

December 26, 2018

I would like to thank the following Councils/Assembly that made a donation to Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" program. This program helps families in need throughout the year, but more so during the winter months. The program knows no boundaries and tries to help all who apply for help, twenty Councils, including one Assembly and private individuals helped raise money for this worthy program, in which Bishop Tobin, Monsignor Mancini and I are greatly appreciative.

R.I. State Council, St. Francis Council 2011, Pope Pius XII Council 5295, Narragansett Council 21, Our Lady of Fatima Council 4331, East Providence Council 1528, Newport/Middletown Council 256, Msgr. Peter Blessing Council 5273, Bishop Scalabrini Council 3547, St. John Paul II 12613, Bristol Council 379, Fr. Christopher Rooney Council 2618, Dillon Council 3563, Fr. Joseph Boehr 4753, Fr. Donnelly, Council 23322, Fr. Joseph Donahue Assembly, St. Luke's Council 16053, St. Thomas Council 1472, Lincoln Council 4005, St. Mark Council 9197

This Diocesan program has been in effect since Bishop Tobin has been our Bishop. For the past 3 years we have been offering free Concert tickets to any Council, Assembly or individual if they contributed to the "Keep the Heat On" program. After speaking with Bishop Tobin and Monsignor Mancini, they thought this was a wonderful idea as did the State Council.

I understand that not all Councils are in a position to participate, but for the cost of a coffee day we could have put oil or gas in someone's furnace. If each and every Council that I spoke to could have donated \$100, the contribution would be in excess of \$4,600 not including the ten Assemblies which would bring the total to \$5,600 plus, we could have made this winter much more bearable for the families in need. That is the goal of the Knights, to help out those in need! I am saddened by the poor response of the remaining twenty-seven Councils and Assemblies. I know not every Council is wealthy or has the cash savings to make a donation, however, what is a cup coffee at Dunkin Donuts...\$2.00 a day. If 10 members sacrificed 1 coffee a day for 5 days that is \$100.00.

Brothers, I can't for the life of me understand why all our Councils and Assemblies do not participate. This Concert Event will be held, God willing, again next year so there should be absolutely no reason why each Council cannot afford at least \$100, many Councils have budgets, maybe you could consider adding this event to it. Brothers, this program helps our close neighbors and friends and yes maybe family, people who may be too embarrassed to let us know that they are down on their luck. The first precept of our Order is CHARITY, and WE must all remember that! This program helps ALL IN NEED - which may include family and friends. Our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney created the Knights to be charitable to our fellow citizens. All we want to do is to live up to the standards he set!

This letter is a letter of encouragement and sense of purpose and not meant to demean any Council or Assembly but to bring to your attention that the need is GREAT in our State for heating assistance in these cold and frigid days. I am asking that you please consider this heartfelt and humane program that supplies heating assistance to those in our Diocese/State which are in desperate need of our help. Finally, I want to personally thank four of my Councils for contributing above and beyond the call, they are Narragansett Council, St. Francis Council and Pope Pius Council and St. Mark Council, Thank You for your tremendous support.

Finally Brothers, this year's event brought in to the "Keep the Heat On" coffers a total of \$3,155

Thank You Again for all your support,

Bob Moniz

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