

I recently purchased a number of illegals and floor sweepings from a lady in Chicago. Her father was a hustler in the Chicago area and picked the chips up in his ramblings. Many of them going back to the 1930's Chez Patee, a major illegal operation in Chicago. As you will read the Gore & Kaye Inc chips are not from what I call from the "Era Of The Illegals." The raid came 10 years after the era ended. In Chicago so called "Charity" gambling followed the "Era Of The Illegals." It was rampant in the area and most of the profits went to the operators with small amounts to the charities.

Charity gambling is still going on in Chicago but is now legit companies with profits going to the charities. I have a good friend that operates charity gambling mostly in Holiday Inns last time I talked to him.

Gore and Kaye Inc was a gambling supply company began in the 1940's. They sold and rented equipment to the Illegals, illegal charity operators, and finally to the legal charity operators.

Actual chips leased in the charity operations. They are injected molded clay/plastic chips but I have no clue who made them or when they were made. They do not go back to the Jack Todd diamond mold era.



Gore and Kaye1att2

The set is 5 chips. Two are \$1 chips and one is a \$5. Not sure what denom the other 2 are. I bought 5 odd chips, one each for the "Illegal Of The Day" research team.



Gore and Kay2att2

Thanks to our "Friend Of The Hobby" for the following research.

Gore & Kaye was started in the 1940's by Clarence Gore and Stanley Kaye. They rented and sold gambling and carnival equipment.

My note: Gore and Kaye would have been suppliers to the Chicago illegal operators until they were forced to close. Some of those operators moved into the illegal charity gambling. Looks like Gore & Kaye are still in business today.

Gore died in 1976 and Kaye in 1994 but the business appears to have continued in operation. In 2008 Gore & Kaye was described as a "wholesale distributor of charitable gaming supplies."

Gore & Kaye's place of business was raided in 1971:

Cops Seize Gambling Supplies

Police last night raided the warehouse of the state's first legally licensed bingo supply company and confiscated a huge cache of illegal gambling supplies, including \$4.5 million worth of Puerto Rican lottery tickets.

Four men were arrested in the raid, including the two owners of the Gore-Kaye Supply Co., 1459 N. Milwaukee Av.

Bingo Law Takes Effect

The owners of the company, Clarence Gore, 60, of 1412 W. Chestnut St., and Stanley Kaye, 54, of 3459 N. Albany Av., hold the first state license issued by the Illinois Department of Revenue for distribution of bingo supplies.

The law legalizing bingo, which went into effect at midnight last night, was passed earlier this year.

Lt. Michael O'Donnell of the police intelligence division led the raid on the supply company when his men saw Gabriel Valentin, 44, of 2016 W. Potomac Av., leave the warehouse with \$50,000 worth of the illegal Puerto Rican lottery tickets, called Boli-Pul.

Seize Roulette Wheels

In the warehouse, police seized the lottery tickets, roulette wheels, blackjack tables and other gambling devices, and found a basement repair shop for roulette wheels.

The fourth man arrested, Chester Malecki, 52, of 4629 N. Shakespeare Av., a clerk at the warehouse, was charged with being a writer of horse bets. Gore, Kaye and Valentin were charged with syndicated gambling. All four men are scheduled to appear Oct. 8 in Central District Court.

O'Donnell said his men could not seize the bingo supplies because of the law change at midnight.

Gore and Kaye3att2

My note: It sure looks like they had illegal chips at one time. Hopefully they will turn up. Today's legal casino's sometimes rent chips. The Palms rented chips from Gamblers General Store for pre-opening Play Days in 2001.

In 1985 Chicago police began cracking down on "Las Vegas Nights" charity gambling and sent notice to companies like Gore & Kaye which rented supplies for the events to stop doing so or face arrest and confiscation of property. Kaye was quoted in an article about it:

Samuel Kaye of Gore & Kaye Inc., 1459 Milwaukee Ave., said he has rented gaming equipment for 40 years without police interference, but he was philosophical Wednesday.

"If we get a letter from the police, we will review it," Kaye said. "Maybe we'll have to have a bonfire."

Gore and Kaye4att2

Kaye's obit from 1994:

Stanley Kaye, Carnival Game Supplier

Chicago Sun-Times - Saturday, May 7, 1994

Readability: 5-6 grade level (Lexile: 940L)

Stanley Kaye, 77, who helped Chicago area organizations and churches raise money by furnishing them with carnival equipment, died Thursday in Evanston Hospital.

Mr. Kaye was president of Gore & Kaye Inc., 1459 N. Milwaukee, a company he co-founded with the late Clarence Gore more than half a century ago.

Gore & Kaye started as a distributor of general merchandise while also leasing bingo and carnival supplies. As bingo grew in popularity, the company began selling equipment as well, adding pull-tab games and prizes to its supply list.

Mr. Kaye was a lifelong Chicagoan who grew up on the West Side. He belonged to a number of Polish organizations, including the Chicago Society and Copernicus Foundation.

He leaves his wife, Leona; a daughter, Veronica Marotta; two sons, John and Michael; a sister, Rose Kozlik; a brother Ben Kozlik, and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today and Sunday in Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Services will be at 8 a.m. Monday at the chapel. Mass will follow in St. John Cantius Catholic Church, 825 N. Carpenter. Burial will be in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, 6800 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

Gore and Kaye5att2

My note: The 5 chip sets are going to be hitting the hobby sooner or later. They could have been used in the Chicago illegal charity years but maybe only in the legal charity years. IMO, they were not used or even made before the end of the "Era Of The Illegals." At least now you know "The Rest Of The Story."

