



Star Council Award Bulletin Announcement

LOCAL COLDSTREAM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12202 RECEIVES TOP AWARD

Our Lady of the Valley (OLOV) Knights of Columbus Council 12202 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

During the past year the Council has supported 5 Graduating students with scholarship funds and initiated a leave no neighbour behind call out program to stay in touch and assist older parishioners and Knights with help where needed. A fall 2020 Coats for Kids distribution to 3 local areas saw over 48 new coats in the hands of young people who appreciated the assistance. We assisted delivery of meals weekly for a fund raising effort at St James School. Our Faith program saw active participation by up to 29 Parishioners for the "Into the Breach" initiative to make us all better Catholic men serving our faith and our family. Knights assisted Fr. Peter initially with the Sunday mass being available online and when outside communion & services were available streaming the mass to the parked cars and parking lot control was handled by Knights. We have participated in the Annual Charity Foundation Appeal fund raiser and was one of the top Councils in B.C. on ticket sales results. We have provided much needed funds to the Vernon Food Bank through the Salvation Army and have assisted a B.C Seminarian with the costs associated with studying for the priesthood. We continue to be very active in the Keep Christ in Christmas program with new outside signage for OLOV this past year in addition to a Nativity scene set up in a key location. and continued sale of KCIC magnets and now wooden signs. Music for the weekly mass and now full church has active Knights of Columbus involvement. Recently we have initiated fund raising efforts to assist Sacred Heart Parish in Lumby including providing funds to assist with their Parish maintenance needs.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact local Membership Director Deloy Routley who can be reached at 250-545-3884 or by email at deloylinda47@gmail.com