

True Story About the Ramapo Lodge, aka Tobo's, aka Hansil's

Edward Seifert True story. Long before Hansil's, this tavern was owned by Eugene DeFreest. It was known as Tobo's Tavern. Gene (Tobo) as he was called by his friends, was a member of the fire dept. Since a large number of firemen used to sip a few at Tobo's, there was an indicator light mounted near the bar in view of the employees. When there was a fire alarm in Oakland, someone at the police desk, or possibly the firehouse, would flip a switch that turned on that light so the "visiting" firemen could be alerted and respond to the fire. God help us...this was long before DUI laws.