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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Joe Timpa

At our most recent event, I showed the kids in our parish youth group a short film entitled "Change for a dollar." I



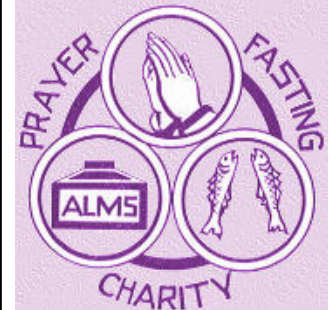
highly recommend it if you can find it on the web. It is the story of a homeless man who somehow, with just one dollar's worth of coins, manages to positively affect the lives of a number of down on their luck people in his community.

The message to the kids was that God chooses to do His work through any one of us, if we allow it. The homeless man knew just how to help those people in very simple ways, with a cup of coffee, a book of matches (not for cigarettes), a lucky penny and a flower (really - you should try to see the film. If you

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- March 9 - Food Drive at Keyfood on 73rd Ave & Bell Blvd - 10AM - 2PM
- March 14 - Meeting
- March 16 - St Patrick's Day Party
- April 11 - Meeting
- April 13 - Greenway Clean-way Day
- April 13-14 Ministry Fair
- April 25 - Meeting



**DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY TICKETS!**

## LAST MAN STANDING

By Anthony Zafferese

We lost our dear friend Ralph Menichino on February 16. Many of the new guys didn't know him nor ever met him, but when you go down to the Sullivan Center next time, look around, and you will see Ralph in every corner of the place. Ralph was the last man standing. With building the Sullivan Center, yes - there were others, but Ralph was the last of them. Ralph was a very quiet person, a family man with a lovely wife and kids. Think of it this way, he was here since American Martyrs opened, his kids-the first to attend the school. Tell me we won't miss seeing his face at the 10:30 Mass and also paying out the bingo money on Tuesday nights.



*Bishop Daly with Ralph Menichino*

**Ralph, the members of the Knights of Columbus will surely miss you - 100%**

## The Next Fourth Degree will be held Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Immaculate Conception, Astoria

If you have been a Knight for more than 6 months and you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time to consider taking your journey one step further.



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.
- The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

### The colors of the symbols are:

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.

*(Courtesy of The Knights of Columbus—Emblem of the Patriotic Degree)*



**FOOD COLLECTION \* MARCH 9 \* KEYFOOD 73rd Ave**

*(GK's Message Continued from page 1)*

are nice to me I will show it at a council meeting). He knew what each person needed. Everything was ordinary except the results of his deeds and he did it all without speaking a word.

*"There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few people who will do the small things." - Mother Teresa.*

As we continue our work together, let us always leave our hearts open, so that we may do God's will. He knows what needs to be done.

I look forward to the efforts of our committees, and the possible formation of additional committees, aimed at getting more brothers involved on a regular basis, so that we may increase the number of 'small things' that we do.

Joe T GK

## Dr. Ralph Menichino

passed away on February 16, 2013. He was a charter member of our council, and an active member of our church, as well as the Catholic War Veterans. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy as a dentist during WWII. He continued his practice for over 50 years.



**Please pray for Ralph, his surviving spouse and family.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at American Martyrs Parish together with the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council is proud to sponsor

### 40 CANS for LENT



40 days, 1 can (or other food item) per day  
what a difference YOU can make to help feed the hungry.

Matthew 25:31-46 ... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...

### YES YOU CAN

Please consider donating some of the items which are needed the most.  
Kindly leave donations in the church vestibules.

canned items - beans, meat, soup, vegetables, fruit	children's cereal pudding/Jell-O juice in sippy boxes	peanut butter jelly - small jars pasta sauce	tomato sauce - in can or jar cookies
meals in a can	Parmalat boxed milk	tuna fish	crackers
mac & cheese	evaporated milk	fish - in can or bag	children's cereal
mashed potatoes	hot chocolate		soup mix

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## St. Patrick's Day Party!

Comed Beef and Cabbage Dinner (and something for the kids)  
Desserts and a Complimentary Glass of Beer

Music & Dancing & Live Entertainment & Raffles & 50/50

BYOB

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**Saturday, March 16, 2013 @ 6:00 pm**

American Martyrs Church downstairs in the Sullivan Center  
We will be collecting non-perishable food. If you wish to bring a donation  
Email your questions to [KofC14666FM@gmail.com](mailto:KofC14666FM@gmail.com)  
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BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY! BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY! BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

ADULTS: \$25 / TEENS (AGES 13-20): \$15

KIDS (AGES 7-12): \$10 / KIDS 6 & UNDER - FREE

ADD \$10 PER TICKET IF PURCHASED AFTER MARCH 11TH  
NO TICKETS SOLD THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY

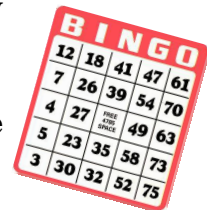
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS ON THE THREE WEEKENDS PRIOR TO THE PARTY OR  
DROP-OFF YOUR TICKET REQUEST STUB AT THE RECTORY, 79-43 BELL BLVD., (718) 404-  
4582. INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT, CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ALONG  
WITH STUB BELOW.

# REFLECTIONS OF A NOVICE BINGO VOLUNTEER

By Michael Tramonte



When I joined the Knights this year I wanted to participate in an activity that would be beneficial to both the church and the community. After some consideration, I decided on BINGO. I really didn't know much about the game and I had never been to an American Martyrs bingo night but I figured, how hard could this be??? What a surprise I was in for!!! There is so much going on it made my head spin. On my first night I was handed a bunch of tear-offs to sell and a microphone. As I navigated the room, I was beseeched with numerous requests I had no idea how to handle, "You have the green specials?", and "I'll take three Share the Wealth!" and finally, "Do you have the quickies?"



Now it was time to verify the numbers from the floor. I slowly started reading, "B3, I17, N32..." and felt fairly accomplished until I was informed that I did it all wrong and I should forget about reading the letters and just read the numbers on each line sequentially. I was doing pretty well until it came to the Large Round Robin and I knew if I got this one wrong these sweet little ladies would probably tear me limb from limb. I managed to get through it.



I quickly learned that the regular bingo crowd of a hundred or so is loyal and patient and I'm impressed by the fact that they can manage twenty boards at the same time and not miss a number. The regulars sit in the same seat each Tuesday night surrounded by their favorite good luck charms that include stuffed toys, trinkets and pictures of their grandkids and when the number O66 is called, cowbells are rung and I'm still trying to figure that one out. Of course, every church event has to include food and during intermission the snack wagon is rolled out with chips, soda, ice cream, pretzels and coffee. I volunteered to work this one night and developed a new found respect for those stewards on the plane who bring us our peanuts and drinks.

I'm still getting the hang of bingo but I do appreciate the visible display of cooperation and teamwork among the twenty or so men and women, regular volunteers and Knights, who come together each week to provide our bingo loyalists with a few hours of relaxation and respite from the toils of their day. Finally, it has given me an opportunity to get to know some of my fellow Knights a little better. They are really a great bunch of guys.



## Greenway Clean-way Day on the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path")

*Saturday, April 13th at 9:00AM*

To do our small part to keep the Greenway a Clean-way. Invite your neighbors, bring your children, and come have some fun with us. **Community service participation letters will be provided to any youth who request it.**

We will provide garbage bags/gloves, all we need is **YOU**. Please meet at one of these locations:

- 1) Dead End at bottom of 209<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2) Bell Blvd. overpass
- 3) Springfield Blvd. overpass
- 4) 220<sup>th</sup> St. entrance between Kingsbury Ave. and 77<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 5) Kingsbury Ave. & Grand Central Pkwy. service road (end of Alley Pond apts)



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*Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson*



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*To changing lives for good,  
one Catholic family at a time.*



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- Current assets surpass \$17 billion.
- We are the largest lay Catholic organization, with nearly 1.8 million members worldwide.
- In 2010, the Order gave more than \$151 million to charity. Also, individual Knights donated well over 69 million hours of volunteer time to helping our churches, our neighborhoods and our communities.
- In the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.367 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 639 million hours of volunteer service.
- In 2010, we issued more than \$7.77 billion of life insurance coverage, and more than 75,000 life insurance, annuities and long-term care policies.

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As a brother Knight, your field agent has a special perspective on your situation. He meets with families just like yours every day. He wants to learn about your goals and dreams, so he can tailor a comprehensive insurance plan to protect you and your family.

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- Free insurance needs analysis;
- Advice on estate preservation and mortgage protection;
- Retirement planning;
- Tax-deferred savings options
- Discussion of disability income insurance and long-term care needs.

Your field agent is an expert in life insurance, annuities, long-term care and disability income insurance. Meet with him to plan for the future.

In a world of uncertainty, we offer guarantees of safety and security to Catholic families.

## Your Agent is Here for You...

Vincent Marzella is a field agent with the Hernandez Agency, serving brother Knights and their families in Manhattan and the Bronx. A Knight since 1974, Vinny became an agent in 2010.

"I joined the Knights at the urging of a friend," said Vinny. "I knew about the wonderful reputation of the Knights as a Catholic Fraternal organization which was well known for its charity and volunteer work."

In his role as an agent, Vinny has the opportunity to help others meet their needs. It has also allowed him to meet many new people and make many new friends by earning their trust.

A graduate of Nazareth Regional High School in 1974 and from Brooklyn College with a B.A. Degree in Economics in 1979, Vinny worked in the operations area of Bear, Stearns Securities Corp from June 1986 through October 2010. The third of 10 children, Vinny attended Our Lady Help of Christians Church and School in the Marine Park section of Brooklyn.

Vinny married his wife Laura in September 1985 and settled in Staten Island. The couple



has two children: Jaclyn, a fourth year student in the Teacher's Academy of The College of Staten Island; and Vincent, who is currently in his third year of St. Joseph by the Sea High School. The family attends Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Originally a member of Columbus Council 126 in Brooklyn, Vinny has recently transferred to Desoto Council 327 in Manhattan.

Members who meet with Vinny find him knowledgeable and compassionate.

"My goal is to meet as many members of my assigned councils as possible and to help each of these members and their families meet their needs and financial goals," said Vinny. "I can only reach my goal by first gaining the trust and respect of every member I meet by being honest and sincere."

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