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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Thank you for the confidence you have in me by selecting me as your president. Now it will be up to you to help me prove deserving of this confidence. A number of you have volunteered and I am counting on all of you to help make this a banner year for the Masonic Stamp Club.

1947 is the one hundredth anniversary of the issuance of the first stamp by the United States and a great show will be held at the Grand Central Palace May 17 to 25, 1947; quite a number of our members have key positions on the committee and they will have charge of this show. A splendid opportunity is offered for the growth of our club. Many of the visitors to the show will be members of the Craft and we want them to know of the Masonic Stamp Club by aiding them in every way possible. Your active assistance is earnestly desired.

I have the assurance of Bro. William Falconer that he will do everything he can to see that we get proper notice in the "Kismet Bulletin." Bro. Ferraro Tows told me he will get publicity in "Aurora Grata" publications, and our own Charlie Johnson will use his influence to see that we get publicity in "Masonic Outlook." With a little urging I am certain we can get publicity from Harry Lindquist and Frank Bruns Jr. in their publications.

I shall want and expect committees that will be active, and in order to get active committees I am going to ask for volunteers instead of appointing committees from the chair.

Let us all get together and see if we cannot make this a banner year for the Masonic Stamp Club and philately.

Sincerely,

Jacob S. Glaser, Pres.

MEETINGS

Sept. 27th Opening Meeting Get-together Swapping of stamps
and stories.

Oct. 11th Note this date. Subject to be announced.

MEETINGS FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH
COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING 22 East 35th St. N.Y.

PRESIDENT & SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945-1946

The past season, the first following the end of World War II, has resulted in an increase in philatelic endeavors. The war years had curbed the activities of most collectors and now with the opening of normal channels, philately is on the threshold of its greatest advancement, the return of millions of our fighting men scattered over the entire world has brought back with them a desire to collect the stamps of many of the places in which they had so gallantly fought.

During the year under the able guidance of our president Bro. Sam Brooks, the Masonic Stamp Club has established further prominence. The season's program has given pleasure and knowledge to those members who attended. Through the Masonic Philatelist those not attending were informed of these activities.

There were nineteen regular meetings and one special meeting held, and although the attendance early in the year was poor, the latter part of the season was most encouraging. There were six meetings devoted to members competition which covered every possible collection group. These offered some very interesting talks. The annual members exhibit on April 5, 1946, furnished some fine displays when Brothers Brengel, Camnitzer, Ehrenberg, Lott, Resmussen, Seebe, Yarry, and Zenker exhibited frames.

On Oct. 26, 1945, with an excellent turn out, our own Arthur Deas was honored. January 25th, the members were treated to a showing of the finest collection of Jamaica in the world, formed by our own Alex Watts. On March 29th, our past presidents' night was held which will be remembered for a long time to come.

The Masonic Philately night on Feb. 1st, Brothers Swan, Parrett and our president furnished the fuel for one of our major projects which Bro. Sam Brooks is still sponsoring--Masonic Cancellations.

The spot auctions with Bro. Henry Friedman at the gavel furnished three interesting meetings and the club with a little extra funds. For this fine program, chairman Bro. Charley Brooks should be most highly commended.

The climax for the year's activities was the special meeting held for the presentation of a framed collection of George Washington stamps to Dr. Charles H. Johnson for the George Washington Shrine at Tappan, N.Y. This project, conceived by our president Bro. Sam Brooks at the first meeting in September, received the full support of membership.

During the year there were 8 new members added to our roster, and one resignation.

Our publication, The Masonic Philatelist, with the able guidance of its editors, Brothers Sam Brooks, Harry Konwiser and Forrest Ellis has given to our members ten issues during the season. Each number was packed full of worthwhile material, and has received mention time and again. The Ralph Parry Publication Fund is sufficient to maintain it for some time to come.

We can look forward to the coming year with great optimism, for with the added impetus of the Stamp Centenary Exhibition next year the Masonic Stamp Club will no doubt be guest to many of our brother Masons who will visit New York during the show.

On behalf of our president I submit this report and express for the membership a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin M. Yarry D.D.S., Secy.

FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE MASONIC HOME

We have received a letter from Brother Knight who directs the children at the Home in their stamp collecting activities asking if we can send some discarded 1946 catalogues to them. When you get your 1947 catalogue, why not wrap up the old one, slip a few stamps in the package, and send it to:

CHARLES G. P. KNIGHT
MASONIC HOME, UTICA 2, N. Y.

You will be rewarded by that good feeling of a deed well done when you receive the thanks of the children at the Home.

Danes Reward Welfare Leader

By EDMUND LEAMY,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

He doesn't think he "deserves it," and he doesn't like to talk publicly about it, but underneath that exterior he is secretly proud. And why shouldn't he be? It isn't



C. H. Johnson.

every day that an ordinary citizen is decorated by a king. In his large, paneled office with the thick one-tone rug and the leather-covered furniture at 71 W. 23rd St., Charles H. Johnson, grand secretary, F. & A. M., New York, shows you the Medal of Liberation recently conferred on him by King Christian X of Denmark.

On one of its silver sides there's a likeness of the king; the other is decorated with a laurel wreath and the inscription "Pro Dania." It bears the date May 5, 1946, anniversary of the liberation of Denmark.

Bestowed for His Work.

It was bestowed on Mr. Johnson in appreciation of his "contribution to Denmark's cause during the years of Nazi occupation." A similar medal also was conferred a short while ago on Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former minister to Denmark.

Mr. Johnson is a soft-voiced, low-speaking, gray-haired man with courteous, courtly ways. On his shoulders rest lightly the 76 years he has known since he was born to Danish parents in Brooklyn back in 1870.

27 Trips Abroad.

For many years he has been interested in Denmark and Danish affairs in this country, and last year went to Europe on a special mission to help liberated Masons in various countries. In September he had a special audience with King Christian, who is grand master of Masons in Denmark.

He has made 27 trips abroad, visiting every country in Europe except Albania, and served on the American Relief Committee under

President Hoover, 1923-1924. He speaks Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, French and Spanish.

He was educated at Harvard (A.B. cum laude), and Boston University (S.T.B.) and he has an L.L.D. from Alfred University. For years he has held high honors in Masonic circles; he was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons from 1930 to 1932.

After he was graduated from Boston University, he abandoned a planned career in the ministry, and entered welfare work in New York. He has been in welfare work all his life. When the last annual report of the State Department of Social Welfare was issued, it was dedicated to him, an honor never before conferred on anyone.

He has a keen sense of humor. One of his prized possessions is a certificate signed by Gov. Dwight Griswold, making him an admiral in "The Great Navy of Nebraska."

The New York
World-Telegram.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the club was held on Friday, June 28th.

Reading of reports was soon disposed of, and the meeting was opened for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Governors. Bert Ehrenberg, Gordon G. Johnson, and Russell B. Roane were elected. The Board then retired for the purpose of selecting new officers of the club. Dr. Charles H. Johnson acted as chairman and after due deliberation the following officers were elected for 1946-1947:

President.....Jacob S. Glaser
First Vice-

Second Vice-President-Ferrars H. Tows
Treasurer.....Harry M. Konwiser
Secretary.....Dr. Irwin M. Yarry

President...Dr. Charles H. Johnson
The Board returned to the general meeting and with Dr. Johnson presiding, the results were announced and the new officers installed. "Jake" Glaser received the good wishes of all the members present and after thanking the members of the Board for selecting him as president, expressed the wish for a continuance of the active assistance of all the members.

The meeting as usual, was notable for the splendid air of Good Fellowship that pervaded. It is indeed regrettable that more of the members did not attend. Good Luck to the new administration!

REPORT OF THE RALPH A. BARRY PUBLICATION FUND

Previously acknowledged.... \$101.00
Contributed to June 28*.... 27.00
Total received..... 128.00

*-contributed by the following:

Arthur W. Deas Dr. Chas. H. Johnson
Sidney Barrett Julius Windner
Burleigh E. Jacobs H. Weidemann
Cecil Gaston

Later in the season a Donation Auction will be held for the benefit of this fund. We have some very fine material, but we need much more. We are especially grateful to Bro. William C. Michaels of Kansas City for several very fine lots. Won't you help out with some stamps or covers? Send them to me at my home address. Prompt acknowledgement will be made of all contributions.

Sam Brooks
985 Anderson Ave., New York 52

ARTHUR DEAS is making a collection of Washingtoniana on post cards. Arthur thinks a nice collection can be assembled to supplement the frame of stamps. If you have anything pertaining to G.W. on post cards send it to Arthur at: 1555 Unionport Road, New York 62, N. Y.

British "Peace" Stamps At Last!

H.M. THE KING MAKES THE FINAL CHOICE OF OUR VICTORY STAMPS

WE illustrate to-day the special pair of Commemorative stamps issued on June 11th to all Post Offices. They are a 2½d. blue and a 3d. deep violet, and the motif is Peace and Reconstruction.

The 2½d. or inland postage value, emphasises Reconstruction at home, and is designed by Mr. H. L. Palmer. It shows Peace, represented by an olive branch, appearing in the centre of a radiating tonal background on which in the central dark V the King's head is prominently displayed; in the background are

Two hundred and forty millions of the 2½d., and 24,000,000 of the 3d. values have been printed and will be sold alongside the current stamps until they are sold out, which is expected to be within two months. There will be no reprinting. The printers are Messrs. Harrison and Sons of High Wycombe, the Government Contractors, and the issue at such short notice (it was only decided on in February, and the choice of a suitable design took much time) involved the most concentrated effort, and was only finished a few days ago.



"PEACE and RECONSTRUCTION" are the Key-notes of the new 2½d. and 3d. stamps now on sale at post offices throughout the United Kingdom. Simple, almost to the point of Austerity, their designs are in tune with the times. Public reaction, on the whole, is favourable.

four emblems of reconstruction, a house, tractor, factory and a ship.

The 3d., or overseas postage rate, is designed by Mr. Reynolds Stone, has a large dove alongside the King's head, carrying an olive branch, and flying over a set square and dividers representing planning, and a brick-layer's trowel and wall representing reconstruction. The whole is bound together with calligraphic flourishes suggesting the streamers of Victory.

The Masonic Symbols on England's Peace Stamp

THERE has been some comment in the press concerning the Masonic symbols on Great Britain's recent peace stamp, but Nels Christiansen, of Chicago, has called our attention to a piece in *The Masonic Chronicle* which goes into some detail some of which may be of interest to our

GOOD NEWS!

It has pleased M.W. Gay H. Brown, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, to select two of our members as his personal representatives in two New York City districts, R.W. Ferrars H. Tows for the first Manhattan district and R.W. Herman Glasser for the seventh Manhattan district. To both of these sterling Craftsmen we extend our best wishes for a year of service to their Brothers and the hope that they will derive much joy and happiness in their travels. Good luck to you, Brothers! The club is proud of both of you.

GEORGE WASHINGTON STAMPS

Proudly hanging in a place of honor at the George Washington Masonic Shrine, Tappan, N.Y., is the frame of stamps donated by the members of the club. It is a beautiful job well done, and a credit to all who assisted in its production.

At a special meeting held by the club on June 7th, the framed collection of all the George Washington stamps of the United States was presented by Arthur W. Deas, our first president, and was accepted by Dr. Charles H. Johnson on behalf of the Shrine committee. Ferrars H. Tows and Alec Watts, members of the Shrine committee, were present and added their thanks. It was a splendid meeting for a fine cause, and everyone present enjoyed it.

MRS. BERT EHRENBERG admired the George Washington frame at Tappan and has promised to make up a check list of all G.W. foreign stamps. She may even supply some of the stamps. Thank you, Mrs Bert E.

When the Postmaster-General, The Right Honourable the Earl of Listowel, made his announcement in the House of Lords last February, a number of British designers were invited to make designs for this issue. The preliminary selection was undertaken by the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland. The Council of Industrial Design, and The Post Office Advisory Council. His Majesty the King then personally made the final selection after hearing the views of the P.M.G. and the advising bodies.

readers.

The item states that the stamp carries five important Masonic symbols, and Grand Master Tinsley is stated to have expressed the opinion that it is the only instance where a civil government has so signally honored any fraternal organization. The Grand Master points out that King George is a Mason, and a Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. This fact, taken together

with the other five symbols, makes this a purely Masonic stamp, he is quoted as saying.

The five symbols are among the most important used in Masonry—the Square and Compass, the Trowel, the Setting Maul, a Sprig of Acacia carried by the Dove of Peace, and a looped Cable Tow

---"Stamps"