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7. Det. C. Caban, Nar. Bur., Master of Arms

Missing Pix: Det. A. Texiera, M.A. - 25 Sqd.
Ptl. P. Roldan, Sec'y. - 34 Pct.

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CAPT. STEPHEN VALLE, Man. South, and to LIEUT. ALFREDO GARCIA, Youth Sqd.... Other promotions went to our public relations man DET. HENRY TORRES, D.C.C.R., Det. JOSEPH SOLIS, 82 Sqd. to 2nd grade, Ptl. AMADO GALLO to P.B. Rich., Ptl. J. MATAMORROS to 1st Div., Ptl. JULIO COLON to 4th Div.

The present list of new members include Ptl. ANDRE ORTIZ, 13th Pct., Ptl. GILBERT CINTRON 23 Pct., Ptl. ANGELO RODRIGUEZ, 26 Pct., Ptl. CARLOS TORRES, 28 Pct., Ptl. LOUIS TOURELLAS, 30 Pct., Ptl. HUMBERTO ARROYO, 42 Pct., Ptl. HENRY CORDES, 84 Pct., Ptl. GILBERTO YARGAS, 41 Pct., & Ptl. JOSE RAAD, 13th Pct.

Sorry to see the Arthur Murray of the Society leave us. Ptl. GENE CALDERON J.A.B., was appointed by Mayor WAGNER to fill a post in the office of Intergroup Relations. I would like to take this opportunity to say that GENE was one of the founders of our Society... Among our many friends, MR. EDWIN TORRES, Assist. Dist. Attorney New York County, has resigned his post to go into private practice. Good luck from all of us ED... Good arrest by Ptl. VICTOR ACEVEDO, 43 Pct., who arrested five men who attacked him with a knife necessitating the shooting on one... Congratulations to the following guys and dolls on the addition to their families: Ptl. & Mrs. DAVID VELEZ, LOUIS VALLEJO, JOHN SERRALES, ANIBAL TEXIERAS.

Our thanks to Ptl. JOSEPH SANTOS, 7th Pct., for his public relations work in behalf of the Society...

A message from your President...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for electing me to a second term in office. I am proud to be one of you and to have you on my team. As I promised at the beginning of my term one year ago, many changes have been made and all for the benefit of the membership and the community.

Among the highlights of the year were:

- A profit making Installation Dinner
- A profit making Annual Dance
- Reduction of dues to \$5.00
- Free Club party in January 1960
- Free Club party in October 1960
- Presentation of Trophy to Police Academy
- Membership increased 300%
- Attendance of Gov. Munoz Marin of P. R.
- Doubling of the treasury
- Establishment of the Scholarship Fund
- Establishment of Flower Fund
- Death Benefit Fund of \$200 regular death and \$300 line of duty.

These are just a few of the things accomplished by your 1960 Executive Body which I was proud to be part of. However, this is another year and we must not become complacent. You, as a member, are entitled to many benefits and more shall be added. Don't be left out. Join the team... WE NEED YOU!

PTL. GEORGE GARCIA



Awards presented for heroism during 1960 by Mayor Wagner in behalf of "El Diario" newspaper. Left to Right: Mr. Stanley Ross (Editor of El Diario), Ptl. G. Garcia (President, Hispanic Society), Mayor Wagner, Det. Adolph Villafane, Ptl. Vic Ortiz, Det. Alfred Lopez and Det. Joseph Conchiero (1959 Recipient.)

LIEUT. ALFREDO GARCIA - Youth Div.

1. After investigation, did arrest a man who had raped a 10 year old child.

2. Did effect the arrest of eleven youths who had congregated for a gang fight, and did disarm one of the youths of a loaded zip gun and knife.

DET. LOUIS A. BLAZQUEZ - 34 Sqd.

After investigation, did effect the arrest of a youth who had fatally stabbed a 14 year old boy.

DET. JOSEPH CONCHIERO - 90 Sqd.

After investigation, arrested six men who had stolen the contents of four trucks and were responsible for the larceny of a quantity of imported oil.

DET. EDWARD COLON - 82 Sqd.

After investigation, arrested three men for the fatal shooting of a store-keeper during the course of an armed robbery.

DET. HENRY IRARDY - 78 Sqd.

After investigation, arrested a man who had fatally beaten another.

DET. GEORGE BERMUDEZ - Nar. Sqd.

After investigation, did participate in the arrest of three men who had fatally shot a store-keeper during the course of an armed robbery.

DET. PETER MUNIZ - Bklyn. Hom. Sqd.

After investigation, did effect the arrest of a man who had killed another.

DET. ISABEL BARBER - Nar. Sqd.

After investigation, did effect the arrest of a man and woman who were committing criminal abortions.

PTL. JOSEPH MATAMORROS - 1st Div.

Pursued and apprehended a burglar. The prisoner had a long criminal record.

PTL. HENRY ACOSTA - P.A.

Submitted information which led to the arrest of a woman who was defrauding aliens under pretense of obtaining legal status in this country.

DET. ALEX CUESTA - 24th Sqd.

After investigation, arrested three men who had committed an armed robbery.

DET. ANIBAL TEXIERA - 25 Sqd.

After investigation, did assist in the arrest of three men who had committed a fatal shooting.

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AS INTERVIEWED BY
PTL. VIC. ORTIZ



DET. GEORGE BERMUDEZ, Nar. Bur. BORN in Brooklyn, N.Y., March 19, 1934, the son of Mr. & Mrs. FELIPE BERMUDEZ, formerly of Vieques, Culebra, a little island of the coast of Puerto Rico. GEORGE attended schools in Brooklyn, graduating from Brooklyn High School of Auto trades.

GEORGE married the charming and beautiful Dolores Colon on 6/22/52, who since has blessed their household with two children; Richard 3 and Chris 2.

He was appointed to the P.D. on 7/1/55 and after his recruit training was assigned to the 17th Pct. He remained there until 10/11/56, and then transferred to the Nar. Bur. GEORGE was quickly promoted to 3rd grade Det. on 12/11/56 and with good reason. The Legendary exploits of George have demanded the last measure of courage and endurance that can be exacted from any police officer. His life in his chosen profession has been a great episode if not a great classic. Sometimes he asks himself, "how did this happen to me", but to his few intimates they know that he wouldn't have it any other way.

Among his many exploits, George, acting as an undercover agent in 1957, was instrumental in the arrest of 41 persons for violations of the Narcotic laws. This arrest broke up a major ring of dope pushers on the lower east side. Not stopping here, he was commended by the Staten Island Dist. Attorney and the Grand Jury for his undercover work and the ultimate arrest of a Boro wide ring of dope pushers totaling 23 persons all of which had long criminal records. George struck again on April of 1959, and this time in Manhattan where again he broke up an organized ring of narcotic distributors in the Upper East side of Manhattan.

In 1959, with information supplied by the 7th Det. Sqd. and in conjunction with Det's. assigned to the case, he assisted in the arrest of the notorious Schickler killers. For this tremendous bit of slueing he was promoted to 2nd grade Detective. Without the work of George and his brother in law, Det. EDDIE COLON, 82nd Sqd., this case would not have been brought to justice as fast as it did. In all, 3 killers were brought to justice and another case was closed due to George's efforts. Again in 1959, George in company of another Spanish Detective did break up one of the biggest drug rings in the Boro of Queens. In all, a total of 17 persons were arrested and given long jail sentences. All of the prisoners had long criminal records. With his reputation spreading more and more as the man of many faces, he was assigned to clean up an organized ring of beat-nik dope pushers in the Greenwich Village section of N.Y. After many months of investigation and undercover work as a beat-nik he did effect the arrest of 14 dope pushers and being given the official title of BEAT-NIK Cop. While acting his role out he passed himself off as a poet. His poems have become a legend to the extent that they were published in the Daily News under the title of "A Junkies Woe". The Armstrong Circle Theater thought

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Grand Ballroom-St. George Hotel

Clark & Henry St. - Brooklyn

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CHARLIE PALMIERI & LATIN SEXTET**



Prominent guest at the 1960 Installation Dinner were Gov. Luis Muñoz Marín, Governor of Puerto Rico (center) and guest of honor Rev. Martinez. Also present, Pres. & Mrs. George Garcia & your Editor Vic Ortiz.

- Gala Show
- Many Distinguished Guests
- Tickets including reservations \$10.00 per person

● Annual Achievement Award to be presented to outstanding civic leader Mr. J. Monserrat Dir. of Commonwealth of P.R.

TICKETS & RESERVATIONS may be obtained by calling Ptl. G. GARCIA, CY 5-2097 - Ptl. D. VELEZ, TE 1-0487 - or Det. J. RIVERA, IL 7-7699.

LOCAL NEWS

November 5, 1960 rang the curtain down on the most successful year this organization has enjoyed to date. The profit of \$2000.00 made this the most successful affair to date. Because of the accomplishments of 1960, the general membership re-elected PTL. GEORGE GARCIA to another term in office. From this point of view, it is well deserved for a job well done. Gone from the scene are PTL. DAVID VELEZ L.D.S., who as 1st Vice president did a tremendous job. Dave devoted 2 years to his Society and his accomplishments will not shortly be forgotten....

New faces on the horizon are DET. HECTOR VELEZ D.A.O., who was elected to the 1st Vice presidency, DET. JOHN RIVERA, B.O.S.S., to the second Vice Presidency, and DET. CHARLES CABAN, Nar. Bur. as Master at Arms. Needless to say, these three new entries have been staunch supporters of the Society from the beginning and their loyalty to the organization has been demonstrated in many ways.... \$100.00 donations were presented to the Pamela C. Torres Child Care Center. Pamela is the deceased daughter of the present Assistant Dist. Attorney, Bronx County and whose grand-father is the prominent New York Assembly Mr. Felipe Torres. A donation was also made to the Forsyth Street Nativity Mission which is run by Father Walter Janer, the only P.R. Jesuit Priest in N.Y.C. His is a day care center for children of all faiths and nationalities.... The Aggregate Individual Pistol trophy which was presented by the Society was won by PTL. MICHAEL RAKONSKI of Range No. 9 - Dec. 10, the club held its 2nd Husband & Wife affair of the year. Approximately 150 happy members attended with their spouses. Door prizes were won by PTL. RAAD, 13th Pct. & Mrs. Genevieve ARROYO... The novelty dance contest went to the popular BEAT-NIK cop DET. GEORGE BERMUDEZ and Mrs. Bermudez. The "Charanga" contest was taken by DET. ALEX CUESTA - 24 Sqd., and the radiant Mrs. ANITA ACOSTA. The final contest of the evening, the Cha-Cha, was copied by Mr. & Mrs. LOUIS GONZALEZ, Mr. Gonzalez is one of the few Puerto Ricans in the Federal Narcotic Bureau. Of course the judge for the evening was the ERNEST HEMINGWAY of La Prensa, MR. MIKE CORREA. Thanks for your cooperation Mike.

Last but not least, that gorgeous and delectable table loaded down with all kinds of goodies was due to the hard work of Det. RENE MORENO - 7th Sqd.... Promotions for the year went to

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so much of George's Village escapades, that the story itself was put on Television. Among his other arrests he managed to learn the sign language to effect the arrest of 4 deaf and dumb mutes, who were selling dope. It may be said that he has made hundreds of Narcotic purchases as an undercover agent, and through his undercover work many more have been arrested. His most recent bit of work involved the arrest of a Cuban nationalist with 200 lbs. of Marijuana in the Bronx.

He has been commended by the U.S. Secret Service for his help in breaking up a gang of counterfeiters all of which had long criminal records. He has also been commended by the Water Front Commission, Port Authority, U.S. Federal Nar. Bur., and also by law enforcement agencies in Puerto Rico. Our BEAT-NIK COP has to his credit many other exploits that because of security reasons, cannot be divulged at this time.

Among his hobbies, GEORGE lists writing poetry and carving modem abstracts and curios. He is a member of the Hispanic Society P.B.A., Holy Name Society and of course, the Honor Legion.