

## VKCCI Grant Summary 2018-2019

For the 2018 – 2019 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2019, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 54 grants for a total of \$150,219.40. This is an all-time record dollar amount. Twenty-three grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 31 to the Richmond Diocese. Three grants were disapproved and one was withdrawn. Fourteen additional had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight or withdrawn because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration. Twenty grants were for Brother Knights and four were funded by KOVAR.

For the 2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2018, the VKCCI Grant Committee approved 49 grants for a total of \$114,296.51. Twenty-one grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 28 to the Richmond Diocese. Two grants were disapproved and eight had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight. Twenty-one grants were for Brother Knights and two were funded by KOVAR.

This compares with the 2016 – 2017 fraternal year, ending June 30, 2017, when 44 grants were approved for a total of \$102,430.01. Twenty grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 24 to the Richmond Diocese. Two grants were disapproved and ten grants had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight. Sixteen were for Brother Knights and two were funded by KOVAR.

These totals attest to the fact that, while the economy continues to improve, there are many Virginians in desperate need of the basic necessities of life – shelter, health, food, and, clothing. Since our founding in 1994, VKCCI has awarded 1,083 grants for a total of \$1,850,122.01 in grants.

### **VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:**

19-001 – 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.

19-002 – 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.

19-003 – 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.

19-004 – 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.

19-005 – 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.

19-006 – 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.

**19-007K** – 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 is a KOVAR funded grant.**

**19-008K** – 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 is a KOVAR funded grant.**

19-009 – 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.

19-010 – A \$4,000 grant to help pay for the burial and funeral of a Brother Knight who had been suffering from mental illness.

19-011 – 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.

19-012 – 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.

19-013 – 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.

19-014 – 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.

19-015 – A \$4,000 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.

19-016 – A \$416.36 grant to assist a 15-year old boy with cerebral palsy who is confined to a wheelchair. The grant would repair the wheelchair lift on the family's wheelchair accessible van.

19-017 – A \$2,789.32 grant to assist a 63-year old disabled woman with deteriorating medical conditions which caused her to forgo a number of monthly bills to pay urgent medical co-pays and bills.

19-018 – A \$1,100 grant to assist a 75-year old woman who recently suffered kidney failure and is now on dialysis. Her doctors recommended she abandon her walker and obtain a wheelchair to improve her mobility. The home has exterior stairs. The grant would provide the funds to purchase materials for a wheelchair ramp. The council will provide the engineering and manpower to build the ramp.

19-019 – A \$2,650 grant to assist a Brother Knight with a number of overdue bills (rent, medical, utilities, etc.). He had fallen behind when he lost his fulltime job. Grant paid his bills until he received his first paycheck at his new job.

19-020K – An \$875 grant to assist an adult Special Olympian obtain needed dental work, including restorations and a root canal. This is a KOVAR funded grant.

19-021 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a family with severe medical issues relocate to a new house, after their current house was damaged with river flood waters caused by hurricane Michael. The entire first floor was flooded with 3-5 feet of water, destroying all their belongings on the first floor.

19-022 – A \$2,000 grant to assist a young family who had just gone through a difficult pregnancy. The wife had to quit work early, and the father lost his job due to excessive absences to take care of his wife. The grant would pay for overdue rent and utility bills.

19-023 – DISAPPROVED. A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight with five month overdue mortgage payments was disapproved. Committee felt the situation was hopeless, as the overdue mortgage was just the tip of the indebtedness iceberg. Brother Knight bears some responsibility for letting situation get out of control.

19-024 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight on disability and suffering through another bout of cancer with some overdue rent, utilities, and medical bills. The grant would also fund a wheel chair ramp for his van. He has 4 children under the age of 10 living at home.

19-025 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who is unable to work for a couple of months due to complications following spinal surgery. The grant would assist with rent, utilities, and health insurance.

19-026K – A \$4,500 grant to assist the Little Sisters of St. Francis replace the clothing of 10 intellectually disabled men, whose group home suffered catastrophic loss in a fire. The men lost all their clothing and furnishings in the fire. This is a KOVAR funded grant.

19-027 – A \$1,566 grant to assist the elderly widow of a Brother Knight repair her kitchen floor, which had become rotted and was now a hazardous condition. Her cane had punched through the floor. A council member contractor put together a team to do the work at no labor cost.

19-028 – A \$2,400 grant to assist a single mother with four children who had lost her home and her job. The house was rented from relatives, who had to foreclose. She starts a new job soon, but needs the grant to carry her to her first paycheck. The grant provides rent and car payments for three months.

19-029 – DISAPPROVED. A \$3,400 grant to assist a young man whose car had broken down, was parked illegally, and was towed. The grant would have paid for the tow, 32 days storage, administrative fees, and the car repair. The Committee felt that the young man was at fault for delaying action and that storage fees incurred were not a basic necessity of life. The grant was disapproved.

19-030 – A \$740 grant to repair the furnace of woman with adult ADD who had lost her job and her mother and went into deep depression. She lost all consciousness of her financial plight and fell behind on a number of bills, and did not have the cash for the furnace repair. The grant would pay for parts as the labor was donated.

19-031 – A \$312.15 grant to assist a single mother pay her overdue gas (heating) and avoid cut off of service.

19-032 – A \$910 grant to assist a single mother with a two-year old son pay for her overdue rent (1½ months). She had a number of medical issues which resulted in periods of unemployment.

19-033 – DISAPPROVED. A \$4,000 grant to assist a widow with two adult sons living with her pay for a number of monthly bills in arrears – over \$4300. She had a full time job and let the bills pile up. She was the recipient of a grant two years ago for the same purposes. At that time she was going to seek financial counseling. Her son was the applicant for grant 19-029, which we also disapproved. The entire family needs financial counseling, not a VKCCI bailout. The grant was disapproved.

19-034 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who was injured on the job. The grant would pay for rent and utilities while his workman's comp and disability claims are adjudicated. VKCCI was one of several sources of charitable assistance, including his council and individual council members.

19-035 – A \$1,595.52 grant to assist a single mother of two teenage girls pay her back rent. She fell behind because she chose instead to purchase medications and medical equipment and supplies for her youngest daughter, who was recently diagnosed with severe diabetes. The medications and supplies are now covered by a Medicaid program.

19-036 – A \$3,491 grant to assist a Brother Knight with cancer and who also lost his job when the supervisor who hired him left. The grant paid for one month's mortgage and a COBRA health insurance payment, as well as some overdue utility bills.

19-037 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single woman who unexpectedly lost her job and has struggled to find new employment. She fell behind on her monthly bills. The grant would pay for her overdue mortgage, utilities, medical bills, and medical insurance.

19-038 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single woman who recently suffered several medical setbacks, requiring a nursing home stay and home health care, depleting her savings, and causing her to fall behind on her monthly bills. The grant would cover utilities, healthcare, as well as home and car repair.

19-039 – A \$2,950 grant to assist a single mother with two teenage children catch up with her rent and utilities. She had fallen behind because she had to pay for her husband's funeral expenses. The grant paid for her overdue rent and utilities and gave her a fresh start in life.

19-040 – A \$2,207.48 grant to assist a family of six whose father is on disability replace a broken water well pump and accompanying huge electric bill as the broken pump ran 24/7 without providing any water.

19-041 – A \$2,800 grant to repair/replace furnace of a parish secretary. Labor was provided at no cost by parish maintenance man.

19-042 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a middle age couple get through an incredible list of medical issues and bills, despite having health insurance. Bills paid included overdue electricity, car insurance, and medical bills. Grant also repaired second car so husband could accept full time employment.

19-043 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who is a long haul trucker pay some overdue monthly bills, including rent, utilities, car registration, etc. He fell behind because his truck was continually breaking down. If he doesn't have his truck, he earns no money. He is now in the process of replacing the old truck with a new used truck, allowing him to earn income and keep up with his bills.

19-044 – A \$2,524.66 grant to assist a Brother Knight who had some extraordinary medical (surgery) expenses for his young daughter. He is currently on unemployment and works part-time as a delivery man for AMAZON. He has primary custody over his two young children and has had to move in with his parents to make ends meet.

19-045 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single middle aged lady who lost her job as an interior decorator when her firm decided to merge with design/build firm. The design/build firm had no need for her services. The grant provided her with funds to help with mortgage, car, and utility payments, pending her finding another job.

19-046 – A \$2,941.81 grant to assist a single mother with a high-school age pay overdue rent, utility, and car bills. She had been fired from her job because of her hospitalizations. She has a job offer, so the grant would give her some breathing room until she starts receiving regular paychecks again.

19-047 – A \$2,000 grant to assist single Brother Knight who contracted a rare viral infection that affected digestive system. The constant vomiting caused exceptional damage to his teeth. He is also in need of

an eye exam and glasses. He is on Social Security Disability and Medicaid covers little, if any, eye and dental care. The grant will provide funds for eye and dental care, as well as some new clothing, since the infection caused him to lose over a hundred pounds.

19-048 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a recently arrived refugee family of 7 from Africa. They had been in refugee camp for 16 years. The father started work in February packing and sealing boxes for \$9.50 an hour, just enough to cover rent and utilities. In April, the mother started doing the same work (different shift) to cover other household expenses. A month later, she was severely injured in a car accident. The grant would replace her income until she can get back to work.

19-049 – A \$1,950 grant to assist a man who had worked as a cook at a local restaurant. He was let go for an alcohol problem. He voluntarily committed himself into an alcohol abuse rehab facility in the hope of changing his life. The restaurant owner is supportive of his rehab and has indicated he will hire him back if the rehab is successful. The grant will cover his rent while he is in rehab.

19-050 – **WITHDRAWN**. A \$4,000 grant to subsidize the fees for an indigent individual living in a retirement home. The institution was experiencing a shortfall from other charitable funding sources. The institution decided to withdraw the application. **The grant application was withdrawn.**

19-051 – A \$4,000 grant to assist an elderly couple in financial and medical distress. The couple survives on only \$800 a month, and relies on food banks and free clinics. They inherited the home. The grant would repair/replace the roof and soffits as water infiltrates their home at every rain.

19-052 – A \$1,600 grant to pay for the cremation and burial of the wife of a deceased Brother Knight who died without life insurance. Council members had paid for similar expenses for the Brother Knight when he died, less than a year ago. The wife also died without life insurance. The grant paid for the cremation and burial of the wife.

19-053 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a family of five get through hard times after the father was laid off from his government contractor job. The wife has MS and cannot work. During his four month unemployment, he went through his savings, paying whatever bills he could until there was nothing left. He now has a job, but needs to pay his back rent or be evicted. The grant paid for back rent and several additional overdue bills, as well as a car repair, to get this family back on the road to financial stability.

19-054 – A \$3,654 grant to assist a disabled Veteran who lost his job as an electrician because he could not get to work. (He has no car, and he lost his daily ride to work, an 80 mile a day round trip.) His wife is unable to work. They live in an efficiency apartment, with borrowed and rented furniture. Because he had no income, he fell behind on his rent and has been given an eviction notice. The grant paid his overdue rent and late fees, as well as overdue utility bills. He is about to start a new job.

19-055 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a young grandmother with custody of two granddaughters, ages 3 and 5. The mother of the children was killed by a hit and run driver. The grandmother has been diagnosed with advanced colon cancer. The effect of cancer treatments and the added expense of the grandchildren caused her to fall behind on her rent and utilities. She had her power turned off and was evicted. The grant would pay for her temporary home of a hotel room for the duration of her chemo treatments. The council will provide food and clothing.

19-056 – A \$1,683.37 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife save their home from foreclosure. He had suffered two strokes and medical expenses had driven them into bankruptcy. They were a month behind on their mortgage when the bankruptcy was approved. They needed to be current on their mortgage or it would fall outside the bankruptcy agreement. The grant saved their home.

19-057 – A \$613.69 grant to assist a single mother with a disabled adult son pay the outstanding balance of an electric bill to prevent interruption of service. Payment will also allow her to get back on a monthly budget plan.

19-058 – A \$2,986 grant to assist a disabled Brother Knight, a fulltime Uber driver, get back on the road after a car accident. Driving the Uber is his only source of income. The grant paid the deductible and car repair, as well as one month's bills, including rent, utilities, food, insurance, etc.