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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1954-55

The Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y., has now completed its 21st year in the promotion of philatelic interests among collectors in our fraternity. In the personality of Bro. Carl H. Pihl, the club has enjoyed his able leadership for the past two years. Carl now has assumed the chairmanship of publicity for FIPEX. The members of our club will give their whole-hearted support to FIPEX since it is virtually the Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y.

During the past year, the club's streamlined program of ten meetings provided a varied menu of philately under the program chairman, George Wray. The arrangement along geographic divisions left no area of the world uncovered and every member of the club could find something to show. This plan has proven itself so that at each meeting time ran

In Memoriam

BRO. HENRY JONAS

Word has been received of the death July 14 of Henry Jonas, for many years a merchant at Goshen, N. Y. and a stamp collector for about 70 years. He was 83 years old July 4, according to the Goshen newspaper, The Independent Republican.

Mr. Jonas' enthusiasm for his hobby, the newspaper recalls, led him to use business cards identifying him as Henry "Stamps" Jonas. He was a general collector with special emphasis on U. S. commemoratives and British colonies.

May his soul find eternal rest.

out due to the ten o'clock ruling of the Collectors Club. It can be safely said that every local member had an opportunity to show something from his collection.

To recapitulate the year's program: On Sept. 10th, ten members showed a bit of driftwood, sea shells and stamps. ASIA night as arranged by Bro. Roane, eight members exhibited. AFRICA night under Dr. Camnitzer, five members showed, etc. We were guests to the CHINA Stamp Society on Jan. 7, 1955, when Mr. Wm. H. Harr, president of the society, explained the Chinese puzzle of the modern issues of China. Our own Herman Herst, Jr. showed a collection along TOPICAL lines, of cat stamps from the late Ingeborg Herst. Our past president's night was a complete success when each and every one of our past presidents attended. The members annual exhibition was non-competitive and with the number of showings time just ran out. Bro. Reggel was in charge.

Our annual dinner as in the past was a successful affair, thanks to Bro. Sidney F. Barrett, who always gets the boys out. With Bro. Thomas Phillips acting as toastmaster and Dick Bohn as our speaker, the members and guests present were treated to some very fine stories as only Bro. Bohn can tell them. This, plus the background story on FIPEX by its chairman, Bro. Dick Bohn.

During the year 13 new members were added to our roster. We were saddened by the loss of Bro. Charles A. Groom and Bro. Sylvester Sigler.

May the Grand Architect of the universe find everlasting repose for the souls of our departed brothers.

The Masonic Philatelist continues each month, with its information for our members. The resignation of our editor, Bro. Forrest Ellis, left a vacancy most difficult to fill. We have fortunately found a successor in Bro. Emanuel Reggel. His first issues give great promise of things to come.

The next year in philately will no doubt be the greatest ever, barring unforeseen international events, which fortunately are tending toward an easing peace. We can look forward to the greatest promotional endeavor of philately, when the forth-coming FIPEX finds our club in the very crux of the philatelic world with the most facilities for promoting masonry and philately. Let each of us resolve to find time and effort to assist in whatever capacity we can. Your club has purchased a lounge for the show, we have invited our Australian Brothers to exhibit two frames at our expense and are planning a very fine Masonic Exhibit near our booth. All we need is the full support of each of our members to volunteer and say "How can I be helpful." With this resolve the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. can be the agent thru which Masonry, our honored fraternity and philately the greatest hobby, can put forward the bonds of good fellowship to all Masons throughout the world.

By the Sign of the GAVEL

It is with a certain pride and a deep sense of humility that I take up the office of President of the Masonic Stamp Club. A pride that I should be elected to join the ranks of those who have so well earned the accolade "Well Done" and a humility in hoping that I may continue to travel the road that my predecessors have so well charted and traveled before me. May the Club continue to grow and may we all draw closer together and enjoy more fully our association and affiliations in Peace and Harmony of effort from here on in thruout the years to come.

It is believed that the Program Committee has provided an interesting list of events for the coming year. It is to be noted that the first official act of your new presiding officer is to make a change. It is felt that with the Labor Day week end following immediately after the scheduled first meeting it would be better that we postpone that meeting until the following Friday, September 9th, in order

that we be able to use the last long week-end of the year to its full advantage. Have a good time and be with us the 9th prepared to tell of your Summer adventures and celebrate the start of a new year of meetings.

— THOMAS PHILLIPS

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

Treasurer's Report Year Ending June 3, 1955		
Balance on hand June 4, 1954	.....	\$1,581.32
RECEIPTS		
Initiation Fees	.....	39.00
Dues	.....	492.50
Miscellaneous		
Barry fund	.... \$ 3.00	
Exchange Books	.. 11.50	14.50
		<u>546.00</u>
(A) Annual Dinner Committee	97.50	643.50
		<u>\$2,224.82</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Masonic Philatelist	.....	\$108.00
Roster & By-laws	.....	98.50
Printing & Postage	.....	58.43
Miscellaneous		
Typing Roster	.... \$10.00	
Xmas Gratuity	.... 60.00	
Flowers	..... 25.75	
Dues Nat. Fed. of Stamp Clubs	.. 2.00	97.75
		<u>362.68</u>
(A) Masonic Club for Dinner	114.93	477.61
		<u>Balance on hand in Manufacturers Trust Co. Checking account June 3, 1955</u>
		.....\$1,747.21
(A) Annual Dinner		
Received from Committee	97.50	
Paid Masonic Club for Dinners	.....	114.93
		<u>Deficit on Dinner</u> \$ 17.43
		Respectfully Submitted,
		Russell B. Roane,
		Treasurer

CLUB COMMITTEES 1955-56

Following are the chairmen of the various club committees for the 1955-56 season:

Program—George B. Wray and Fred L. Hill.

Membership—Carl E. Pelander and Harry M. Konwiser.

Exhibition—Emanuel M. Reggel and Charles Brooks.

Dinner—Sidney F. Barrett and Jacob S. Glaser.

Ritual—Arthur I. Heim, Morris Strauss and Carl H. Pihl.

Exchange—Robert M. Pech.

Chaplain—Sam Brooks.

Publicity—Carl H. Pihl.

ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 3, 1955

The officers for the 1955-56 season are as follows: President, Thomas Phillips; 1st vice president, George B. Wray; 2nd vice president, Dr. Irwin M. Yarry; secretary, Dr. Irwin M. Yarry; treasurer, Russell B. Roane.

Board of governors: 3 years—Charles Lott; 2 years—Emanuel Reggel; 1 year—Fred Hill.

Bro. Thomas Phillips, president, Jerusalem Temple Lodge #721, Cornwall, New York.

Bro. Phillips was Entered, Passed, and Raised in Full and Ancient Form on March 16th, 1918, the sole candidate, and the work was authorized by Special Dispensation of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Later, while stationed at West Point, N. Y. Bro. Phillips took the various degrees of the York Rite. While stationed in San Antonio, Texas he received the Scottish Rite and became a member of Alzarar Temple of the Shrine. Bro. Phillips has been an Officer of the U. S. Army since 1917, having served in World War I and World War II. He is now retired as a result of disability incurred in line of duty.

In and Around the Club

At the Norwegian Centenary Exhibition several of our Brothers won awards. The grand award for the best exhibition in the Court of Honor went to Bro. Dr. Clarence Hennen of Chicago for 20 frames of Central America and Haiti. Silver-Gilt Medals to Bro. Carl E. Pelander of New York for Tonga. Bro. Alexander P. Watts of New York for Jamaica. Silver medal to Bro. Jacob S. Glaser of New York for Colombia air mails. Bronze Medals to Bro. Carl H. Pihl of New York for Norway No. 4.

A set of medals were provided as awards in Oslo by the Society of Philatelic Americans, the gold medal being awarded to Bro. Carl H. Pihl for his Norway Bypost issues. Bro. Harry Lindquist exhibited his Guatemala in the non-competitive section. **CONGRATULATIONS** to these brothers, Well Done.

Bro. Frederick Z. Bennett of Maaumee, Ohio, sends word that he and the Bennett family were off on a trip around the world leaving New York on July 23. We wish them a happy, healthy trip and a safe return.

Bro. Harold Matters of St. Petersburg, Florida, sends greetings and best wishes to all members and asks that this be mentioned at the next meeting. How about an article for the M. P., Harold?

Bro. Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, our secretary of the M.S.C. of N.Y. is featured on the front cover of Covers Magazine for August, with an interesting article on Hong Kong.

Bro. Phil A. Wilde of Cardiff, England sends greetings to all our brothers and is looking forward to seeing members at Pipex. By the way Bro. Phil is a philatelic auctioneer and valuer being President and Director of Western Auctions Ltd. of England.

Bro. Herman Herst, Jr., of Herst's Outbursts Shrub Oak, N. Y. sends us the following:

LEWIS, CLARK BOTH MASONS

It is interesting, from a historical standpoint, to trace the Masonic lodge connections of the explorers Lewis and Clark, the Oregon Country, and later the territory and state of Oregon.

Meriwether Lewis was a member of Door of Virtue lodge No. 44 of the grand jurisdiction of Virginia. He was advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in the year 1799 in Staunton lodge No. 13 of Virginia. The original certificate attesting to this fact is in the Library of Congress. He received the Royal Arch degree in the days when it was under control of the Master Mason lodges. Later it was placed solely under the control of Royal Arch chapters.

After Lewis and Clark completed their expedition to the Pacific Coast, Lewis was appointed governor-general of the Louisiana territory. That he continued his interest in Freemasonry is attested by the fact that he was the first master of St. Louis lodge No. 111, under charter by the grand lodge of Pennsylvania.

His great companion, William Clark, was made a Mason in St. Louis lodge. This event occurred before the tragic death of Meriwether Lewis. St. Louis lodge, afterward on the roster of the grand lodge of Missouri, has a collateral relationship with Oregon Freemasonry, for Oregon's first lodge, Multnomah No. 1, was chartered by Missouri in 1848.