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President's Message – Richie Head

The major fundraiser for VKCCI continues to be our Address Label Program. That, along with the Annual Council Contribution Program, allows us to continue our great program of helping those in need.

Your new labels will be mailed on or about November 1st. As this will be approaching year-end and the Christmas season, I ask that you be as generous as possible when making your donation.

Please continue to help us -- help those -- that need our help. Thank you.

Fundraising Activities – Tom Browne

With the recent kick-off of our new website, we have made some changes to the processing of your donations that should help streamline the effort. One of those changes is a more efficient and simpler on-line donation platform that not only makes it easier to donate, but it also automatically produces a tax receipt, regardless of the size of the donation. Please check us out at www.vkcci.org

With the new tax laws, we all won't necessarily need those receipts, but if you DO continue to itemize, every receipt is important. And while we would like to acknowledge every donation made by check, the volume of checks received makes that impossible - so we restrict our written acknowledgements to donations over \$150.00 (Federal Law requires acknowledgement of donations over \$250).

So, please let your membership know that we DO want to acknowledge their donations, and if they donate online they will get that acknowledgement instantly, without regard to the size of the donation.

Grant Committee Activities - Cy Alba

The 2018-2019 Grant Program is running far ahead of this time last year. So far this fraternal year, your VKCCI Grant Committee has received 18 grant requests, 15 have been approved, 2 were withdrawn, and 1 is pending receipt of additional information. We have approved \$44,963.04 in grants. Two were KOVAR funded. We have already awarded over \$17,500 more than last year at this time.

At the State Annual Meeting and Convention last May, it was announced that the maximum grant amount was being raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000. We are seeing the result of this change in policy. To continue this level of assistance, it is critical that individual Brother Knights **respond generously** to the label program mailings and that all Councils **contribute faithfully** to the annual Council contribution program. Your contributions help us provide assistance to Virginia residents in need of immediate financial assistance.

A list of recent grants follows on the next page. Anyone with questions about grants or the grant process can contact me at albai@cox.net or 571-215-1233.



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Report of Grants Issued since the last Newsletter:

<p>A \$4,000 grant to assist a family of eight relocate after losing their home and most belongings to a flash flood. Grant provided rent deposit, one month rent, paid delinquent electric bill to resume service, and temporary hotel housing while new apartment was repainted.</p>
<p>A \$2,293.91 grant to assist a Brother Knight, who is disabled policeman with PTSD. He lost his job, fell behind on his rent and was evicted. Grant provided rent deposit, one month rent, and paid delinquent electric bill to resume service.</p>
<p>A \$3,805 grant to assist a disabled Brother Knight replace his unrepairable hand driving controls on his vehicle. Without the device, he cannot get to work. He does not get paid if he doesn't work. The grant would also pay one month's rent for the time he was out of work.</p>
<p>A \$2,522 grant to assist an aging single woman who had been offered a better job that did not materialize. Unfortunately, she had given notice at her current job, and was not allowed to return. She fell behind on her rent, utilities, and health insurance. The grant gave her some relief by paying these overdue bills.</p>
<p>A \$1,500 grant to assist a father, his teenage daughter, and his mother with overdue rent and utility bills, caused by a loss of income, which occurred when the man's wage-earning wife moved out of the house. The grant would give them some time until that lost income is replaced with his mother's survivor benefits from her recently deceased husband.</p>
<p>A \$1,360 grant to assist a single mother with a teenage daughter who suffers from learning disabilities and personality disorders. The mother lost her job when the grocery store she worked in closed. She fell behind on her rent and was threatened with eviction. The grant will prevent eviction. She has been hired by another grocery store, but it will take a few weeks before she gets a regular pay check.</p>
<p>A \$3,760 grant to assist an intellectually disabled adult daughter of a Brother Knight. The daughter lives in a group home and is dependent on the state and Medicare. She needs a root canal and crown to save one of her molars. Medicare only pays for minor fillings and tooth extractions. The grant would allow the preferred dental treatment to proceed. This was a KOVAR funded grant.</p>
<p>A \$1,900 grant to assist an intellectually and physically disabled 6-year old girl by providing funds to build a wheelchair ramp. The ramp would be engineered and built by the sponsoring council. This was a KOVAR funded grant.</p>
<p>A \$4,000 grant to assist an immigrant family of five, including 3 children. The three children are American citizens. The father is a Brother Knight. The grant would pay monthly household expenses while the father was detained by immigration officials and while he obtained legal representation and funding.</p>
<p>A \$4,000 grant to help pay for the funeral and burial of a Brother Knight who had been suffering from mental illness.</p>
<p>A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who is legally blind recover from the purchase of a hearing aid to pay off a delinquent medical bill, HOA assessment, and paint his house exterior to conform with HOA and county standards.</p>
<p>A \$3,052.73 grant to assist a Brother Knight who suffered a near catastrophic medical emergency including medivac by air. Medical bills set him back. Grant will assist with rent, health insurance, and overdue medical bills.</p>
<p>A \$772.60 grant to assist a young lady who suffered catastrophic brain injury and also resulted in muscular atrophy. The grant will complete the purchase of an ankle prosthetic which may help her walk again.</p>
<p>A \$3,996.80 grant to assist Brother Knight and his wife recover from a number of medical bills and emergency home repairs, including HVAC, toilet, and floor replacement.</p>
<p>A \$4,000.00 grant to assist in the funeral and burial expenses of the 34-year old son of a Brother Knight who leaves behind a wife and three children. He was unable to obtain life insurance due to medical conditions.</p>