

**VKCCI ANNUAL MEETING  
FOR THE 2008-2009 FRATERNAL YEAR  
JANUARY 9, 2010**

Virginia Knights Of Columbus Charities, Inc. was founded in 1994, for the purpose of carrying out the dreams of Fr. McGivney and the first principle of our Order, Charity that is our greatest virtue. VKCCI awards grants to individuals and families who are in financial distress. These grants provide some of the necessities of life for these individuals when they are in the greatest need for our assistance. We review applications for grant assistance sent to us from the councils in Virginia after the council has reviewed the family situation. Our grant committee reviews the grant and votes on the grant and amount to be given.

Since our beginnings we have awarded a total of 517 grants with a total dollar amount of \$756,688 through June 30, 2009. Of those 517 grant awards 63 grants were awarded during the 2008-2009 fraternal year amounting to \$106,237 or an average grant of \$1,686 per recipient.

We get our funding from four sources. 1) The board of KOVAR donates funds to VKCCI whereby we can award individual grants to those in need of assistance because of having intellectual disabilities since KOVAR cannot make grants to individuals. KOVAR also has assisted VKCCI by participating in the Supreme Council Christopher Fund from which we have shared income over the years. I do not want to forget our partnership with KOVAR in continuing the dream of our founder.

2) Our Label Program generates the major source of our funding for the year. When you get your address labels, please consider making a donation to continue Fr. McGivney's dream. As Bill Mulvihill has said "throw away those other return address labels and support our work by making a donation to VKCCI." Use your return labels to spread the name of the Knights of Columbus.

3) We also derive funds from donations by the councils of Virginia from the Council Contribution Program, which we collect at the Virginia State Council Annual Meeting and throughout the year. We thank you for those contributions.

4) Another source of income is through the Robert D. Neary Award Program. This program is available to any council or assembly wishing to recognize a member or someone who has made a contribution in service to Church, family, community, or in behalf of the Knights of Columbus. It is an excellent way for a council to recognize those fostering the work of the Knights and that recipient's name remains on a perpetual list of award winners.

At the Virginia State Council Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors presented a Neary Fund Plaque to Bishop Peter L. Ireton Council 6189 in recognition of their continuing support of the Neary Award Program. The Board has also voted to present such a plaque to all councils presenting five or more Neary Awards.

This year, the Board of Directors voted to invest the funds received from the Christopher Fund and the interest received on the Neary Fund in the corpus of the Neary Fund. The Supreme Council administers the Christopher Fund and the Virginia State Council participates in that program.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of VKCCI, I wish to thank you, the members of the Order, who believe in and work to carry out the dreams of Fr. Michael J. McGivney when he founded the Knights of Columbus.

The following is the Grant Summary Report for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year:

***VIRGINIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES, INC.***  
***GRANTS HISTORY July 1, 2008– June30, 2009***

**VKCCI Grants**  
**2008-09**

Grant 09-001 – A grant of \$1857.68 to assist a young widow with three children in financial distress due to the death of her husband. Her husband passed away in March 2008, and was in a hospice for approximately 6 months prior to that with terminal cancer.

Grant 09-002 – A grant of \$1,500 to assist a Brother Knight whose checking account is \$900 overdrawn. This Brother Knight is a quadriplegic whose only source of income is a monthly Social Security Disability Insurance check for \$973.

Grant 09-003 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his wife and their 3 children. The Brother Knight has been out of work since April 24, 2008 because of a degenerative neck problem

Grant 09-004 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of four in financial distress because the father, a professional truck driver, is an above-the-knee amputee and was placed on restrictive disability by his doctor.

Grant 09-005 – A grant of \$990 to assist a single lady who is two months in arrears in her rent.

Grant 09-006 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his wife in extreme financial difficulty due to medical costs. They have recently had to file for bankruptcy.

Grant 09-007 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a parishioner with a wife and 6 children in dire financial condition. This gentleman underwent heart surgery last year. He suffered 2 strokes after the operation resulting in paralysis and the inability to work.

Grant 09-008 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of four in financial distress because of the Brother Knight's disability and the wife's unemployment.

Grant 09-009 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight, his wife and 2 children. The Brother Knight filed for Chapter 13 reorganization last year.

Grant 09-010 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family in financial distress due to medical, home and car repair bills. The wife has cancer that was in remission, but has since recurred.

Grant 09-011 – A grant of \$1,500 to assist a widow and her daughter who are in financial distress because the daughter is out of work. The daughter's former employer is disputing unemployment so the only income is the mother's \$762.00 in Social Security.

Grant 09-012 – A grant of \$1,400 to assist a resident of a nursing home and rehabilitation center. This gentleman requires highly specialized shoes and a custom made orthopedic (brace) that would stabilize his ankle, thus allowing him to bear weight and complete safe transfers. He suffered a severe brain injury and the brace would greatly improve his quality of life.

Grant 09-013 – A grant of \$2,375 to assist a single mother and her 11-year-old son who is being treated for Pediatric Bi-polar, ADHD and PTSD and face eviction from their apartment.

Grant 09-014 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Catholic family with 5 children ranging in age from 2 – 11 who are in danger of losing their home. The troubles started in late July 2004, when the father was badly injured.

Grant 09-015 – A grant of \$550 to assist a 29-year-old single mother of a 9-year-old daughter and pregnant with a second child. Due to a knee injury she was unable to work during September and has fallen behind in her rent.

Grant 09-016 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a partially disabled, single mother of one dependent son who lost her job because of downsizing. Her spinal disability requires that she be seated to work. Presently, her only income is \$753 in child support and less than \$200 in checking and savings accounts.

Grant 09-017 – This grant was denied as the debit was due to tuition cost.

Grant 09-018 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Catholic couple in severe financial distress because of a disabling medical condition of the wife.

Grant 09-019 – A grant of \$1,500 to assist a Brother Knight in financial distress due to being unemployed for more than 3 months.

Grant 09-020 – A grant of \$1,837.95 to assist a widow in financial distress due to the death her 22-year-old son in an automobile accident. The son was living with her and the loss of his income has made it difficult to pay the bills.

Grant 09-021 – A grant of \$1,300 to assist a single mother with a 21-year-old dependent daughter with moderate mental retardation, blind since birth, a chronic lung problem and a feeding tube. The mother also has medical problems accruing nearly \$30,000 in medical bills and needs surgery to remove a lump from her breast, for a clogged artery in her neck, as well as rotator cuff surgery.

Grant 09-022 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Catholic family in financial distress due the congenital kidney disease of the family's 3 1/2 year-old son and the loss of jobs by both parents. The father donated a kidney, but it has shut down.

Grant 09-023 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his wife in financial distress due to the layoff from his job several months ago. Since the layoff, they have been living off their savings, which is now down to just over \$3,200. The only income is unemployment of \$1,452 a month.

Grant 09-024 – A grant of \$1,000 to assist a retired lady whose only income is \$725 a month in Social Security. She owns her home but because of unforeseen bills is in financial difficulty.

Grant 09-025 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family in the purchase of a wheelchair-accessible van to transport their 6-year old son who contracted Cerebral Palsy (CP) at birth. The son is unable to walk, talk, hear or see.

Grant 09-026 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Catholic family of four in financial distress due to the father being unable to work since early June because of severe medical problems (open heart surgery followed by complications). The family currently has no income and had been living on savings that have now been depleted.

Grant 09-027 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his family (3 children) who are financial distress because the Brother Knight and his wife have been lost their jobs and have been out of work for several months.

Grant 09-028 – A grant of \$506.41 to assist a family of 5 in financial distress due to lack of work for the father and a poor season for the family business.

Grant 09-029 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight in financial distress due to the inability to work because of a motorcycle accident several years ago that has left him 100% disabled. His monthly income is \$915 in Social Security and \$728 in VA disability

for a total of \$1643. He has filed chapter 13 bankruptcy, transferred his medical care to the VA, and refinanced his house to survive.

Grant 09-030 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a single mother of 3 who is in financial distress because she is unable to work due to a condition called Epstein Barr, which has apparently destroyed her immune system. She has been out of work for months, and 2 weeks ago was admitted to the hospital with Shingles and Meningitis.

Grant 09-031 – A grant of \$489 to assist family of two in financial distress due the mother being out of work for a long period time for treatment (chemo therapy) of colon cancer.

Grant 09-032 – A grant of \$995 to assist a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with the purchase of a hearing aid since she is unable to hear her disabled husband's call for assistance.

Grant 09-033 – A grant of \$1,790.98 to assist an individual who is not receiving any income at this time as he recently lost his job at a bank and had to cash in his retirement. Also, he had a heart attack and had to have a pacemaker installed about 86 days ago.

Grant 09-034 – A grant of \$1,400 to assist a member of Blessed Sacrament Church who had an auto collision resulting in damages too severe to repair based on the age and mileage of the vehicle. She had no collision insurance.

Grant 02-035 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of two that has been struggling with financial difficulty for many years and are now entering the final year of Chapter 13 protection. Due to periods of unemployment of both adult members during 2008 and the medical condition of one, the family has fallen behind in their monthly obligations

Grant 09-036 – A grant of \$858.32 to assist a gentleman who lost his job in the laundry at Carilion. He is a refugee from the Congo and now facing eviction from his apartment.

Grant 09-037 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a single mother of three to have her car repaired. The repair shop has informed her that the cost to fix the car would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00.

Grant 09-038 – A grant of \$1,515.43 to have a ramp build for an elderly parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The ramp is necessary as he is unable to climb the steps to his front porch.

Grant 09-039 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of four (Mother, Father and two children) who are experiencing financial difficulties due a slow down in the housing construction business.

Grant 09-040 – A grant of \$1,026 to assist a Brother Knight and his family who is in financial difficulties because his company closed and the Knight has been unemployed

for two months. The wife is employed part time and the husband expects to get a full time job soon.

Grant 09-041 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a fifty-year-old grandmother with legal custody of two grandchildren. Her husband died of cancer about two years ago. She is currently employed as a Dispatch Supervisor with a state college and has been there for 23 years. She is in financial difficulties for various reasons.

Grant 09-042 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a disabled widow with a monthly income of a state disability payment of \$3,000.00. She has monthly bills of just over \$3100.00 including a mortgage payment of \$1,645.65 that is overdue.

Grant 09-043 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a 64-year-old Knight who has been diagnosed with critical hearing loss and needs hearing aids fitted for both ears.

Grant 09-044 – A grant of \$2000 to assist a Brother Knight and his family (2 adults and 2 children) who had financial trouble starting in October when he became unemployed. He contacted the council at that time and again in December but decided he would try to make ends meet.

Grant 09-045 – A grant of \$1,500 as the GK received an email from an Arizona Knight (FDD verified by our SD) with a request for assistance for his daughter-in-law and her three children in Virginia. The Arizona Knight's son filed for divorce and has left his wife and children with no food, deeply in debt and took both the family cars. The lady is currently unemployed and living on a tax refund of \$2,400.

Grant 09-046 – This grant was denied by the Grants committee as it did not meeting the requirements of the grant procedure.

Grant 09-047 – A grant of \$600 is to assist a widow, of a deceased Knight, who is experiencing financial difficulty due to multiple prescription co-pays and the increase in the cost of living. Lives on a fixed income of social security and a small civil service pension for a total monthly income of \$1515.94 with expenses of \$1,302.07 per month. Her monthly co-pay for prescription medicine amounts to approximately \$300.00 per month. The council is requesting a grant of \$600.00 to cover two months of medicine.

Grant 09-048 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his family. The situation that caused the family to be in financial difficulty starting in December 08 with the hospitalization (in Florida) of his mother-in-law for routine surgery that went awry and a coma was induced to save her. This then caused the Knight's wife to remain in Florida taking her away from her business here. Then her sister was killed while leaving the hospital and left a 6-year-old child for the grant family to care for. The situation has caused the family to travel back and forth to Florida several times adding tremendous expense to an already strapped family.

Grant 09-049 – A grant of \$2,000 to a lady with 3 children who husband passed away on Feb 12. He was unable to work from August until his death. The family has their own cleaning business but due to his illness and the time needed to care for him, their income fell while expenses climbed.

Grant 09-050 – This grant request was denied, as VKCCI does not issue grants to pay for school or college tuition payments.

Grant 09-051 – A grant of \$2,000 issued to St. Jude Council for a member in need.

Grant 09-052 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight was working for a company that was venture funded and the funds were cut and as a result he lost his job.

Grant 09-053 – A grant of \$2,000 assist a young lady with spinal bifida accumulate enough resources to make a down payment on a van to replace her current van which has over 190,000 miles and in a state of disrepair.

Grant 09-054 – A grant of \$1,800 to assist a young Knight and his wife (no children) who are in financial difficulty as a result of serious traffic accident on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They were recently married and were breaking even on their finances and managed to save a little money before accident.

Grant 09-055 – A grant of \$1,900 to assist a single father of two young children, ages 2 and 3. Mom left shortly after the second child was born. He is an HVAC mechanic specializing in new residential installation. Due to the current economic conditions, he has not been able to maintain a full 40-hour workweek for more than two months.

Grant 09-056 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his family (wife and 1 child) who has been out of work since October and the wife was laid off in January. Currently subsisting on unemployment compensation of \$450.00 per month and what few jobs he finds as a homeowners' handy man.

Grant 09-057 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Brother Knight and his family with the anticipated cost of medical transportation (Advanced Life Support Ambulance) for a 6 year old son to a doctor's appointment on April 30, 2009.

Grant 09-058 – A grant of \$450 to build a wheelchair ramp for a gentleman with a terminal medical condition. The family composition is six (husband, wife and four children). As a result of his illness, he requires more frequent use of a wheelchair and mom and children cannot push him up steps leading to house.

Grant 09-059 – This grant was denied, as it has been the policy of VKCCI to deny grants in those circumstances where the grant is insufficient to forestall the continued inability for the grant recipient to financially recover. The circumstance in this case clearly indict that even with the maximum grant we can authorize the family cannot recover from the financial difficulty they face.

Grant 09-060 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a brother Knight and his family. He is currently unemployed and has been since Sep 08. He is on dialysis three times a week and has been since 1996.

Grant 09-061 – A grant of \$1,402.65 to assist a single mother with two children and is in a financial crisis for the lost of employment and her inability to find employment.

Grant 09-062 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of five in financial difficulties due to the lengthy (10 months) unemployment of the husband. The wife just found a job at a local 7-11 working 38 hours per week for just above minimum wage.

Grant 09-063 – A grant of \$1,400 to assist a grandmother caring for two young children and their 18 year old mother. The grandmother is disabled and receives \$613.00 disability payment per month and within the last 3 weeks has started working as a part-time waitress with monthly income about \$400.00 per month.

Grant 09-064 – A grant of \$1,934 to assist a Brother Knight and his family (wife and one child) who is behind on his electric bill and rent.

Grant 09-065 – A grant of \$1,984 to assist a family of five in financial difficulties due to medical condition of the male head of household. He has not been able to work since a heart attack and a head injury in early April.

Grant 09-066 – A grant of \$1,250 to assist a widow of a Brother Knight and her 23-year-old learning disabled daughter. Her financial difficulties are due to unemployment of six months and the expiration of unemployment benefits.

Grant 09-067 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a Catholic woman who is in financial difficulties due to separation with divorce pending after 24 years of marriage due to husband's phone and email sex and bringing home a paramour into the home precipitating her departure from the home.

Grant 09-068 – A grant of \$2,000 to assist a family of three in financial difficulties due the husband being laid off from work and the wife's pending Social Security Disability claim. At this time the family has zero income. The husband has just started a job with the 1<sup>st</sup> week pay due June 26.

Grant 09-069 – The grant committee denied this request, as the grant request did not meet the requirements of VKCCI.

The following is the VKCCI Financial Report as of June 30, 2009:

Date: 30 June 2009  
Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.  
Treasurer Report

General Operating Fund Balance:	\$ 380,530.65
Restricted Fund Balances	
Robert D. Neary Endowment Fund :	\$ 80,067.69
KOVAR:	\$ 21,095.58

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Total: \$481,693.92

Account Balances:	
Wachovia Bank Checking:	\$ 178,351.86
US Bank Checking: 6/30/09	\$ 3,342.06
CD (17 Mos) Cardinal Bank (4.25%) Matures 3/15/10	\$ 100,000.00
CD (24 Mos) VA Commerce Bank (4.0%) Matures 5/1/10	\$100,000.00
CD (25 Mos) BB&T Bank (Neary Endowment Fund)	\$100,000.00
Matures 11/1/10	

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Respectfully submitted,

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