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GREETINGS

This issue of our Club paper reaches you just at the close of a summer which will be long remembered by each of us. The shooting war is over. There's no doubt of that. Now we are looking forward to greeting friends and loved ones from overseas and the various branches of our Armed Forces. Gradually there will be a lessening of that tension which has gripped all of us. There will be a return to a more normal mode of living. What effect will this have on our stamp collecting activities? We know that many of us found much pleasure in our collections and in Club and Lodge activities. We hope that this will continue. In fact we look forward to an increased attendance at our meetings and a larger participation in our various activities. Look over our Program. Something to interest every member of the Club. And look over this issue. Don't you think you could write something for us? Please do so. Tell us something of your collection, or write anything you think may be of interest to the members. Well we pleased to print it.

Enclosed with this issue is the Program for 1945-1946 as prepared by Charles W. Brooks. Particular attention is called to the various Members Competitions. You are urged to show your collection. Please write to Charlie as soon as possible stating that you will appear, giving your specialty. This will help in preparing all meetings. If you have any ideas regarding the program, please write and tell what you think.

At the close of the first year of the Masonic Philatelist, four complete volumes (but for the first bulletin) were available. One volume was sent to the New York City Public Library, one to the Congressional Library in Washington, D.C., and one to the Masonic Library in the Temple at 71 West 23 Street, N.Y.C. One more is available to be given to the first request for any public library or philatelic library, other than in the East.

MEETINGS

August 31st Our last Summer meeting. Bring something to show.

September 28th Opening meeting. Get-to-gether and trading. Swapping---of stamps and stories.

MEETINGS FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH
COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING 22 East 35th St. N.Y.

MASONIC CANCELLATION

George Temple reports the square and compasses, colorless, inside circle measuring 20 millimeters. This is on a U.S. postal card, postmarked New Market, N.H. July 4, 1890.

George is one of our New Jersey members, hailing from Irvington, a town adjacent to Newark, and when not "busy at the bank" (where he works!) or helping Pater Temple, a druggist of long standing and excellent reputation in Irvington, stays home and plays around with 1851 3-cent stamps.

One of the 3-cent stamps has a blue town mark (Jul 25 F L.T.). Florida became a State in the Union, March 3, 1845. And so, Florida Territory (F L. T.) markings on a stamp issued in 1851, can be rated as scarce.

Collectors of Stampless Covers, definitely those favoring Florida, however, might point out that Apalachicola used the "F. Ty" marking in 1851, as did St. Augustine, which town used "FL. T." in blue as late as 1854.

At any rate "FL. T." on a 3-cent 1851 is scarce - to collectors.

SQUARE & COMPASSES

Sidney Barrett reports - for the record - the Square and Compasses, inside of a circle, in blue, on a 3-cent 1861 stamp, used at Marengo, Iowa. The cover on which this "new one" appears was addressed to Mr. James H. Mead, 62nd U.S. Colored Infantry, Brazos, Santiago, Texas.

Sidney B. doesn't get around to many of our meetings but is always willing to help the good cause.

Someday, we hope, the Masonic Stamp Club will be able to compile a list of all the known Masonic markings and the Post offices which used the designs.

Sidney Barrett is the official Expert Committee for the Masonic Stamp Clubs. Members who seek his opinions can do so by writing to him at 87 Nassau St., supplying return postage. (Note-write, don't take up his valuable time by calling in person). Please state your membership. No fee-for service to our members.

BATTLES REPORTS MASONICS

D. Blake Battles, of Wooster, Ohio, reports on Masonic Cancellations in proper style. Writes the affable Ohioian, he has Masonics, on covers, from the following places:

Ashland, Ohio 3¢ 1861
Brattleboro, Vt. 3¢ 1861
Northeast, Pa. 3¢ Green
Goldwater, Mich. 3¢ Green

Bro. Battles adds:

"I also have several off cover mostly on 3¢ Greens in my collection, but as I am not positive of the origin of some of them, I will not attempt to send a list".

To our regret the Masonic Philatelist has been lax in not reporting the fact that Brother P.V.O. Barkelew of Morestown, N.J. had won a major trophy at the Sojex Stamp Show, held at Hotel Walt Whitman in Camden, N.J.

FLASH FROM YOUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT!!

The Library of Congress is conducting a census of stamp collectors which is already receiving a very favorable response. Collectors are requested to send their names, addresses, photographs and stipulations of their specialties to

Mrs. Edward B. Martin
Assistant to the Philatelic Consultant
Room 201, Library of Congress Annex
Washington 25, D.C.

I think that in addition to the above, our members should mention their club affiliations, most of the returns I have heard of have done so.

— Arthur I. Heim

STAMPEX 1945

The Essex Stamp Club of Newark, should be proud of the fine show it put on from August 15th to the 26th.

Housed in the beautiful Essex House, the show consisted of over 750 frames. Many fine collections were shown including the efforts of quite a few members of the Masonic Stamp Club.

The Exhibition Committee was headed by our own Bro. A.S. Arnold as Chairman, and included Bro. Louis W. Bobel. Brothers Marcus W. White and Harry L. Lindquist were Honorary Members.

In going through the catalogue of the show, we find exhibits by the following members of our Club:

Peter V.O. Barkelew; George F. Tempel, Jr., who won a Bronze Medal for his 3¢ 1851's, and who showed one frame of "Masonry in Stamps"; Howard A. Lederer; Herman Herst, Jr.; Marcus W. White, won a Gold Medal for his U.S. Envelopes; Dr. Clarence Hennan took an A.P.S. Ribbon for his "Postal Stationery of Hispaniola", a Gold Medal for Proofs of that island, and an A.P.S. Gold Medal for his Salvador; Clarence W. Brazer; Alexander P. Watts, who received a Gold Medal for his Samoa; Carl E. Pelander; A.S. Arnold; Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.; Harry M. Komwiser, an A.P.S. Gold Medal for his collection of "Dead Letter Office" material and Sol Glass, an A.P.S. Gold Medal for U.S. Air Mails.

"Yes, stamp collecting is educational", said the fond mother to her visitor. "For instance, where is Hungary, son? Without looking up from his stamp book, the young collector answered promptly: "Two pages before Italy". --C.F.Z.

Have you ever given consideration to the outstanding peculiarity of the double postal card issued by Uncle Sam? The original message card bears the likeness of George Washington in the upper right hand corner, while the "Reply Card" carries the portrait of his good wife, Martha. Despite the passage of one hundred and forty years, Martha has the last word to this day.

— Chas. F. Zenker

In the article regarding the nine cents Bi-centennial stamp, (Masonic Philatelist, February 1945) reference was made to Peter Gouled. Mr. Gouled was a member of the Masonic Stamp Club at one time but he states that he does not go out evenings often and that the Friday dates of the stamp club are not convenient. Through Mr. Gouled and Chas. B. Swan, the brothers are advised that booklets that tell the story of the Lodge and the Williams painting and also photographs of the Washington portrait, are available at the cost of twenty five cents each. To obtain same, address the Custodian of the Lodge, Chas. B. Swan, Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, Alexandria, Va.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1944-45

Another Club year draws to an end. We have enjoyed the hospitality of the Collector's Club in permitting us to call their domicile our home, and we are ever grateful for this privilege.

During the year the Board of Governors met 5 times, mainly to act on petitions of membership, and 18 regular meetings were held.

We have admitted to membership 8 new members and lost by death our Honorary member R.W. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States. We glory in his accomplishments, and about his foibles, whatever they may have been, we cast the broad mantle of Masonic charity. May we stand for a moment in silent prayer.

Thanks to the Program Committee, various subjects of Philately were presented by the different speakers and at the 4 Membership Competitions to satisfy the various interests of the members in forming their collections.

On November 16, we had the pleasure of visiting the Teaneck Stamp Club, where we received a most hearty welcome and on January 26, we had the honor of seeing the members of the Teaneck Stamp Club in our midst.

March 2, the Skandinavian Stamp Club paid us a return visit with a fine display of various collections by their members.

Sy Colby, long a friend of the Club and the only non-member we had this year as a speaker showed his outstanding collection of the 3 cents 1851 issue and earned the thanks of the Club for his fine display.

Our last regular meeting of the year, still fresh in the memory of all who were present, was an innovation, called Family Night and was in memory of the late daughter of our beloved past-president Carl E. Pelander. We had sent out invitations to several Stamp Clubs their Ladies and Children, and were honored with a record attendance as the Masonic Stamp Club had never seen before. I had the pleasure of welcoming delegates from the Collectors Club, Skandinavian Stamp Club, and the Teaneck Stamp Club, also the acting principal of Carla's former school, her teacher Miss Eva Daniel, who paid us a visit with 6 former classmates of Carla. Among the distinguished guests it was our privilege to see the Rev. Ford of Sparta, N.J. and Mrs. Brewster of Hackensack, N.J., both well known collectors in their respective fields; a hearty "welcome home" greeting was also extended to our Bro. Paul E. Jenson from Aruba, N.W.I.

Bro. Pelander had arranged a fine display of part of Carla's collection "Animals on Stamps" in all the wall frames of the meeting room and showed the U.S. section from the speaker's stand. Many thanks again to him for his efforts which made our last meeting an outstanding event.

The attendance of our meetings did not change much from the previous year and probably will not for the duration.

As I have said before on the 1st anniversary of the Bulletin "The Masonic Philatelist" I want to thank again Bro. Harry M. Konwiser, Sam Brooks, and Forrest Ellis in the name of the Club for the many hours spent in editing and distributing our monthly journal. This publication is and I hope will remain the outstanding feature of the Club.

Our Treasury is in sound condition and good hands with Bro. Harry M. Konwiser, who always gets his man.

Our Secretary is still in Washington and has tried his best to keep up with his secretarial duties. To both, the Club owes a vote of thanks for their efforts and willingness.

It has been a privilege and pleasure for me to be your president for the 1944-45 season; I want to thank all officers for their splendid cooperation, which made this administration so enjoyable, and to the members, my appreciation for having given me this opportunity to serve as president for the last 2 years.

New York, June 1, 1945

Respectfully submitted

Dr. George Camnitzer

CONFEDERATE LETTER BILL

LETTERS from *Summit Miss Nov 26 1864*
To *Canton Miss*

RATES.		UNPAID.				PAID HERE.						
						BY STAMPS.			IN MONEY.			
Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cts.	No.	Dolls.	Cts.
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*I broke open the Hall stole the Jewels
threw the Bible on the floor
played the deuce generally burned our (can't
make out the next word), robbed the citizens*

N. Morgan

P. M.

Please note on the bottom of this bill. "Broke open the Hall, stole the Jewels, threw the Bible on the floor, played the deuce generally burned our (can't make out the next word), robbed the citizens".

Postmaster Morgan at Summit, Mississippi, was telling Postmaster Priestly at Canton, Mississippi about something that happened to their lodge; possibly in reply to a previous inquiry. Although he did not so state, I imagine this was done by soldiers; which side, you be the judge.

T.W. Grigler, Jr.
Macon, Mississippi

PAGING SERVICE

Dr. Rudolph Holz, thought he would spend a pleasant eveing at the Club. However, he told where he was going and in no time at all, he was back on the job via telephone. He had to leave, though. Better luck next time Doctor. Or should we say healthier patients.

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

Brothers Ferrars H. Tows, Alex. P. Watts, and Charles H. Johnson, have been placed on the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan, Committee, by our Grand Master M.W. Charles H. Froessel.

These eminent members of the craft are members of the Masonic Stamp Club, Brothers Tows and Johnson are Vice Presidents, and Bro. Watts is an occasional visitor, at which times he shows one of his delightful prize winning stamp collections. The Tows and Johnson collections, all prize winners at stamp exhibitions, are well known to our members.

Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, is chairman of the Tappan Committee.

FROM THE STAMP PAPERS

The "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" London, in the issue of July 21st writes about the Club as well as our publication.

"Stamps" for July 28th has a very nice story about our own Frank Zeltmann. Frank has been all over the Pacific area with the Army Air Forces. The story tells us that Frank is now a Staff Sergeant, while the picture shows that he has put on a few pounds. Good luck to you Frank, and come back to us soon.

Henry Friedman's story "Seychelles Surcharges", which appeared in The Masonic Philatelist (a few months ago) was reprinted, with complete credits to Henry and our publication, in The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, for June 9, 1945.

The London fortnightly, established 1894, is now being ably edited by W. Dennis Way, who realizes - as an editor - that the American press and its writers are leading the present philatelic parade.

Brother Friedman's story on Seychelles was an interesting story;- it sort of shows that there are really "philatelic students in our midst" and Henry Friedman knows his Seychelles.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB

is open to every Mason in good standing in his Lodge, who is interested in any phase of stamp collecting. The cost is low, dues are one dollar per year and the entrance fee is one dollar. If you have a friend who is interested, have him complete the application form and send it with two dollars to Carl E. Pelander, Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Masonic Stamp Club of New York
22 East 35th St. New York, 16, N.Y.

Name _____ (Print)

Address _____

Name of Lodge _____ No. _____

Proposed by _____

Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

70th ANNIVERSARY OF FAST MAIL TRAIN

On September 16th 1875, the New York Central inaugurated fast mail service between New York and Chicago in an effort to speed up the mails in that territory. The train which left New York that day, was an historic one in that it was the first "Solid" mail train to be placed in service. It consisted of special locomotives hauling New mail cars specially built for the purpose. This train traveled over the New York Central lines from New York to Buffalo and thence over the lines of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway to Chicago. This line was later absorbed by the New York Central.

The story is worth-while reading and the reader is referred to three books which may be obtained from the Reference collection of the New York Public Library. These are "Men and Iron", by Edward Hungerford; "History of the Railway Mail Service in the United States", by J.P. Chambers; Senate Executive Document #40. Printed in 1885, Government Printing Office; "A Life Span and Reminiscences of the Railway Mail Service" by James E. White. Published by Deemer and Jaisohn Philadelphia, Pa. 1910.

Our interest is primarily in the markings on the front of the locomotive which pulled the train, as shown on the reproduction of an old lithograph owned by the New York Central, and which is reproduced by courtesy of that company. Look closely and you will see under the number 317, the Square and Compasses.

No. 317, is an American Type Locomotive having four truck and four driving wheels. It was one of nine, built in the shops of the L.S. & M.S. in 1871. These locomotives were beautifully fashioned by the most skilful artisans. At that time Engineers had full responsibility for their locomotives, and were permitted the widest latitude in decorations and color. On the cab, the Engineer of #317 placed his name, "J.H. DEVEREUX", and possibly being a member of the Craft, he placed the Square & Compasses on the front.

Of course this is merely a guess. Inquiry at the New York Central Offices does not add to our knowledge of the use of our emblem on the locomotive. So here is a fine opportunity to do some digging on your own account. If you have anything to add to the foregoing please let us know, so that we print it for the benefit of the members of the Club.

--- S.B.



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