

VKCCI Grant Summary 2021-2022

For the 2021 – 2022 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2022, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 23 grants for a total of \$78,031.26. One was COVID-19 related. Thirteen went to the Arlington Diocese and ten to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and two were not processed because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration. Ten grants were for Brother Knights and none were funded by KOVAR. The 23 grants helped 54 individuals. Nine grants went to help individuals with their rent, mortgage, or utility bills; five went to help with home repairs and wheel chair ramps, four helped with medical bills; three helped with car repairs, two provided food assistance and two went to assist with funeral and burial expenses.

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, 2022, VKCCI has awarded 1169 grants for a total of \$2,118,669.22.

VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

22-001 – A \$3,600 grant to assist a family of four with a child afflicted with autism. The child has a tendency to run away. The grant would fund the materials necessary to build a fence to keep the child safely in their yard. The Council would provide the labor to build the fence.

22-002 – A \$2,655 grant to assist a Brother Knight who lost employment as an Uber Driver when his car broke down and needed repairs. Council members paid for the car repairs to get him back on the road. The grant paid for three months of bills that became overdue (rent, utilities, etc.)

22-003 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a woman victim of a scam and identity theft pay off her car so she would have enough income to keep up with monthly housing and utility bills. Council, parish, and individual Knights also assisting.

22-004 – A \$2,640 grant to assist a widow with an adopted autistic adult grandson on Social Security with house repairs, specifically roof replacement before winter. The grant would provide funds for materials. The Council and the contractor will provide the labor.

22-005 – A \$1,550 grant to assist a single mother with three small children avoid eviction due to non-payment of rent at a hotel. Council members paid for a week's emergency rent. The grant provided two additional weeks' rent and the first month's rent at a new apartment.

22-006 – A \$ grant was not processed due to lack of additional requested information.

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22-008 – A \$2,215.14 grant to assist a family of six with mortgage payments to avoid foreclosure. Father had lost his job due to downsizing; survived by working a number of part-time jobs.

22-009 – A \$4,329.03 grant to assist a single woman whose husband died with a number of unpaid financial obligations. The woman was also taking care of her mother who has rapidly deteriorating Alzheimer's disease. The grant would pay several months' utility, medical, and property tax bills.

22-010 – A \$2,400 grant to assist an elderly man on Social Security pay for advanced rent and rental deposits that resulted when his previous landlord sold the apartment building. The new landlord greatly increased the rent and demanded several month's security deposit. The grant allowed the man to stay in his apartment building.

22-011 – A \$3,148.22 grant to assist the family of a man who died of cancer and left many financial obligations. The grant would pay for funeral expenses.

22-012 – A \$4,413 grant to assist an elderly couple with multiple medical issues who fell behind on their rent to pay medical bills. The grant caught them up with their rent (5 months).

22-013 – A \$5,000 grant to assist a 16 month old baby girl diagnosed with a neuroblastoma. Family needs to cover cost of additional tests not covered by insurance. Grant covers balance of the cost.

22-014 – A \$4,719.72 grant to assist a Brother Knight who contracted COVID and lost his job in the medical profession. He has fallen behind on his rent and car payments. He is now working as an UBER driver while he looks for a job in his chosen field. The grant would catch him up on his rent and car payments.

22-015 – A \$3,900 grant to assist the widow of a deceased Brother Knight pay for the cremation and funeral expenses, as well as an overdue medical bill.

22-016 – A \$3,900 grant to assist a disabled single mother who lost her home. Found a handicap accessible apartment, but not available until April. Forced to live in hotel until then. Grant will pay for hotel, food, car, phone, etc., until she can move into permanent quarters.

22-017 – A \$1,880 grant to assist a Brother Knight regain use of a barn he leases out for various community, parish, and Council events. Barn suffered a broken water pipe and damaged floor. Grant would repair the pipe and floor damage. Barn is his sole source of income.

22-018 – A \$1,926.20 grant to provide an elderly couple with severe medical conditions with a wheelchair ramp to facilitate their getting in and out of their home. The grant provided funding for the materials; the council would provide the labor.

22-019 – A \$4,275 grant to assist an elderly couple on Social Security who fell behind on their rent because of expensive car repairs, prescriptions, and fraud. The grant would pay for the overdue rent and deposit on a cheaper apartment.\

22-020 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single man living in a trailer who fell behind on his water and power bills, due to hospitalizations and subsequent unemployment. Water and power were cut off. Utility bills were high due to broken heat pump. Grant would pay overdue utility bills, turn the water and power back on, and repair the heat pump.

22-021 – A \$4,060 grant to assist an elderly lady with the installation of a wheelchair ramp so that she will be able to get in and out of her house. The grant would provide funding for most of the needed materials. The council is also contributing funding for materials and will provide the labor/.

22-022 – A \$2,600 grant to assist an elderly Brother Knight and his wife with monthly house and food bills. The assistance was needed because of high medical bills from both having recent surgeries. The grant provided for mortgage, utilities, food, health insurance, and phone service for two months.

22-023 – A \$3,319.95 grant to assist an elderly Brother Knight and his wife who are on a fixed income deal with medical expenses so they can meet their monthly living expenses.

22-024 – A \$4,000 grant to assist a single refugee mother with three children adapt into their new country by providing funds for rent and food until she finds a job. She has several employment possibilities.

22-025 – A \$3,500 grant to assist a single mother who lost her job and fell behind on rent. Now has a job but has overdue rent and late fees to pay. Grant caught her up plus one month's rent.

Previous Year Grant Summaries

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.