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Well, our 15th Anniversary Dinner is now a memory and a very pleasant one at that. How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in harmony.

Carl Pihl tells the story on another page. Another Brother tells the story in pictures.

Arthur Heim did a fine job as Official Photographer of our Annual Dinner, as you can see by looking at page 7.

Reading from left to right, the top group shows E. Milnor Peck, Christian F. Zoynler, Ferrars H. Tows, Richard S. Bohn, Harrold Matters, and Arthur W. DEAS. Second row, a fine picture of the Editor (rear view) Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, "Doc" Alexander T. Koomanoff, the Co-Chairmen of the Dinner Harry O. Henneman and Harold Matters. Next row, Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., William H. Knemeyer, Charles D. Carpenter, Mr. John Britt, and Emanuel M. Reggel. Bottom row, Jose Rueff Jacob S. Glaser, Harry M. Konwiser, Dr. George Camnitzer, and Mr. Sylvester Colby. In the background may be seen Carl E. Pelander. Handsome, aren't they?

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MAY 27 Competition--Entire World except U.S. and Great Britain.  
Talk by Clarence Brazer on Proofs & Essays.

JUNE 3 Master of Philately Degree

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During the past few months our task has been made much easier by the assistance given us in the preparation of the Philatelist by Carl H. Pihl who has become our star reporter. We are indeed grateful to him as well as to John A. Mirt of Chicago, Harry M. Konwiser and others who have supplied news and stories for you. To Dr. Irwin M. Yarry and Mr. Sy Colby many thanks for taking care of the Circulation department. It is indeed a pleasure to carry on with the aid of such stalwart friends.

## MASTER OF PHILATELY DEGREE TO BE GIVEN ON JUNE 3RD

On the evening of Friday, June 3, 1949 the Masonic Stamp Club of New York will hold its second working of the Master of Philately degree for those members desiring to receive it. The ceremonies will be held at the Collectors Club in New York beginning at 8 P.M. sharp.

This degree was first conferred by the Masonic Club of New York on 14 members last December 3rd. All of those receiving it at that time were considerably impressed and the consensus of opinion was that all members who have not had this work should strive to obtain it at the earliest time.

Previously, 25 members of M.S.C. had received this degree from the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, who originated this work and very graciously permitted our club to adopt it. The largest group of our members received this degree during CIPEX when a team from the Temple Stamp Club came to New York specifically for the purpose.

Henceforth it is contemplated that all new members who can possibly do so, will be inducted into this degree at the first investiture following their election to membership. At the present time, we are endeavoring to have all members, who can possibly do so, invested with the degree. It is planned to hold two investitures during each season, in December and June, just as was done this year.

Therefore, if you have not had this privilege, plan to be present on June 3rd. We want as many members as possible from the Metropolitan area to be present, and hope that some of our out-of-town members will also make this an occasion for a trip to New York. You will not be disappointed. And don't disappoint the brethren who are working hard to present this work.

----- --Carl H. Pihl

Sibert Lodge, Gatun, Canal Zone, chartered in 1919, is named after Maj. Gen. William L. Sibert (Canal Zone #117). -- Mirt.



## PHILIPPINE MASONS HONORED.

The semi-postals issued by the Philippine Republic on April 1 provide two new stamps for the Masonic philatelist. The proceeds will help to rebuild the National Libraries, damaged during the war.

An 18 plus 7 centavos stamp shows the title page of Jose Rizal's historic novel, "Noli Me Tangere," (Touch Me Not). Rizal, a Mason, was executed for his part in trying to gain freedom for the Filipinos from the Spanish rule. The novel, exposing the abuses of the religious authorities and government officials during the Spanish regime in the Philippines, contributed largely to his execution, but it also enkindled the love for liberty and united the Filipinos in the revolution of 1896. This ultimately resulted in liberation from Spanish rule.

A 4 plus 2 centavos stamp carries the portraits of three former directors of the Philippine National Library and Museum (now the Bureau of Public Libraries). They are: Epifanio de los Santos, lawyer, scholar, critic, writer, musician and painter; Trinidad H. Pardo de Tavera, physician, a great scholar, writer, patriot and statesman; and Teodoro M. Kalaw, lawyer, legislator, historian, professor and author.

Bro. Luis Meneses, Senior Warden of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M., Manila, and a philatelist, informs me that all three were Masons and that M.W.Bro. Kalaw was a Past Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines.

--- John A. Mirt.

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER IS A SELL-OUT

As has been the case since its inception, there wasn't an extra seat to be had when the Masonic Stamp Club of New York gathered for its 15th Annual Dinner on Friday evening, May 6th. Held at the Masonic Club, 23rd Street and Sixth Avenue, New York the dinner was a huge success socially, gastronomically, artistically and philatelically.

Two great big bunches of orchids are due Bro. Harold Matters and Bro. Harry Henneman for the splendid job they did once again in making this dinner such a tremendous success. Not a detail was overlooked to provide for the comfort and entertainment of those present.

Following a delicious repast, President Ferrars H. Tows called the group to order, then Bro. Sam Brooks led everyone in prayer. Bro. Tows then turned the gavel over to Bro. Richard S. Bohn (President of the Collectors Club) who acted as Toastmaster. Perhaps it shouldn't be said that Dick "acted" as toastmaster - he was the toastmaster, and a real good one. He seems to have a limitless store of good stories, all in good taste.

First thing Dick did was to have everyone-members and friends alike arise and announce their names and home towns. Following this there was a moment's Silent Prayer in memory of our departed brethren. Then he called on several members who deserved recognition for their services to the club during the past year. These were: Sam Brooks, Editor of the Masonic Philatelist; Harry Konwiser, Treasurer; Irving Yarry, Secretary; Russel Roane, First Vice-President; Arthur Heim, Second Vice-President; Carl Pihl, Program Chairman; and Harry Henneman, Correspondence and Exchange. Sylvester Colby was asked to take a solo bow for his friendly interest and assistance to the club.

Following this, Bro. Sam Brooks presented to Bro. E. Milnor Peck a handsome traveling case in recognition of his invaluable services to the club, largely in the preparation of Masonic covers and

cachets. Through Bro. Peck's efforts the Ralph Barry Publication Fund of the club has been handsomely enriched. It was a fitting tribute to a fine member who exemplifies Masonry in his daily work.

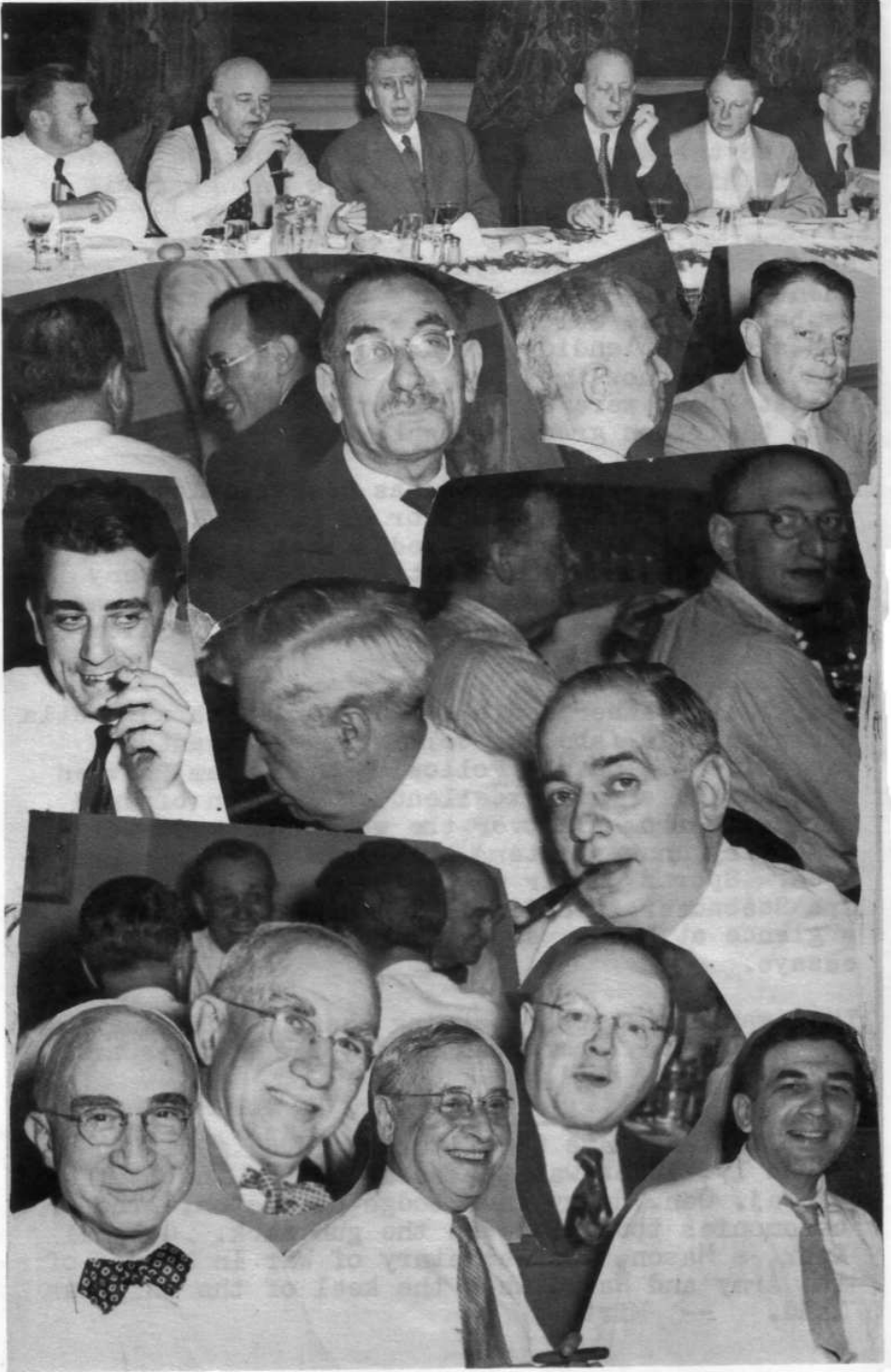
Then, beginning with Arthur Deas - our first President - all of the Past Presidents of the Masonic Stamp Club were introduced and enthusiastically applauded by the membership. Following "young" Arthur, these were: Henry Holcombe, Carl Pelander, George Camnitzer, Sam Brooks and Jacob Glaser. One of the founders of the M.S.C. and one of our outstanding members - Harry L. Lindquist - was presented and responded with a few well-chosen words of encouragement and cheer.

Featured speaker was Bro. Christian F. Zoylner (presently directing foreign broadcasts of the "Voice of America" for the Government) who provided a most entertaining talk on "Happiness". Combining a rare wit with plain, everyday American common sense, Bro. Zoylner combined humor with philosophy so skillfully as to hold everyone entranced.

Following this, Harry Henneman presented a humorist-juggler, garbed as a Civil War veteran, who had a great line of patter and kept the members in stitches. Next entertainer was a rapid-fire magician who pulled filled water glasses out of the air and performed many other feats of legerdemain that mystified and amused the onlookers. And so was concluded another successful annual dinner of the club. If you don't think the boys had a good time, take a look at some of the pictures made at the dinner by Bro. Arthur Heim which are reproduced in this issue.

-- Carl H. Pihl

The Temple of Heaven, Peking (China #96-8, 225-8), has been used on numerous occasions to confer the Scottish Rite Degrees. The altar, where once the ancient emperors of China worshipped, has been used to obligate the candidates. The temple ceased to be a place of worship after the establishment of the republic. -- Mirt.



## UP INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

Fulfilling all advance predictions, the air was full of zooming planes, whirring motors and talk about "first flights" when the Aero Philatelists visited the Masonic Stamp Club and helped to celebrate Air Mail Night on Friday evening, April 29th at the Collectors Club in New York.

Headed by that human dynamo--John J. Britt, President of Aero Philatelists - a large number of members of the "cloud scrapers" turned out. There was also a splendid attendance of our own members. And what a show they put on! Some of the Aero Philatelists were surprised by some of the showings their own group brought.

John Britt first presented as his "stellar attraction" Henry Goodkind (Editor of the Collectors Club Philatelist) who showed selected pages from his French air mail collection. This was very enjoyable as Mr. Goodkind explained the reasons for the inclusion of many items, some of which are undoubtedly unique.

Next, Jake Glaser exhibited his Columbia air mails excluding his fabulous collection of Scadtas - and got a big hand. Following this, Sam Rodvien showed part of his excellent collection of used air mails from all over the world which contained some very unusual items that were greatly appreciated. Sports on air mail stamps were shown by Ira Seebacher, and finally, John Britt permitted a glance at his superb collection of proofs and essays.

This was a most entertaining evening and, just as was predicted, there was hardly a seat to spare.

--Carl H. Pihl

The U. S. Frigate Constitution (U.S. #951) on March 17, 1926, was the scene of the institution of Maj. Gen. Henry Knox Lodge of Boston. The ceremonies took place on the gun deck. General Knox, a Mason, was Secretary of War in charge of the Army and Navy, when the keel of the ship was laid. -- Mirt.