

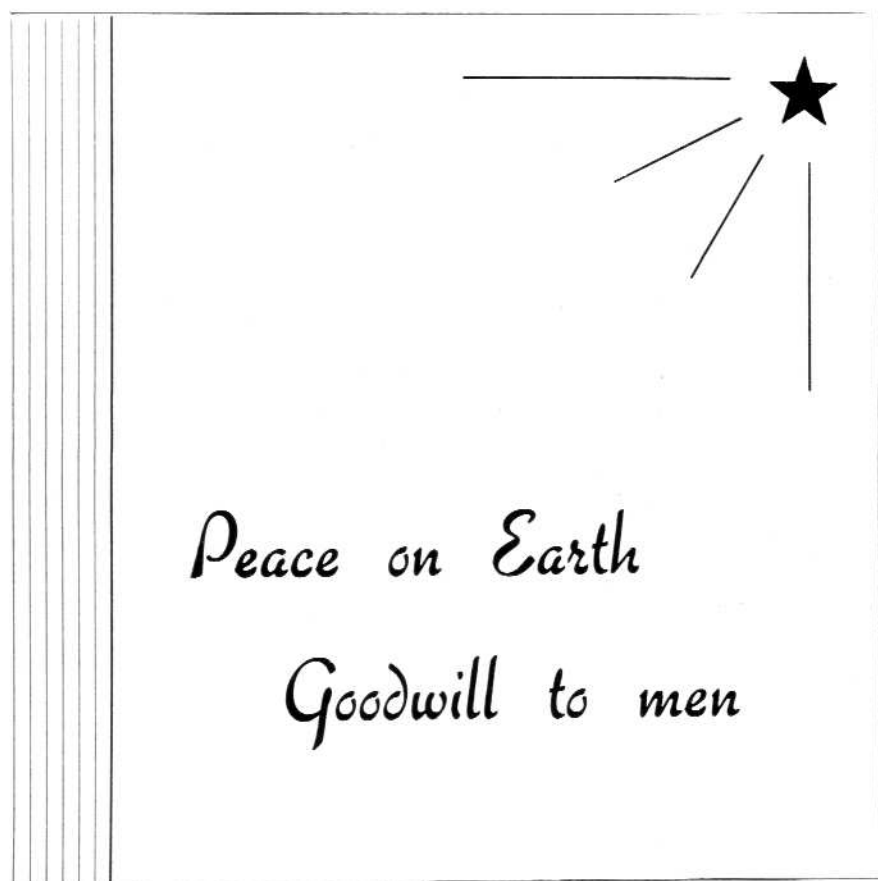


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## MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK 1957 PROGRAM

Jan. 4—Bro. Louis Bobel, Hobbyist  
Feb. 1—Annual Members' Exhibition.

Bring in your treasures for others  
to enjoy.

Mar. 1—Master of Philately Degree.  
Members notify Sec. Yarry if they  
intend to present themselves for  
initiation.

Apr. 5—Open date.

May 3—Past Presidents' Night.

June 7—Annual Meeting and Election  
of officers. Be sure to reserve this  
date. Grace us with your pres-  
ence.

Bro. John V. Shelse  
Chairman, Program Committee.

MEMO: Be sure to attend the January  
4 meeting to see and hear Bro.  
Louis Bobel. So you think you  
have a hobby? Bro. Bobel has 180  
different hobbies and we may need  
a moving van to cart his exhibits  
from Irvington, New Jersey.

## REPARTEE

One dealer handled a situation very  
well.  
He received a letter in response to  
an ad:

"I saw your ad on the set of Colum-  
bians in the magazine. Send me one  
on approval, and if it's any good, I'll  
send you a check."

The dealer simply replied:

"Send us the check, and if it's any  
good, we'll send you the stamps."

## George Washington Chapter #1 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York

On November 3, a delegation of five members of our club, appointed and approved at a recent meeting, arrived in Washington, D. C. to inaugurate a chapter in our nation's capital and later named the George Washington Chapter No. 1 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. The deputation consisted of Bros. Thomas Phillips, Pres., George B. Wray, V. Pres., Dr. Irving Yarry, Secy., Arthur Heim, a former Pres., and Emanuel Reggel.

They were greeted at the Almas Temple in Washington, by Bros. Robert Fellers and James Wong, both members of the MSC of N. Y. A business meeting followed the luncheon, and was attended by the delegation from New York and the members who were to become the nucleus of the new chapter. The invocation was given by Bro. E. R. Clas, and the meeting was presided over by Bro. Phillips, who presented the authorization for the charter to Bro. James Wong of Washington, D. C. After the chapter had been formed, Bro. Wong read the By-Laws, and the election of officers followed, with this result: President: Robert E. Fellers; Vice President: George N. Wendt; Secretary: E. Robert Clas; Treasurer: James N. Wong. The newly elected officers made their acceptance speeches, followed by interesting talks by Tom Phillips and Arthur Heim. We, of the Masonic

Stamp Club of New York welcome our new chapter, with best wishes for progress and success for the years to come. The charter members of the new chapter are:

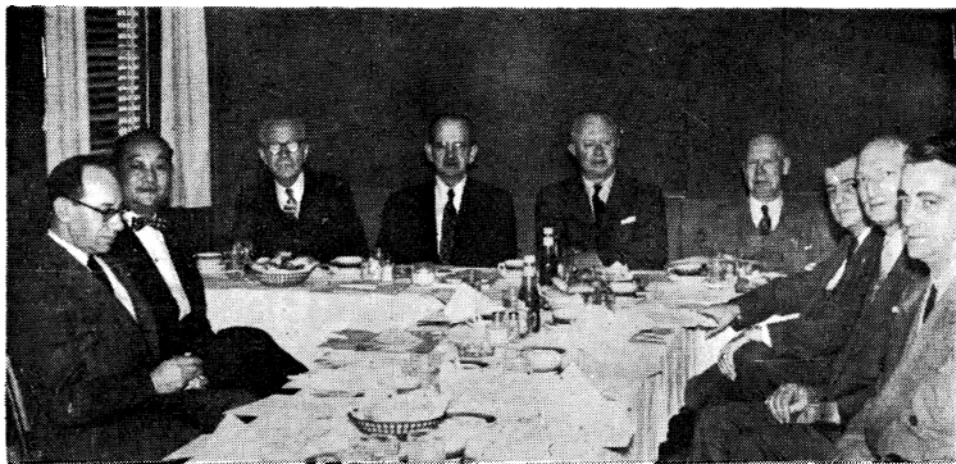
Franklin Bruns Jr., E. Robert Clas, Robert E. Fellers, Lewis A. Herman, Ralph C. Huntington, Herman J. Lichty, Elmer R. Long, Maj. Thomas Phillips III, George N. Wendt, James M. Wong, James W. Zollickoffer.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Those serving with the publication of our Masonic Philatelist take this opportunity to wish each and every club member all the joys of the Christmas season, and the best of personal blessings in the New Year just around the corner.

The 4f plus 1f stamp of the recent Belgium tuberculosis set is of Masonic interest. The painting, by Anto-Carte, was inspired by a fable by Jean Pierre de Florian (1775-1794), French fabulist and Mason. The proposed new French famous person series also will include a stamp honoring Florian.

The 2c and 4c Santa Claus stamps issued by Cuba last December show a poinsettia, the traditional Christmas flower, which was named after an active American Mason, Joel R. Poinsett (1779-1851).



Left to right: Dr. Yarry, J. N. Wong, E. R. Clas, Pres. Phillips, R. E. Fellers, Geo. Wray, Maj. Phillips III, E. M. Reggel, F. R. Bruns  
(By our roving photographer Arthur Heim.)

## Rambling In The Quarries

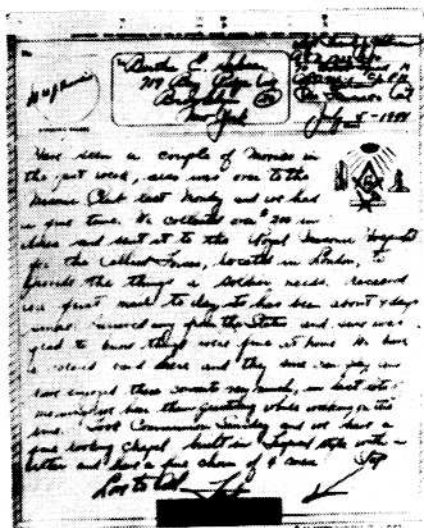
By SAM BROOKS

Those of you who live in the Metropolitan area and who do not visit the Club, usually miss something very worth while. At our last meeting Bro. Stanley Golwen exhibited and spoke about Masonic Ritual on Stamps. The meeting was properly tiled and those present were well rewarded for their attendance. Bro. Golwen constantly spoke of delving into one book or another to obtain his material. He mentioned consulting books at the New York Public Library, but if you are doing any research into Masonic subjects, why not visit our own Grand Lodge library? Unlike many Masonic libraries, our N. Y. library has a circulating department and with proper identification, you may take books home.

One of the fine sections in the library is the Clipping Collections. You may find old and new clippings and photos on most any subject in which you may be interested. The books are many and on every Masonic subject. There are also quite a few sections of books of general interest. So if you are close to 23rd street and Sixth avenue, do visit the library, which is in direct charge of R. W. Wendel Walker and his able assistant, Bro. Tom Robertson.

Much has been written about the many visitors to our Lounge at FIPEX where we had the pleasure of greeting many Brothers from all over the world. To me, though, the greatest pleasure was meeting old friends.

Early on opening day, we had a visit from Frank Zeltman. Frank was one of the founders of the Club, more than 22 years ago, and one of the hardest workers. Too bad we see him so infrequently at meetings, but he is kept busy with other activities, including the Commandery. Frank had with him a collection of his personal "V-MAIL" from World War II. Remember those micro-filmed soldier letters? Frank took especial pride in on one of the Solomon Islands in the calls it a "Masonic V-Letter" because it refers to a visit to a Masonic Club one one of the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, where \$200.00 was collected and sent to the Royal Masonic Hospital in London. (Note the Masonic emblems on the right. These were



clipped from an early copy of the MASONIC PHILATELIST).

Another visitor was Bro. Fred Kohn who, when not busy as President of the Old Dutch Coffee Co., takes pride in his collection of U. S. Fred displayed some of his stamps outside the Coliseum, in the window of a restaurant on 57th street. He showed three frames, one containing a full sheet of 400 "Farley" Mother's Day and another the 16c Air Mail Special Delivery of the same issue. The frames were admired by many visitors to the show.

We were very happy to see Forrest Ellis, formerly Editor of the Masonic Philatelist. Forrest has been working outside the U. S. and was home on a visit. One of the busiest workers for the Club, we miss him very much and look forward to his return to the city.

Cincinnati Times reports that mailman John Derschon has been wary of dogs on his route, but had never feared feathered pests. Who should nip him but a goose!

### HOW ABOUT IT?

Have you filled in the questionnaire?  
If not, please do so now.

## Editor's Notebook

On one of those rare November Saturdays, when the sun was bright and a tinge of frost was in the air, I longed to see the final Fall Art Show, put on by Mother Nature. Heading north on the Saw Mill Parkway, it was not long before I saw a sign marked "PLEASANTVILLE" . . . it struck a familiar note. Why, of course!! When one mentions Pleasantville, he thinks of E. Milnor Peck, that indefatigable man of cachets. We found the Pecks, Milnor and his charming wife at the Fleetwood Covers office, in the center of the town. In contrast to the easy surroundings, Bro. Peck's shop was a beehive of activity because, in a few days, the Pecks would soon be on location, when the new King Salmon, Wildlife Conservation stamp went on sale at Seattle, Washington.

The afternoon was still young and gay, when we turned north on the Taconic State Parkway, as beautiful a ride as one can find, anywhere. This time we were bound for quaintly named, SHRUB OAK, to visit the Squire of the town, Herman "Pat" Herst, about whom we had read much in his sprightly written paper "Herst's Outbursts," and we looked forward to visiting a relaxed philatelist in a quiet rural surrounding. The surroundings were quiet enough, but once inside the big, rambling house, we found a state of excitement and bustle. "Pat" was his usual pleasant self, but we found him packing and getting ready to leave for Florida, where he was holding forth at an auction, his first venture of this kind in the state of Florida.

My visit climaxed an unusual twist in names: Herman Herst had just received an inquiry from one Herman Kerst of Chicago, who specialized in Guatemala stamps. When I added Herman Kerstein, specializing in Costa Rica, it completed an unusual triumvirate.

### PLEASE! PLEASE!

Our new roster depends upon your returning the questionnaire, enclosed with the November issue of the MP. Have you returned yours?

## FRONT AND CENTER DR. FRED BAROVICK!!

We learn from "STAMPS" that Bro. Fred Barovick prefers not to use this title lest it be confused with medical or dental doctorates. Fred attained his title as a Ph.D. in music and a Mus. D., and by profession is a musical arranger, operating his own business in New York City. In his profession he has attained high standing as a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of Music Arrangers. Many of Fred's arrangements have been heard on television programs. Quoting further from "STAMPS": "His philatelic specialty is Souvenir Sheets, of which he has a fifty-volume collection. High medals at CIPEX, FIPEX, CAPEX and numerous international shows abroad attest to the standing of his collection. In his chosen field, he is author of articles in the Brazilian Philatelist, Essay-Proof Journal, the S.P.A. Journal and other stamp papers of first rank." (We shall expect an article soon for the M.P.!! Ed.)



Our salute this month is to Bro. Fred Barovick, just re-elected president of the Society of Philatelic Americans. He is past president of the Souvenir Issues Association and is on the roll of the Collectors Club, New York; the Royal Philatelic Society, London; the Philatelic Foundation; Aero Philatelists, Inc., and we are mighty proud of his being a member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES from Bro. P. A. Wilde, of Cardiff, Wales, Gr. Britain. And to you, Brother Wilde, our fraternal felicitations.

The 250pr stamp issued by Israel to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Teachers' Association, shows an ancient style oil lamp with a burning flame—an excellent symbolism example for "Let there be Light." The stamp is dark blue, a Masonic color.

# Freemasonry and Religion On Stamps

NOVEMBER 2, MEETING

It was again our pleasure to hear Bro. Stanley Golwen read and exhibit his fine collection which he had titled "PHILATELIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION." His album consists of eighty-six pages, seventy of which have Masonic relevancy, the other sixteen dealing with Religion. Much research has been done, and still not satisfied, he is making revisions and additions. It is most difficult to describe adequately the thought and care shown on each page, for when the album is open, the quote and comment appears on the left side, and the stamps that illustrate the quote, appear on the right page. Bro. Golwen uses two different colors in his work: RED, for biblical and Masonic ritual quotes; and DARK BLUE for comments. Here is an example, in our limited space, of how well this work is done:

(Left Page)

Mithraism was the last oriental cult to reach Rome 70 B. C. Julian the Apostate made an unsuccessful effort to substitute it for Christianity. The chief Temple was where the Vatican stands.

The candidate in the Mithraic Rite was received on the point of a sword presented to his naked left breast. He was purified with Fire and Water. The Tau Cross was signed on his forehead. His eyes were bandaged and his hands tied with the innards of a fowl. There was a Mass, oblation of bread and the confession of sins.

(Comment) Many customs in Italy and Gaul attest to the sacred character of the cock, hen and chicken. Cocks on steeples were supposed to avert thunderbolts.

(Right Page)



Cock on steeple



Naked Left Breast



Blindfold

We hope that in later issues we will be able to bring to you additional pages from this fine collection.



## 'Real Value of Stamp Collection Is Fun'

"I'd need at least five years, working five to six hours a day, to bring my stamp collection up-to-date," says Charles Lott, who has a most extensive stamp collection. Charles is a retired district engineer for Ramapo Buffalo and now lives in New Jersey. Since he retired, he has devoted most of his time to his collection and now he finds that he will need at least five years to complete the job.

Charles collects U. S. Postal issues—regular, commemoratives and air-mail mint, used and "on cover—or on envelopes." Part of his collection is mounted in albums but the rest he is mounting now. His collection of regular and commemorative issues is practically complete from 1847 to date. He has some scarce and hard-to-get items of the 19th Century. His airmails are also complete since the first issue in 1918.

Like many stamp collectors, Charles specializes in certain stamps. A few items are a freak collection of stamps incorrectly made or spoiled in printing or perforating. Such items are supposed to be removed from stock by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D. C., he says, but inspectors sometimes miss. He also has a specialized collection of stamps in honor of President Harding and a collection of the 5¢ Beacon Air Mail stamp issued in 1928.

"Specialized collections usually take time and require extreme patience," says Charles. One collection of used 3¢ stamps, issued from 1861 to 1867, includes 365 stamps with each stamp cancelled on a different date, including February 29. This is called a Calendar and it took him nearly 15 years of hunting and the purchase of over 3,000 copies before completing the project. There are only two or three stamps issues that can be used to make Calendars and it is getting more difficult all the time to complete this task.

Charles says he would like to correct a wrong impression that non-collectors have about philatelists. Most non-collectors assume that the important part of stamp collecting is the monetary value or the size of the collection. Most collectors can't tell you what their collection is worth or how many stamps he has. He may tell you how much insurance he has but the real value of stamp collecting is the fun of having a hobby through the years, and the knowledge about the



**CHARLES LOTT**

world that comes from the information on the stamps.

Charles is well-known among stamp collectors through his affiliation with numerous stamp clubs and associations of stamp collectors. He was chairman of the invitation committee for the International Philatelic Exhibition held at the New York Coliseum for its opening show this spring.

—Brake Shoe News—October, 1956.

To use the word "show" would have to be in a very broad sense, for this was really a large and busy stamp Bourse. It was nice browsing around, especially meeting so many Club members. On the first day, Bros. Bob Fellers and Sid Barrett were having much fun autographing the souvenir booklet at the information stand. Later we spotted Carl Pelander, who had a couple of Cleveland dealers in tow. But "Doc" Yarry really had a rarity with him: one Mr. McNaughton from New Zealand, who confessed that he was left over from Fipex. He covered some shows and some auctions and then found, when he wanted to return home, that the Suez crisis changed his plans.

Receiving their many friends were Harry Lindquist and his charming wife in the "STAMPS" booth. Behind the Gimbels' counter, Bro. Al Werfel was mighty busy. But the busiest beaver was Manny Reggel, trying to flush out some rare British possessions. Early birds that we spotted included Dr. Goldberg, George Wray and Joe Ferola, who must have slept there the night before the opening, for he was leaving as we arrived, early in the afternoon of the first day.

