

# The BEACON



The official newsletter of the Lumen Christi Council #13520 Dallas Texas

## Welcome Back!

We're back!

Welcome to the first quarterly addition of the Beacon!

We help with this kind of format, that each issue will have plenty of content and continue to advertise the good works of our Council.

After the long COVID nightmare, we started hosting combined live and virtual meetings. First the live meetings were somewhat lightly attended, slowly growing until we finally had our first return meeting with the community meal.

Then it seemed like things were getting back to normal.

Grand Knight Norm brought us into a second term with the theme of trying to increase service opportunities within our Council. Service is an important part of the Knights of Columbus function. It's crucial to letting the parish can community know who we are and what we do.

Keep your eyes open for new service opportunities that will be popping up. Until then, the Council does a number of events on a recurring basis, such as Sunday fellowship and pancake breakfasts.

These two events are highly visible, easy to work, and are beloved by our Parish. Stop by after mass for a few moments to help, or around noon to help cleanup. Lately we've had a good showing for cleanup which allows us all to get home much earlier.

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# Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers-

I recently ran across a quote from Charles Fillmore not too long ago that hit home for me personally and which I think describes the work we do as Knights.

It reads, "The value of all service lies in the spirit in which you serve and not in the importance or magnitude of the service. Even the lowliest task or deed is made holy, joyous, and prosperous when it is filled with love."

This edition will likely be filled with the events we've recently accomplished and will reference those yet to come. Although we may never see the people ultimately touched by our donations or good works, we are making a difference.

My sincere and heartfelt gratitude for all that you do for the All Saints Community and the causes we support.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight  
Norman Stauffer



## Devotion to St. Joseph

Every First Wednesday of the month, we attend 6:30 AM mass, and have prayer afterward in devotion to St. Joseph.

Please make some time to attend this special mass.

We are also trying to start 24 hour adoration, which had been cancelled due to COVID. The requirement for this is we need to man Adoration 24 hours in order for the Parish to re-institute this. Adoration is available from 2PM to 7PM.

At each meeting you will see this event on the signup sheet. Please consider signing up for a timeslot. Traditionally the wee hours of the morning are the hardest to fill.

## Fall Tamale season is upon us!

Fall is one of the busiest seasons for our counsel. We have a number of large labor-intensive tamale sales during the season, which have already started with the sales at the parish fall Festival.

These will be followed the 22nd and 23rd by sales at the ASWO bazaar. On the heels of that the next week will be sales at the JJ Pierce bazaar. These are the first sales we've had at these events in two years and they been sorely missed.

But each one of these is pretty labor-intensive especially for set up and tear down. So we need all hands on deck. The more hands the lighter the work. Try to sign up for at least one shift each weekend.

Working these events are excellent ways to meet other brothers in our counsel and enjoy some camaraderie. So consider helping out as much as you can.



## Faith Director Still Needed

Our Council has been without a faith director for over a year.

Granted, for most of that year we've had to endure the restrictions of Covid, with virtual masses and virtual meetings during the lockdown.

But now things are opening up we have an urgent need for faith director.

The faith director obviously is tasked with helping out the brothers with their faith journeys, with only a few events on the schedule. This is a great opportunity for brother that's already quite involved in the parish spiritually, to help lead the brothers.

## Council Forms a Degree Team

The Council had an inaugural meeting, led by Brother Knight Mike Green to start up a degree team with the new format.

For those that may not know the new ceremony is an all-in-one degree that encompasses what used to be the first, second, and third degree in a single ceremony. Supreme has done away with the robes for the former degrees, replacing them with sashes, and altered the ceremony so that it's possible to read the parts. This makes it much, much easier to form a degree team. As well as cheaper. In the new ceremony, wives and children are invited as well.

The meeting was well attended, attracting nearly a dozen brothers and dates have been set for the new ceremony being held at All Saints as well as a modest budget for refreshments. We'll also need help, as usual, for setup, serving, and cleaning up at the event.

Practices are set for October 28 and November 10th with an expectation that our first ceremony will be December 9th.



## Fall Paper Drive a Success

During the fall paper drive, the Knights and Ladies collected 140,000 sheets of copy paper (28 cases) for Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

Many thanks for all those that contributed.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

**Harry S. Storey**

Texas State Emergency Response  
Chairman

## In Service to One and All

I've been a night of Columbus for over 20 years, transferring into our Council about four years ago. But I've also visited many councils across United States. I used to travel 50% of the time for my last job, and in every city that I visited, I looked up the local Council to see if I could drop by.

It was a tremendous learning experience.

One of the first lessons that I learned early on is that no matter where you are, or what city are in, you are a Brother Knight to the local Council, and would be welcomed as such. I've met a lot of great men in my travels.

The other thing I learned is how important it is as a Knight of Columbus to be active in your parish and community by doing service work. I've been to Councils that do little other than keep up the lounge that's part of their hall. I've seen others that have made investments such that they don't really have to do much fundraising at all, and don't do much service either. And I've seen those where the parish impression of the Knights of Columbus is the guys always asking for money for one reason or another.

That's why it's so important to get involved doing service work within your community and parish. This is an amazing Council with a large percentage of men that do a lot of service work, and are very cross pollinated with other ministries across the parish. This is a blessing.

Our good works make it easier for us in every way. It makes it easier to recruit new members, it makes it easier to fund-raise of course, and it makes it easy to coordinate with the Parish and be able to hold events.

But what our service events do is help foster charity, unity, and fraternity.

Take the opportunity to help out during the many events before year end.

**DGK Pat Haney**

# Pro-Life Team Never Missed a Beat



Our pro-life director Jack Falloure hasn't missed a beat advocating pro-life all throughout the COVID crisis.

Every weekend the crew meets at 9 AM mass Saturdays, has a brief prayer afterwards, and heads out to pray the rosary and hold witness at an abortion clinic.

Each weekend they place a rosary in the tree as a Memorial reminder. Which you can see in the picture to the left.

Partially because of their hard work, and others, Texas is becoming a very, very pro-life state. But the work never ends. Eternal vigilance is required, because just as St. Mark said the devil goes like a roaring lion seeing who's solely can devour, so goes the pro-abortion crowd.

Consider joining them on a Saturday and taking part in enough events to earn your Ace Wings. Ace Wings are awarded for those that have participated in five pro-life events. In addition to praying the rosary at the clinic, there is Hike for Life, Special Olympics, and many other events that count towards earning your Ace Wings.



## Fall Festival 2021

The parish fall Festival was a smashing success. And in addition to all the help that Knights provided, from set up, to bartending, to security, to tear down, we also had sales for our world-famous tamales both frozen and cooked.

Sales were fairly brisk, and many came up to sample the tamales that we've been selling frozen for most of the year. They were accompanied by a number of different sauces as well as Brother Stan's famous chili.

**Top left** John Myers and tamale Capt. David Smith restock the warmer before the next wave.

**Middle left:** Harry Story and Hanks Setina fulfilling the frozen tamale orders.

**At the bottom:** Our Squires Circle, supervised by Sir Knight Jim Fogg, sold cotton candy. Here you see them in an uncharacteristically slow moment. Typically the line was 3 to 5 deep.





# Lumen Christi Council #13520

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Chair
Every Saturday, 9AM	Rosary for Life	Falloure
10/18	Business Meeting/Community Meal	Stauffer
10/20	Golden Saints Luncheon	Wise
10/22-23	Tamale Sales @ ASWO Bazaar	Smith
10/24	Sunday Fellowship	Haney
10/29	Trunk or Treat @ASCS	Tax
10/30-31	Tamale Sales @ JJ Pierce	Smith
11/3	Devotion to St. Joseph @ 6:30AM Mass	Muscat
11/6	Corporate Communion/Memorial Mass	TBA
11/7	Sunday Fellowship	Shaver