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Dear Sir & Bro,

I am in receipt of your letter (undated) (the date on the envelope is Dec 1st) and will bring same before the Lodge at our next meeting - March 23rd.

I happen to have a spare copy of our Installation and Consecration ceremony, which I will send to you with my compliments, in the hope that they will prove of interest to the members of your Club.

This Lodge - incidentally the first of its kind to be granted a Charter and warrant in any part of the English speaking world - was founded by 26 brethren, who at the time were members of 25 different Lodges. There are half-a-dozen Philatelic Societies who meet in Melbourne, and the suburban area; and our Lodge is mainly composed of members of the Craft who are members of one or other of these philatelic societies. After holding several preliminary meetings, the M.W.G.M. installed Wor. Bro. Stephen Orlo-Smith as the First W.M. on June 29th last year. We meet on the 4th Friday monthly, at the Masonic Temple, at Malvern; one of our suburbs some six miles or so distant from the City.

We have a membership now of 39; and will be initiating 4 candidates at our next meeting.

Without wishing to appear egotistic, I might mention that I conceived the idea of a philatelic Lodge some two or three years ago; and after consultation with a few philatelic friends in the Craft, convened a meeting, at which the proposal was enthusiastically embraced; with the result that we are able to meet and enjoy Masonic fellowship, as well as share our common hobby, and enlarge our circle of friends.

It is quite likely that some of you folk might like to exchange stamps with some of our brethren, and I shall be very happy to pass on any names that you may send to me, in this connection. It would probably be helpful to know of any particular interests that are being followed up; i.e. which countries, &c are required. Furthermore, there is also the provision that the Authorities have to grant permits before Stamps can be sent from the U.S.A. - or to you folk.

It would be of interest to the brethren of the Lodge, if you would send a copy of your rules, also any articles which you may have prepared of a philatelic nature.

Incidentally the Editor of the Australian Stamp Monthly is one of our officers; and I am sure that he will be pleased to receive any items which might prove of interest for insertion in that monthly publication.

Our W.M. (Wor. Bro. Orlo-Smith) is regarded as one of the authorities of the Philatelic World, in Australia. He conducts a very popular salon in the City, and possesses a happy individuality which endears him to all of the brethren in the Craft.

If there is any further information that I am able to furnish you with relative to the Lodge, I shall be only too happy to forward same.

Thanking you for the fraternal greetings, and good wishes contained in your letter, which are fully appreciated, and reciprocated, to you, and your Club

I am,
Yours sincerely, and fraternally

H. Henshelwood

P.M.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Philatelic project...proposed outing at Washington Shrine, Tappan, some Saturday in July; under auspices of Masonic Stamp Club and American Stamp Dealers Assn.(Pete Keller in charge). Will you attend? Nice country air, historic surroundings! Cost will not be over a couple of bucks per person for all liquid refreshments—including soda water. Make it an old fashioned basket party. Bring your family and friends. Drop a postal card to Harry M. Konwiser, Rm. 1802, 570 7th Ave., New York 18.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION...April 6, good turnout to see members' efforts: seven exhibitors, fifteen frames. Judges appointed by our Pres., Dr. George Camnitzer, were Harry M. Konwiser, Charles Lott, & Henry Friedman. Prizes were donated by Dr. Camnitzer. The winners: First prize-Dr. Irwin Yarry with a fine showing of Hong Kong Treaty Ports. Second-Gordon Johnson with a nicely written-up display of US Commems. Third-Arthur I. Heim with two frames of Belgian Congo. Honorable Mention-William Staecher, beautiful US mint blocks; Russell Roane, US Air Mails; and Dr. Camnitzer, two frames of Great Britain... Grandpop Jake Glaser provided a prize for 8-year old Janice Lee's frame of bird and animal stamps; real nice showing from the youngster. . . . 3¢ 1851...March 23, guest Sylvester Colby displayed his beautiful collection of 3¢ 1851's. If you want to see how a collection is built around a single stamp, get Sy to show you. After formal showing he went into close details of mounting and writing up.

COMING: April 27, Frederick L. Hill, Religion on Stamps.

May 4: Competition-miscellaneous and sidelines of collecting.

The letter reproduced on another page, tells a big story. Read it carefully and if you have any ideas on the subject send them to the editors. Here's your chance to tell us what you think of this very important subject.

WHY I SPECIALIZE IN RELIGION ON STAMPS

Because it takes stamp collecting out of the realm of just hoarding bits of paper, and it is an educational and inspiring hobby. After all, suppose a collector does have 15,000 different stamps - What does that amount to if they remain just stamps?

Behind every stamp in a collection of this kind there is usually a story, always of interest, and often of great educational value; and the collector is always looking for the story centered about the stamps. He is never satisfied until he finds it. Then it is a source of unending pleasure. The collector who specialized in United States, or tried to complete a foreign country, faces a tremendous expenditure just to have a fair collection. Most religious stamps are fairly inexpensive and one can restrict his field to just Madonnas, Christ, Saints, The Cross, The Bible and Church on stamps.

Finally, because it gives a chance for originality, as each collector can arrange his album pages to suit his own taste. There is no limit to the artistic achievements possible.

This is why I selected RELIGION ON STAMPS.

— Frederick L. Hill.

"RELIGION ON STAMPS"



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Bro. Frederick L. Hill, is a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 367. F & AM. He is also a member and Vestryman of Holy Cross Church. He is active in COROS (Collectors of Religion on Stamps) and has been nominated for Treasurer of that organization. His Collection is one of the most beautiful ever shown. Come to see it and bring your friends.