

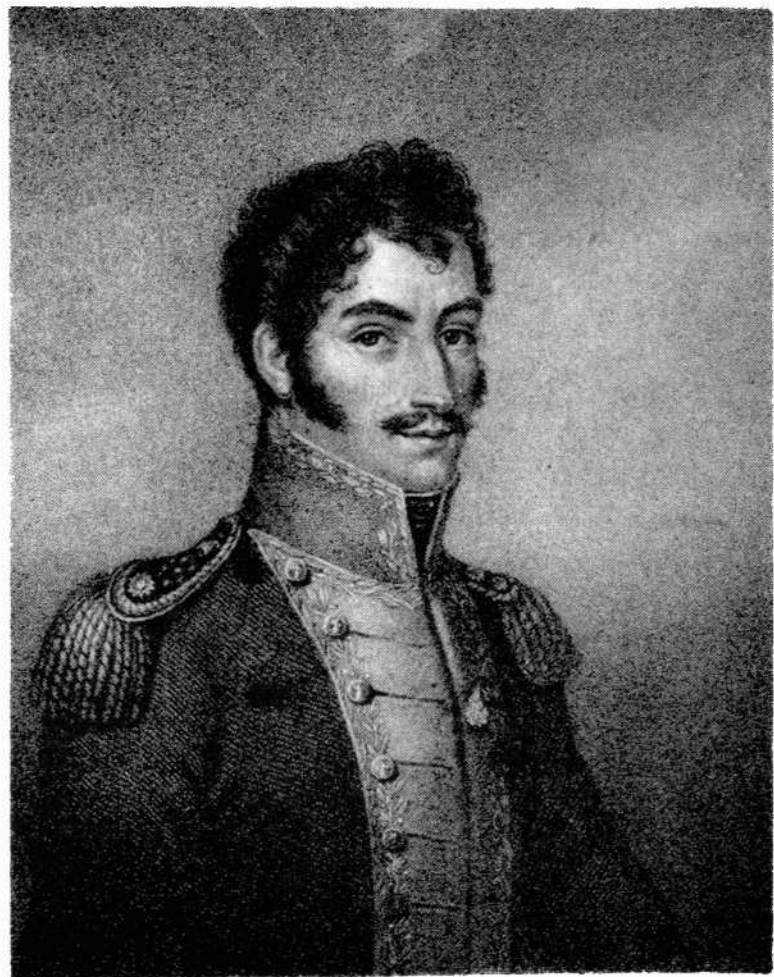


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May their souls find eternal rest.

THE COVER

Soon to be honored in the FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM issues, will be Bro. Simon Bolivar whose unusual picture graces our cover. In his usual expert manner, Bro. John A. Mirt covers this story on page 4 of this issue.

MEETINGS

First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th St., N. Y. C.

Next meeting, September 5, 1958. Let us all try to attend this first meeting of the new year . . . The Silver Anniversary Year. A most interesting program is being arranged and each meeting will be a stand-out.

And in the meantime: Stay well, and have a very pleasant Summer.

MEETING: MAY 2, 1958

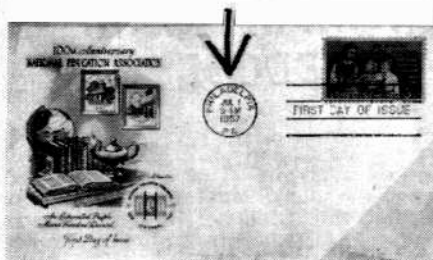
Despite the fact that the emphasis was on the Annual Dinner for May 16, we had a fine turn-out for this meeting and what surprised many was the number of exhibits posted. Every frame was taken, and though this was not a competitive affair, there seemed to be an expectant air throughout the meeting. Perhaps it was due to having two exhibits from members outside of the immediate area of NYC, one coming from Washington and the other from Colorado. We hope that many more of our members decide to exhibit at future showings, especially on those occasions where awards will be made. This sort of competition will keep the members alert and one will benefit from the other. We promise to describe such showings in detail, to give our members living away from this area an opportunity to learn what others are doing to improve their collections.

As for the showing that took place at this meeting, we have only noted below the general idea of the frame exhibited (one frame to a member), but we promise better descriptions on future showings:

1. HERMAN J. LICHTY: Bro. Lichty sent part of his splendid collection on Geo. Washington and his was the first to arrive . . . from Washington, D. C.

2. ALVIN D. LURCH: U. S. and various anniversaries were displayed via philately.

3. CHARLES C. SANNA: This was the first time Bro. Sanna has exhibited and he had a variety of items from local pre-cancels to an error in spelling on the National Education Assoc. cachet, with the Teachers of America stamp. (See page 3.)



4. **EDWIN TRACHSLER:** A nice array of Switzerland covers in frame #4.

5. **JACOB S. GLASER:** This time Uncle Jake crossed us up. No Colombians, but since he is Chairman of the Annual Dinner, what more appropriate than an exhibit of the Masonic Stamp Club, 1948, replete with photos, which we show on page 6.

6. **DR. GEORGE CAMNITZER:** Our splendid photographer, who took the 1948 photos and also the 1958 pictures of the Annual Dinners, displayed stamps and covers of German Africa World War I, as well as covers taken from the sunken cruiser Koenigsberg.

7. **DR. S. DUFFIELD SWAN:** A fine display of errors, U. S. Stamps, many of them rare.

8. **ANDREW P. RASMUSSEN:** A colorful showing of maximum covers on James Monroe.

9. **JOSE RUEFF:** Showing of censor marks, Surinam, and the identification of censors.

10. **DR. IRWIN YARRY:** Various forms of the Maltese cross as found on the penny-reds of Hong Kong.

11. **HAROLD GUNTER:** Bro. Gunter seems to have a different exhibit of Jamaica for each time the MSC has a showing. A mighty active octogenarian.

12. **EMMANUEL REGGEL:** This time Bro. Manny came up with an exhibit of No. Rhodesia.

13. **ALEXANDER KOOMANOFF:** After having been away from the meetings for many, many months due to illness, we were all pleased to have Alex back. In between his discussion on politics, he did some explaining of his U.P.U. exhibit.

14. **FRED WENDELL:** Another real old-timer came up with a splendid exhibit of early issues of Egypt.

15. **JOSEPH MUNK:** A nice looking frame with presidential blocks and coils.

16. **BENJAMIN GROSSMAN:** Taking time off from his Shrine drill team, Ben gathered some fine Roosevelt covers, but topped them with first issues of Israel: 1st Festival set and 1st Airmail set.

17. **WARREN L. EHRIG:** We are beginning to suspect Bro. Ehrig's amateur standing, for each time he shows what one can do, and only spend \$6 per year for stamps. Yet each time that he comes to the defense of the "amateur" collector, he comes forward with a nice looking job.

18. **LUTHER VAN BUSKIRK:** And to wind up the frames, it was quite appropriate to have the showing of Bro. Van Buskirk, who sent his splendid Franklin D. Roosevelt collection all the way from Colorado. The showings began with one from Washington, D. C., and it terminated with this fine exhibit.

FERRARS H. TOWS

Ferrars Heaton Tows, who for a generation has been prominent in philatelic affairs, passed away at his country home in Norfolk, Connecticut, on June 10, 1958, at the age of 82. For the past few years he has spent considerable time, at his home in Norfolk, although his permanent address was 277 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Mr. Tows was particularly noted for his outstanding collection of the stamps of the United States possessions, which were sold at auction a few years ago by Carl Pelander, in a series of seven sales, taking up twenty-one sessions. It was probably one of the largest collections of these stamps in existence. He also collected new issues of the world, which had also been sold to Mr. Pelander, some years earlier, so at the time of his death he had disposed of practically all of his philatelic holdings.

He was an active member of the Collectors Club in New York, had served as president of the Masonic Stamp Club, and was a member of the American Philatelic Society, a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, as well as other philatelic organizations.

He was especially prominent in Masonic affairs, having served as District Deputy of the 1st Manhattan district, as the Most Wise Master of the Aurora Grotto Chapter of Rose Croix, and

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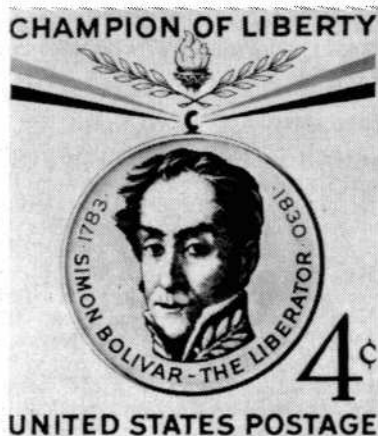
U.S. STAMPS TO HONOR MASONS. FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM

Part 1.

JOHN A. MIRT

Two Masons will be honored by "Champions of Liberty" stamps to be issued this year by the United States postoffice department.

On July 24, two values will pay homage to Simon Bolivar. "The George Washington of South America." Two values, to be issued September 19, will bear the portrait of Lajos (Louis) Kossuth, hero of the liberty movement in Hungary more than a century ago.



Simon Bolivar (1783-1830) liberated five South American countries from the yoke of Spain—Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, the last a change in name from Upper Peru. He became the first president of Bolivia in 1825 but after serving six months he turned the administration over to General Sucre, another Mason, whose portrait appears on numerous South American stamps.

Bolivar was an active Mason. He arrived in London in 1810 on a diplomatic mission and through General Miranda (another prominent Mason and philatelic figure) became a member of Lodge No. 5 of the York Rite. (Some reports say he has made a Mason in Cadiz, Spain.)

Bolivar returned to Venezuela and founded Lodge "Protectora de las Virtudes No. 1," of which he became Worshipful Master. In 1824, he jour-

neyed to Peru and founded Lodge "Order and Liberty No. 2." He was made a Scottish Rite Mason in France and became Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33°, Scottish Rite Masons, of Colombia as well as president of that country. His Scottish Rite collar and apron are on display in the Grand Lodge Museum in New York.

A Roman Catholic, Bolivar broke away from the church when in his liberation movement he found that among his chief opponents were clerics who ruled with an iron hand under the Spanish administration. In 1828, when an anti-Masonic wave was sweeping over the world, he forbade meetings of Masons in Venezuela. On his death bed in 1830, he returned to the priests for spiritual aid.

Nevertheless, it was while a Mason that he performed the deeds which established him as one of the unforgettable liberators of mankind, and for which he is being honored postally by the United States.

Bolivar's portrait appears on the stamps of many countries of the world. Of particular interest to American philatelists is a series of seven regular (Nos. 457-463) and eight air mail (Nos. C322-329) stamps issued by Venezuela in 1951, showing the Bolivar statue in Central Park, New York.

Venezuela presented the statue to the United States in 1921. Thirty years later it was relocated in the park. The stamps were issued to commemorate the rededication.

It may also be of interest to point out that Ramon Magsaysay, late president of the Philippines and subject of the first stamp in the "Champion of Liberty" series of the United States, held a high regard for Freemasonry although he was a devout Roman Catholic.

Magsaysay, killed in an airplane crash in 1957, in a message to the 1956 annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines said, in part:

"I have been made to understand that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines is identified with a great inter-

national movement for the general improvement of mankind. I wish to encourage it in this noble mission. Considering that the present need of the world today is greater international understanding. I am most certain that whatever the Grand Lodge can contribute in this

direction will be a stride nearer a lasting world peace."

This message was sent at a time when powerful religious forces in the Philippines were strongly opposed to Freemasonry. It took courage on the part of the president to commend the Craft on its high principles.

That Masonic Stamp Collection

By **HARRY WEISS**

Collectors who read the MASONIC PHILATELIST are fortunate in their stamp collecting activities. Most of the research and write-up material is done for them by others. Witness the material appearing in each issue of this magazine.

Oddly enough, the collecting of Masons on Stamps is classified under several categories. It can be a fraternal collection, it fits into the classification of a Topical collection and it can be extended into a general collection.

Just about one half of the stamps of the world can be tied in with Masons, Masonry and Masonic work. One has only to read the story behind the stamp to select the stamps that fit into such a collection.

To this writer, the study, the story and the incidents behind each stamp is as important as the stamp itself. In many cases, more important. To collect stamps to make up a Masonic stamp collection is one thing — to look up the facts behind that stamp is something else again. The true Masonic-philatelist is the one who collects his stamps, studies them and writes them up. The job of doing this is not too hard for Masonry existed long before our first stamp was issued, in fact before any stamp was issued.

But how does one go about this study of the story behind his Masonic stamps? Well, if you do not read about it in this magazine, you can go to your library, or your home encyclopedia for this information. It is as easy as all that. If you do not have the time for this — you are missing the best part of collecting Masons on Stamps.

(Ed. note: Bro. Harry Weiss is not a member of the MSC but he is the Managing Editor of the Weekly Philatelic Gossip. A good friend to many of our members, he took the time to write

the above article despite the pressure of his other work. Our thanks.)

FERRARS H. TOWS

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Master of Holland Lodge No. 8. He had been elevated to the 33rd degree of Masonry, which is the highest rank that a Mason can attain.

Mr. Tows graduated from Yale University in 1898, and from the Columbia Law School in 1902. He had practiced law actively for many years, but retired from active practice some years ago.

He was a member of many organizations in addition to his stamp clubs, and these included the Union Club, Union League Club, the Metropolitan Opera Club, the Society of Colonial Wars, and the St. Nicholas Society of the City of New York. He was a native New Yorker, having been born on the site where Saks Fifth Avenue now stands, and always enjoyed pointing out to his friends the particular spot where as a child he used to sit and look out at the passing throngs on Fifth Avenue.

We know of no immediate relatives that survive Mr. Tows, although his list of friends is legion. The funeral was held at St. James on Madison Avenue in New York, Friday, June 13.

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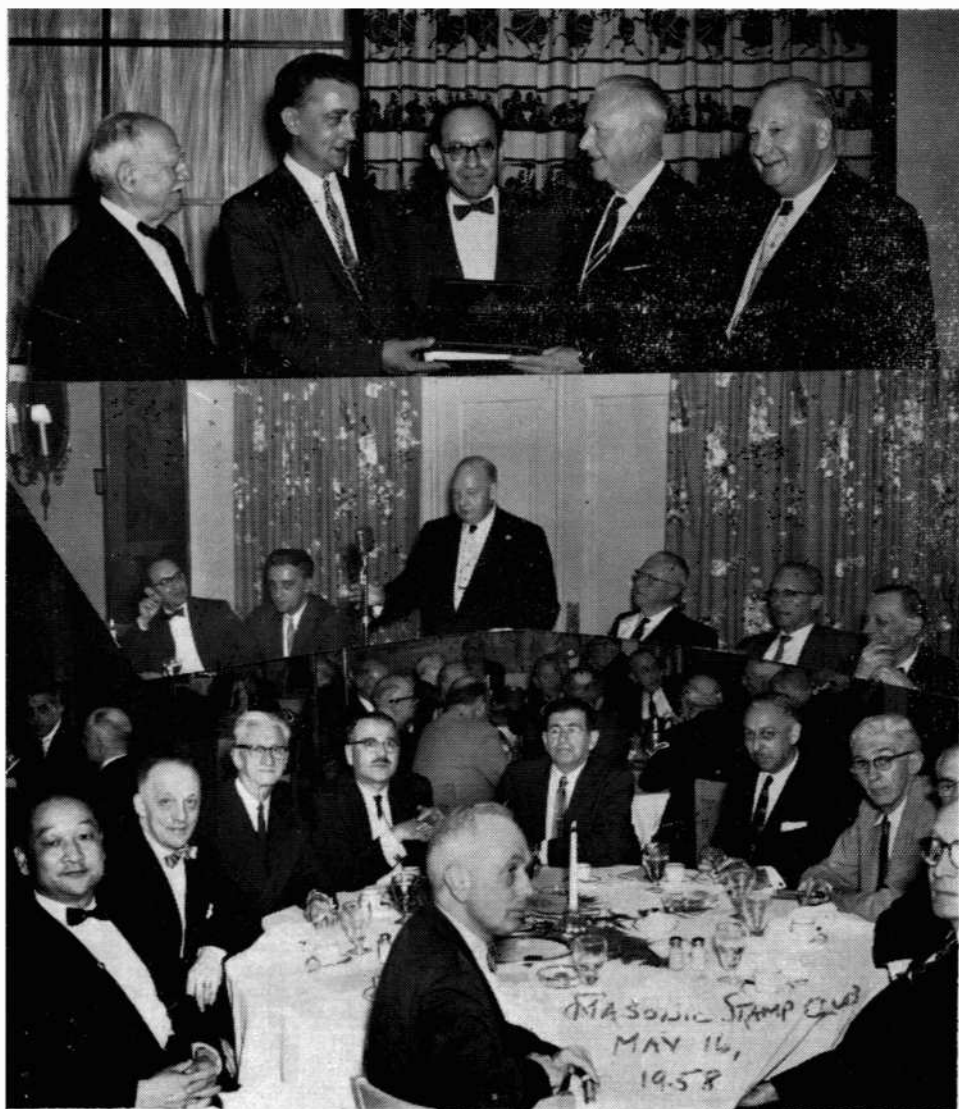
The photos on this page were taken by Dr. George Camnitzer during our dinner on May 7th, 1948.

In the upper picture, reading from the left, we find—Harry Lindquist, Past Grand Master Charles Johnson, Jacob Glaser, our guest of honor Theodore Steinway, Richard Bohn, Arhtur Deas; and in the foreground, Frank Bruns, Manny Reggel.

In the second photo, Sam Brooks, Madame Liaska, a guest, Bert Ehrenberg, and Richard Bohn.

Number three, facing the camera, Sam Brooks, Irwin Yarry, Carl Pelander, Clarence Brazer, and standing, Henry Friedinan.

The lower picture, Sidney Barrett, Mr. Steinway, Ferrars Tows, Harry Lindquist, Charlie Johnson, and Jake Glaser.



The photos on this page were taken by the same Dr. Camnitzer during our testimonial dinner on May 16, 1958.

In the upper picture, showing presentation of album to Bro. Bob Fellers, reading from left: Jake Glaser, Chairman; Franklin Bruns, Dr. Yarry, Bob Fellers and Harry Lindquist.

Middle photo, on dais: Yarry, Franklin Bruns, Harry Lindquist, Bob Fellers, Arthur Heim and Carl Pelander.

The lower picture, table set aside for the Geo. Washington Chapter of Washington, D. C.: reading from left, James Wong, Herman Lichty, Ralph Huntington, Maurice Kaplan, Ezra Samuels, Herman Kerstein, Walter Harbeson, Sol Glass, Robt. Clas and in center, Carl Wald.

ANNUAL DINNER 1948 (Masonic Philatelist Vol. 5, No. 1, June 1948)

DINNER IS HUGE SUCCESS

Without any doubt whatsoever the 14th Anniversary Dinner of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, held on Friday evening, May 7, 1948, at the Masonic Club, 23rd Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City, was the best ever. This was the concensus of all those present, among whom were a very large number of charter members and other members of long standing. Several of the brothers who have been coming to these dinners for many years were most enthusiastic and added that there have been some real good dinners in the past, too.

We were honored by the presence of M. W. Charles H. Johnson, Secretary-Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of The State of New York, who has received many Masonic and civic honors during an active career in addition to being an enthusiastic collector and long-standing officer of the club. Other distinguished members present were R. W. Ferrars H. Tows, R. W. Henry W. Holcombe, past president of the Masonic Stamp Club, and Bro. Harry L. Lindquist, publisher of Stamps, president of CIPEX last year and a luminary in the philatelic world.

Theodore E. Steinway, one of the world's outstanding philatelists, was the guest speaker and entertained members in his own inimitable manner.

Bro. Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., active member of the club and Stamp Editor of The New York Sun, had as his guests several visitors from Gramatan Lodge No. 927. These gentlemen were W. Lester Stoothoff, W. Mont Mathes, former president of the Mount Vernon Stamp Club, and Bro. Arthur Zimmerman.

Our President, Jacob Glaser, was master of ceremonies and presided over the festivities in his usual jovial manner. In addition, the following past presidents enlivened the party with their presence: Brothers Arthur W. Deas, George Camnitzer, Carl E. Pelander and Sam Brooks as well as Henry Holcombe, mentioned previously.

There were a surprising number of members from out-of-town including Brothers Marcus H. White (Worcester, Mass.), Lucius H. Williams (Hartford, Conn.), Richard Dehlem (Dover, N. J.), Louis F. Biehle (Norristown, Pa.), A. Wesley Zollers (Collegeville, Pa.), Herman Hirst (Shrub Oak, N. Y.), J. E.

Stockton, Jr. (Philadelphia, Pa.), William Schumacher (Nyack, N. Y.), H. L. DeVall (New Brunswick, N. J.), and Charles H. Copestake (Schenectady, N. Y.). Bro. Copestake presented everyone with an attractive cacheted cover commemorating the Centenary of Schenectady. It was sponsored by the Women's Stamp Club of Schenectady and in honor of our 14th Anniversary Dinner it bore a neat Masonic cancellation. It is a very nice cover and our appreciation was given to Bro. Copestake by President Glaser.

By a happy coincidence May 7 was Bro. Bert Ehrenberg's birthday so quite appropriately a cake, replete with lighted candles and all, was presented to him to his obvious surprise and pleasure. Bert was 66 years old (at least that is what he said). May you have many more happy birthdays, Bert.

Highlight of the evening was the superb entertainment furnished by Madame Litska Raymond. This attractive and versatile young lady was a prestidigitator (magician to you, bub) and an accomplished musician. First, she completely fooled several of the brothers with her magic and then soothed them with excellent renditions of several types of harps.

The Committee who had charge of the arrangements for the dinner and the entertainment, are due a large bunch of orchids for the excellent job they did. The dinner was splendid, the souvenirs were very handsome and useful and the program left nothing to be desired. All in all, it was a memorable night and a credit to the Masonic Stamp Club.

—Carl Pihl.

ANNUAL DINNER, 1958

The 24th Annual Dinner held on May 16, 1958, was a well attended affair and it was dedicated to Brother Robert E. Fellers, recently retired as Director of Philately of the U. S. Post Office Department. And what could be more fitting than to have our own Bro. Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., who has succeeded Bob Fellers as Director, pay tribute on behalf of the MSC and make the presentation of a stamp album especially made for the occasion. Bro. Bruns suggested that now that Bob had retired he might find time to take up stamp collecting, to which Fellers informed us all that he had already started a collection that now consists of six volumes of first day covers of stamps that were issued during his administration. Bro. Fellers was also presented with a medal by Bro. Wong of the Geo. Washington Chapter of the MSC, because of his having been first president of the Chapter.

There were eight members of the G. W. Chapter to attend and all eight, with other members of the Club, were conferred with the Master of Philately degree after the dinner. The delegation included First V. Pres. James N. Wong, Second V. Pres. Sol Glass, Secty. E. Robert Clas, Herman J. Lichty, Ralph C. Huntington, Carl Wald, and, of course, Fellers and Bruns. We were also happy to have with us Bro. Walter Harbeson of Columbus, Ohio, and Bro. Howard Brian Helgesen of Palatine, Illinois.

Our past presidents, who graced the dais were Carl Pelander, Russell Roane, Arthur Heim, and Carl Pihl, but Uncle Jake Glaser wanted to sit with, and play host to, members of the Collectors Club, who occupied an entire table. The other past president, who was so actively taking pictures, hardly had time to seat himself anywhere and we are especially indebted to Dr. George Camnitzer for being our official photographer. Bro. Camnitzer also caught the spirit of the 1948 Dinner, and you will find his handiwork on the center pages.

Pres. Irwin Yarry presided and the inimitable Harry Lindquist was the M. C., whose stories and lively comments are always a treat.

There was a fine turnout of members and we would like to mention all, for it is for them that we hold these get-togethers, but space does not

permit. As a matter of courtesy and appreciation for having attended do we mention some of our guests. Edwin Elkins, who has cooperated with the MSC for many years; John J. Britt, Past Pres. Collectors Club; Col. Donald Sherman, 71st Regiment Armory where ASDA shows are held annually; Peter Keller, Sec. ASDA; Jules Glaenger, Chairman of the Distinguished Visitors Committee for Philately and many others.

To Bro. Jake Glaser, as Chairman of the Dinner Committee, thanks for a job well done. Our appreciation to Bro. Lichty and the G. W. Chapter for a fine testimonial booklet and menu; and to the management of the Vandervilt Hotel for their many courtesies and the splendid dinner served. And to those who did not or could not attend . . . our regrets.

Editor's Notebook

'LETTERS-We Get Letters!'

When we lamented the fact that our files were overflowing with letters calling attention to errors in the check-lists recently published, one of our members, an avid reader of MP calmed our ruffled nerves with the comment that even Time magazine has to make retractions, so with that bit of comfort we will try to present many of the letters, some gently disapproving and others soundly critical. We deserve much of what was handed out, yet able to verify the contents of these we plead lack of time in not being articles. Suffice to say that we accept the authors' sincerity in submitting these check-lists, which are always the result of much research and often with the possibility of errors creeping in.

To Brothers PORTER L. RANCK of Berwick, Pa., and ALBERT R. MERZ of Washington, D. C., our many thanks for continued constructive criticism and suggestions, usually the result of deep research and study. They were the first of many who advised us of the outstanding errors in the April issue; namely, that John Quincy Adams, as well as William H. Seward were not Masons, for in fact, they were active anti-Masons. (We knew this, and for our neglect we bow our head. Ed.)

In this edition, and others to follow, we shall print as items of interest, the details sent in by Bro. MERZ where he refutes the names appearing in the

check-lists of Rev. Jose Burgos and Sir Francis Bacon, which he claims were not Masons, but giving the reasons why many people have considered them so. They make interesting reading. But, according to Bro. Merz, George Eastman was no Mason, and quotes Bro. MIRT saying "that George Eastman was no Mason and the very extensive files to which I have access do not mention him as a Mason."

There are many other letters along this line and we shall make the necessary corrections, but in defense we wish to quote from the letters received from Bro. ELMER EDENS, who spent many, many days and months compiling his check lists. Bro. EDENS is a dedicated worker along these lines, and his efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated but he feels "deeply sorry" for our being criticized since his errors were a result of having accidentally mixed his papers when listing Masons, with a list of Famous Men who were not Masons and with those who were actually active non-Masons. We will print corrections made by Bro. EDENS, as well as some of his other lists in future issues, since we recognize his earnest efforts. Bro. WALTER R. HARBESON of Columbus, Ohio, advises us that in our check list of Franklin D. Roosevelt, he found many missing, which we will add to another list soon to be published. "I have just finished listing my FDR collection and find I have 317 Roosevelt items," continues Bro. Walter, "and this includes single stamps, blocks, first day covers, maximum cards and non-Scott items. I have 152 Scott items, 36 FDC and 131 non-Scott items." Suggest the FDR collectors get together, including Bro. LUTHER VAN BUSKIRK, whose fine FDR exhibit graced the showing at our last meeting. Well, now, here is a bouquet from Bro. PORTER L. RANCK: "I am well pleased with the set-up of the story of Hawaiian Freemasonry. Of course, that was to be expected because the MP is always well arranged and always interesting. Thank you for a job well done." (And thank you for those kind words. Ed.) From another consistent and able correspondent, Bro. SUMMERFIELD J. MCCARTNEY of Arlington, Va.: "Four years ago, on running down some data as to whether or not the late Admiral George Dewey was a Mason, I had the occasion to write the Admiral's son—a member of

the University Club of Chicago. Mr. Dewey wrote me quite a nice letter, but was equally emphatic in denying that his father had ever been a member of the craft." (We have his name on several lists, and hope some member can give us proof, one way or another. Ed.) Do you recall our item, in April issue about that 75 year old youngster of Troy, N.Y., Bro. ARCHIE W. OSTRANDER? He writes: "I note with pleasure the little item about me on page 7. I got a kick out of it. Thank you for the write-up, I appreciate it. I have noticed many Masonic brothers' names in the MP that I know personally around this section of the state, and one receives a mild surprise when he learns that so and so is also a collector. When I showed a copy of the MP to Bro. John W. Kincaid of Troy, he requested me to offer his name as a prospective member." Some time ago, we received a most interesting note from Bro. ROBERT GOMERSALL of New York City, but inadvertently misplaced this item: "Have just returned a few months ago from a vacation in the Union of South Africa, being a guest of Ernest Hunt of Johannesburg, a prominent philatelist, who has won many prizes for his world collection. While in Africa I exhibited my own Express, Roosevelts & Curie collections. Also spoke at two philatelic societies on U.S. issues as well as club activities. The Philatelic Societies of So. Africa expect to hold a stamp exhibition in 1960, to be called UNIPLEX and it will be international in aspect. I have been asked to be Honorary Vice-President for this exhibition. I might mention that I organized the General Motors Stamp Club of New York and helped formulate others at General Motors Overseas Operations. I am President of this Club at present." (To the Chairman of our Program Committee . . . Doesn't the above ring a bell?) Anent our various articles on Bro. Gen. LaFayette, we received this interesting item from one C. F. THOMPSON of Los Angeles, who is not a member of the MSC, but who ordered a set of the LaFayette cachets: "The Weekly Philatelic Gossip will have an article of mine on the subject of 'France and LaFayette.' As this covers a pretty broad area on the subject, I steered away from the religious angle. The fact is I did not know the gentleman was a Mason. The White Nuns from

a convent in Paris keep up continuous prayers in relays in the Picpus Cemetery in downtown Paris, in the Chapel erected by his wife. The couple are both buried there along with a common grave of 1306 victims of the guillotine." To Bro. Carl Pihl the following letter from Rev. HAROLD J. SCIECK of the Morrisville (Pa.) Methodist Church: "Enclosed find my dues check for the year 1958. I cannot tell you how much pleasure, education and insight in Freemasonry I have received through my membership in the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. The bulletins are splendid. I have been "traveling" to many Lodges, for various reasons, fortified with excerpts from my stamp collection, and speaking on "Freemasonry in Philately." It has been a most interesting break from the pressure of my work and which at the same time is a benefit and blessing to me." "Was happy to read that Bro. Mirt is going to appear hereafter," writes Bro. KENNETH H. LAPHAM of Cilfton, Arizona. "In my book," he continues, "he is THE authority on Masonry on Stamps, as he gives details, Lodge affiliations, etc., which is omitted by some others. I was very sad when he found it necessary to discontinue his publication, but hope that your announcement of his future contributions in the Masonic Philatelist is the fore-runner of his resuming this work."

MASONIC CRUISE, GET-TOGETHER OF A LIFETIME

This is what the upcoming EMPIRE STATE MASON CRUISE TO THE CARIBBEAN is going to be. Masons, their families and friends—a few from each State in the Union and the Provinces of Canada—will enjoy 13 fraternal and friendship-filled luxurious days together. Cunard Line's completely air-conditioned and all first-class S. S. MAURETANIA, guarantees all this for as little as \$325 per person.

This cruise, under the Masonic leadership of New York State's Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers, will leave New York City Tuesday, January 6, 1959, and make stops at NASSAU, ST. THOMAS, MARTINIQUE, TRINIDAD, CURACAO and HAVANA. This will be a great opportunity for closer Masonic friendships. Each day Masonic get-togethers will be held aboard ship. This is the first time such a fraternal

group will have had the opportunity to get better acquainted. Capacity limited to 600. Reservations on basis of first come, first served.

Brochures and Deck Plans available from: R. W. M. M. Witherspoon, Empire State Mason Cruise Committee, 71 West 23rd Street, Room 1823, New York 10, N. Y., telephone number ORegon 5-3720.

We are certain that all brothers and members who are dog owners will appreciate the following poem sent to us by Bro. Louis A. Pease (Justice of the Peace) of North East, Penna.:

WHAT I WONDER

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog,
All curly and wooly, like mine,
With two silky ears and a nose round and wet,
And two eyes brown and tender that shine.

I'm sure if He had, that little black dog,
Knew right from the first He was God;
That he needed no proofs that Christ was divine,
But just worshipped the ground that He trod.

I'm afraid that He hadn't, because I have read
How He prayed in the garden alone,
For all of His friends and disciples had fled—
Even Peter, the one called a stone.

And oh, I am sure that little black dog,
With a heart so tender and warm,
Would never have left Him to suffer alone,
But creeping right under His arm,

Would have licked those dear fingers in agony clasped,
And counting all favor but loss,
When they took Him away would have trotted behind,
And followed Him quite to the Cross.

Welcome -- New Members

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