



Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Feb. 4, 2018

President Mark Roddy called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018. There were 16 Division members in attendance.

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	Vacant
Sentinel	Peter O'Neill (E)
Chaplain	Father James Barkett (E)
Historian	Ed Moran (P)
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)
Chairman, Entertainment	Ed Moran (P)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (P)

Installation of Officers: Division officers for 2018 were installed in a brief ceremony.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Recording Secretary Jim Noone read the minutes of the Jan. 7, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Membership Report: (1) Financial Secretary Fred Parker reported that there are currently 60 paying members in the Division and 9 complimentary members, including 6 clergy and 3 active duty military. However, he noted that 24 members have not yet paid 2018 dues. (2) Mike Torrey stated that John Morgan is a candidate for membership but was unable to be present for the meeting.

Correspondence: Recording Secretary Noone reported on the following correspondence received since the January meeting: (1) A thank you note from Pastor Emeritus Rev. Don Greenhalgh for the Division Christmas gift; (2) a thank you card from Friends of Chimbote for the Division's \$100 contribution; (3) letter of thanks from Annie Turner, Executive Director, Food for Others, for the Division's \$250 contribution.

Committee Reports:

- **Financial:** Treasurer Phil Torrey reported that the Division's current bank balance is \$19,712.06. Since the previous meeting there was \$875 in income and expenditures of \$403.23, including \$128 for the St. Mary's hypothermia dinner.
- **Entertainment:** Committee Chair Ed Moran reported on the following: (1) A fundraiser for the DC St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 11, is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11, at 3:30 p.m. at Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church; (2) a ceili hosted by the Irish Breakfast Band is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Del Ray United Methodist Church in Alexandria. He also reported on the following schedule of events:
 - Monday, Feb. 12, Book Club discussion of "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man."
 - Monday, March 12, Book Club discussion of "Orangutan," a memoir by Colin Broderick and sequel to "That's That," Broderick's previous work.
 - Monday, March 26, showing of the movie, "The Irish Rebellion," narrated by Liam Neeson.

All events are in the basement of the Auld Shebeen Restaurant in Fairfax City. There is free parking in the garage across the street. Every Monday evening there are food specials priced at \$9.95 or less, regardless of the menu prices.

- **Pro-Life:** Committee Chair Fred Burgess reported on the following: (1) As an usher at the George Mason University Youth Mass prior to the Jan. 19 Right to Life March in DC, it was very uplifting to see the enthusiasm of 5,000 young people, most of them from outside the DC area; (2) an abortion center in Manassas that closed in 2015 was subsequently purchased by the BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary) Foundation and transferred to Catholic Charities, which now operates the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic at the site.

He also distributed an article by a neonatologist physician reporting that there is a growing body of scientific research showing that unborn babies feel pain. These findings are the basis for a bill to prevent abortions of unborn children after 20 weeks, which has passed the House of Representatives but not the Senate. He contrasted this with a recent House amendment that eventually became law that prevents VA funding for medical experiments on dogs that cause significant pain.

- **Standing Committee:** Chair John Murphy stated that the purpose of the Standing Committee is to resolve any internal disputes within the Division.

Unfinished Business: President Roddy stated that the first meeting of the Funding Committee, which will make recommendations on Division contributions, would take place immediately following the regular Division meeting. John Murphy suggested that the budget specify an amount to be kept in reserve; the suggestion was well received.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- John Murphy nominated Tom Copeland to replace the late John Moar as Marshal. The nomination was unanimously approved.
- Jeannie Torrey was unanimously voted as Division Woman of the Year. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was decided to have two Woman of the Year awards for 2017, with the second award going to Taffy Burgess.]
- President Roddy announced that the first Lad's Luncheon will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Auld Shebeen.
- There was a lengthy discussion of plans for the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. President Roddy proposed raffling off 50 assorted Virginia Lottery scratch-off game cards -- to be called the "Bob Hickey Memorial Raffle" -- at \$10 per ticket with only 150 tickets sold, the winner to be drawn at the SPDD. The proposal in the form of a motion was approved unanimously. Also, a volunteer sign-up list was passed around for various SPDD tasks.
- President Roddy said he learned at a recent AOH State Board meeting that some divisions sponsor a mass for deceased members and family. He will discuss this with Father Barkett.
- President Roddy (1) announced tentative plans for a Division tour of the Ox Hill battlefield on Sunday, April 8, following a short Division meeting at 1 p.m. Details to follow; (2) suggested that Division members consider purchasing polo and/or Oxford shirt with the AOH insignia and Division name; he is looking for a supplier; (3) said Tim Dwyer was scheduled to attend the meeting and provide an update on the St. Mary's capital campaign for a new church but had to postpone because of the flu.
- Fred Parker recommended the Division purchase four new AOH officer medallions at \$20 each and 40 up to AOH veteran pins at \$5 each. A motion to allocate funds for the purchase was offered and approved.

Good and Welfare of the Order:

- Past Division presidents were recognized.
- Joe Boyle passed around an article on the Division's namesake, Father William Corby, in the Irish-American newspaper, *Irish Edition*. A Congregation of the Holy Cross priest trained at Notre Dame University, he was chaplain for the 88th

New York Volunteer Infantry, one of the five original regiments of the famed Civil War Irish Brigade. Following the Civil War he served twice as president of Notre Dame.

- Historian's Report: Historian Ed Moran distributed two documents: (1) A monthly calendar showing important developments in Irish history for part of the month of February and the day/year on which they occurred; (2) a brief account of the Middle Stone Age (4,000 B.C. onwards) settlers of Ireland.
- Prayers were offered for those on the attached Division Monthly Prayer Intentions list for February.

There being no further business, President Roddy adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Noone
Recording Secretary