

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
7 May 2023

The meeting came to order at 1:04 PM, chaired by President Kevin O'Brien. 15 Members attended the meeting.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Kevin O'Brien (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 (E)
Marshal	Peter Garry (P)
Sentinel	John Murphy (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 (E)

Previous Meeting Minutes: Recording Secretary Ed Lacey read the minutes of the meeting of 2 April. The minutes were approved.

Correspondence: The Division received solicitations for donations from Bethany House and House of Mercy, and a hand written note from a young student beneficiary of our contributions to the TEACH organization. We also received a copy of a letter to Fr. Barkett, Pastor of St. Mary of Sorrows, thanking the Division and other members of the Parish for the support given to the Angelus Academy Shoe Drive Fund Raiser.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee (Fred Parker)
 - A lengthy discussion was held concerning the amount of funds that should be maintained as a Division Reserve. There was a general feeling that \$10,000.00 is probably too much, though there was no consensus as to what would be appropriate.

Fred will take this under advisement for consideration at a Finance Committee meeting in September.

- Freedom for All Ireland (John Murphy)
 - John noted that there are a number of good stories in the National AOH Newsletter concerning the activities and groups supported by the Freedom For All Ireland (FFAI) Fund.

- Catholic Action (Peter O'Neill)
 - Peter's written report is attached.
 - May is the "Month of Mary" and there are a number of devotions and observances throughout the Diocese.
 - Peter also recommended reading *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montfort.
 - The Catholic League declared the current Biden Administration to be the "most anti-Catholic Administration" in U.S. history. One example of the Biden Administration's anti-Catholic bias was the recent effort to revoke the accreditation of several Catholic hospitals over the alleged safety concerns associated with Sanctuary candles.
 - Bishop Coakley has issued a balanced Pastoral Letter on the gender diversity issue in the mode of distinguishing between the sin and the sinner.

- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - Fred emailed a written report which is attached.

Membership: We have one new applicant for membership. His candidacy will be considered at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at \$24,358.46. Fred Parker noted that \$4,000.00 of this sum is specifically earmarked for the Associates.

Unfinished Business:

- ***Installation of Officers:*** The Division will hold an Installation ceremony on Saturday, 13 May, at 3:00 PM. The formal ceremony will install all of our elected officers: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, Sentinel, and Chairman of the Standing Committee. All Members are invited to attend, and several volunteers are needed. Mike Torrey, Charlie Mullarkey, and Dick Lee offered their services.

New Business:

- ***Appreciation Brunch:*** The annual Division Appreciation Brunch will be held on 4 June. A motion to have the Division subsidize the event by \$10.00 per Member and Associate was approved unanimously. By a vote of 7 in favor, 7 opposed, and 1 abstention, a subsequent motion to increase the subsidy to \$15.00 failed of passage.
- ***Memorial Day:*** Joe Boyle provided details for the Division's upcoming Memorial Day weekend activities at the St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church and cemetery. Flags will be placed on graves on Saturday, 27 May, at 9:00 AM. The outdoor Mass and procession will be on Monday, 29 May, at 9:15 AM. We will need to secure a Piper and Bugler. Mike Torrey and Dick Lee volunteered to carry the Colors in the procession. Joe will place the appropriate notice in the Church bulletin. On Tuesday, 30 May, at 10:00 AM we will collect and store the flags. Should there be inclement weather over the weekend, the schedule of events will be modified.
- ***Labor Day Picnic:*** To supplement the KofC prepared chicken dinners, Dick Lee asked if the Division would be willing to grill hot dogs and half smokes at the St. Mary of Sorrows Labor Day Picnic this year. It was agreed that the Division would do so, and Mike Torrey and Joe Boyle volunteered to grill.
- ***Funeral Arrangements for Mary Parker:*** President O'Brien reminded everyone of the funeral arrangements for our beloved Mary Parker, and said we would be providing full AOH honors.

Historian's Report:

Jim Noone spoke of the sinking of the British ocean liner *Lusitania* 108 years ago today – an event which triggered U.S. entry into the First World War. The *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland near County Cork. Some 1,200 people died in the sinking, including 118 U.S. citizens. There were 764 survivors. Although initially denied by the British, subsequent examination seems to support the German allegation that the ship was carrying munitions for the United Kingdom.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- Recruiting New Members: Mike Torrey said that we need to have a separate meeting to discuss recruiting for the Division.

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

The meeting concluded at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary