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OUR NEW OFFICERS

Our Annual Meeting on June 24th, attracted a rather small crowd, possibly because of the hot weather. However, there was plenty of activity. Reports were read by the officers and committee chairmen, and were received with applause by the members. Next on the programme was the election of members of the Board of Governors to serve until 1952. Here an unexpected contest livened things up. However when the ballots were counted, it was found that the incumbents were re-elected.

The new Board of Governors then convened and proceeded to the selection of a new slate of officers. All the officers were moved up, and with the addition of Carl Pihl as the new second vice-president, the board adjourned and the Club meeting was opened by Past-President Jacob S. Glaser. Brother Glaser acted as Installing Officer and presented Russell B. Roane as our new President. Arthur I. Heim was installed as First Vice-President, and Carl H. Pihl as Second Vice-President. Arthur Heim and Harry Konwiser were then installed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

From the talk heard after the meeting, all the choices were very favorably received. We look forward to a successful year for the Officers and the Club.

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Bob Peck is a busy man these days. The picnic at Tappan is his baby, and Bob deserves the support of every Member. BOB tells us that he has received prizes for children and adults from Ideal Models, 22 West 19th Street, and the Microlite Company of 44 West 18th Street, both of New York City.

Brother Harry L. Lindquist has been elected Vice-President of the New York Athletic Club. Harry has been very active in the management of various departments of the Club., especially as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Congratulations Harry.

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

OFFICERS 1949-1950

Russell B. Roane President
Arthur I. Heim 1st V-Pres.
Carl H. Pihl 2nd V-Pres.

Irwin M. Yarry Secretary
61-23 Roosevelt Ave.
Woodside, Long Island, N.Y.

Harry M. Konwiser Treasurer
181 Claremont Ave.
New York, 27, N.Y.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1950 Richard S. Bohn
Harry M. Konwiser
Ferrars H. Tows
1951 Forrest S. Ellis
Carl H. Pihl
Morris Strauss
1952 Arthur I. Heim
Harrold Matters
Russell B. Roane

PAST PRESIDENTS

Arthur W. Deas 1934-1938
Ralph A. Barry * 1938-1939
Henry W. Holcombe 1939-1941
Carl E. Pelander 1941-1943
George Camnitzer 1943-1945
Sam Brooks 1945-1946
Jacob S. Glaser 1946-1948
Ferrars H. Tows 1948-1949

(*) indicates deceased

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A review of the new book by HARRY M. KONWISER

"The American Stamp Collector's Dictionary"

THERE has been a constant and ever-growing need for a concise guide to the terms and references used in philatelic circles such as is now filled by Harry M. Konwiser's improved and revised *American Stamp Collector's Dictionary*, just published. Not only does this book greatly relieve the handicap of the beginner in stamp collecting, but also collectors who are much further along in the hobby. Here in one volume they will find information which heretofore has been so scattered that research has often been required to secure a simple definition. Harry M. Konwiser has covered from A to Z all the various significant words, phrases, abbreviations, events, and dates occurring in U. S. philately.

The coverage of the book is so comprehensive that it would be impossible in a review to state all of its phases, but as an example of its contents, we might mention that it includes such diversified things as the following: The titles and a brief statement of the activities of our national philatelic societies, what is meant by such terms as "Ahead of the Mails", "Black Jack", "Franks", "Plating". It describes the different types of paper used in stamp manufacture, but briefly so that he who runs may read. The various railroad and steamship, the ocean mails, and related topics, all are clarified. Postal markings and cancellations of various types, U. S. rates, printing terms and information concerning manufacturers of U. S. stamps other than the government's Bureau issues; names of designers of U. S. stamps and the stamps they designed; a great variety of things, all-embracing for the collector of U. S. Nearly 2,000 entries comprise the work, and it carries 269 illustrations.

The book should be owned by every collector of U. S. stamps and every student of U. S. postal history, for in it he will find a fundamental nugget of information on any phase of U. S. philately he is investigating. It is obtainable for \$3.00 from *Gimbel's Stamp Department, Broadway and 33rd Street, New York 1, N. Y.*

STAMPS ☆ June 18, 1949

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Russell B. Roane is one of that great group of collectors who is not partial to any particular country. Collecting since 1932, Russ has a nice general collection and lately has expanded his U.S. possessions to a very nice grouping of Phillipines through the occupation and Victory issues.

Russ was raised in Evangelist Lodge # 600, New York City, May 21, 1929. He was Worshipful Master in 1937, and in 1940 was elected President of the Fifth District Masonic Assn. At present he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys Camp Fund of the 5th District Association.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
where wealth accumulates, and men decay."

Oliver Goldsmith-- "The deserted village."

The Masonic Stamp Club Of New York, a club with a wealth of tradition, a welth of accomplishments, a wealth of experience and a wealth of membership, rich in knowledge, ability and possibilities.

It is your stamp club. It needs your knowledge, your support your attendance at meetings and your constructive criticism. During August a meeting of the Board of Governors will be held. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider means to increase interest among members, attendance at meetings, and to make our Club a more potent force as a body of Masons as well as Philatelists

Brother Carl H. Pihl has consented to continue his splendid work as Chairman of the Program Committee and will soon have a tentative program prepared.

The Officers and Members of the Board of Governors welcome your suggestions and criticisms. Address them directly or through our Secretary, Dr. Irwin M. Yarry.

I hope you all have a pleasant summer and that I may greet you at our Pilgrimage to Tappan on July 24th.

---Russell B. Roane

Brother G. HOWARD FISHER has been appointed to the Staff of the Grand Master Of The State of New York. Good Luck.

Brother Herman Herst, Jr., of Shrub Oak, N.Y., issues "Herst's Outbursts", an unusually interesting house organ. Herman has been a member of the Club for many years and will be pleased to send a copy to you. Just send return postage or better still send him three or four return envelopes with 2¢ stamps attached and you'll receive good reading matter as written by H.H. Jr.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1948-49

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York is concluding its 15th year in promoting philately among Masons throughout the world. Our success as a stamp club is being proven by the institution of Masonic stamp clubs in other parts of the country.

During the year 1948-49, sixteen meetings were held beginning with the meeting on Sept. 24, 1948. Ferrars H. Tows, newly elected president, although not present, submitted his list of committee chairmen as follows:

Membership.....	C.E. Pelander, Chas. Brooks
Publicity.....	Arthur I. Heim
Entertainment.....	Harold Matters
Program.....	Carl H. Pihl
Exhibition.....	Dr. George Camnitzer
Correspondence	
and Exchange.....	Harry O. Henneman
Auction.....	Henry Friedman

At the Oct. 1st meeting Bro. Harry Lindquist showed his famous Demonstration Collection. On Oct. 29th Bro. Sidney Barrett gave a very fine talk on "Protecting Your Investment in Stamps", followed on Nov. 27th by a talk by Bro. Carl Pelander on "How to Appraise a Stamp Collection". On Dec. 3, 1948 and again on June 3, 1949 we inaugurated the presentation of the "Master of Philately Degree". Twenty-three of our brethren received this degree, which was created by the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee. It will be presented twice each year, thus forming an additional bond among members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

Our first meeting of 1949 was a spot auction, highlighted by a talk by our own Harry M. Konwiser on U.S. Postal History Jan. 28th was Past Presidents Night and we were honored by the presence of our first president, Arthur Deas. Other ex-prefices present were: Carl E. Pelander, George Camnitzer and Sam Brooks. Bro. Brooks displayed the minutes of the first meeting of the club which proved very interesting. At the Feb. 4th meeting an opening invocation was instituted. This has become a regular feature of all our meetings. March 4th was Masonic Philately Night and Bro. Sam Brooks, author of

the book "Masonic Philately", gave us a fine talk on how to build a Masonic Collection. On April 1st Bro. Franklin Bruns showed his fine collection of Panama color proofs and on May 27th Bro Clarence Brazer displayed his U.S. proofs and essays.

During the year our club played host to the Scandinavian Collectors Club and the Aero Philatelists, maintaining the fellowship built up with these organizations. On Nov. 5th our club visited the St. Alban's Naval Hospital and provided an evening's program for some of the veterans. More of these visits should be undertaken.

Our Annual Members Exhibition on March 25th was a success as usual. Carl Pelander received the highest award for his Tonga and Harry Henneman received the newly instituted Novice Award for his most interesting "Information Philately". The 15th Annual Dinner proved most successful through the efforts of Bro. Harry Henneman and Bro. Harold Matters. On May 6th, 65 brethren assembled for this banquet at Masonic Hall. Bro. Dick Bohn was toastmaster and Bro. Christian Zoylner was the featured speaker. Bro. E. Milnor Peck was presented with a gift from the club in appreciation for his excellent work in connection with Masonic cachets.

This joyous occasion was shadowed by the loss of our President Emeritus, M.. W.. Charles H. Johnson, whom the Great Architect has seen fit to take into his quarries on Oct. 28, 1948. We must also add the names of other brethren who have passed on: Bert Ehrenberg, Frank N. Pond, Peter Barkelew and Al Burns. May their Souls find Eternal Rest.

Our publication, "The Masonic Philatelist" continues to furnish news and valuable information to the brethren largely through the herculean efforts of the editor, Bro. Sam Brooks. It is a big job. Show your appreciation to Bro. Brooks by sending him an article or an item from time to time, and make our publication even better.

Let us not omit the fine work of Russel B. Roane, First Vice President, Jake Glaser, junior past president, and the many others who pitched in time and again. And a special word of praise to our Treasurer, Bro. Konwiser. With such workers we can look forward to broader horizons and continue to strive to make the Masonic Stamp Club of New York one of the outstanding clubs in the world.

Irwin M. Yarry, Secretary

YOUR MUSICAL STAMP ALBUM by Harry O. Hennemann and Maxwell Eckstein. Published by Carl Fischer, Inc., New York.

This novel album of music will be interesting to every philatelic-minded person. Those who are both philatelic-minded and philharmonic-minded will revel in its linking of the art of music with the hobby of stamp collecting. Such folks have been well-nigh ecstatic over the wonderful gallery of famous composers portrayed on postage stamps issued by many different countries, including our own U.S.A.

Part of that composers stamp gallery is met in this unique album together with a choice composition of each composer. These selections have been arranged by the renowned composer and editor, Maxwell Eckstein, so that any average home pianist may play them or that they may be given to piano pupils in their second or third year of lessons. His collaborator, our own Harry O. Henneman, is an able musician and an authority in philatelic research. The biographical and philatelic texts are from his pen.

Many who will be attracted to this album for the fine piano pieces it offers perhaps through it, will get their first feel of the joy to be found in the hobby of stamp collecting.

This album will be ready about the first of August. If you want an autographed copy, send one dollar to Harry O. Henneman, 28 East 31st Street, New York, 16, N.Y. Do it now!!!

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Yemen, in its series commemorating admittance to the United Nations, issued several stamps of interest to Masonic philatelists. The 12b brown and black postage value and the 12b blue and violet airmail show President Truman with a cabinet photo of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Truman is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. President Roosevelt was made a Mason in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York, in 1911. The 30b orange and violet (air mail) and the 30b blue and grey (regular) show President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in conference. Churchill is a Mason also.

A 1-imadi brown-orange and red shows the Statue of Liberty. The statue was designed by Bartholdi, member of a Paris Lodge. The cornerstone of the statue was laid by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1885. -- Mirt.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Program Committee introduced several new features during the 1948-1949 season with the aim of making the meetings as interesting as possible to the largest number of members.

One of these innovations was the inclusion of several speakers who spoke on subjects of timely interest to philatelists. Another was the addition of a Novice Award for the Annual Members Exhibition. This year, for the first time, we presented the Master of Philately Degree.

The Board of Governors would appreciate your comments on these new features as well as any suggestions that you may have as a guide in planning our programs for the future. This is your club and the officers want to provide the sort of program in which you are interested. To do this, they must have the benefit of your ideas and desires. Take the time NOW to sit down and write a short note to the Board of Governors and mail it to the Secretary.

It is the aim of your Board of Governors and Officers to make this the most active and best club in the WORLD. They want to make the program as interesting and entertaining as possible. To do this they need your help. WRITE NOW. Your Board will meet during the summer to plan next years' program.

Carl H. Pihl
Program Chairman

Information Wanted

A collector- active in the autograph field- wants to know what John Brown wrote to his father or to his people back at Hudson, Ohio, about his trouble with the Masonic brethren at Meadville, Pa., during the Morgan incident of the 1820's. Perhaps someone can help Boyd B. Stutler, editor of the American Legion Magazine, on this.

----H.M.K.

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

ANNUAL PICNIC AT GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC SHRINE AT TAPPAN, N. Y.

SUNDAY, JULY 24th, 1949

All Provisions Made * Rain or Shine * For a Wonderful Day in the Country. Everything You Expect to Find for Convenience is Here * Bring Your Picnic Lunch and Your Friends * REFRESHMENTS * BEER, SODA, HOT DOGS, ETC. * All You Want * The Charge is Nominal * Get There as Early as you Wish * Even in the Forenoon * And Stay Until the Shadows Start Creeping Down the Sylvan Valley of the Hudson.

DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GET TO TAPPAN BY AUTO

Cross George Washington Bridge, turn right and proceed along Route 9W for about 14 3/4 miles to a sign marked Orangeburg—Route 303. Continue along this road, which is known as Oak Tree Road, to Livingston Street, which is two blocks after crossing Railroad tracks—to the grounds of the George Washington Shrine.

DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GET TO TAPPAN BY BUS

Buses for Tappan leave from the following Bus Depots in New York City: 143 West 43rd Street, Broadway and 167th Street, Amsterdam Avenue and 181st Street. Just tell the driver to stop at the "76 House" in Tappan, then walk back a half block to the grounds of the George Washington Shrine. Walking time: 2 minutes.

DIRECTIONS VIA WEST SHORE RAILROAD

Ferries leave West 42nd Street, N. Y. C. for train connections to Tappan, at 10:15 A.M., 12:35 P.M., 1:25 P.M., 1:55 P.M., 2:35 P.M., and 3:15 P.M. Daylight Saving Time. Train stops at Tappan station. Total time, 1 hour. Cross railroad tracks at Tappan. Walk South 2 blocks to traffic light and "76 House", then follow same directions as above. Walking time from Station to Shrine, about 8 Minutes.

This is the fourth annual Pilgrimage to the historical George Washington Headquarters. We are sure you will want to attend this great event. Don't forget the date: — SUNDAY, JULY 24th, AT TAPPAN, NEW YORK.

Chairman of Picnic Committee,

ROBERT M. PECH

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your reminder anent the "Tappan Outing" to be held on July 24th.

Vividly recalling the good-fellowship and fun enjoyed by all last year, please rest assured I shall do my very best to persuade others to participate in this years affair.

I am looking forward to the 24th of July and expect to bring a "Gang" with me and invite our mutual friends from the Collectors Club as well as the Aero Philatelists. We should literally "pack" them in at Tappan.

Yours for a very successful Picnic, and with kindest regards to the Masonic Stamp Club members, I am,

Most cordially yours,

John J. Britt