



VINCE STANICH

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Vincent F. Stanich, who died October 27 (1995) at age 88, was a hale fellow of many facets—federal employee, restaurateur, accountant, bar owner, auto dealer, sales manager, beverage general manager, thrift bank director, and baseball historian.

But the object of his greatest enthusiasm, and his only non-professional activity other than his deep involvement with the Church, was his enthusiasm for the **La Salle Club** of Christian Brothers High School.

Vince was the dominant force in organizing and perpetuating the La Salle Club's **Hall of Fame**. This was truly a labor of love. It brought recognition—and elation—to ten individuals each year, and now includes more than 100 honorees who have been selected on their contribution to sports, either amateur or professional.

As we say, Vince's enthusiasm for the Hall of Fame knew no bounds. As soon as one class had been installed at an annual banquet in the CBS gymnasium, the perennial chairman started planning for the next year.

This planning took the form of regular breakfast sessions in **Joe Marty's El Chico** bar & grill. Vince presided, and in similar solemnity secretary **Bill Svlich** wrote down and transcribed the minutes.

It is a concern of all of us what will happen to the Hall of Fame. The La Salle Club itself, thanks to **Don Gillott** and **Brother Stephen** (Rusyn), is on firmer footing than ever before. But the Hall of Fame?

The electric light, to be sure, survived Thomas Edison and so, perhaps will the CBS Hall of Fame continue after its founder's focus, but it won't be the same. Vincent F. Stanich literally invented this highly-publicized adjunct of the school, and who is there with the dedication and enthusiasm to keep it going?

This lone vote would be for **Jim Keating** ('55), who is already over-extended on behalf of the school.

Assuredly, and as we've previously noted, our friend of almost 60 years will be missed. Vince leaves a huge void.

