

VKCCI Grant Summary 2023-2024

For the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year and our Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2024, your VKCCI Grant Committee approved 40 grants for a total of \$127,266.23. This compares with last year's totals of 41 grants and \$143,560.18. This was also the second highest dollar amount since we came into existence in 1994! Seventeen went to the Arlington Diocese and 23 to the Richmond Diocese. No grants were disapproved and one was not processed because the council did not provide sufficient information for committee consideration. Twenty-two grants were for Brother Knights and none were funded by KOVAR. The 40 grants helped 117 individuals. Twenty-two grants went to help individuals with their rent or mortgage, 12 for utility bills; 14 went to help with car or home repairs and wheel chair ramps, one helped with medical bills; and six helped with funeral and burial expenses. It is interesting to note that many of the rent/mortgage/utilities grants were a direct result of medical expenses and loss of work.

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, 2024, VKCCI has awarded 1250 grants for a total of \$2,389,496.23.

VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024:

24-001 – A \$4,040.00 grant to assist a grandmother and her granddaughter. Grandmother has Lupus, MS, and stage four lung cancer. Grant would cover two month's rent, electricity, water, and cell phone until they can move in with her son.

24-002 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family of five cope with large electric bills due to a poorly insulated house. Paying the electric bills resulted in overdue rent payments. The grant would pay the overdue rent payments to allow them time to find a more affordable house. Council is paying other bills.

24-003 – A \$3,748.00 grant to assist a single mother of three who was raped and became pregnant again and is now the mother of four. She is on two month's unpaid maternity leave. Grant would pay for rent and utilities until she can go back to work.

24-004 – A \$3,200.00 grant to assist a woman, her mother, and her brother recover from a number of tragedies. The family needs a car to be able to get to work. A used car has been identified and inspected. Grant would be used to purchase the car and put the family back to work.

2-005 – A \$3,000.00 grant to assist a woman who suffered a severe ankle injury requiring multiple surgeries. The injury caused her unable to work full time. The loss of income caused her to fall behind on her mortgage. A friend loaned her the money to keep the house. Grant would repay her friend who loaned her the money.

24-006 – A. \$2,700.00 grant to assist a woman who is the caretaker of two nephews. One nephew is a severely autistic adult and is on SSI, which pays for about half the rent. The father lives in Ethiopia and provides minimal income. The woman is waiting for her green card to be able to work. Grant would give her two month's breathing room.

24-007 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Charter member of the Council who has suffered medical issues for several years, resulting in lost employment and income and overdue mortgage and utility bills. The grant would pay his monthly bills for two months until he can get back to work.

24-008 – A \$1,492.50 grant to assist the mother of a deceased Brother Knight with the balance of his funeral expenses.

24-009 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist an elderly woman in home hospice care and very limited income. She has a life-ending medical condition in which she cannot properly digest food. Grant would assist with rent and utilities.

24-010 – A \$3,200.00 grant to assist an elderly widow on minimal Social Security income with urgently needed home repairs. Council found a construction company which would do the work at a reasonable cost.

24-011 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight with the funeral, transportation, and burial expenses for his father, a Sir Knight.

24-012 – A \$4,000.00 grant to assist a single mother with MS and her family of four with urgent house repairs. She is the church secretary making minimal salary and her mother contributes her small social security check. The grant and council assistance will go a long way toward making the house safe.

24-013 – A \$2, 431.90 grant to assist a Brother Knight who has had a leg amputated and is losing his eyesight due to diabetes. He has been unable to find a job. His wife's income is their only household income. Their deck is no longer safe for entry and exit. The grant, plus council assistance would repair/replace the deck to make it safe.

24-014 – A \$1,703.00 grant would assist a Brother Knight who lost his job and is now reemployed. Grant would help with one month's rent and utilities until he starts receiving a paycheck again.

24-015 – A \$1,639.55 grant would assist a Brother Knight who recently obtained his real estate license but has had a problem in getting his practice going. The grant would pay some utility bills while he can get himself better established and catch up with some overdue utility bills.

24-016 – A \$4,000.00 grant would assist the family of a Brother Sir Knight who passed away without life insurance or other financial resources. The grant would contribute toward funeral expenses. The Council is holding fundraisers to raise the remainder of the needed funds.

24-017 – A \$4,000.00 grant would assist a Brother Knight whose wife passed away at age 42 and left him with two young daughters. His wife was the principal wage earner. The grant would pay mortgage payments. The Council, the parish, and the entire community are also contributing emergency funds.

24-018 – A \$5,000.00 grant would assist a Brother Knight whose home has fallen into major disrepair and is no longer safe to live in. The Council and the parish are coming together to assist with overall needs.

24-019 – A \$4,189.00 grant to assist a single father with three year old twin daughters. He recently became unemployed because he had to take too much time off to take care of his daughters. The grant would cover some rental payments and utilities.

24-020 – A \$1,115.51 grant to assist a Brother Knight with a wife and five children. He lost time from work due to kidney stones. Lost work resulted in lost income and inability to pay mortgage. Grant paid up overdue mortgage.

24-021 – A \$1,500 grant to assist a single mother with a son and who recently rescued two nieces from an abusive family situation. She had emergency expenses purchasing bedroom furniture and clothing for the nieces. This caused her to miss some mortgage and utility payments. The grant would pay the overdue bills.

24-022 – A \$3,942.50 grant to assist a family of four young adult siblings who lost their Brother Knight father. The family had some unexpected expenses including emergency dental surgeries, HVAC repairs, and a number of other extraordinary expenses. These expenses caused them to miss mortgage payments. The grant would pay for overdue mortgage payments.

24-023 – A \$2,100.00 grant to assist an elderly handicapped lady who is surviving on Social Security, food stamps, and Medicaid. Her mobile home has developed a severe roof leak which she cannot afford to repair. The grant would provide funds to repair her roof. The Council has covered the roof with a tarp until the roof can be repaired.

24-024 – A \$5,284.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his wife pay the balance of funeral and burial expenses for their young adult son (a Knight) who died suddenly without life insurance.

24-025 – A \$3,500.00 grant to assist a single elderly woman with a disabled adult son who live in a house needing major repairs. Most urgent is replacement of rotting soffits and fascia. Rural Housing Partnership will cover half the cost of the repair. Grant would fund the other half.

24-026 – A \$2,918.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight with overdue rent, utilities, and car deductibles. His car was nearly totaled and the loss of transportation caused him to lose his

job, resulting in his falling behind on his rent, utilities, etc. He is now employed but needs to catch up on his overdue bills.

24-027 – A 1,001.79 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family with overdue utility bills. Car repairs after an accident depleted their disposable income and caused them to fall behind on their monthly bills. The grant would catch them up on their utility bills.

24-028 – A \$5,003.01 grant to assist a widow with two young children who lost her husband and the father of her children to suicide. He died without a will and all property was in his name only. The widow has no access to the estate at this time. Immediate need was to keep the house, a roof over their heads, by paying overdue mortgage bills.

24-029 – PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

24-030 – A \$2,054.40 grant to assist a single mother with two young children with her son's remaining medical expenses. Her husband and father of her children abandoned the family and moved out of Virginia to an unknown address. He is not paying any spousal or child support. She only works part-time while completing her PHD. Once she graduates, she should be able to get a good paying job and keep up with her monthly bills. The Council is providing substantial financial assistance.

24-031 – A \$2,125.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family with rent and utility payments. He is a landscaper and needed to have back surgery, which limited his ability to work full time. His condition has improved and prime landscaping season has started.

24-032 – A \$1,718.25 grant to assist a grandmother, two grandchildren, and a disabled six year who is deaf and has epilepsy. Her car has broken down and is in need of emergency repair to take the children to medical appointments, school, and the grandchildren's part-time jobs, which provide critical income. The grant would provide funds for the car repair.

24-033 – A \$2,500.00 grant to assist a family of five with overdue rent and utilities. The father is the only breadwinner and he suffered some medical issues which caused him to miss time from work and lost income. The grant would catch him up.

24-034 – A \$5,000.00 grant to assist a family of five with funeral and burial expenses for their youngest child (age 5) who was born with severe medical issues. Medical expenses exhausted the family's financial resources. The grant will assist with the funeral and burial expenses.

24-035 – A \$1,665.79 grant to assist a family of four with past due car payments and utility expenses that occurred due to the mother's lost wages from her medical issues.

24-036 – A \$4,644.00 grant to assist a family of two with past due rent, car payment, and utility expenses that occurred due to medical expenses, rent increase, and general inflation.

24-037 – A \$1,950.00 grant to assist a woman who has become homeless. The grant will pay for two month's rent and the security deposit.

24-038 – A \$4,400.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight and his disabled wife with the purchase and installation of a handicapped ramp. The ramp will allow the wife to return home to be with her husband. The Council is also contributing funds.

24-039 – A \$1,400.00 grant to assist a Brother Knight who suffered a heart attack and fell behind on rent, car payment, insurance, and cell phone bills.

24-040 – A \$3,900.00 grant to assist a recent widow with four children with the balance of funeral expenses for her deceased husband.

24-041 – A \$4,712.26 grant to assist a Brother Knight who has had a number of financial set backs, including HVAC repair, car repairs, and unexpected medical bills. Grant would pay two month's rent.

Previous Year Grant Summaries

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.

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.