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## • Meetings •

SPOT AUCTION SALE - JAN. 6th

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York will start the new year off with a bang on January 6 at 8 P.M. at the Collectors Club when the annual spot auction sale will be held. This event is eagerly anticipated by all members and the usual large attendance is expected. Arrangements are being made by Bro. Sam Brooks and Bro. Charles Brooks. It will assist them if you are able to send your lots to them by mail prior to the night of the auction. However, if you are not able to do this, be certain to bring something with you on the night of Jan. 6th. Everybody should take part in this sale in order to make it a big success. Contributions will be gladly accepted, the proceeds will go for the purchase of stamps for the children in the Masonic Home at Utica. And the auctioneer will be none other than our good Brother Carl E. Pelander who is certain to provide us with an entertaining evening as well as lend his experience in auctioning off the lots. Don't miss this highlight of the season, besides there will be lots of stamps to be had. Swapping will commence at 7 P.M. as usual.

### TURKEY HASH TURNS OUT TO BE FILET MIGNON

As predicted, the innovation presented at the meeting of November 25th - known as "Turkey Hash" for want of a better name - turned out to be one of the most interesting and exciting evenings in many moons, judging by the numerous favorable comments. As a matter of fact, the success of this program has induced the Collectors Club to cancel one of their scheduled Spring events and hold a similar meeting. The Masonic Stamp Club of New York continues to blaze the trail.

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J.I.Potter of Oneida, N.Y.  
sends his dues witha note  
that he enjoys the PHILATELIST  
Thank You.

Harold Snyder misses us all  
but poor health prevents him  
from attending meetings. To  
you Harold and all who are  
ill, we pray that the New  
Year will bring an abundance  
of Health and Happiness.

And that goes for all of you

Jose Rueff likes all of us as  
we like him. Sends in 5 bucks  
The extra 3 for the Ralph  
Barry Fund that publishes  
this paper. Thanks Jose.

Received a nice note from  
Brother Charles G.P.Knight  
who conducts the Stamp Club  
at the Masonic Home, Utica.  
He acknowledges receipt of  
stamps from Sidney Barrett,  
and Harry Kinne. I would  
appreciate hearing from all  
Brothers who have sent gifts  
to the kids at the Home.

Chandler Sloane a Charter  
Member of the Masonic Stamp  
Club, recently visited New  
York, reports Carl Pelander.  
Bro. Sloan now resides in  
Tacoma, Wash. He has been  
collecting stamps since 1889  
Regrets that he had to miss  
the Master of Philately Deg-  
ree.



## Turkey Hash.....Continued

Success of this program was the result of the hearty cooperation and ingenuity of those members who participated and the brief summary of who showed what will prove that there wasn't a dull moment from start to finish.

Bro. Phillips showed flaws ( B for R and misformed S) on the Baltimore "Red Horseman" Carrier of 1857; Bro. Barrett followed with two covers cancelled without stamps from San Francisco, the only time this was officially authorized was for a few weeks following the earthquake and fire in April 1906 when the stamps had been destroyed; Bro. Strauss exhibited a unique and complete array of varieties and cancellations on the six cent bi-colored airmail of 1938. Bro. Yarry had an unusual showing of literature in which postage stamps had been mounted in the pages; Bro. Heim showed the Princes' Issue of Belgian Congo, probably the world's first "Farleys" except these are extremely rare. Bro. Reggel showed a cover containing over a dollars worth of U.S. postage dues which was returned to the sender undelivered and wanted to know who paid for the stamps. Bro. Konwiser regaled the members with a selection of old and interesting official covers while Bro. Ellis exhibited a few pages of Columbian envelopes including various oddities. Bro. Bob Pech suggested another way of going nuts - collecting and plating straight edges and corner stamps while our President, Bro. Roane surprised everybody by turning up with a collection of Yugoslavia. Bro. Gunter had an interesting lot of the Great Britain Jubilee envelopes of 1890. A visitor, Mr. Gandy, entertained the members with some multiple use covers from World War II and several good stories. Bro. Henneman told us about the "lost town" of Germany (actually in Switzerland) which doesn't show on any map; Bro. Huppert showed unusual plate numbers of U.S. stamps while Bro. "Doc" Koomanoff pointed out some interesting features of Trans-Jordan and Syria. Bro. Shoop stopped the show with his exhibit of a stamp that was never issued and Bro. Hill exhibited several pages of his beautiful Religious Autograph collection. Bro. Urlaub presented some interesting stamp novelties and Bro. Sachtleben showed a unique hand-illuminated topical collection of animals, flowers, etc. Bro. Wray exhibited a variety of interesting covers with maps while Bro. Pihl showed how to make up several interesting pages with a few covers and stamps of Pitcairn Islands.

---Carl H. Pihl

### **MASTER OF PHILATELY DEGREE**

With justifiable pride and pleasure, I report the work of the Ritual Team on Friday December 2. The entire Team turned in a splendid and proficient job.

Six candidates, Brothers Jacob S. Glaser, Asher Kleinman, Alex T.Koomanoff, Eliot M.Nerdheim, Joe Rueff, and Walter H. Van Zuilen, were very favorably impressed and enjoyed the work. Their expressions of delight were a source of gratification to the entire Team and I, as Chairman, thank them all for an excellent job.

All members of the Club who have not received the Degree, are urged to do so in May 1950, when the work will be given. Drop me a card telling me that you will be present. You will be as pleased as all the other Members who have taken the Degree.

---Morris Strauss, Chairman.

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### **NEW STAMP FOR YOUR MASONIC ALBUM**

The Post Office Department has announced the issuance of a stamp to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of SAMUEL GOMPERS. First day sale will be at Washington, D.C., January 27, 1950.

Brother Samuel Gompers was born in London January 27, 1850. He came to the U.S. in 1863 and became a cigar maker. He was president of the American Federation of Labor for 42 years. Many of Labor's most notable gains were achieved during this period.

The New York "Masonic Outlook" of January 1925 tells us that Brother Gompers died at San Antonio, Texas, December 13, 1924. He was an active member of Dawson Lodge No. 16, Washington, D.C., and an Honorary Member of Joutsnymans Lodge of Edinburg Scotland. At the request of Dawson Lodge, he was buried with Masonic services conducted by St. Cecille Lodge No. 568 in New York City.

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### **HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW DUES CARD ?**

As usual HMK sends out the cards with a bill and depends on YOU to make a prompt remittance. DO IT NOW!!!

And as usual many of you comment on this UNUSUAL practice and send a line or two about yourself.

Arthur F. Kirk, who's correct address is 5 Jerome Place, Upper Montclair, N.J., is able to get around a bit but is not entirely well. Drop him a line.