

No Drinking on the Job, Judge Tells Grand Jury

NEW ORLEANS, March 4 (AP)—The Orleans Parish grand jury, sworn in today, was told by Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp of Criminal District Court that he would not allow them to drink alcoholic beverages while they were engaged in their official duties, not even at lunch.

The 12-man panel will sit for six months.

"The drinking of alcoholic beverages of any kind by any grand juror while performing his official duties, including while at lunch, is regarded by this court as improper and also in extreme poor taste," Judge Schulingkamp said in his charge.

"Questionable conduct by a grand jury could result in a cloud cast upon the validity of indictments returned by such jury," he said.

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No Drinking On Jury Duty, Judge Orders

Newly sworn-in members of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury were ordered today to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages during duty periods.

Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp delivered the admonition this morning to the 12 men who will serve the court during the next six months.

"Because the business of the grand jury is most serious in nature and because it performs an important public function as an adjunct to the court," said Judge Schulingkamp, "the drinking of alcoholic beverages of any kind by any grand juror while performing his official duties (including while at lunch) is regarded by this court as improper and also in extremely poor taste."

IN HIS chambers after the swearing-in, the judge said he realizes this charge to the jury is a departure from past procedure.

"The departure from the past has been too long in coming," Judge Schulingkamp said.

"City Hall has been raising hell about the costs of purchasing alcoholic beverages for jurors.

"BESIDES THE expenditure of money, I don't believe that a juror considering the fate of another can give his best to his consideration while influence of alcohol."

To the jury the judge added: "Questionable conduct by a grand jury could result in a cloud cast upon the validity of indictments returned by such a jury.

"Justice and fair play require that a citizen indicted by a grand jury be entitled to have such indictment returned by a grand jury in full possession of its faculties and not under the influence of alcohol."

JUDGE SCHULINGKAMP said he discussed this matter with each of the jurors before they were sworn in this morning.

The paragraphs on "decorum and propriety" were but a part of a 14-page charge to the jurors on their duties in

servicing Orleans Parish and the court for the next six months.

Ramon A. Davezac, 4951 Warren Drive, was named foreman of the new jury.

Members of the jury are Alfred W. Helmke Jr., 2021 Mirabeau; Louis P. LeBourgeois Jr., 816 Lowerline N. Richard Velleman, 5449 Dayna Court; Alexander L. Francis Jr., 1416 Lamanche; Charles E. Settoon, 4611 Charlmart; Richard E. Kinchen, 1218 Gen. Pershing; Marion A. Carson, 1737 N. Miro; George F. McMillan, No. 1 Snipe; Joseph E. Gebbia, 4664 Spain; Morris C. Wendling, 7737 S. Claiborne, and Luther B. Bates, 2313 Desire.

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