

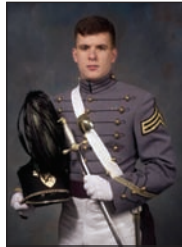


Knights Killed in Action Honored at Supreme Convention

At the 126th Supreme Convention, held last August in Quebec City, Que., the Supreme Council honored Knights who were killed in action during the 2007-08 fraternal year. Here, we recount those men and their brave sacrifices.

Capt. David A. Boris

Capt. David A. Boris was a member of Msgr. Cornelius George O'Keefe Council 8250 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Army and was killed Nov. 12, 2007, in Bermel, Afghanistan, when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED).



COURTESY OF WEST POINT

Staff Sgt. Jonathon L. Martin

Staff. Sgt. Jonathon L. Martin was a member of Sandusky (Ohio) Council 546 and served in the U.S. Army. He was killed Nov. 22, 2007, in Regensburg, Germany, of wounds suffered Nov. 9, 2007, in Jisr Naft, Iraq, when his vehicle struck an IED. Martin was serving his third tour of duty in the Middle East and had previously received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Iraq.



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Council Holds Benefit Dinner for Sgt. Martin

When news of Sgt. Jonathon L. Martin's death swept the community of Sandusky, Ohio, support began in earnest for Martin's widow and three children. Not content to sit on their laurels, Sandusky Council 546 — of which Martin was a member — began planning a benefit event in memory of their fallen brother Knight.

Not wanting to impede the other events that were taking place in the wake of Martin's death, and offset by poor weather in late 2007, Council 546 finally hosted a benefit dinner in Martin's memory on March 8. The event included a chicken barbecue with all the fixings and raised \$3,500. All the proceeds were donated to Martin's family, who now live in Kentucky.

Explained Lawrence Bedee, the council's financial secretary, "We wanted to do something to show how much we cared about Jon and his family."

KNIGHTS SOLEMNLY REMEMBER 9/11



COURTESY OF RANDY HALE

Knights from in and around Flagler Beach, Fla., stand at attention during a Sept. 11 memorial service at the Flagler Beach Pier. Fourth Degree Knights led a color guard that included veterans, first responders and other civic groups. The wreath-laying ceremony at the pier was followed by a procession, a Blue Mass and lunch. More than 300 people attended the event.

Since 2002, the Knights of Columbus has recognized Sept. 11 as a World Day of Prayer for Peace. In memory of the tragic terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, Knights and their families are encouraged to pray for an end to conflict around the world and for the first responders and military personnel who serve our country and protect our communities.

Many K of C units found their own way to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11. **Berkshire Council 1520 in North Canaan, Conn.**, hosted an all-day event at its parish that included a rosary for world peace, a Mass, a memorial service and dinner. Tony Huffman of **Raul G. Navarrete Council 9482 in Chandler, Ariz.**, created a 1/4-scale replica of the iron cross that was displayed at ground zero following the attacks. The cross was placed on the altar at all Masses during the week of Sept. 11. And **St. Philip the Apostle Council 9884 in Lewisville, Texas**, hosted an appreciation luncheon in honor of the Lewisville Fire Department and all area first responders.

In addition to an array of Blue Masses and memorial services, some Knights hosted blood drives in support of the hospitals and medical technicians who work to save lives every day. **St. Isaac Jogues Council 11312 in Lincoln, Neb.**, held a memorial blood drive in collaboration with the American Red Cross. Additionally, **Our Lady, Queen of Peace Council 4556 in Imlay City, Mich.**, participated in a statewide blood drive at the Michigan International Speedway. All donors received a free lunch and a tour of the stadium.

Finally, members of **Walter Pollard Council 5480 in Newport News, Va.**, and their families traveled to New Haven, Conn., Sept. 11 to visit the Knights of Columbus Museum and attend Mass at St. Mary's Church, where the Order was founded in 1882. The Mass was offered in memory of the victims of Sept. 11, their families and all first responders.

Though seven years have passed since the terrible events of 9/11, Knights Orderwide are determined to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those who continue to fight for our freedom today.

-Patrick Scalisi, associate editor - Columbia



Wayne Miller of Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly in Silver Spring, Md., intercepts an incoming softball pitch during the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Omaha, Neb. The assembly provided funds for Miller and two other athletes to compete in the games. Miller, who also counsels returning veterans and their families at the VA Medical Center in Washington, D.C., won a gold medal in both softball and bowling.



Father Joseph F. Hannon (center) and two unnamed soldiers display the rosary rings they received from Blessed Trinity Council 2719 and Father Edward Collet Assembly, both in Carlsbad, N.M. Knights shipped 6,000 rosary rings — a metal ring with a cross and one decade of the rosary — to Father Hannon for distribution to troops in Iraq.



Charlie Widmayer Sr. and Mickey Dillow of Father Andrew White Assembly in Ridge, Md., remove trash along the side of Maryland Route 5. The assembly adopted a one-mile stretch of highway that passes the Helen Veterans Memorial.



Carl Roberts, Ronald Benkovic, Grand Knight Josip Kajic and Mike Rubinich of Bishop Joseph T. Daley Council 3625 in Steelton, Pa., display some of the 65 care packages their council assembled for U.S. troops. Knights collected more than 130 bags of care items at their parish.



Members of Padre Pio Council 14293 at Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily, Italy, rest after a long day of environmentalism. Members and their families aided local volunteers who cleaned litter and trash from the streets of Motta Saint Anastasia.

POW/MIA Recognition Day

Father Hugon Assembly in Tallahassee, Fla., provided an honor guard for ceremonies on POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 20. The event was held on the steps of the city's historic Capitol Building, and more than 300 veterans attended the ceremony.

A Sacrifice Remembered

While renovating a pond at a local parish, members of Our Lady of Sorrows Council 12149 in Valparaiso, Ind., discovered a plaque there in honor of Lt. Madeline Kubeck, a U.S. Navy nurse who was killed in action in 1945. Knights continued their restoration and placed the plaque in a more central location for others to appreciate.

Honored for Service

Father Timothy Pugh Assembly in Slidell, La., honored Boatswains Mate 1st Class John Billiot II for his service in the U.S. Navy. Billiot, whose father is a Fourth Degree Knight, is serving an 18-month tour in Afghanistan with the Military Police. Knights presented Billiot with a patriotic service certificate and medal, and a \$100 stipend.

Officer Training

Archbishop Lamy Council 4227 in Albuquerque, N.M., held a benefit breakfast to support the Officer Street Survival Training Fund, a seminar and workshop that provides advanced training for police officers. The council was contacted about the project by Jim and Rita McGrane, whose son was killed in the line of duty. The event raised \$3,100 to assist officers who want to attend the seminar with travel and tuition expenses.

Visiting Veterans

Members of Bishop Charles M. McLaughlin Assembly in Brandon, Fla., and their families regularly visit patients at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and the Fisher House. Knights also provide care items and toiletries for distribution at both facilities.

Books for Abu Dhabi

When Robert Hock of St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 in Medford, N.J., was assigned to a U.S. Air Force base near Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, he immediately sought out other Knights with which to share fellowship during his time there. After their initial meeting, the Knights came to realize that St. Joseph Cathedral in Abu Dhabi — one of the only Catholic parishes in the city — was severely lacking in books for its parish school. The Knights began soliciting used books from their councils back home, eventually assembling more than 6,000 books to donate to St. Joseph Cathedral. The delivery was so large, that the cathedral now needs to expand its parish library.

Display of Honor

St. Stanislaus Council 7875 in Pleasant Valley, N.Y., unveiled a permanent display at its parish in honor of parishioners who are serving in the armed forces. The display features a shadowbox that lists the name and rank of each parishioner and a leather-bound book with photos and biographies.

A Day Out

Tomah (Wis.) Council 4125 treated 25 veterans with disabilities to a day out at the Tommy Bartlet Show in Lake Delton. All the veterans enjoyed the show free of charge.