First Warren Monument on Bunker Hill
(See story on page 4, this issue)
THE COVER

Through the thoughtfulness of Bro. Ernest Sibley of Wellesley Hills, Mass. and the Powell Printing Company of Cambridge, Mass., we were able to obtain the cut of the First Warren Monument erected on Bunker Hill. Our many thanks to the Librarian of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mrs. Muriel D. Taylor for supplying us with the material from which we were able to obtain the information contained in our stories on pages 4 and 5.
Brother Ferrars H. Tows Night

April 3, 1959

Tonight we find on the Trestle Board of Masonry, designs for another link in the chain of remembrance, this link bearing the name of R. W. Brother Ferrars H. Tows.

We were privileged to have with us tonight R. W. Brother Alex Watts, a specialist in the stamps of Samoa, who exhibited many gems obtained from the collection of Brother Tows. Brother Watts was joined by Brother Carl Pelander in discussing the various items. Brother Pelander noted that during the International Exhibition in 1926 he and Brother Tows discovered that they had similar likes in collecting resulting in a strong bond of mutual understanding covering a period of 32 years.

We are indebted to Bro. Carl Pelander for his splendid tribute to Bro. Tows which is printed in detail, following this report. Brother Watts has had a long and distinguished career in the field of Philately and has also given of much of his time to the Masonic Fraternity. It was through his guidance and work in the Grand Lodge of New York that the Childrens Endowment Fund and the Masonic Educational Fund prospered. A collector since the age of twenty he has been active in the field of Philately for over 50 years.

Brother Watts exhibited many interesting items from his Samoa collection, which contains some items which are not included in the Royal Collection abroad.

Tonight we saw types one, two and three of the Express stamps of Samoa, with the varieties explained in detail. Brother Watts also showed many interesting covers with various cancellations including several with U. S. cancellations. An interesting type 3, five shillings imperforated was also shown. There was also included a first day cover dated July 24th, 1887 from German Samoa. The covers also included several from the U. S. councilor service. We were also shown a number of reconstructed sheets of Samoa. Interesting details about the Express stamps of Samoa included the fact that they were Locals and required other stamps for dispatch to other countries.

Brother Watts and Brother Pelander aside from the very interesting data which they discussed in the field of Philately, were due to their intimate association with Brother Tows, able to give us an understanding of him as a man and a Mason.

Alvin D. Lurch
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R. W. FERRARS H. TOWS, 33rd
BY CARL PELANDER

My friendship with Ferrars H. Tows dates back to the International Exhibition in 1926, when we discovered that we had similar likes in collecting. This bond of mutual understanding, lasted for a period of 32 years.

Ferrars H. Tows was born in New York City on Sept. 17th, 1876, at the corner of 5th Ave. and 44th St. His primary education was by private tutoring, later at Yale University and at Columbia Law School. Upon graduation he was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York.

From early childhood he studied music under some of the most noted teachers of that period and at an early age was acknowledged an accomplished pianist. He composed several concertos, one of which was played by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, with Mr. Tows as guest artist. Upon the formation of the Metropolitan Opera Club, he was one of the Charter members and served that Club as its President for 14 years.

R. W. Bro. Tows entered Free Masonry rather late in life. He was raised in Holland Lodge #8 and immediately became active in his lodge affairs, serving as Master of his Lodge and later as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Manhattan District. He was also active both in Aurora Granda Consistory and Kismet Temple, serving as Most Wise Master in the first named body. For his zeal and faithful service he was elevated to the 33° in the Scottish Rite. He also served for many years as trustee for the George Washington Memorial Shrine at Tappan.

The Philatelic activity of Ferrars Tows, started as a boy,—first as a general collector, but later at the suggestion of Messrs. Luff and Morgenthau of the Scott Co., he started specializing in the stamps of the United States Possessions, which included Haiti, Danish West Indies and Samoa as well. (Continued on Page 11)
On June 17, 1959, the U. S. Post Office will issue a stamp commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill in which we, as Masons, have more than a passing interest. The battle actually took place on Breed's Hill, nearer Boston, but was easily flanked by the British. The defenders were unprepared for the frontal attack, but by holding fire until the "regulars" were close, the provincials cut the British forces to pieces, but being short of powder, finally quitted the defense. The British suffered 1054 casualties while the Americans lost 441, but among them were many Masons, including Brigadier General Joseph Warren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who had refused to take over the command from Generals Putnam and Prescott, but fought as a private and was killed by a bullet in the head.

He was buried in a shallow grave on the field, but later his Masonic brethren removed his body to the State House in Boston on the 8th of April, 1776 where an ovation was delivered by Perez Morton, Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge. King Solomon's Lodge (then of Charlestown, now of Somerville, Mass.) in December 1794, erected and dedicated a monument to his memory, a Tuscan pillar (shown on our cover) 18 feet high, resting upon a platform 8 feet in height, and eight feet square. On the top of the pillar was a gilt urn with the initials and age of General Warren, enclosed with the square and compasses. The dedicatory services and procession were elaborate.

The Lodge kept the monument in repair until March 8, 1825 when they voted to present the land and the monument to the Bunker Hill Association upon condition that there should be placed within the walls of the monument the Association was to erect, a suitable memorial of the ancient pillar to perpetuate that early patriotic act of the Masonic Fraternity.

In fulfillment of that condition, King Solomon's Lodge on June 24, 1845, placed within Bunker Hill Monument an exact model in marble of the original monument. The public ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Lodge. The cornerstone of the present monument was laid with Masonic ceremonies on the 50th anniversary of the battle, under the direction of Grand Master John Abbot, assisted by General Lafayette.

Joseph Warren was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, September 30, 1761. He passed on November 3, but there is no record of his raising.

(From the Grand Lodge Proceedings of Massachusetts June 14, 1916).

The Original Warren Monument
Bunker Hill Monument
(See cover)
From the drawing by Brt. Abel Bowen

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Original Inscription

Erected A. D. MDCCXCIV, by King Solomon's Lodge of Freemasons, constituted at Charlestown, 1783, in memory of Major General Joseph Warren and his Associates, who were slain on this memorable spot, June 17, 1775.

None but they who set a just value upon the blessings of Liberty are worthy to enjoy her. In vain we toiled; in vain we fought; we bled in vain, if you, our offspring, want valor to repel the assaults of her invaders!
Charlestown settled 1628; Burnt 1775; Rebuilt 1778.
The enclosed land given by Hon.-James Russell.

New Inscription

This is an exact model of the first monument erected on Bunker Hill, which, with the land on which it stood, was given, A. D. 1825, by King Solomon's Lodge, of this town, to the Bunker Hill Monument Association, that they might erect upon its site a more imposing structure. The Association, in fulfillment of a pledge at that time given, have allowed, in their imperishable obelisk, this model to be inserted, with appropriate ceremonies, by King Solomon's lodge, June 24th, A. D. 1845. c. 1793.

The Warrens' Birthplace

The first house was erected in 1720 by Joseph Warren, the grandson of General Joseph Warren and his brother, Dr. John Warren. Here both Joseph and John were born, the former on June 11, 1741, the latter on July 27, 1753. The house was located on the site now identified as No. 150 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass. The present stone house at that address known as Warren Manor was erected in 1846 by Dr. John C. Warren, the son of Dr. John Warren, to mark the spot where the two famous patriots were born.

Not far distant was located the ancient school founded by John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, in 1645. This school, a private endowed preparatory school known as The Grammar School in the Easterly Part of Roxbury still lives on as The Roxbury Latin School. Both Joseph Warren and John Warren prepared for Harvard there. The memory of both is revered. The one served his country even to the extent of laying down his life in the Battle of Bunker Hill—and the other made an immeasurable contribution to medical science by the establishment of the first medical school in New England at Cambridge in 1781.
Masonic Cancellations 'Off Cover'

PART I.

By Bro. S. Duffield Swan

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Masonic Cancellations 'Off Cover'
PART I.
By Bro. S. Duffield Swan

The most common occurrence of Masonic Cancellations is "Off Cover." We here offer a number of this type which have come to our attention, and we cannot connect with any Post Office, as we have never seen them on cover. They also are not in any of the presently illustrated lists.

There are probably other Masonic Cancellations which have not been listed or we have not seen. Should you have one, a photo, tracing, or loan of the item would be appreciated for the Club Record.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Well, here I am, a little late, quite tired from the ordeal of moving, but deeply appreciative for the many, many letters asking that I remain as your editor. For a while, at least, I shall continue, so let us acknowledge some of your other mail. From Bombay, India, a Golden Jubilee Souvenir booklet of 100 pages (how appropriate), sent in by Bro. Minoo P. Polson, and we are indeed proud to show Bro. Polson in the regalia of the Worshipful Senior Deacon of the Imperial Brotherhood Lodge #1041 S.C.

Having read a few of the addresses given on the occasion of this Jubilee, we found them most interesting and inspiring. And from the Far East, thanks to Bro. Walter Harbeson, Bro. H. M. Chon, 33rd, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander in Taiwan, has sent us a copy of the Islam Temple Ceremonial Bulletin, a sixty page well-illustrated, newsy booklet; and whom do you think they quote in the section devoted to “Famous Masons”? . . . . None other than our own Bro. John A. Mirt; a card from Bro. Fred Wendell, now at the V. A. Hospital, 33rd St., NYC, who writes that he hopes to be out soon. You have our best wishes, Fred; Bro. George E. Virden of Bonner Springs, Kansas advises that he has a collection of covers from the Byrd expedition when Admiral Byrd visited the college at his home town in southwest Iowa. Byrd and two of his men autographed several covers for him. Two of the men are relatives of Bro. Virden . . . . You will recall that in this column in the April issue, we mentioned that Bro. Richard Dahlme of Dover, New Jersey, was on his way to Bermuda and wanted to know if we had members there. We regretted that we had none, but hoped Dick would change all that. He did! After naming the two new members he had signed up, his letter continues: “Another friend of mine has already given his consent, which I will send in after he gets his third degree. Believe me, I had a wonderful trip and enjoyed myself as never before. I was fortunate in all ways on this trip and had the privilege of being in Bermuda and attending the Third Degree work at Lodge Somers Isle #1108 at Sandy's Parish. This was the only Blue Lodge scheduled at the time of my stay. When asked for any names in Bermuda, I

Worshipful Bro. Minoo P. Polson
Worshipful Senior Deacon of the Imperial Brotherhood Lodge #1041
S. C. Bombay, India.

forgot about our service addresses. When I visited the USN base, lo and behold I was taken to meet a chap that requested to meet me. Who was it but Bro. Paul Holmberg of the Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y. No need to say that I was delighted and that we had a very pleasant hour together. Brother Paul sends his best to all and hopes to be able some day to take the "Master of Philately" degree." Brother Dahlme goes on to tell us about the marvelous collection of stamps and covers owned by the two new members and assures us that they are both grand people. Of this we are certain, and hope that they will visit with us, soon.

Please note on page 12, among the names of new members, one that appears quite familiar: Brother Willis T. Harbeson, son of Bro. Walter Harbeson, whose several items have appeared in the MP and of whom your editor is

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proud to know . . .

Your Editor was guest speaker on April 7, at the Kane Lodge #454, better known as the "Explorer's Lodge" on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole by one of its members, Admiral and Bro. Robert Edwin Peary. Speaking on the subject of "Masonic Philately," we were ably assisted with colored slides of various stamps belonging to Bro. John A. Mint, together with the research done by Bro. Mint in tying these stamps into a story of "GEORGE WASHINGTON AND HIS MASONIC COMPEERS." Bro. Franklin Burns presented the Kane Lodge with a souvenir album of the Polar Exploration stamp . . . Thank you, Bro. Harry Anderson, Jr., for the lovely FD cover of the NATO anniversary stamp sent from Naples, Italy, where Capt. Harry Anderson, USNS Bowditch, was located at the time of issue . . .

Bro. Marshall Locke of Rochester, N.Y., advises that he has been trying out some self-adhesive stamp hinges and wants us to have the benefit of his discovery. The manufacturer is Ace Art Co., Reading, Mass. (300 for 25c) . . . Just in case you question the power of an item like the above, Bro. Chester Wing of Hastings, Michigan advises that the item we had re "perfins" that he had available, enabled him to dispose of all he had.

Many thanks to Bro. Ernest G. Sibley, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., who sent me the communication of his Lodge, King Solomon's of Massachusetts, on which was printed the Masonic monument erected at Bunker Hill, and which we have used for our cover of this issue. He made it possible for us to obtain the cut from the printer.

WANTED!!!

Brother James W. Zollickofer of RFD 1, Union Bridge, Maryland asks us to enquire:

WANTED: Mahdeen Masonic FD Covers; Gumpsers, Statue of Freedom, Kansas City, Missouri; White House; also Mahdeen non Masonic FD Covers: California Centennial; 6¢ Airmail Envelope. Quote price or my offer.

Brother Gordon J. Cole, Sr. of 1254 Beach Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio asks again if past Masonic covers are available. If any members have "extras" or wish to part with what they have, please contact Bro. Cole direct. From our own observation, most of the Masonic FD covers are hard to pry loose, except for recent issues, and for these we suggest you contact MASONIC CACHETS, Pleasantville, New York and enquire about what is available.

THE NEXT SWAP NIGHT

The last swap night having been called off at the very last moment, and without due notice the members, several of whom most disappointed upon arrival at the German Masonic Temple, will have another evening coming up. This time, we are assured, the meeting will take place and from the wonderful evenings we had before, we feel certain that Chairman Joe Ferro will make up for any time lost before. Come early if you would like to have cocktails, and have a leisurely dinner before the swap session begins. Good food, specializing in German dishes, at reasonable prices. Bring items you wish to swap, sell or give away. Not necessary, but it adds to the fun.

THREE NEW CACHETS

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 PEARLY with the issuance of the "Polar Exploration stamp" on April 6; and M. W. GENERAL WARREN and other MASONIC 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. The three first day covers will be sent immediately upon the issuance of the Bunker Hill stamp on June 17.

Address your money order or check to: MASONIC CACHETS Pleasantville, New York.
Polar Exploration and Kane Lodge No. 454

When Brother John A. Mirt learned that your Editor was to speak before the Kane Lodge #454, on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of the Discovery of the North Pole by Bro. Robert E. Peary, a member of Kane Lodge, he lost no time in sending items that he felt would be of help. The following items were found in the "VOICE OF MASONRY," and tie in with both the Polar Exploration stamp and Kane Lodge, and by noting the dates when these items appeared, you will understand why we consider Brother Mirt one of the best in the field of research of Masonic Philately.

Dr. Hayes, the Arctic explorer, has returned to Kane Lodge the Masonic flag which the lodge entrusted him to carry to the North Pole. The doctor carried it within 500 miles of its destination. Feb. 1866.

Dr. J. J. Hayes in a visit to Kane Lodge in September 1866, returned the Masonic flag given him five years previously with instructions to "unfurl it to the Arctic breeze with the flag of our country, and to return it with an unsullied record to the hand that gave it." He said he carried the flag, which bore Masonic emblems, to within 500 miles of the Pole, then "the most northern known land of the globe; beyond any point heretofore reached by Christian man." The flag was then deposited in the archives. Oct. 1866.

(It gives a biographical sketch of Elisha Kent Kane, made a Mason April 13, 1853, "by special dispensation in Franklin Lodge No. 134, Philadelphia," and then gives an account of the expedition upon which he embarked on May 30, 1853.)

"When his vessel sailed out of New York, a Square and Compasses was displayed at his fore. Later, upon his return he told of an episode—a search for members of his party who had gone out on an expedition and had been overcome by the cold. They came in sight of a small American flag fluttering from a hammock and lower down a little Masonic banner, hanging from a tent pole." It marked the camp of the disabled comrades.

"Kent planted an American flag on the promontory from which he viewed the Arctic Sea 'and which was the highest latitude that had yet been reached by any explorer; and by the side of the Stars and Stripes he placed the Square and Compasses.'"

(Bro. Kane died February 16, 1897. Commenting on this, the magazine said:)

"The remains were brought to the United States for interment and were accorded distinguished Masonic honors the entire distance to Philadelphia. Grand Lodges met in special communications to give all that was left of the self-sacrificing brother proper Masonic escort. Subordinate lodges upon the route assembled at railroad stations with uncovered heads while the funeral train passed by. At Philadelphia, the body was laid in state at Independence Hall. It was finally laid to rest in Laurel Hill Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.

"He was but 37 years old, and all his fame was won in less than 14 years." Oct. 1880.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

The June issue of the MP will be dedicated and devoted to our beloved brother, Harry M. Konwiser. It is bound to be an issue of great interest, for Harry was great in philately, and our only regret is that he is not well enough to send us one of his fine articles. But he has written so much over the years, that we will lack no material. We hope for a wonderful tribute to a wonderful brother.

And now we have a sheet of the Alaska statehood stamps with an extra row, a sheet of 60 stamps, with gutter between, exhibited at the Chicago show in March by S. Shayman.
At the turn of the Century, his collection of these countries was already acclaimed among the best and at the time of their disposal in 1948-49, they ranked as the finest in the World. Mr. Tows at the age of 72 decided that he wanted to see his collections sold, while still alive, and commissioned me to dispose of this holding, then valued at well in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, and in 1948-49 this magnificent holding was sold in six sales, consisting of 19 sessions.

Ferrars Tows was the oldest member of the Collectors Club and served as Governor of that organization, he was also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, Past President of both the Scandinavian Collectors Club and Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y.

Besides his stamps and music, Mr. Tows was member of long standing of the Union Club, Union League Club, St. Nicholas Society, honorary Member of Yankee Division Veterans Association, etc. He passed away at his beloved summer estate “PINELEAGH” in Norfolk, Conn. on June 12th, 1958.

Welcome New Members!

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THE ROSE, THE THISTLE AND THE SHAMROCK
(Newfoundland #3)

These three were worked in gold and used as badges on the Grand Chapter apron belonging to the Earl of Zetland, who was the First Grand Principal of the Royal Arch in England in 1841 to 1870, as well as Grand Master. The apron is shown in the English Museum at Freemasons Hall, London. These three flowers are symbolic of England, Ireland and Scotland.

KING HAAKON VII OF NORWAY
(Norway #275-278)

He became a Mason as Prince Charles in 1896.