

HISTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

CRESCENT CITY LODGE #2

A brief history of the Fraternal Order of Police, Crescent City Lodge #2 compiled by Gus Krinke, Past President.

In 1915, the life of a policeman was bleak. In many communities they were forced to work 12 hour days, 365 days a year. Police officers didn't like it, but there was little they could do to change their working conditions. They were no organizations to make their voices heard, nor other means to make their grievances known.

This soon changed thanks to the courage and wisdom of two Pittsburg police officers. Martin Toole and Delbert Nagle knew they must first organize police officers, like other labor interests, if they were to be successful in making life better for themselves and their fellow police officers. They and 21 others "who were willing to take a chance" met on May 14, 1915 and held the first meeting of the Fraternal Order of Police.

And so it began, a tradition of police officers representing police officers. The Fraternal Order of Police was given life by two dedicated police officers determined to better their profession and those who choose to protect and serve our communities, our States and our Country.

The Crescent City Lodge was formed in 1952 and William 'Bill' Stevens was chosen to be the the Lodge President.

In 1953, the first election was held and Eldred Paternostro was the first elected Lodge President.

The members of Paternostro's Board of Directors were:

Eldred Paternostro, President; Louie Sirgo; Joe Williams; Joe Giarrusso; Ernie Simoneaux; Connie Drumm; Alois Hirt; Bill Stevens; Adolph Meyerhefer; Bob Berriere; Ike Foster; and, Frank Locasico.

The Crescent City Lodge was chartered on August 4, 1954 and the newly elected officers were as listed, serving for the year 1954:

President	Joseph I Giarrusso
1 st Vice President	Ernest M. Simoneaux, Sr.
2 nd Vice President	Joseph Williams
Financial Secretary	Louie Sirgo
Recording Secretary	Cornelius (Connie) Drumm
Treasurer	Frank Locasio
Conductor	Harold "Ike" Foster
Inner Guard	Robt. Barrere, Jr.
Outer Guard	Edward M. Reuther
Chaplain	Alois Hirt
Trustees	William J. McNamara William Stevens Adolph Meyerhefer

Other charter members included:

Jay Sedgebeer
Lionel Estopinal
William Moore
Frank A. Marullo, Sr.
Larry Hand
John Delpuget

John Weber
Harold "Hap" Giarrusso
James Auondel
August Maureau
John Zarinski
J.E. Gray
Warren Bonano
Raymond Aldrich
Fred Chateau
Louis Moore
Paul Schreiber
Thomas Brooks
Joe Schiro
Raoul Roques
W. J. Blumstein
Alfred A. Theriot, Sr.
Albert Blancher

The 1955 Board of Directors of the Crescent City Lodge #2 of the Fraternal Order of Police were:

President	Lt. Raymond Ruiz
Financial Secretary	Sgt. Frank Locasico
First Vice President	Det. Joe Williams
Second Vice President	Sgt. Connie Drumm
Treasurer	Det. William Stevens
Conductor	Ptn. Ike Foster
Trustee	Ptn. Albert Lanne
Outer Guard	Sgt. Ira Austin
Inner Guard	Ptn. Hebert Barrere
Recording Secretary	Sgt. Albertine Blum
Trustee	Major William McNamara
Trustee	Ptn. Clarence Giarrusso
Chaplain	Ptn. Charles Recknagel

The first two non-police personnel awarded Honorary Membership to the Crescent City Lodge #2 were:

Col. Jimmy Roos and Rudolph Becker, Sr.

The first National Trustee for the Crescent City Lodge #2 was “Connie” Drumm.

The final surviving Charter Member was “Hap” Giarrusso, who