



Our Lady Queen of Peace Council #3426

Knights of Columbus

Maywood, New Jersey

2021-26

Resolution to amend The Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund

WHEREAS, The Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund provides tuition-only scholarships to Catholic colleges up to \$25,000 per year for children of members in good standing who, while serving in the military forces of their country in a combat zone, specifically designated as such by the Board of Directors, are killed by hostile action or wounded by hostile action resulting within two years thereof in permanent and total disability.

AND WHEREAS, the fund also provides for children of members in good standing who are full-time law enforcement officers or full-time firefighters, while in the lawful performance of their duties, are killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at them.

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters attend the same schools as the professional firefighters, devote a significant amount of time and effort training, attending drills and responding to fire calls, often missing family events, countless dinners social and employment-related events.

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide an essential service to our community, protecting lives and property. Volunteers make up the majority of firefighters within the United States.

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters place themselves in perilous situations (similar to those of professional firefighters) but are not afforded the same assistance by the Knights of Columbus.

AND WHEREAS, thousands of Catholic men nationwide may be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus if this assistance is provided to them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund be amended to include volunteer firefighters. Although they have not chosen firefighting as their career path, just the same, volunteer firefighters place their lives on the line safeguarding our communities and should be afforded the same support.

This Resolution was read, voted upon and approved at a regular Our Lady Queen of Peace Council Meeting.

Signed and sealed before me this date:

Anthony Scozzafava  
Grand Knight

  
Patrick Brightman  
Council Recorder