



**Father William Corby Division**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2018

President Mark Roddy called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018. There were 14 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 (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)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (P)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Recording Secretary Jim Noone read the minutes of the April 8, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

**Membership:** Financial Secretary Fred Parker reported that there are 68 members in the Division, including 9 non-paying members (3 military, 6 clergy). Of the 59 paying members, 10 have not yet paid their 2018 dues.

**Correspondence:** Recording Secretary Noone stated that a funding appeal was received from Bethany House of Northern Virginia. President Mark Roddy said the Division will look into it as part of overall budget considerations.

Information was received from the AOH National Office on the 2018 AOH National Convention July 11-14 in Louisville, KY. President Roddy will send a note to the Division on the convention.

[Note: Subsequent to the meeting a thank you note for a \$300 Division contribution was received from the Navajo Children in Thoreau, NM.]

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Phil Torrey reported that the Division's current bank balance is \$24,412.10. This includes April expenses of \$460; there was no April income.

**Unfinished Business:** On display in the meeting room were new flagpoles with flags of the Union Army's 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, part of the Irish Brigade, and a full-size Irish flag. Both flags had been donated to the Division, which then purchased the flagpoles.

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

- The Division Appreciation Brunch will be on Sunday, June 3, at Patton Hall at Joint Base Fort Meyer/Henderson Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$16 for Division members/Associates; \$35 for others.
- There was discussion of Division involvement in the annual remembrance ceremony at the Ox Hill Battlefield in Chantilly. There was consensus to coordinate with local historical organizations, particularly in Fairfax Station and Burke, to consider an annual event on or around Sept. 1, date of the battle. In the past the event had been on Memorial Day.
- There was discussion of Memorial Day events: (1) Saturday, May 26, 8:30 a.m., placement of flags in Historic Church Cemetery; (2) Monday, May 28, 9:15 a.m., Mass in Historic Church Cemetery, followed by blessing of the graves procession, with a reception afterwards in the Historic Church Hall; (3) Tuesday, May 29, after 9:15 a.m. Mass, removal of flags from the cemetery. All Division members were encouraged to participate.
- The annual Division picnic will be on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum; time to be determined.
- President Roddy reported that the Division will host the quarterly Virginia State AOH meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22, in Farrell Hall. Following the meeting will be a Major (Tower) Degree ceremony, also in Farrell Hall. More details to follow.
- Orders have been placed for Division shirts and AOH sashes. [Note: The shirts/sashes have arrived; President Roddy will coordinate pickup arrangements with those who placed orders.]
- Fred Walker requested that the Division's planned donation of \$350 to TEACH be released; the request was agreed to since the donation is in the 2018 budget.

**Good and Welfare of the Order:**

- Fred Burgess, Pro-Life Committee Chairman, reported on the following:
  - Legislation was recently signed into law in Iowa restricting abortions.
  - He referenced a recent article by Virginia Cobb, president of the Family Foundation of Virginia, noting that budgets in Virginia and other states that fund overhead costs for Planned Parenthood are indirectly funding abortions.
  - The South Carolina House recently killed a bill that would have prevented virtually all abortions in the state. The State Senate had passed the bill.
  - Two bills were introduced earlier this year in the Virginia legislature. One would give women a “fundamental right” to abortions; the other would require physicians performing abortions to obtain informed written consent of the pregnant woman.
  
- Past Division presidents were recognized.
  
- Prayers were offered for those on the Division Monthly Prayer Intentions list for May.

There being no further business, President Roddy adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next monthly meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Noone  
Recording Secretary