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# American Martyrs **KNIGHT LIGHT**

**Fr. John J. Murray Council #14666**



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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

*By Joe Timpa*

As our brother Knight Father Bill has proposed during sermons: "if you were accused of being a Catholic, would there be enough evidence to prove it?"

An article in the August 3, 2013 Tablet covered the World Youth Day festivities in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. As part of his involvement, Pope Francis celebrated Mass with Bishops, priests and the religious present. He said that Ministers of the Gospel, (as Knights especially, we are lay ministers), "must have a memory" treasuring the knowledge that they were called by God ...He told them "It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out through the door to seek and meet people."



We are about to begin another year of ambitiously planned K of C activities. Although the workload is at times a bit fatiguing, at the same time, there is also an energizing element during all of our activities. I like to think that the energy comes through the grace of the Holy Spirit working in us, as we "go out through the door to seek and meet people".

As we approach our 5 year anniversary, I am hopeful that our fraternity will continue to strengthen and that we will expand the reach of our efforts to help people and to spread the "Good News". Let us provide evidence that we are indeed Disciples of Christ, that we are Catholics.

Sincerely,  
Joe T. GK



## **BREAKING NEWS!**

**Our council has received the NYC "Helping Hand Award." See page 2 for all the details!**

**We have also received the STAR COUNCIL award from Supreme. See page 3 for more details.**

**Congratulations to all!**



**Happy Labor Day!**



## OUR COUNCIL RECEIVES THE NYC HELPING HAND AWARD

By: Michael Shoule

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) has been sponsoring the Neighborhood Achievement Awards for the past 12 years which acknowledges individuals, small businesses, and community organizations in eight different categories “who share our commitment to building neighborhoods, creating jobs, and creating opportunities for New Yorkers.”

In 2013 they added a ninth category called The Helping Hand Award with an eye towards those who went “above and beyond for neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Sandy.” In light of the tremendous effort that our parish community put forth to assist our neighbors in need, we submitted a nomination back in April and were notified in July that we would be one of the honorees at the awards ceremony on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Citi Executive Conference Center in NYC.

Matt Byrne and I attended the ceremony to accept the award on behalf of our Knights of Columbus Council. Upon registering, we were given a program for the evening’s event and noticed that a photo of our council members and family loading the St. Vincent de Paul truck was one of five photos featured on the cover. As we enjoyed the hors d’oeuvres and the malted barley and wheat beverages, there were a couple of slideshows throughout the spacious room with lots of photos of people doing great things for others.

The ceremony began with several speakers and a special presentation to Chief Marty Ingram and the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department (in Breezy Point of course). This was followed by each honoree being called up to receive their certificate and the obligatory photo op. As we waited for our name, it was both amazing and heartwarming to listen to the brief introductions for each honoree and realize the multitude of ways that New Yorkers just did whatever it was they could to pitch in and help out.

Afterwards Matt and I talked with others at the event about how important it is during a crisis like this for individuals to take action partly because it leads others to do the same. In the end it seems like it is groups like our Knights of Columbus Council and great parish community, along with all of the other honorees, that have the greatest direct impact on the people who are affected rather than some of the more well-known national and international aide organizations.

American Martyrs and Knight of Columbus - job well done!

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/pr/se\\_helping\\_hands\\_awards\\_2013.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/pr/se_helping_hands_awards_2013.shtml)



## Another Successful Food Collection Event

By: Jim Tavecra



On Saturday, July 20th a food collection event sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council was held at the Waldbaums located at Union Turnpike and 259th Street. **12 bags** of food were collected for the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry located at American Martyr's Parish and **47 bags** were collected for the pantry located at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. In addition, **\$294** in cash was collected.

Special thanks to Marie De Angelis who divided the food between pantries and all those who participated - children as well.



## Congratulations to Knight Ed Pearce for 20 Years of Service to the our great city!



From left: FDNY Chief of Department Edward Killduff, Knight Ed Pearce, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, and FDNY EMS Chief Abdo Namod.

## Our Council Earns Prestigious Star Council Award

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards.



### Father McGivney Award:

Achieve membership quota. The quota for councils is 7 percent increase of the council's membership as of July 1. A council must also conduct or participate in at least four First Degrees during the fraternal year.

**Founder's Award:** Achieve insurance membership quota. The quota for councils is a 2.5 percent net increase in insurance membership as of July 1 for the fraternal year.

**Columbian Awards:** Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth.

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## American Martyrs Golf Outing

By: Michael Shoule



For the first time in over five years, American Martyrs sponsored a golf outing fundraiser which was successful not only in raising funds somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3000, but also in raising fun. Although the nearly 50 golfers were closely watching the skies above as the forecast was not too promising, we got in all 18 holes and hundred something swings (okay I am speaking for myself of course) without a drop of rain.

The outing took place at nearby North Shore Towers who were very gracious hosts for our group. There were hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks, and a variety of refreshments at “the turn”, meaning between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> holes, which was the perfect motivation for the front nine and the needed invigoration for the back nine.

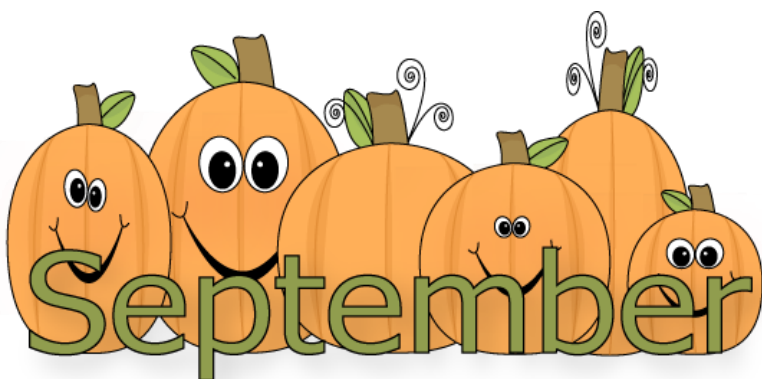
After the round of golf, fellow Knights Ernie Libasci, Jim Tavcar and I cooled down with the rest of the gang at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole while we awaited the start of the dinner. That is when we were joined by the smarter, non-golfing Knights - Joe Timpa, Mike Mitts, Anthony Zafferese and their better halves.

As dinner wound down, the fun really started with a slew of great raffle prizes ranging from golf clubs to sunglasses to apparel that was only overshadowed by the \$1300 collected for the 50/50 raffle. One prize in particular had special meaning – a golf bag donated by the widow of deceased Brother Knight and longtime Catholic War Veteran, Ralph Menichino. Ralph was an avid golfer and regular participant at past American Martyrs golf outings.



Awards were also given out for low foursome, low golfer, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Surprisingly (haha), Father Bill felt very comfortable with the microphone as he continued to call out ticket numbers belonging to nearly everyone present except me. Much gratitude is extended to parishioner Pat Carragee who was able to secure many of the raffle items and also for bringing a group of golfers with him.

A big thank you also goes to Father Bill and Maureen and Bob Shoule, organizers of this great event. For a guy who golfs maybe once or twice a year I have to say that the North Shore Towers course was very playable with a minimum amount of hazards other than my swing itself. So get those clubs out of the garage brother Knights and get ready for next year's outing. Rumor has it they are already working on securing a date for 2014 so that this will go from a quinquennial (once every five years – thank you very much Google) event to an annual event.



**9/8 Religious Education Classes Begin**  
**9/12 Meeting**  
**9/15 Welcome Back BBQ**  
**9/26 Meeting**



## End of the Columbian Year Party!

By: Sal Tartaglione

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, our Council celebrated the end of the Columbian calendar year in the Sullivan Center. We brought our families together too for an evening of food, music, games and conversation. Our Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mitts brought in giant heroes, along with potato and macaroni salads. Pizza was also provided. I picked up an extra-large sheet cake to mark the occasion. Most members brought snacks, beverages, beers and libations to drink and to share.



There were games for the kids to play. Tony Zafferese, deciding you are never too young to be introduced to Bingo, provided cards and chips for the kids to play with. Later, some of the adults played Bingo and surprisingly, Tony Z. won! Music, provided by our Grand Knight and part-time DJ, Joe Timpa, filled the room all evening long.

We enjoyed the cake and coffee at the end of the evening. The leftover food, cake and soda were donated to the local Volunteer Ambulance Corps, after which everyone cleaned up and said their goodbyes, some for the entire summer.



# ANSWERES TO LAST ISSUE'S - FOR THE CRUCIVERBALIST...

By: Sal Tartaglione

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Annual Back to School BBQ is set for September 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.

Please consider helping our council welcome back our Religious Education students and their families.

We need cooks, servers, clean up crews, etc...



- 10/6 Blood drive
- 10/10 Meeting
- 10/12 Oktoberfest or Pasta Night
- 10/19 Greenway Cleanup
- 10/24 Meeting

Don't make me come looking for you - Be there Tuesday... ..Or else!

Meet Mr. BINGO in Person. Live Tuesday Nights! Don't Miss Out!

