February 23, 2026

Minutes for the Greater Austin Chapter Meeting

Location: St Louis King France, 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 November 2025 meeting were posted on the Chapter website at https://kofcaustin.org/home/about/meeting-minutes. Worthy SK Bill Boiko noted a typo on the first page which WCS said he would fix. Otherwise, the minutes were approved.

President's Report: WCP Ramiro Balli thanked Council 5967 for hosting and providing the evening meal. He then introduced WCVP Michael D'Antonio as the new Diocesan Deputy, reviewed our upcoming meeting dates, asked for someone to host our June meeting, and reminded councils to send in their chapter registrations. He then introduced our Guest Speaker, Worthy State Deputy (WSD) Ron Alonzo.

Guest Presentation: WSD Ron Alonzo discussed membership growth for achieving Circle of Honor (easier) and Pinnacle (more challenging). Second, he spoke on the restoration and renovation of the Corpus Christi Cathedral. Bishop Mulvey is asking for the Knights to donate $200K to pay for the Cathedral's bronze front doors. He noted that two Chapters have already donated $20K and $30K respectively.

Following WSD Ron Alonzo's appeal, a motion to donate $500 to the Corpus Christi Cathedral to help pay for the new bronze doors was made, seconded, and then approved by unanimous vote.

Chaplain's Report: WCC Fr Charlie Garza, attending via Zoom from Dallas TX, emphasized the importance of the Knights financial support for seminarians. He stressed that our support has a significant positive impact on a growing number of seminarians who are in financial need.

Vice President's Report: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported we have gained 14 new councils and 2 new assemblies.

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.

- Checking account balance: $30,232.98
- Savings account balance: $0.20 ($1 minimum required)
- Hospitality suite balance: $2,414.98
- Net working capital: $27,818.00

Diocesan Deputy's Report

Worthy Diocesan Deputy (WDioD) Michael D'Antonio reported.

- Membership: He began by asking WSD Ron Alonzo to explain the Circle of Honor and Pinnacle recognitions for those who may not be familiar with these.
- State Charities: We are at 92% of our goal as of end of January.
- Chili Cookoff: March 14. We had 8 councils participating last year but so far only 3 Council's have signed up so far this year.

Program Director's Report

Worthy Program Director Mike Hyzak reported. State service program award nominations are due March 1 and can now be submitted online via the State Council's tkofc.org website.

Committee Reports

- **Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner (CRAD)**: Worthy Team Lead (WTL) Mike McLauglin reported (see the report attached). We had greater attendance this year than last (413 vs 345) but made less money due to the higher cost of food. It was also our first catered meal. The Dinner went very well except for some problems with the audio system where people could not always hear the speakers. WTL Mike promised we will have a better sound system next year.
- **Membership**: WTL Mike McLaughlin reported the next CUF is February 25. In addition:
    - There are two CUFs scheduled for March: March 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elgin, and March 19 at St John Vianney Catholic Church in Round Rock.
    - San Jose had 15 men fill out information cards at their recent membership drive, and 10 of those have now joined online.
    - San Marcus hosts a regularly scheduled CUF every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

- **Wheelchairs**: WTL Bill Boiko gave his report (attached) on how many wheelchairs of different sizes we have in stock, and how much many we have: 104 all together with 50 each of 18 and 20 inch sizes, one 22-inch, one 14-inch, and two 16 inch.
- **Special Olympics**: WTL Bill Boiko presented his report (attached) on upcoming Special Olympics in our area (Area 13):
    - Central Region Soccer Tournament, Bob Bryant Park, Bastrop, April 2, 2026.
    - Area 13 Track and Field meet in Leander, TX on April 10, 2026.
    - Cycling Competition, Tree of Life Church, New Braunfels, TX on April 18, 2026.
    - Tennis Tournament, Balcones Tennis Academy, Austin, TX on April 25, 2026.
- **Sacred Heart Icon**: WTL Ricardo Renteria reported. The traveling icon is here in the Diocese of Austin. St Louis King of France Council 5967 is the first Council to host it. The next council scheduled to host it will be St Thomas More Council 9997. Each Council is allowed to keep the icon for no longer than 2 weekends.
- **Silver Rose**: The Silver Rose is currently in Canada starting on each of eight routes going South. Its first arrival in Texas will be in April, and then after that in August through December 2026. 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.
    - We've been in a long drought. Historically, in the Spring these droughts are sometimes followed by severe weather with lots of rain possibly accompanied by tornadoes.
    - Remind Councils to reach out to WTL Lee if they are affected by tornadoes, flooding, or anything else that happens.
- **EIM-SE Coordinator**: WTL Lee Fracker had nothing new to report.
- **State Charities and Star Councils**: No report.
- **Culture of Life**: WTL Michael Rush reported that the March for Life in Austin was well attended despite the cold weather. He then reminded everyone that the Walk for Life is coming up on Saturday, June 20.
- **Free Throw Competition**: WDioD Mike D'Antonio thanked everyone for their help on the Diocesan Free Throw competition. WTL Michael Hyzak shared his report on the Diocesan Free Throw competition results (attached).
- **Seminarian Report**: WTL Ramiro Balli asked for Councils to support additional seminarians. He mentioned that we have currently raised $28,000 for seminarians in our Diocese.
- **Spanish Council Coordinator**: No Report.
- **Ceremonial Team**: WCVP Michael D'Antonio reported there have been no recent requests for ceremonial support and approvingly noted that more councils have developed their own in-council CUF resources.
- **Spiritual Director's Report**: WCC Fr Charlie Garza spoke on the 3 pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. He highlighted that fasting allows resources to be redirected as alms for those in need. He also encouraged special Lenten customs such as praying the Stations of the Cross.
- **Communication/Newsletter/Website**: WTL Robert Cavazos, admin of the kofcaustin.org website, gave an overview of the website and noted that he had personally donated the domain

registration. He explained that the website is built on the WordPress platform, and that Michael Hyzak and Deacon Phuc are both editors. He invited other Chapter team leaders to apply to be editors if they would like to publicize their team activities. In addition, individual Councils can use the chapter website to promote their events.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

State Committee Reports

- **Scholarships**: WTL Leo Saenz had nothing to report.
- **FS Training**: SK Peter Donahue, Jr reminded everyone that he is available to educate and consult with Financial Secretaries throughout the Greater Austin area over the phone.
- **State Office**: SK Carlos Gonzales encouraged everyone to submit their service program nominations before March 1 and noted that there are no longer paper forms to be mailed. Rather all submissions can now be done online via the state website: tkofc.org.

District Deputy Reports

- None.

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:
    - March 31: The Chrism Mass, 10:30 am at St Vincent de Paul.
    - 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 included in the attached Texas District 6 report.

Good of the Order: See the prayer list attached.

The Closing Prayer was led by WCP Fr Charlie Garza.

The meeting was adjourned by WCP Ramiro Balli at 8:51 pm.

Attest:

Secretary: **Lee Fracker**

Attachments

1. Chapter Treasurer's Report
2. Preliminary CRAD Report
3. Hospitality Suites Report
4. Diocesan Free Throw Competition
5. Wheelchair Report
6. Special Olympics Report
7. Texas District 6 4th Degree Report
8. Prayer Requests

GREATER AUSTIN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TREASURER'S REPORT

2/22/2026

		Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Year to date	Budgeted
CHECKING ACCOUNT						
STARTING BALANCE		$9,936.88	$10,717.30	$25,060.05		
INCOME						
	Chapter Dues		$49.79		$904.15	$1,500.00
	CRAD Revenue	$760.00	$14,219.51	$8,439.05	$23,418.56	$18,000.00
	Hospitality Suite Payments		$72.72	$963.88	$1,036.60	$3,500.00
	Donations				$0.00	$0.00
	Dividends	$0.42	$0.73		$3.66	$0.00
	Other Income				$0.00	$0.00
	James Avery Charms				$0.00	$0.00
	Chili Cook-off	$20.00		$20.00	$40.00	$0.00
TOTAL INCOME		$780.42	$14,342.75	$9,422.93	$25,402.97	$23,000.00
EXPENSES (Pending Budget Approval)						
	CRAD			$3,750.00	$4,073.18	$11,000.00
	Austin Bishop's Charity				$0.00	$6,000.00
	Hospitality Suite - State Conv.				$0.00	$3,500.00
	JP II Life Center				$2,000.00	$2,000.00
	Seminarian Support				$0.00	$500.00
	Other Charity			$500.00	$1,500.00	$5,000.00
	Admin Expenses				$0.00	$1,000.00
	Convention Expense				$0.00	$0.00
	James Avery Charm Expense				$0.00	$0.00
	Uncleared 2024-2025 Donations				$1,000.00	$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		$0.00	$0.00	$4,250.00	$8,573.18	$29,000.00
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		780.42	14,342.75	5,172.93	16,829.79	(6,000.00)
BALANCE - CHECKING		$10,717.30	$25,060.05	$30,232.98	$16,829.79	-$6,000.00

GREATER AUSTIN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TREASURER'S REPORT

2/22/2026

SAVINGS ACCOUNT						
STARTING BALANCE		$0.20	$0.20	$0.20	$0.20	
INCOME						
	Dividends	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
WITHDRAWALS		$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
BALANCE - SAVINGS		$0.20	$0.20	$0.20	$0.20	
SET ASIDE ACCOUNT						
HOSPITALITY SUITE						
	STARTING BALANCE	$1,451.10	$1,451.10	$1,451.10	$1,451.10	$1,451.10
	Income	$0.00	$72.72	$963.88	$1,036.60	$3,500.00
	Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,500.00
	NET HOSPITALITY SUITE	$0.00	$72.72	$963.88	$1,036.60	$0.00
	ENDING BALANCE	$1,451.10	$1,523.82	$2,414.98	$2,487.70	$1,451.10
CURRENT BALANCES						
	TOTAL CHECKING	$10,717.30	$25,060.05	$30,232.98	$16,829.79	-$6,000.00
	Hospitality Suite set-aside	$1,451.10	$1,523.82	$2,414.98	$2,487.70	$1,451.10
	James Avery Charms					
	NET WORKING CAPITAL	$9,266.20	$23,536.23	$27,818.00	$14,342.09	**($7,451.10)**
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT	$0.20	$0.20		$0.20	$0.00

Outstanding Checks		**Future Expenses**
$250 San Juan Diego Athletics		$6000 to $7000 Bishop Donation
Upcoming Checks		$3500 Hospitality Suite
$2200 St. Helen's Hall Rental		$300 Deacon Phuc Convention Expenses
$8759.66 St. Helen's Food & Beverage		$500 Seminarian Donation
		$150 Wheelchair
		??? Annunciation Maternity Home
		??? Chili Cookoff Seed Money

PRELIMINARY CRAD FINANCIAL REPORT						
Income	**2026**	**2025**				
Council Registrations, Table Sponsorship, & Gift Cards	$ 19,533.86	$ 16,436.00				
Raffle and Drink Sales (Cash)	$ 3,059.00	$ 3,122.00	2025 number is cash and credit combined			
Raffle and Drink Sales (Credit)	$ 825.70					
TOTAL	**$ 23,418.56**	**$ 19,558.00**				
Expenses						
Gift Cards	$ 3,250.00	$ 2,500.00				
Supplies	$ 323.18	$ 295.57				
Dinner Cost	$ 8,300.00	$ 5,430.71				
Drinks Cost	$ 459.66	$ -				
Rental Cost	*$ 2,200.00*	$ 2,000.00	estimate, still waiting on bill			
Square Fees	$ -	$ 36.36				
TOTAL	**$ 14,532.84**	**$ 10,262.64**				
NET INCOME	**$ 8,885.72**	**$ 9,295.36**				
ATTENDEES	**415**	**345**				

Hospitality Suite Report for Austin Chapter - 2/21/26

Summarize this email

MICHAEL HYZAK

to michaeldantoniokoc@gmail.com, Victor, Ramiro, me

Starting Balance = $1451.10

2026 Payments Received to Date (14 total: 9 via check, 5 via square):

- Council 13902
- Council 13005
- Council 12601
- Council 11759
- Council 10463
- Council 10373
- Council 10131
- Council 9997
- Council 7975
- Council 7600
- Council 7197
- Council 5967
- Council 3205
- Council 2574

Current Balance = $2498.32

Vivat Jesus!
Mike Hyzak
Treasurer

Diocesan Free Throw Results						
Name	**Gender**	**Age**	**Rank**	**Council**	**Baskets**	**Medal**
Andrew McMurray	**Boys**	**9**	**1**	**14905**	**16**	**Awarded**
Anthony Peralta	Boys	9	2	10131	15	Awarded
Ashton Hobbs	Boys	9	3	8156	7	Not Awarded
Jack Kirsch	Boys	9	4	9796	6	
Turner Penksa	**Boys**	**10**	**1**	**9796**	**17**	**Awarded**
Henry Rychlik	Boys	10	2	6453	15(3)	Awarded
Isiah Hilson	Boys	10	3	Robinson?	15(2)	Awarded
Pearson Bautista	Boys	10	4	10776	13	
Luis Canales Jr	Boys	10	5	7975	3	
Lucas Foerster	**Boys**	**11**	**1**	**5967**	**12**	**Awarded**
Desi Perez	Boys	11	2	4868	11	Awarded
Thomas Uren	**Boys**	**12**	**1**	**6453**	**19**	**Awarded**
???	Boys	12	2	???	??	Awarded
Emjay Llanas	Boys	12	3	Waco?	9	Not Awarded
Domcio Goertz	Boys	12	4	9368	8	
Carlos Maldonado	Boys	12	5	5967	3	
Sebastian Marquez	**Boys**	**14**	**1**	**10131**	**21**	**Awarded**
Charlotte Crowley	**Girls**	**9**	**1**	**9796**	**9**	**Not Awarded**
???	Girls	9	2	???	??	No record, but medal handed out
???	Girls	9	3	???	??	No record, but medal handed out
Olivia Garza	**Girls**	**10**	**1**	**9796**	**12**	Awarded
Lucia Jessup	Girls	10	2	1235	0	Not Awarded
Isabella H.	**Girls**	**11**	**1**	**10776**	**13**	**Awarded**
Eleanor Fox	Girls	11	2	5967	9(2)	Awarded
Ava Martirosian	Girls	11	3	7600	9(0)	Awarded
Kelsi O'Connell	Girls	11	4	6453	4	
Emily Rychlik	**Girls**	**12**	**1**	**6453**	**15**	**Awarded**
Ruby Miller	Girls	12	2	5967	12	Awarded
Kamryn Wormley	Girls	12	3	10131	7(3)	Not Awarded
Gianna Jessup	Girls	12	4	1235	7(1)	Incorrectly Attibuted 3rd (Not Awarded)
Lucia Aceves	**Girls**	**14**	**1**	**10131**	**4**	**Awarded**
???	Girls	14	2	???	??	No record, but medal handed out
Volunteers						
Darrel Vinklarek						
Steven Dion						
Carl Disher						
Melisa Medina						
Yvonne Vinklarek						
Ashleigh Medina						
Arnold Auzenne						
Dawn McLaughlin						
Mike McLaughlin						
Martin Schuessler						
Luis Canales						
Ernesto Wallace						
Carlos Gonzalez						
Mike Hyzak						

	Sizes	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	Total	2/23/26
Amount Avaliable 070125		0	1	2	50	50	1	0	104	

Wheelchair requested

Council / Assembly / Other

Council 14943				1			Ascension
Council 8141				1			Sacred Heart
Council 2574				2	1		La Grange
Council 2574					3		La Grange
Council 8141						1	Sacred Heart
Council 14674				1			St. Joseph
Council 13927					1		St. Vincent de Paul
Council 8141					1		Sacred Heart
Council 14166					1		Santa Barbare
Council 10148					1		San Jose
Council 8141					1		Sacred Heart
Council 8131					2		St. Mary of the Visitation
Chapter					2		Correction
Council					2		San Angelo
Council 14166					1		Santa Barbare
Council 8141				1			Sacred Heart

Amount left	0	1	2	44	34	0	0	104
Amount given out	0	0	0	6	15	1	0	22

Council Number	Location	Amount	as of 02/01/26
2574	La Grange	450.00	
3168	Fayetteville	150.00	
3205	College Station	150.00	
6453	Georgetown	25.00	
8131	Lockhart	750.00	
8141	Austin	150.00	
8156	Austin	500.00	
10131	Austin	4760.33	
10294	Gatesville	150.00	
10373	Pflugerville	300.00	
12522	Andice	500.00	
13005	Waco	150.00	
13255	Marble Falls	6220.00	
14166	Austin	150.00	
Sub Total			14405.33
Other Chapter	Austin Donation	1000.00	
Sub Total			1000.00
Assembly Number	Location	Amount	
Sub Total			0.00
Grand Total			15405.33

Special Olympics events in the Austin Diocese

Statewide & National Events

04/30-05/26. Summer Games, Melissa, TX
06/20-26/26 USA Games, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

Area 6 (Bryan, College Station area) (East Region)

02/28/26. Area 6 Basketball Skills Competition, York Junior High, Spring, TX w/ Area 4
03/06/26. Huntsville Track & Field, Huntsville High School, Huntsville, TX
03/07/26. Area 6 Basketball Teams Competition, CyFair ISD Campuses, CyFair, TX w/ Area 4
03/21/26. Kiwanis Club Local Track Meet, The Woodlands College Park HS, The Woodlands, TX
03/27/26. Area 6 Spring Games, College Station High School, College Station, TX

Area 12 (Waco, Temple, Killeen area) (Central Region)

09/09/26. UCS Basketball Competition, Academy High School, Little River Academy, TX

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

04/02/26. Central Region Soccer Tournament, Bob Bryant Park, Bastrop, TX
04/10/26. Area 13 Track and Field Meet, Bible Stadium, Leander, TX
04/18/26. Central Region Cycling Competition, Tree of Life Church, New Braunfels, TX w/South Region
04/25/26. Central Region Tennis Tournament, Balcones Tennis Academy, Austin, TX

Area 14 (San Saba) (West Region)

02/27/26. Area 14 Dyess Unified Basketball Tournament, Dyess AFB Fitness Center, Abilene, TX
03/07/26. Area 14 Basketball Competition, Kimbrell Arena McMurry University, Abilene, 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.

Report 022326

Texas District 6 report for 2/23/2026 Chapter meeting

Exemplifications

- May 2nd: St Mary's Church of the Assumption in West – Flyer will be out shortly. It will have a "daytime" schedule similar to the ones in Rockne and Cedar Park: 10am Exemplification and Noon Mass followed by lunch.

Future Diocesan fallouts

- March 31st: Chrism Mass 10:30am at St Vincent de Paul.
- May 16th: Transitional Diaconate Ordination 10:30am at St Vincent de Paul.
- June 6th: Priestly Ordination 10:30am at St William.

Biennial District meeting Apr 11th at St Elizabeth

- It will run approximately 9am to 11:30am.
- Any officer or potential future officer is welcome to attend.
- We will nominate three people to be the next District Master.
- Several other topics will be covered and there will be CCC-related training.
- A tentative agenda has been sent to FNs/FCs/CCCs.
- Vice Supreme Master Pat Conway will attend.

Report of Programs (Form 1728)

- 26 of 28 Assemblies submitted theirs by 12/31.

Quotas

- 9 of 28 Assemblies have achieved their 2025-26 quota.
- Four others are within 1-2 and seven more are within three.
- 41 candidates are needed in West for the District to meet its quota.

Civic Award

- 15 of 28 Assemblies received it for 2024-25.
- Almost all should receive it for 2025-26.

Star Assembly

- Only two Assemblies received it for 2024-25.
- The nine who have met their quota only need to submit for the Civic Award and the To Be a Patriot Award to achieve Star Assembly for 2025-26.
- I will be ecstatic if half or more of my Assemblies qualify for it this year.

6th District website

- https://tinyurl.com/texasdistrict6

Greater Austin Chapter Knights of Columbus
Prayer List February 2026

For the repose of the soul of...	For comfort & healing or special intentions...
Matthew & Josiah Velasquez	Stephen Velasquez
SK TOM POE	ROSEMARIE POG
Nicholas Angelucci	Paula BRIGGS
Christina Hernandez	Victor Medina
CAROL WOODWARD	Christopher Leith
RICHARD PEREZ	Bea Martinez
Chuck Ramos	Conrad Martinez
Jo Ann BECERRA	JEFF JORDAN
David TREVIÑO	PATRICK MEDINAS MD
EDWIN KUEHN	TOM DESILETS
FRANK POOS	PATTI MCLAUGHLIN
	~~Ed PATE~~ FAMILY PEREZ
	Bo Seitz
	YvetteLopez
	Zach Johnson
	Antonio Garza
	Felix De Leon
	Domingo Cruz
	Claudio Rios – Fraticelli
	STAN URBAN
	HEDY BOBRICH
	San Hong Ngo Nghiem
	AMELIA BENTERIN
	MELLISA CERDA
	BERTHA ARELLANO
	EMMA BENITEZ
	Connie BMI

Flip Over for More Entries