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THE COVER

We had hoped to show our members several pictures of the Silver Anniversary Weekend; candid shots at the Hotel Vanderbilt reception room; groups at the tables attending the Annual Dinner; but unrelated accidents spoiled our plans. Norm Sehlmeier snapped at least 40 interesting pictures with his miniature Minox camera, but these require a special developer and, too late, we found that the negatives were not properly handled and the results were too "grainy" for reproduction in the MP. Dr. Camnitzer had an accident in his dark room that spoiled his negatives, and we were deprived of showing the fine prints that the

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1st Meeting: Sept. 11, 1959.

good Doctor has given us for the past many years. So we settle for a picture of the facade of the German Masonic Temple, where the events took place, this fine picture taken by Bro. Eliot Nordheim.

BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

This is my first opportunity to express thanks for having been elected President of your club. I am deeply appreciative of the trust and confidence placed in me.

As I write this, I think of all the Past Presidents and other officers who have worked so diligently in previous years, and whose efforts made it possible for us to celebrate our Twenty-fifth Year! I hope to maintain their high standards during my administration and make this an interesting and successful year. May I ask all of you to cooperate with me to attain this goal?

Reluctantly, but with gratitude and appreciation, we accepted the resignation of our Treasurer, Bro. Carl H. Pihl. Due to business pressure and social activities, he finds it impossible to give the job the time it requires. Brother Pihl has done excellent work as Treasurer. As Past President he has always been an active and constructive worker. We know that he will continue his interest in the club and hope that he will be present at our future meetings.

Now, it is with pleasure, that we announce our new Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Munk and Bro. Fred J. Gommo, Secretary. Certainly all members will join me in offering congratulations and best wishes to them. It is hoped that everybody will offer them assistance.

This is Your club! You are the club! Please send in articles or news items to our editor, Bro. Herman S. Kerstein. Let us know your wants. Brothers in the Metropolitan area, please attend all of our meetings, for I am sure that you will be enriched by informative and entertaining evenings.

MSC Silver Anniversary Year

Annual Meeting of June 5, 1959

Bro. Brooks gave the invocation.

Report on illnesses: Bro. Secy. Alvin D. Lurch at home with mild heart attack. Bro. Pres. Yarry read letter from Bro. Alvin.

Bro. Needham sent a thank you letter, which was read to members present.

Bro. Pres. Irwin Yarry greeted out of town members and new members present. Bro. Pres. Yarry read and described an Anniversary Card designed and made up by Bro. John C. Gibson of British Columbia, and passed it among members for viewing. Bro. Pres. Yarry stated to members that certificates would be issued next week to all exhibitors as the printer did not have them ready for this meeting. New members greeted were: Bros. William R. Hall, Richard A. Bruder, Col. Charles G. Raul, Lester Williams of Mo., Virgil G. Hansen of Minn., Cecil A. Reder, Jr. of Ohio, Donald F. Garrett of Miss., Howard H. Holmes of Calif., Wm. H. Richards, Jr., of Rochester, N.Y., Wm. R. Pringle, P.M.G. Ohio '49-'50, Warren C. Levik of Oregon, Alex Ulland, writer of Book on Masonry.

Motion by Board of Governors to accept new members. So moved. Report of nominating committee on new officers read.

Bro. Treas. Carl Pihl reported on finances, preliminary report read to members. Complete report to follow later when completed. Membership report to be submitted, stating membership now well over 700 members.

Election of Officers

Chair turned over to Senior Past President George Camnitzer.

For President: Bro. Emanuel M. Reggel, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Reggel elected unanimously.

For 1st V. P.: Bro. Dr. S. Duffield Swan, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Dr. Swan elected unanimously.

For 2nd V. P.: Bro. Joseph Ferrola, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Ferrola elected unanimously.

For Secretary: Bro. Alvin D. Lurch, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Lurch elected unanimously.

For Treasurer: Bro. Joseph Munk, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Munk elected unanimously.

For Governor (3 years): Bro. Charles

Sanna, moved 1 ballot be cast by Secy., so done, Bro. Sanna elected unanimously.

Newly elected Pres. Bro. Reggel took over gavel at this time. Bro. Pres. Reggel turned the meeting over to Bro. Dr. Swan who officiated as program chairman and talked about the exhibition, pointing out some of the highlights of the 20 frames, calling on some of the exhibitors for a few comments on their particular entries. Bro. Sam Brooks spoke on Masonic Philately and of the four methods of forming a collection. Past Pres. Bro. Yarry described frame #4 (out of town exhibitor) pointing out the highlights of this cover exhibit. Bro. Glaser commented on frames 5 and 6. Bro. Brooks was called on to explain frame 7, also a Masonic exhibit (from out of town). Bro. Sanna took care of frame #8 covering the Vatican and the Pope, Israel stamps and the Bible, Churchill as well as the Masonic portion. Bro. Ben Grossman was called on to comment on frame #9, showing covers, cachets and photos of Masonic interest as well as historical interest to the M.S.C. Bro. Pres. Reggel spoke on his exhibit of errors, etc., in frame #10. Bro. Gunther spoke on his exhibit of Famous Firsts. Bro. Dr. Swan next described the British stamps and regalia in frame #12 (sent in by Bro. Herman Lichty of Washington, D.C.). Bro. Fred Hill spoke on his exhibit of Religion on Stamps, which was artistically laid out and presented in frame 13. Bro. Dr. Camnitzer spoke on his collection of West African covers and cancellations. Bro. Ex-Pres. Yarry spoke on the AMG stamps in frame 15 sent in by Bro. Zollickoffer of Maryland. Bro. Harberson of Ohio was present and gave a very interesting talk on his collection of autographs and stamps as connected with Masonry. Frame 17 contained the Canal Zone Postage Dues exhibit in blocks of 4 and larger of Bro. Joseph Rueff. Bro. Dr. Swan gave a brief description of his specialty, Masonic cancellations, exhibiting a few new acquisitions.

Bro. Ehrig showed his topical layout of Wild Life as was previously shown at the N. Y. Telephone Company exhibit. Bro. Vincent Gomez, a new member, showed his United Nations collec-

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Annual Dinner SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Dinner was had after the cocktail hour at the German Masonic Temple with almost everyone at the dinner swapping autographs with each other on the very beautiful silver printed menus.

After Dinner, Bro. Pihl, acting as M.C., gave out Masonic remembrances to all the past presidents at the dinner, interspersed with some very tall stories.

The dinner was excellent, well served and if you were not there, you certainly missed a wonderful time.

Masonic ash trays hand decorated for our 25th anniversary were given out to all those present. The final design and shape chosen was excellent.

After dinner Bro. Dr. Camnitzer exercised his Speed Graphic for a few well chosen pictures, not to mention the number he took during dinner.

At 10 p.m., everyone adjourned to the lodge room available for the occasion where 14 candidates received the Master of Philately Degree; while it has no connection with Masonry as practices, was given with the usual solemnity and seriousness of any other degree in Masonry. Those of you who are members and do not have this degree, should make a big effort to obtain it when next given.—Fred J. Gommo.

MASTERS OF PHILATELY FOURTEEN INITIATES

As a wind-up of the Silver Anniversary Weekend, the degree of Master of Philately was conferred upon the following brothers:

Richard Bruder, New York City
Summerfield J. McCartney, Arlington, Virginia

Fred J. Gommo, Jackson Hgts., N.Y.
Vincent Gomez, New York City

Norman H. Lee, Wayne, New Jersey
Shelton W. Osterlund, Westport, Conn.

William A. Parks, Massena, N.Y.
Cecil A. Ryder, Jr., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Arthur H. Dailey, Lanett, Alabama
Ernest G. Sibley, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Adolph R. Berghom, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Earl W. Crandall, Union, New Jersey
Jules Cass, Valley Stream, N.Y.

William R. Hall, Massena, New York
The degree work was handled smoothly by the following efficient group:

Master Counselor: Dr. E. D. Swan;
Conductor: Chas. Sanna; Sentinel: Harold Gunter; Jr. Counselor: Warren Ehrig; Sr. Counselor: Emanuel Reggel; Secretary: Dr. Yarry; Orator: Russell B. Roane.

In answer to the many, many letters received from members about taking this degree, we must repeat that the only requirement is the presence, in person, of the member, at the place of initiation.

THE CLUB THANKS:

To say "Thanks" to these Brothers seems quite inadequate, but we deeply appreciate what they have done for the club.

Bro. Louis Staub, for his time, effort and generosity in presenting us with our Silver Anniversary tickets for the dinner and the beautiful twelve page combination menu and program. (May you be spared to do our 50th year in Gold!)

Bro. E. Van Elkan, who though not a member of our club, designed the cover of the program menu and two certificates; one for the Philatelic degree and the other for Awards to members. He spent much time in preparing the art work and then had several hundred printed and presented them to our club with his good wishes.

Bro. Charles C. Sanna, for furnishing us with delicious cheese and crackers, which were served in the Parlor Room at the Hotel Vanderbilt, during our Anniversary week-end.

Bro. Charles W. Brooks, for auditing the books of our club.

ROSTER SUPPLEMENT

With the October issue of the Masonic Philatelist, there will be mailed to each member, the first supplement to the Roster. It will contain address changes, corrections, a complete list of new members taken in since September, 1958 with their addresses, Lodge affiliations and their collecting activities. These pages of new members may be pasted into your hard-back book and made a part of your permanent record. We will also show the names of members who have received the degree of Master of Philately since June 1958.

Welcome, New Members!

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Washington and The Fourth

By Herman J. Lichty

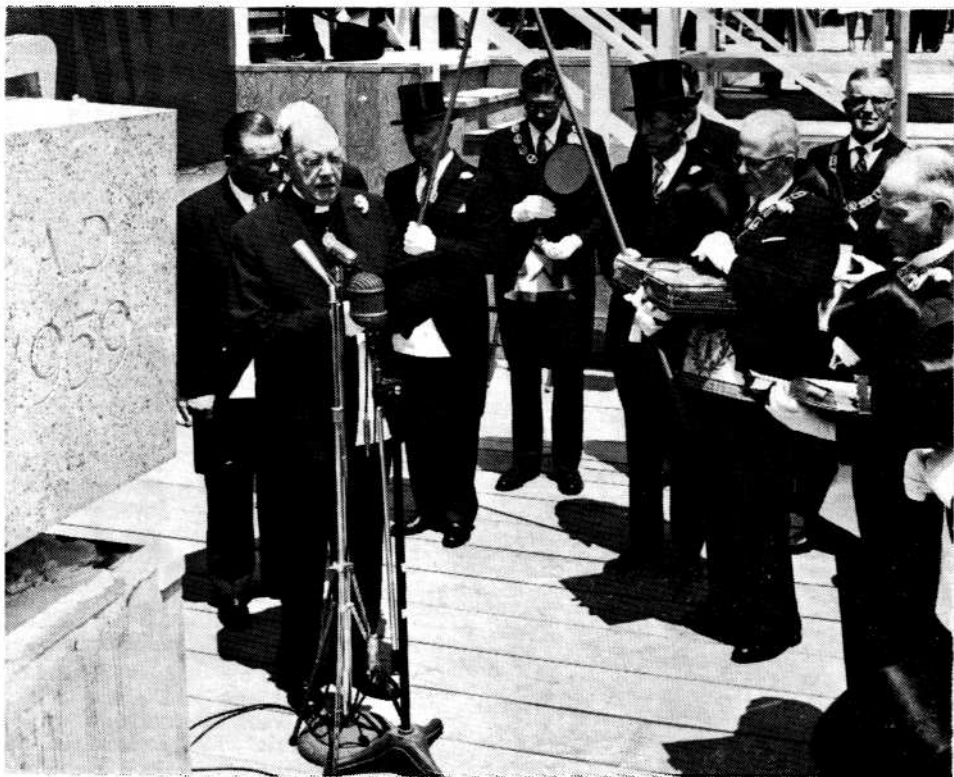
All the officers of the George Washington Chapter, together with a group of members attended the Masonic cornerstone laying of the Capitol at noon on July 4th. Ten members of the Chapter were present with one member having the unusual and rare privilege of being Senior Grand Warden. John H. Eiseman, a member of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was Senior Grand Warden during the ceremonies.

The President, looking trim and cheerful, spread the mortar for the third cornerstone to be placed at the Capitol in 166 years. This one, pink

and grey came from Texas. George Washington stood at the same spot in 1793 to lay the first cornerstone.

Mr. Eisenhower said: "The third cornerstone of the Capitol would forever symbolize America's unending purpose to lead along the path toward peace, with justice for all peoples."

The President stepped down into a wide pit, and using the trowel George Washington had used, dipped the mortar from a green bucket and dabbled it here and there on the stone's final resting place. Some of the cement stuck to the President's hand, but no one had a towel handy to remove it.



The Rev. Edward Gardiner Latch, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the District of Columbia, praying over the historic Holy Bibles, at the start of the Masonic ceremonies at the Capitol, July 4, 1959. Bro. John H. Eiseman, Senior Grand Deacon, a member of the George Washington Chapter, with high hat at left, is holding pole forming the arch. The cornerstone can be clearly seen at left. (Photo taken exclusively for the G. W. Chapter, developed and printed by John Kelly, a member of the Chapter.)

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Twenty Masons dressed in striped pants, morning coats and top hats, with the aid of a crane operator, who manipulated the stone into place, completed the elaborate and symbolic ritual.

Mr. Eisenhower handled the gavel used by the first President to tap the cornerstone in place. He gingerly picked up the gavel—tapping it lightly on his left hand, instead of hitting the marble directly.

Grand Master of the District of Columbia Reuben A. Bogley, Jr., handed the prized tools to the President. The Grand Master also conducted the Masonic rites. Grains of corn, oil and wine were poured into the stone—symbolizing health, prosperity and peace. Then with the Square, Level and Plumb the Grand Master pronounced the cornerstone to have been laid well-formed, true and trusty.

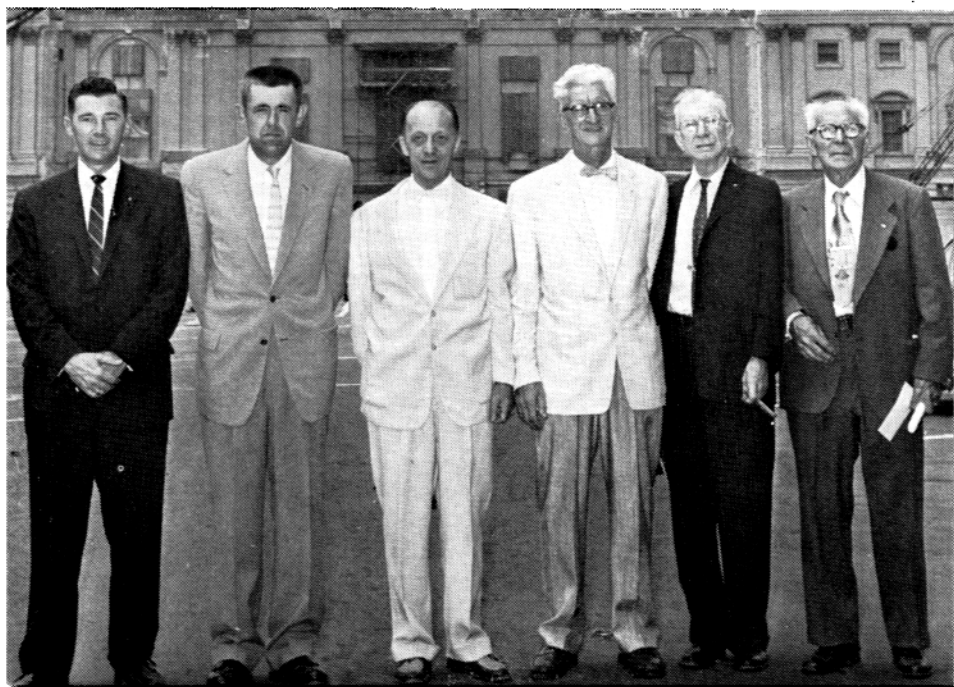
Various documents including the

President's speech, and a brown envelope presented the Architect of the Capitol, and described as containing the background of the East Front legislation and other pertinent information relative to it, were placed in a metal container. The metal box was slipped into the stone and a concrete slab was placed over the opening.

It was estimated 3,000 persons attended the rites, mostly Masons.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D.D., Chaplain of the Senate, while the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Eernard Braskamp, D.D., Chaplain of the House.

Mr. Eisenhower had flown by helicopter from his Camp David (Md.) mountain retreat to attend the ceremony. Following the address and the laying of the cornerstone, he returned to the White House and then took off again for Camp David.



A group of members of the George Washington Chapter taken at the conclusion of the ceremonies at the Capitol. Reading left to right: John A. Kelly, Jr., of Baltimore; James W. Zollickoffer, Union Bridge, Md.; Herman J. Lichty, Washington D.C.; Ralph C. Huntington, Baltimore, Md.; Albert R. Merz, Washington D.C.; and E. R. Cias, Baltimore. Sol Glass and Edward Buckmaster could not be found when this picture was taken. John Eiseman was with the Grand Lodge. The new 49-star flag is flying in front of the Capitol for the first time.

Mr. Eisenhower left the Capitol before the traditional Masonic rites took place, rites against which there had been strong protest. The Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, together with a number of prominent Catholics objected.

The commemorative Masonic cachet, issued in connection with the ceremonies at the Capitol, was well received. Three thousand were printed and there are a number left. Write to Herman J. Lichty, Chairman, 4532 Forty-seventh Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C. Three for a dollar which includes return postage.

After a session of picture taking by our own "pro" John Kelly of Baltimore, most of the members of the Chapter journeyed to Hogate's along the Washington Channel, to partake of a delicious seafood dinner.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

"VOL. 16, NO. 1" means that the Summer has past and we are starting a new Club year. We feel that in Bro. "Manny" Reggel, we have a hard-working President and that an interesting year lies ahead. Just meeting informally, seeing old friends and meeting new ones are, in themselves, pleasant enough experiences though we expected more than that for the Silver Anniversary Week-End held last June. Poor, as well as late planning, necessitated cutting the "week-end" a day short; lack of a speaker and a prepared MC placed this year's Annual Dinner below the high standards of the past years. But to your Editor, the high spot was the general good fun in the reception room at the Vanderbilt Hotel. Bro. **Charles Sanna** provided a liberal quantity of cheese and crackers, while the committee took care of the drinks, soft, medium and hard. **Norm Sehlmeier** "flicked" one and all, singly and in groups, and we have over 40 prints that we know our readers would enjoy seeing, BUT the negatives of the miniature Minox camera must be developed in a special fluid and these received the same treatment as regular negatives. Result: Though we have some nice pictures, they are too "grainy" to print. So Sorry! You Would have seen the very pleasant faces of our "out-of-town" visitors.

A jolly chap, Bro. **Cecil Ryder, Jr.**, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, warmed the room with every smile; and Bro.

Arthur H. Dailey of Lanett, Alabama, with his sweet-talkin' Southern accent that was thick enough to cut with a knife; and from up North, a fellow-New Englander, Bro. **Ernest Sibley**, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., who helped us obtain the cover picture of our May, 1959 issue, Warren Monument on Bunker Hill; and down from Massena, New York (on the St. Lawrence River) came Bros. **William Parks** and **William Hall**, and we did enjoy meeting them and one of their sons; we know that Bro. **Shelton Osterlund** of Westport, Conn., enjoyed his visit with us, but we more than enjoyed meeting this "hail-fellow" of a brother and we sincerely regret not being able to attend the "Chinese-American Night" of his lodge, to which we were invited. Other of our members did attend and thoroughly enjoyed the conferring of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Chinese Degree team, at Temple Lodge, Westport, Conn. Bro. **Osterlund** was a perfect host, from the reports we received from the members who did attend. We had corresponded quite a bit with Bro. **Summerfield J. McCartney** of Arlington, Va., but it was a pleasure to meet him in person, as it was in meeting **Dr. Henry Goeckel** of Cranford, New Jersey. In fact it was a very pleasant Saturday afternoon at the Vanderbilt, and in our opinion the one saving grace of the "week-end" affair.

Our G.W. Chapter is really on the move: Bro. **Sol Glass** has started off in great style, and the many, many letters received from Bro. **Herman Lichty**, clearly indicate that this chapter is a live wire group. Elsewhere you will read of their participation in the laying of the corner stone of the new Capitol Building in Washington; they have issued a splendid cover for the occasion and Bro. **Lichty's** well prepared brochure and roster of the chapter is just grand. Many thanks for the contributions to the Ralph A. Barry publication fund, thanks to Bros. **Byron C. Johnson** of Salt Lake City, **John A. Hubert** of Cincinnati, **Raymond W. Houghton** of Scotia, N.Y., **Ralph Maibaum** of Webster, N.Y., **Albert R. Mertz** of Washington, D.C., **Elmer F. Hacker** of St. Louis, Mo., **Solomon Smallman** of Passaic, N.J. Aloha!! to you Bro. **Milnor Peck** and **Mrs. Peck** for those lovely Hawaiian flowers . . . they arrived fresh and in perfect condition and they are truly beautiful. **Bro.**

George Urlaub of Malone, N.Y. regrets his inability to get down for the Annual Dinner, but upon his return from the West Coast he plans to visit Bro. **Harry Konwiser** at the Masonic Home in Utica, N.Y.

Congratulations to Bro. **Phil Wilde** of Cardiff, Wales, Great Britain, a Director of Weston Auction, over there. He writes us that his son Phil, Jr., has become a Mason, entering his own Lodge #5823 of Cardiff. Also that his daughter Pat was married at the Llandaff Cathedral on June 27th. He sends good wishes to all the Brothers, and we are certain that all the members wish Phil, Jr., a long Masonic career and his daughter Pat a happy marriage. Bro. **Walter R. Harbeson** of Columbus, Ohio, continues to be our top correspondent, but the wealth of material he sends is mostly about Masons or Masonry, without any connection with Philately. Why do we draw this fine line? We are primarily interested in philately as it is connected with Masonry, or with work, experiences, happenings and doings about members of the MSC. Were we to devote space to Masonic stories or actions, not so connected with philately or our members, then we assume the function of a Lodge or Grand Lodge publication.

In the same vein, Bro. **Herman Lichty** of Washington, D.C. asks why we do not publish some of the material issued by the Information Service of the Post Office Department. Some of this is advance information and most interesting, but we have always maintained that this news is the function of stamp magazines and stamp newspapers, and not ours. Since we publish monthly, very often not on time, and because we do not print for two summer months, whatever information we might give along these lines would be quite "stale" by the time it reached our members, most of whom subscribe to at least one stamp paper.

Bro. **Walter Harbeson** attended the Annual Dinner, but hearing from him so often and having had the pleasure of his company at these annual affairs before, we are beginning to view him not as an out-of-towner. But here is a little secret: All this material that Bro. Harbeson contributes is being carefully filed away, for it is going to come in mighty handy beginning January 1960 when the Editor of the MP will also become the Editor of the "Meccan" Magazine of Mecca Temple.

Welcome New Members: A youngster, Bro. **Leonard Harmon**, just turned 78, of Sacramento, Cal., advises that his father and mother went West in 1850 from Maine and he expects a lot of good from his "new club." Bro. **Marcus Moses** of New York City has received much praise for his activity in his Lodge, from the write-ups we have read in the Centennial Lodge communications. A special invitation to this new member to drop into our meetings ... we like workers.

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tion. Bro. Yarry, not to be outdone, concluded with his Hong Kong collection of ship marks, covers, cancellations and postal rates.

Announcement was made the entire exhibition would be open for public viewing Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A general review was made of the coming events, including the availability of a Parlor Room at the Hotel Vanderbilt with refreshments on Saturday; cocktail hour at the German Masonic Temple Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. with the Master of Philately Degree to be given, to those wanting it, after the dinner Saturday night.

Those giving the Degree were requested to remain after the meeting.

Bro. Kerstein supplied a beautiful bouquet of white carnations which sat on the president's desk during the entire meeting, as well as adorning a few lapels of members present.

Bro. Gunther, one of the younger (83) members present was thanked for his work.

Bro. Pres. Mannie Reggel passed out some television show tickets for anyone who might like to try his luck at winning a prize offered. (Not rigged.)

Meeting closed at 10:05 p.m. — Fred J. Gommo, Acting Secy.

The U.S. flag stamp July 4th suggests that we not forget Bro. **Francis J. Bellamy** (1855-1931) who is credited as the author of the original pledge of allegiance to the flag. He was a member of Little Falls Lodge No. 181, Little Falls, N.Y. where he was also ordained a Baptist minister in 1879. —M.L.

'History Repeats Itself'



GEORGE WASHINGTON LAYING THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL - 18 SEPTEMBER 1793

The George Washington Chapter of the Masonic Stamp Club prepared and Sponsored a 2-color commemorative cover, in connection with the Masonic ceremonies, **commemorating the cornerstone laying of the original east side of the Capitol by President George Washington on September 18, 1793.** The above illustration provided by the Buckingham Studio, from an original, was used as a cachet for this Masonic cover. The ceremony also marked the anniversary of the date in 1851 on which President Millard Fillmore laid the cornerstone of the Senate and House wings of the Capitol.

President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone of the Capitol's east front with Masonic ceremonies at noon on Saturday, July 4, 1959.

The covers were postmarked during the ceremonies at the Capitol, using the 48-star flag stamp. The Grand Masters of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia took an important part in the program. The Bible that George Washington took the oath of office with was brought from St. John's Lodge (New York). The gavel from Federal Lodge (Washington, D.C.) and the trowel from Alexandria-Washington Lodge (Alexandria, Va.) were again used in the cornerstone laying. Many prominent people

in government and private life attended the ceremonies.

Covers may be purchased from the Masonic Stamp Club, Herman J. Lichty, Chairman, 4532 47th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. at 50¢ each, three \$1.

LEOPOLD I KING OF BELGIUM

Initiated in 1813 in the Lodge "zur Hoffnung" in Bern. Later he became a member of the Lodge of Friendship #6, in London. He also received the Scottish Rite. In 1839 he became Protector of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

EMPRESS MARIA THERESA OF AUSTRIA (Austria #111)

The Three Firing Glasses, the first Vienna Lodge was established in 1742, but was closed by order of Marie Therese in 1743. Her husband was a member and the Lodge continued to meet secretly. Freemasonry passed under the yoke of Strict Observance when the Empress died in 1780.—From Vol. IV No. 4 MP (Collection of Harry O. Henneman).

George Washington Chapter No. 1

At the first meeting of the Chapter's Executive Committee held on Saturday, July 18, 1959, the following Committee Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and Appointive Officers were designated by President Sol Glass and unanimously approved by the Executive Committee to serve the Chapter during the ensuing year. Committee Chairmen are authorized to select additional members from the Roster to serve on their respective Committees and to advise the Secretary of such selections.

President Sol Glass sincerely trusts that each of these appointees accept their respective assignments and thus aid him in making the forthcoming year the success we all strive for. "Sol" particularly expresses his appreciation to the members of the MSC for their valued co-operation.

COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS	Ralph C. Huntington, Chairman
GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY	Herman J. Lichty, Chairman Edward Buckmaster, Co-Chairman
PUBLICITY	John A. Kelly Jr., Chairman Franklin R. Bruns Jr., Co-Chairman
GENERAL WELFARE	L. W. Christenson, Chairman
MEMBERSHIP	J. N. Wong, Chairman John A. Kelly Jr., and Elmer Long, Co-Chairmen
HISTORIC COVERS	Herman J. Lichty, Chairman J. W. Zollickoffer, Co-Chairman
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