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PRESIDENT

PTL. GEORGE GARCIA

WELCOMES YOU TO

THE



3RD ANNUAL

HUSBANDS & WIVES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 1960

7:00 PM

- GALA SHOW
- MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
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- COP OF THE MONTH -

AS INTERVIEWED BY PTL. ORTIZ



Sgt. JOSEPH R. SUAREZ, 25TH DET. SQD. - Born in Havana, Cuba, on April 28, 1910, and brought to the U.S. at the early age of 3 where his parents settled in St. Louis, Mo. Having received his early education in St. Louis, he entered Baltimore, Maryland, Polytechnic Institute where he majored in mechanical engineering.

"JOE" is also a graduate of the "Security & Methods Course", which deals with the safeguarding, transportation, and handling of atomic energy material and the investigation of persons coming in contact with such material. "JOE'S" contribution to the World War II effort was of such a delicate nature, that in the opinion of the editor it cannot be divulged at this time, but we can say that he served his country outstandingly well.

In December of 1943 "JOE" took the former Edith Noll as his bride. Since then, Alexandria, Virginia, hasn't seen as beautiful an Irish lass as was seen that day in that state.

In September of 1938 he was appointed to the Police Department and has served well and efficiently for the past 22 years. The people of New York City can well be proud of this public servant. His first assignment was foot patrol in the 46 Pct. He remained there for approximately 2 years and hence was transferred to the "Detective Division" in the summer of 1940. Out of this promotion he was assigned to "Special Squad One" where he remained till 1946; and then transferred to the 23 Pct. Det. Sq. Because of his excellent work he was promoted to Det. 2nd Grade in 1950, and five months later, he was again promoted to Detective 1st grade.

In March of 1953 "JOE" took the big step and donned his Sergeants chevrons. This promotion followed a transfer to the now extinct 26 Pct. Shortly thereafter in the latter part of 1953, he received another promotion assigned as Second Whip in the 25th Sqd. He was again promoted, and this time to Acting Lieutenant of Det's.

Among his many citations he lists 3 Commendations, 2 Meritorious Police Duty, and 10 Excellent Police Duty for a grand total of 15.

Among his many exploits - In 1947 and again in 1948, he arrested a total of 3 women who were performing criminal abortions... He was commended in 1948 for apprehending a man who had brutally assaulted, kidnapped, robbed and raped a woman.... In 1947, after diligent investigation he did arrest a youth who had shot & killed another... 1949 saw "Joe" apprehend 3 men who had shot and seriously wounded another... In 1952 he arrested an escaped criminal from the state of Georgia & only after a furious struggle in which he emerged victorious, was he able to subdue the man... The same year saw him effect the arrest of a gang of narcotic pushers... In 1954 he received 2 more citations for locating & arresting 2 criminals who had committed an armed robbery, & for the arrest of 3 youths who had brutally stabbed & killed an elderly

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PTL. ECHEVARRIA, Man. West and PTL. ROLDAN, 34 Pct. Grand prizes were won by DET. GEORGE BERMUDEZ, Nar. Bur., and his Mrs. PTL. RENE ZAPATA S.F.S. and his Mrs. and MRS. JOHN ACOSTA. Judges for the dance contest were: Mr. Correa of "La Prensa", and Dist. Attorney Colon Martinez, here on visit from P.R.... Our grateful appreciation is extended to MRS. TEXIERA, MRS. ALVAREZ, MRS. GARCIA, MRS. ROLDAN, AND MRS. ORTIZ for their cooperation in making this affair the success that it was. Also, we must thank DET. MANUEL MENENDEZ 41 Sqd. who secured the Club for us at no expense to the Society... It was gratifying to see so many new faces. This is your club, fellas. You make it what it is!

PS: LET'S NOT FORGET THE SERGEANT'S EXAMINATION.... Now is the time to start studying for it!

Your Society has taken great strides this year. Evidence of this was the establishment of a \$100 Death Benefit—the great increase in membership—the progress towards the scholarship that will soon become a reality. All members & non-members are advised that to be eligible for these benefits, the Society needs their full cooperation. ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP? Victor called this in Saturday

CURRENT STATISTICS

From the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which is freely "Associated State" of U.S. citizens; and not a territory or possession, we received the following information from the Attorney General.

The Police Department in P.R., has prepared a crime rate bulletin comparing the crime ratio in P.R. with that of the 48 states. It is interesting to note that while the crime rate in P.R. is 705.2 per 100,000 inhabitants, in the U.S., the crime rate is 896.9. This is to say that there were 21.4% less crimes in P.R. In N.Y. State the crime ratio for the same period was 942.1 per every 100,000 inhabitants, and to this may we add that 28 states in the Union had higher crime rates than P.R.

It can also be noted that during a survey held in 1959 by Mr. Edgar W. Brewer, Director of Juvenile Problems of the Department of Education, Health & Federal Well Being, that during 1957 only 2% of the population classified as juveniles got into mischief. This, considering the fact that persons under 18 years of age are considered juveniles. During the same year the juvenile delinquency rate in the U.S. rose to 7.7% or close to 4 times that of P.R. (KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AMIGOS).

HOW TO BE PERFECTLY MISERABLE

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself
3. Use "I" as often as possible.
4. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
5. Expect to be appreciated.
6. Be jealous and envious.
7. Be sensitive to slights.
8. Never forgive a criticism.
9. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
10. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.

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CITATION DEPARTMENT

DET. ADOLPH VILLAFANA - Nar. Bur.

1. Through a chain reaction of arrest, did arrest 7 men for possession of narcotics. Among them being 3 distributors and 2 wholesalers; and did confiscate 4 lbs. of pure heroin and a revolver.

2. Did effect the arrest of a woman involved in a New York-Chicago syndicate & confiscated from her person 25 ounces of heroin. This arrest led to the apprehension of 4 others with a total possession of 75 ounces of heroin.

DET. ALFRED MORENO - 81 Sqd.

After investigation, did arrest a man who had shot another fatally. Defendant attempted to escape and had to be shot by officer.

DET. JIMMY VILLAFANA - 23 Sqd.

Did assist in apprehending 2 men who had shot & killed a fellow officer "PTL. MICHAEL TALKOWSKY" of the 23 Pct. patrol force.

DET. ANIBAL TEXIERA - 25th Sqd.

Did apprehend 7 youths who had perpetrated a homicide.

DET. JOSEPH CONCHIERO - 90 Sqd.

1. Did effect the arrest of a man who had committed an assault and robbery.

2. Did effect the arrest of 2 youths who had committed a sex offense against a retarded 5 year old child.

3. Did effect the arrest of a man who had committed a series of armed robberies.

4. Did effect the arrest of a youth in possession of a loaded gun who moments earlier had tried to use same on officers.

DET. VINCENT SANCHEZ - 20 Sqd.

Did arrest a man who had committed a series of armed robberies and after a furious struggle did disarm him of 2 fully loaded guns.

PTL. VICTOR J. ORTIZ, B.C.I.

Apprehended a man who had moments earlier shot another man and after a furious struggle did disarm him of a fully loaded gun which he attempted to use on officer.

PTL. RAMON RODRIGUEZ - C.O.B.S.

Did effect the arrest of a man who had committed an assault & robbery and did disarm him of a deadly weapon which he had used to perpetrate the crime.

PTL. LOUIS A. PALAU - 79th Pct.

Apprehended a male who just committed an armed robbery and who then did fire 2 shots at the officer before being subdued and relieved of a loaded gun.

PTL. JOSEPH CRUZ - 19th Pct.

Did effect the arrest of 2 men who were conspiring to commit an armed robbery and after a furious struggle did disarm them of a fully loaded gun.

PTL. FRANK G. ARENA - 20 Pct.

Apprehended 2 men for possession and sale of narcotics.

HOW TO BE PERFECTLY MISERABLE - continued

11. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
12. Shirk your duties if you can.
13. Do as little as possible for others.
14. Love yourself supremely.
15. Be selfish.

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woman... 1956 saw "Joe" receive TWO MORE MEDALS for arresting three youths who had committed a fatal stabbing & an assault and robbery; also for the arrest of a man who had criminally raped and strangled a woman on a roof-top... Again in 1959 he solved another homicide with the arrest of 2 suspects one of which had perpetrated the crime... In 1958 he participated in the arrest of two dangerous convicts who had escaped from jail in another state, & in 1959 he broke up a ring of kid burglars who were taught and guided by an ex-convict in the Modus Operandi of how to be burglars.

It can be noted that JOE'S first citation came after NINE years on the job, and at the age of 37. His life story in the Department is a good argument for those critics who claim that this is a young man's job. After 22 yrs., he has the vitality and looks of a man of 30. Among his hobbies he lists—Bowling, Canasta & Traveling, in that order. He is a member of the St. George Society, Square Club, Detectives Endowment Assn, Honor Legion & the Sgt's. Benevolent Association. The day the good Sgt. elects to retire, along with the thanks of the Department will go a round of applause from the people of the City of N.Y. for one of New York's Finest...

QUOTES TO REMEMBER

LIVE FOR SOMETHING

Do some good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year: you will never be forgotten. Your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you will leave behind as the stars on the brow of the evening. Good deeds shine as the stars of Heaven.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

It is well for us to remember that this America of ours is the product of no single race or creed or class. Men and women - your fathers and mine - came here from the far corners of the earth with beliefs that widely varied. And yet each, in his own way, laid his own special gift upon our national altar to enrich our national life. From the gift that each has given, all have gained.

I like to think of our country as one home in which the interest of each member is bound up with the happiness of all. We ought to know, by now, that the welfare of your family or mine cannot be bought at the sacrifice of our neighbor's family; that our well-being depends, in the long run, upon the well being of our neighbors. The good neighbor idea - as we are trying to practice it in international relationships - needs to be put into practice in our community relationships. When it is, we may discover that the road to understanding and fellowship is also the road to a spiritual awakening. At our neighbor's fireside we may find new fuel for the fires of faith at our own hearthside.

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LOCAL NEWS

ON NOVEMBER 1959, the Society elected its new slate for the coming year. The executive body pledges to do everything in its power to advance Spanish American understanding and friendly relations among its members and the people of the City of New York. Our many thanks for the full cooperation demonstrated by the membership of the dance of November 27, 1959, at the Manhattan Center. It proved to be our most successful affair to date. Approximately 1,800 friends and relatives gathered for this affair and danced to the happy tunes of Charlie Palmieri and Machito. May it be said at this time that much of the success of our Society to date can be credited to men like Ptl. ERIC SEISE, 30 Pct., our able treasurer. Also Ptl. DAVID VELEZ, L.D.S., Executive Secretary and now 1st Vice President. Their unselfish devotion to our Society deserves a round of applause from all. They have carried a heavy burden with a smile throughout their tenures of office. On December 21, 1959, a \$150.00 check was presented to the chairman of the CASITA MARIA at formal ceremonies held at Police Headquarters.... President GEORGE GARCIA, 44 Pct. presented a bag of toys in behalf of the Society to the EL DIARIO newspaper for their Annual Christmas Party for the poor children of the 7th Div., on the new additions to their families.... Did anyone know that we have two captains in our Society? The honors go to Ptl. STEVE VEVE, 40 Pct., who is a reserve pilot in the U.S.A.F., and also one of the hottest pilots around. STEVE has an enviable World War II record... And how about Det. RICARDO SANTIAGO, 87 Sqd. who is a captain in the U.S. Army and who also doesn't have to take a back seat when it comes to the honors department... Congratulations to Ptl. ANTONIO MARRERO, Man. West on his transfer. You really deserved it Tony... Of course Ptl. JOHN ACOSTA, 28 Pct. continues making good arrests. His latest nearly ended up in a gun duel with a man who had committed a robbery that same day. Johnny believes in doing his job quietly but efficiently... It's nice to see a fellow like ADOLPH VILLAFANA, Nar. Bureau get promoted to 1st Grade Det... His brother, Det. JIMMY VILLAFANA, 23 Sqd. also got a promotion to 2nd Grade. The same applies to Det. HECTOR VELEZ, Man. Dist. Att's. Squad who also made 2nd grade. It couldn't happen to two nicer guys... We are sorry to hear that Ptl. RALPH GONZALEZ, Man. West, has resigned from the force. RALPH is now residing in P.R.... Bon voyage to Sgt. HENRY BENAVIDES, Brooklyn East on his retirement... The Society grieves with Ptl. JOSEPH ROMAN, 7th Division on the death of his beloved brother.... The Exec. Body is making plans for the picnic at one of the State Parks. Let's get in shape boys... I think this is the year for the Old-Timers to win their game... For those men who picked summer vacations don't forget that applications for the Police Camp can be submitted after April 23. Anyone desiring further info on this matter, please come to the next meeting... LIEUT. STEVE VALLE transferred to the 30 Pct. He should be made captain any day now. PTL. JUAN CARRION, 7th Division transferred to the 41 Pct.... On January 30, 1960, a Husband & Wife Party was held for the membership at the Club La Nacional. The response was larger than expected and a great time was had by all. Besides FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES, the highlights of the evening were the singing and recitations by

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