



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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June 22, 2026

Minutes for the Greater Austin Chapter Meeting

Location: St Albert the Great 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

President Ramiro Balli thanked Council #10333 for hosting the meeting and preparing the meal.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 22, 2026 meeting were posted on the Chapter website at <https://kofcaustin.org/home/about/meeting-minutes>. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

Chaplain's Report: WCC Fr Charlie Garza, was present. June is the month of the sacred heart of Jesus. He advised us that the hardest part of being a Christian is obedience.

Vice President's Report: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported we had no new registrations last month. He noted that we did receive one payment from Lampasas for the new year's membership.

Treasurer's Report: WCT Mike Hyzak distributed his report online via the kofcaustin.org website. The report was discussed and approved. See the Summary below. The report is available in the Minutes section under About and is also attached to these Minutes.

- Beginning balance: \$19,448.01
- Income: \$0.00
- Expenses: \$8,850
- End balance: \$10,598.01

Mike Hyzak notes that the budget for the new fraternal year is online and asked everyone to please review before the July meeting: [Draft 2026-2-27 Chapter Budget](#)

President's Report:

- Baby gala coming up, Saturday., Oct 10. Registration is now open.
- This is the last meeting of the FY.
- Our first meeting of FY2026-2027 on July 27 will be at St Ignatius Martyr.
- Two more slots have also been filled: September 2026 and February 2027. President Balli asked for volunteers to fill the remaining openings

Diocesan Deputy's Report

Worthy Diocesan Deputy (WDioD) Michael D'Antonio reported. He initially deferred report until everyone else reported. Then afterwards he reported the following:

- Good year for the diocese. Accomplishments:
 - State Charities: 120% is an important goal because it determines whether councils make the State Deputies List.
 - Star Councils: Goal is 21. We have met our goal and we are expecting 26 to 28.
 - Star Districts: 21 Districts, We had nine star districts.
 - All Star Districts: 151 and 158.
 - New and reactivated Councils: Council 18787, Council 10148 (San Jose).
 - Membership: we are 87% for the year. State is almost to Pinnacle Goal.
 - State Organizational Meeting: very different from past meetings. There will be hands-on training, How to train GKs and FS's.
- He reminded everyone that he is available to serve the DD's and GK's of the Diocese.

Chapter Committee Reports

Sacred Heart Icon Report: WTL Ricardo Renteria reported. The only council now requesting it is St Thomas More. Representative from St Thomas More reported how they did the icon ceremonies from May 30-June 12. (14 days.)

Silver Rose: WTL Blake Krass. Only two weekends requested so far: San Saba and St Thomas More. Plenty of weekends are still open. 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> .

Safe Environment Coordinator: No Report.

Emergence Response Coordinator: WTL Lee Fracker reported. He noted that some areas have experienced massive amounts of rain in short periods of time. He asked District Deputies to remind their councils to contact him if any of their members have been affected by the heavy rains and flooding.

State Charities and Star Councils: WTL Kevin Martinez reported. Charities contribution: 8 Councils are zero percent for Charity. 17 councils at 100%. 27 councils above 120%. 51 councils above 100%. The Brenham Council 3287 achieved 420%. One concern is that too many councils lack the big picture on all the work and value of the State Charities which is different from the local charitable work performed by the individual councils.

Culture of Life: WTL Michael Rush reported.

- The June 20 Walk for Life this past weekend at San Marcus was well attended.
- Mass for Life on August 8 at St Albert the Great at 7:00 am
- The annual gala for the JPIL center is October 10. More details to come.
- The next event will be January 2027 March for Life.

Ceremonial Team: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported there have been no recent requests for ceremonial support.

Spanish Council Coordinator: No Report.

Spiritual Director's Report: Fr Charlie reported.

- We have an excellent number of seminarians. 26 seminarians are currently serving in different parishes for the summer.
- Some disturbing trends:
 - We have found more and more seminarians (33%) did not have a father figure in their lives, especially those 19 and 20 years old.
 - About 10-15% of seminarians do not have the support of their families.
 - About 40% of our seminarians did not grow up in the Austin diocese so they don't have local support.
- As a result, some seminarians feel isolated and are questioning their vocation. We can help by getting to know them, especially those serving in our parishes, and helping them get to know the people they will be serving.

Communication/Newsletter/Website: WTL Robert Cavazos. No report.

Membership: Mike McLaughlin reviewed upcoming CUFs.

Unfinished Business

- Leo Saenz offered a big thank you for everyone who went to and/or helped with Diamond Night..

New Business

- Election for Chapter Officers. Current slate of officers elected by acclamation.
- WCT Mike Hyzak:
 - Donations: \$500 for seminarians. \$150 to American Wheelchair mission.
 - Need volunteers for the Chapter Audit.

State Committee Reports

Scholarships and Coats for Kids: Leo Saenz reported.

- Scholarships have wrapped up for the year. Now starting Coats for Kids (CFK).
- Each Diocese needs to appoint a CFK Coordinator. Leo Saenz volunteered to serve as CFK Coordinator for Austin.
- This year if you buy one box of coats, you get two boxes for the price of one, BUT this offer applies only for the first ten buyers.
- Money goes to Carlos Gonzales at State who will then send the money to Supreme..

Financial Secretary Training: SK Peter Donahue, Jr reported. Peter reminded everyone he is available to train new officers, especially new Financial Secretaries, both in person and via phone.

State Office: Regarding notifications of State Per Capita and Charity Goal notifications, SK Carlos Gonzales reminded everyone that the State office no longer sends these notices out by mail or email. Instead, these notifications are published online on the State's public website ([tkofo.org](https://www.tkofo.org)). Everything will be presented online via state council website: <https://www.tkofo.org>..

He also addressed some confusion around the difference between **State** Per Capita and **Supreme** Per Capita: they are two different things. The State office cannot help councils pay their Supreme per capita.

District Deputies Reports

- DD 161, Kevin Martinez reported. June 25 "Fill the Hummer" charity drive. Will have 2 military hummers. We will ask people to fill the hummers with food for the needy.
- DD 151, Webster Veade reported his four councils have all made star council.

Patriotic Order Report

Worthy District Master Blake Krass reported:

- The next exemplification will be on August 1st at St Elizabeth of Hungary in Pflugerville TX.
- He's working on additional exemplifications in September, January or February, and possibly May.
- He has received all the Forms 186 for this year.
- We are past all the fall outs.

State Committee Reports

Good of the Order: See the prayer list attached.

- The Closing Prayer was led by Deacon Phuc Phan.
- The Closing Blessing: Fr Charlie.
- The meeting was adjourned by WCP Ramiro Balli at 8:53 pm.

Attest:

Secretary: **Lee Fracker**

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