



Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jan. 7, 2018

Past President and Financial Secretary Fred Parker called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Newly elected President Mark Roddy was unable to attend. There were 15 Division members in attendance.

President	Mark Roddy (E)
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 (E)
Marshal	John Moar (E)
Sentinel	Peter O'Neill (P)
Chaplain	Father James Barkett (E)
Historian	Ed Moran (P)
Chairman, Charities & Missions	Joe Boyle (P)
Chairman, Catholic Action	Peter O'Neill (P)
Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland	John Murphy (E)
Chairman, Pro-Life	Fred Burgess (P)
Chairman, Entertainment	Ed Moran (P)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (E)

The meeting was abbreviated due to frozen water pipes in Old St. Mary's Hall. Reading of the minutes from the prior meeting of Nov. 5, 2017, was dispensed with.

Membership Report: There were no new member candidates. Fred Parker reported that there are currently 61 paying members in the Division and 9 complimentary members, including 6 clergy and 3 active duty military.

Correspondence: Recording Secretary Noone reported that a very nice thank you note was received from Michelle Huber, Director of the St. Mary's Preschool, for the Division's contribution of \$1,000. Also received was a Christmas greeting and newsletter from the Friends of Chimbote.

Committee Reports:

- Entertainment Committee: Committee Chair Ed Moran distributed information on the following schedule of events:
 - Monday, Jan. 22, showing of the movie, “The Informer,” starring Victor McLaglen (“The Quiet Man”). John Ford won Best Director award for this movie, made in 1935.
 - Monday, Feb. 12, Book Club discussion of “Orangutan,” a memoir by Colin Broderick and sequel to “That’s That,” Broderick’s previous work.
 - Monday, March 12, Book Club discussion of “The Country Girls” by Edna O’Brien. Because of this book O’Brien had to leave Ireland and moved to England.
 - 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.

- Catholic Action Committee. Committee Chair Peter O’Neill remarked about the impressive vibrancy of the Diocese of Arlington and its commitment to social action. With 70 parishes and six missions, the diocese had 73 men and women in formation for religious life and 45 men in formation for diocesan priesthood at the end of 2017. Also during the year the diocesan’s Catholic Charities served some 18,000 meals to the homeless and distributed nearly 1 million pounds of food.
- Pro-Life Committee. Committee Chair Fred Burgess stated that a bus will transport parishioners to the annual Right to Life March in DC from the church parking lot on Friday, Jan. 19; details were in the church bulletin. He also reported that from 2016 to 2017, Planned Parenthood performed almost 7,000 fewer abortions than the prior year. While the number of abortions declined, Planned Parenthood performed some 7,000 abortions for every adoption referral.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasure Phil Torrey reported that the Division’s current bank balance is \$19,040.31. Income for the month of December was 1,110 while expenses were \$5,755.69, including \$4,950 in charitable donations.

Unfinished Business:

- There was discussion of the need for a Funding Committee to address the broad issue of fundraising for the funding of charities, and the distribution of such funds. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting President Roddy announced that the first meeting of the Funding Committee would take place on Sunday, Feb. 4, following the regular Division meeting.]
- Treasurer Phil Torrey recommended that an audit be done on the Division’s financial records.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- Fred Parker noted that the Division will once again support Hypothermia Week at St. Mary's by providing a ham dinner on Sunday, Jan. 14. A total of 60-70 people, including volunteers, is expected to be served.
- The St. Patrick's Dinner Dance is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2018. Mr. Parker stressed the importance of starting early to get sponsorships and silent auction items.
- The State Board will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 3, at St. Michael's in Annandale. The meeting will be followed by Major Degree exemplification.
- Color guards are needed for the St. Patrick's Day parades on Saturday, March 3, in Alexandria and Sunday, March 11, in DC. Volunteers are needed; see Patrick McGinty. A motion was made by Mr. Parker to buy a \$150 ad in the program for the Alexandria parade; the motion was passed unanimously.

Good and Welfare of the Order:

- Past Division presidents were recognized.
- Historian's Report: Historian Ed Moran distributed two documents: (1) A monthly calendar showing important developments in Irish history for the month of January and the day/year on which they occurred; (2) a brief account of the Stone Age settlers of Ireland.
- Prayers were offered for the people of Chimbote, military members serving on active duty, first responders and those in law enforcement, and for those impacted by the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Also for John Moar, Hugh Conway, Corinne Frassa, Joe Boyle, Jack Devaney, Steve Payne, Mary Parker, John McGovern's wife, Kathy Dettmar, Toni Kottman, Tim Dwyer, David Joe Payne, John McAnaw, and Joseph Delaney's wife.

[Note: Longtime Division member John Moar passed away on Jan. 11; his funeral took place on Jan. 22 in St. Mary's Church; internment was in St. Mary's Historic Church Cemetery. A Division honor guard participated in the funeral.]

- Prayers were offered for the deceased, including Bob Hickey, Kathy Prindle, Kelly Elizabeth Baker, Kathy Caigoy, Sean Copeland, Eileen Devaney, Bob Ferguson, Tom Gallagher, Jim Kroell, John McCole, Father Moran, Greg O'Brien, Beth Ann Strehle, Lena Restivo, Mary "Dee" McLaughlin, Ethel Payne, Joan Nielsen, Paul Kourtz, Ethel Page, Eleanor Moar, and Dale Silbaugh, and Dennis Halpin's mother, Rita Foley Halpin.

There being no further business, President Parker adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Noone
Recording Secretary