

Father William Corby Division
Monthly Meeting Minutes
8 September 2024

The meeting came to order at 1:02 PM, chaired by President Mark Roddy. 15 Members attended the meeting.

Officer Roll Call:

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| President | Mark Roddy (P) |
| Vice President | Peter O’Neill (P) |
| Recording Secretary | Ed Lacey (P) |
| Financial Secretary | Fred Parker (P) |
| Treasurer | Phil Torrey (P) |
| Chaplain | Vacant |
| Chairman, Standing Committee | Fred Burgess (P) |
| Marshal | Peter Garry (E) |
| Sentinel | John Murphy (P) |
| Historian | Jim Noone (P) |
| Parliamentarian | John Murphy (P) |
| Chairman, Charities & Missions | Joe Boyle (P) |
| Chairman, Catholic Action | Peter O’Neill (P) |
| Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland | John Murphy (P) |
| 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 May Division meeting was approved.

Correspondence: Letters thanking us for our past support and soliciting future donations were received from Students for Life of America, House of Mercy, and Students for Life Action. Newsletters from the Archdiocese for the Military Services and the TEACH organization also were received.

Membership: Anthony Carroll, a new candidate for membership, was approved by unanimous vote and duly inducted into the Division.

- Fred Parker reported that current membership stands at 46 – 38 regular members, 5 clergy, and 3 active duty military.

Committee Reports:

- Catholic Action (Peter O'Neill)
 - Peter reminded the Division of Our Lady's Birthday today, and of the importance of reaching out to her in our need.
 - Also, Fr. Mike's sermons are now available on-line.
 - A recent Pew Poll suggests most American "Catholics" plan to vote for the Democrat ticket in this year's Presidential election. However, an EWTN Poll of "practicing Catholics" suggests just the opposite.
- Finance (Fred Parker)
 - Fred is preparing a draft Final 2024 Budget document.
 - Based on last year's budget, we are estimating \$9,385.00 in charitable donations.
 - This may have to be modified, depending upon anticipated fund raising.
- Pro-Life (Fred Burgess)
 - Fred provided a comprehensive written report (attached).
 - Looking to the forthcoming Presidential election, the Democrat Party platform calls for national legislation to restore Roe v. Wade sanctioned abortions and a repeal of the Hyde Amendment. The Republican platform opposes a federal abortion ban, and supports leaving the issue to the individual states.
 - Pro-abortion organizations are outspending pro-life organizations 35 to 1 on the election.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Torrey reported that our current bank balance stands at about \$23,917.00. Of this, \$4,372.00 is earmarked for the Associates' use.

- Hot dog and hamburger sales at the St. Mary of Sorrows Labor Day Picnic brought in \$1,282.75. Expenses ran about \$600.00.

Unfinished Business:

- **Division Elections:** The election of next year's Officers was postponed until next month.
- **Trivia Night:** The Trivia Night fundraiser is scheduled for 18 October. It was agreed to see if we could reschedule for November to permit additional preparation time. See below for additional details.

New Business:

- **Labor Day Picnic:** After much discussion, it was agreed to donate the net proceeds from the hot dog and hamburger sales to the Parish. Depending on our financial position, we may make an additional donation to the Parish at a later date.

- ***St. Patrick's Day Party (Hooley):*** We are currently planning to hold a St. Patrick's Day Party for the Division and the Parish on 15 March. In lieu of a dinner-dance, we envision a lower cost event with hors-d'oeuvres and dancing. Our principal fundraising effort would be through sponsorships. The Division will set up a committee to begin working on the details.
- ***Lads Lunches:*** There was unanimous support for President Roddy's proposal to renew the practice of holding Lads Lunches at Auld Shebeen (once a month on Wednesday afternoons).
- ***Division Outdoor Canopy:*** The canopy is in bad shape. Fred Burgess will lead an effort to see if it can be repaired. If not, we will need to purchase another one.
- ***Division Chaplain:*** President Roddy has invited Fr. Farrell (George Mason University Chaplain) to become our new Division Chaplain. President Roddy also invited Fr. Farrell to attend our October meeting and speak to us about the St. Patrick statute and shrine in the newly renovated St. Thomas More Cathedral. Fr. Farrell has taken both invitations under consideration, but has not yet responded to either.
- ***St. Patrick Statute:*** The Bishop has asked the Statewide AOH to fund the new statute. We will have to consider if and to what financial extent we can contribute to this effort.
- ***Trivia Night:*** Planning for a Trivia Night fundraiser is continuing. Mick Torrey and Mike Torrey delivered a detailed report (attached) as to the status of the planning. A number of questions were raised including seating/table arrangements, prizes, and the impact on the church WiFi network.

Historian's Report:

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to forgo the Historian's Report this month.

Good & Welfare of the Order:

- Request for Prayers: President Roddy requested prayers for his son Albert, a Division member and Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, who will be deploying aboard ship to a troubled region.
- Immigration in Ireland: Kevin O'Brien noted that just like the United States, Ireland is experiencing immigration problems including violent crimes committed by new immigrants.
- AOH Man of the Year List: Ed Lacey solicited members' assistance in compiling a list of past recipients of the Division Man of the Year Award.
- Prayer List: Ed Lacey made available an updated and reformatted Division Prayer List.

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

The meeting concluded at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lacey, Recording Secretary