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THE DONATION AUCTION for the benefit of the Ralph A. Barry Publication Fund will be held at our meeting of Feb. 7th. Please try to be present. You have an opportunity to obtain some nice stamps and help to swell the coffers of the Publication Fund. If you cannot be present, send your bids by mail to Sam Brooks. Bid liberally for a really worthwhile cause.

Additional contributions to the Fund were made by Harold Snyder, Charles A. Lott, George F. Tempel, Forrest L. Ellis, Donald A. Yontz, Joseph Strauss, Harry Konwiser, Sam Brooks, Glenn W. Dye, Sylvester Colby, Cecil Gus Caston, Gordon Johnson, Bob Peck, Richard Bohn, Jake Glaser and Louis Staub. All the above contributed stamps or covers. One of our new members, Bro. Charles E. Fish, with the remark that he was sorry not to have stamps to give, made a generous monetary contribution. If the editors had any thoughts about shirking their duties, they changed their minds quickly with the generous support of the members of the Club.

The Auction catalogue is in this issue. Go over it carefully, and mail your bids. If you possibly can make it, come to the meeting on Feb. 7th and join in the festivities of the Auction.

CECIL "GUS" GASTON is the answer to a Club President's prayer. Gus has assisted materially in the preparation of the "Masonic Philatelist" and has acted as Circulation Manager by mailing the paper. We now learn that Gus, who is president of the New Rochelle Stamp Club, has been elected president of the General Motors Stamp Club. Good luck, Gus! It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

## • Meetings •

FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH - COLLECTORS CLUB BLDG., 22 E. 35th Street

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| JAN. 31 | - | Visit of the Scandinavian Collectors Club.                   |
| FEB. 7  | - | Donation Auction for the<br>Ralph A. Barry Publication Fund. |





Our treasurer, Harry Konwiser, reports that dues are being paid nicely. So, if you haven't paid as yet, send it along to Harry and help make his job a little easier.

With the two bucks (new price) several members sent along comments as follows:

Charles F. Zenker who lives way out on Long Island writes: "I regret that during the winter months it is not practicable for me to attend meetings due to the distance our new home is located from the city and the station. I do think your program is excellent and the committee deserves great praise." Thank you, Charles. We'd like to see you soon. A.R. Bergham hopes to get around to the meetings in 1947. Thanks. Join the crowd.

Marcus White writes one of those "wish you were here" cards from St. Petersburg, Fla. Says he's getting fat on the lazy life down there. Henry Jonas of Gosken, N. Y., one of the Club's old-timers, writes: "I ain't no good" as far as writing an article on any subject, but will say to you that I favor our great United States of America stamps because I like them best. And why not, we are and should be proud of our country, our land of liberty. Next in favor is British Empire and possessions. Some other countries such as Latin America are also favored. But many of the European countries I don't and I wouldn't want. So I say it is a great pleasure and pastime to have if one can have that which is most desired. I collect for pastime and pleasure."

Harold Latters reports: "Thanks for your very kind note and invitation. I accept a double frown for not attending the Masonic Club meetings which you boys have so faithfully supported. Am receiving reports of fine work done by the officers and expect to be in New York soon. The bulletin is great."

Joe Ferola who has been in the Marine Corps for several years, is confined to the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, L.I. He has been there since Oct. 14, 1946, and has had a spinal operation. He hopes to be around by the end of February and sends his regards. Why not drop a line to Joe; he'll surely enjoy hearing from his brother members. Address him as follows: Sgt. J.A. Ferola, U.S.M.C.R.

U.S. Naval Hospital, G.16

St. Albans, L.I., N.Y.

C. Max Lentz, one of our newer members, writes: "Now you are asking for a story one way or the other for publication in the Masonic Philatelist--well, the writer is not so good for writing articles--but here we come--collect U.S. mint and used--also on the lookout for Masonic cancellations, the old German states of Wurtemberg, Baden, Bavaria--the semi-postals up to 1933--after 1933 the stamps issued under the Paperhanger are to be known as "Germany Chamber of Horrors" some items are missing. In closing, hope to see you again in New York at the Show in May."

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SELECTION OF SPEAKERS for the big Stamp Show in May will be made at a group meeting on January 29th at 8 p.m. at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St. If you can give a 15-minute talk on stamps, preferably in connection with Masonry, see Jake Glaser that evening.

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#### OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Members desiring to propose an applicant for membership in the Club, please send all details to Carl E. Pelander, chairman of the Membership Committee, c/o Masonic Stamp Club, 22 East 35th St., N.Y.C. An applicant must be able to produce a paid-up Lodge card to comply with our rules.

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**JOHN QUINCY ADAMS—** Last spring, Kismet Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Brooklyn, NOT A MASON! N. Y. celebrated a Ceremonial Session. Included in the

—gramma of the evening's events was a paragraph listing "Mason-  
by Sam Brooks ic Presidents of the United States." The following were included:  
\*\*\*\*\* George Washington, THOMAS JEFFERSON, James Monroe, JOHN QUINCY  
ADAMS, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A.  
Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G.  
Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman. Reference to standard  
works on Masonic history acknowledges the correctness of thirteen of these  
names; never are Thomas Jefferson or John Quincy Adams included.

Regarding Jefferson, many Masonic scholars have attempted to prove his mem-  
bership in the Craft. To date, no conclusive evidence has been produced that  
he was ever admitted to the Masonic Fraternity. However, when Adams was named,  
we feel a grievous error was committed. Not only is there no definite proof of  
his membership, but there are many facts available to prove he was actually  
anti-Masonic.

John Quincy Adams was always a politician. In the presidential election of  
1824 he was beaten at the polls by Jackson. But because no candidate received  
a majority of the votes cast, the election was thrown to the House of Repre-  
sentatives where Adams was returned the victor and became our sixth president.  
(Incidentally, in checking on the accuracy of our facts regarding Adams, we ran  
across an item showing a portrait of Stephen Van Rensselaer III, 1764—1839—  
who was Grand Master of Masons in the state of New York from 1825 to 1830. Be-  
low the portrait is this note:— His vote in Congress elected John Quincy Adams  
president of the United States in 1825). Adams was defeated for re-election  
and was later elected to the House of Representatives. During the years 1831  
to 1833, while he was a member of Congress, Adams wrote many letters to the  
public journals. Included was a series of letters abusing Freemasonry. These  
were later collected and published under the title "Letters on the Masonic  
Institution."

An excellent article by Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, published in the "Master Mason" of Sept. 1924, may  
be referred to by interested Masonic scholars. The work is titled "The Adams  
Family and Freemasonry" and reviews the claims made on behalf of Samuel Adams,  
John Adams, and John Quincy Adams as members of the Craft. Referring to the  
latter, the article states: "...this investigation seems to remove any possible  
doubt from his statement, 'I told Watkins he might answer Tracy that I am not,  
and never was a Freemason.'"

In March 1926, an article was published in the Grand Lodge Bulletin of the  
Iowa Masonic Library entitled "John Quincy Adams: Anti-Masonic Letter Writer"  
The piece was written by Erik McKinley Eriksson Ph.D., Professor of American  
History, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This article, so ably written, must  
be read by every Mason who is interested in the subject of Masonic Presidents.  
It is available from our own Grand Lodge Library. The first paragraph should  
dispel any doubts about Adams' connection with Freemasonry. A quote follows:  
"To one who has read John Quincy Adams' own statements in regard to the Mason-  
ic Order in which he expressed unrelenting opposition to the Fraternity and  
advocated its abolition, it is very surprising that there should be any mis-  
understanding today in regard to the role which he played in the great crisis  
of American Masonry. His letters and diary reveal him as one of the most vehem-  
ent enemies of Freemasonry during the period after 1826."

H.L. Haywood, famous Masonic scholar, in his book, "Famous Masons and Masonic  
Presidents," devotes a section to "Presidents who were not Masons." Heading  
this list is John Quincy Adams. (There is also a chapter under this title de-  
voted to Thomas Jefferson). Incidentally, this book is also required reading  
for stamp collectors desiring to build a Masonic collection.

Albert G. Mackey in his "An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" reports on John  
Quincy Adams: "...he became notorious in the latter years of his life for his  
violent opposition to Freemasonry."

In other writings, Adams is reported to have stated: "I hate Freemasonry."  
From the foregoing, it is apparent that this President should never appear  
in a list of Masonic Presidents. ###



CATALOGUE OF THE  
RALPH A. BARRY PUBLICATION FUND DONATION AUCTION - FEBRUARY 7th, 1947  
MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

	<u>cat.</u>
1 1847 5¢ RED BROWN (1) close lower left otherwise good margins, good copy, pen cancelled, dot in "s" variety.	30.00
2 1847 5¢ RED BROWN (1) close at top and bottom, other margins good, cancelled.	25.00
3 1852 1¢ BLUE (32D 82RIL) type IV, recut once at top, once at bottom, in at right, one line pen cancelled.	8.00
4 1851-57 3¢ 1851 (33 var.) shades, seven cancelled copies showing the distinctive shades of this stamp all properly identified for shade and year, from 1851 orange-brown to 1857 claret type. opening bid.....	4.00
5 1851 3¢ BROWNISH CARMINE shade (1852) (plate I late 33) from upper left corner, with sheet margins, town tied, on clean cover.	----
6 1861 (65) 3¢ tied on Lincoln-Johnson campaign cover, imprinted "Lincoln and Johnson," also "From C.W.Benson, Battery K, Wisconsin" imprint, a rare Lincoln cover opening bid.....	7.50
7 1861 12¢ BLACK (69) close at right, light cancel, sound copy	4.00
8 1869 2¢ BROWN (113) "AID" cancel (part of PAID ALL) minor defect but sound.	4.00
9 1870 2¢ RED BROWN (135) 8½ x 10 mm. grill, light part target cancel, very fine.	----
10 MASONIC TRIANGLE on 3¢ green, tied blue, neat cover with Cold Water, Mich. town postmark, blue Triangle, rare.	----
11 1909 4¢ Vertical pair (346) tied on piece with 4¢ envelope (green Jackson) Boston cancels	\$4.50
12 1912 KANSAS CITY ROULETTE (imperf) (408 type) block of four, with lower left corner sheet margin, initialled "W.C.Michael," also postmasters affidavit, a rare block. opening bid.....	6.00
13 1912 2¢ CARMINE (406a) booklet pane of six, mint very fine.	1.50
14 1932 OLYMPICS 3¢ violet (718) never hinged block of four, upper left sheet margins, autographed in margin by Victor McCloskey, designer, a desirable block.	+ 2.80
15 1937 VIRGINIA DARE (796) 5¢ gray blue, never hinged block of four, VF	.55
16 1940 PONY EXPRESS (894) 3¢ never hinged block of four, with plate number 22579, very fine. retail.....	2.00
17 1945 TWO JIM-A (929) complete sheet lightly cancelled. retail.....	1.50
18 AUSTRIA AVG (4N1-16) seventeen diff., the set, never hinged, VF	----
19 USPO SEALS (OX10d) orange brown, never hinged, block of six, VF	+ 4.50
20 CUT SQUARES, 45 officials, mostly PO (cat. over 2.50) and 30 regular envelope cut squares, all cancelled, interesting lot.	----
21 BOYD'S LOCAL (20L7) 2¢ green on cover	5.00
22 BLOOD'S (15L13) 1¢ on Valentine cover.	+ 1.25
23 BLOOD'S PENNY POST (15L14) on cover	1.25
24 BOYD'S MERCURY stamp, (20L56) pink, with Boyd's handstamp on cover	2.00
25 STAMPLESS, lot of five, Phila. 1837, 1846, 1849; Harrisburg 1845; Bellefonte, Pa.	----
26 STAMPLESS, variety lot of ten.	----
27 COVER LOT, 1888-1915, various stamps of period, on 28 covers.	----
28 MIXED LOT, stamps include #65 (4), some cut squares, suitable for presentation to hospitals, junior clubs, etc.	----
29 CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR booklet, 1876, illus. buildings, etc., accordion type---	----
30 HONORABLE DISCHARGE colored cachet cover, postmarked Wash. May 9, 1946, cover bears stamps for six armed forces, attractive, very fine.	----
31 MASONIC, two cards pmkd. Dover, N.J., 1907, fancy embroidered insignia on back, unusual, scarce.	----
32 NAVAL COVERS, lot of three, pmkd. USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, 25 Dec. 1946 USS Oregon City 3 Oct. 1946 (2), all cacheted. Also ANS log; also three Bendix trophy cachet covers, very fine lot.	----
33 POSTAL CARDS, 2 Southern Tier Masonic Relief, imprinted pmkd. 1874	----



34	POSTAL STATIONERY, 8 cards, 4 env., red cross, USO, unused, VF	----
35	CANAL ZONE, post.due (J18) 1925 1¢ block of 4, cancelled, VF	7.50
36	CANAL ZONE, post.due (J19) 2¢, block of 4, cancelled, VF	3.00
37	PHILIPPINES, airmails, (C1-12) mint vf set.	4.06
38	LITERATURE, the Yontz pub. "ships and postmarks of U.S.Navy" "lost and damaged ships World War II" "register of ships and postmasters" very fine condition.	----

#### Foreign Stamps

39	AUSTRALIA, 1946 5½d yellow on Mitchell comm. cover, Royal Geographic handstamp, tied with special Centenary pmk., very fine.	----
40	AUSTRALIA, first day covers, 1946, Peace set, compl., very fine	----
41	AUSTRALIA, reg. cover, first official air mail flight, Australia-Canada, pair 1/4d and 2d tied.	----
42	BARBADOS (202-6) 1939, 1d-3d compl., never hinged, very fine.	1.85
43	BELGIUM, parcel post, 25 diff. in window env., good to give away.	----
44	BRAZIL (2) Dominican Rep.(1) three fine commercial covers.	----
45	BRIT. COL., 65 diff. mtd. in book. All og. except one, very fine.	10.75
46	BRIT. HONDURAS (99) 1921-33, 25¢ emerald, pair on fine reg. cover	2.00
47	CANADA (4) 1852-55, 3d red, wove paper, imperf., good margins, canc.	8.50
48	CEYLON, (56) 1892 3¢ on 4¢ rose, lower left sheet margin copy, mint vf	1.00
49	GOSTA RICA (C92) 1943 air 5 col black, fine used copy	2.00
50	CURACAO first flight cover Curacao-Amsterdam 1946 10¢ green and blue block of 4 and 5¢ (169) vf cover	----
51	CURACAO 1946 vf cover to NY with blocks of 4 of 1936 1¢, 1½¢, 2½¢, and single 5¢	----
52	DOMINICAN REP. (RA1-4) 1930 postal tax, 1, 2, 5, & 10¢, vf mint set	----
53	DOMINICA (13) 1886 ½d on 6d green mint vf	3.00
54	EGYPT (235, 236, 243, 251) 1939-45, fine used	1.09
55	GIBRALTAR (10) 1886-98 1d rose perfect mint copy	1.00
56	GREAT BRITAIN, 1848, 10d red brown, not cut to shape, creased, on cover, addressed to "Secy. Masonic Board of Relief, Memphis, Tenn." var. pmks. Embossed seal of Grand Lodge Dublin on flap.	----
57	GREAT BRITAIN, 2½d victory on first day cover maiden voyage "Queen Elizabeth" cachet vf cover	----
58	GREECE (184-197) 2nd Olympic Games compl. set, vf used	9.99
59	GRENADA (20a) 1883 ½d green, block of 6, 3 horiz. pairs, center pair inverted, mint vf	+ .84
60	HONG KONG (39) 1900 4¢ carmine perfect n.h. mint block of 4.	+ .60
61	ITALY OFF. IN CHINA (Tienstin) (14) cancelled, good copy.	4.00
62	JAMAICA (109-12) compl. set Silver Jubilee on vf reg. air mail cover to N.Y. 1936 usage, (one for Alec Watts!)	2.18
63	LUXEMBOURG (206) 1939 35¢ and Liechtenstein (164) 1946 1.50 fr, og, vf	2.50
64	MALTA, (197A, 199) 1938-43, 3d with 4 copies 6d tied on piece	+ .88
65	MAURITIUS (68, 70, 72, 80, 89-91) 1882-93 seven vf mint stamps	1.02
66	NEW ZEALAND (AR59) 1931-39 1 pound pink light cancel, vf.	1.25
67	NATAL (72) 1885-86 ½d on 1d rose, fine mint copy	4.00
68	RHODESIA (1) 1891 ½d blue and vermillion, og block of 4, vf., n.h.	+ 1.00
69	RUSSIA (201F) 1922, 7500pye on 250pye, dark violet, cancelled block of 9 (3x3) creased.	----
70	SEYCHELLES (27) 1896, 18¢ on 45¢ brown and rose, mint vf.	1.25
71	SIERRA LEONE (11, 12, 13 two, 14, 15 two, 16, 20) 1876-96 nice used lot	13.75
72	STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (74) 1885-94, 3¢ on 32¢ rose, n.h. block of 4.	+ .80
73	STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (239A) 1932-41, 2¢ brown orange, n.h. block of 4.	3.00
74	SWITZERLAND (C5-7, 10-12) air mail 1923-4 very nice used	5.45
75	UN. OF SO. AFRICA two fine censored covers on 4½d reg. env. also two 1½d (70) on each. VF lot.	----
76	UN. OF SO. AFRICA two fine censored covers 1/ dark brown strip of 4 and 1/ (3 copies) and 6d.	1.50



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| 77 | VENEZUELA 1849, stampless cover to London, pmkd. Caracas, etc. (oval) also bears 1½ oz, 2,2, handstamps. London receiving mark. Scarce, desirable. | ----                 |
| 78 | FOREIGN LOT, 55 stamps cat. several dollars. Worth contributing to stamp club, Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y.   | opening bid.....1.00 |
| 79 | GREAT BRITAIN OFF. IN MOROCCO, Spanish (34,35,72) French (27,29) five diff. fine mint stamps   | 1.06                 |
| 80 | NEWFOUNDLAND (48,61,62) 1880-97, good colors, fine mint.   | .75                  |



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AN INCIDENT IN  
THE HISTORY OF  
MASONRY IN MONTANA  
by  
Sam Brooks  
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In my search for additional material for "philatelic masonry," it is often my good fortune to run across articles and books about Freemasonry in the early days of the Western United States. Historically correct, and usually written by men who have been a part of the events depicted, these stories read like some of the most lurid "Wild West" tales. It is a fact that in those early days, when a town was founded Freemasons usually were there to assist; and one of the first institutions was a Masonic Lodge.

Some years ago, through the courtesy of Bro. Clyde I. Rush, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho, I received some very interesting booklets about the early days of Freemasonry in Idaho and Montana. The following story about what appears to be a cornerstone-laying ceremony for an entrance arch to Yellowstone National Park focuses interest on Scott's No. 744, the 5 cents blue of the National Parks issue.

The story is told by Bro. Frank Elliot Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons of Montana, in a booklet called "Montana Masonry."

"Among the most interesting incidents of my connection with the Montana Grand Lodge was the laying of the cornerstone of the entrance arch to the Yellowstone National Park at Gardner on April 24, 1904. It will be remembered that President Roosevelt had gone to the National Park, I think about the first of March of that year, to visit the park and view its beauties in the winter time. He was asked to meet with the Grand Lodge for the laying of this cornerstone and accepted the invitation.

"Prior to that time Montana had some of the best and wealthiest society in the world, and while its people dressed in the best of fashion, usually the cowboy idea was still prevalent, and no matter how well off a man might be, when dressed for a social function he was almost certain to ring in some article of cowboy accoutrement.

"I sent out a letter to my subordinates in the Grand Lodge, suggesting that we were not cowboys, most of us had never been and never would be, and that for this occasion when we were to meet the President of the United States, I expected all of the principal officers to appear in Prince Albert suits and silk hats, and the suggestion was observed.

"Imagine my astonishment and chagrin when President Roosevelt and his party came tearing out of the park on horseback and rode up to the platform where the exercises were to be held, and I beheld the President of the United States with an old slouch hat, a dilapidated coat, torn trousers and a flannel shirt, and pretty dusty. I would have sold out for a very small price. However, the exercises went off very nicely. The President made an address, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and I presented him with a large nugget of pure gold from Last Chance Gulch, upon which we had caused to be placed the Square and Compasses and the letter 'G.' My pleasure in meeting him was very great indeed, as I had known him years before when we were young men in New York."

MEETING OF JAN 3, 1947

In spite of the inclement weather, about twenty members turned out to greet the members of the Scandinavian Collectors Club. However, through some mix-up, the Scandinavian collectors did not show up. But President Jake Glaser came up with a pinch-hitter in the person of our good friend Edwin E. Elkins. "Eddie" has helped on previous occasions and tonight came up with pages from his various collections that brought "ohs" and "ahs" from his appreciative audience: Great Britain, U.S. Imperforates, air mails, flown covers with autographs. Thank you very much Eddie. We are looking forward to another visit real soon.





Wolfgang A.  
Mozart  
SP10

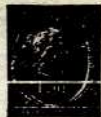
## WOLFGANG A. MOZART

Austria: B32 SP10 1922, and Bohemia and  
Moravia: B5-B8 SP3-4 1941.

Born at Salzburg, Jan.27, 1756;  
died Vienna, Dec.5, 1791.



Old  
Prague  
Theater  
SP3



Wolfgang  
Amadeus  
Mozart  
SP4

The Encyclopedia Britannica says: In March, 1791, Mozart consented to write a German opera upon an entirely new plan for Schikaneder, the manager of the little theatre in the Wieden suburb. The piece was addressed especially to the Freemasons and contained ceaseless allusions both in words and music to the secrets of the brotherhood. Deeply interested in the affairs of a body of which he was himself a member, Mozart excelled himself in this new work, that of the "symphonic fugue." He was rewarded for his labor by a brilliant success, but Schikaneder alone reaped the financial benefit of the speculation. "Die Zauberflöte," (The Magic Flute) was produced on September 30th and had a splendid run.

Mozart wrote the music for this opera, the words being supplied by Schikaneder. Even though the opera became famous, Mozart realized but about \$200 for it. Regarding Mozart's Masonic affiliations, an Austrian folder in the Mozart file in the Grand Lodge Masonic Library in N.Y.C. states that Mozart was a member of the Lodge Zur Wohltätigkeit and subsequently of the Lodge Zur Gekrönten Hoffnung, (Crowned Hope Lodge, 1784) being promoted to companion in the Lodge Zur Wahren Eintracht in Vienna.

Many dates are given (1781 to 1784) for the affiliation of Mozart to Masonry, but once a member, he became intensely interested in its workings. Though very sick and near death at the time when he was approached to compose the music for the lyrics which was later to become "Die Lauberflöte," he put forth his every effort to the task.

The writer, on reviewing the libretto of the work, could not find the "ceaseless allusions" as mentioned by the Britannica, but on reading a review of the presentation of the opera in the Dec.21, 1942, issue of "Opera," titled "The Masonic Significance of The Magic Flute" by Friede Rothe, a better understanding of the symbolism came about.

Space does not permit the telling of all the Masonic story of Mozart here, but it does seem peculiar that the Nazis honored the 150th anniversary of his death, when there has been so much in the printed word of Mozart the Mason.

### Masonic music composed by Mozart:

The Companion's Journey composed 1785  
Cantata "the Mason's rejoicing"  
Masonic funeral music  
Opening song  
Closing song

### Movements from the Magic Flute

a short Masonic cantata	com-
Closing Hymn	posed
	1791

—Forrest L. Ellis

MEETING OF DEC. 27th brought out an enthusiastic group to view two fine "subject collections." Brother Richard Bohn delighted the entire group with a fine showing of one volume of his Lincoln collection. Beginning with several portraits, Lincoln letters and a fine signed document relating to the Postal Service, Dick went on to show the various Lincoln stamps together with source material. A very fine collection ably presented and enjoyed by all. Brother Forrest L. Ellis showed one volume of his collection of "Printing on Stamps." His wealth of detail really astounded all present.

The final reading of the change in our by-laws relating to dues was held and then brought to a vote. It was unanimously carried to increase our dues to \$2.00 per year. Please note this so that the proper amount will be remitted when Treasurer Konwiser presents his bill.