

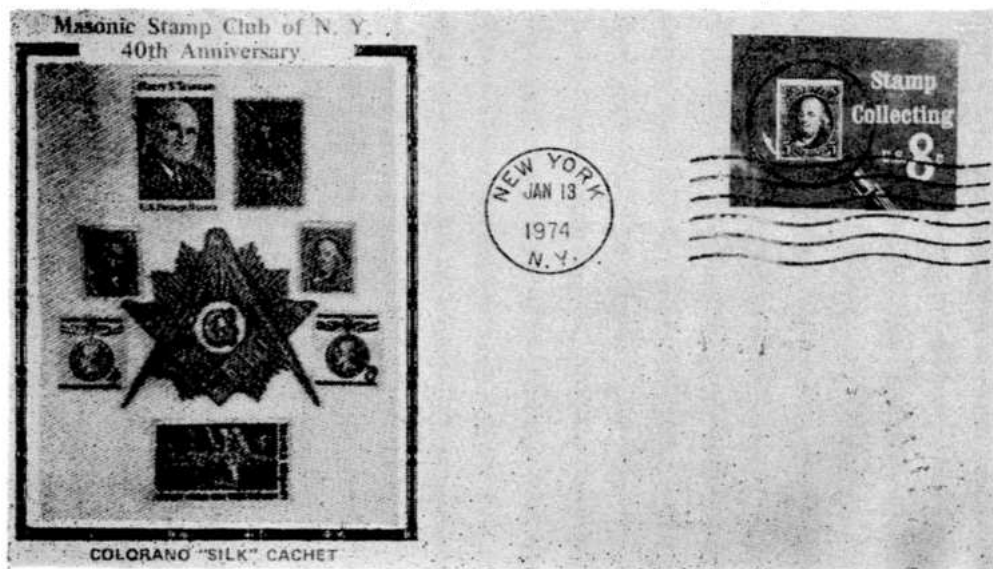


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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

### ★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Every Month  
(Except July and August)

**COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING**  
22 East 35th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

**40<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Anniversary**  
**Dinner**



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### 40th Anniversary Dinner of the M.S.C.N.Y.

On Friday, May 3rd, 1974, the Masonic Stamp Club of New York celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary at the German Masonic Temple, 220 East 15th Street, New York City.

The affair was well attended by the members, wives, and celebrated personalities in the philatelic field.

The highlight of the evening was when our President Louis Bernstein presented Right Worshipful Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund in the memory of Most Worshipful Charles Johnson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, who was one of the founding fathers of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

To help us celebrate this milestone, the club was honored to have with us Ernest A. Kehr as our guest speaker, and Burton Sellers, President of the Collectors Club of New York. Both spoke some very kind words about the club and reminisced about the club's history.

Our toastmaster, Norman H. Sehlmeier, conducted the program in his usually superb manner, and our hats should be taken off to the committee for a marvelous job done by all. Gifts were given to all, and the ladies received flowers and a special gift from the President and Mrs. Bernstein.

A special thanks to Dr. Yarry, our dinner chairman, in putting together a superb dinner, and entertaining evening.

—Robert A. Smith

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Three Charter Members: Joseph Ferola, Andrew Rasmussen and Frank Zeltmann.

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Ernest A. Kehr, guest speaker

Bottom page 4

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Salomon, Norman H. Sehlmeier and Mrs. E. M. Reggel.

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Right Worshipful Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary and President Louis Bernstein

Center page 5

E. M. "Mannie" Reggel (standing) having a few words with Ernie Kehr.

Bottom page 5

Mrs. Rose Cass, Mrs. Florence Bernstein and Edwin Mayer.

#### MASONIC SYMBOLISMS ON ABYSSINIAN STAMPS

Several Abyssinian (Ethiopian) stamps provide Masonic symbolisms. The Throne of King Solomon is shown on a 1931 series (Nos. 210-216) and on three stamps of 1909 (Nos. 87-89). The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is shown as the central figure on numerous issues prior to 1909 but it is particularly prominent on a 10c issue of 1947 (No. 273). The Lion of Judah statue is shown on a 30c issue of 1950 (No. 305).

#### MASONIC SIGNIFICANCE BEHIND VALLEY FORGE STAMP

The Masonic significance behind the 2c Valley Forge stamp of 1928 (No. 645) was no accident. The stamp shows George Washington, a Mason kneeling in prayer and bears the motto: "In God We Trust." The design was chosen by Br. Robert S. Regar, then with the post office department and who served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in 1935.

#### AUSTRIAN STAMP PICTURES NOTED DOCTOR-MASON

Gerhard van Swieten (1700-1772), Dutch-born physician shown on an Austrian stamp (No. B156) a 5g plus 5g issue of 1937, was a Mason. Dr. van Swieten was called to Vienna University in 1745. He fought against superstition in medicine and helped to modernize the professions. He served as physician to Queen Maria Theresa.

#### GENERAL DOMINGO FRENCH (1783-1825)

This military leader was actively engaged in the freedom movement for Argentina. He and Col. Beruti organized a secret society of youth who wore, for identification, rosettes of white and blue ribbon. He served in the war for independence in which he was part of the siege of Montevideo in 1814 and in Peru in 1815.

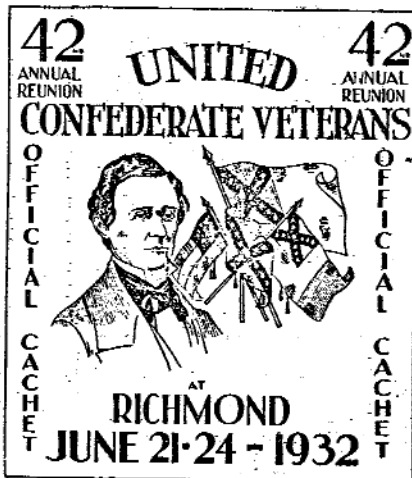
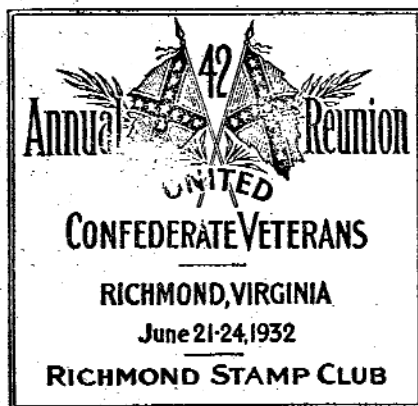
His likeness appears on Argentina Scott Nos. 166 and 475.





**HISTORICALLY COMMEMORATIVE COVERS (Continued)**

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| 18  | Jan. 2, 1932—Hawaii. Mailed from various points on the Island. 1,100. Cacheted in purple. Cards in red. Semi-profile of Washington with 7 lines of lettering. 2 above, 5 below. Sponsored by Hilo Post No. 3 American Legion. For First Day Bicentennial Issue in Hawaii. ....\$   | .40  |
| 19d | Jan. 2, 1932—Valley Forge, Pa. Black. 127. Semi-profile of Washington in oval frame. 3 lines of lettering above, one below. Sponsored by Frank R. Anselmi. ....  | 1.50 |
| 20  | Jan. 11, 1932—Fort Wayne, Ind. Bright brown. 285. Square—1 line of lettering. Commemorates The Welcome given to Miss Fanny Washington and Celebration of First Bicentennial Event. Sponsored by Combined Women's Clubs of Allen County, Ind. ....  | .75  |
| 21d | Feb. 11—Wakefield, Va. Black. 53. Reproduction of a statue, shows Washington seated. Attired in military uniform. Reads, "Washington's Birthday, which was February 11, by Julian Calendar." Sponsored by Frank R. Anselmi. ....   | 2.50 |
| 22  | Feb. 22—Mount Vernon, Va. Green. 513,660. Oval—pictures Wakefield, Washington's Birthplace. Sponsored by United States, George Washington Bicentennial Commission, and Post Office Department. ....  | .10  |
| 23  | Feb. 22—Washington, D. C. 30,000. Same as 22. ....   | .10  |
| 24  | Feb. 22—Wakefield, Va. Approx. 20,000. Washington's Boyhood days were not spent here, as many thought at this date. Same as 1922. ....   | .10  |
| 25  | Feb. 22—Washington, D.C. Blue, red. 9,091. Square—a scene in each corner. U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon, White House, Washington's Monument. Center has a semi-profile of Washington. Commemorates 200th Anniv. of Washington's birth. Sponsored by Merchants and Mfrs. Assoc. ....   | .10  |
| 26  | Feb. 22—Washington cities throughout the states. Each complete set contains 28 covers. There are, it is estimated, 149 sets. The states having Washington Post Offices are: N.H., Ky., W. Va., Vt., Mo., La., Ark., N.C., Va., Mass, Mich, Me., Utah, N.J., Texas, Nebr., Okla., R.I., Kans., Ind., Iowa, Ill., Calif., Pa., Conn., Ga., Miss., D.C. Full set .... | 5.00 |
| 27  | Feb. 22—There is said to be 36 Post Offices with Washington in the name. Like Mount Washington, North Washington and Washington Heights. No data is available on these and until some auction figure sets a value upon covers of this type, they cannot be priced. ....  | —    |
| 28  | Feb. 22—There are 16 other Post Offices in sets from Cherry Tree, Union, Congress, Freedom, etc. The same applies here as to 27. ....  | —    |



—Richmond, Va., June 21, 1932, courtesy The New Southern Philatelist.

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- 29 Feb. 22—Washington, Va., Pa., Ga., etc., singly should list at ..... 10  
 Washington, Va. had about 1,000. Washington, Pa. about 700.
- 30 Feb. 22—Washington, Conn. Red and white on blue. Oval—reading in center, "Long live the President." Understand, sponsored by a firm in New Haven. Further details unavailable. ....
- 31 Feb. 22—Washington, Ga. Blue sticker. Bust of Washington facing right. Reads, "Washington, Georgia, First City in the U.S. named after George Washington." Details unobtainable. ....
- 32d Feb. 22—Washington's Crossing, Pa. Printed blue and red bicolor. 2,000 sold. Pictures scenes in Washington's life. Reads, "Taking the same route as did the brave army Dec. 26th, 1776." Sponsored by A. C. Roessler and other dealers. .... 35
- 33d Feb. 22—Fredericksburg, Ca. 20 mailed. Pictures Washington in full length. In army regalia. Lettering reads, "Opening George Washington Bicentennial Celebration." Sold by Aeroprint at 20 cents each. .... 2.50
- 34 Feb. 22—New York, N. Y. Red. 158. Bust of Washington. Mailed from Washington Bridge Post Office. Several of these have red oval, which reads S S George Washington. Sponsored by New York Aero-philatelic Club. .... 50
- 35d Feb. 22—Valley Forge, Pa. Black printed. 116. Commemorating 200th Anniv. Sponsored by Frank R. Anselmi. .... 1.50
- 36 Feb. 22—Kelso, Washington. Blue. 104. Portrays semi-profile of George Washington. 7 lines of lettering. Name and address of sponsor in cachet below portrait. Wayne M. Erwin. .... 2.00
- 37 Feb. 22—Seattle, Wash. Green, blue, 2,400. Commemorates dedication of George Washington Memorial Bridge. Sponsored by Queen Anne High School Stamp Club. .... 30
- 38 Feb. 22—Shamokin, Pa. Printed red, white, blue tricolor. Handstamped in blue. 1,500. Shows three flags, part of wreath and part of a circle of stars. Other lettering. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce. .... 35
- 39 Feb. 22—Syracuse, N. Y. Colors vary. 1,482. Circle bordered with stars, enclosing 6 lines lettering. Welcomes Miss Fanny Washington. Sponsored by Universal Stamp Assn. Chapter 4. .... 35
- 40 Feb. 22—Cincinnati, Ohio. Magenta. 250. Seal of Chamber of Commerce. Above which reads, "Washington Bicentennial Celebration." Date below seal. Chamber of Commerce. .... 85



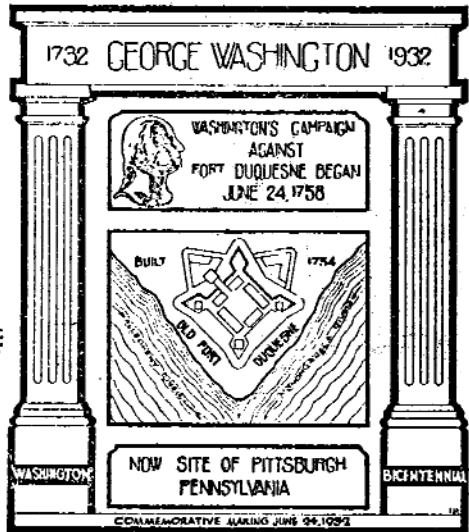
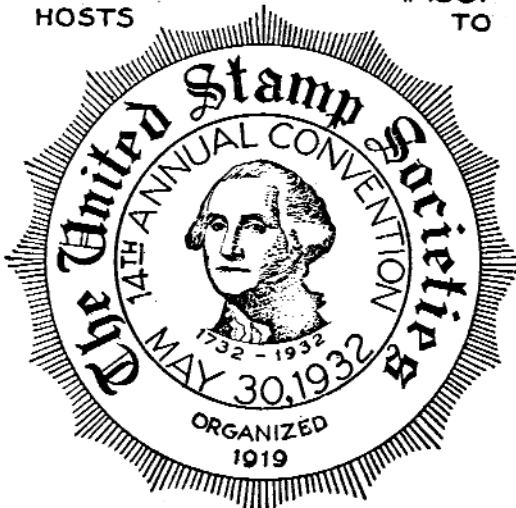
—Petersburg, Va., June 20, 1932.

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- 41 Feb. 22—Somerville, N. J. Red blending to green. 377. Semi-profile of Washington. Sticker of flag and five lines lettering. Commemorates Washington's stay at Wallace House. Wm. P. Epps. .50
- 42 Feb. 22—Alexandria, Va. Two types of stickers obtained from Chamber of Commerce, were used by many on this date. Number unavailable. On green and gold sticker, circular, reads, "Come to Alexandria, Va. in 1932, 200th Anniversary of George Washington's Birth." Other is square tricolor. It reads, "George Washington's Bicentennial Birthday Celebration."
- 43d Feb. 22—Sulgrave, England. Blue. Number unavailable. Pictures Sulgrave Manor, the English ancestral home of Washingtons. 2 lines lettering below, three above. Sold by P. W. Ireland, 35¢ each. .75
- 44d Feb. 22—Yardley, Pa. Red. One of a set of 25 mailed from historical points in Pennsylvania, on this date. Double circle, within this reads, "Yardley, Pa., near Washington's Crossing." 9 lines lettering in center explains the founder was granted 500 acres of land by Wm. Penn in 1681. 65 sets mailed. Sponsored by Lehigh Philately Co. Sold at \$1.50 per set. Not a Bicentennial in our estimation. Use your own judgment. 2.00
- 45d Feb. 22—Valley Forge, Pa. Purple. 65 mailed. One of the same set as 44. Keystone. Embodies a double circle, wherein reads, "Valley Forge, Pennsylvania." 7 lines lettering describing this the Camping Ground of Washington and his Colonial Army 1777-1778. 2.00
- 46 Feb. 22—Hawaii. Blue. Number mailed unavailable. From ships in the harbor. Commemorates Washington's Bicentennial of Birth and Fleet Maneuvers. Fifty-two ships cancelled covers. It is said that this was the number in the harbor. 9 lines of lettering. Some show bust of Washington, others show map of Hawaii, still others show two ships. Sponsored by Hawaii Philatelic Association.
- 47 Feb. 22—Hawaii. Mailed from various points on the Island and from the Navy's ships in the harbor. For Bicentennial of Washington's Birth and Fleet Maneuvers. 2,000. Printed green, purple. Center has American Legion Emblem. Reads, "Commemorating Bicentennial Washington's Birthday." To the right is a profile of Washington. Sponsored by Hilo Post No. 3, American Legion. .35

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—Pittsburgh, Pa., June 24, 1932, courtesy Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph.

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