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THE COVER

By the time you have read the biography and the stories on the following pages, you will agree that M. W. Brother Johnson was an inspired and remarkable person; serving humanitarian interests constantly; finding time for his many Masonic affiliations and positions; relaxing with his stamp collections. That he was one of those who helped found the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. 25 years ago makes us revere his memory. Truly a gentleman of giant stature.

MEETINGS

First Friday of Each Month*
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th St., N.Y.C.

*Exceptions:

January 9, 1959 (2nd Friday)

PROGRAM 1958-1959

Nov. 7 Charles H. Johnson Night. A tribute to the PGM of the State of New York, and one of the founders of the M.S.C. Speaker: Bro. Irving E. Black, Pres. Scandinavian Stamp Club. Visitation of the S.S.C. and displays of Scandinavian stamps.

Dec. 5 Ralph A. Barry Night. Speaker will be a close and good friend of Bro. Barry: Bro. Franklin R. Bruns. A group from Gramatan Lodge, Bronxville, N.Y. will attend.

Jan. 9 Pre-meeting Cocktail Party.

Jan. 9 Al Van Dahl Night. The Masonic Philatelist will be host this night dedicated to its benefactor.

Feb. 6 Past Presidents Night.

Mar. 6 Thomas Phillips Night.

Apr. 3 Ferrars H. Tows Night.

May 1 Harry A. Konwiser 80th Birthday Celebration.

June 5-7 Silver Anniversary Weekend. Annual Meeting, Annual Dinner, Master of Philately Degree and Picnic.

Each of the above meetings will have special features, to be made known to the members as soon as arrangements have been completed. We would like to have a good attendance at each of these meetings, for much work is being done by your Program Committee to make these meetings outstanding and their only reward is your appearance. Besides, you will be in for some mighty pleasant and informative evenings.

And don't forget to plan for that Silver Anniversary week-end, especially if you are planning to come from some distance. Some of the events are being arranged so that women may attend.

MSC Silver Anniversary Year

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt Night

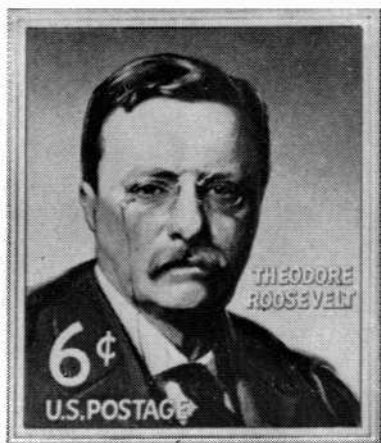
October 3, 1958

Americana in all its glory, held aloft in the strong grip of an illustrious Master Mason, Theodore Roosevelt, best describes the program of 'Roosevelt Night.' On this night the Masonic Stamp Club of New York paid tribute to a Mason who was proud to place his membership in the fraternity on the same level with his high office of President of the United States.

Not a single minute detail was overlooked by our Bro. Herman S. Kerstein, who as chairman of the evening, presented the life of Teddy in such a manner as to bring back cherished memories to those of us who were fortunate to have been in the presence of that great American. To all it was an evening which kindled the flame of patriotism as well as pride that such men as he have knelt at the same altar as have we.

The setting for the evening was in excellent taste, with a picture of T. R. at the front of the room and many pictures in the frames around the room. The latter showed the Roosevelt home of his boyhood days on a set of cards duly cacheted and cancelled befitting Roosevelt mementoes. There were pictures of Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, N. Y. the Roosevelt family home and pages from an article by R. W. Bro. Leslie A. Dittman, PDDGM, titled "Each Man on His Merits as a Man," the credo of T. R. The cards mentioned were loaned for the occasion by Bro. Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, our President, while "Each Man on His Merits as a Man" had appeared in The Empire State Mason. The frames also included a collection of Roosevelt on Stamps, and the autograph of Roosevelt belonging to Bro. Koomanoff of the club.

Through the cooperation of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission a film "Theodore Roosevelt—American" was shown, highlighting the exciting and productive career of T. R. Bro. Kerstein spoke about the life of Roosevelt calling to mind many interesting details about Roosevelt, within and outside of the fraternity. He then introduced Theodore R. Jackson, Esq., Chairman of the



Speakers Committee of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission. Mr. Jackson is also Executive Vice President of the Federal Bar Association of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. He spoke of Roosevelt's many interests and accomplishments, calling attention to the many governmental reforms and projects sponsored by T. R. He was a most interesting speaker who conveyed to his listeners his deep admiration for the man we had gathered to honor.

Bro. Kerstein left no stone unturned to make the evening one which will long be remembered by all present. For example he had on hand several booklets which were for sale (see page 11 of The Masonic Philatelist for October) which are a **must** for all who would know Roosevelt the Man, yes Roosevelt the Mason.

With the Bro. Arthur W. Deas Night in September and then the Roosevelt Night we have made a grand start for this, our Silver Anniversary Year. The standard has been set—come and join with us as we honor our Brothers who have brought honor to our Masonic Fraternity.

—Alvin D. Lurch, Secy.

MSC Silver Anniversary Year

Most Worshipful Brother Charles Henry Johnson



When men of the stature of M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson were founders of the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y., it is little wonder that after 25 years the Club is strong, healthy and still growing. With the many public offices that he held and the time he devoted to his high Masonic duties, he still found time to relax with his hobby of stamp collecting, specializing in U.S. and Scandinavian Countries. Elsewhere in this issue, we will list some of his achievements including serving three Presidents of the U.S. on missions to Russia, England and Hungary, but we feel that the message sent out by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on December 1, 1948, following the death of this beloved Brother, best illuminates the full life he lived:

To the Craft:

Two hours after low twelve, in the early morning of October 28, 1948, a great heart came to rest after 78 years of continuous activity. And what activity filled the life of M. W. Charles Henry Johnson! What countless deeds of kindness he wrought! Indeed, the sum total of his contribution to the welfare of his generation, and the multitude of friends he made, can never be calculated. It is interesting,

isn't it, how some people can give so much of themselves to their fellowmen, while others give so little.

To all of us he was familiarly known as "Charlie." His presence anywhere was a shaft of sunlight. There was the cordial greeting, the winning smile, the firm handclasp, and always the right word. How we sat at his feet when he addressed us, formally or informally, entertained by his kindly humor, and thrilled by the more serious aspects of his address. He leaves a vacuum in our Fraternity that will never be quite filled.

He was born in the old City of Brooklyn of humble immigrant parents. They came to our country from Bornholm, one of the delightful islands of Denmark, and in moments of intimacy, Charlie would speak of them with reverence. At the tender age of twelve, necessity required that he leave our public schools to earn a living, first as an office boy, and then as a stenographer in a law office. Little did he realize that in later life, he would be honored by one of our universities with the degree of Doctor of Laws. Then for a while he turned to the Ministry, but his insatiable thirst for knowledge directed his steps to Harvard, where he secured his Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude, and to Boston University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology.

He then found his life work in welfare service, successively becoming Assistant Secretary of the Charity Organization Society of New York City; Superintendent of St. Christopher's Home for Children at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; Superintendent of the Albany Orphan Asylum and of the Leake and Watts' Home School in Yonkers, N. Y.; Deputy Warden of Sing Sing Prison under Warden Thomas Mott Osborne; Superintendent of the Connecticut State Reformatory, and, finally, New York State Commissioner of Social Welfare, under Republican and Democratic administrations alike, from 1916 to 1932. In the meantime, Rhode Island had called upon him to reorganize its institutions. Our Federal Government designated him to assist Herbert Hoover with the American Relief Administra-

tion in Russia. Presidents and Governors appointed him to represent our governments at International Prison Congresses at London and Budapest.

He has been a member of a number of State Commissions and of social welfare, juvenile, prison, public welfare, tuberculosis, child labor, probation and kindred agencies, in many instances their presiding officer, which included the State Conference on Social Welfare, The American Prison Association, The National Conference on Social Work, the New York Training School for Boys, The National Conference of Juvenile Agencies, and The American Association of Public Welfare Officials. Indeed, he became one of America's leading authorities on the care of children, mental defectives, offenders against our penal laws, and the underprivileged generally. He lectured extensively in this field, and wrote many articles and pamphlets on these subjects.

During the period of his life when he made Albany his home, he shared himself in that community with nearly all of its character building activities. He there became the founder and first President of the Legal Aid Society, was associated with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts of America, the Albany Council of Social Agencies, the Chamber of Commerce and numerous other welfare organizations.

In fraternal life, he became an Elk, an Odd Fellow, and in 1911 a Mason. In four years, he was Master of his Lodge, eighteen months later a District Deputy Grand Master, and during the more than thirty years since has been a most active member of our Grand Lodge, serving, in addition to the Grand Line Chairs, as Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committees on Unemployment and on Publication, and of the Board of General Activities. He served us as Grand Master from 1930 to 1932, and as Grand Secretary from 1932 to 1947, when he was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus. He was a member of virtually every organized Masonic body in this State and many beyond its borders, in nearly all of which he was at some time its leader. He was a member of Ancient City, No. 452, F. & A. M., Albany, N. Y. and of Holland Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., New York City. He was Past High Priest of Capital City Chap-

ter, No. 242, R. A. M.; Past Master of Dewitt Clinton Council, No. 22 and Past Grand Master of Grand Council; Past Commander of Temple Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Past Active 33 Degree Supreme Council Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Past Potentate, Cyprus Temple, Albany, of Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine; Past Sovereign of St. Paul's Conclave, New York City, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine; Past General Master of the General Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters; Past Master of the American Lodge of Research, and Past President of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. He held honorary membership in more than one hundred New York State Lodges, as well as in other Masonic groups. Indeed, he was one of the best known Masons in the world in our generation. He was one of our foremost Masonic speakers, and a number of his Masonic addresses were gathered together and published in 1937 in his book "One Common Purpose."

In the course of his life, Brother Johnson learned to speak half a dozen languages fluently and travelled extensively. He made twenty-seven trips abroad, a number of which were on behalf of our Grand Lodge. His last trip was made in 1945 on a special mission to help rehabilitate Masons in various European countries, and following this visit, received the Medal of Liberation from King Christian X, Grand Master of Masons in Denmark.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of the Rotary, Harvard, National Republican, New York Athletic and Stamp Collectors Clubs, and of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

His life was not without tragedy. He lost his only son, Orville, at Chateau-Thierry in the first World War. In 1939, he suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident. During the past several years, advancing age and failing health began to take their toll. In 1947 our Craft relieved him of the arduous duties of the Grand Secretaryship, and because of his unusual and outstanding service, elected him Grand Secretary Emeritus for life with pay. He was growing tired, though he would not concede it. Well might we say for him, with Longfellow:

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Public Offices Held By M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson

We were aware that Bro. Johnson had served the public well and long, and that he was accorded many honors, but it was not until we delved into the records that we found this amazing record of work and achievements:

In 1923 he was called to Rhode Island to reorganize its public institutions.

Organized "The Valeria Home" at Oscawanna, New York, 1924.

Member of the White House Conference on Child Welfare, and appointed by Governor Roosevelt to represent New York State at meeting held in Washington, D.C., Nov. 1930.

Former member of the Board of Directors of Potts Memorial Hospital, Livingston, New York.

First Secretary, Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis, New York City.

Member of New York State Commission for Mental Defectives.

Member of New York State Commission to Examine Laws relating to Child Welfare (until it was discontinued July 1, 1925).

Member of New York Committee on Child Labor.

Member Board of Trustees of the National Probation Association.

Past President, Board of Visitors, State Training School for Boys.

Past President of the Social Welfare Agencies, Albany.

Past President of National Conference of Welfare Officials.

President, American Prison Association, 1924.

Past President of National Conference of Juvenile Agencies.

Past President of the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction.

Founder and Past President of the Legal Aid Society of Albany.

Secretary of State Probation Commission.

Deputy Warden: Sing Sing Prison, 1914-1916.

Served in Russia and the Near East in 1922, representing the American Relief Administration, of which President Herbert Hoover was Chairman.

Appointed by President Coolidge and Governor Smith to represent this country and New York State at the International Prison Congress held in London, August 1925.

Also appointed by President Hoover to the International Prison Congress held in Budapest, 1930.

Director American Prison Association.

Commissioner of New York State Department of Social Welfare.

Member of the State Board of Social Welfare.

Director, United Service Organizations.

Masonic Offices Held By M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson

Only a devoted and dedicated man could accomplish all that done by Bro. Johnson, for as we list his Masonic History, we must bear in mind that he was active in ALL his undertakings, public, Masonic or personal, and yet found time to pursue his hobby, stamp collecting. We list below most of his Masonic activities, and even then, not all:

LODGE: Ancient City, No. 452, F. & A. M.,
Albany, New York

Entered Apprentice, January 4, 1911

Fellowcraft, January 18, 1911

Master Mason, February 1, 1911

Master, 1915

Veteran

Holland Lodge, No. 8, New York City

Dual Member, 1931

Offices held in Lodge, Ancient City, No. 452,
Albany, N. Y.

Chaplain, 1911

Senior Deacon, 1912

Junior Warden, 1913

Senior Warden, 1914

Master, 1915

Offices held in Grand Lodge:

District Deputy Grand Master, 17th Masonic
District, 1917-1918

Trustee of the Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund
1918-1920

Junior Warden, 1920-1924

Senior Warden, 1924-1928

Deputy Grand Master, 1928-1930

Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Un-
employment

Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Pub-
lication

Chairman, Grand Lodge Board of General
Activities

Grand Representative to Massachusetts, 1929

Grand Master, 1930-1932

Grand Secretary, elected 1932

**DE WITT CLINTON COUNCIL, NO. 22, R. &
S. M. Albany, New York, 1912**

Illustrious Master, 1922-23

**GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. M. New York
Grand Master, 1929-30**

Grand Representative, England and Wales

**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. M. U.S.A.
General Grand Master, 1939-42, New York**

**CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER, 242, R.A.M. Albany
1911**

High Priest, 1913

Chaplain, 1915

Grand Representative, Grand Chapter,
Tennessee

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Temple Commandery No. 2, K. T. Albany,
New York, 1912

Commander, 1925

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, 1913

Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Honorary 33rd
Degree, 1921, (Boston, Mass.)

33rd Degree Active N.M.J., 1942

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

Cyprus Temple, Albany, New York

Potentate, 1926

M.O.V. P. E. R.

Grotto Kaa-Rheu-Vahm, Albany, N.Y.

KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTAN- TINE, New York City

St. Paul's Conclave

Sovereign, 1927

YORK CROSS OF HONOR,

Knickerbocker Priory, No. 3

Eminent Prior, 1935-36

Most Eminent Grand Master General of the
Convent

General, 1935,36

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.

Grand Chancellor, 1942

American Lodge of Research

Master, 1932

Masonic Relief Association of U.S. and Canada
President, 1939-41

Royal Order of Scotland

National Sojourners, Manhattan Chapter No. 86
Heroes of '76

Half Moon Council A.M.D.

New York Masonic Veterans

Brooklyn Masonic Veterans

Masonic Philately

By BRO. SAM BROOKS

(This article is the first of a series by Brother Sam Brooks, Past President of the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. and Editor of the *Masonic Philatelist* 1944 to 1951. We are indeed fortunate to have this subject outlined and explained by so able a person as Bro. Brooks, a pioneer of this fast growing field of philately, and author of the first book on this subject, "MASONIC PHILATELY." Ed.)

At the Cipex show in New York in 1947 the term "Masonic Philately" was first used to indicate a stamp collection based on the theme of "Famous people who were Masons." The term is now applied to any kind of stamp collection that is tied in, in some way, with some aspect of Freemasonry.

While the original collection was primarily one of biography, we now find excellent collections on a variety of subjects illustrating the general theme of Free Masonry.

In attempting to answer some of the questions on the subject asked over a period of years, it is necessary to digress a bit, and tell of an incident which occurred at a meeting of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

Our Club, as you know, meets at the Collectors Club Building, as one of the Study Groups, through the courtesy of the Officers and Members of that famous organization. At a meeting some years ago, we were invited to participate in an inter-group competition, for all the Study Groups. It was practically a mandate for all these groups to display their specialties.

The writer was requested to prepare a collection for this competition, and it was then that the idea of a "Demonstration Collection of Masonic Philately" was born.

Up to this time, the only "Organized" collection, of Masonic significance, was our prize-winning collection, upon which the booklet called "Masonic Philately" was based. This is a collection of Masonic biographies. Famous Masons shown on the stamps of our Country.

This was a nice collection, but by itself, did not show the greater scope of a true Masonic Philatelic Collection.

So we added some Masonic cancellations,

Masonic Corner Cards or stationery and Free Franks of Famous Masons.

The result was a compact collection of 16 pages, divided into four parts, each part devoted to a different aspect of Collecting Masonically. We called it "A Demonstration Collection of Masonic Philately."

The first showing was at the inter-group competition of the Collectors Club, and much to our surprise and delight it was very favorably accepted, and was awarded the first prize for the Masonic Stamp Club. Since that time it has been shown many times to Lodges, Stamp Clubs and other non-Masonic groups. It has always received favorable notices.

The collection is divided primarily into four sections, indicating as many ways that a Masonic stamp collection may be formed. Part I, is a small group of Masonic cancellations, on and off cover. Part II consists of Masonic corner cards and stationery, included were some covers addressed to Masonic Lodges from various firms catering to the needs of Lodge Secretaries. Part III is the popular one of Masonic history and biography as shown on stamps. Part IV is a group of Free Franks of famous men who were members of the Fraternity.

This was our collection, but to this may be added other sections. There is a growing field of collecting stamps illustrating Masonic symbols and symbolism.

From the foregoing, you can readily see that the field is vast, and is only limited by the knowledge and ingenuity of the individual collector. In the case of Masonic cancellations, alas, you need real money too.

This is merely a rough outline of what you can do. We will take each section, one by one, and endeavor to give as much information as we can, on how to go about forming your own collection of Masonic Philately.

COLLECTING "NON-MASONICS"

By Bro. Herman Herst

(While Bro. Sam Brooks advises of how and what to collect for a Masonic Philately Collection, Bro. Herst warns of the pit-falls and tells what not to collect.—Ed.)

Brothers will perhaps forgive the negative approach, but are there those who collect "non-Masonics?" We sus-

pect there are, for on numerous occasions we have seen in Masonic collections, various items that by strict definition do not belong.

Most frequently these are represented by postmarks which the uninitiated regard as Masonic, simply because they represent simple cork postmarks, showing two angles, in opposite direction to each other. Members of the Craft rightly demand that one of the angles be a right angle, in order that it fulfill the Masonic requirement of a square. The other may assume any angle to be regarded as the compass, but one should not settle for less than the right angle to be the square.

Other doubtful Masonics are the letter "G," which may or may not be Masonic. When it is located in the center of a Square and Compass, or in a Star, especially one with six points, there is little doubt, but a "G" by itself should not be assumed to be Masonic, even a six pointed one.

Masonic collectors invariably include in their collections the stamps issued by Great Britain at the close of the war. There is no doubt that these stamps include Masonic insignia, for a square and compass, as well as a trowel and a sprig of acacia is an integral part of the design. However, on numerous occasions, the British Government has explicitly denied the Masonic interpretation given these stamps, even though the Monarch at the time was Grand Master of the United Kingdom. The task at hand when the stamp was issued was the rebuilding of Britain, following the ravages of war, and square and compass and trowel represented reconstruction, just as the alleged sprig of acacia represented Britain's formidable challenge to agriculture to make the nation self-subsistent.

The fact that any Blue Lodge Mason who has passed his third degree will readily perceive that the Square and Compass on the stamp, is not the Square and Compass which he beheld on being brought to light, would lend credence to the British denial.

Along these same lines, we occasionally see similar symbols on covers of the past century, especially on corner cards. An organization terming itself the Junior Order of American Mechanics thrived about a century ago, on fraternal lines, its symbol being the Square and Compass. Here, too, the symbol was the same, but any brother

who learned his lesson well, will know that the sign is not that of a Master Mason.

Such items as these are always of interest to a Mason, and perhaps they belong in a Masonic collection. They should, however, be regarded as the cowans that they are, clandestine, and not regarded in the same light as the true Masonic items which are so well known, and Masonic in nature beyond the slightest doubt.

COMMITTEES

President Irwin M. Yarry has made the following appointments for the Silver Anniversary Year, 1958-1959:

Silver Anniversary—Emanuel M. Reggel, Chairman. Advisory Board — Members of the Board of Governors.

Program—Dr. S. Duffield Swan, Chairman; Benjamin Grossman, co-chairman.

Membership—Carl E. Pelander, Chairman.

Exhibition — Dr. George Camnitzer, Chairman; Carl E. Pelander, Co-Chairman.

Dinner—Jacob S. Glaser, Chairman. Russell B. Roane, Co-Chairman.

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Exchange—Joseph A. Ferola, Chairman; Warren L. Ehrig, Co-Chairman; Joseph Munk, Co-Chairman; Benjamin Grossman, Co-Chairman.

Audit—Carl H. Pihl, Russell B. Roane, Emanuel M. Reggel, Charles S. Brooks.

Incorporation—Charles S. Brooks, Russell B. Roane, Sam Brooks, Arthur I. Heim.

George Washington Chapter No. 1

(Reports and doings of this chapter will be a regular feature of the MP.)

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Albert R. Mertz _____ Chairman

Master of Philately Degree

R. C. Huntington _____ Chairman

The first scheduled meeting of the George Washington Chapter of the MSC of NY was held Saturday, September 27, 1958 at the Park-Plaza Hotel, in Baltimore, Md. The meeting began with a report by the incoming President, Bro. Wong in which he listed the program for 1958-59, as listed on printed forms issued to the members of the chapter (and which we print below). The President reported on the commemorative cover program for the year. It is planned to make a cover marking the re-dedication of the Washington monument, in addition to the annual cover honoring George Washington. These covers will sell for 25¢ each. One will feature the Washington Coat-of-Arms and the other the Washington monument. Committees were then appointed by the President. Attention was called to the special issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, to be issued in April, 1959 and which will feature Masonic Philately.

Brother Sol Glass then gave an extremely interesting account of his recent trip to England, Scotland and Italy. From a philatelic viewpoint, highlights of the trip were visits to Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd. and Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., in London, and to the Philatelic Collection in the Vatican. As mementos of these visits Bro. Glass displayed issues of The De La Rue Journal, which contains illustrations in color of stamps pro-

duced by the De La Rue concern for various countries; a publication entitled "A Century of Stamp Production," which has, in addition to similar illustrations in color, many actual stamps (each pierced by a small circular hole) that have been produced by the Waterlow firm; and a miniature album filled with numerous stamps issued by the Vatican and inscribed with a note of personal presentation from the Curator of the Vatican Collection to Brother Glass.

Each member received a neatly printed 'trestle board,' showing the new officers, the various committee chairmen, and a list of the chapter roster. There are now 19 members to this fast growing chapter. Also printed on this four page card are the Stated Meetings, as follows:

1958-1959 PROGRAM STATED MEETINGS

Members are welcome to bring their ladies and guests to these meetings. Children are especially welcome on the George Washington pilgrimage.

Send reservations and correspondence to Masonic Stamp Club, P. O. Box 152, Washington 4, D.C.

27 September 1958, Saturday, 12 noon

Luncheon meeting at the Park-Plaza Hotel, Charles St. at Madison, Baltimore, Md. Brother Sol Glass will speak.

22 February 1959, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Special buses will leave the Masonic Temple, 13th and H streets, N.W. for Mt. Vernon. Returning for the Chapter Dinner at the Peking Cafe, 13th and G Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. at 5 p.m. Bus transportation is furnished through the courtesy of the Washington Centennial Lodge.

25 April 1959, Saturday, 1 p.m.

Buffet luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Huntington, 1500 Kingsway Rd., Baltimore, Md. The business meeting will be followed by a social program.

28 June 1959, Sunday, 1 p.m.

Buffet luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Lichty, 4532 47th St., N.W., Washington. The business meeting and election of officers will be followed by a social program.

Editor's Notebook

From correspondence received from many new members, we note a preponderance of collectors of "MASONRY ON STAMPS," and we especially recommend to these new members the article in this issue by **Brother Sam Brooks** and his articles to follow. They will be best guided by the advice of Bro. Brooks, who has been one of the first and a most ardent collector of Masonic Philately. I am indeed happy to welcome **Bro. Maurice Piza Gabriel**, of San Jose, Costa Rica, a member of my mother Lodge La Luz #3. Bro. Gabriel was G.S.W. Grand Lodge of Costa Rica; P.S.G.D. Grand Lodge of Panama and held many other Masonic honors . . . And how about these other new members? **Bro. Chas. Herbert Wilson** of Buffalo, N.Y. raised in 1905 (54 years a M.M.!!). Then there is **Bro. Clifford McGilvray** of Bloomfield, N.J., 40 years a collector, who tells us he has over 100,000 duplicates "awaiting to be put to some use." **Bro. J. T. Lang**, of Denver, Colorado has designed and printed an unusual and beautiful album page, headed "MASONRY ON POSTAGE STAMPS," and has a Masonic emblem. Don't know if these are for sale, but we will inquire and let you know . . . Thanks to **Bro. Gordon K. Dunn**, of Dover, N.J. for the Trestle-board of Acacia Lodge, Dover, N.J. of which he is W.M. . . . **Bro. W. A. G. Huxsel** of Montreal, Canada is Chairman of the Masonic Study Club of Westmount and has been asked to become Chairman in 1960 of the South Shore Masonic Forum of St. Lambert. . . . **Bro. John Stanley Ullock** of Newcastle, N.B., Canada has been collecting stamps since he was 10 years of age. Now 30 years old, he has a collection of over 50,000 stamps and over 1,000 covers. Hopes his new affiliation with the MSC will help him to increase his collection of "Masons on Stamps." We are quite certain it will . . . Hope **Bro. Irvin Uphoff** of Belleville, Illinois, gets a chance to attend one of our meetings or at least the Silver Anniversary week-end. Not only has he written numerous articles on Masonry, but he is Grand Lecturer of the State of Illinois; Past D.D. Grand Master of Illinois and honorary member of many Lodges. We understand that he is a splendid speaker and we could put him to work. **Bro. Harry Kenneth**

Conrad of Gila Bend, Arizona, helps youngsters to get started in collecting foreign correspondence and exchange of stamps. A very wise and interesting vocation . . . And to **Bro. Herman J. Lichiy**, of Washington, D.C. my deepest thanks and appreciation for squiring me about the city following the Kossuth Ceremonies in honor of Lajos Kossuth, held in the auditorium of the Dept. of the Interior Building in Washington. Herman is a hard worker for the George Washington Chapter of the MSC, but above all he is a fine gentleman.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

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"For I am weary, and am overwrought,
With too much toil, with too much
care distraught,
And with the iron crown of anguish
crowned,
Lay thy soft hand upon my brow
and cheek,
O Peaceful Sleep."

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—Herman Herst, Jr.

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