

VKCCI Grant Summary 2022-2023

For the 2022 – 2023 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2023, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 41 grants for a total of \$143,560.18. This compares with last year's totals of 23 grants and \$78,031.26, or almost double. It is also the second highest dollar amount since we came into existence in 1994! Nineteen went to the Arlington Diocese and 22 to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and one was not processed because they did not meet full VKCCI criteria for committee consideration. Twenty-two grants were for Brother Knights and none were funded by KOVAR. The 41 grants helped 104 individuals. Twenty-five grants went to help individuals with their rent or mortgage, 19 for utility bills; 11 went to help with car or home repairs and wheel chair ramps, four helped with medical bills; and one 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, 2023, VKCCI has awarded 1210 grants for a total of \$2,262,229.40.

VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

23-001 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a family with a 20-year old son with cerebral palsy. He uses a power wheelchair for mobility. The family lives below the poverty level and they need a vehicle that is wheelchair lift capable. Their current vehicle is 18 years old and cannot adequately handle a wheelchair lift. The grant will provide the down payment on a used van that can accommodate a wheelchair lift. The Council has provided assistance to this family for many years.

23-002 – A \$2,500.00 grant to assist Brother Knight with physical and mental disabilities. He is on Social Security and supplemented his income as a Door Dash driver, but the job took its toll on his car and the high cost of gas made it impossible for him to continue. The grant would cover car repairs registration, inspection, etc., and medications.

23-003 – A \$4,534.78 grant to assist widow of a Knight who was left with major medical bills from his final days. She fell behind on monthly bills, including rent and utilities. Grant paid for overdue monthly bills.

23-004 – A \$3,469.74 grant to assist the father-in-Law of a Brother Knight who coded during heart surgery and was revived, but was in a coma for three months. He is now home but is in need of a hospital bed and food tray. Family funds were exhausted with medical bills. The grant provides funds for the hospital bed and food tray.

23-005 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a PGK who is now in hospice care, unable to work. Only income is his wife's part time job as the church secretary. Immediate need is to cover overdue utilities and car repair. Remaining funds, if any, would go toward burial expenses.

23-006 – A \$4,363.96 grant to assist a Brother Knight, his wife, and grandson overcome overdue bills including electricity, medical, communications, and health insurance. He and his wife live on minimal fixed income. Payment of the overdue bills will enable them to keep up with normal monthly bills.

23-007 – A \$3,221.50 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife with monthly mortgage and electric bills. He has suffered two strokes and seizures and has been unable to work. His Navy pension and her Social Security are not enough to make ends meet. His company does not provide paid sick leave. The grant provides three month's mortgage and electric payments until he can return to work.

23-008 – A \$3,700.00 grant would assist a single mother with three minor children and a granddaughter pay overdue car, electricity, phone, and credit card bills. Overdue bills are a result of result of losing apartment lease and relocating temporarily to an extended stay hotel.

23-009 – A \$1,220.00 grant would assist an elderly man with cognitive issues pay an overdue water bill. Adult children have been taking money from his bank account, leaving him short for monthly bills. Catholic Charities is also paying some bills – rent and electric bills.

23-010 – A \$560.03 grant would assist an elderly woman with limited income pay overdue electric bills. Catholic Charities is paying most of the bills, VKCCI would pay the balance.

23-011 – A \$4,316.85 grant would assist a family of four with overdue mortgage payments. Surgery and medical bills of both parents caused this family behind on their mortgage payments. Their jobs offered no paid sick leave. Grant would catch them up on mortgage payments so they would not lose their home.

23-012 – A \$4,308.67 grant would assist a single mother with a seven-year old child who fell behind on her rent and utility bills due to cancer treatments. The landlord will not renew her lease. She has a new job and is currently looking for an apartment which she can better afford. The grant will give her a new lease on life.

23-013 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight with adult daughter with severe medical issues and needs assistance with critical roof and chimney repairs to prevent leaks and growing mold problem.

23-014 – A \$3,090.60 grant to assist a single mother with 2 children ages 3 and 8, caught COVID and lost time off from work (no sick days). Then the children caught COVID, further increasing her time with no pay. Grant would pay for one month's overdue rent payments, late fees, and penalties.

23-015 – A \$1,461.78 grant to assist a recent widow on SSI who has an adult stepson who has a developmental disorder. The grant will pay off overdue gas, water, and electric bills. Another son is paying the mortgage until the house is sold.

23-016 – The Council did not provide sufficient information to process. Grant was judged to be a hopeless case.

23-017 – A \$5,016.76 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife after three very rough years of serious medical issues and his recent job loss. The grant would provide funds to pay overdue rent, utilities, insurance, and car payments. He has a letter of commitment for a new job. The grant would give him some breathing room until he starts receiving checks from his new job.

23-018 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife who after suffering some medical issues that reduced their monthly income causing their bills to become overdue. He is an UBER driver, but his worsening diabetes has caused his night vision to deteriorate to the point it is no longer safe to drive at night. The winter months of shorter daylight days, reduced his hours of work, and therefore his income. His wife works as a housekeeper and a daycare provider, but her recent eye surgery has temporarily prevented her from work. The grant would pay his back and future rent so he can pay other bills until the spring when longer daylight hours will increase his income and his wife can return to work.

23-019 – A \$4,207.00 grant to assist a brother Knight who recently lost his Government Contractor job, leaving his family of five without an income. Grant would assist with rent and utilities until his first paychecks from a new job begin.

23-020 – A \$1,522.70 grant to assist the mother of a Brother Knight with cremation expenses for her son who died suddenly.

23-021 – A \$2,821.75 grant to assist a single father of three children who has had his work hours reduced causing him to fall behind on his monthly bills. His hours have been restored but he needs assistance with overdue bills for rent and car payment.

23-022 – A \$2,591.55 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife, who has cerebral palsy and cannot work. He has a low paying job and suffered a heart attack. He is back to work, but has a number of overdue bill. Grant will assist with monthly bills except medical.

23-023 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a single Brother Knight who lost his job, his home, and his car. He has a found a new job, but cannot start without transportation. The grant will assist in buying a used car and putting a temporary roof over his head. Individual members of the council are also providing assistance.

23-024 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and disabled sister with their overdue rent and avoid eviction. He is also disabled after suffering a stroke and also COVID. Lost his job and fell behind on rent.

23-025 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist an elderly disabled veteran and his wife replace a leaking roof which is causing interior damage.

23-026 – A \$4,004.99 grant to assist a retired couple on a small fixed income who have exhausted their savings to pay medical bills. The bills were for cancer treatments. The grant would pay for the final co-pay for the treatments.

23-027 – A \$3,794.00 grant to assist a single mother and her two daughters. Due to a bureaucratic snafu, the mother lost her job and health insurance, causing her to be unable to pay for cancer treatments. The grant will pay for cancer treatments until she is returned to her job and health insurance.

23-028 – A \$4,200.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife replace an old jacuzzi tub with a low threshold walk-in shower. The Brother Knight suffered a back injury requiring back surgery, extensive rehab and now long-term therapy. He can no longer get into a tub.

23-029 – A \$3,242.36 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family who suffered a brain tumor, surgery, radiation, and months of rehab. He was forced to retire at half pay. He has exhausted his 401K to pay for medical bills and fell behind with his monthly bills. The grant would catch him up with his mortgage. The council is catching him up with utility payments.

23-030 – A \$1,774.67 grant to assist an elderly couple on Social Security who has had extraordinary medical bills. Husband's firm closed after eight COVID deaths, and he is now supplementing his income as a school bus driver. Have fallen behind on their electric bill. Grant would catch them up.

23-031 – A \$3,140.00 grant to assist a family of five with three young children. Father has renal disease and is on SS Disability; the mother lost her job while her employer remodels their place of business. This was their only substantial income. They are on food stamps and receive assistance from the Vincent de Paul Society. The grant will pay their rent until the mother returns to work.

23-032 – A \$3,735.66 grant to assist a family of seven, with five children, one of which is disabled; the father was injured at work but is ineligible for workmen's comp and is on SS Disability. One older son is in the National Guard and will be returning home shortly. Another son attends a boarding school on a full scholarship and will be graduating next month and will return home to help with the family finances. The grant will provide rent and utilities assistance until the older sons return home and start earning income.

23-033 – A \$2,828.45 grant to assist a single woman who was unable to work due to contracting COVID. She was unable to keep up with her bills including her rent. She had to give up her

apartment. She has now found a new apartment but the new landlord will not lease the apartment until she pays her back rent on her previous apartment. The grant will pay her back rent so she can rent the new apartment.

23-034 – A \$3,160.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight get back on his feet after losing income due to the pandemic. The grant would provide financial assistance until he finds a job and has regular income. The grant provides rent, telephone, and food assistance.

23-035 – A \$3,774.14 grant Family of three has had a run of bad luck. Mother is the only wage earner and is an independent contractor. Father is a retired Navy veteran on PTSD disability. They were involved in a car accident and she suffered a disc injury and cannot work at this time. Grant would pay overdue car payment, rent, and utilities (water, phone, waste).

23-036 – A \$3,513.16 grant would assist a young Knight who is supporting elderly parents and had his hours cut at a hotel restaurant and fell behind on rent and phone bills. Has a new job at a new restaurant.

23-037 – A \$4,161.04 grant would assist a Brother Knight's family due to a serious car accident that left him in a coma and on and off a ventilator. He is not expected to survive. Grant would pay one month's mortgage while his wife makes final arrangements.

23-038 – A \$4,977.93 grant would assist a Brother Knight who is self employed as a long haul truck driver. He is being treated for colon cancer and has undergone Chemo and radiation treatments. He has also undergone surgery to remove part of the colon. He is expected to return to work in 8-10 weeks. Grant will make overdue mortgage and truck payments.

23-039 – A \$3,518.00 grant would assist a Brother Knight who suffered temporary lay-off that caused him to fall behind on his rent, electricity, water, and phone bills. Grant would catch him up on his overdue bills and prevent eviction for him and his family of five.

23-040 – A \$4,688.00 grant to assist Brother Knight and his family. He has a highly autistic son who did extensive damage to his shared bathroom and his bedroom. Grant would repair damage and remodel the bedroom to make them safe for their son.

23-041 – A \$4,006.09 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family of five. He is an independent contractor and fell at work, breaking his hip and two vertebrae. He needs assistance in paying utility, phone, gas, and insurance bills while he is out of work and/or until his disability insurance kicks in.

23-042 – A \$4,134.02 grant to assist a Brother Knight who recently lost his mother. His house, finances, and his mother's estate are in probate. His assets are frozen and he is unable to pay his monthly bills. The grant would pay for two month's overdue mortgage payments.

Previous Year Grant Summaries

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.

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.