



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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July 27, 2026

Minutes for the Greater Austin Chapter Meeting

Location: St Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, Austin, TX

Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Ramiro Balli
- Prayer was offered by State EFF Director Ed Tydings
- 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 #10131 for hosting the meeting and preparing the meal.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 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 absent. and Deacon Phuc were both absent (excused).

Vice President's Report: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported that we have four paid chapter members so far this FY.

Treasurer's Report: WCT Mike Hyzak distributed his report online via the kofcaustin.org website. The report was discussed and approved. The report is available on the chapter website: [Treasurer's Report July 27, 2026](#). See the Summary below.

Beginning balance:	10,648.53
Income:	49.48
Expenses:	500.00
End balance::	10,198.51

President's Report:

- The Baby gala is coming up, Saturday., Oct 10 at the Renaissance Hotel. Registration is now open.
- From Bishop Danny: Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Conference at St William Catholic Church is scheduled for September 11 and 12. The price is \$10 per person. The Chapter is planning to host a membership drive there as well. Please see the attached flyer.
- Our next meeting on August 24 will be hosted by Council 6978 at St Mary Catholic Church in Lampasas.
- Several future months are still open.

Diocesan Deputy's Report

Worthy Diocesan Deputy (WDioD) Michael D'Antonio reviewed highlights from the Diocesan Conference held on Saturday, July 25 at St Elizabeth Catholic Church in Pflugerville. He noted the great turnout and briefly summarized the changes in Star Council requirements.

He then reviewed the Diocese's achievements during the past Fraternal Year, including exceeding our Charity Goal (114%), achieving 28 star councils when our goal was 21, with 8 star districts, three of which attained all star district status.

Finally, WDioD Michael emphasized the need to focus on getting forms done and submitted on time as well as ensuring that each council is fully Safe Environment compliant.

Program Director's Report:

Worthy Program Director Mike Hyzak noted that there have been several changes to program reporting requirements for this Fraternal Year. See the one-page summary of the new Star Council Requirements attached.

Chapter Committee Reports

Special Olympics and Wheelchair Reports. WTL Bill Boike reviewed both the Wheelchair and Special Olympics reports. See the attachments to these minutes.

Sacred Heart Icon Report: WTL Ricardo Renteria reported that the Annual Prolife Mass will be held on August 8 at Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church (Council 10333). The mass begins at 7:00 am to be followed by a rosary at the Council's facility above the nearby Chapala Restaurant. The entire program should be finished by 11:30 am.

WTL Ricardo also noted that the Holy Icon is going to the Kyle Council next, and that he currently has a tentative request from the San Saba council to host the icon sometime after that.

Silver Rose: Please WTL Blake Krass' report attached.

Safe Environment Coordinator: No Report.

Emergency Response Coordinator: WTL Lee Fracker reported we have had no Emergency Response incidents in the Austin Diocese this summer in spite of the recent heavy rains..

State Charities and Star Councils: WTL Kevin Martinez had no report today.

Free Throws: WTL Mike Hyzak reported that they are currently planning to conduct the diocesan Free Throw Competition in February 2027 at San Juan Diego Catholic High School in Austin.

Culture of Life: WTL Michael Rush reported:

- Prayer Vigil Mass for Life on August 8 at St Albert the Great at 7:00 am
- The annual gala for the JPPI center is October 10. Tickets are now available for purchase.
- The next event will be January 2027 March for Life.
- Asked Councils to support the ASAP program.

Ceremonial Team: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported there have been no recent requests for ceremonial support. He reminded us he is available to help with whoever needs assistance.

Spanish Council Coordinator: No report.

Spiritual Director's Report: No report.

Communication/Newsletter/Website: No report.

Membership: No report.

Unfinished Business

- WCT Mike Hyzak reviewed the Draft FY2026-2027 Budget which is available online at [Chapter Budget 2026-2027](#). Leo Saenz made a motion to approve the budget. Ricardo Renteria seconded. The motion was then discussed, voted on, and approved.

New Business

- A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Conference.

State Committee Reports

Coats for Kids: Leo Saenz reported. The Buy One-Get One Free (BOGO) deadline is Aug 15. The boxes of coats will be distributed on Black Friday, the Friday following Thanksgiving. There will be one distribution site for the entire diocese.

Financial Secretary Training: No report.

State Office: SK Carlos again reminded everyone that the State office no longer sends Charity and Per Capita notices out by mail or email. Instead, these notifications are published online on the State's public website (tkofc.org). He also emphasized that Councils do not need a motion or a vote to pay either State or Supreme per capita. Paying these per capita assessments is an obligation.

District Deputies Reports

- Darryl Vinkarek (#158) reported that Council 11695 in Dripping Springs is planning to host a Skeet Shooting Event in August.

Patriotic Order Report

Please see Worthy District Master Blake Krass' report attached to these minutes. Note that the next exemplification will be on August 1st at St Elizabeth of Hungary in Pflugerville TX.

Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)

Ed Tydings reported that he is the new State EFF Director for Texas, and that Deacon Phuc is the Diocesan Chairman. He also addressed a commonly asked question about whether the "That Man is You" (TMIY) men's program counts toward meeting the new COR requirement. He said that it does but only if the Council EFF Director is a regular participant.

Good of the Order: See the prayer list attached.

- The Closing Prayer was led by Worthy State EFF Director Ed Tydings..
- The Closing Blessing was omitted due to the absence of a priest or deacon.
- The meeting was adjourned by WCP Ramiro Balli at 8:55 pm.

Attest:

Secretary: **Lee Fracker**

Attachments

- Wheelchair Report
- Special Olympics Report
- New Star Council Requirements
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Conference Flyer
- Silver Rose Report
- Patriotic Order (Texas District 6) Report
- Prayer Requests

	Sizes	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	Total	
Amount Available 070126		0	1	1	40	26	0	0	68	7/27/26
Wheelchair requested										
Council / Assembly / Other										

Amount left	0	1	1	40	26	0	0	68
Amount given out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Special Olympics events in the Austin Diocese

Statewide & National Events

- 09/18/26 Unified Fore Joy Pro-Am, TopGolf, Austin, TX (Fundraiser)
- 10/08-10/26. Fall Classic, The Basin Sports Complex, Midland / Odessa, TX
- 10/09-10/26. High Steaks in the Basin, Ector County Colliseum, Odessa, TX (Fundraiser)

Area 6 (Bremond, Caldwell, Bryan, College Station) (East Region)

- 08/20/26. Area 6 Golf Competition, Phillip Event Center, Bryan, TX
- 09/05/26. Area 6 Swimming Competition, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, Brenham, TX
- 09/12/26. East Region Softball Competition, Sports Complex @ Shadow Creek Ranch, Pearland, TX
- 09/14/26. East Region Golf Competition, Wind Rose Golf Club, Spring, TX
- 09/19-20/26. East Region Bocce Competition, Let's Play Soccer, Stafford, TX
- 09/26/26. Area 6 Bocce Competition (Huntsville), SHSU Holleman Field, Huntsville, TX

Area 12 (Waco, Temple, West, Mexia, Killeen) (Central Region)

- 08/17/26. Central Region Traditional Golf Competition, ShadowGlen Golf Club, Manor, TX
- 09/12/26. Area 12 Swimming Competition, The Armed Services YMCA, Harker Heights, TX

Area 13 (Austin, Round Rock, Pflugerville, San Marcos) (Central Region)

- 08/17/26. Central Region Traditional Golf Competition, ShadowGlen Golf Club, Manor, TX
- 08/22/26. Area 13 TopGolf Competition, TopGolf Austin, Austin, TX
- 08/29/26. Area 13 Bocce Competition, Let's Play Soccer, Round Rock, TX
- 09/20/26. Area 13 Swimming Competition, Nitro Swimming, Kyle, TX

Area 14 (Mason, San Saba) (West Region)

- 08/08/26. Area 14 Swim Competition, Royce & Pam Money Student Recreation & Wellness Center, Abilene, TX
- 09/18-19/26. Area 14 Bocce Competition, Centennial Park @ Oakwood Trails, Abilene, TX
- 09/19/26. West Region Softball Competition, Mugs Softball Complex, Midland, TX

These events are on the sotx.org web site

If Councils want to help with Special Olympics in your area verify with sotx.org for your area for any changes to the events.

FY 2026-2027 Star Council Requirements

Fraternal Excellence

- **Submit council forms on time.** Early is better!
 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) by Jan 31
 - Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (Form 185) by June 30
 - Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) by June 30
 - Annual Audit (Form 1295) by August 15
- **Pay Supreme Per Capita** when it is due!
- Be fully **Safe Environment** Compliant: Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, Community Director

Father McGivney Award: 6% membership growth (new Knights only, not transfers)

Columbian Award

- **Requirement 1:** Donate \$500 or more to ONE of these: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids
- **Requirement 2:** Complete ONE Program in EACH of the following categories: **Fatih, Family, Community, and Life.** (A total of FOUR programs.) *Each MUST be a program from the Faith in Action Program Guidebook.*
- **Requirement 3:** Two ways to meet this 3rd requirement.
 - **Option 1:** COR
 - Implement COR on or before April 1st with plans for long-term stability
 - At least **monthly** gatherings that feature prayer, formation, and fraternity.
 - Submit the name and email of the council Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director.
 - **Option 2:** Three separate programs that achieve COR objectives:
 - *Program 1:* Bring men closer to Christ
 - *Program 2:* Build fraternity
 - *Program 3:* Support your parish or community

Founders Award

- 10% of Associate Members (uninsured) meet with the Field or General Agent for a Financial Review.
- May be in-person or a virtual meeting (Zoom, Google Meet, MS Teams, or Webex).
- **First step:** FS generates a list of all Associate Members.
- **Don't wait until June! Do it now!**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join us as we rediscover the message God sent to the Church
through Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

With expert presenter, Monsignor Eduardo Chávez



Explore & Discuss

The meaning and evangelizing power
of the symbols found in San Juan
Diego's Tilma

How to apply and share God's
message through Our Lady of
Guadalupe within our communities

Three sessions to choose from:

Sept. 11 | 9 a.m. - 12: p.m.

For Priests, Deacons & Parish Staff

Sept. 11 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Open to the general public. \$10/person

Sept. 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (In Spanish)

Open to the general public. \$10/person

All sessions at St. William, Round Rock

Register Now

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Silver Rose report for 7/27/2026 Chapter meeting

I've received three requests from DD Kevin Martinez and only one other than that.

These are the only weekends scheduled so far:

- 7/25-26 San Saba St Mary
- 8/1-2 Goldthwaite St Peter
- 9/26-27 Lampasas St Mary
- 10/3-4 Austin St Thomas More

Contact bkrass@swbell.net to add your parish.

Texas District 6 report for 7/27/2026 Chapter meeting

2025-26 Wrap-up

- I made my quota for the second straight year.
- I should have 10 Star Assemblies (vs 2 in 2024-25).
- I should have 16 Assemblies receive Civic Awards (vs 14).
- Wimberley Assembly 3109's To Be a Patriot award submission was selected by the VSM as the best in our Province (TX/OK), so it's in the running vs about 20 others for the Supreme award.

2026-27 Preview

- My quota will be around 146-150. I'll find out in an August report.
- All 28 Assemblies got off to a good start toward Star Assembly by getting their 186s (the counterpart to Council 185s) submitted on-line by 6/30.

Annual Audit

- It is due this Saturday (8/1). As with Councils, they've changed to an on-line form that collects different info than in the past.
- It needs to be submitted on time to remain eligible for Star Assembly award.
- For a change, I won't be tracking these and bugging people about them since I'm swamped with the upcoming exemplification at my home parish Saturday.

Exemplifications

- We will welcome about 40 new Sir Knights 8/1 at St Elizabeth in Pflugerville.
- The next exemplifications will be 10/17, 2/6, and 5/7. Sites will be announced later.
- Each DM must schedule at least four exemplifications. If we average at least 50 in October and February and I have met my quota, I will have the option to push the May one out to 2027-28.

District 6 website: <https://tinyurl.com/texasdistrict6>

Flip Over for More Entries