

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
5 May 2024

The meeting came to order at 1:04 PM, chaired by President Mark Roddy. 17 Members attended the meeting.

Officer Roll Call:

President	Mark Roddy (P)
Vice President	Peter O’Neill (E)
Recording Secretary	Ed Lacey (P)
Financial Secretary	Fred Parker (P)
Treasurer	Phil Torrey (P)
Chaplain	Fr. Peffley (E)
Chairman, Standing Committee	Fred Burgess (P)
Marshal	Peter Garry (P)
Sentinel	John Murphy (E)
Historian	Jim Noone (P)
Parliamentarian	John Murphy (E)
Chairman, Charities & Missions	Joe Boyle (P)
Chairman, Catholic Action	Peter O’Neill (E)
Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland	John Murphy (E)
Chairman, Pro-Life	Fred Burgess (P)
Chairman, Political Education Committee	Kevin O’Brien (P)
Chairman, Project St. Patrick	Mark Roddy (P)
Chairman, Immigration Affairs	Ed Lacey (P)

Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the April Division meeting was approved.

Correspondence: A letter soliciting a donation was received from the Archdiocese for the Military Services, as well as a very nice thank you letter from a student beneficiary of the TEACH organization to which we make an annual contribution.

Membership: Fred Parker reported that there were no new candidates for membership at this time. Current membership stands at 46 – 38 regular members, 5 clergy, and 3 active duty military.

Committee Reports:

- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - Fred provided a comprehensive written report (attached).
 - One of the highlights was information on Planned Parenthood’s abortion efforts. Planned Parenthood’s recently released annual report for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

reveals that 392,715 abortions were conducted by Planned Parenthood in that year. This accounts for some 40% of all abortions performed throughout the country. The number of abortions carried out by Planned Parenthood outnumbered pre-natal care activities by 62 to 1.

- The report also noted that Planned Parenthood had some \$2.4 billion in income that Fiscal Year – some 34% from American taxpayers.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at \$22,307.76.

Unfinished Business:

- ***Division Elections:*** The election of next year's Officers will take place in September of this year. President Roddy welcomed all members who wish to be considered for an Officer's position.
- ***Memorial Day:*** President Roddy and Joe Boyle outlined the planning for this year's Memorial Day activities. The Division will oversee the planting of flags in the Cemetery at 9:00 AM on 25 May (Saturday). St. Mary of Sorrows parishioners are invited to participate. The flags will be collected on 28 May (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM. A Mass will be celebrated on Memorial Day, 27 May (Monday), followed by a procession through the Cemetery and the blessing of the graves. Mike Torrey and Mick Torrey volunteered to carry the flags in the procession, and the KofC 4th Degree Assembly will be invited to provide an Honor Guard. We will need to secure the services of a Piper and a Bugler. The Division will provide a brief reception in the old St. Mary's Hall following the ceremony.

New Business:

- ***St. Patrick's Day Celebration:*** In lieu of our traditional Dinner Dance, a motion proposed that next year we hold a more limited celebration with hors-d'oeuvres (rather than a full dinner) and dancing. The event would be held in March, but not on St. Patrick's Day weekend. The silent auction would be eliminated. After discussion, during which one member objected to changing the date and eliminating the silent auction, the motion was adopted by a vote of 16 to 1. A subsequent motion to reconsider later this year the inclusion of a "limited" silent auction was approved by a vote of 16 to 1. (Note: The silent auction brought in \$2,000.00 at this year's Dinner Dance.)
- ***Trivia Night:*** A motion to hold a Trivia Night fundraiser in October was adopted without objection. The event would target 21-40 year olds, and seek sponsorships as well as charge for tables of players. Using the Cahoot system, the cost of running the event would be on the order of \$250.00, plus the price of the prize or prizes.
- ***Appreciation Brunch:*** The annual Division Appreciation Brunch will be held at 11:30 AM on 2 June. The cost will be \$20.00 for members, and \$30.00 for non-members.

- **Picnic:** A Division picnic is tentatively scheduled for August.
- **State Man of the Year:** The Division has nominated Fred Parker for the award of the State AOH Man of the Year Award.

Historian's Report:

Jim Noone noted that the Irish are well known for their songs. The Irish have gifted the world with war songs, happy songs, sad songs, funny songs, and drinking songs. In the category of war songs, there are some 30 Irish songs that reference the 1798 Irish rebellion. Among these are *The Minstrel Boy*, *The Rising of the Moon*, *Roddy McCorley*, and *The Wearing of the Green*. Well known funny songs include the *Irish Rover*, and among the drinking songs is *Mountain Tay*. Jim sang selections from each of these songs for the Division members.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- The Abortion Issue: Ed Sullivan urged the Division to share the data on Planned Parenthood's abortion activities with the Parish. President Roddy agreed to provide this information to the Pastor.
- Instagram Account: Mick Torrey asked if the Division might be interested in creating an Instagram account for recruiting purposes. Patrick McCauley will look into it.

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

The meeting concluded at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary