

VKCCI Grant Summary 2019-2020

For the 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2020, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 38 grants for a total of \$111,733.98. Four of the last six grants were Corona Virus related. Twelve councils submitted grant requests for the first time in four years. Sixteen grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 22 to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and none were withdrawn. Six had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight (5) and/or withdrawn because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration (1). There were eight inquiries that did not result in formal grant applications. Thirteen grants were for Brother Knights and one was funded by KOVAR. The 38 grants helped 93 individuals.

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 Three grants were disapproved and one was withdrawn. Fourteen additional had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight or withdrawn because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration.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 through June 30, 2020, VKCCI has awarded 1121 grants for a total of \$1,961,855.99.

VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

20-001 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a single, disabled, middle age woman in need of knee replacement surgery. Surgery cannot be done until she has dental clearance. She needs to have teeth pulled and periodontal work done before the knee surgery. Grant would pay for the dental work, which is not covered by Medicare.

20-001A – A \$355 increase in the grant to cover a late arriving medical bill from the knee surgery. Council had returned a substantial amount in unused original grant funds. Total for grant and amendment was \$2093.

20-002 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a 60 year old widow adjust to a new life without her husband, who did all the finances, including the checkbook, The widow had no idea of their poor financial situation. The Council helped her apply for Social Security benefits; but without a checking account, the first payment had no place to go. The grant would pay for a month's living expenses until her Social Security payments are properly deposited.

20-003 – A \$2,081.04 grant to assist an elderly lady retrieve the cremated remains of her sister. The crematorium cremated the remains at a minimal down payment cost but would not release the cremains until the full cost had been paid. The grant paid the balance, allowing the sister to retrieve the remains.

20-004 – A \$1,930 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife get through some lingering hard times. The grant paid for electric bills, car payments, insurance, gas, and food until their new jobs produced regular income.

20-005 – A \$2,386.37 grant to assist a parishioner who was injured on the job and then had to have kidney stone surgery. The grant would replace lost income until his regular paychecks restart. The grant paid for one month's mortgage and late fees.

20-006 – A \$750 grant to assist a single grandmother who had fallen behind on her monthly bills because she had to take time off to take care of her mother who needed home care. The grandmother has custody of a 10 year old grandson. Grandmother had previously received a VKCCI Grant. Approved grant was reduced to cover only her delinquent electric bill, which was not the subject of the previous grant.

20-007 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a grandmother who has custody of a grandchild repair the transmission of her car. The car is needed to preclude the elderly great grandparents (her parents) who have custody of the other three grandchildren from driving twice a week on busy highways to visit their youngest sibling.

20-008 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single mother deal with effects of breast cancer surgery and its attendant chemo and radiation treatment after-effects. Specifically, repair of her jaws to accommodate dentures, eyeglasses (needed for employment), utility bills, and rent. The goal is to give her time to recover enough to work regularly.

20-009 – A \$1,665.47 grant to assist a single mother with an adult son cover her monthly expenses for September. Her job was eliminated, forcing her to retire early. It takes 90 days for the first retirement check. She used savings to get by the first 60 days. Grant covers 30 days bills until her first retirement check.

20-010 – A \$549.58 grant to assist a single woman undergoing breast cancer treatment. She had fallen behind on her electric bills due to inability to work.

20-011 – A \$3,414 grant to assist a Brother Knight who had lost his job. Temporary un and under employment caused him to fall behind on his bills. He also needed help pending receipt of his first paycheck from new job.

20-012 – A \$912.81 grant to assist a single man with an MFA who has difficulty obtaining steady income as an actor and singer. Grant assisted in covering utility bills and a medical bill for a month when his income failed to meet his expenses. Grant was reduced to cover only the shortfall month. Grantee needs to make lifestyle changes for long term stability.

20-013 – A \$4000 grant to assist a family of five, including a 4 month grandson. The father is on basic Social Security, their 11 year old son has special physical needs as he cannot walk unassisted, the mother lost her job at Sears as her department closed down. The grant would provide for mortgage assistance while the mother finds a new job.

20-014 – A \$3,066.76 grant to assist a mother with a 4 year old and a 4 month old. The most recent pregnancy was a troubled one and resulted in a C-Section. She has not been able to work for several months. The father earns a small salary and they are on food stamps. The grant would assist with overdue rent and penalties and one month's rent while the mother recuperates and returns to work.

20-015 – A \$4000 grant to assist an elderly Brother Knight who has been diagnosed with blood cancer and also had to have cataract surgery. He has health insurance and Medicare, but he has outstanding

co-pays and uncovered medical bills. The grant would pay off some of the medical bills to allow him and his wife to pay their other bills on time.

20-016 – A \$1,810.78 grant to assist the daughter of a Brother Knight who passed away recently. The grant would pay for two months' overdue rent and late fees. Their only income had been his pension and Social Security, which stopped upon his death.

20-017 – A \$2,588.75 grant to assist a Brother Knight who incurred extraordinary medical expenses for his wife whose Cerebral Palsy is worsening. He paid the medical bills on time but fell behind on his rent and other monthly bills. The grant would pay for two months' rent and other overdue monthly bills. They are applying for her Disability, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits to ensure long term financial stability.

20-018 – A \$4000 grant to assist a young family of five whose four year old son has had multiple surgeries to correct colorectal and immunity issues. Credit cards maxed out despite parish medical fund. Copays, deductibles, and time off of work set family back. Grant provided for two months of mortgage and utilities.

20-019 – A \$3,648.12 grant to assist a young family of six. Two year old suffers from intellectual and physical disabilities, plus had several surgeries. Father had to stay home to watch other children while mother was in hospital with two year old. Grant helped pay overdue electric and rent payments. **KOVAR funded grant.**

20-020 – A \$1,840 grant to assist a young mother with 4 children, one disabled, had to have emergency surgery, and was out of work for 6 weeks. Needed help paying monthly bills until she returns to work. Husband on disability and took care of children. She had no income while she recuperated from surgery. Grant assisted with monthly bills for mortgage, utilities, insurance, etc. until her paychecks resumed.

20-021 – A \$3,400 grant to assist an elderly (80) disabled woman (double amputee) and her disabled daughter replace the heat pump in their mobile home. They were heating their home with borrowed expensive electric space heaters. The grant would also pay for the high electric bills.

20-022 – A \$3,360 grant to assist an elderly lady who is wheel chair bound. The grant is for labor and materials to build a wheel chair ramp so she can get out of the house safely and get to doctor's appointments and to Mass.

20-023 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a middle-aged couple whose only bread winner (the husband suffered a massive heart attack and coded four times). His disability payments are insufficient to cover monthly expenses. The grant provided rent and utility assistance until he could go back to work.

20-024 – A \$2,086.19 grant to assist an elderly (age 80) Brother Sir Knight with his mortgage and hearing aid expenses. He supplements his pension and SS as a dishwasher at a local university. His financial situation was created by his assisting an adult son with his medical and living expenses due to his cancer. His son passed and the Sir Knight assisted with his funeral and burial expenses.

20-025 – A \$1,950 grant to assist an elderly widow repair a leak in the roof of her house and, if necessary, repair any ceiling damaged by the leaking roof.

20-026 – A \$6,319.66 grant to assist the elderly widow of a prominent Brother Sir Knight pay for the funeral and burial expenses of her younger sister. The grant paid the remaining balance to avoid costly monthly penalties.

20-027 – A \$1,475 grant to assist a single father with three children pay his overdue rent. His wife had abandoned him and the children. The grant paid for one month's rent which had fallen in arrears due to missed work while he had to appear in court to gain custody of the children and obtain child support.

20-028 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who had fallen on hard times because his work hours were cut. The grant would cover overdue rent and utilities.

20-029 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight whose job as a real estate agent working on commission, fell behind on his rent because of the lack of houses to sell and the slow real estate business during the holidays. The grant would keep him and his family from eviction by paying overdue rent.

20-030 – A \$2,528.64 grant to assist a bed-ridden woman with an adult autistic son. The grant would pay delinquent utility bills, six months of a high-protein drink, and the security deposit on a more reasonably priced apartment.

20-031 – A \$2,306.09 grant to assist a single woman with two college age children get through some unusually hard times. The grant would pay for delinquent rent and utility bills, as well as car repairs. The major source of her problem was a faulty electric hot water heater.

20-032 – A \$4000 grant to assist a single man with no family who is on social security and minimal pension and had to have a leg amputated at the knee. He has no health insurance. The grant will pay for a basic leg prosthesis, equipment, and therapy.

20-033 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight who lost his job due to the Corona Virus. Grant would pay for monthly bills due and overdue, including insurance, cell phone, food, car, gas, etc.

20-034 – A \$2,718.02 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his live in cousin who are confined to wheelchairs. The grant provided funds to purchase materials for a wheelchair ramp. The ramp was engineered and built by council members.

20-035 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family of six after the collapse of his small business due to the COVID virus. The grant would provide for approximately one month of bills, including mortgage, utilities, gas, etc.

20-036 – A \$1,545 grant to assist a disabled single woman with her past due rental payments and late payment penalty. She worked in the hospitality industry (hotel) and had her hours severely reduced due to the COVID virus and low occupancy rates.

20-037 – A \$4,128.70 grant to assist a disabled Brother Knight with the purchase of a hydraulic lift for his truck. The lift was needed to transport his motorized wheel chair to and from medical appointments, groceries, volunteer activities, etc.

20-038 – A \$2,918 grant to assist a middle-aged low-income couple, both of whom lost their jobs due to COVID. The husband was an UBER/Lyft driver and the wife worked at a day care center that closed. The grant helped with overdue, rent, utility, car, and insurance payments.