



## Knights Korner

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117*

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**THANK YOU** to the Church of the Ascension parish community

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities.

Last month your Knights had our annual fundraiser for KOVAR - both in-church collection and donations at businesses in Virginia Beach. We raised over \$ 3,500.00 during this fundraiser. With other donations, Saint Teresa Council will donate over \$4,000.00 this year to this effort. Our KOVAR fundraisers and donations are pooled with other Knights of Columbus councils into Virginia state KOVAR funds. As these funds accumulate, KOVAR grants funds throughout the state.

Virginia Knights have raised more than \$14.5 million since 1971 in assistance for citizens with intellectual disabilities and funded projects such as:

- Home Loans - interest free program to assist purchase of group homes
- Transportation - 20% funding to assist purchasing vehicles to transport persons
- Group Home Furnishings - for organizations needing to furnish group homes
- Infant Intervention Programs - early detection programs to identify risks
- Training Programs - for individuals
- Startup Programs - assisting individuals and their families
- Special Olympics - KOVAR as presenting sponsor donating \$50,000 per year

An example of a grant given in Virginia Beach in 2016 was a grant of \$20,000 to replace flooring in a group home. Another, in Richmond for \$20,000 renovated restrooms in two group homes. A list of similar grants may be viewed at [www.kovarva.org](http://www.kovarva.org)

**THANK YOU** for your generosity.

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**Gentlemen** --- Interested in becoming a Knight? We accept applications year-round.

**Ladies** --- The Ladies Auxiliary are accepting applications; please join us.

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**Upcoming Events:** See our calendar on our website: [www.kofc12117.org](http://www.kofc12117.org)

Michael Encarnacao, Grand Knight