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Club's Leader Hails Policymakers, Staff

Forty years ago James J. Dolan launched his career as a law enforcer as a member of the Waterbury Police Department. Looking back, the president of The Hundred Club is more than satisfied with his decision.

With a smile this grey-haired gentleman of Irish heritage says, "I enjoyed public service. All my life I have been happy with the knowledge that I have a job to do and being able to do it."



James J. Dolan

Currently, Mr. Dolan is director of security for Tilcon, Inc., a major firm in the construction industry. He operates out of the company's offices in New Britain, not far from his home in Southington.

Following five years as a patrolman in the Brass City, Mr. Dolan entered the State Police Academy in Groton. He graduated

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The club's Golf Committee has increased sponsorship opportunities to 36 tees for the annual golf tournaments at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. The events will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1. A sponsorship application and details are on Page 4.

\$6.5 Million Mark Reached

500 Attend Rites For W. Haven Chief

Members of the protective services from throughout Connecticut and representatives of New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority paid tribute to Chief Michael J. Kelly of West Haven at services in St. Lawrence Church in his hometown.

Mr. Kelly died Nov. 12 at Connecticut Hospice. He suffered a coronary attack Aug. 22, while on duty, during a meeting with Mayor H. Richard Borer in City Hall. The 51-year-old veteran of the West Haven department never regained consciousness.



Chief
Michael Kelly

Approximately 500 people attended the Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Kelly. They heard his brother, Arthur, describe him as "a humble man, proud of his family and proud of the West Haven Police Department" who "made sure West Haven was a safe place to live and work."

Several honor guards led a horse-drawn coach which carried Mr. Kelly's body through much of the city and later, following the Mass, to St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Mr. Kelly joined the department in 1971 and worked his way up through the ranks. He was named chief in 1994. He was credited with solving several high profile crimes and apprehending a number of armed burglary and robbery suspects.

As chief, Mr. Kelly oversaw the computerization of the department, reorganized the personnel structure and was successful in obtaining federal and state grants to improve several operations.

Mr. Kelly was born in New Haven, Sept. 6, 1949, the son of Mary Jane Mansfield Kelly and the late Arthur J. Kelly. In addition to his mother he leaves his wife Linda

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Figure Includes All Aid Programs

Since its founding in 1967 The Hundred Club has distributed approximately \$6.5 million to the families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said this figure reflects expenditures for all the club's programs which aid the families of the club's "Fallen Heroes."

In 1967 Anthony Ustjanuskas started the club following the death of Hartford Police Officer Harvey R. Young. His widow was given \$1,000. The death benefit now is \$10,000.

More than \$3 million has been spent by the club through its scholarship program. The first recipients in 1974 were eligible to receive between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per year to help defray the cost of their education. Currently, the club is providing up to \$25,000 per year per student for educational-related expenses.

Demonstrating its concern for the offspring of the deceased members of the protective services, the club underwrites the cost of four weeks at camp for children ages five to 16 and recognizes their birth-

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Dinner Reminder

The Dinner Committee is continuing to develop a program for The Hundred Club's annual dinner meeting Friday, Oct. 12 at La Renaissance in East Windsor.

President James J. Dolan said the committee hopes to have the program completed prior to the next issue of *The Hundred Call*. He said that the speaking program would be short and reminded members that they may bring guests and use the occasion to acquaint them with the charitable work of the club.

Col. Bardelli Retires After 35 Years' Duty

As he prepared to close his 35-year career with the State Police, Colonel John F. Bardelli declared, "It's been a great ride. No regrets."

A man of quiet mien, Col. Bardelli never sought public acclaim for any of his accomplishments, allowing others to bask in the spotlight when a major case was solved or the State Police had recorded a special achievement. At age 56 his hair has turned grey and he views events through glasses.

Looking back, he said that in 1966, following two years in the U.S. Navy, he entered the State Police Academy at Avery Point. After graduating he was assigned to the barracks in Ridgefield. The future colonel's first opportunity to use his investigative talents came



Col. John F. Bardelli

when he responded to a bank alarm in the Georgetown section of Redding. The robbery, it turned out, was one in a series of crimes committed by the Pardue brothers, John and James, with two accomplices. The crime spree included two murders in Kent and the attempt to demolish the Danbury Police station.

Col. Bardelli's work on this case caught the attention of his superiors and much to the young trooper's delight he was ap-

pointed to the Detective Bureau.

Along the way this ambitious law enforcer expanded his education. He earned two degrees from the University of New Haven. Later he studied law at the University of Connecticut Law School and in 1981 was admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association with the right to practice law in state and federal courts.

Save for an occasional real estate transaction handled in Bethlehem, where he lives, Col. Bardelli has not practiced law. Since 1983 he has been teaching law and management courses at Western Connecticut University.

Through the years, Col. Bardelli was involved in virtually every aspect of law enforcement in Connecticut. He noted that while organized crime in the state is not as prevalent as in the past, Connecticut is faced with serious drug-related problems. "It is a violent business. We are in the middle of the main sphere of operations in the Northeast — the bases in the New York - New Jersey operations and those in Boston."

The basic solution, he maintained, is to stop the demand, which he admitted will not be easy. "Parents," he declared, "must convince their kids that drugs will destroy their lives. Law enforcers can do only so much to stop the supply. While there is a demand, the suppliers will seek ways to meet it."

minimum and maintained an efficient operation."

Mr. Dolan sees an area in which the club might extend its influence. It is his belief that all members of public safety agencies should be aware of all the club's programs and, when possible, participate in its activities.

As he assesses the aid the organization provides families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lose their lives in the line of duty, Mr. Dolan says, "I'm pleased that we have increased the death benefit and the money for scholarships. We are trying to keep abreast of the actual costs people are encountering."

The club provides families with a check for \$10,000 following a death in the line of duty. Members of the family are eligible to apply for funds up to \$25,000 per year to further their education.

Mr. Dolan notes that his involvement in The Hundred Club is, in a way, an extension of the Dolans' role in public service. "It began with my father, John A. Dolan, who was a patrolman in the Waterbury Police Department. And, our sons are carrying on the tradition."

As for progress in law enforcement techniques, Col. Bardelli noted the advancement in the use of DNA evidence and the introduction of high technology equipment. This year, he said, a \$46 million State Police communications system is being installed.

Cruisers, he explained, will be equipped with laptop computers, video cameras and will be tied into a satellite tracking system that will allow dispatchers at barracks to know the location of all patrol vehicles.

A strong advocate of community policing — having troopers involved with the programs and people in the areas they serve — Col. Bardelli is also credited with solidifying relationships between the State Police and local departments plus the FBI.

Col. Bardelli is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Edith, a retired State Police detective, traveling, enjoying his grandchildren and playing golf.

On and off duty, Col. Bardelli is commonly described by colleagues and close observers of the State Police as "one of the good guys." In the jargon of the State Police, that is quite an accolade. ■

NATIONAL CEREMONY

President George W. Bush took part in the annual Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. for law enforcers killed in the line of duty during the previous 12 months. A delegation of law enforcement officials from Connecticut was present at the event. ■

DOLAN (CLUB'S LEADER)

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in November of 1966 and recalls that with Thanksgiving at hand, "Commissioner (Leo J.) Mulcahy gave us three days off before reporting for duty."

For 22 years Mr. Dolan carried out a variety of assignments in the department. Shortly after his retirement he joined Tilcon as the deputy director of security in 1988. At that time he became active in The Hundred Club.

As a member of the Board of Directors and later as an officeholder, Mr. Dolan believes, "I was privileged to be at the conference table with some of the finest people I could ever hope to meet. The Hundred Club has been able to carry out its charitable mission because of the wisdom and dedication of the people who have unselfishly given their time to the club."

Considerable credit for the success of the club, Mr. Dolan contends, is also due to the three men who have served as its managing directors — Carroll E. Shaw, Edward J. Funk and William E. Sydenham, Jr. "Because of these men the club has kept day-to-day expenses to a

Mr. Dolan and his wife, Helen, (better known as "Laney") are the parents of three sons. Two are members of the State Police, John A., a detective in the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and James, a sergeant assigned to the Background Investigations unit. A third is Rev. Michael, a Roman Catholic priest who is serving at St. Mary's Church, Newington. Mrs. Dolan, before her retirement, was secretary to the commandant at the Police Training Academy, Meriden.

Reluctant to discuss his experiences in police work, Mr. Dolan, who gained the rank of sergeant in the State Police, says, "It was interesting. I didn't talk about my assignments then. I believe in being a team player; in doing my job and letting it go at that."

Without hesitation he does say, "I loved growing up in Waterbury. There is no other city like Waterbury."

When he declares, "It's an honor to be president of The Hundred Club," Mr. Dolan voices the statement in a manner that underscores his sincere and deep feelings about the club and its contribution to the well-being of families struck by misfortune. ■

“Never Forget” Theme Of Annual Event

Memorial’s Roster Remains Unchanged

“Never Forget” was the theme of the 13th annual Memorial Ceremony that honors law enforcers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Speaker after speaker assured members of the audience that Connecticut’s “Fallen Heroes” would not be forgotten.

For the third consecutive year rain prevented organizers from holding the event outside at the impressive granite memorial on the grounds of the Police Training Academy in Meriden.

In Keller Auditorium several speakers told the large gathering of families and friends of deceased law enforcement personnel, retired and active members of the protective services and interested parties that it was gratifying that no law enforcer was killed during the past 12 months while actively protecting the lives and property of others.

Gov. (Ret.) Bill O’Neill did not participate in the ceremony for the first time since the tribute began in 1988. He was recently hospitalized and was recovering at home.

Gov. John Rowland said that everyone should be aware that the families of all law enforcers make a daily sacrifice because they do not know if their loved ones will return home safe and sound.

Chief State’s Attorney John M. Bailey said that a few days earlier in bright sunlight he had visited the memorial and noted that every rank used by departments was represented — trooper, officer, constable, detective, inspector, sergeant, agent, lieutenant, auxiliary trooper and chief.

“All law enforcers,” he said, “willingly accept their duties and the dangers they face. And, we will not forget — never will we forget.”

A high tribute was paid to Gov. O’Neill by Atty. Gen. Richard Blumenthal. He said, “The people of Connecticut should be grateful for his unwavering support of law enforcers. Connecticut’s policing activities are the best in the country.”

Remarks were also delivered by Chief (Ret.) William Farrell of New Haven; Thomas Sarubbi of the Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation; and Mrs. Kimberly Dingwall, whose husband, Sgt. George R. Dingwall of Middletown, lost his life in the line of duty Jan. 28, 2000.

Msgr. Joseph A. Devine of Waterbury, in the Invocation, observed that Connecticut was among the first states to build a monument to those “who paid the full price to keep us safe.” He further said The Hundred Club of Connecticut has led the way nationally in meeting the needs of the widows and their children. ■



Jeannine Williams



Gov. John Rowland



Chief (Ret.) Thomas Rotunda



James Martin



Robert Bagshaw

Rhonda Bagshaw

Lauren Bagshaw



Carol Bagshaw

Barbara Gordon

Shawn Louise Tomkins



Msgr. Joseph Devine

Col. Anthony Bardelli



Lt. Richard Brozek



Dorothy Langdeau

Helen Williams



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Art Gallant

David Caron

Bob Walsh



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Lt. Pat McMahon

John Long

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Norwich Representatives

Sponsors' Openings For Golf Tournaments

Additional sponsors are being sought for The Hundred Club's two golf tournaments, Wednesday Aug. 1, at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

Golf Committee Chairman Edward J. Funk and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. have stressed that this year, for the first time, up to 36 sponsors can be accommodated. This is possible because two separate tournaments will be played at the same time. The club will be using two courses at Tunxis.

A gold and blue nylon banner with the sponsor's name and the club's emblem will be prominently displayed on the tees. The flags will be mailed to the sponsors following the tournament. The sponsorship fee is \$100.

The application to sponsor a tee is at the bottom of this page.

The tournaments will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. All players are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes earlier.

The club is continuing to accept applications to play. The fee is \$125 per player and \$500 for a foursome.

Non-golfers are welcome to enjoy lunch and dinner. The cost is \$40. The social hour is expected to begin at 3 p.m. with dinner at 4 p.m. ■

Winners Last Year

Last year the low gross score on the White Course at Tunxis Plantation Country Club was recorded by Dennis Lanzoni, who carded a one-under-par 71.

The second tournament was played on

KELLY - 500 ATTEND RITES

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Gardner Kelly; a son, Evan M. Kelly of West Haven; two daughters, Caitlin G. Kelly and Mary Kate Kelly, both of West Haven; a brother, Arthur J. Kelly, Jr.; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Morrissey and Mrs. Marcy J. Hotchkiss, both of West Haven.

Mr. Kelly graduated from Notre Dame High School and the University of New Haven. He was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association and was vice president of the South Central Chiefs of Police Association. Also, he was a founding member of the West Haven department's Emerald Society.

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

LONGEST SERVING

The retirement of Col. John F. Bardelli from the State Police, after 35 years of duty, prompted the question of whether he was No. 1 among all sworn members of the agency in point of service. He was not. The honor belongs to Lt. Richard "Rocky" Brozek who became a trooper in August of 1964.

Later in 1964 Trooper Ray Watts took the oath as a member of the State Police. ■

the Green Course the next day because rain overnight had made the White Course unplayable. In that event Duke Avery and Tim Prete both completed their rounds with scores of 71. Avery was declared the winner by a match of cards. ■

FIGURE INCLUDES ALL AID

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days by sending a \$200 U.S. Bond each year. This gift extends from the first through the 18th milestone.

Students age seven and older have the opportunity to receive a computer with access to the Internet from the club.

There are gifts for the families at Thanksgiving and Christmas and special remembrances for widows on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

Through its special assistance programs the club has the mechanism to help families in cases involving unusual financial needs.

All money dispensed by the club is a contribution with no strings attached. ■

GOV. O'NEILL HONORED

Gov. William A. O'Neill was honored May 31 at Connecticut State University (CCSU). At the dedication of CCSU's Center for Public Policy and Practical Politics a chair was endowed in the former governor's name.

Mr. O'Neill, who attended CCSU, is currently an honorary professor in the Political Science Department.

The new center, according to Lawrence D. McHugh, chairman of the school's Board of Trustees, will house archives which will include the papers of Mr. O'Neill, other former governors and state officials.

Mr. O'Neill is an Honorary Life member of The Hundred Club. ■

CUT & RETURN THIS HOLE SPONSOR REGISTRATION SLIP

THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S 2001 GOLF TOURNAMENT TEE SPONSOR

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Thank you for your support and interest in becoming a Tee Sponsor for The Hundred Club of Connecticut's golf outing being held at Tunxis Plantation Country Club on August 1, 2001.

Please complete the following form and return it along with your check in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to: **The Hundred Club of Connecticut, Inc.**

Following the tournament, the Tee Marker (Flag) will be mailed to you as a memento.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: _____

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