



Bernie Lutes - Grand Knights' Message

July 2021

A hearty welcome to those visiting our Knights of Columbus website either for the first time or returning to see what is happening in our Council. We have continued to hold monthly meetings which have been on Zoom video format. We are looking forward to in person gatherings starting this fall. Since my last report in March 2021 the following projects have been completed or are in progress:

- We continue to call all our older members on a regular basis to ensure all is well and offer to help where needed
- Our Council has added one new member to our ranks and have 2 new families who have moved to our area and the men have transferred their memberships to St. Teresa Council. This brings our number of members up to 115.
- Our Council awarded 5 graduating students a combined total of \$2,500 in scholarships for them to continue their education.
- Our Council completed the Parish Outreach for Wheelchairs for the needy and are aware of over 12 wheelchair donations from our Parishioners. Thank you to those who participated in this worthy cause.
- Our Council provided a \$2,000 donation to Sacred Heart Lumby parish to assist in the cost for their water heater update in the Lumby rectory.
- Our Council has provided a B.C. Seminarian currently in the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver with a cheque for \$500.00 to assist him in moving forward to become a Catholic Priest.
- Our Council has assisted the Wednesday meal program for St James School by delivering meals to people who are not able to pick them up.
- Our Council has provided \$500. To the Salvation Army Food Bank here in Vernon to assist them in their helping those who require food and clothing during the Pandemic.
- Our Faith Director has reopened the Into the Breach gatherings and 16 men participated in this very necessary set of discussions to become more active and aware of our faith and to involve our families in ensuring we are living our Catholic Faith.
- Our Council participated in providing all Confirmation students with a small gift and note of appreciation from the Knights. The class size was such we had to hold 2 ceremonies for the 28 young men and women of our Parish

With meeting and Mass attendance back inside the church our Council will again be having Family Barbeques at OLOV starting July 18<sup>th</sup> after Mass. We need volunteers for set up cooking and cleanup. Be prepared to help when called. Our Plan is to hold Barbeques every other week until the end of August. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs with the fixings , chips, and drinks by Donation. Please plan on staying after Mass and get all caught up with fellow Parishioners .

The Council annually held a Parking lot sale in the spring which has not occurred since May 2019 due to Covid. Watch the weekly Bulletin for announcements on the date and our request for items from your annual spring clean up . Planned date is being set for late August 2021

May you and your family have an enjoyable summer of fun, faith, and relaxation and hopefully we will see all of you at our Sunday Masses.