

COP OF THE MONTH

AS INTERVIEWED BY PTL. ORTIZ

DET. JOSEPH M. CONCHIERO... Born in San Juan, P. R. on 11/25/21, from a Castilian father and Puerto Rican mother. Was brought to the U.S. at the early age of two and has resided in Brooklyn ever since. A graduate of Boys High School and two years at Brooklyn College. Enlisted in the Coast Guard two weeks after Pearl Harbor and served his country for 4½ years finally being honorably discharged with the rate of Boatswain Mate 2/c. Married the former Catherine Lo Bianco on Dec. 15, 1946, who has blessed their household with John 11 and Cathy 6. Appointed to the Dept. on Sept. 21, 1946. Served 5 years in the 70 Pct. after which he was promoted to the Detective Bureau and assigned to the 90th Sqd. Thirteen years in the dept. has seen Joe serve in various assignments. Among those, in 1948 he worked as a special investigator for the Chief Magistrate office in the Borough of Manhattan relative to vice rings. In 1952, was assigned to the Kings County District Attorneys office in connection with investigations dealing with the migration of Puerto Ricans to N.Y.C. Due to Joe's undercover work, many exploitations were uncovered resulting in the loss of franchise for two airlines. In 1951 he was sent to P.R. and did effect the arrest of a defendant wanted for a homicide in Bklyn. In 1953 he did effect the arrest of another defendant who had committed a homicide in Bklyn. In 1955 he located and apprehended a man wanted in connection with a triple slaying in Bklyn. Also in 1955 Joe was assigned to the Government of the Republic of Panama as a technical advisor in the investigation of the assassination of Jose Ramon Contrera then president of Panama. Joe was credited with the actual solving of this case.

On July 10, 1957, Joe was promoted to 2nd grade Det. He was an early member of the Society and served as chairman of the reception committee of the Society and served as chairman of the reception committee of the 1958 Installation Dinner & Dance. In 1958 he was temporarily assigned to the Chief Inspectors Office. Among Joe's 12 citations, 2 have been Commendations, 6 Meritorious, and 4 Excellent Police Duty. Of course a man like Joe doesn't believe in keeping still, so there are two more pending to make a total of 14 and he still has seven more years to go in the Dept.

In Spring of 1958 Joe was appointed 2nd Vice President upon the retirement of Peter Rodriguez from the Dept. In January of 1959 he was elected 1st Vice President, which position he now holds. He is a member of the Honor Legion, PBA, Det. Endowment Ass'n., & the Holy Name Society. His hobbies include; carpentry, stamp collecting, and the collecting of empty beer cans from different parts of the world. In the field of sports, Joe loves to play softball and is looking forward to a victory at the ANNUAL PICNIC. He is still of the opinion that the Oldtimers can whip the pants of the Young-Timers, if there is enough liniment around and the boys leave their crutches home. Believe it or not Joe was a distance runner in college and captained the track team. His last race was in 1946. If there are any young fellows out there who wish to challenge Joe to a distance run, please call the 90th Sqd.

CITATION DEPARTMENT

The Society congratulates the following men for a job well done.

SGT. ALFRED F. GARCIA, Det. Bur. Boro. Hqt. Man. West:

7-6-58, arrested six youths for robbery & rape.

PTL. ANTONIO MARRERO, 25 Pct.

5-29-59, apprehended two youths fleeing from the scene of an assault and robbery.

PTL. EMANUEL A. SANTOS: Emerg. Sqd. No. 1.

7-6-58, arrested a man who had threatened another with a loaded gun and disarmed him.

DET. WILLIAM RODRIGUEZ: 47th Sqd.

8-3-58, pursued & apprehended a man who had robbed a cab driver at knife point.

DET. JOSEPH M. CONCHEIRO, 90th Sqd.

11-7-58, arrested a man who had raped a woman.

8-3-58, pursued and arrested a man fleeing the scene after committing an assault and robbery.

DET. JOSE BERMUDEZ: 7th Sqd.

1958, arrested 3 men and one woman who had committed a series of robberies on the lower east side.

DET. ANIBAL TEXIERA: 25th Sqd.

1958, arrested 2 Men who had perpetrated a homicide.

1959, arrested 7 Men who had perpetrated a homicide.

PTL. ROY NUNEZ, 105th Pct.

1958, arrested six youths who had shot another with a shot-gun & recovered other weapons.

DET. ALFRED LOPEZ: 92nd Sqd.

1958, arrested an armed extortionist who had committed a homicide the night before and did disarm him of a loaded gun which he attempted to use on officer.

1959, in company of his partner, did shoot & killed an armed robber.

DET. VINCENT SANCHEZ: 20th Sqd.

11-27-58, apprehended two men who had robbed a woman at gun point of \$2,000.00 in property.

LINE ORGANIZATION NEWS

The Society takes pleasure in announcing that it has joined the COUNCIL OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS. This council is composed of the presidents of all the line organizations in the police department.

Chairman of the organization shall be the president of one of the participating member organizations which shall be rotated monthly on an alphabetical basis.

The six original presidents shall be the charter members, but they shall not have the power of voting after the termination of their own presidency.

Each organization shall be entitled to two delegates in addition to the president, but shall only be entitled to one vote to be cast by the president of delegate representing the organization in the absence of the president.

The annual fee to retain membership in the organization shall be \$25.00.

Nothing in the rules of this organization shall have the power to dictate to the internal affairs of the participating member organizations.

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HUSBANDS & WIVES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

Sunday
May 24, 1959
7:00 P.M.

• GALA SHOW
• MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
• TICKETS INCLUDING RESERVATIONS
\$10.00 PER PERSON

• ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
TO BE PRESENTED TO
OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY

GRAND BALLROOM - ST. GEORGE HOTEL
Clark & Henry St., Bklyn.

Tickets and Reservations may be obtained by calling
1st Vice President Joseph Concheiro: ES 2-1497
Chairman Program Committee

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It is urged that all men having news that will be of interest to other members to please call PTL. VIC ORTIZ at STAGG 2-6881. This news can be in the form of promotions, citations, weddings, birthdays, deaths, retirements, transfers, etc., etc. If we have left out anything at this printing, please give us a ring and we will try to make up for it in the next edition.

PROMOTION DEPT.

We are informed that the Police Academy has started its course in police advancement. Those of you who are interested in going up the ladder should be interested in this. There are four sessions a week. MONDAY: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - THURSDAY: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Go to it boys. Before you know it the exams will be upon us. The last exam saw the Society place 12 men on the list. Let's try and double that this time.

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The Society is endeavoring to make this a memorable year. So far, profile sheets have been handed to all members who have attended the meetings this year. These are helpful in the selecting of men for the proper assignments. It is urged that all men who attend the coming meetings ask for one. Another step forward was the printing of the Society's Constitution. By the printing of this edition, most of the membership will have received theirs.

LOCAL NEWS

ON FEBRUARY 29, 1959, the Society held its first Husband & Wife dance in the Club La Nacional, 239 W. 14th St. Approximately 100 members and their wives attended this gala affair. Everything was free. Over 300 sandwiches were consumed by the happy couples. Somewhere along the line one keg of beer, 30 boxes of pretzels and potato chips, sodas, and scotch, bourbon & rye disappeared in a matter of hours. Door prizes were won by three lucky ladies. For those of you who did not attend, make sure that it doesn't happen again. The gang had a terrific time. Feature of the night was G. CALDERON'S dancing. The boy could really make a living at it. It was nice to see such new faces as Det. NAVARRO of B.O.S.S., Ptl. MARTINEZ of B'klyn Warrant Sqd., Det. QUINTANA of 68 Sqd. etc., etc. Much of the success of this affair can be contributed to Ptl. BERRIOS, our able Master at Arms who had the task of making the ham sandwiches that the ladies were so crazy about. Not to be forgotten are Mrs. ALVAREZ, Wife of Ptl. JOE ALVAREZ; who contributed her time unselfishly. I noticed that not one of her tuna fish sandwiches were left at the end of the evening. Our hats off also to JOE for his fine cooperation. Our thanks also to Det. MANUEL MENENDEZ 41 Sqd. who secured the hall for us GRATIS.

All in all it was a terrific evening, and so successful that at the discretion of the executive body these affairs shall be held more often in the near future.

• We hear that Ptl. ANTHONY ROMANO 30 Pct. is back on his feet after being hospitalized with a back injury caused by a cab striking the rear of the radio car he was patrolling in... Ptl. ANTHONY LOPEZ 103 Pct. assigned to Detective Bureau, it couldn't happen to a nicer guy... Congratulations to Det. GEORGE RANNIE, Narc. Sqd. on his promotion to 1st Grade... Is it true that JIMMY VILLAFANA 23 Sqd. finally got the well deserved promotion to 2nd grade... The grape vine also tells us that AMADOR SANTIAGO 42 Sqd. has been promoted to 2nd grade. This is one fellow who is really going up fast. What's the Secret of your success AMADOR?... Our sincere condolences to Ptl. RALPH UGARTI 90 Pct. on the death of his father. The Society mourns the death of Ptl. RALPH ESTRADA 1st Div. RALPH leaves behind a wife and three children. Any member who wishes to contribute anything to his wife, Please Contact Det. THOMAS MARTINO at FA 5-9170.