

NEW ORLEANS NOSTALGIA
Remembering New Orleans History, Culture and Traditions
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The Mayors of New Orleans

All the mayors of New Orleans from 1803 until the present day:

The Mayors of New Orleans,
There were quite a few,
Some heroes and zeros
And a Nero or two.

There were Pitot and Guillotte,
Macarty, Freret,
And Victor H. Schiro ...
Best malaprops yet!

Our very first mayor was
Étienne de Boré.
Our own "sugar daddy",
He showed us the way.

There were lawyers and warriors
And a Shakespeare, as well,
Abdiel Crossman and
Edward Durell.

One mayor brought streetlights
So the streets were not dim,
And the Roffignac Cocktail
Is named after him.

There were Watkins, James Mather,
Girod and Trudeau,
Benjamin Flanders and
John T. Monroe.

Martin Behrman served longest,

Almost seventeen years.
He defeated McShane and
He lived in Algiers.

Montegut, Miller,
You could fill up a book.
And then there was Walmsley
For that "Turkey Head" look.

"Dem Ersters" is what we
Love Mayor Maestri for.
"How ya like dem?" is what
He once "axed" FDR.

There were Pilsbury, Patton,
An endless parade.
Then "Chep" Morrison won
With his "broomstick brigade".

We had Dorgenois, Deming,
John Conway, George Clark.
And two Morial mayors,
Father "Dutch" and son Marc.

And fulfilling the City's
Most paramount needs
Were Bertus and Behan,
Prieur, Flower and Leeds.

There were Kennedy, Quincy,
Lewis, Waterman, Burke.
For this fabulous city
They all went to work.

There were Weitzel, Fitzpatrick,
Paul Capdevielle with
Barthelemy, Shepley,
Rozier, Genois and Stith.

There were Arthur O'Keefe
And Jesse S. Cave,
Stephen Hoyt and Ed Heath,
Many hours they gave.

Louis Wiltz, Jonas French
And a Landrieu named "Moon".
Later headed up HUD;
His appointment came soon.

When Fred Earhart was mayor,
He served just a day.
Miles Pratt served two weeks,
And then there's C. Ray.

Mayor Nagin named chocolate
The flav' of the day,
And said we were friendly
In a "Monologue" way.

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