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**MEETINGS**  
First Friday of Each Month  
Collectors Club Bldg., 22 E. 35th Street

**May 6—Members' Annual Exhibit.**  
Arranged by Emanuel M. Reggel. Also  
Master of Philately Degree.

**May 20—Annual Dinner.** To be held  
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### OUR 21ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER MAY 20, 1955

The 21st Annual Dinner of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York will be held on Friday evening, May 20, 1955 at The Masonic Club in the Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd street, New York, N. Y. Right now out in Texas a steer is being prepared to furnish delectable roast beef for the members that night, while Bro. Sidney Barrett is busy lining up a program for their enjoyment. The annual dinner is the blue ribbon event held by the club each year. Nearly every year we are privileged to greet several members from far places. One thing is certain if you would like to attend, make your reservations without delay because the seating capacity is limited. Cost of the dinner, including cocktail and all gratuities, is four dollars.

Reservations are coming in very fast at the April 1 meeting. A show of hands gave unanimous approval to the menu submitted by the caterers.

Fruit Cup - Soup - Salad  
Roast Sirloin of Beef  
Rissole Potato and Peas  
Ice Cream, Cookies and Coffee  
Manhattan Cocktail - Served

All this for four dollars per person  
Members and Guests are invited.  
Date: Friday, May 20th, 1955.  
Place: Masonic Club, 71 West 23rd  
street, New York City.  
Time: 6:30 p. m.

Send reservations to: Sidney F. Barrett, 87 Nassau street, New York 38, N. Y.  
—Dinner Committee.

## In and Around the Club —

Our meeting of April 1st was interesting; most of the Brothers present showed items of Masonic Philatelic interest. We are sorry to announce that we did not put on the Master of Philately degree owing to an unavoidable circumstance, however at this coming meeting the Master of Philately Degree will be given, so Brothers who have not received it and would like to, please be present at the next meeting.

### By the Sign of the GAVEL

#### THANKS, BROTHER ELLIS!

Probably many of the members noted with regret, as I did, the notice in the March Masonic Philatelist that Bro. Forrest L. Ellis has found that it will not be possible for him to continue as our editor. The entire membership of the club owes Bro. Ellis a rising vote of thanks for his long and diligent service. His tenure as editor from September 1951 to the present was only a climax to many other duties that he performed for the club. None except the oldest members recall that Bro. Ellis was a member of the Editorial Board that inaugurated The Masonic Philatelist in March 1944.

Those who have the privilege of knowing Bro. Ellis personally will agree that he brought to the task of editing this publication, the same scholarship and diligence that characterizes his philatelic activities. While laying down the burden of editor, we hope that Bro. Ellis will find the time to contribute an occasional article.

No doubt all members will agree that The Masonic Philatelist today has achieved a stature that is unique for publications of this type. This splendid journal is a memorial to two of our members—Ralph A. Barry and Al Van Dahl—and is the handiwork of three members—Harry M. Konwiser, Sam Brooks and Forrest L. Ellis—who have guided its destinies since its inception.

#### Best Wishes, Bro. Reggel

Now it is with pleasure that we announce that another member has picked up the torch, or perhaps I should say the editorial pen. Bro. Emanuel M. Reggel is assuming the position of editor with this issue. Certainly all members will join me in offering congratulations and best wishes. In addition, it is hoped that all members will offer tangible assistance to

the new editor in the form of articles and news items. Such cooperation has from time to time been lacking in the past, yet it must be obvious to all that without such help a publication of this type cannot long survive. It is **your publication** and it requires **your active support** and assistance in order to continue. Give Bro. Reggel the help he needs in order to issue the kind of publication we have had for the past 11 years.

It is also hoped that every member who can possibly do so will be present at the May 20 annual dinner. This is always the highlight of the club's activities during the entire year.

—Carl H. Pihl.

### NEW EDITOR TAKES OVER MASONIC PHILATELIST

The resignation of Forrest L. Ellis as editor of our paper has left a void that is most difficult to fill. Bro. Ellis has been a part of the M. P. since its very inception over 12 years ago, when Bro. Konwiser filled this job with co-editor Sam Brooks. This triumvirate carried on for several years until Oct. 1947 when Bro. Brooks became editor. In Sept. 1951, when pressure of time and business, Bro. Brooks reluctantly assigned the editorship to Bro. Ellis. With the April, 1952 issue, the M. P. came forth in its present format, through the generosity of the late Al Van Dahl, founder of the Western Stamp Collector and publisher, member of our club. Our paper now is second to none, a credit to the club and Masonic philately.

The future issues of the Masonic Philatelist will be under the able guidance of Bro. Emanuel Reggel, a member of the board of governors, with the associated editors Brothers John A. Mirt, Richard M. Needham, and F. T. Anderson.

### ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Bro. Gunter sends his regrets for not attending the last meeting since he has charge of the Weavers Guild fair and exhibit which falls on the same night, but he sends his reservation for our annual dinner.

Bro. Glaser reports that he has about 50 frames reserved for the special Masonic exhibit at the Fifth International. Brother "Jake" was in charge of the construction at "Cipex."

Bro. H. L. De Vall who does a thriving business in selling bibles, writes that it would cost too much to come to meetings. Tampa, Florida, is still not

commuting distance to N. Y.—but who knows when?

Bro. W. B. Pruitt has his work cut out for him this summer by Uncle Sam. One of our younger set, he is graduating from the University of North Carolina with his M.S. and commissioned in the Navy will embark early in June for Spain and England. Bro. Pruitt is very gracious in offering to look up any stamp wants of any of our members while he is in Europe. Write to Bro. Pruitt at 105 Phillips Hall, Chapel Hill, N. C. Congratulations and bon voyage.

#### LETTER TO EDITOR

The following letter was received by your editor:

Dear Many:

"I promised to write you re my collecting—

In 1892 I joined a stamp club in the Eastern District Y.M.C.A., Brooklyn, and have been collecting ever since.

As is usual, I started to collect the whole world. In the early 1930s I joined several stamp clubs and came in contact with the "Big Shots"—and then I realized I would have to specialize. As I had a nice collection of air mails, I started to concentrate on "airs."

At that time my daughter Estelle married a Colombian Senor Don Luis J. Escobar and after visiting them in Bogota, Colombia, I really started to collect Colombian stamps, particularly Colombian airs and built up a gold medal collection.

After "Cipex" I started to collect Masonic philately including cancellations, postal stationery and lodge notices; also Masonic literature, and Masonic first day covers.

With Sam Brooks and John Mirt as guides, I have been able to collect four volumes of Masonic material. Membership in Masonic Stamp Club helped a lot.

In March, 1956, there will be the International show in the new Coliseum in New York. At that time, it is planned to have about 50 frames of Masonic material on display adjoining the Masonic Stamp Club's lounge. More later.—Jake.

(Brother (Jake) is J. S. Glaser, one of the club's past presidents, also a former president of the Collectors Club of New York, and now V. P. and Chairman of Construction of the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held here in New York in March, 1956).

#### ACTIVE IN FIPEX 1956

Plans for the Fifth International Exhibition (FIPEX) which will be held in New York City from March 3 to 11, 1956 are rapidly taking shape. This stamp show will be the opening event to be held in the New York Coliseum, now under construction at Columbus Circle in New York City.

Members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York are prominent among those planning and executing this great philatelic event. Bro. Harry L. Lindquist is Honorary President, Bro. Richard S. Bohn is President, Bro. Jacob S. Glaser is Vice President, and Bro. Sidney F. Barrett is Treasurer. In addition to the above, Bros. Carl E. Pelander, Carl H. Pihl and George B. Wray are members of the FIPEX directing committee. Bros. Fred Barovick, Burleigh E. Jacobs and Charles A. Lott are on the FIPEX Executive Committee.

All members of the MSC who would like to participate in this undertaking may do so by joining The Association for Stamp Exhibitions, Inc. Life membership, which costs \$25.00, provides a lifetime pass to FIPEX and all future stamp exhibitions conducted by the Association. Sustaining membership costs \$10.00 and entitles the member to a season pass to FIPEX, while annual membership of \$2.00 will entitle the member to have his name listed as a supporter of the show. Members who paid \$10.00 for Sustaining Membership during CIPEX in 1947, may, upon payment of an additional \$15.00, secure a Life Membership.

#### SULTAN OF JOHORE

Johore, located at the extreme south of the Maylayan Peninsula, an area of about 7,500 square miles and with a population of around 750,000, is ruled by a Mason, Sultan Sir Ibrahim. He became sultan in 1896 and was made a Mason in Empire State Lodge no. 2108, London, on April 11, 1906. He was appointed a Past Junior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1922. The postage stamps of the state bear his portrait. Johore is administered by Great Britain. — Mirt

The 2c and 4c Santa Claus stamps issued by Cuba last December show a poinsettia, the traditional Christmas flower, which was named after an active American Mason, Joel R. Poinsett (1779-1851).