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BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

Elsewhere in this issue is a notice regarding a proposal to change the By-laws. The By-laws as we now have them have been in effect, with few changes, for eighteen years and have stood the test of time. Those who founded the club had in mind that by leaving the election of officers to the Board of Governors, it would eliminate the politics that so often are the downfall of small (and sometimes large) clubs. On the other hand, the opinion has been frequently expressed that our procedure is undemocratic and the proponents would like to see the officers elected directly by the membership. Either way has advantages and disadvantages. The important thing is that the club be run the way you want it to be run. Your help in arriving at a decision is needed, so please make your plans to be present a month from now at the March 28th meeting. The other proposals are largely matters of expediency, and your decision regarding the method of electing officers should in a large measure indicate your desires regarding the others.

ARTHUR I. HEIM

Meetings

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

- Feb. 29 Past President's Night.
- March 7 7:30 Board of Governors Meeting.
8:00 Masonic Philately. A general discussion.
- March 28 Club Visit. Details later.
- April 4 7:30 Board of Governors Meeting.
8:00 Master of Philately Degree. All members who have not received this degree are urged to present themselves for initiation.

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OFFICERS

Arthur I. Heim	President
Carl H. Pihl	1st Vice-Pres.
Thomas Phillips	2nd Vice-Pres.
Dr. Irwin M. Yarry	Secretary
31-12 54 Street;	Woodside, N.Y.
Harry M. Konwiser	Treasurer
181 Claremont Ave.	New York 27, N.Y.

Past Presidents

Arthur W. Deas *	1934-1938
Ralph A. Barry *	1938-1939
Henry W. Holcombe	1939-1942
Carl E. Pelander	1942-1943
George Camnitzer	1943-1945
Sam Brooks	1945-1946
Jacob S. Glaser	1946-1948
Ferrar H. Tows	1948-1949
Russel B. Roane	1949-1951

Deceased *

LAST CALL FOR REVISED MEMBERSHIP LIST

When the deadline for the revised Membership List of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was reached on January 1st only one third of the brethren had returned the form which had been enclosed in the November issue of the Philatelist. Hoping to obtain a better percentage than that, we are going to delay publication until March 15th. If you have not already sent the information requested, please do so at once. Just send your name, street address, city and state; your lodge and location of lodge; your philatelic interests; and please indicate whether or not you are willing to correspond with brother members. This information should be sent to: Carl H. Pihl, 77 Amherst Road, Albertson, N.Y. We want to make this list as complete as possible but in order to do so we must have your cooperation. DON'T PROCRASTINATE -

DO IT NOW

Western Stamp Coll.

Young Takes Grand For Bible on Stamps

The Third Annual Exhibition of the El Paso, Texas, Stamp Club was held in the Y.M.C.A. Grand prize went to E. S. Young for his collection of Biblical Stamps. A non-competitive entry by Melvin Ross was entitled "Masonic Philately and Masonic Events of the United States." This included stamps issued in memory of Masonic Presidents and national heroes.

The youngest adult exhibitor in the show, 16 year old Richard Serra, had a colorful Mexican collection called "Relics of the Maya."

NEW MEMBER

Jacob H. Felix
120 E. 19 Street
Brooklyn 26, N.Y.
Ionic Lodge #486



PAST PRESIDENTS, MASONIC STAMP CLUB



ARTHUR W. DEAS

W.°. ARTHUR W. DEAS
Richmond Lodge, No. 66 Staten Island
Raised 1892. Master 1901.
President Masonic Stamp Club,
January 1934 to June 1938.
President 1939, Collectors Club,
also was Secretary, Vice Pres.,
and Governor.
President, N.Y. Numismatic Soc.
Member of many Philatelic and
Numismatic Clubs.
Deceased on December 3, 1950

W.°. RALPH A. BARRY
Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, Second Manhattan Dist.
Initiated - - - March 29, 1920
Passed -- May 3, 1920
Raised - - - May 17, 1920
Worshipful Master in 1929
At the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Stamp Club
in May 1938, Bro Barry was elected President,
succeeding Bro. Arthur W. Deas.
For Many Years Bro. Barry was editor of the
philatelic section of the New York Herald Tribune,
and his work in this field achieved wide acclaim.
Deceased December 10, 1939.



W.°. HENRY W. HOLCOMBE
Corinthian Lodge, No. 488
Fourth Manhattan Dist.
Init. January 10, 1929
Pass. February 28, 1929
Raised March 14, 1929
Worshipful Master in 1937
President, Masters Asso.,
1937, reelected 1948
Secretary, Executive Comm.,
4th Dist. Square Club, 1942.
District Deputy Grand
Master, 4th Manhattan Dist.
June 2, 1942.
Dist. Chairman, 1944 Masonic
War Chest, January 1944.

Phoenix Chapter, No.2, R.A.M.
 Columbian Council, No. 1, R.E.&S.E.M.
 Columbian Commandery, No.1, K.T.
 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of New York
 Mecca Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Potentate, 1951,
 Director, 1952.
 Royal Order of Jesters, New York Court, No.30
 Masonic Stamp Club, Board of Governors, 1936,
 President, November 3, 1939, resigned June 1942.
 U.S. Army Signal Corps (AS) 1917-1919.
 U.S. Navy 1943-47.
 Vocation, Engineer, avocation stamp collecting,
 particularly Private Die Proprietary stamps.
 His collection of these stamps on original boxes
 and packages as they were used 70 to 90 years ago
 is outstanding and probably unique. It won a major
 award at the International Philatelic Exhibition
 in 1936; was prominently shown at the New York
 world's Fair in 1940 and garnered a further award
 at CIPEX in 1947.
 Over a period of several years he compiled check
 lists of the M&M, License & Royalty, and U.S.I.R.
 Beer stamps; collaborated on the books "Paper
 Chase" - 1940 and the "Stamp Collectors Round
 Table" - 1937; and in 1943 completed a series of
 122 articles covering the private die Medicine
 stamps which were published in a number of the
 better philatelic magazines.



CARL E. PELANDER
 Northeast Lodge, No.995 Buffalo, N.Y.
 Charter member, 1922, was appointed
 first Junior Warden. Life Member.
 Raised in Bredablic Lodge, No.880,
 New York City, November 1919
 Aurora Grata Consistory, A&A.S.R.,
 Valley of Brooklyn, N.Y., 1941
 Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Brooklyn.

Stamp Dealer. Collecting Scandinavia and Tonga .
 U.S. Army, World War I, Army Reserve, World War II
 Decorated by the Government of Finland with the
 Order of the Lion. 1948.
 President, Masonic Stamp Club, 1942 - 1943.
 Researcher and author of many philatelic articles
 particularly on Scandinavian stamp subjects.



GEORGE CAMNITZER

Humbolt Lodge #512, New York, N.Y.

Raised May 20, 1931.

Aurora Grata Consistory, A. & A.S.R.

Valley of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

President Masonic Stamp Club
1943-1945.

Collectors Club, Member of the
Board, Chairman, Admissions Comm.

President of the German Philatelic Society,
Chapter #1.

National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia.

Asso. for Stamp Exhibitions, Board of Directors.

A.P.S. #14592. Long Island Stamp Club.

Surgeon Dentist. Collects Great Britain,

Germany and German Colonies.

Interested in photography.



W. S. SAM BROOKS

Vigilantia Lodge, NO. 1108, New York, N.Y.

Founder and Charter member, 1929, Senior Deacon.

Worshipful Master, 1932, Secretary 1937 - 1942.

Raised in Emanuel Lodge, No. 654, New York, N.Y.

Masonic Stamp Club, President 1945-1946,

Secretary and Board of Governors.

Editor of the Masonic Philatelist and principal
builder-up of this publication.

World War I veteran, 16 months overseas.

Sergeant, 805 Air Squad.

Employed in Womens Garment Industry.

Author of book, "Masonic Philately".

Specializes in stamps of Masonic significances.



JACOB S. GLASER

Corner Stone Lodge No. 367

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Raised in 1903.

Aurora Grata, A.A.S.R. Valley
of Brooklyn, N.Y., 1904

Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brooklyn, N.Y., 1904

President Masonic Stamp Club
1946 - 1948

President Collectors Club, 1952.

Building Contractor.

Collects, Colombia Republica.

Scata air mail.

W. F. FERRARS H. TOWS
 Holland Lodge No. 8 New York N.Y.
 Raised in 1931.
 Worshipful Master 1940
 District Deputy Grand Master 1st Manhattan Dist.,
 1946 -1947.
 Past member for Grand Lodge on Tappan Shrine.
 Most Wise Master, Aurora Grata Chapter Red Croix.,
 1941 - 1942.
 Thirty Third Degree A.A.S.R. September 1946.
 Aurora Grata Consistory, Valley of Brooklyn.
 Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Brooklyn.
 Member Royal Order of Jesters; American Lodge of
 Research; Masonic Club of 23rd Street.
 Specialized in Philipines, Hawaii, Canal Zone.
 President of Masonic Stamp Club 1948 - 1949.



W. B. RUSSELL B. ROANE.
 Evangelist Lodge No.600, New York, N.Y.
 Raised May 1929.
 Worshipful Master 1937.
 President 5th Masonic District Assn,
 New York. 1940
 Member of the Board of Trustees, Boys
 Camp Fund of the 5th Masonic District.
 Masonic Stamp Club, President 1949-1951
 Member Board of Governors.
 Merchant.
 Collects U.S., Philipines.
 Color Photography and Motion Pictures.



Brother Mirt of Chicago says in part, " I managed to get my car out of the snow on New Year's Day, after it was snowbound for two weeks. Today (Friday), it came down heavily again; can't say just what the situation will be tomorrow. On Christmas Day there was 17 inches of snow on the ground: 8 inches fell on Christmas Eve on top of 9 which still remained from a few days before. Have been kept pretty busy, spent nearly two weeks in California early in December, handling a medical meeting, and will have another in Pittsburgh the middle of January. Late in Feb. go to Denver. Best wishes to all the brethren."

GREAT HONOR FOR OUR BROTHER "JAKE" GLASER.

On Jan. 9th 1952 meeting of the Collectors Club, Bro. Jacob Simon Glaser was elected to succeed Bro. Dick Bohn as president of the Collectors Club. Brother Glaser, one of our active members and past president of the Masonic Stamp Club has devoted many years in encouraging and promoting philately and is now serving as vice president for the Asso. of Stamp Exhibitions, National Fed. of Stamp Clubs and many other philatelic groups. Bro. Jake's Masonic affiliations are too numerous to mention, and its only another chore for one so steeped in his love for his fellow men. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brother Glaser, with out full cooperation towards helping to encourage and promote our hobby - a thing which is closest to Brother "Jake's" heart.

LINDQUIST REELECTED

Brother Harry L. Lindquist, publisher of STAMPS was recently reelected to his third term as the president of the New York Athletic Club. The boys of the "Winged Foot" club on 59th Street must like our "Harry". He came out of the West, he saw and conquered.

50 YEAR MEDALIST

W.°. Harold E. Gunter will be awarded his 50 year service Medal in Girard Lodge #631 F & A M at the Masonic Temple, 71 West 23 Street, N.Y.C. on Wednesday evening April 23, 1952, at 8 o'clock. He was initiated in St. John Lodge #623 F.&A.M., Provincial #5, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I. on February 21, 1902. Passed March 1 and raised on March 24, 1902. He affiliated with Girard Lodge, #631, N.Y. on April 11, 1903.

Elected Master for 1911 after filling the various appointive and elective positions. Served as Secretary from 1918 through 1936 and was appointed Secretary Emeritus and Historian on retirement.

A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the Masonic Stamp Club by the Master W.°, Charles Rosenberg, formally a member of the Masonic Stamp Club.

NOTICE

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The committee to review the By-laws has made its report and has suggested a number of amendments.

The proposed amendments will be voted upon at the regular meetin on March 28, 1952. To amend the By-laws, there must be a minimum of fifteen members present and a two-thirds vote is necessary for amendment.

The provisions to be considered are:

1. Change the section on membership so as to eliminate the provision for honorary membership.
2. Change the procedure for electing officers so that all officers are elected by the membership at the annual meeting, rather than at present by the Board of Governors.
3. Change the make-up of the Board of Governors so that it will consist of the five elected officers and three (instead of nine) elected members of the Board. A provision to this section has been added for a Metropolitan area residence requirement for election or continuation in office of officers and members of the Board.
4. Add a new section to permit the formation of chapters of the club in sections away from New York City.
5. Changes in the section on Standing Committees in order to bring it up to date.
6. Add a new section to provide for the Editor of the Masonic Philatelist.

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Irwin M. Yarry
Secretary