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Real Estate Office -

When I had the Real Estate office - on the corner of 7th and Camb. St. E. Camb.

I had two partners - one was Bill Smith. who owned three Bar Rooms - and the other one was Charlie Burke - who owned a Rest and Sub~~marine~~^{marine} Shop and which shop on Camb. St. Next door ~~to~~ to the Italian Church St. Francis of Assisi - Councilor Al. Vellucci (Mayor) ^{and Joe} ~~Keane~~ ^{DeSigue}

I had a file - The Irish Church was the Sacred Heart on 6th St. State Rep John Taomey and Father Ferrick who was a priest Born in E. Camb. ^{mine} the Portuguese Church St. Anthony Rogers. was on the corner of Camb. St & Portland and we had the Irish and Lithuanian Joe Costa was the St. Patrick on Berkshire St. ^{my uncle} Walter Sullivan Councilor and Sen Dan O'Brien used to attend mass there. We also had St. Hedwicks on ~~Oris~~ St. That was the Polish Church. ~~we also had the St. Telewiski,~~ the Undertaker and a fellow head of the Polish Club were the Ward Bosses for that Church - Each Church had its own Politicians and Ward Bosses to get things done for them.

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now I used to go to most of them
and now quite a few people
from all Nationalities -

The nuns from the Sacred Heart
would come in and sell me
tickets to their affairs -

I had a file on my desk. All the
Churches used to come in to sell
me + Bill tickets to all of their
events. The Old folks Senior citizens
would also come in with Chance
books of some kind - I always
took them. They would always go
out of my office happy. I would
buy for - The Esquire Bar + Lounge of
which I owned half interest - Rose's -
Disposal Service - Frank de Pardo was
my partner - Mystic Maintenance
corp - of which I owned half interest
and was Gen. Mgr. Plus the East
Cambridge Real Estate office - So
I could always find a check to buy
tickets to help any Charity in the
Neighborhood. We also sponsored
Soft Ball Teams - or Basket Ball Teams
in the neighborhood. Suits Greasers etc.
we also sponsored a Golfing Club
at the St. Francis Church (Italian Church)
and Games and cards Ping Pong for the kids

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I would always have a few drunks who would stop by in the morning to get a cup of coffee - We always had a pot on. They would sleep out all night - Then I would give them a note to go to Mammie Costa my Partner at the Esquire Bar to give them a free meal no beer ~~no~~ money. I think that is why god has been good to me I did alot of Charity in my time and got alot of people jobs and favots after. It made me feel good.

Patty Michaels had an office down the street from us 6 Blocks near the Ital. Church. I would send customers to her office and she would give our office a cut if she made a sale or any money on who ever I recommended to her. She was pretty honest w/ us.

Walter Sullivan, Eddie Sui. Al Velucas State Rep Peter Velucci, The Chief of Police Tony Palillo would also stop in once in a while for a cup of coffee and shoo the breeze with us. We had Jimmy Sower he was a fighter at one time and worked for the boys in the North End. He was in our

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office every day. He lived just one block up from us. He was a good guy - along with Eddie Bangs who was a friend of mine for years. I got him a job w/ Sears Roebuck in Boston driving a truck for local 25 - He became the shop steward - and when I had some problems w/ the Union 10 years later he was there to help me out.

My men used to take the Rubbish off of the Platform. Now sometime we would have to wait until Sears men would bring it out to the platform. The Union used to raise hell when we would go in ourselves and roll the four wheel trucks w/ the Rubbish and load to the outside platform. They tried to get me thrown out of there. But the manager and Eddie Bangs wouldn't let the Union do anything to my men and my trucks. So I kept the account for 30 years. It paid for me to have gotten Eddie that job years ago.

So many times I got people jobs, and later on in years they were in a position to return the favor.

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the women cop on the beat who used to be the meter maid in front of our office - she would overlook our cars not putting dimes in the meters - she used to stop in two times a day for her coffee - once in awhile we would have to put money in when the Sgt was in the area checking her.

Charlie Burke also a partner in the E. Camb Realty Office - his nephew lived up stair over us. He kept his bike in our back room at the office, he was a Cambridge Police Officer. His father Charles Burkes Brother was Lt. on the Camb. police and lived 3 doors down on the Side Street. He too was always in our office. we had Rep. Jules Vellucci Ben. Michael La Presti and Mommy other Pals who liked to stop in also Judges who were friends of ours enjoyed talking to us.

We had Poor & Rich - Sick and unfortunate. we had a good relationship with all Departments of the City of Camb. We used to get invited to every thing that was going on in the area. Always some one to do a favor

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(Billy Maher was head of the Police
internal affairs Dept. and was a good friend
of mine)

Between Billy Smith, Charlie Brake
or myself. We could do just about
anything in the City. And the people
knew it. Senator Dennis McKenna would
stop in to see me also once in awhile.

From
Samarville

We never knew who was going
to stop in to say hello to me mostly
State Rep. from Samarville Marie Haver
She used to do alot of favours for
people. I wanted to get here in good
w/ the Portuguese people. Because there
was alot of them in Som. Manny Rogers
son. was also very active - and he
helped the portuguese. He was ~~the~~
pres of the Portuguese Credit Union
Inman Sq. Camb. And I know his Dad
Manny Rogers very well. A peach of a
man. He buried my son Geo Jr. when
he died at the age of 27 yrs. He was
great to me and my family.

Al Vellucci was the Mayor of Camb.
and he was always calling me ~~for~~
to help some charity he was involved
in for the City. We had the Warren
Jabs. Club on Warren St. - ^{Board of Health} Bugger Ramparic
Joe Nicaloro, Camb Bd of Health Comm. Bill Meric
Business man Jim Parere Income tax inspector,
Arthur Nebitz - and many more influential
people in the City Hall - We had Stungot

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in all walks of life in Comb. Al Velucci
Jr. was head of the Comb City Hospital
and many times portuguese or others
who could not pay their Hospital
Bill and Al Jr. would take care
of the Bill for the poor people. This
would also help his father the Mayor,
and his brother the State Rep Peter Velucci
to get some votes.

I told Al Velucci one time I was
going to take out my papers to run
for City Councillor ~~and~~ because he
ignored me on some favor I had
asked him to do for some poor
unfortunate persons. A portuguese,
I said to Al "If he was an Italian
you would do it in a minute"
when I said I would run against
him he went ~~the~~ pale. And
boy did I always get action after
that time to this date.

I helped him very much with some
of my portuguese people to get the
~~the~~ Dante Alighiere Society
Bldg. Built and got it started.
I donated ~~and~~ money and materials
and trucks along with my good
friend John Serpa Portuguese
Contractor. He did it for Al and I.

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