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On April 12, 1861 the roar of cannon shattered the air at Charleston, South Carolina, as the bombardment of Fort Sumter got under way, marking the beginning of the Civil War.

Pictured above is the first of the series of five commemoratives marking the Civil War Centennial, which stamp will be released at Charleston, South Carolina on April 12, 1961, according to Postmaster General J. Edward Day. It will establish the general pattern for the other four announced for issuance over a four-year period from 1962 to 1965.

The observance of this Centennial will doubtless recall many matters of Masonic significance. We start off with article within by Bro. Marshall S. Loke.

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By the sign of the Gavel

It is now official. The Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York have closed their roster of charter members, but are always open for new members. They kept charter membership open for a considerable time. Our Charter authorizing them to operate as a Chapter was presented at their March 15th meeting, and it is now hanging in the Cleveland Masonic Library. In our next issue, they will commence reporting current-ly on their activities.

Thanks again to Professor John N. Myer for a most splendid illustrated lecture at our March meeting.

For our April meeting there will be

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collector Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N.Y.C.
8th Meeting — April 7, 1961
Members Exhibit — Old Eggs
Prizes

a Members' Exhibit. All members are welcome to show, and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

Plan now for our Annual Dinner, May 26, 1961. There is a separate enclosure with this issue, describing the affair. This is always a gala event. It is not too early to plan to attend, and send in your reservation to Dr. Yarry, if you intend to be with us. Please indicate on the form whether you wish to receive the degree of Master of Philately. We shall be most happy to have you with us, and it will be a real pleasure for me to greet you in person.

—Emanuel M. Reggel.

HONORED MEMBER

On May 24, 1961, Naval Lodge 69, which meets at the Masonic Temple at 71 West 23rd Street, New York City, will honor one of its oldest and senior Past Masters, by having a representative of Grand Lodge award him the 60 Year Palm. This brother is none other than our old friend, Worshipful Fred Wendel, who was raised on June 26, 1901, and who is the only past master in the long history of this Lodge to be so honored.

The presentation will be made by the dean of the District Deputy Grand Masters, Rt. Wor. Lewis Levine, and it is fitting that all of Brother Wendel's friends in the Masonic Fraternity be present on this important and eventful day of his Masonic life.

Wor. Master Edward Leslie cordially and fraternally invites members of our Club to attend. The presentation is planned for some time after 8:30 P.M. Fred is a past treasurer of our Club and has been very active in it since its inception. Your President and other officers will be glad to have you attend with them at this presentation.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1

We regret to announce that the George Washington Chapter No. 1 of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York is no longer in existence. They returned their Charter, which has been cancelled by our Board of Governors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

EDWARD R. HILL
30 Hillside Avenue
Verona, New Jersey
Verona #198 (Verona)

LIAM J. WACH
63 So. Virginia
Pasadena, California
King Solomon #56 (Elyria, Ohio)

SPENSLEY S. DAYKIN
1880 Idlewood Avenue
Cleveland 12, Ohio
Bigelow #243 (Cleveland)

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

With the Fort Sumter stamp coming up on April 12th, it would be appropriate to give recognition to the man it brings to mind.

Major Robert Anderson, known as "the hero of Fort Sumter," was the commanding officer when, on April 12, 1861, the American Civil War was begun with the shelling of the fort in Charleston, South Carolina, harbor by Confederate batteries under General Beauregard. After two days of heavy bombardment, Major Anderson surrendered the fort on April 14th.

The Union flag which was flying over Fort Sumter was later presented to Major Anderson by President Johnson. It is now encased in glass in Washington, D.C.

Major Anderson had a long and continuous record of military service after his graduation from West Point in 1825. He was born near Louisville, Kentucky, June 14, 1805. His father had been a colonel in the Revolutionary army, and his mother was a cousin of Chief Justice John Marshall.

Only three years before the bombardment of Fort Sumter, Robert Anderson was made a Mason in Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, New Jersey. He was raised on May 27, 1858; and 1859 he became a senior warden of that Lodge.

In Columbian Commandery No. 1, New York City, he received the Knight Templar orders in December 1862 and January 1863, and was made a life member October 28, 1867. He received honorary membership in Pacific Lodge No. 233 of New York City.

Failing health compelled Brother Anderson to retire from the army and seek a change of climate. He died October 26, 1871, in Nice, France.

—Marshall S. Loke.

It will be a bad day for democracy when people don't get excited about an election.—Herbert Agar.

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOHN A. FOX AUCTION

By Dr. S. Duffield Swan

The many inquiries we have received about prices of Masonic Cancellations were answered very well in Bro. John A. Fox's Auction held on November 15th and 16th, 1960.

Forty-two Masonics, off cover, appeared in the eleven hundred cancellation lots, and they all brought good prices. The catalogue of the sale was superbly illustrated. As one of our brothers remarked, "Bro. Fox did himself proud. He photographed every lot, whether it was worth a dollar or a hundred." For that reason we are able here to give complete illustrations and descriptions of the Masonic and other fraternal cancels, together with the prices realized.

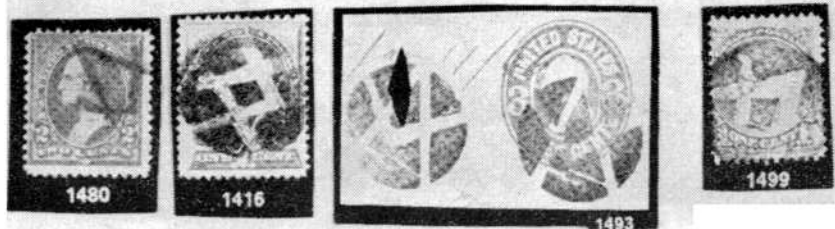
The first group illustrated shows many varieties of the square and compasses. We have identified a good percentage of these. They speak for themselves. Several would have brought higher prices if the owner had been able to identify their source.

The second group are probably intended as Masonic. There are 7 illustrations of "King Solomon's Seal." The "All Seeing Eye" brought a tremendous price, higher even than my previous record on cover. The Masonic Keystone is readily recognizable as a Royal Arch insignia.

The third group represent other fraternal or local society cancellations which at times have been attributed to Masonry, but actually have no real direct connection. The Odd Fellows cancellations are distinct. Number 1365 is an extremely rare cancel, and should be assigned to the "Junior Order of American Mechanics." Numbers 926, 933 and 934 illustrate the types of "Mummers" cancellations that are found from Philadelphia only. The two keystones are from local societies in Pennsylvania; there are about ten of this type of record, none Masonic. The only authentic Masonic Keystones found to date are the Royal Arch (No. 1481) and the Rose of Sharon.

On the appended listing the first number is the auction lot number, the number in parentheses is the Scott Catalogue numbers, and the prices attained are the last figure in each entry.

- 662 ○ Masonic Square & Compass in circle, 3¢ Dull Red, Chicopee, Mass. (26) \$23.
669 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, G in rope circle, Holderness, N.H. 3¢ Imprint, minor stain corner (26) \$25.
721 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ Rose, small thin spot (65) \$7.50.
763 ○ Masonic, negative Square & Compass, Brookline, Mass. (65) \$14.
769 ○ Masonic, negative Square & Compass, Denmark, Me. (65) \$10.
770 ○ Masonic, negative Square, Compass & G. , Quincy, Mass. (65) \$6.
827 ○ Negative Square & Compass, 3¢ Rose (65) \$9.
884 ○ Masonic, Square & Compass, 30¢ Orange, East Eddington, Me. (71) \$33.
918 ○ Masonic, neg. Square & Compass, 1¢ Blue, F Grill, Nashua, N.H. (92) \$17.
935 ○ Masonic, negative Square & Compass, 3¢ Red, F Grill, Bridgewater, Mass. (94) \$11.
936 △ Masonic, Square & Compass in circle, 3¢ tied piece, Charleston, N. H. (94) \$5.50.
938 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, VF strike, 1¢ Buff, tiny tear, Nashua, N.H. (112) \$10.
952 ○ Square & Compass in G. 3¢ Ultramarine, Willistown, Vt. (114) \$28.
978 ○ Negative Masonic Square & Compass, rare, 3¢ Ultramarine (114) \$23.
987 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ Ultramarine, small corner crease, Nashua, N.H. (114) \$21.
1031 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ Green, Burlington, Vt. (147) \$5.25.
1032 ○ Masonic Square & Compass in circle, 3¢ Green, Burlington, Vt. (147) \$3.25.
1041 △ Masonic Square & Compass, Bridgeton, N.J., 3¢ on piece, crease (147) \$6.50.
1215 ○ Masonic Square & Compass 1¢ Dark Ultramarine (182) \$10.50.
1010 ○ Masonic Square & Compass in circle, 2¢ Brown (146) \$14.
1279 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ Green, Arlington, Mass. (184) \$5.50.
1334 ○ Negative Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ Blue Green (207) \$7.
1364 △ Masonic Square & Compass, Warsaw, N.Y. ties 2¢ on piece (210) \$19.50.
1366 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 2¢ Brown (210) \$8.25.
1230 ○ Masonic Negative Square & Compass, 2¢ Vermilion (183) \$12.50.
1480 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, 2¢ Carmine (267) \$3.75.
1416 ○ Negative Masonic Square & Compass, 1¢ Ultramarine, thin spot (212) \$4.25.
1493 ○ Negative Masonic Square & Compass, 3¢ cut sq., Nashua, N.H. (U58) \$3.75.
1499 ○ Canada, Negative Masonic Square & Compass, 1¢ Yellow (35) \$19.00.
605 ○ Chicopee Star on 3¢ Dull Red (11) \$22.
660 ○ Six pointed star, Chicopee, Mass., 3¢ Dull Red, tiny closed tear T. (26) \$4.75.
668 ○ Chicopee Star, bold strike on 3¢ (65) \$15.50.
812 △ Negative 6 Pointed Star, New Haven, Ct., 3¢ Rose on piece (65) \$7.
829 ○ Six Pointed Star, 3¢ Rose (65) \$4.
831 ○ Negative Six Pointed Star, New Haven, Ct., 3¢ Rose (65) \$4.
1054 ○ Open Book in Six Point Star, 3¢ Green (147) \$8.50.
764 ○ Masonic Trowel in circle, Greenfield, Mass., 3¢ Rose (65) \$5.
825 ○ Masonic "All Seeing Eye," New York (65) \$50.
917 ○ Open Book, Rutland, Vt., 3¢ Rose, E Grill (88) \$7.50.
1187 ○ Open Book, 10¢ Brown (161) \$5.75.
1185 ○ Cross in sunburst, 10¢ Brown (161) \$19.50.
1481 ○ Masonic Keystone, 2¢ Carmine (267) \$29.
873 ☒ Odd Fellows Links ties 3¢ 1861, Forest, O. (65) \$60.
1004 ○ Odd Fellows Links in negative, 1¢ Ultramarine (145) \$27.
1123 ○ Masonic Square & Compass, flexed arm in purple shield, rare cancel on 2¢ Brown, tiny thin spot (210) \$14.50.
926 ○ Shriner's Fez, 3¢ Red, F Grill (94) \$5.50.
933 ○ Masonic Book, 3¢ Red, F Grill, light crease (94) \$10.
934 ○ Masonic Book, 3¢ Red, F Grill, light crease (94) \$3.25.
1124 ○ Cross in Keystone, one of the rarest Masonic pmk. 3¢ Green (158) \$14.
1263 ○ Negative O K in Keystone, Masonic cancel, 3¢ Green reperfl., R. (184) \$22.





OUR MARCH MEETING

Bro. Reggel welcomed new member Bro. Braver; he also greeted Bro. Koomanoff and his son-in-law. Bro. Fastening Wathne from Jamaica Lodge #546 is also welcomed as a visitor. A letter from Uncle Jake Glaser in Florida was read; he hopes to be back in Brooklyn by April 7th.

Bro. Sanna failed to attend as his son-in-law had an accident. Bro. Joe Ferola also absent, being ill at home with his ailing back. Bro. Dr. Norris informed the Secretary that he would not be able to attend due to pressure of business.

Bro. Brooks read a letter from Australia thanking us for our gift to the Masonic Philatelic Society of New South Wales, which now has 280 members.

Swap Night was discussed.

It was reported that Bros. Reggel, Sehlmeyer and Salomon had attended the wreath-laying ceremonies on February 22nd at the Sub-Treasury.

Bro. Fred Wendell handed in 3 dinner menus for years 1940, 1941 and 1942 to be added to our archives.

Bro. Swan announced that the exhibition for next meeting would be "Old Eggs," in line with the Easter theme, "Any old item standing on the shelf to be shown."

Discussion was had regarding our Annual Dinner to be held on May 26th.

Bro. Reggel thanked Bros. Salomon and Gunter for their fine work in getting out special notices to the local members regarding this meeting and our guest speaker. Bro. Brooks read a notice from Vigilante Lodge #1108 regarding our Club and offering an invitation to all Masons to attend. The same notice was published by Mount Neboh Lodge.

Bro. Swan took over and introduced Mr. John N. Myer, who presented an excellent lecture with slides showing the 1904-17 numeral stamps of Colombia, detailing all the different printings and constant varieties of the issues. Mr. Myer also had most of his collection displayed in the clubroom's 18 frames showing singles, blocks, sheets and covers with all the constant varieties of the different printings. He presented all those present with a copy of his book on the same subject from the American Philatelic Congress. During the question and answer period which followed the lecture, Mr. Myer discussed the first airmail flight of Colombia (6/18/19), which was a private flight, and the first official sanctioned flight on Feb. 22, 1920.

—Fred J. Gomme.

ANNUAL DINNER

Master of Philately Degree

Our Annual Dinner will be held on May 26, 1961 at The Masonic Club, Masonic Temple Building, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City. Our Honored Member for that occasion will be Sam Brooks, one of the founders of our Club, a Past President and a former Editor of The Masonic Philatelist. As most of our members know, Sam is one of the foremost authorities in the field of Masonic Philately.

Brother Carl H. Pihl will act again in his own most capable manner as Master of Ceremonies. The Program Committee, headed by Bro. Irwin M. Yarry, is planning a full evening of good food and fellowship. We will be privileged to hear two distinguished Masonic guest speakers.

Many of our members have inquired about the Master of Philately Degree. We are pleased to report that this will be conferred on the same evening in conjunction with the celebration.

In addition to local members, it is hoped that as many as possible of our out-of-town members will be able to attend. The New York City weather is usually at its best about this time of year, so it is a good idea to plan to visit us on this occasion.

A separate notice is enclosed, with reservation slip. If you are able to attend, please return this at your earliest convenience to Dr. Yarry, indicating thereon whether or not you wish to receive the Master of Philately Degree.

This would also provide a good opportunity for a number of the members of the new Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 to attend as a group and become acquainted with a large gathering of the other members.

THE HONG KONG STORY

On his recent trip to Great Britain, Bro. Irwin M. Yarry found time to visit one of our overseas members, Bro. Phil Wilde in Cardiff, Wales. Bro. Wilde and Bro. Yarry are both avid Hong Kong collectors and provided parts of the subject matter in the newly published outstanding book 'Hong Kong & The Treaty Ports of China & Japan' by Col. F. W. Webb.

This voluminous work of 400 pages and additional 93 pages of monochrome plates was published by The Royal Philatelic Society of London in conjunction with The Hong Kong Study Circle and The Postal History Society. Bro. Phil Wilde, as founder and President of The Hong Kong Study Circle and originally the proponent of this book, wrote the Foreword and his ef-

forts are noted in the introduction by the author. Bro. Yarry is also acknowledged by the author for his contribution of a chapter on Trans-Pacific Mails and many of the plates shown.

For a detailed review of this book, which incidentally sells for \$36.00, see the March 18th, 1961 issue of 'Stamps.'

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY

Energetic Brother Charles C. Sanna, member of our Board of Governors, is an especially ardent admirer of Giuseppe Garibaldi, and assisted in the write-up in our January 1961 issue. One reason for his interest is that his grandfather served under Garibaldi in the strenuous struggle which was finally crowned with victory. Bro. Sanna is a veritable storehouse of knowledge regarding Masonic philatelic matters, based on his personal and family recollections and his extensive correspondence with Masons both here and abroad. He now writes.

"Italy, this month (March 1961), is celebrating the centennial of the greatest event in its history. There never was such an opportune time. It spells the consummation of Garibaldi's golden dream, that all of Italy be united into one Republican State. But due to Garibaldi's bond, that Victor Emmanuel was also a Mason and deemed the flower of the civilized world, he decided not to betray his brother Mason, and therefore declared and supported Victor Emmanuel as the first King of Italy.

"This demonstrates that Garibaldi's brotherly love was undying and, now that Italy is a Republic, Garibaldi is truly entitled to a great share of the glory. I sent a letter to this effect to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Italy, in Rome, and also enclosed a number of the recently issued Garibaldi stamps. The following reply has now been received:

'Rome, Italy, March 6, 1961.
Illustrious and Dear Brother
Charles C. Sanna, Esq.
Dearest Brother:

Sentimentally I thank you on behalf of myself, also in the name of his Illustrious and Venerable Grand Master Tron, for the grateful homage of the stamps commemorating Garibaldi's Centenary, their exquisite layout and their profound significance.

With fraternal and affectionate greetings,

Signed and Sealed Humbert Genova
The Grand Secretary."

At an official celebration held on

March 16, 1961 at the State Department, Washington, D.C., to commemorate the day 100 years ago when Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, King of Sardinia, became King, "by the grace of God and by the will of the nation," unified Italy, President John F. Kennedy had this to say:

"Once again new and powerful forces arise to challenge the concepts on which life in the United States and Italy are founded. The ancient ties between the United States and Italy have never been stronger and never been in greater peril. The two nations must demonstrate to their own people and to the watching world once again that we can bring to men a richer and fuller life in the tradition of Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

"This is the task of the new Risorgimento (the Italian word for resurrection); a new reawakening of man's ancient aspirations for freedom and progress until the torch lit in ancient Turin one century ago guides the struggles of men everywhere, in Italy, in the United States and in the world around us."

Bro. Sanna promises to write a full length article for the "Philatelist" regarding the activities of the great Italian patriots.

The Constitution has but two enemies, whether foreign or domestic, who are in the least to be feared. The first of these is Ignorance—ignorance of its contents, ignorance of its meaning, ignorance of the great truths on which it is founded and of the great things that have been done in its name. And the second is Indifference—the sort of indifference which leads many people, otherwise well enough behaved, to ignore both the rights and duties of citizenship.—John W. Davis.

BIT OF HUMOR

Today, when a hungry husband comes home from his tasks, "What's cooking, Darling?" is not what he asks. Instead, this question his wife will hear— "I'm nearly famished, what's thawing dear?"

James McHenry was one of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia in 1787 and was one of the signers of the document. The signing is pictured on U. S. #798. —M.S.L.