

DC Knights of Columbus Charities
Seventh Annual Meeting -April 29th,2023

Report of the President

Members of the Corporation and my Brother Knights.

Greetings from the officers and members of the DC Knights of Columbus Charities. It is a pleasure for me to report on the state of the Charities, at this annual meet, of which we are the stewards. I want to thank you for this opportunity to present this report, and secondly, thank you for the support which you have given us during the past year.

The state of the Charities is financially sound, as this report will attest, along with the report of the other officers. During this past year we promoted and held our 5th annual golf tournament, which was very successful. The success of the tournament made it possible to award five, five hundred dollars scholarships, without having to withdraw funds from the treasury to support the awarding of them. It also allows us to retain funds in the scholarship account for the future. We have invited the winners of the scholarships to the closing, Sunday, Mass/brunch/awards program on April 30th,2023, along with a parent. The winners were Owen Carpenter, Kiye Corbitt, Aria Grace Jefferson, Ariel Rodriguez, and Lance Rashawn Ruffin.

Please join me in thanking the members of the committee for making this another successful event.

At last years meeting we report about the difficulties in getting the shipment of wheelchairs from China due to the backup obtaining space on a shipping container. This backup and shortage of space increased the cost of shipping our chairs, but thanks to the New York State Council helping to defray the cost we finally arranged for shipment of the chairs but they were shipped to New York, which required us to pick them up there. On, September14th,2022, I along with several brothers drove to New York, rented a truck and transported the chairs back to Washington, arriving back around mid-night. On the morning of September 15th,2022, a group of brothers' knights from various councils, assembled in the parking lot of the Washington VA, unloaded the truck, unpacked, and assembled the wheelchairs for distribution to the VA. We were unable to bring back forty of the chairs which the New York State Council purchased, at one hundred-ten dollars each for a total of Four Thousand Four Hundred dollars, which we have placed in restricted funds for a future wheelchair program.

Please join me in thanking all those who helped to make this program a success, by donating and supplying manpower.

I previously reported that we had opened an account with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors Corporation. We have had mixed success with our investment, and you will hear more about this in the treasurer report. We have opened an account with Truist Bank and purchased a CD to move money from the Business Investment Account, more on this in the Treasurer report.

We are currently putting the final touches in place for the sixth annual golf tournament, which will be held at the Oakcreek Golf Club, which is located in Bowie,MD. This will take place on Monday October 2nd, 2023. Please support this event as a player, council, or sponsor. Remember the success of this event funds the scholarship program.

Under New Business: I would ask your favorable consideration for the following resolutions and board election.

Election of the following for a three-year term beginning May 2023-May 2026

Thomas Jones – Shrine Council

Anthony Diallo – Bishop Bryne Council

Everistus C. Nwaogu – Blessed Tansi Council

A resolution to adopt the necessary and standard resolutions to establish or maintain financial accounts in an approved banking institution.

We thank you for your continue support of the endeavors of the Charities,

Vivat Jesus,

George Hanna, FSW, PSD

President , DC Knights of Columbus Charities