

DC Knights of Columbus Charities  
Fifteenth Annual Meeting  
April 24,2021

The  
Report of the President

Members of the Corporation and my Brother Knights:

Greetings from the officers and board of directors of the DC Knights of Columbus Charities. It gives me great pleasure to bring you the annual report of your Charities of which we are the stewards. I first want to thank you for giving me this opportunity. Secondly, I, want to thank you for your support of the Charities for another successful year.

The state of the Corporation is fiscally sound and strong as this report will attest, along with the report of other corporate officers.

During the past year we undertook, the planning, and advertising for sponsorship of our fourth annual golf tournament. However; due to the ongoing Corona virus pandemic, we had to make the decision to postpone the tournament until, October 4, 2021. The golf tournament is the funding source for our annual scholarship program. The board made the decision that even though the tournament was cancelled that we would go ahead with the awarding of the three scholarships.

Another casualty of the virus was the cancellation of the wheelchairs for Veterans at the Washington DC Veteran Administration Hospital. We are again launching a fundraising effort to collect the necessary funding to purchase a container of wheelchairs from the American Wheelchair Mission. To date we have raised, four-thousand-five-hundred dollars of the needed sixteen-thousand dollars. In order to have the program of wheelchair distribution this November 11,2021, we need to have the funds available by July 1, 2021.

We are asking you brother knights to please consider making a contribution to this worthwhile cause. You can contribute any amount or purchase a wheelchair for \$150.00, all contributions to the Charities are tax deductible. We are asking, also; for the support of each council, please consider having a virus safe event to the help with this initiative.

Due to the current situation with the Covid19 Virus, the scholarship checks made out to the schools of our award winners will be mailed to the parents of each student to help cover the cost of their tuition for the coming school year.

The awardees are: Anthony Cole Diallo, who will be attending Bishop McNamara High School, Frederico Alexandro Simmons, who will be attending Saint Anselms' Abbey and Frank Mirkow Harrington, who will be attending Saint John's College High School.

There was an increase in the number of applications received this year. Even though we had an increase in applications, please continue to promote this program. And we ask your help in promoting the upcoming golf tournament, you can help by playing or seeking sponsors. The proceeds from the tournament make our scholarships possible.

At last year's meeting we reported that the board was going to close out the CD and transfer the funds to, The Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors account for a greater rate of return on our investment. We did close out the account and the funds are currently in a savings account with Truist bank, formerly BB&T Bank. I am pleased to report that we are moving forward with the transfer of funds to open the account with, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, in the amount of Thirty thousand dollars.

The board will be presenting a resolution to fill three seats on the board for three year terms that will be expiring this year. The seats which will be expiring are:

Gregory Cole - Saint Anthony Council

Josh Bryant – Saint John Paul II Council

Peter Gervais - Keane Council

I kindly solicit your support for reelection of the named brother Knights. In addition, Brother Brian Shell of Washington Council has been elected by the board to fill the seat of Christopher Pierno due to his position on the board as State Secretary.

Fraternally Summited,  
George Hanna, FSW, PSD