

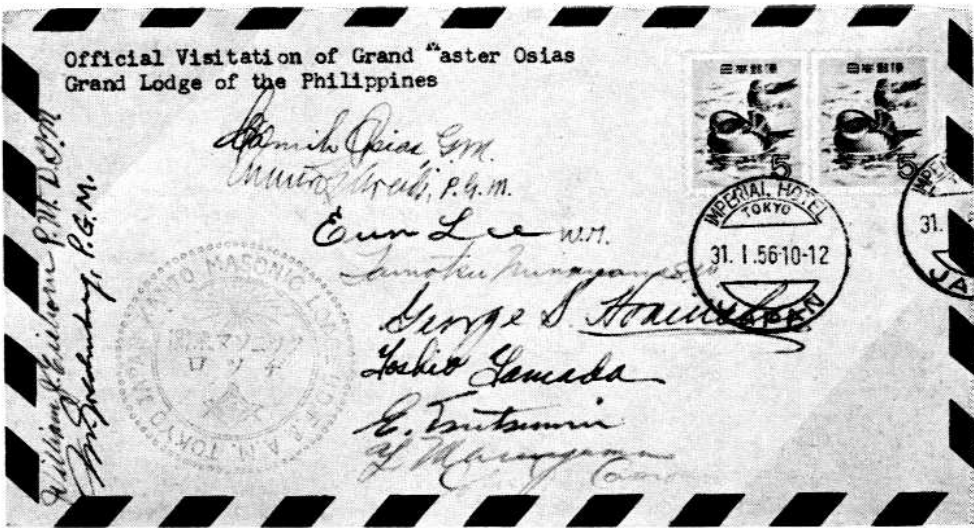


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THE COVER

Our many thanks to W. Arthur McKinney, Stamp Editor of "Boys Life" for sending us the interesting cover that appears on our page 1. It was sent to him by Bro. Tomatsu Murayama, of Tokyo, Japan and it contains the signatures of the Grand Master Osias of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines; the fourth signature from the top is that of Bro. Murayama; Michael Goldenberg, PGM of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and a 33rd degree Mason; and several other brother Masons, with many signatures on the reverse side, as well. Bro. Murayama is a new member of the MSC and an article about him appears elsewhere in this issue.

MEETINGS

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

IN MEMORIAM

BRO. REV. GEORGE M. CORDNER
BRO. GORDON S. DILLS
May their souls find eternal rest.

PROGRAM 1959

Jan. 30—Swap Night. Second of a series, which we hope may be put on an advanced scheduled basis, but depending upon attendance, enthusiasm and general acceptance by local members. Place: German Masonic Temple, 15th St., NYC, between 2nd and 3rd Ave. Time: 6:30-9:00 or later, if desired. No club business. Informal.

Feb. 6—Past Presidents Night. Usually well attended when our past leaders have something to show and something to say. Newer members especially requested to attend.

March 6—Thomas Phillips-Sidney Barrett night.

April 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, 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.

Plan for that Silver Anniversary Weekend ... NOW!! Some of the events are being arranged so that women may attend. There will be stamp exhibits and prizes and it is not too soon to get that collection in good and proper form.

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Monuments to George Washington

By HERMAN J. LICHTY, Chairman Washington Committee

Monuments and memorials have been erected to George Washington in great number and variety during the past century and a half. They have not been limited to the United States and its possessions, but many foreign countries, inspired by the patriotism and example of this "great American Mason," have also honored his memory with shrines and monuments in great number.

By far the most famous of them all is the Washington Monument in the Nation's Capital. At the present time the monument is closed and undergoing extensive repairs inside and out. Some stones are being replaced and others pointed up and reinforced. A new elevator landing platform at the top is being built with the re-opening ceremonies scheduled for February 22, 1959.

Originally, it was intended that the remains of our Brother Washington should be removed from Mount Vernon to the site of the Washington Monument in the District of Columbia but the proposal was vetoed emphatically by members of his family, who also declined proposals to allow the remains to be removed to the foundations of the National Capitol.

The cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid Masonically on July 4, 1848; the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance also were invited to participate. The column was not completed until December 6, 1884, and the dedication took place on February 21, 1885 in connection with George Washington's birthday in that year. The height of the shaft is slightly over 555 feet, and the total cost was \$1,187,710.31. Of that amount \$300,000 was raised by individual free-will offerings, the balance was appropriated by Congress. The foundations, which carry a weight of 81,120 tons, are constructed of solid blue rock, each block being 146 feet 6 inches square and 36 feet 8 inches deep. The base of the shaft is 33 feet square, the lower walls are 15 feet thick, and the depth of the foundation below the floor is 57 feet. It is estimated that the total number of stones used in the entire structure was 23,000. As will be noted,

the entire height of the monument is almost 10 times its breadth at the base.

The keystone was placed in position on December 6, 1884 by two prominent Masons of the District of Columbia, who used the same trowel as used for the cornerstone laying on July 4, 1848 and employed for the first time by George Washington himself when he laid the cornerstone of the Nation's Capitol on September 18, 1793. The trowel is now one of the proud possessions of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 of Alexandria, Va.

It was only natural that members of the fraternity should take a profound interest in the movement, which led to the erection of this great monument to their own Brother of the mystic tie. Both individually and collectively they contributed generously to the success of the enterprise. Should one desire to walk up or down the many winding steps inside the shaft, one would see inserted within the walls, stones possessing Masonic significance. Many of the inscriptions are showing the ravages of time, however, the greater part can be deciphered.

Twenty-one stones have been placed by Grand Lodges or individual lodges throughout the nation. Each one is separate and distinct in that they are artistically arranged and individual in design, which bears a testimony to the character and service of George Washington. After taking the time to read the inscriptions on these stones, hardly a Brother Mason fails to appreciate the importance of this great monument to George Washington, the Mason.

The monument is known the world over and is often associated and compared with the monumental structures of the Old World. The writer was frequently asked last year, while traveling through most of the countries of Europe, "How does this compare in height with the Washington Monument?" This comparison was not confined to monuments such as the Eiffel Tower or the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but to pyramids, mountain peaks, volcanoes, waterfalls or any tall building.

Of the countless memorials dedicated to George Washington the city

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Liberty Hyde Bailey

By SAM BROOKS



On March 15, 1958, at Ithaca, N.Y., a new stamp was issued to honor the Garden and Horticultural Societies of America. The date is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Liberty Hyde Bailey. One of the foremost proponents of the science of Horticulture and Rural Education.

Brother Bailey was a Mason. That may be a peculiar way of putting it but it is a fact. This gentleman petitioned Hobasco Lodge #716, at Ithaca, New York. He received his E.A. degree Oct. 10, 1901; was passed Oct 24, 1901; and was raised Nov. 14, 1901. He was 42 years old at the time and he gave his occupation as Teacher.

After an uneventful membership of nearly 25 years, he requested a demit, which was granted. On June 11, 1925, he was dropped from the rolls. Would that it were his Father we were writing about. There was a Freemason if ever there was one. It was to please his father that Bailey petitioned the Lodge at Ithaca. Apparently where

(Bro. Sam Brooks is Past President of the MSC 1945-1946; Author of "MASONIC PHILATELY;" former Editor of the MASONIC PHILATELIST 1944-1951. His careful and thorough-going research and his lucid and interesting manner of writing, stamps him as the outstanding authority, at this time, on Masonic Philately. Editor.)

there was no reminder to continue his membership, he dropped out.

Don't misunderstand! The man of the stamp is fully entitled to all the honors bestowed on him. He was a farmer, a teacher, a writer, a botanist and a horticulturist.

Liberty Hyde Bailey, Jr., was born at South Haven, Michigan, March 15, 1858. He spent his early life on his father's farm, attended the local schools, and later was graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in 1882, with a B.S. He obtained his M.S. in 1886. His prime interests were botany, horticulture and rural problems and education. This led him to Cornell University, where from 1888 to 1903 he was professor of horticulture. From 1903 to 1913 he was director and dean of the New York State College of Agriculture, a part of Cornell University.

He was honored by universities, learned societies and many other organizations, with medals and honorary degrees. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, The National Academy of Sciences, The American Philosophical Society and other learned organizations throughout the world. He wrote many articles and text-books on his favorite subjects and especially on rural problems. He was Editor of the Cyclopaedia of American Horticulture and Agriculture; the Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture, and the Rural Science Series. In 1913, he retired from his teaching duties to spend the rest of his life in travel, searching for botanical specimens. These, and his library, were placed in the "Liberty Hyde Hortorium," which he founded in 1935. Everything he owned became a part of Cornell University, through the "Hortorium," a

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word which he coined to describe his activities.

One book about his life is in print, although another is in preparation. In 1949, the Princeton University Press published "Liberty Hyde Bailey. A Story of American Plant Sciences," by Andrew Denny Rodgers III. It is in this book, we find an account of the Masonic activities of the father, **Liberty Hyde Bailey, Sr.** On page 10 of this book, we read "... he took great pride in his many prominent office holdings in the Masonic Order. Masonry was his Church. First Master of the Lodge at South Haven; first High Priest of the Chapter; Thrice Illustrious of the Council; member of the Peninsular Commandery at Kalamazoo; holder of the 32 degree in the A. A. Scottish Rite; member of the High Priesthood of Michigan; Charter Member of the Consistory at Grand Rapids; and other distinctions were enjoyed by him during his life."

Is it any wonder that he wanted his namesake to follow in his Masonic footsteps?

Liberty Hyde Bailey, Jr., lived to a ripe old age. He was 96 when he died at his home in Ithaca, December 24, 1954.

BRO. REV. GEORGE M. CORDNER

(From the Toledo Blade,
Toledo, Ohio.)

The Rev. George M. Cordner, 46, Toledo State Hospital chaplain who was active in Boy Scout work, died of leukemia.

Mr. Cordner spent a good deal of his time as a speaker for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, which honored him with the 33rd degree in Masonry in 1955. He spoke on mental illness and his role as a chaplain at a state mental hospital.

He was active too in youth work, in the DeMolay organization of the Masons and on the advancement committee of the Toledo Area Council, Boy Scouts.

Mr. Cordner was born in Chappaqua, N.Y. and spent his youth in Tarrytown, N.Y. He attended Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., and received his bachelor of divinity degree from the theological college of Drew University, Madison, N.J. He also attended the Union Theological Seminary in

New York City and the University of Toledo.

His first pastorate was at Van Cortlandville, N.Y. He served Methodist pastorates 12 years before becoming chaplain at Harlen Valley State Hospital, N.Y.

Chaplain 13 Years

He came to Toledo State Hospital as chaplain 13 years ago. In addition to his work there, he served part time for seven years at Maplewood Methodist Church. He was a member of the New York Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Cordner was a past master of Masonic blue lodge No. 666 in Dover Plains, N.Y.

He was an honorary member of Calumet Lodge F&AM; past high priest of Calumet Chapter 191, RAM; honorary charter member of Calumet Council 133, R&SM; member of Toledo Commandery 7, and the Scottish Rite and served as orator in the Rose Croix degree.

He has been the chaplain for the last five years of Zenobia Shrine 79. He was a member of Dover Chapter 762, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Cordner was an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, and a member of York Rite College of Free Masonry, the Royal Order of Scotland.

He was chairman of the advisory board of DeMolay, Ohio Chapter, the Legion of Honor in the DeMolay, and a representative of the International Supreme Council, DeMolay.

In Hospital Groups

He was a member of the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains of which he was the regional representative; and of the American Protestant Hospital Association, and the Ohio State Mental Hospital Association.

Mr. Cordner was listed in Who's Who in Methodism, and also in Who's Who in the Midwest. He published several books on the history of Masonry.

Bro. Cordner was a member of the Masonic Stamp Club for many years.

(The above clipping sent in by Bro. Verrill Burgin, of Toledo, who added, "Bro. Cordner was in my estimation, tops in the field of Masonic History. He could talk hour and hour on Masonic history and hold your attention every minute. To say that he will be greatly missed is putting it mildly.")

Pre-Meeting Party January 9, 1959



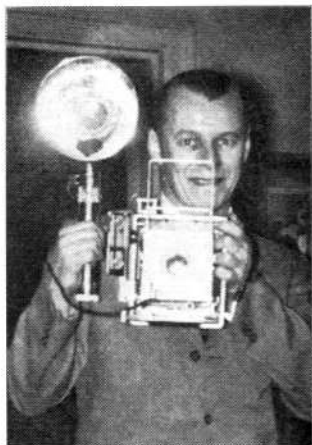
Upper Left: Standing: Bob Sanna, Douglas Sanna, Charles Sanna, Phil Rosenbaum, Jose Rueff, Herman and Mrs. Kerstein, Jos. Oster, Charles Maly, Dr. Swan, Yale Shapiro, Alvin Lurch, Manny Reggel, Harry Lindquist, Stanley Salomon, Dr. Yarry, Norman Sehlmeier. Kneeling: Sidney Solomon, Dr. Grossman, Carl Pelander, Roy Schwartz. Upper Right: Surrounding the cake: President Yarry. Editor Kerstein and Guest Speaker Harry Lindquist. Lower Left: Just before the cake was carved. Lower Right: A tete-a-tete Harry Lindquist and Carl Pelander. Pictures taken by our able Brother Eliot Nordheim. See opposite page.

Bro. Al Van Dahl Night January 9, 1959

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

Preceding the first meeting of 1959, and as a greeting for the New Year, the second annual cocktail party was given by Bro. Herman and Mrs. Kerstein at their home, 8 East 96th Street, New York City. The repeat performance was just as wonderful as the first one with plenty of excellent and unusual hors d'oeuvres, and the best of drinks. The members arrived early, knowing full well that at 7:30 sharp they would be on their way to the club's meeting, and it was a fine crowd that turned out, despite the fact that illness kept at least 15 members away. The highlight of the evening was the cutting of the 18" x 24" cake, baked by Mrs. Kerstein, and decorated in keeping with the spirit of the evening. Last year a cake bore the emblem of the club and this year it was decorated in the format of the MASONIC PHILATELIST, with the "cover" reading "JANUARY 9, 1959 AL VAN DAHL NIGHT." Many pictures were taken by Bro. Eliot Nordheim, which appear on the opposite page, and Bro. Eliot Nordheim's picture taken by Manny Reggel, appears below on this page. To Brother Herman Kerstein, our host, through whose efforts the Masonic Philatelist has made such progress, and to Mrs. Kerstein, a most gracious hostess, we all say "THANK YOU."

—A. D. L.



BRO. ELIOT NORDHEIM

THE MEETING

On this night we gathered to pay tribute to Brother Al Van Dahl; our thoughts illuminated by memories that have their foundation in our hearts. the beneficence of Brother Van Dahl, which has so substantially aided us in making The Masonic Philatelist a magazine of which we can be proud, symbolized the mutual admiration existing between our Brother and each one of us in the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

Lest we forget, let us from time to time, as we open The Masonic Philatelist, read the following lines of our Masthead: "Published by the Ralph A. Barry-Al Van Dahl Publication Fund of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York." The Foreword of our Silver Anniversary Roster also attests to the valuable contribution being made by Mrs. Arlene Van Dahl, Mrs. Alma McLing and the entire staff at Albany, Oregon in producing the printed word, which in many instances is our only actual contact with our brothers, who, because of distance, are unable to attend our meetings.

It was in keeping with the occasion that we asked Brother Harry L. Lindquist, publisher of "Stamps," to be the speaker of the evening, not alone because of his excellence in imparting a message of interest on a given subject, but also because he was, throughout the years, so close to Bro. Van Dahl.

Bro. Lindquist described the days of Bro. Van Dahl's boyhood, his educational background, and told how in the years, while still a student, he became a journeyman printer, thus setting the stage for future years, when he entered the newspaper field as a publisher. Born in Amsterdam, educated at Upsala and then Heidelberg University. Bro. Lindquist noted that after graduation Bro. Van Dahl traveled through Sweden and then went to Canada for a short stay. He soon located in Chicago where he met and married Arlene Lockwood. Bro. Lindquist stated that Mrs. Van Dahl was an apt pupil in learning the ways of a journeyman printer and that she was of great assistance to Bro. Al as he established operations as a newspaper publisher, for a time at Fairdale, N.D.

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Editor's Notebook

Your many kind wishes during the Holiday Season were over-whelming and we hope that we can come up to your expectations. We would like to acknowledge, with thanks, the cards received from Bros. **Camnitzer, Ehrig, Ferola, Glaser, Gunter, Harbeson, Lichty, Lurch, Padawer, Peck, Pelander, Reggel, Sanna, Sehlmeier, Swan, Wing, Wong, Yarry** and many others whose cards became mixed with those of my family before I could extricate them. Bro. **Morris "A" Goldberg** writes from Japan and explains why the "A" is in quotes. "Means nothing, except that it affords a means of identification from others having a similar name." Hope this brother keeps writing, for his letters are most interesting (and you should see the beautiful stamps and the artistic arrangements on his envelopes) . . . While on the subject of Japan, we welcome, most heartily, Bro. **Tamotsu Murayama** of Tokyo, one of our new members. You will find an article about Bro. Murayama elsewhere in this issue, and we hope that we may have one by-lined by him soon.

Nice letter from my old ego-booster, Bro. **Jacob Glaser**, who has ducked cold New York for comfortable Miami Beach. Writes "Uncle Jake": "Your Jan. 1959 M.P. is a 'pip.' I appreciate it more away from home. When I received it, it was like visit to the MSC itself. Your inquiry re the whereabouts of **Charles A. Lott**, he is up to his old tricks, looking for someone he can help . . . if you know Charlie as I do; you would love him, too." (Ed: We also heard from **Bro. Lott**, who has promised to drop in at the first meeting possible. His many friends will be happy to see him.)

Bro. **G. F. Stackhouse** of West Orange, N.J., suggests that we show the individual members collection activities, for the purpose of correspondence with new members, and that this list be set up in the MP, so that it might be clipped out without damaging the other reading matter. We have thought of that but we do not get the collection activities until receipt of the blue form, and since that comes in much later (if at all) we could not hold up our "Welcome" that long. However, a supplement to the Roster will be issued soon, which includes these various ac-

tivities, changes in address, corrections, etc. And we will surely correct our omission of your name as a Master of Philately.

To give proper space for the several requests and "wants" of our members, we have set aside a separate heading "WANTED," and ask that you correspond directly with the brother seeking information. And we invite further such inquiries . . . With their 1959 dues, these brothers added some interesting comments: Bro. **Raymond P. Wellendorf**, of Davenport, Iowa: "Sure enjoy the MP very much and read every article in it. Hope to make it to NY some time and receive the Master of Philately degree." . . . From Bro. **William L. Learn** of Easton, Penna. "Sorry I couldn't have gotten down for the Master of Philately degree, but was hit by a car on March 31, 1958 and was in hospital on night degree was given. Advise if you will be having degree this year." (Ed. to Bro. Learn and others who have inquired, the degree will be given Silver Anniversary Weekend, June 5-7. Exact day will be soon announced. Hope to see you then.) . . . And a very pleasant note from Bro. **David L. Oblinger** of Germantown, Ohio, who regrets not being able to attend the meetings but enjoys reading about them in the M.P. (We will try to reconstruct the interesting parts of the meetings, and would welcome suggestions from those away from N.Y. as to how we might make this report of meetings more interesting. Ed.) . . . And now we really asked for it, when we published the "Coin Corner" by Bro. **Philip Rosenbaum** and requested members' comments on a numismatic section. Several letters came in, and not one was in favor. Bro. **Edward Weiner** of Fort Pierce, Florida, requests that we have nothing but Masonic Philately. We must over-ride that one, for we will still report the activities of our members in other philatelic fields; their articles, their honors and interesting personal items about them. We will, however, emphasize Masonic Philately, and try to bring you the best articles, by the most able writers, in the most interesting manner . . . Along the same line comes a letter from the old reliable, Bro. **Walter R. Harbeson** of Columbus, Ohio, whose son collects coins. He feels that closer to Masonry than numismatism is his secondary

collection activity: Collection of autographs especially of Masons.

However, we cannot pass up the story received from Bro. Harbeson in connection with the picture of the Queen on the first issue of Canadian bills (\$1.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00) after she was made queen. We print it elsewhere in this issue, but the matter of numismatics is ended: There will be no column on this subject unless we received some items with a direct bearing on Masonry and/or Masonic Philately . . . Because this is strictly personal, it finds a place in this column, otherwise we would be tempted to write an article about an amateur philatelist, a real nice fellow, a good and new friend, Bro. **Charles C. Sanna**, of Staten Island, N.Y. We first met at a pre-meeting dinner at the Sacher Restaurant, just after he became a member a few months ago, and for dessert I ordered cheese and crackers with my coffee. I little did I know that when I answered Charlie's question about liking cheese, that he would say, "Well, if you like that cheese, wait until next meeting." One of the leading importers of cheese and about the best we have in domestic cheese made by his company, I received a 5 lb. loaf of the most delicious cheese I have ever tasted, long before the "next meeting." You must have read in previous issues about his letters from Mrs. Winston Churchill; from the Vatican, accompanied by a picture of the Pope; each letter acknowledging Charlie's birthday wishes which he sends in some unusual philatelic form.

We don't think he would get as much a thrill if he received a block of Jefferson 5¢ stamps, than he got from the letter he received from Buckingham Palace, a photostat of which we just received. The Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen wrote: "Dear Mr. Sanna: I write at The Queen's command to thank you for the cards which you sent to the Prince of Wales, and also for the stamps. Her Majesty greatly appreciated the birthday greetings which you sent to her son, and bids me express to you her most sincere thanks." This is not a "plug" as they say in TV, for I have enough cheese to satisfy even my hearty like for it, but here is a sincere, jolly, ultra-amateur philatelist who gets a kick out of this

hobby, with a flair for the unusual. Just as he ignores iambic pentameter or any other meter, he writes unusual "free" verse, but genuine, and from the heart.

As is customary, we are devoting more space than usual in this February issue. Usually, in the February issue of the MP in past years, an article or two about Bro. George Washington has appeared.

In this issue, we have two splendid articles by Bro. **Herman J. Lichty**, who has devoted much time and effort in obtaining the information contained therein, and we certainly appreciate his contributions . . . A new member, Dr. **Henry J. Goeckel**, of Cranford, New Jersey has sent us some very interesting articles which he wrote for "STAMPS" a few years ago. "Stamps of Brazil 1881 to 1885" is one and the other: "Stamps of Brazil, 100 Reis stamps of 1894-1897." The articles are long and complete, and we would be pleased to forward them to any of our members interested . . . Bro. **Chas. S. Miller**, of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, advises that Rushmore Mt. stamp (Scott #1011) was taken from a picture taken by a resident of Rapid City, S. Dakota, whose father "a member of the Craft, is Registrar of the Univ. of South Dakota." . . . "I notice in the Roster you just sent me, that one of my friends (**Dave Jaeger**) is listed, and I didn't even know he was a stamp collector. He is a P.M., a P.C. and a P.D.D.G.M. of the 22nd Masonic District of Ohio," so writes a new member. Bro. **George F. Sharp**, of Maple Heights, Ohio . . . A very interesting item from Bro. **Maxwell McGee**, of Jackman Station, Maine: "My Lodge was originally located in Mt. Bigelow, Me., on a campsite occupied by Benedict Arnold on his March to Quebec. A few years ago a power dam was built on the Dead River below the town and the Lodge rests under 30 feet of water."

And to the several members who attended our cocktail party, Mrs. Kerstein and I were delighted that you came, and only regret that 15 members were too ill to attend. May they get well, soon.

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

All members of the Masonic fraternity, their families, and especially the women and children, are invited to the annual pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, Virginia, on Sunday, February 22, 1959. Special buses will leave the Masonic Temple, Thirteenth and New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C., at 1:30 p.m. With police escort, the buses will follow the Mount Vernon Boulevard, along the Potomac River and through historic Alexandria, Va., to Mount Vernon. Our Masonic group will form at the special gates and walk to the tomb of our Brother George Washington. At the tomb, a brief ceremony of laying the wreath, followed by a recitation of an *American ode by Max E. Kahn, 33rd, a member of Washington Centennial Lodge. The grounds, home and outer buildings will be open to those interested. By all means bring your cameras and plenty of film. The same chartered buses will leave Mt. Vernon at 4:00 o'clock, returning to Washington in time for the conferring of the Master of Philately Degree.

The George Washington Chapter will sponsor a dinner at the Peking Restaurant, 711 Thirteenth Street, N.W., one block from the Masonic Temple, at 6:00 p.m. The committee is making arrangements for a record turnout. Make this a MUST. For any additional information, write Masonic Stamp Club, P. O. Box 152, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C.

*AN AMERICAN ODE

By Max E. Kahn 33rd

(Bro. Max E. Kahn is a member of Washington Centennial Lodge of Washington, D.C., who has been sponsoring the pilgrimages each year to Mt. Vernon. Bro. Kahn is nearly 90 years of age and has been reciting his Oath of Allegiance for more than 30 years at the tomb of George Washington. His presence at Mt. Vernon has become a tradition among Masons making the pilgrimage. His recitation is very impressive and will be long remembered by those attending):

Behold the Emblem of our Country—the Greatest Flag of the Greatest Nation in the World! May it ever wave over a free and liberty-loving people.

May it ever represent the highest ideals of American manhood, the loftiest standards of exalted womanhood, the purest principles of social democracy.

May its generous folds, blessed by Almighty God and glorified by the blood of our forefathers, ever succor and support, at home and abroad, on land and on sea, suffering mankind, struggling for human rights . . . human freedom . . . and human advancement.

With sincere love of our God, our country and our fellow man, let us pledge allegiance to, view to defend, and reverently salute this glorious symbol of liberty, justice and equality.

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER

for the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Almighty GOD, we make our earnest prayer, that THOU wilt keep the UNITED STATES in THY holy protection:

that, THOU wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the UNITED STATES at large; and, finally, that, THOU wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and, without a humble imitation of Whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech THEE, through JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

(This prayer was written by George Washington in 1783 at Newburgh, New York, and copies sent to all the governors of the states. In this year was signed the Treaty of Paris, the official termination of the Revolutionary War.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MASONIC CREED

I, as a Mason, believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I pledge my loyalty to the Government of the

United States of America, a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others.

Freemasonry is founded upon these principles and I will use my utmost effort to preserve them for posterity.

So mote it be.

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that bears his name is unique in that it holds other mementos of her namesake. Within the very framework of the Government, woven into the mechanics of the laws and freedoms which he steadfastly championed, hovers the shadow of the man who guided our country through the pangs of its birth. The example he set forth by his honest application, his loyalty and devotion and personal sacrifices is perhaps the most lasting monument of all.

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Subsequently Bro. Van Dahl located in Oregon and eventually set up operations at Albany, which continues to be the home of "The Western Stamp Collector" and "Covers," which publications Bro. Van Dahl established as the result of a successful run of a stamp column in one of his papers. He recog-

nized in the response to his stamp column the opportunity to enlarge his operations in that field which then became his sole activity.

In closing Bro. Lindquist noted that Bro. Van Dahl came from a family of Masons which included one who had had the 33rd degree conferred upon him in Sweden. A most interesting talk, Bro. Lindquist, and a 'thank you' from us all! In the memory of Bro. Al Van Dahl we send our very best wishes to Mrs. Arlene Van Dahl, to Mrs. McLing and the entire staff at Albany, Ore. —Alvin D. Lurch, Sec.

WANTED!!

Bro. Chester E. Wing, Route 3, Hastings, Michigan, has accumulated quite a few "PERFINS," U.S. Regular, U.S. Precancels and foreign and would be pleased to send these to someone who is interested in collecting "Perfins." Write to him directly, and don't forget to enclose return postage.

Bro. Louis F. Biehl of 532 Astor St., Norristown, Penna., is missing. First Day covers issued by the Masonic Stamp Club:

May 9, 1936—Stamp #778.

May 9-17, 1936 — FD Cover from Grand Central Palace, N.Y.

April 30, 1939—Stamp #854.

or any that were issued before 1946 by the MSC.



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Two Masonic Covers . . .

The George Washington Chapter of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, will sponsor two commemorative covers, in celebration of Washington's Birthday. The first, a cover showing the Washington Monument will be issued and cancelled on February 22, 1959 at Washington, D. C., using the 4-cent 2-color American Flag stamp. This flag stamp was taken off sale several months ago and is already a hard-to-get stamp.

The second cover will show the Washington family coat-of-arms in color and will be canceled at noon on February 22, 1959 at Alexandria, Virginia.

The covers will be on sale after the pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, or write to P. O. Box 152, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D. C. Any number can be ordered at 20 cents each.

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From time to time we shall print, under this heading, requests of members for philatelic information, giving the name and address of the inquirer, so that members may correspond directly with each other. Bro. Summerfield J. McCarteney, of 211 N. Greenbrier St., Arlington, Va., asks: "Is there any stamp showing the wearing of the apron as we are taught it in the 3rd degree?"