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

The meeting concluded at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary