

THE MOB MUSEUM

National Museum of Organized Crime & Law Enforcement™

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SEVEN LUCKY COUPLES MARRY AT THE MOB MUSEUM **IN LAS VEGAS ON VALENTINE'S DAY 2012**

Mass Wedding marks commencement of The Mob Museum grand opening

LAS VEGAS, NV --- Seven couples from throughout the country married or renewed their vows inside **The Mob Museum**, the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement in downtown Las Vegas, prior to The Museum's public on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012. The couples were randomly chosen through a national sweepstakes, **MARRIED AT THE MOB MUSEUM**, organized and hosted by **VEGAS.com**, **The Mob Museum** and **Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA)**.

Winning couples include **Carl Medeiros and Lorie Lesieur** of Pawtucket, RI (wedding); **Cynthia and Troy Weekley** of Upland, CA (vow renewal); **Jeffrey and Lori Widener** of Auburn, WA (vow renewal); **William and Elizabeth Bradley** of Harrisburg, PA (vow renewal); **Thomas and Victoria Luginbill** of San Luis Obispo, CA (vow renewal); **Paul and Joanna Harwood** of Las Vegas, NV (vow renewal); and **Fred and Ivy Pellerito** of Belton, MO (vow renewal).

The seven couples were flown to Las Vegas courtesy of the **LVCVA** and enjoyed a two-night stay at the historic **El Cortez Hotel** once owned by Bugsy Siegel. Following an early morning wedding ceremony inside The Mob Museum that included flowers by **Gaia** and a photo package, the couples and close friends and family enjoyed a champagne brunch at **MOB BAR** and a \$250 shopping spree at **Fashion Show** mall on the Las Vegas Strip.

The wedding and vow renewal ceremony was conducted by former Las Vegas Mayor and once the mob's "go-to" defense attorney, Oscar B. Goodman, inside The Museum's historic courtroom. In 1950, the courtroom was the site of one of 14 nationwide Kefauver hearings to expose organized crime. It is the only building in Las Vegas to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Goodman, who served three terms as Las Vegas Mayor from 1999 to 2011, currently serves as chairman of the Host Committee for the LVCVA.

The Mob Museum opens to the public at 2 p.m. on February 14, following the Mass Wedding and an official grand opening ceremony at 10 a.m.

About The Mob Museum

The Mob Museum is a world-class destination in downtown Las Vegas dedicated to the thrilling story of organized crime and law enforcement. It presents an exciting and authentic view of the mob's impact on Las Vegas history and its unique imprint on the world. True stories of mob history are brought to life in a bold and contemporary style via engaging exhibits, high-tech theater presentations and iconic artifact displays. Admission is \$18 for adults ages 18 and over with special pricing for children, seniors, military, law enforcement and teachers; and \$10 for Nevada residents of all ages. Museum hours are Sundays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more information, call 702-229-2734 or visit www.themobmuseum.org. Connect with us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/themobmuseum and on Twitter: @TheMobMuseum.

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