

## POLICE PROTEST "STICKER" VOTE

Losing Candidate to Oppose Seating of Crawford Tomorrow Night.

Policeman Shannon W. Hartley announced today that he would protest the seating of Detective James W. Crawford as president of Red Rose Lodge No. 16, Fraternal Order of Police, at the installation meeting in police headquarters tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Crawford, a "sticker" candidate, was elected after two previous elections had resulted in a deadlock between Policemen William Bitts and Hartley.

Grounds for Hartley's protest, it became known, were based on a communication received from E. J. Allen, Grand President of the Fraternal Order of Police, of Erie. In his letter, Allen states that "if the by-laws of Red Rose Lodge No. 16 state that a candidate must be nominated previous to an election, a sticker candidate cannot be elected, as your by-laws specifically state how your candidates must be nominated and elected."

In addition to making known his protest to the election of Crawford, Hartley revealed that he would lay claim to the lodge presidency on the strength that he polled the highest vote among the eligible candidates. At the last election, after two previous deadlocks, Crawford polled 23 votes, Hartley 12 and Bitts 6.

In the meantime Fred Deisley, present head, made known that he would confer with W. Hensel Brown, solicitor of the lodge, in an effort to reach a definite decision on the election.

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