

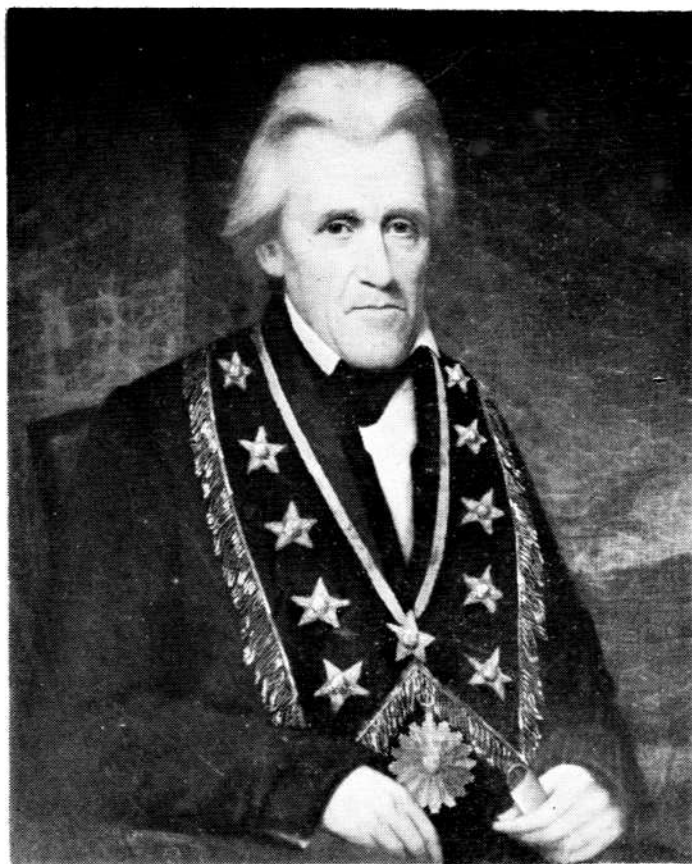


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## THE RALPH A. BARRY-AL VAN DAHL PUBLICATION FUND

At the top of the masthead, on page 2 of each issue of the MP, you will find the above statement. You have all read about the way the family of Bro. Al Van Dahl prints and mails our monthly paper, but few know about the Ralph A. Barry Fund. This was started by Bro. Sam Brooks many years ago as a memorial to our late Past President, Ralph A. Barry, and it was made up of contributions by our members to pay for the cost of mailing our paper and the extraneous costs, such as cuts, rosters, etc. Funds were also raised by auctions of stamps contributed by members. This fund is running a bit low because we have

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not asked for funds for over five years, but we ask that with this reminder, if members are so disposed, they may send whatever amount they wish to Bro. Carl Pihl, and specify: "This is a contribution to the RALPH A. BARRY PUBLICATION FUND." And, in advance, a thank you from your editor.

## PROGRAM 1959

April 3—Ferrars H. Tows Night.

May 1—Harry A. Konwiser Night.

June 5-7—

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**

The plans for this weekend have been changed quite considerably at a Board of Governors meeting which your Editor was unable to attend. I strongly opposed the new changes and have so expressed myself to other members of the Board. I have no right to foist my personal opinion on others but I feel that the occasion, the 25th anniversary of the MSC, lacks the dignity and propriety it deserves, as it now stands.

Therefore, I have submitted to your President, Dr. Irwin Yarry, my resignation as a member of the Board of Governors; as a member of the Cachet Committee and as the Editor of the Masonic Philatelist. I have enjoyed working with the members and have tried to bring you the best of news about the Club, its members and Masonic philately. I am certain that my successor will continue this policy. Many thanks.—Herman S. Kerstein.

## THE HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible appears on stamps of various countries. My favorite is a 1942 stamp of Finland (No. A52) which shows an open Bible on the altar, flanked by candles and lighted by a ray of sunlight.

**MSC Silver Anniversary Year**

## MEETING TO HONOR

**Bro. Thomas Phillips and Bro. Sydney Barrett**

MARCH 7, 1959

Tonight as we resumed our meetings of remembrance, we paused to honor the memory of two of our distinguished brothers, Bro. Major Thomas Phillips and Bro. Sydney F. Barrett.

Their spheres of activities in life led them down vastly different paths, Bro. Phillips choosing the U.S. Army as his career and Bro. Barrett entering the field of commercial philately. Bro. Phillips served with distinction and Bro. Barrett soon became a recognized authority in his field not only as a dealer but as a student of the hobby.

In their travels both came to a place where each knelt and took the same obligation, becoming brothers at the altar of Free Masonry. Each in his own way has added a brightness to the emblem of our Fraternity. We were indeed pleased that Bro. Major Thomas Phillips III, son of Bro. Phillips, was able to come up from Washington, D.C., where he is stationed in the Air Force. His presence added much to the meeting.

Brother Thomas Phillips was a soldier even though in retirement, alert, a quick thinker but above all a friendly person. As President of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York 1956-1957 he directed its activities during Fipex with a well planned program. He also successfully arranged for issuing cachets commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Major Thomas Phillips III was asked to speak to us and he responded with some interesting details about his father. He mentioned that his father had been a member of several of the Masonic bodies in addition to his blue lodge and presented the club with the certificate of membership in Jerusalem Temple Lodge #721 issued to Lieut. Thomas Phillips, March 16th, 1918.

He said that membership in the Masonic Stamp Club of New York meant a great deal to his father, who was also active in the formation of the George Washington Chapter #1 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, being one of a committee of five from the Masonic Stamp Club of New York who assisted to inaugurate the

chapter on Nov. 3rd, 1956, at Washington, D.C., of which his son is a charter member.

Bro. Phillips III told of several interesting instances in the life of his father, noting that he had on two occasions been reported killed in action, having been in both W. W. I and W. W. II, adding that his father was amused at the instances and that he had commented that it was nice to know what was said about you when you were gone.

Bro. Phillips III also mentioned that on an occasion a number of years after he had served under General MacArthur at West Point he received a warm letter of congratulations.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 19, 1934

Captain Thomas Phillips, U.S.A.,

Retired,  
Pelham Hall,  
Brookline, Massachusetts

My dear Captain Phillips:

I regret that your recent retirement from active service on account of physical disability was necessary and I take this opportunity to express the grateful appreciation of the War Department for the loyal and efficient service you have rendered the Government.

As you now enter your new sphere of life I trust that the years to come will bring you good fortune and abundant happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas MacArthur  
General,  
Chief of Staff.

Brother Sydney F. Barrett will always be remembered for his friendly manner which endeared him to all and for his willingness to be helpful to those seeking advice on matters philatelic. Having entered the dealer field in 1909 he was variously connected until 1922 when he joined the Economist Stamp Co. and became one of its officers in 1929, so continuing until

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# The 1959 Issues - - - Masonically Speaking

By R. M. Needham

The United States Post Office Department has announced quite a few new commemoratives for issuance during the year 1959, and also three new denominations for the Liberty series of regular stamps. It might be a good idea to find out how many of these stamps might have Masonic backgrounds.

The first commemorative for 1959 that has a good tie-in with Freemasonry is the centennial of the statehood of Oregon, Feb. 14, at Astoria, Oregon. The founder of that city was John Jacob Astor, founder of the American fur trade in the Northwest, and also founder of Oregon Territory, founded Astoria in 1811. Brother Astor was one of the founders of Holland Lodge #8, New York City and was a WM in 1798. He was also Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York from 1798-1801. Three Lodges met and formed the Grand Lodge of Oregon on September 15, 1851, at Oregon City. These were Multnomah Lodge #1, at Oregon City, chartered on Oct. 19, 1846; Willamette Lodge #2 at Portland, chartered on Nov. 27, 1850; and Lafayette Lodge #3, at Portland, chartered on May 9, 1851. (Multnomah #84 G. L. Mo.; Willamette #11, G. L. Calif.; and Lafayette #15, G. L. Calif., respectively.)

The second commemorative that has a connection with Freemasonry is the first "Champion of Liberty" issue of 1959 in honor of Jose De San Martin, the hero of the Andes. He was the leader in freeing Argentina and Chile from Spanish tyranny. Bro. Martin was initiated in 1808 in Legalidad Lodge at Cadiz, Spain. He later joined Miranda's Lodge "Lautaro" in London, England. Still later, while in South America, he helped organize "Lautaro" #3 in Buenos Aires, "Lautaro" #4 in Mendoza and "Lautaro" #5 in Santiago, Chile. Not much further is known about his Masonic activities. These stamps are scheduled for issuance on Feb. 25 at Washington, D.C.

The next commemorative with any Masonic connection, is more indirect than the two mentioned above. The 3c Lincoln stamp, issued on February 27, at New York City, also commemorates the centennial of Cooper

Union. The sculptured head of Lincoln, depicted on this stamp, is now in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., and was done in 1906 by Bro. Gutzon Borglum, who was a Past Master of Howard Lodge #35, New York City. The first regular stamp for 1959 comes in for its share of Masonry. Depicting the home of "Old Hickory," the 7th President of the United States, the "Hermitage" of Andrew Jackson has much Masonic history back of it. Brother Jackson was a member of Harmony Lodge #1, Nashville, Tenn. He was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for two terms, from 1822 to 1824. He also acted as Deputy General Grand High Priest at the institution of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee on April 4, 1826.

Next we come to the stamp to be issued on April 6th in honor of the discovery of the North Pole by Admiral Robert E. Peary. Brother Peary was a member of Kane Lodge #454, New York City.

Of the remaining stamps announced, one may have some Masonic tie-in and that would be the 2½¢ regular to be issued on June 17th at Boston, on Bunker Hill Day and to be known as the Bunker Hill stamp. General Warren, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, together with many other well known Masons, fell in this hard fought battle.

## THE ALL-SEEING EYE

which "pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits," may be found on the Colorado Statehood U.S. stamp (No. 1001).

It appears on this stamp on the State Seal of Colorado to the right of the capitol dome.

On the upper part of the seal may be seen the eye of Providence in a triangle surrounded by a "glory" or emanation of light.

Egyptian stamps Nos. 220-1-2 show another Eye.

## MIAMI BEACH COLLECTORS CLUB ENTERTAINS JACOB GLASER WHO SHOWS MASONRY ON STAMPS

On our last visit to Miami and Miami Beach in September 1956, we had the privilege of visiting the Miami Beach Collectors Club, held in the Palette Room at the Community Center, where they are still meeting. Fortunately, our present visit was on Monday, February 23, 1959, when Jacob S. Glaser, our good friend from Brooklyn, was scheduled as the speaker. A capacity crowd was in attendance to hear "Uncle Jake," as he is affectionately known to his host of friends. He has several specialized collections, of which his Colombia is probably the most famous, but on this occasion, he showed portions of his five-volume collection of "Masonic Philately," as a demonstration of what can be accomplished in this field.

His collection is divided into six sections: (1) Distinctive Masonic cancellations, such as the square and compass on stamps and covers; (2) Symbolic Masonic designs; (3) Covers addressed to famous Masons; (4) Masonic corner cards; (5) Masonic designs used on stamps; and (6) Cachets and decorations used on covers. It made an attractive showing, and the presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all.—"Stamps" Mar. 7, 1959.

## ROBERT EDWIN PEARY, MASON

By Walter R. Harbeson

With the issuance of the Polar Exploration Stamp on April 6th, another brother Mason is being honored.

Brother Robert Edwin Peary was born at Cresson, Pa., on May 6, 1856. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1877 and entered the U.S. Navy in 1881 as a civil engineer with rank of lieutenant. His work for the next four years was connected with the surveys for the Nicaragua Canal. In 1886 he headed an exploring expedition to Greenland. In 1891 he headed an Arctic expedition under the auspices of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and made a remarkable 1,300 mile sledge journey across Greenland from McCormick Bay to Independence Bay discovering Melville Land and Heilprin Land and making certain that what had formerly been only surmised that Greenland was an island. In the next ten years he made several other Arctic trips, achieving results of great

value to geographic and meteorological science and bringing back records and instruments of the ill-fated Greeley expedition (another Mason). In 1902 he had reached a point as far north as latitude 84 19' before abandoning his hope of reaching the Pole. Another trip in 1906 enabled him to reach within 200 miles of the Pole. He began his successful trip Aug. 18, 1908 when he and his party left Etna, wintered in Grant Land and set off over the ice from Cape Columbia on March 1, 1909, reaching the Pole on April 6, 1909.

He remained at the Pole 30 hours, and reached Indian Harbor on Sept. 5th. In recognition of his accomplishment he received among the many others a vote of thanks from Congress and was elevated to Rear-Admiral in 1911.

His triumph was clouded by the claims of Dr. Frederic Cook (surgeon on his Polar trip 1901-2) that he reached the pole on April 21, 1908. A long controversy followed that clearly established the validity of Peary's claim.

Brother Peary was a member of Kane Lodge #454, New York. He died at Washington, D.C., Feb. 20, 1920.

## SAMUEL GOMPERS, MASON

One of the founders of the American Federation of Labor and its first president, holding office until his death, for 41 years, was Samuel Gompers, for whom a 3¢ commemorative stamp was issued in 1948 (Scott's #988).

Brother Gompers was born Jan. 27, 1850, in London, England. He was early in the fight in the early 20th century (and before under the Federation of Organized Trades & Labor Unions of 1881) to make the workingman's lot better than it had been in years past. He was made a Mason in Dawson Lodge #16, Washington D.C., on May 9, 1904 and received his 32nd degree in Albert Pike Consistory, A.A.S.R., Washington, D.C., on Feb. 10, 1906. In Sept. 1918, while visiting Edinburgh, Scotland, Brother Gompers was made an honorary member of the Lodge of Journeymen Masons #8, that city. He died on Dec. 13, 1924. A year later, Samuel Gompers Lodge #45, Washington was chartered by the D.C. Grand Lodge.

Brother Gompers in his autobiography relates that his Masonic affiliation frequently protected him from injury.

—R. L. Needham.

# NEWLY DISCOVERED MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

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# NEWLY DISCOVERED MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

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In "STAMPS" of April 8th, 1933, Dr. Wm. Evans began a listing with illustrations of Fraternal Cancellations. He stated that he had on record about sixty varieties. In 1940 Wm. W. Reynolds took over the cancellation column and by July 29th, 1944, when the column was discontinued, he had listed 153 cancellations, of which they identified the source of 80. Charles W. Gramm, in a series beginning in the September 1939 "Postal Markings," illustrated 36 new identified Masonic Cancellations, together with many which had been published in the "Stamps" series.

The author here presents tracings of about twenty-five more cancellations with probable Masonic interest. He has about twenty more on record which at present are under study. The illustrated square and compasses have been reasonably authenticated, both as to source and interest.

The lesser insignia show reasonable Masonic intent. The "All-seeing Eye" from New York comes from the same postal station which was the source of the relatively common New York, square and compasses. Durgin Eastman in North Conway, N.H., issued several different Masonic Cancellations, which have been identified earlier. Henry C. Campbell, the postmaster of Centerville, Mich., was a Mason and Archibald Lybrand, Jr., was reputed to have been a member of the Craft.

Post Office	Stamp	Postmaster	Mason	Type
26. Norwich, Conn.	27	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M	I
27. East Eddington, Me.	65	Wm. H. Johnson		II
28. Pacolet Mills, S. Car.	(1930)	Jesse J. Glass (not a Mason)		III B
29. Reliance, Ohio	65			IV
30. Stuart, Iowa	145	H. C. Trout		IV
31. Chariton, Iowa	158	Albert W. McCormick	M	IV
32. Lyme, Conn.	185	Hiram Beckwith	M	IV
33. East Nantmeal, Pa.	Env.	Annie M. Stringle		IV
34. Wooster, Ohio	114	Addison McClure		V
35. Haverhill, Mass.	136	David Boynton		V
36. Unionville, Conn.	147			V
37. Center Barnstead, N.H.	158	Geo. W. Neuse		V
38. Wolfborough, N.H.	136			V
39. Delaware, Ohio	147	Archibald Lybrand, Jr.		VI
40. Jersey City, N.J.	184	John G. Gospill		VIII
41. Mohawk, N.Y.	UX11	Thomas Cunningham	M	X
42. Worcester, Mass.	184	Gen. Josiah Pickett		X
43. New York, N.Y.	65			XI
44. Norwich, Conn.	65	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M	XII
45. North Conway, N.H.	158	Durgin Eastman	M	XII
46. Sharon, Pa.	(1930)	(Paul Wentz, a collector)		XII
47. Centerville, Mich.	114	Henry C. Campbell	M	XIV
48. The Glen, N.Y.	65	David Whitaker		XV
49. Manhassett, N.Y.	158	Joseph F. Hamilton		XV
50. Salem, Mass.	158	Geo. H. Pierson		XV

## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Returning from a business trip to several Caribbean countries, your Editor's desk was a frightful sight, with unanswered mail piled high. First things first, so after disposing of my business mail, here is what we came up with from our members: We want to thank and acknowledge those who sent us FD covers: Two splendid cachets issued by our G. Washington Chapter #1, sent in by **Bro. Herman Lichty** of Washington, D.C.; the fine cachets of Jose de San Martin, one from **Bro. Charles Sanna** of Staten Island and the other from **Bro. Harry Lindquist** of the People-To-People Committee. From **Bro. Walter Harbeson** of Columbus, Ohio, a Lincoln Sesquicentennial cachet sponsored by the Columbus Philatelic Club, honoring Lincoln's birth and his first visit to Ohio in 1859.

Since being retired, **Bro. Marshall S. Loke** of Rochester, N.Y., finds time to develop his collection pertaining to Masonry. "I am enclosing a few notes relative to items on Masonic symbols on stamps." These you will find under "WANTED," our new column where members can ask for information and receive direct answers from other members. . . . **Bro. Elmer F. Hacker** of St. Louis, Mo., sends in a copy of the February 22 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, showing "New Trend in Stamp Collecting" with a full front page showing stamps in colors, and an inside page as well. An exciting edition for any stamp collector to see. . . . **Bro. Jake Glaser**, of NYC is in Florida, but instead of resting he is the same active "Uncle" Jake. We note in STAMPS that the lead story of the March 7 issue reads: "Miami Beach Collectors Club Entertains Jacob Glaser Who Shows Masonry On Stamps." Elsewhere in this issue we print the entire story by **Bro. Harry Lindquist**, who attended the meeting. **Bro. Glaser** advises us that as a result of this showing he has been invited to show at the University of Miami; has attended 4 different Kiwanis clubs and does a fair amount of fishing.

With the remittance of dues, many members have written some interesting personal notes, which **Bro. Carl Pihl** has turned over to us for acknowledgement. **Bro. Richard C. Dahlen**, on his way to Bermuda, wants to know if we

have any members there. Not yet, Dick, but maybe you can change this when you attend the Royal Arch meeting there. . . . And from our good friend **Bro. John Mirt** of Chicago, his many admirers will be glad to know he is in good health, but his "Masonic hobby is being neglected for the time being because of an overload of work." John handles the publicity for a medical association and must attend the various medical meetings. He hopes to attend the Silver Anniversary weekend. It will be an honor to have you here, John.

**Bro. Herman J. Lichty** of Washington, D.C., writes that the sale of their Washington Birthday cachets sold far in excess of their estimates and that they donated 200 covers of previous issues to the George Washington National Masonic Memoriam in Alexandria, Va., where they will be put on sale at the souvenir counter. Also received from **Bro. Herman**, one of the nicest souvenir programs of the Mt. Vernon pilgrimage. (See page 10 for other details of this gala day.) . . . Of our new members **Bro. Daniel F. Pomeroy, Jr.**, crowned 33rd degree in 1949, is Secy. and Administrator of the Troy Community Hospital. . . . In the recent group of new members there were at least 4 Past High Priests of R. A. M. Chapters: **Bro. Richard Mazzoni** of Ukiah Chapter #53, Calif.; **Bro. Edwin Don Coolidge** of Tyrean Chapter, Cut Bank, Mont.; **Bro. Samuel Monroe Jenks** of Chicago Chapter #127; and **Bro. Charles R. Frasca** of Lancaster School of Instruction, Pa. . . . And of our old members, we are so pleased to hear from **Bro. Harold Matters**, now of St. Petersburg, Fla., whom we miss. He writes, "I do miss my Masonic Stamp Club friends and meetings. The managers (sic) of the Philatelist are doing a swell job of keeping us absentee members informed of local events."

**Bro. Raymond W. Houghton** of Scotia, N.Y., sent us a most complete biography of our late **Bro. R. W. Charles H. Copestake** of Schenectady, N. Y. **Bro. Houghton** notes that the late brother's name is in the Roster published last year, and wonders if we knew that **Bro. Copestake** passed away on February 25, 1956. We did learn of this after the Roster had gone to press and we made note of the passing in an issue of the MP. **Bro. Copestake**

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was a prolific writer on Masonry and was actively engaged in every known phase of Masonic research and study. "In the field of Mark Masonry," writes Bro. Houghton, "he could be considered the greatest authority in this day and age."

A very active member in the South Shore Forum and the Masonic Study Club in Montreal, Canada, is **Bro. W. Huxsel**. Past Chairman of the Study Club (1957), he is the scheduled speaker at the Masonic Forum on the subject: "Masonry on Postage Stamps," for their meeting on April 20th. If any of our members are in the vicinity, they are cordially invited to attend . . . **Bro. Carlton Siefert** of Cleveland, Ohio, writes that he enjoys the articles of Masons on Stamps, as well as the rest of the MP. "Being one of the editors of our Lodge paper, I know some of the problems involved in making up the M.P. It is a job well done."

**AUCTION OF INTEREST**

The collection of our late Brother Gordon S. Dills of Garrett, Indiana, will soon be auctioned by Robert A. Siegel of 489 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Of special interest are a number of stamps cancelled with Masonic Square and Compasses. Also a splendid collection of Private Proprietary Match & Medicine Stamps. Date of auction: Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21 and 22. We believe catalogs are available for interested bidders.

**THE PLUMB-LINE**

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is illustrated on Switzerland No. 280 which shows the plumb-line in use on "a wall made by a plumbline."

**DE WITT CLINTON (1769-1828)**

3rd Grand Master of New York, Former Governor of New York. Does not appear on a postage stamp but is honored with his picture on the U.S. Internal Revenue stamps found on every pack of cigarettes.

Some stamps of Mexico publicizing the National Campaign for Education show very nicely a poor "blind" man being brought to "light."

**WILL ROGERS, MASON**

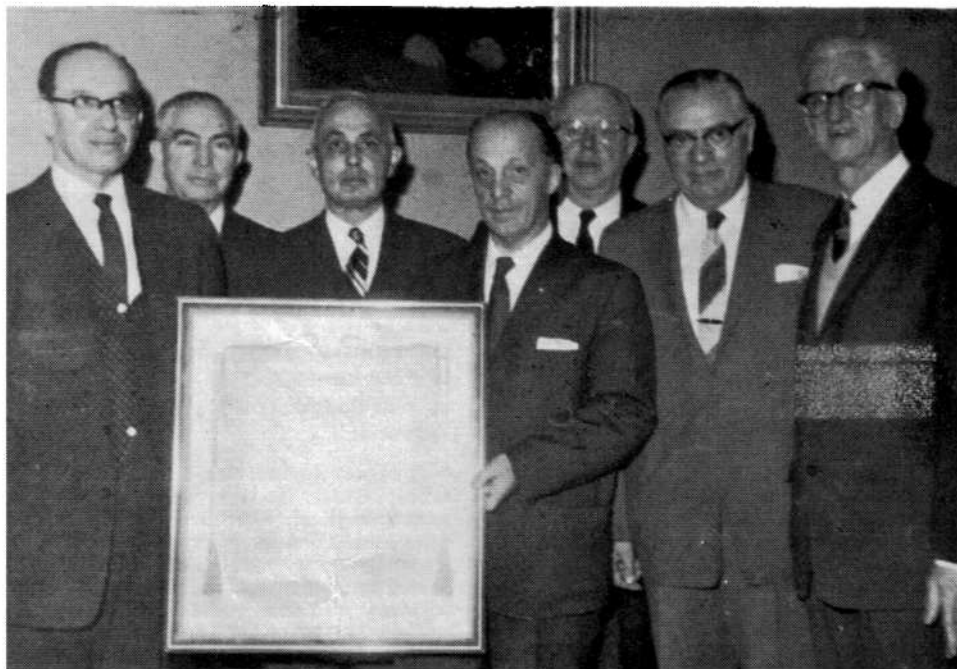
Depicted on the 3¢ Will Rogers commemorative stamp, issue of the U.S. of 1948 (Scott's #975), is the likeness of Will Rogers, cowboy philosopher and humorist.

Brother Rogers was born near Claremore, Okla. (Indian Territory at the time), on Nov. 4, 1879. He was the son of Clem V. and Mary (Schrimpscher) Rogers, both part Cherokee Indian. What schooling he had was at Kemper Military Academy, Booneville, Mo., which he attended for part of two terms. In 1905 he entered vaudeville at Keith's Union Square Theatre, New York City, delivering humorous monologues while doing lasso tricks. As a lecturer, motion-picture actor, and newspaper columnist, he was known for his shrewd but kindly commentary on current events. He was nearly always referred to as this nation's unofficial Ambassador to any foreign country he visited, and was always well received by those nations. He was married to Betty Blake in Nov. 1908 and to this union were born three children: Will, Jr., Mary and James. Will, Sr., was killed Aug. 15, 1935, in an airplane crash at Point Barrow, Alaska, while flying with his friend Wiley Post, holder of the 'round-the-world flight record.

Noble Rogers was raised March 21, 1906 in Claremore Lodge #53, Claremore, Okla. He was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Claremore, Okla., and Akdar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Tulsa, Okla.

—R. L. Needham.

## George Washington Chapter No. 1



**CHAPTER DEGREE TEAM—** (l-r) Bros. Yarry, (Eiseman-candidate), Wald, Lichty, Fellers, Glass, and Huntington (chairman). Bro. Clas is not shown. The degree was conferred on four of the brethren in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va., in proper form, February 22, 1959.

The second stated meeting of the 1958-1959 program was incorporated as part of celebration of George Washington's birthday on February 22, 1959. Through the courtesy of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association the short business meeting was presided over by the Chapter President, Brother J. N. Wong, in the beautiful Memorial at Alexandria, Va. The Chapter was honored by the presence of Brother I. M. Yarry, President of the mother club of New York. When formally introduced Dr. Yarry expressed his regrets that untoward events had prevented the anticipated presence of other members from New York, stated his pleasure in participating in the activities of the day, and felicitated the chapter on its enthusiasm and growth. After the business meeting was closed the degree of Master of Philately was impressively conferred behind tiled doors upon

Brothers John H. Eiseman of Bethesda, Md., Elmer Long of Harrisburg, Pa., Albert R. Merz of Washington, D.C., and James W. Zollickoffer of Union Bridge, Md., by the Chapter Degree Team which included Bros. Fellers, Glass, Huntington, Wald, Clas and Yarry.

Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 of the District of Columbia graciously provided bus transportation for those who desired to participate in its annual pilgrimage to the tomb of George Washington. The ceremonies there included the declamation by Brother Marx Kahn, 33rd degree, of his famous "The American Ode." Ample opportunity was afforded the guests for inspection of Mt. Vernon and its gardens and grounds before return to the Masonic Temple in Washington.

The day's festivities closed with a dinner at the Peking Restaurant.

**W A N T E D ! !**

(This is the column where we air the many requests of members, and we give the full address on inquirers, so that correspondence may be direct. This is one way for your Editor to eliminate work, especially where he does not know the answers.)

Several members have asked for a "check-list" of cachets issued to date by the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. and many wish to know what is now available. In our next issue, we hope to be able to ascertain and advise which ones may be had.

**Bro. Revan d'Arcy Komaroff** of Box 7026, Long Beach, Calif., is an importer and has stamps "from all over the world" and would like to trade these for FD Covers.

**Bro. Edwin Don Coolidge** of 222-12th Ave., Shelby, Montana, advises that he has a philatelic item of particular interest, but wants to obtain additional information on it: It is a sheet containing 2 blocks of four with same design but different values, and 3 singles, each with a different design and value. Issued in 1950 for the new Republic of Indonesia and across the face of each of the singles and blocks, Pres. Sukarno autographed his name. Not listed in Scott's. Bro. Coolidge would appreciate any information you may have.

**Bro. Marshall Loke** of 56 Langford Rd., Rochester, N.Y., really wants to know: Can anyone furnish a brief Masonic biography on Horatio Nelson and Robert Baden-Powell. (We'd like articles on these two. Ed.) . . . Is there any way in which the 15¢ Certified Mail stamp may be fitted into Masonic Philately?

**YOUR DUES ARE DUE ! !**

Your hard working treasurer, Bro. Carl Pihl, has great faith in our members, by sending forth PAID dues cards for 1959, and requesting that the \$2.00 be sent in. While most members have responded, there are some who have neglected or forgotten to send in their dues, and hold that paid card, so trustfully sent out by Carl. Please, please don't let him lose his trusting spirit; let him know that his experiment is a 100% success. Cash, money order, check, or an uncashed \$2.00 ticket on a winning horse will do . . . but do it today ! ! !

**BRO. THOMAS PHILLIPS AND  
BRO. SIDNEY BARRETT**

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the firm dissolved in 1951, and then he operated alone for several years.

His association with philatelic groups dates back to 1913 when he became associated with the First International Philatelic Exhibition held in the U.S. under the direction of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, Inc., of which group he was a Director. In this capacity he was identified with the succeeding International Exhibitions from 1926 up to Fipex in 1956. He was an officer in many of the leading philatelic organizations including the National Federation of Stamp Clubs, the American Stamp Dealers Association, a member of the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club of New York, a life member of the American Philatelic Society as well as a member of the Junior Philatelic Society of London.

He also held membership in the National Philatelic Museum, the Scandinavian Collectors Club and many other philatelic groups.

For many years he was Chairman of the annual Dinner of the Masonic Stamp Club.

He was also one of the editors of Scott's U.S. Specialized catalogue including the 1958 issue.

Brother Barrett was called upon frequently as a speaker by many of the leading philatelic groups.

He was instrumental in obtaining a number of important documents regarding Masonic history which he donated to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Some of these documents are said to have filled gaps in the history of the fraternity which research in the past had failed to uncover. Brother Barrett gave generously of his time and material to his fellow collectors.

There is indeed inspiration in these meetings.—Alvin D. Lurch, Secy.

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"The beehive is an emblem of industry," etc. George Washington was a Royal Arch Mason with a beehive as his mark.

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For 1959, there will be but one set of cachets issued by the Masonic Stamp Club; a limited number of the usual beautifully engraved First Day Covers, and the price will be \$1.00 for the set of three or \$5.00 for 6 sets.

The subjects will be **BRO. ANDREW JACKSON** with the issuance of the "Hermitage Stamp" on March 16; **BRO. ADMIRAL PEARY** with the issuance of the "Polar Exploration stamp" on April 6; and **M.W. GENERAL WARREN** and other **MASONS** with the issuance of the "Bunker Hill stamp" on June 17.

The Hermitage stamp shows the birthplace of Brother Jackson, which is now a shrine. The issuance of the Polar Exploration stamp coincides with the anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole by Bro. Robert Edwin Peary. The Battle of Bunker Hill (really Breed's Hill) issue recalls the Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, **BRO. GENERAL WARREN**, who fell mortally wounded, as did several other Masonic brothers. The Bunker Hill monument cornerstone was laid with Masonic Rites. There will be a short story with each of these cachets, similar to those that we have enclosed in previous cachets. The three first day covers will be sent immediately upon the issuance of the Bunker Hill stamp on June 17.

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