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MASTER OF PHILATELY DEGREE

May 26, 1950

The Master of Philately Degree will be presented by the Masonic Stamp Club of New York to members who have not previously had this privilege on Friday evening, May 26th at 8 P.M. at the Collectors Club in New York City. All members in the city and any non-resident members who have not received this degree are urged to attend. It is an event that you will never regret participating in. We hope to be able to greet several brothers from out-of-town on this occasion. In addition to the presentation of the degree there will be a very special event of great significance to all Masons and philatelists. DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT. P.S. Bring your current lodge dues card.

WHO-WHAT-WHEN-WHERE-WHY

WHO- Members of the Masonic Stamp Club and guests

WHAT- QUIZ NIGHT (Phun, Phrolic and Philately)

WHEN- Friday evening, June 2nd at 8 P.M.

WHERE- Collectors Club in New York City

WHY- In order to have a GOOD TIME your committee has arranged this evening so that you can all LET YOUR HAIR DOWN (if you have any) and have LOADS OF FUN. Perchance you might also learn something but that is not the primary purpose of the evening. Hilarity, Fun and Frolic shall rule on this night. Dictionaries, encyclopedias and crystal balls are prohibited. Don't miss this evening, who knows, you may be the lucky one to win a million-dollar yacht.

Masonic Stamp Club of New York

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Jacob S. Glaser	1946-1948
Ferrars H. Tows	1948-1949

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1950 Richard S. Bohn
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 1952 Arthur I. Heim
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78  3¢ 1861	79  3¢ 1861	80  3¢ GREEN	81  LOUISVILLE, KY. 1861
82  DAYTON, OHIO 1879	83  FRANKFORD SPRINGS, PA. 1869	84  SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. 1869	85  1861

FROM OUR SECRETARY

President Russell Roane has appointed the following as a nominating committee for members of the Board of Governors: Charles Brooks, Chairman; Gordon t. Shoop; Thomas Phillips.

The Committee met and proposed the following names to be submitted at our Annual Meeting:

Richard Bohn
George Wray
Harry Henneman

NEW MEMBERS

Clarence W. Beltmann	Julius M. Falese
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Richmond Hill, N.Y.
James A. Garfield Lodge #309	Richmond Hill Lodge #892
Lyle E. Marsters	Warren W. Roeder
Roseburg, Oregon	Freewater, Oregon
Laurel Lodge #13(SECY & LIFE)	Milton Lodge #96

The following were accepted for membership at our Annual Dinner:

George B. Johnston
New York City
Independent Royal Arch #2 (Worshipful Master)

Hon. Robert E. Fellers Deputy Ass't Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. Washington Centennial Lodge #14

Hon. Osborne A. Pearson Assistant Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. Yerba Buena Lodge #403, Oakland, Calif.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Arthur Wardwell and his family on the loss of his Father.

Brother Ferrars Tows recently underwent a major operation. We are happy to report that our Past President is well on the road to recovery and may soon join us at our meetings.

We missed our fist President Arthur Deas at the Dinner, and learn from Forrest Ellis that Arthur is not well. Arthur is getting along in years and it would be nice if all his friends would write him at 1555 Unionport Road, Parkchester, N.y.

Photos on the opposite page were taken at the Dinner by our First Vice-President and Official Photographer, Arthur Heim.

Beginning at the top we find Chairman Harry O. Henneman in the upper left corner, then Brothers George Johnson, Arthur I. Heim (standing), Robert E. Fellers, Osborne A. Pearson, Harry L. Lindquist, Richard S. Bohn, Russell B. Roane, Mr. Peter Keller, Brother Carl H. Pihl.

Next group, Fred Wendell, a visitor, Forrest Ellis, Gordon Johnson, and Secretary Irwin W. Yarry.

Next, Richard Bohn, Carl E. Pelander, Sidney Barrett, George B. Wray, George Johnson, and Carl Pihl.

Below this, Henry Holcombe, Russell Roane, Alex Koomanoff, Mr. Sylvester Colby, Harry M. Konwiser, and Arthur Zimmerman. Insets are Dick Bohn, Carl Pihl, Harry Lindquist and Mr. Pete Keller.

Nice group, eh what?

P I C N I C JUNE 11th

Mr. Peter Keller, one of our guests at the Dinner, and head of the American Stamp Dealers Association, announced that arrangements had been concluded with Brothers Bob Peck and John Nicklin to hold our annual Picnic on Sunday June 11th at the German Masonic Home at Tappan, N.y.

We were advised that facilities for your pleasure and comfort are better than ever and your entire family is assured of a pleasant day. As usual a complete program is being arranged including games for all.

All you do is bring the EATS, the Committee will supply the liquid refreshments.

NOTE THE DATE..... AND COME

Master of Philately Degree on May 26th.

As an added inducement to visit with us on May 26th, the Committee has induced Brother Stanley Golwen to show his marvelous collection of stamps illustrating Masonic symbols and portions of the Ritual. Because of the nature of this collection, the meeting will be open to Members only, and the doors will be tiled.

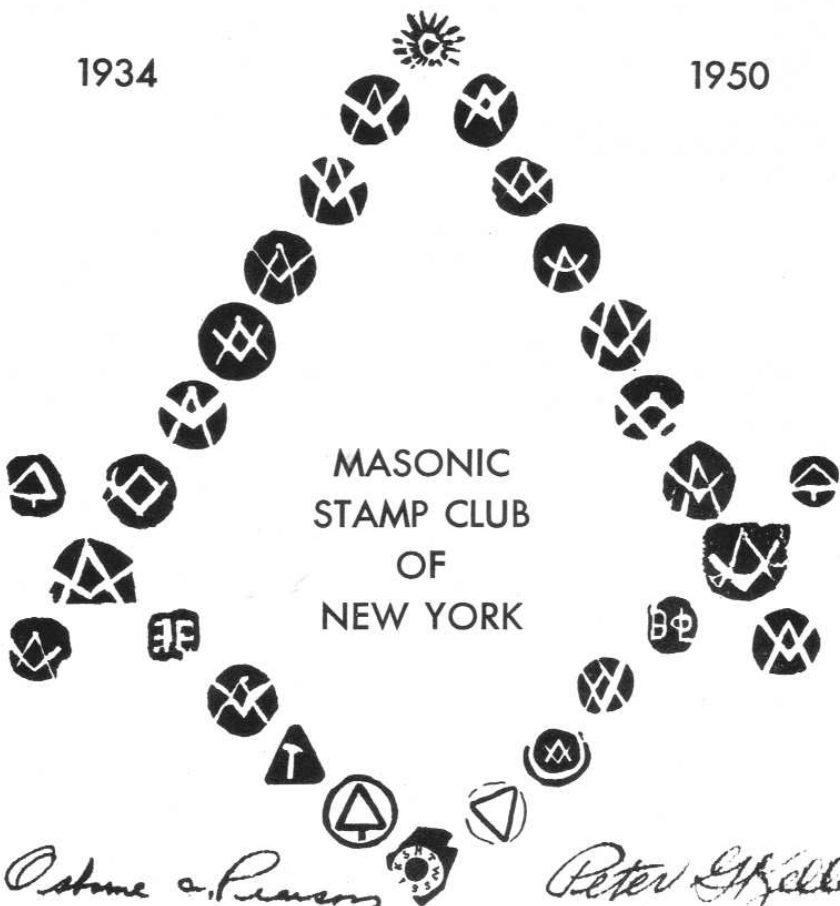
If you have not taken the Degree, this is a splendid opportunity to do so. All members who have taken the Degree are expected to be present to assist in the Work and lend encouragement to our Officers in their various duties. Come and spend a very pleasant evening.



L. Charles Biehl
 A. L. Zimmerman Laur Brooks
 Morris Strauss
 H. W. Edrums & Co. W. H. Van Zinder
 Charles H. Capestate Henry Weideman
 James H. Perry J. H. Kappeler
 Joseph A. Gonda Sidney P. Barrett
 Harry O. Handman. Thomas Lacey
 Harry M. Konwizer Arthur J. Klein
 Harold Matters Dick Bohm
 Jack H. Haudy Geo. Blumay George Lamm
 Abe H. Grock Carl & Phil
 James H. Fair Andrew F. Kammusen
 George B. Philbin Harry A. Holman
 Julius M. Falese
 Sybil Russell O. Roane
 F. J. Ellis
 Fred Wendel Philip Robbins
 Alex. J. Koonanoff
 Henry W. Polcoushe Jordan J. Thuesen
 Robert A. Williams B. Grossman
 Mort H. Hatten
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MASONIC
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Osborne C. Pearson
Asst. Pres. meeting dinner

Peter G. Keller

SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, May 5, 1950
Masonic Club
New York

P. G. Keller
deputy asst

P.M. D.

H. G. G. G. G. G.

letters to the editor-----

"It was indeed a great pleasure to appear before your fine organisation and the courtesies extended to me while there made me feel truly at home.

I hope that you will pass on to your group my appreciation also. Looking forward to seeing you again in the near future I remain

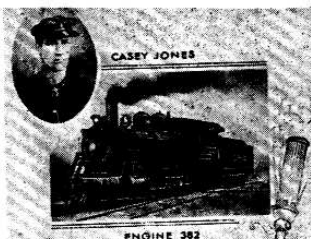
Sincerely yours,
Osborne A. Pearson
Assistant Postmaster General"

"Mr. Pearson and I enjoyed very much being at the banquet of the Masonic Stamp Club. Of course it was my pleasure to know many of the members and I am glad that Mr. Pearson was afforded an opportunity to meet with you and the other members of the Club.

Sincerely yours,
R.E.Fellers
Deputy Ass't Postmaster General"

Casey Jones was never late
In bringing in his train.
That's how he came to lose his life,
He had some time to gain.
His fame for coming in on time
Is known throughout the land
Till poet, scribe and bard have writ'
His feat on every hand.

Our P. O. D. set out to pay
Their homage with a stamp
To Casey for his punctual runs
In weather dry or damp.
The date to buy the new Commem
Was on the first of May;
The people came with coins and bills
'Twas like a holiday.



But here our story ends in words
So very hard to state
The P. O. D. fell down again--
Poor Casey's stamp was late.

----- Bro. F.T.Anderson,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

ANNUAL DINNER USUAL SUCCESS

Well, another Anniversary Dinner has come and gone. This time the sixteenth. And to Harry Henneman and Carl Pihl go the thanks of all of us for a job well done. The attendance was up to par and what was nice was to see so many of our out-of-town and suburban members. Among them were Charles Copestake of Schenectady, K.W. Schumacker of Nyack, and the Biehls of Pennsylvania.

The festivities began when Harry Lindquist as Toastmaster spoke of the early days of the Club. Of the first members there were present Harry Lindquist, Carl Pelander, Andrew Rasmussen, Fred Wendell and Harry Konwiser. He then introduced Past Presidents Henry Holcombe, Carl Pelander, George Cannitzer, Sam Brooks and President Russell Roane.

Harry spoke of a recent trip to Washington where he met Brother Osborne A. Pearson, newly appointed Assistant Postmaster General, and Robert E. Fellers, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General, and induced them to come to New York for our Dinner. Upon introduction, they both were given an enthusiastic M.S.C. reception. They expressed their appreciation and at their requests, were accepted as regular members of the Club. The Treasurer tells us that they paid their dues and were issued membership cards.

Brother George Johnston, Worshipful Master of Independent Royal Arch Lodge # 2 (190 years old) was introduced and extended a cordial invitation to all to visit the Lodge. A letter was read from Herman Herst, Jr. from London offering a complete set of covers from the London Stamp Show to the winner of a drawing. The covers were won by one of Franklin Bruns' guests, Bro. Timm of Gramatan Lodge in Bronxville.

Richard Bohn one of our Governors and President of the Collectors Club of New York, was introduced as Speaker of the Evening. First Dick read a few lines from Jake Glaser from London, then he told a series of stories which had "em rolling in the aisles". Then in a serious vein, he urged that as Freemasons we should practice the principles of our Fraternity especially the practice of Brotherly Love. This, he said, could save our country from the some of the crack-pot politicians. Start practicing what Freemasonry stands for. (AMEN)

To close a fine evening, Carl Pihl conducted group singing from song sheets supplied by Harry Henneman. Harry also accompanied on the piano. Nice job, Boys!!! - 50



King William II

From the collection of Harry O. Henneman

Netherlands- King William II(1792-1849)

Became King in 1840. Made a Mason as Prince of Orange in 1817 in Brussels. Honorary Master of the Lodge L'Esperance in Brussels.

William of Orange Lodge



Arms of the House of Orange

William of Orange Lodge #3976 was formed in Holland in 1918 during World War I, by interned British Freemasons. It was named in honor of William of Orange who became King of England in 1689. After the War this Lodge came under the protection of the Grand Lodge of England.

Germany- Cathedral of Cologne



Cathedral of Cologne

This Cathedral is memorable because of its connection with the labors of the Steinmetzen (stone workers) of Germany. Later it became the seat of one of the most important Lodges of the World. Albertus Magnus is asserted to have designed the Cathedral.



Cathedral of Strasbourg

France- Cathedral of Strasbourg

From Gould's History page 45, "the organization of the Steinmetzen (stone masons), Masters and Fellows, have held meetings at the Strasbourg Cathedral. It was unquestionably the chief Lodge about 1459".

Belgium- Leopold I



King Leopold I

Leopold I King of the Belgians Was Initiated in the Lodge "zur Hoffnung" in Berns. Later he became a member of the Lodge of Friendship #6 in London. He also received the Scottish Rite and in 1839 became Protector of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

KOOMANOFF KOPS KONTEST

Those members who were not present at the Annual Members Exhibition, held on Friday evening, April 28, 1950, missed a great show and an entertaining time. Some members present remarked that this was one of the best exhibitions held in some time. The First Award in the General Group was won by Bro. Alexander T. "Doc" Koomanoff for his very fine showing of U.P.U. stamps and covers (old and new) as well as some interesting first flight and other covers. Most of the members who have watched Doc's steady growth as a philatelist were delighted that he got the award which he richly deserved. Second prize went to Bro. Carl H. Pihl for a showing of U. S. CIPEX issues while Bro. Frederick L. Hill received third prize for his showing of Religion on Maximum cards. Fred's beautifully arranged and annotated pages are incomparable. In the Novice Group, Bro. Harry L. Kinne took the First Award with his splendid and complete collection of the Japanese commemorative issues. Bro. Kinne has made a thorough study of these stamps (with an assist by his son who is stationed in Japan with the U.S. Army) and the result is a most interesting show. Our President, Bro. Russell B. Roane received the second prize for his U. S. collection of "firsts" and Bro. Fred Wendel garnered third prize for an interesting collection of Norway which was accompanied with many little-known facts about Norway. Honorable Mention in the General Group went to Bro. Arthur I. Heim (Congo Red Cross) and in the Novice Group Bro. Benjamin Grossman received an Honorable Mention for his FDR cover collection. Judges were Bro. George B. Wray (Chairman), Bro. Andrew P. Rasmussen and Bro. Irwin M. Yarry. The arrangements were capably and smoothly handled by Bro. George Camnitzer. The club is indebted to Sylvester Colby and Phil Robbins who donated some of the prizes that were awarded to winners.

Abyssinia has issued a 30c orange-yellow stamp showing a map surmounted by the Lion of the Tribe of Judea. -- Mirt.

MASONRY ON POSTAGE STAMPS

Some of the older folks will recall the 2-cent stamp issued in 1926 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. How many, however, know that behind that stamp is a story of Masons at work in the founding of our nation?

It was in 1729 that a proposal to build a State House was first made. Ground for it was purchased by William Allen, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. In 1733, another Mason staked out the ground. The superstructure was raised in 1734 during the incumbency of Benjamin Franklin as Grand Master. The brick mason was Thomas Boude, first secretary of St. John's Lodge. Today, more than two centuries later, the structure is still sound. It is "an enduring monument to the skill of our early Brethren St. John's Lodge both as operative and as speculative Masons," says the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its 1906 proceedings.

The building was inaugurated with a grand banquet given by R. W. Bro. Allen in 1736. In the 40 years which followed, State House became a landmark. On July 4, 1776, it became a national shrine.

Dipping his pen into an ornate silver inkstand—the handiwork of a Past Grand Master, Philip Syng—John Hancock, a member of the Lodge of St. Andrews, Boston, signed his name to the historic Declaration of Independence in a hand so bold that the British King could read it without glasses.

How many of the 55 who signed after him were Masons will never be established because of lost Lodge records. However, 15 have been established as such. As many others, if not more, are believed to have been Masons.

Three days later when the Liberty Bell was rung to proclaim the action, the bell rope was pulled by Andrew McNair, a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. The crack in the bell occurred in 1818 when it tolled the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, a Past Grand Master of Virginia.

John A. Mirt

