

## VKCCI Grant Summary 2020-2021

For the 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2021, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 25 grants for a total of \$78,781.97. Seven grants were COVID-19 related. Ten grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 15 to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and two were not processed because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration. Fifteen grants were for Brother Knights and two were at least partially funded by KOVAR. The 25 grants helped 69 individuals. Eleven grants went to help individuals with their rent, mortgage, or utility bills; six went to help with home repairs, two went to purchase medical equipment; and six very surprisingly went to assist with funeral and/or cremation expenses.

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. Sixteen grants went to the Arlington Diocese and 22 to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and two were withdrawn. Six had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight (5) and/or withdrawn because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration (1).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 Three grants were disapproved and one was withdrawn. Fourteen additional had to be closed for lack of sufficient information from the Grand Knight or withdrawn because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration.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, clothing, and now even final expenses. Since our founding in 1994 through June 30, 2021, VKCCI has awarded 1146 grants for a total of \$2,040,637.96.

### **VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:**

21-001 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a middle-age man and his family of 7. He was stricken by the COVID-19 virus and was in the hospital for 2 months and faces a long recovery. As an hourly construction

worker, he has received no pay since his hospitalization. The grant would pay his rent, utilities, and other monthly bills while the rest of the family tries to find jobs.

21-002 – A \$4,000 grant to pay for funeral and cremation services for a Brother Knight who succumbed to the COVID-19 virus. He had no life insurance and his only family member, a daughter living on the West coast, does not have the resources for these final expenses.

21-003 – A \$1,454.11 grant to assist an elderly woman on Social Security who suffered total renal failure and is currently in a rehab center with dialysis facilities. She is now confined to a wheelchair and will require a wheelchair ramp and exterior door widening when she returns home to allow the Medicaid van to take her to her dialysis appointments. The Council will provide engineering and construction expertise at no cost.

21-004 – A \$4,000 grant to rebuild a wheelchair ramp destroyed when a hurricane caused a large tree to fall on the house and destroy the wheelchair ramp. The ramp is for a 16 year old who suffered a number of intellectual and physical disabilities at birth. He is confined to a wheelchair and unable to breathe or feed himself on his own. VKCCI partnered with KOVAR to provide the funds for the entire project. See grant 21-004K.

**21-004K** – A \$2,500 grant using KOVAR funds to complete the necessary funding for the replacement of the wheelchair ramp destroyed by a tree felled by a hurricane. See Grant 21-004.

21-005 – A \$2,085 grant to assist a single man who was laid off from his restaurant job due to COVID-19 pandemic. Savings and unemployment were able to pay for most of his monthly bills and some rent. He has been called back to work, but his rent is three months in arrears. The grant would bring his rent back to current. Given his re-employment, the grant is giving him a fresh chance.

21-006 – A \$3,949.27 grant to assist an elderly Brother Knight provide for the cremation of his live-in caretaker who died unexpectedly and had no life insurance. Their combined Social Security checks barely paid for their rent and food. The grant paid for the cremation services.

21-007 – A \$3,851.87 grant to assist a Brother Knight who had his hours cut because of COVID. The grant paid overdue (2 mo.) mortgage, penalties, and utility bills

**21-008K** – A \$2,400 grant to complete the purchase and installation of a Mounted Turny Evo transfer seat system for the 11-year old daughter of a Brother Knight stricken with a severe Gene disorder, causing intellectual, physical, and emotional disorders. The transfer system facilitates the transfer of the daughter from a wheelchair into a car seat for transportation to medical appointments.

21-009 – A \$1,877.75 grant to pay the balance of cremation expenses of a new Brother Knight who died suddenly and had minimal life insurance. His two adult daughters are both single mothers and have no financial assets. The grant paid the balance of the cremation expenses.

21-010 – A \$2,552.59 grant to assist a recent widow with 4 children who was left with many bills after the death of the father. Parish Divine Mercy Outreach coordinated contributions from several charities to pay bills. Grant paid the remaining balance of overdue electric bill to give family a financial reset.

21-011 – A \$2,100 grant to assist a single man who lost a large portion of his income to COVID related restrictions. The man is a school bus driver who lost driving opportunities for sports teams whose events were cancelled due to COVID. He did his best to keep up with most bills but fell behind on his rent. The grant paid for three months back rent.

21-012 – A \$4,708.01 grant to assist an elderly Brother Knight and his wife return to a normal financial life after being scammed out of their life savings and not able to meet some of his annual end-of-year bills that are now due. The grant paid for his real estate taxes, homeowner's insurance, and getting his truck back from a pawn shop.

21-013 – A \$4,000 grant to assist with the funeral and burial expenses for an elderly widow of a deceased Brother Knight.

21-014 – A \$1,829.68 grant to assist a Brother Knight with his overdue electric and water bills and car payments. His business income was severely diminished by COVID.

21-015 – A \$4,109.50 grant to assist a single mother with a high school age daughter with her overdue mortgage, electric, and water bills. She lost her job when her employer went under due to COVID. She herself also fell victim to COVID and had unrelated emergency surgery which prevented her finding employment. She has now been cleared to begin limited employment.

21-016 – A \$1,161.69 grant to assist a Brother Knight whose business income has been severely affected by COVID. The grant would assist with his overdue electric, water, and gas bills.

21-017 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a disabled Brother Knight and his disabled veteran wife purchase a Barton Transfer Convertible Chair. The chair will allow the wife to move her husband without the cost of expensive nursing care.

21-018 – A \$4,000 grant to a Brother Knight who has been unable to work due to health issues. The grant provided funds to replace his furnace and to pay past due medical bills.

21-019 – A \$3417.00 grant to assist a widow on Social Security provide for urgent repairs to her house, including painting of window frames and siding. Council found a contractor to do the repairs and is also providing additional labor and materials.

21-020 – A \$4000 grant to assist a Brother Knight with dementia in replacing his bathtub with a walk-in shower for his and his caregivers' safety as recommended by his neurological team. The council is raising the remainder of the \$5850 estimated total cost.

21-021 – A \$4000 grant to assist a recent widow and her mother replace the failed HVAC system in her home. The Council identified a contractor who would do the job at huge discount.

21-022 – A \$1,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family of six pay his gas bill was incorrectly recorded due to technical problems. The Council is also providing financial assistance.

21-023 – A \$2,700.00 grant to assist in the cremation and burial of a Brother Knight's widow who passed without financial resources. The grant would also pay for the burial of the Brother Knight's cremains.

21-024 – A \$1,050.00 grant to assist a former Knight who lost job due to covid and health risk. Kept up with bills until recently. He has fallen two months behind on his rent. Has begun to work again.

21-025 – A \$4,035.50 grant to assist the widow of a deceased Brother Knight with his cremation expenses. The family lost their home and all of its contents to fire. The widow and her three daughters are currently living in a women's shelter.