

I got this record card way back when. I did not have the chips.  
2 of these was offered on the BB 10 days or so back. I missed them but a friend got them and passed one on to me. I wanted it mainly because I had a hunch about the initials on it and once again the name on the card looked "Illegal." <g>

The reason I wanted it for the initials is, I think they stand for American Veterans Lodge. I have several chips with AMC that I know stand for American Veterans Club. Many AM Vets clubs/lodges were fronts for locals gambling operations. Chartered AM Vets/BPOE's/ Moose Lodges/Eagles enjoyed animintity from most police raids and operators took advantage of that. I know as well as I am typing this, I am right. Sadly I can not prove it in this case.

Hunches have been good to me in the past. I have been looking for a chip with BHV on it for years. The ID has been laying in my top drawer on the back of a free Fiesta buffet coupon for 14 years. Find me one and I will give you the name. Be alert you KY/OH Boys! <g>

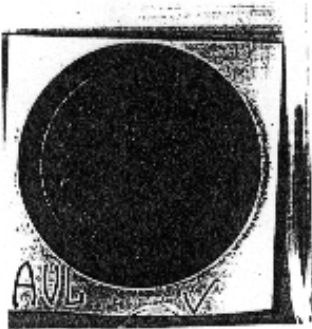
Enough of that:

New York:

AVL



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Tinny Lombardo,  
72 Joslyn Place,  
Rochester, New York  
1000P-500Y-100G-

NewStyle Monogram "AVL" in  
gold



Unfortunately the research failed to turn up a Club name for the chip but it did turn up a lot of history from 1920's thru 1950.

No date on the card but the buyer did not live at that address after 1936. We have no Club name for Tinny until the late 1940's and that would be stretching it.

Here is the research on Tinny. From 1924 at the Mayflower Social Club ( too early for the chips) thru being a bigtime boxing promoter and finally indicted for operating Newman's Lake House in Saratoga Springs.

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Anthony "Tinny" V. Lombardo, died while a resident of Rochester during the summer of 1950, age 54 (Tinny: say "Anthony" with a certain accent, then drop the first syllable).

72 Joslyn Place was his residential address in 1936, but not afterwards, so the chip must date sometime from around 1936 or before. In his early 20's Lombardo was the proprietor of a pool room. For many years he was ostensibly involved in the wholesale cigar business.

In the late 1940's he became a boxing promoter in Rochester and was the owner of the Exchange Athletic Club. He died suddenly after becoming ill while attending the races at Saratoga.

A year after his death, a Saratoga County, NY special grand jury named Lombardo as a co-conspirator with Gerard King and others who were indicted as operators of Newman's Lake House at Saratoga Spa (the conspiracy charge had to do with accepting bets). Exactly what Lombardo's relation to King or Newman's Lake House was I don't know.

Here's an article from 1924; Lombardo is president of a small club, Mayflower Social Club, in the back of a cigar store where liquor and gambling devices are found:

# RAID ON CLUB NETS SMALL LIQUOR HAUL

## U. S. Men Seize Rum and Two Men in 2 Other Places.

A small quantity of whisky and several gambling devices were seized yesterday by Federal Prohibition agents in the Mayflower Social Club in West avenue, one of three places visited by the agents. The so-called club is in a small room in back of a cigar store in the brick building at West avenue and Garfield street. Less than a pint of whisky was found on the premises. No arrests were made, according to Assistant United States Attorney John W. Hemington, but Louis Zach and Anthony Lombardo, secretary and president, respectively, of the club, were notified.

Herbert Strobel was arrested when the agents raided a soft drink place at No. 270 1/2 1st street operated by Joseph A. Strobel & Son. Six quarts of Canadian ale, a quart of whisky, three quarts of wine and a quantity of cider were confiscated. Strobel will appear to-day before United States Commissioner Walter A. Swan.

At No. 203 Portland avenue the agents found two gallons of gin and the same quantity of whisky and arrested Norman T. Appleton. Appleton also was notified to appear before the commissioner to-day.

## LOMBARDO GIVES LOCAL FIGHT FANS MADISON SQUARE GARDEN ATTRACTION

Tinney Lombardo, known in New York as the Up-State Moses of Boxing, is going all out to give Western New York boxing fans their heart's desire. A better match could not at this time be made than to bring together Pete Mead, Grand Rapids slugger, and the Syracuse gamester, Joey DeJohn. What makes this bout such an appeal to the slug hungry fans is that these two boys are on even betting terms although Mead holds two knockouts over the Syracuse boy.

On both occasions DeJohn had Mead on the verge of a knockout in their last Madison Garden sensation. Mead had hit the canvas and all were waiting for the finish when Mead, always a dangerous puncher even when almost gone, proved what can happen when one possesses a heart of steel and a terrific wallop. We all recall DeJohn, the next instant, was stretched cold on the resined deck. This DeJohn is a real scrapper and knows it and realizes that it was only a lucky punch that beat him. This fight can terminate either way but one thing seems sure—neither boy will be on his feet for the tenth gong. The bettors are in a tither, the odds are shifting first one way then another as reports drift in from each training camp.

But one thing is sure—Tinney Lombardo has gambled plenty of dough to give us folks a real top notch attraction and if the fans respond we can be assured of top bookings here in Rochester. This fight tonight will not depend on Rochester fans alone as thousands of tickets have been sold to Buf-

falo and Syracuse fans who have seen DeJohn even in defeat put up those sensational battles. Local boxing lovers are behind Tinney to the last for giving us this opportunity of seeing what should be one of the most exciting battles we have had here in years.