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## BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

Generally we have about 20 members at our meetings. Mostly they are the same "old faithfuls", interspersed with a few who can only manage it once in a while. Many of those who used to come around regularly are seldom seen these days, and of course this is something all of us regret.

What this is leading up to is that by far the majority of our members, either because of distance or other reasons, are absent from our midst, and so this column is the best means the Chair has for communicating with them.

It is hoped that this will be the last issue of the *Philatelist* in its present form. Next month we expect to blossom out with a printed paper, and we'll tell you all about it when it appears. In the mean time, your Editor is going to need a lot more material to fill the new publication and we would like to see articles and paragraphs from as many as possible of those who read this. Bear in mind that we are a group of Masons banded together by the common interest in Philately, and not limited to the study of Masonic Philately. So your articles may be on any aspect of philately, Masonic or otherwise. Brothers, get busy right now and send in your articles and news to Ye Editor.

Arthur I. Heim

## • Meetings •

FIRST AND LAST FRIDAY EACH MONTH - COLLECTORS CLUB BLDG. 22 E. 34th Street

- March 28 Club Visit. Robert Levitt Propaganda on stamps.
- 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.
- April 15 Annual Exhibition by Members. Bring in your treasures and share them with the Brethren.



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## PROPAGANDA ON STAMPS

Mr. Robert Levitt, guest speaker and exhibitor will address the Club on March 28th.

This will be one of the real finer programs that no member of the Club in the Metropolitan area should miss.

Bro. Fred Hill is again thanked for bringing this treat to us.

Yarry



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## ABOUT THE CLUB



Elmer R. Long has been named chairman of the American Philatelic Society's committee on public relations.

Harry Konwiser's U.S. Stampless Cover Catalog will soon be out. \$3 will get you one and it will be the third edition.

Richard S. Bohn is the new president of the Assn. for Stamp Exhibitions, sponsors of all the international shows held in this country and Canada. Harry L. Lindquist is the new Honorary President of the Assn. for Stamp Exhibitions.

George B. Wray was one of the men named to the executive committee of the above mentioned society. William Dabel is busy going through a lot of accumulation of "Junk looking for those foreign revenues."



### JANUARY 25 MEETING

The following members each furnished about a five minute dissertation on their favorite stamp at the January 25th meeting of the Club.

Bro. Morris Strauss - Lincoln Gettysburg Stamp.  
Bro. Carl Pihl - Post Horn Stamp of Norway  
Bro. Arthur Heim - Congo stamp of 1899  
Bro. Emanuel Reggel - 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  cent U.N. Stamp  
Bro. Irwin Yarry - Child Welfare Stamps, Jamaica.  
Bro. Jose Rueff - An Early Salvador Stamp  
Bro. F. Ellis - Anapolis Stamp of U.S.  
Bro. Irving Black - Norway #4  
Bro. Thomas Phillips - \$1 Trans Mississippi.

### FEBRUARY 1 MEETING

Bro. "Pat" Herst entertained the members of the Club with some interesting personal experiences on his various trips in search of stamp treasure. Stamp prospecting can be as adventurous as the search for mineral wealth, gold or antiques and Bro. Herst has unearthed many finds of philatelic material and claims that any one can do the same during a vacation trip through the country. You just must have the bloodhound sense and a little perserverance.

Sereral others, including our own Harry Konwiser furnished some other personal experiences in traking down philatelic treasures.

I am sure it would make interesting reading if some of our out of town brethren would send in some of their own philatelic experiences.

### HONG KONG STUDY NEWS

Bro. P.A.Wilde of Cardiff, Wales has been elected chairman of the Hong Kong Study Circle inaugurated at the Mascot Hotel, London on December 5, 1951. Two bulletins have already been sent out including an intensive study of the Amoy section and a trans parent postmark guide issued to the group.

Yarry



## BY-LAWS AND ROSTER.

The amended by-laws will be voted upon at the March 28th meeting. See your last issue of the Masonic Philatelist for details.

The roster is in its final stages before going to press. All members who have not as yet done so, should furnish the necessary information for inclusion and particularly - what you collect and whether you wish to correspond with other members. The roster committee is also anxious to know if you have written on any philatelic subject.

## THE BUFFALO COMMUTOR.

Bro. Charles Lott came down from Buffalo and gave us very cordial greetings from the Frontier Stamp Club of which he is president and chief sponsor. This new club has now about 100 members and they average about sixty at a meeting.

## WANT TO RIDE A GOAT?

Master of Philately Degree will be conferred upon all eligible candidates (membership in the Masonic Stamp Club) on Friday April 4th at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street. We look fore ward to welcoming many of our newly elected members at this time. Yarrv



## PROPAGANDA ON STAMPS

BY MR. ROBERT LEVITT

Propaganda, mainly its manifestations on World War II history and its effect on the over-run nations prompted the gathering of this material. The collection consists of photographs of Hitler and some of his partners: Postage stamps designed from some of his pictures and philatelic covers to Hitler and his closest associates.

This collection represents an adventure which unfolded contacts for the exhibitor all over the world. It is offered as a historical document of world events in the late war on civilization.



Hear me Brother.

I venture to state that more philatelic material has changed hands at our meetings for free, than does at many other club meetings on the usual swap or cash basis. I know, for I have been on both sides of these deals.

This does not indicate that our members are soft in the head, but it does show that those who attend meetings regularly, have learned to know what the other fellow collects. And when we run across items of interest to another member, we usually take it to the next meeting and just hand it over.

Very often it comes back with interest. But isn't that the usual way? You know...."casting bread upon the waters".

And what about material donated to the Club which has been sold on a basis that benefits the purchaser as well as the Club. And the stamps sent to the kids at Utica and to the Veterans at various hospitals..

The reason for all this? I like to think, as I have for many years, that membership in the Masonic Stamp Club means more to all of us than just belonging to another stamp club. Especially to those who attend meetings, it has come to mean a closer fellowship than even appears at our Lodge meetings. I know I look forward to seeing friends at each meeting.

And I do know that many of you who could attend, even once in awhile, are missing something more valuable than all your stamps....the hand clasp of a friend.

Come down to the next meeting and permit to say Hello to you  
-----Sam Brooks



Just received a nice note from Harry Henneman.

"have had a successful year but I still miss the companionship of the folks out east. Please apologize to the Brothers for me. I can't find enough time to write but they are all in my heart.

I am lecturing at Union Lodge, here in Denver, on Mar. 8th."

Why not drop a line to Harry. Address him  
care of Knight-Campbell Music Co.

1617 California St. Denver, Colo.

-S.B.



## DR.FEINERMAN IS A BUSY MAN.

Brother member A.H.Feinerman, M.D.,if you please, and a stamp dealer who doesn't make much money but enjoys the work,has just added another job to his activities. Dr.Feinerman has just acquired the Carroll House, a hostelry, at Macomb,Ill.

Dr.Feinerman is - in his spare time - a Scribe of the Advisory Board of Albert Eads Chapter,Order of DeMolay, and was one of the organizers of this chapter. "we are just completing a building program for the Boys and the Rainbow Girls which is incorporated in the Masonic Building at Macomb." The Brother has his professional office in this building.

Dr.Feinerman recently attended a Grand Chapter meeting (of the DeMolay) to see his youngest son initiated into the DeMolays.

The "Mine Host" role appears to be "by proxy" for it is admitted Mrs.Feinerman and the sons are really doing the hotel job, and doing it well. Some men complain (or grouch) they have too many things to do, but not Dr.Feinerman, a member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York,who has been playing with stamps for about 35 years.

More power to you and yours, and may your hope to visit New York to visit your stamp brethren come true, soon.

-- H.M.Y. --

## Mt.Vernon Library Exhibit.

The John R. Farnall,Sr. collection of Documents and letters of the War of 1812 period,is on exhibition at the Mt.Vernon (N.Y.) Public Library. This is the first time these items have been exhibited in public. Our Westchester members may note a few items savoring of Masonry in the exhibition which will be on display during the entire month of March.

-- H.M.K. --





From left to right are shown Art Heim, Sam Brooks, "Fat" Herst Jr, Jake Glaser and Carl Pihl, members who visited the new Franklin D. Roosevelt Hospital at Montrose, N.Y.

#### CLUB MEMBERS VISIT VETERANS HOSPITAL

On Saturday February 9 five members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York made a successful visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt (Veterans Administration) Hospital, located at Montrose, N.Y. which is near Peekskill. These members met a considerable number of the some 75 veterans who are interested in stamp collecting, examined their albums and discussed their philatelic problems. Some of the men are quite advanced in general collecting and others are just beginning. The hospital officials are very enthusiastic about the benefits of stamp collecting and other hobbies for the patients, and lend every encouragement. We were conducted around the various wards by Irving Schneider - who is the volunteer director of the stamp program. Mr. Schneider, sponsored by the B'nai B'rith of Yonkers, N.Y., devotes every Saturday to this work and is doing a most outstanding job. He would welcome help from members of the Masonic Stamp Club who would like to talk stamps with the veterans on any Saturday. Following the visit to the hospital, we enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Mrs. Herman Herst, Jr. in their lovely, historic home at Shrub Oak, New York. Art Heim furnished the transportation. CHP



## SOUTH AMERICAN MASONS ON POSTAGE STAMPS

Browsing through proceedings of the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, Southern Jurisdiction, I found that among the personalities pictured on postage stamps are the following Masons:

Anatosio Somoza, former president of Nicaragua, on Nicaragua C229-35; C241-252; C0-30-36, and Guatemala C95.

Manuel Aguilar 33<sup>o</sup>, president of the Republic of Costa Rica more than a century ago, on Costa Rica #227.

Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez 33<sup>o</sup>, former president of El Salvador, on Guatemala C97. "Bro. Martinez is well informed on the philosophy of Freemasonry; has made a study of it. -- Mirt.



## EX-PREXIES ENTERTAIN THE MEMBERS

On February 29th the Masonic Stamp Club of New York held its annual fixture - Past Presidents Night. All but two of the living past presidents were present to provide an interesting program for the members. Jake Glaser (1946-1948) was not feeling his usual chipper self, and sent regrets and greetings to all the members. A combination of interesting "reminiscences" of the early days of the club and a varied showing of stamp collections, provided a most enjoyable evening. Following are the ex-prexies who were able to be present: Henry W. Holcombe (1939-1942), Carl E. Pelander (1942-1943), George Camnitzer (1943-1945), Sam Brooks (1945-1946) and Russell B. Roane (1949-1951). This evening was unique in another way. For the statistically-minded, The Masonic Stamp Club will not have another meeting on February 29 until the year 1980, providing Friday continues to be our meeting night. CHP

## STAMP JUDGES.

Bro. Sidney Barrett will head the stamp judges for STAMP'X 1952 which will be held in the Continental Auditorium, 982 Broad St. Newark, N.J. Harry M. Konwiser will also assist. The show will be held March 28-29 and 30, 1952.