

On 2/12/24 I posted "Illegal Of The Day New York 4." Here is the link in case you need a refresher on it.

<http://www.thechipboard.com/archives/archives.pl/bid/399/page/21/md/read/id/1156629/sbj/illegal-of-the-day-new-york-4/>

It told the story of Syracuse, New York, George DiGiacomo, Frank Bagozzi, 3 hub chips delivered in 1936 "SLIM," "BUGGS," "TH," The Truax Hotel, arrests from the 1920's through 1960's, and a raid with the Swat Team repelling down from a skylight on to the gambling tables. Would have been a "Reaaaally Big Show." <g>

Here we are 3 years later in 1939 revisiting Frank Bagozzi's 40 year gambling career. Why do I have the feeling this will not be the last chapter in his story? <g>
David Spragg found a few of these and should be along with some to sell.

Enough of that:
New York:



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SYR

Frank Bagozzi

C/o Syracuse Club

717 North Salina

Syracuse, NY

6/13/39

The SYR hubs were delivered to Frank Bagozzi at 717 North Salina on June 13th 1939. The address was a known gambling location from the 1920's into the 1960's. At the time of the SYR

delivery the location housed a place called Simone's Billiards. I could find no references to a "Syracuse Club" at the address or anywhere in Syracuse at the time. My guess is that Bagozzi used the chips in a gambling room associated with Simone's Billiards.

My note. We see more and more of these. Gambling rooms that never existed on paper only in name.

Here's a couple of current street views of the location:



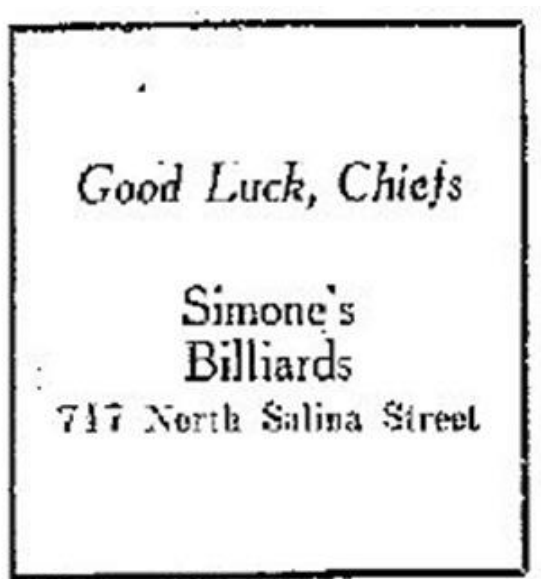
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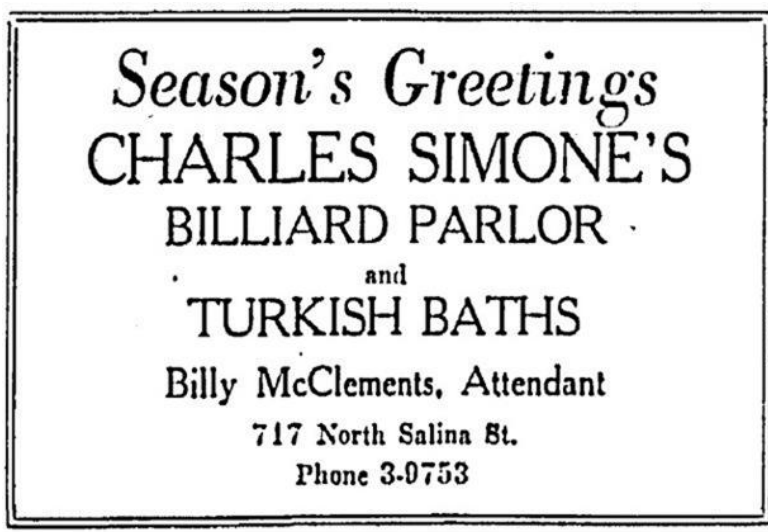
Here's some ads for Simone's both before and after the chip order:

April 1939 (the Chiefs are Syracuse's minor league baseball team)--



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1941--



SYR5att2

Simone's was operated by Syracuse gambler Charles Simone who opened the place a few years before the chip order and continued operating there under different names for over 20 years (during the late 1950's the address was known as the Salina Coffee Shop). In 1960 Simone testified before a NY crime commission:

Charles Simone testified that for 23 years he has operated the Salina Coffee Shop in Syracuse. During this period it was merely a "front" for his professional gambling activities which included poker and blackjack games, run by professional dealers, as well as football pools.

SYR6att2

Simone was charged with various gambling violations at the address many times including June 1938, about a year before the SYR chip order:

Simone, operator of a billiard room at the North Salina address, was said by police to have admitted in a statement that he has been running a baseball parlay room, with a wire for game results, on the second floor of his establishment.

SYR7att2

and Sept 1940, about a year after the order:

\$200 GAMING FINE

A fine of \$200 was imposed on Charles Simone, 36, of 362 Williamae Drive, when he pleaded guilty yesterday in Police Court to a charge of being the proprietor of a gambling house. He was arrested Sept. 26 when police raided a dice game in the rear of a poolroom he operated at 717 North Salina Street.

SYR8att2

Almost a decade after the SYR order, Bagozzi was working as a dealer when Simone's was raided in May 1948. Simone's had a lunch room in front, a wire room behind it and then the gambling room behind it. At the time, Bagozzi's Fantasy Cafe had gone into bankruptcy and the IRS was after him (an ad for the Fantasy was featured in the BUGGS/SLIM Illegal of the Day).

— GAMBLING —

Three Fined After Raid At Simone's

PLEADING GUILTY to a charge of being proprietor of a gambling room, Carl M. Grenga, 29, of 318 Sunset av., was fined \$250 and sentenced to one year in jail. The sentence was suspended.

Later Judge Truman H. Preston, sitting in Police Court, rescinded the one-year sentence because Grenga is a veteran. Frank Bagozzi, 42, of 732 E. Laurel st., pleading guilty of being an inmate, was fined \$50 and Sam Magro, 35, of 1227 Highland st. on a similar charge was fined \$25.

Arraignment followed a raid by police on a room in the rear of Simone's Lunch Bar, 717 N. Salina st., early this morning. Police, all in plainclothes, confiscated also \$381.25 in cash, a blackjack table and four chrome stools. Bagozzi and Magro were dealers, police said. Thirteen witnesses taken in the raid were dismissed.

Grenga, in a statement to police, said he had operated the establishment four or five months and his profits ran from \$200 to \$300 weekly after paying rent of \$300 a month. He said Simone knew about the operations in the rear.

Bagozzi is well known in Syracuse night life and his apprehension in the raid shortly after mid-
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Simone's

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night only added to his multitude of problems.

HIS TOP PROBLEM. It is said, is a bankruptcy proceeding involving Bagozzi's Fantasy Cafe in S. Salina st. that closed some months ago after a brief existence.

The raiding squad was surprised that to reach the rear room they had to pass through what they described as a wire room.

It is on this room and other items noticed in the Lunch Bar that police based much of their investigation.

SYR9att2

13 years later in 1961 Bagozzi was busted for gambling in the back room of the address when the place was known as Como's Restaurant.

Here's an article about Simone from 1960:

Syracuse Gamblers Are Just Hometown Boys

Bookie's Life No Picnic, Simone Says

By ROBERT HOLLAND

"They think you just stand at the door with a bushel basket and people drop money in it," Charlie Simone said.

"They" was the State Investigation Commission and as Charlie Simone flew back from this group's public hearings in New York City, his 24 years of experience in the bookmaking business told him making a buck wasn't that easy.

Charlie is short, grey-haired and talkative. At the age of 57 it is hard to imagine him as anything but the professional gambler he has been most of his adult life.

Hunched on the edge of a seat in the airliner, Charlie seemed to be upset by two implications: that he had a straight 10 per cent profit margin; and that syndicate gambling had invaded Syracuse.

"You know, you live in a town all your life and you

have a little pride in it," he said, tapping his hand on the arm of his audience for emphasis. It was a constant gesture that accompanied even the most simple statement—Charlie would tap you on the arm and say, "You get what I mean?"

"Syracuse isn't like those other towns," he said. "This is not like Utica or Buffalo . . . there's no outsiders here."

The gamblers of Syracuse are hometown boys, was his point, and from what they told the commission, some of the boys have made good.

From their telephone taps, the investigators were concerned with the calls both Charlie and Sam Silver made to Harry Ship in Montreal, a pal of Apalachin delegate Carmine Galante.

"I'd call Harry and ask him what he'd think of the Yankees," Charlie explained on the flight back to Syracuse. "If Mantle was hurt or some-

thing, he'd know it." And if Harry thought the Yanks looked good, Charlie might put something down—though never more than \$500.

It was the same way with Silver. "Sam's a bettor," Charlie said. "He knows things. I don't mean he pulls any strings, but he knows a lot of people. You take a basketball game . . . if Dolph Schayes is hurt that's going to make a difference, isn't it. Well, Sam would know it, so I'd call Sam."

We suggested that maybe neither Sam nor Harry did "nothing for nothing." The commission implied that Sam or Harry were taking large "layoff" bets for Simone.

Charlie snorted. "Sometimes if Sam had something good, I'd say how about giving me \$200 of your bet—and he'd do it as a favor."

Charlie's frankness about his business includes the fact that it is his career. "Even now, a

guy will see you on the street and ask if they can give you a bet."

He is a strong advocate of local gambling rights. "They couldn't make people stop drinking and they won't be able to stop them gambling," he said. "They're going to do it somewhere, why not my place." He even conceded that a little newspaper publicity was good—"It keeps Simone from getting too big," and it keeps the outsiders away.



CHARLES SIMONE

SYR10

BBB chips were ordered 6 months prior to SYR and were delivered to Greenway Brewery, same location as the BUGGS chip order of 1936

**FRANK BOGOZZI
c/o GREENWAY BREWERY
SYRACUSE, NY**

**DECEMBER 21, 1938
MONO BBB DETROIT STYLE ONE SIDE IN GOLD**

**500 GRAY
MONO 25c ON REVERSE IN GOLD
500 RED
MONO 50c ON REVERSE IN GOLD**



SYR11

I need this chip. Cough it up if you have a trader.

They are only "Little Pieces Of Clay" and you can't get em all, but the fun is in the hunt and the stories the clay is hiding,