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# THE HUNDRED CALL

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## Paul McQuillan Dies; President in 1985

The president of The Hundred Club in 1985, Atty. Paul J. McQuillan, died Feb. 7 in New Britain General Hospital after a



Paul McQuillan

long illness. Following his presidency, Mr. McQuillan remained active in the club as a director.

Mr. McQuillan was widely known throughout the state as a trial lawyer. He was successful in numerous high profile civil and criminal cases.

In 1977 he handled a unique assignment. Mr. McQuillan was named the special prosecutor in the one-man grand jury investigation into the murder of Mrs. Barbara Gibbons. Her son, Peter Reilly, had been convicted of the crime. The grand jury's finding helped clear Mr. Reilly.

In the aftermath of the grand jury's report, Gov. Ella Grasso named Mr. McQuillan chairman of the State Police Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition to this formal position, Mr. McQuillan advised Mrs. Grasso on a variety of issues.

His counsel was also sought by Gov. Bill O'Neill. Last year Mr. O'Neill said publicly, "Paul was extremely helpful to me. I appreciated his willingness to share his expertise and insight with me."

Mr. McQuillan was appointed by Mr. O'Neill to chair the Judicial Selection Committee which was created to ensure that candidates for judgeships were qualified. Earlier he served on the Board of Pardons and as *(continued on page 4)*

## Club Dispenses \$7.3 Million

### Newington Officer Loses Life On Duty

The first member of the Newington Police Dept. to lose his life in the line of duty, Master Police Officer Peter J. Lavery, was killed Dec. 30. He was investigating a domestic dispute.



Peter J. Lavery

A 17-year member of the department, Mr. Lavery was shot while descending the stairs to the cellar at 57 Mountain View Dr. Police spokesmen said Bruce A. Carrier fired the fatal shot from an assault rifle. The killer

subsequently committed suicide, after a standoff with local and State Police that lasted several hours and was punctuated by random shots from the house by Mr. Lavery's killer. *(continued on page 3)*

### "Heroes" Families Receive Benefits

The Hundred Club has provided \$7,340,099 in benefits to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since the founding of the club in 1967, it has assisted the widows and children of its 218 "Fallen Heroes." The payments are grants with no conditions attached.

Of the \$7.3 million, \$330,480 was paid out during 2004. The cost of the scholarship program was \$116,684. There were 15 students taking part. Participants can further their education in technical schools as well as colleges.

In another education program, the club installed three computers and provided access to the Internet for 22 students at a cost of \$8,455. Students seven years old and older *(continued on page 4)*



Father Czaster prays at cemetery. The Lavery family is seated in the background.

## Monsignor Devine Dies in Waterbury

A Catholic priest who was active in The Hundred Club for many years died Jan. 6 in Waterbury. Msgr. Joseph A.



Devine offered the invocation and benediction at the annual dinner meetings and led the prayer at the dinner following the golf tournaments regularly. He played in the golf tournaments with Lt. Gov. *Msgr. Joseph Devine* (Ret.) Joe Fauliso for approximately 25 years until he retired from the sport three years ago.

In recognition of his strong support of the club the Board of Directors voted unanimously to enroll him as a Life Honorary Member in 2000.

Msgr. Devine, pastor of Our Lady of Loreto Church, Waterbury, was well known by members of the State Police for many years. In 1968 he was appointed a State Police Chaplain by Gov. John Dempsey and served continuously until his death. In this capacity he was with families in their saddest hours — immediately after the death of a trooper. Through the years he participated in countless special events. For his devoted service Msgr. Devine was recognized in 2003 when he was presented with the State Police Civilian Excellence Award.

In 1978 Gov. Ella Grasso, aware that Msgr. Devine had directed an ambitious renewal project at St. Augustine's Church, Hartford, appointed him chairman of the commission charged with restoring the State Capitol. The \$47 million program brought about the rebirth of the structure's beauty. He continued to chair the Restoration and Preservation Committee until his death. Msgr. Devine also served as a chaplain in the state Senate for 27 years.

Born Aug. 22, 1922 in Bridgeport the son of the late Patrick J. and Margaret (Connell) Devine he graduated from Bassick High School and the College of Commerce, both in Bridgeport. He studied for the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary, Hartford and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. He was ordained by Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien May 20, 1945 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford.

During his priestly career, Msgr. Devine served in parishes in Simsbury, Waterbury and Branford before being named pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Hartford in 1971. Six years later

The Hundred Club's annual day of golf will be Tuesday, Aug. 2, Managing Director William E. Sydenham announced. In recent years the club's two separate tournaments have been held on the last Wednesday in July.



*Tim Prete*

The tournaments will be played at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. Both will get underway at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Golfers who arrive early are invited to use the practice range and putting green. Also, coffee and breakfast pastry will be available on the Pro Shop porch.

All golfers are asked to be at Tunxis 30 minutes before play begins. They should go directly to the Registration Desk.

Golf Committee Chairman Tim Prete noted that the cost will remain at \$125 per golfer. This fee includes the greens fee, use of a golf cart, lunch (on the course) and the steak dinner. Non-golfers are invited to the luncheon and dinner. The cost is \$40. The popular free raffle will be held during the dinner.

Golfers will be competing for the best low gross and low net scores on both the White and Green courses. In addition, there will be prizes for the longest drives and tee shots closest to the pin on designated par 3 holes.

Prete and Sydenham are urging all golfers to file their entry forms early. **A form is included in this issue of *The Hundred Call*.**

Tunxis General Manager Lou Pandolfi, PGA, and Angelo Fiducia,

he was appointed pastor of St. Augustine's Church.

In 1988 he became pastor of Our Lady of Loreto Church, Waterbury. In addition to his parish duties, Msgr. Devine served on several archdiocesan committees.

Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor with the title Reverend Monsignor in 1995.

Msgr. Devine is survived by a sister, Dr. Margaret M. Devine of New York, two nieces and a nephew. He was predeceased by three brothers, John, and two members of the priesthood, Father Leo Devine and Msgr. James Devine.

Archbishop Henry T. Mansell celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Loreto Church Jan 11. ■

## Golf Events Tuesday, Aug. 2

PGA, resident golf professionals, will oversee play and compile the official scores.

A social hour at the Table Green will begin immediately after play is completed. The steak dinner will be served at approximately 4 p.m. ■



*Tunxis Plantation Clubhouse*

## Committee Seeks Sponsors for Holes

The popular hole-sponsorship program will again be part of The Hundred Club's two separate golf tournaments, according to Tim Prete, chairman of the Golf Committee. The tournaments will be played Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

With one event being played on the White Course and the other on the Green Course, the committee is making 36 holes available for sponsors.

A blue and gold banner is displayed on each hole that is sponsored. It bears the emblem of The Hundred Club and the name of the sponsor. Following the tournaments the nylon flags are given to the sponsors as mementos.

Parties interested in becoming sponsors should contact Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. at headquarters. ■

## 31st Year of Golf

The two separate tournaments Aug. 2 at Tunxis Plantation Country will be the 31st consecutive year that members and their guests tried to conquer a golf course. The early tournaments were played at Banner Lodge, Moodus and promoted by Managing Director Carroll E. Shaw as "A day in the country." ■



*An estimated 4,000 law enforcers attended Officer Lavery's funeral.*



*Officer Lavery's motorcycle in procession.*



*Chief Mulhall presents flag to the Lavery family.*

#### LAVERY (continued from page 1)

The death of Mr. Lavery shocked the town and brought an outpouring of tributes to the officer. Chief Richard Mulhall described Mr. Lavery as "an exceptional officer" who was well-liked by his colleagues and town residents. During the funeral service, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell of Hartford declared, "He (Mr. Lavery) belongs in the Hall of Fame of Life for his courage, values and nobility."

Newington officials closed town offices and schools the day of Mr. Lavery's funeral. The previous afternoon and evening hundreds of men, women and children waited for hours to pay their respects during the wake.

The funeral Jan. 4 was an impressive tribute as an estimated 4,000 law enforcers, many from cities and towns far beyond Connecticut, converged on Newington to offer a final salute to a fallen brother.

The flag draped casket carrying Mr Lavery was brought to the Church of the Holy Spirit behind a long procession of law enforcers headed by Public Safety Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle and members of the Newington Police Dept. In

front of the hearse was a trailer carrying Mr. Lavery's motorcycle, his boots and helmet. A motorcycle enthusiast, Mr. Lavery had been the first police officer to register with America's 9/11 Ride Foundation to participate in a ceremony later this year to honor the victims of the terrorists' attack Sept. 11, 2001.

The Connecticut State Police had the largest delegation with 400 troopers marching. Other troopers handled traffic assignments and patrolled the town so that Newington officers could attend the funeral. Also in the procession were three pipe and drum corps. As he viewed the scene State Police Commander Col. Edward J. Lynch said, "It's absolutely heart-wrenching."

Before joining the Newington department Mr. Lavery was a police officer in Berlin for three years. He was born in New Britain the son of the late Gerald and Rita (Griffin) Lavery. The family moved to Newington when Mr. Lavery was a young boy.

In addition to his career in law enforcement Mr. Lavery served in the Connecticut National Guard and achieved

the rank of major. He was honorably discharged in July 2001. He was the recipient of several military awards and decorations.

Mr. Lavery and his family have lived in Berlin for the past 20 years. He leaves his wife, Pamela (Rondini) Lavery; two children, Raymond and Samantha; two sisters, Martha Riccio of Palacais, Texas and Nora Petrash of Nevada City, Cal.; two brothers, (both former Newington police officers) James and Gerald of Newington; several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Spirit Church by Rev. Herman Czaster of St. Paul's Church, Berlin. The church was filled to capacity. Outside there was a sea of blue, law enforcers in their uniforms, standing silently as they paid tribute to a comrade. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Lavery family. ■

## Photo Credits

The photos of Officer Lavery's funeral on Pages 1 and 3 were provided to *The Hundred Call* by the Connecticut State Police and the Newington Police Dept. ■

## Larger Church

The Mass of Christian Burial for Officer Lavery was held in The Church of The Holy Spirit, Newington, rather than in his parish church because it is considerably larger. The Lavery family are members of St. Paul's Church, Berlin. ■

## Long Record

Bruce A. Carrier, the man who shot Master Officer Peter Lavery had a long history of arrests, dating back 1996 when he was charged with assault. On Aug., 20, 2003, after serving time for motor vehicle violations, he was released from incarceration and placed on probation. However, according to reports, there was no contact between him and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial system which handles probation matters. ■

**McQUILLAN DIES** (continued from page 1)

corporation counsel in New Britain.

Born in Bristol the son of the late John and Helena (Toomey) McQuillan, he lived most of his life in New Britain and graduated from New Britain High School in 1946. At age 18 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Italy. Upon his return home he attended Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain (now Central Connecticut University) and completed his studies at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Following graduation he reentered the U.S. Army and served as a 1st Lieutenant during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. McQuillan returned to Georgetown University and in 1956 graduated from its School of Law. He began practicing law as a principal in the firm of Lexton, Januszewski & McQuillan in 1959.

Mr. McQuillan, a past president of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, was a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award. Georgetown University honored him with its John Carrol Alumni Award. Last year Central Connecticut University presented him with a Doctor of Criminal Justice degree.

Mr. McQuillan is survived by his wife, Mary (Martin) McQuillan, his son Martin and daughters Mrs. Mary Celeste Bianco, Mrs. Anne Vroom, Mrs. Aileen LaGanzo, Mrs. Julia Lahey and Mrs. Megan Lenzi; and two brothers Richard and David McQuillan; two sisters, Mrs. Alma McAuley and Mrs. Jane Sweeney; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 11 in St. Francis of Assisi Church, New Britain. During the homily, Rev. Paul Guido spoke about the exemplary character of Mr. McQuillan and his deep concern for others. David McQuillan recalled events of the past that members of the McQuillan family cherish. ■

## Tunxis Opened In 1962

Tunxis Plantation Country Club opened in 1962 with one 18-hole course. A few years later a 9-hole layout was added, with the first tee a few steps from the clubhouse. As more and more golfers found Tunxis to their liking, additional fairways and greens were built. Today there are two championship courses plus a 9-hole layout. Tunxis plays host to numerous charitable tournaments throughout the season plus some highly competitive amateur events. ■

## McQuillan Tributes

Past President Paul J. McQuillan was remembered by members of The Hundred Club with whom he worked as a man keenly aware of the opportunities and the responsibility to assist people in need.

Managing Director (Ret.) Edward J. Funk said, "From the first meeting he attended until the last, Paul was totally dedicated to the principles of the club. He was genuinely concerned about the families we are helping."

Mr. Funk, who is currently serving as a director, noted that during Mr. McQuillan's presidency two law enforcers and two firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty. He said that Mr. McQuillan made certain that no time was lost in providing benefits for the families.

William J. McCue, president in 1993, said, "For me, Paul set the standard for

leadership. I watched him as president of the club and in New Britain, our hometown, and I learned a great deal. Yes, he made a valuable contribution to The Hundred Club. But, I was fortunate enough to witness much more.

"I saw the service Paul provided to his church, to Central Connecticut State University, to the legal profession, to the community and to the state. The news of Paul's death brought to mind a perceptive comment I heard a few years ago, "Paul McQuillan never set out to hurt anyone."

Angelo Tomasso, another past president, introduced Mr. McQuillan to The Hundred Club. "I knew Paul would bring his knowledge and ability to our meetings and that he would provide excellent advise. And, he certainly did," Mr. Tomasso said. ■

**CLUB DISPENSES** (continued from page 1)

are eligible to participate. Since the club first made computers available in 2000, \$90,655 has been spent on the program.

During the past year the club continued its holiday and birthday remembrance programs; 131 widows and 21 children received checks at Christmas at a cost of \$102,450; at Thanksgiving the food baskets cost \$11,823 and the gifts for Mother's Day and Valentine's Day cost \$6,228.

Twenty children received a U.S. Savings Bond on their birthday. At maturity each bond will be worth \$200. The expenditure was \$2,000. The club also underwrote the expenses for four youths who attended camp. The cost was \$4,454.

Through the years the club's officers and directors have increased the benefits. The original payment following a line-of-duty death was \$1,000. Currently it is \$10,000. The scholarship program, started in 1970, provided a recipient with between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per school year. At present, students can receive up to \$25,000 per school year in education-related expenses.

The club was founded in 1967 by the late Anthony Ustjanauskas, a Hartford business man, following the tragic death of Officer Harvey R. Young of the Hartford Police Dept.

Membership dues were set at \$250 per year in 1967 and have not changed. There are openings for a limited number of new members. Interested parties should contact Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. at headquarters in Glastonbury. ■

## Memorial Ceremony In Meriden May 25; Honor Roll Grows

Meriden Police Chief (Ret.) Robert Kosienski announced that the annual ceremony to honor Connecticut law enforcers who lost their lives in the line of duty will be held Wednesday, May 25 at the memorial on the grounds of the Police Training Academy, Meriden.

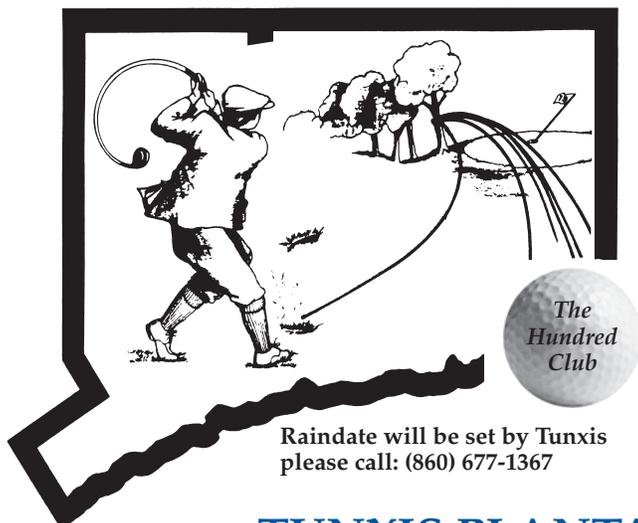
Mr. Kosienski also said the Memorial Committee dinner will be at The Aqua Turf, Southington, on Monday, May 9.

During the memorial ceremony two names will be added to the monument, Master Officer Peter J. Lavery of the Newington Police Dept. and Capt. Stephen Wilson of the West Haven Police Dept. Mr. Lavery was shot while investigating a domestic dispute last Dec. 30. Mr. Wilson died Dec. 9, 1959 while running from headquarters to a nearby bank that was being robbed. He suffered a fatal heart attack.

The information related to Mr. Wilson's death was recently brought to the attention of the Criteria Committee which approved the request to add his name. ■



Chief  
Robert Kosienski



Raindate will be set by Tunxis  
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# 2005 GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Two Separate Tournaments  
On Two Separate Courses  
Tuesday, August 2, 2005

## TUNXIS PLANTATION COUNTRY CLUB

Directions: Route 84, east or west, Exit 39, Follow Route 4 West,  
take 1st right after Farmington River – Town Farm Road.

**\$125.00 per golfer ...**

includes golf carts, greens fee, lunch & beverage (on course) steak dinner

**\$40.00 per non-golfer ...**

includes lunch & steak dinner



PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO STARTING TIME.

*Starting Time ...* Shotgun Start – 10:00 a.m.

These are two separate and individual tournaments with identical formats – lunch and beverage on course, cocktails at approximately 3:00; dinner at 4:00; awarding of prizes and the **free raffle** follows dinner. The cost is **\$125.00 per player – \$500.00 per foursome.**

Please send registration form and payment to:  
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**\*\*\* HUNDRED CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT \*\*\***  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2005**

Please register this foursome:

Number of golfers (\$125.00 per ticket): Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-golfers (\$40.00 per ticket): Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(A check must accompany this reservation slip) Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name for this foursome: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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