



**Father William Corby Division**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2018

President Mark Roddy called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018. There were 18 Division members in attendance.

**Officer Roll Call:**

President	Mark Roddy (P)
Vice President	Kevin O'Brien (P)
Recording Secretary	Jim Noone (P)
Financial Secretary	Fred Parker (P)
Treasurer	Phil Torrey (P)
Chairman, Standing Committees	John Murphy (P)
Marshal	Tom Copeland (E)
Sentinel	Peter O'Neill (E)
Chaplain	Father James Barkett (E)
Historian	Pat Sullivan (E)
Chairman, Charities & Missions	Joe Boyle (P)
Chairman, Catholic Action	Peter O'Neill (E)
Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland	John Murphy (P)
Chairman, Pro-Life	Fred Burgess (P)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (P)

**Induction of New Member:** John Morgan, member of St. Mary of Sorrows Parish, was inducted as a new member of the Division. He is the second new member in the past two months.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Recording Secretary Jim Noone read the minutes of the March 4, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

**Membership:** Financial Secretary Fred Parker reported that, not including new member John Morgan, there are 68 members in the Division, including 9 non-paying members (3 military, 6 clergy). Of the 59 paying members, 12 have not yet paid their 2018 dues. President Roddy stressed the need for members to pay their dues promptly. It was also

noted that of the \$35 in yearly dues, almost half of this amount does not go to the Division (\$12 to National AOH, \$2 to State, \$1 to County).

**Correspondence:** Jim Noone reported receiving a packet from the AOH National Secretary seeking funds for support of diocesan vocations. It requests that every division donate \$500 for a 'name recognition' scholarship in the name of the division's chaplain or other person 'worth of such recognition.' It suggests that the fund-raising campaign be conducted over the next three months. Mr. Roddy noted that such a donation is not in the budget. He added that it is the consensus of Division officers not to make such a donation this year but to consider it in the future, should similar requests be made by the AOH National leadership.

Fred Parker stated that he received a funding appeal from Bethany House. Mr. Roddy said the Division will look into it as part of overall budget considerations.

**Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Phil Torrey reported that the Division's current bank balance is \$24,780.10. This includes March revenues of \$9,069.55 (mostly from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance) and expenses of \$4,831.04 for a net of \$4,238.51.

**Unfinished Business:** President Roddy made a motion to approve the 2018 Division budget, which was distributed and reviewed at the March meeting. The budget projects income of \$21,675 and expenses of \$22,156, including \$9,160 in donations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Roddy noted that a new Division website will be up and running in the weeks ahead. It will include Member section with a password. There was a brief discussion of items that should be included on the website.

#### **New Business/Upcoming Events:**

- President Roddy reported that the March 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance (SPDD) was successful financially and that attendees seemed to have a good time.
- President Roddy said that instead of a Comedy Night fundraiser in October he would like to have a 1950s/60s-themed 'Sock Hop' in Farrell Hall. It would include a Virginia Lottery scratch-off ticket raffle, similar to the Bob Hickey Memorial Raffle at the SPDD. This led to a broader discussion on Division fundraising vs. the social and cultural aspects of the AOH. There was a consensus to proceed with the Sock Hop proposal.
- Mr. Roddy distributed an order form for Division polo and oxford shirts. He was advised by the shirt company that the oxford shirt sizes tend to run a bit small.
- Joe Boyle expressed thanks to those who helped put up the tent for the Easter Sunrise Mass at the Historic Church Cemetery. He also said a Division color

guard will be needed for Memorial Day mass at 9:15 a.m., and that help will be needed the Saturday before Memorial Day to place flags in the St. Mary's Historic Church Cemetery.

- Mr. Roddy noted that earlier this year Division member Peter O'Neill donated to the Division a large flag of the Union Army's 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, part of the Irish Brigade. Also, that Jack and John Devaney recently donated assorted flags, one of which is a full-size Irish flag. He made a motion that the Division approve the expenditure of up to \$250 to purchase flagpoles for both flags. The motion was approved.
- Jim McHugh shared with the Division a letter he received from Anthony Jones, a St. Mary's parishioner now attending college in Wyoming who is active in the pro-life movement. He has been chosen to be part of a small group of students traveling to Ireland in late May to lobby for retention of an amendment to the Irish Constitution that bans abortions. The provision is soon up for a referendum vote. The letter sought funds to help pay for the trip. The Division voted to donate \$250 to Anthony for his mission. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting Anthony sent a thank you message to the Division via Jim McHugh.]
- Fred Burgess reported that a teacher at a Sacramento, CA, high school was recently suspended for suggesting a protest against abortion. He also noted that on Wednesday, April 11, students in some local schools were planning to leave school for 17 minutes to oppose abortion.

#### **Good and Welfare of the Order:**

- Joe Boyle said he's been in touch with longtime Division member Jack Devaney and that Jack would appreciate a call or note from fellow Hibernians. Jack is in an assisted living facility in South Carolina. Address: John Devaney, c/o Savannah Grave Room 317, 1010 Lake Hunter Circle, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. Phone: 202-316-6005.
- Past Division presidents were recognized.
- Prayers were offered for those on the Division Monthly Prayer Intentions list for April, attached.

There being no further business, President Roddy adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next monthly meeting will be Sunday, May 6, 2018, at 1 p.m. The Funding Committee will meet following the Division meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Noone  
Recording Secretary