

Resolution of Policy
Knights of Columbus Council No. 11028
Trustees Charity Fund

Adopted July 1, 2014

Proposed Changes

ELIGIBILITY

CURRENT: Only Georgetown County, South Carolina entities (charity, family, individual) eligible for consideration

FUTURE: Georgetown County, South Carolina entities, Council 11028 members in good standing, regardless of their place of residency AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS NATIONWIDE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE (i.e., HURICANE, TORNADOE, FIRE, FLOOD, PERSONAL TRAGEDY)

TIMELINE

CURRENT: Trustees review written requests from Council 11028 members in good standing, regardless of their place of residency; Trustees make recommendation at business meeting; membership vote taken at following business meeting. Takes at least 31 days to approve a request.

FUTURE: Trustees review written requests from Council 11028 members in good standing; Trustees make recommendation at business meeting OR SEND TO COUNCIL MEMBERS VIA EMAIL; membership vote taken at following business meeting. SHOULD THE GRAND KNIGHT DETERMINE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, THEN MEMBERSHIP MAY IMMEDIATELY VOTE.

MAXIMUM ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS

CURRENT: Disbursements of this fund shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the available funds in any fraternal year.

FUTURE: Disbursements of this fund shall not exceed TWENTY PERCENT (20%) of the available funds ON SEPTEMBER 1ST OF THAT FRATERNAL YEAR.

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First Reading – February 3, 2022
Second Reading and Voting – March 3, 2022

PURPOSE

The purpose of the *Trustees Charity Fund* is to provide a funding source for unbudgeted charitable requests received from Council 11028 members or Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the United States.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The ongoing source of funds for the *Trustees Charity Fund* comes from any budget surplus at the end of each fraternal year. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer will notify the Trustees of the total amount of surplus. The Trustees will then present to the full council the amount, if any, of the budget surplus they recommend to be transferred to the *Trustees Charity Fund*. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council members in attendance is required to approve the transfer of funds.

ELIGIBILITY

Requests from Council 11028 members must be for contributions to individuals, families, or charities within Georgetown County, South Carolina, Council 11028 members in good standing, regardless of their place of residency and that are not currently funded by the Council as a budgeted item.

Requests from other Knights of Columbus Councils for disaster relief or personal tragedies will be considered from anywhere within the United States.

APPROVAL PROCESS

All requests from Council 11028 members or other Knights of Columbus Councils must be submitted in writing to the Trustees. Council Trustees review the request and make a recommendation to the full Council. A membership vote requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority to approve will be taken at the following business meeting unless the Grand Knight determines that time is of the essence, then an immediate vote to approve is allowed.

ANNUAL FUNDING LIMIT

Annual disbursements from the *Trustees Charity Fund* shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the available funds on September 1st of that fraternal year.