



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

April 27, 2026

Minutes for the Greater Austin Chapter Meeting

Location: St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Austin, TX

Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Ramiro Balli
- Prayer was offered by Worthy Chapter Chaplain (WCC) Fr Charlie Garza
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ramiro Balli
- The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused):

President (WCP)	Ramiro Balli	P
Vice President (WCVP)	Michael D'Antonio	P
Treasurer (WCT)	Mike Hyzak	P
Secretary (WCS)	Lee Fracker	P

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting were posted on the Chapter website at <https://kofcaustin.org/home/about/meeting-minutes>. The minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- Thanked for Council 13927 for hosting the tonight's meeting and meal.
- Baby gala is coming up Saturday, October 10, 2026.
- The chapter is promoting several charities: see <https://kofcaustin.org/featured-charities/> for a complete list. We encourage Councils to support these charities.
- Celebration of Mothers Banquet is scheduled for May 5, 2026. The Chapter is sponsoring a table at the banquet for \$1,500.
- Next Meeting, May 25 at St Elizabeth of Hungary, 1520 N Railroad Ave, Pflugerville, TX 78660.
- No host yet for June meeting.

Vice President's Report: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported there are no new councils or assemblies who have joined the Chapter.

Treasurer's Report: WCT Mike Hyzak distributed his report online via the kofcaustin.org website in the Minutes section under About. The final balance for the month was \$21,881.54. The report was discussed and approved. See the Summary below.

- Starting Balance: \$21,659.32
- Total Income: \$222.22
- Total Expenses: \$0.00
- Ending Balance: \$21,881.54

Diocesan Deputy's Report

- Worthy Diocesan Deputy (WDioD) Michael D'Antonio reported.
- Thanked the Hospitality Suite host couple for a great job at the State Convention.
- Summarized the Convention officer elections.
- How the Diocese is doing
 - We have achieved over 100% of our Charities goal
 - 13 councils qualified for Charities 120%, including Rockne/String Prairie (12642)
 - Several of our Councils are firmly on track to achieve Star Councils.
- Fraternal Benefits Events and Safe Environment compliance both need to be worked.
- Mar 12: FBE at 6 pm – online FBE. Message coming from Mike D.
- Daryk Vinklerek has been selected to serve as the Asst Diocesan Deputy for the Southern half of the Diocese.

Program Director's Report

- Worthy Program Director Mike Hyzak reported.
- SP-7's are due in June 30 but don't wait: get them early to avoid not having time to fix any problems if Supreme rejects them and sends them back.
- Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 10. Councils should do something to recognize Mothers. Not only is it a good thing to do in itself, it is also a good opportunity to recruit their husbands and sons (18 years and older).
- We continue to support the Knights' Aid and Support After Pregnancy program (ASAP).
- The **Into the Breach program** is starting up, and can be used as part of Cor.

Committee Reports

- **Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner (CRAD):** Worthy Team Lead (WTL) Mike McLaughlin reported.
- **Membership:** WTL Mike McLaughlin emphasized that while we have only two months left, we can end the year strong.
- **Wheelchairs:** WTL Bill Boiko gave his report (attached) on how many wheelchairs of different sizes we have in stock.
- **Special Olympics:** WTL Bill Boiko reported:
 - The Central Region Soccer Challenge in Bob Bryant Park, Bastrop on April 2, 2026 went very well. Bastrop Council 14943 provided great support by not only serving food and drinks but also by donating \$1,000.
 - Area 13 Track and Field meet in Leander, TX scheduled for April 10, 2026 was cancelled due to the weather. It may be rescheduled.

- The Cycling Competition, at Tree of Life Church, New Braunfels, TX on April 18, 2026 went well.
 - The Summer Games in North Texas start on May 2.
 - The equestrian competition is scheduled for May 15.
- **Sacred Heart Icon:** WTL Ricardo Renteria reported. The Icon is scheduled to be at an Austin parish May 31- Jun 7. We are still accepting requests from other councils to host the icon for two weeks.
- **Silver Rose:** Blake KrassT reported. For the latest information, see the Silver Rose website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html> .
- **Emergence Response Coordinator:** WTL Lee Fracker reported.
 - Lee will be reaching out to all Grand Knights and CC'ing their DD's requesting the names and contact information for their Council ERC's
 - He will be sending out the ERC guidebook to all Grand Knights.
 - He will also remind Councils to reach out to him if they are affected by tornadoes, flooding, or anything else that happens.
- **Safe Environment Coordinator:** Lee Fracker reported the following:
 - Lee will be asking the GK's to follow-up with any non-SE compliant directors to (1) provide their reasons for being non-compliant, and (2) replace any non-SE compliant officer or director by Sep 30, 2026.
 - DD's should replace any non-compliant GK within the same timeframe.
- **State Charities and Star Councils:** Kevin Martinez reported. We have 83 active councils. 64 have achieved 100% of their charity goals. Several are making good progress toward star council.
- **Culture of Life:** WTL Michael Rush reported. The Walk for Life scheduled for June 20. Details are available online at the [Texas Alliance for Life website](#). Individuals can contribute \$250 and receive a commemorative t-shirt.
- **Seminarian Report:** WTL Ramiro Balli reported. Oner of the 50 seminarians dropped out leaving 49. Transitional Deacons will be ordained in June: 5. So far we have raised more than \$32K for our seminarians.
- **Spanish Council Coordinator:** No Report.
- **Free Throws:** Diocesan Deputy Michael D'Antonio had nothing new to report.
- **Ceremonial Team:** WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported. The team just performed a CUF at San Jose Parish on Sunday, April 19. Ten new Knights were exemplified, including eight from San Jose and two from other Councils.
- **Chaplain's Report:** Fr Charlie Garza pointed out that the long Easter season is meant to prepare us for Pentecost. He encouraged us all to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit starting on Friday, May 15 to May 24 on Pentecost Sunday. There is one Novena available from [Pray More Novenas](#) focused on the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)) Another recommended Novena is from [ETWN](#) which is based on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit ([Isaiah 11:2-3](#)).
- **Communication/Newsletter/Website:** WTL Robert Cavazos had no report.

- **Deaon Phuc Pham:** Reinforced Fr Garza's focus on the Novena to the Holy Spirit. See his meditation posted online at <https://dcnphuc2019.blogspot.com/2026/04/reflecting-on-fr-charlie-garzas.html>

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- **Mike Hyzak:** Discussed various budget items.
- **Mike D'Antonio:** Discussed making a CRAD donation to Bishop Garza.
- **Mike McLaughlin:** Made a motion to donate \$8,000 to State Charities from CRAD income. The motion was seconded and approved.

State Committee Reports

- **Scholarships:** WTL Leo Saenz was absent.
- **FS Training:** SK Peter Donahue, Jr was absent.
- **State Office:** SK Carlos Gonzales was absent.

District Deputy Reports

- Lee Fracker, DD #152 reported. He is initiating an effort to remind all Council officers in the right way to perform their jobs. Some of the highlights:
 - **GK:** His job is to **inspire, delegate, motivate, and hold officers and directors accountable** for results. That should be the **GK's ONLY Job**.
 - **FS:** His job is to know and follow the **Financial Secretary Handbook**. Because District #152 has a new FS in one council and is getting a new FS in another Council, Lee plans to invite our Austin FS Trainer, **Peter Donohue**, to visit at least two Council Officers Meetings to clarify what the FS' job is and is not. For example, the FS is not the Treasurer and should not be trying to do the Treasurer's job.
 - **DPK and Chancellor** are in the line of succession to Grand Knight, assist him as needed, and take over for him when he is not available.
 - **Warden:** Besides caring for the Council's physical possessions and materials, he is also responsible for checking membership cards and securing the Council Chamber.
 - **Inside and Outside Guards:** Assist the Warden in the performance of his duties.
 - **Finally:**
 - The Warden with his team (Inside and Outside Guards) should be checking Membership cards at every Council meeting.
 - Every member attending a Council meeting should demonstrate that they have their rosary with them.
- **Darryl Vinklaek:** Discussed the Siena Car Show scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2026 (see the attached flyer).

- **Gary Reid:** His four Councils are making good membership progress. He has been able to reactivate a council.
- **Webster Veade:** All four of his councils are going to achieve star council.

Patriotic Order Report

Worthy District Master Blake Krass reported.

- The next exemplification will be on May 2nd at St Mary's Church of the Assumption in West, TX.
- Upcoming Diocesan fallouts:
 - May 16: Transitional Diaconate Ordination, 10:30 am at St Vincent de Paul.
 - June 6: Priestly Ordination, 10:30 am at St Williams in Round Rock.
- Additional items are available online in the [Texas Sixth District Report](#).

Field Agent Report: No Report.

Good of the Order: See the prayer list attached.

Closing Prayer: Led by WCP Fr Charlie Garza.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by WCP Ramiro Balli at 9:15 pm.

Attest:

Secretary: **Lee Fracker**

Attachments

1. 32nd Annual Walk for Life Flyer
2. 6th Annual Siena Car Show Flyer
3. Prayer Requests



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Alliance for Life



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32nd Annual Walk For Life

2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

Leadership Circle

Sustaining Member

Pro-Life Voter G

Resources: Disability Diagnoses & Infant Loss

My Legacy Will

Texas Alliance for Life PAC Candidate Questionnaire

32nd Annual Walk for Life | Saturday, June 20th, 2026

Event Date June 20, 2026
 Event Time 9:00 am - 10:30 am
 Location 32nd Annual Walk for Life | Saturday, June 20th, 2026

NAVIGATION

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- + Join the Movement
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- + Become a Sustaining Meml
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Texas Alliance for Life protects all innocent human beings' fundamental right to life. We promote respect for their value and dignity from conception until natural death. 80% of the proceeds support pro-life education, defending pro-life policies in the courts, and supporting infant adoption.

IT'S EASY

- Only a two-mile walk.
- Come rain or shine.
- Free T-shirt for \$250 in pledges!
- Walk on your own if you can't join us.
- We can accept pledges. We'll mail invoices.

For more information, [click here](#).

Questions? Call us at 512.477.1244.

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6th Annual Siena

FREE and open
to the public!

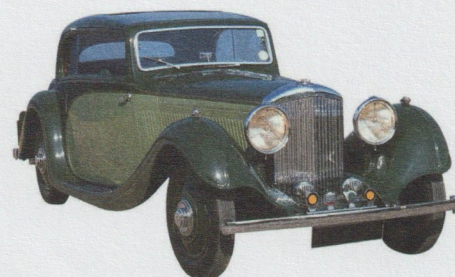
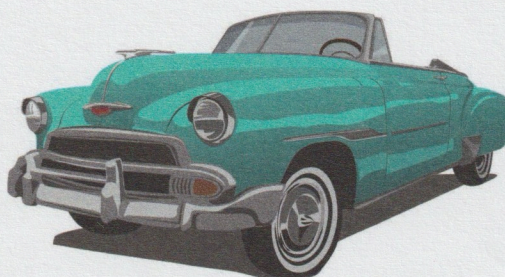
CAR SHOW

Sunday, May 31st, 2026

(Rain Date: **June 7, 2026**)

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Buck's Backyard, 1750 S FM 1626, Buda, TX



Benefitting

The Autism Society of Texas & Knights of Columbus Local Charities

PRIZES FOR:

- Top 25 Entries Selected
- Best of Show
- People's Choice
- Knight's Choice
- Auto Club Most Entries
- All classes & types welcome

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Music, Food Truck, Refreshments
- First Responder Vehicles
- Family friendly, kid's events!

REGISTRATION: \$25 (online) \$35 (at the gate)

Registration opens **February 1, 2026** (free t-shirts to first 25 registrants). Vendors and Entries must register to participate.

Register online at: <https://kofc8156.org/car-show> Or,
download, complete form and mail with check to:

KofC 8156
4800 Convict Hill Rd.
Austin, TX 78749
(512) 348-8123



*Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express accepted
Vendors Welcome!*

Greater Austin Chapter Knights of Columbus

Prayer List April 2026



For the repose of the soul of...	For comfort & healing or special intentions...
2 Air Canada Pilots	
Andy Johnson	
Barbara Ramirez	
Chuck Ramos	
Corly Dix	
David Garcia Sr.	
Dennis Pokorney	
Domingo Gonzales	
Ed Neal Sr.	Bella Medellin
Edvardo Garcia	Bill Tartaglia
Frankie Hyzak	Br David
George Flores	Br Tony
Mark G. Anderson	Br Cheryl Pasmagno & family
Paul Straker	Br Rudy & wife Sandra
Richard Williams	
Zane Hyzak	MIKE MC LAUGHLIN
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TOM DESILETS	
Julio Moreno	PATTI MC LAUGHLIN
JEFF JORDAN	KATIE DI LORONZO
Phauxco Javier Hal Le He	TOM DESILETS
Jordan, Jeff	ROY RABENALDT
	RICARDO RENTERIA
	(RT.) EYE DISORDER
	AMELIA RENTERIA
	^{BOTH} PAIN ON FEET
	BOA MARTINEZ
	CONRAD MARTINEZ

Flip Over for More Entries

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