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BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

It was gratifying to see such a large turnout of members at the last meeting. I thank the Brothers for giving their support to the program. Bro. (Pat) Herman Herst Jr. was the guest speaker. As usual, his talk was most interesting. We always welcome him and look forward to the evening when he is our guest.

Our thanks go to the Empire State Mason and author Bro. Rt. Wor. Wendell K. Walker for the article Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Two of our members were guest speakers at the Fort Greene Lodge No. 922 F. & A. M. Brooklyn. Bro. Sam Brooks spoke on "Masonry on Stamps" and Bro. Duffield Swan gave an address on "Masonic Cancellations on Early U.S. Stamps." Several of our

MEETINGS

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

IN MEMORIUM

BRO. NORMAN R. HOOVER
BRO. THEODORE R. LOCKWOOD
May their souls rest in peace.

Brothers attended. I felt that it was a privilege to hear such qualified speakers, and feel that we are fortunate to have Brothers who are willing to share their knowledge with others. It was enlightening to see the enthusiasm shown for their subjects by Lodge Brothers who are not philatelists. Bro. Brooks and Bro. Swan received a rising vote of thanks.

Brothers, please send in articles, let me know your wants, help me to help you.

—Emanuel M. Reggel.

CORRECTION

Worshipful Bro. Minoo P. Polson of Colaba, Bombay, India, writes that in our May issue of the Masonic Philatelist, he should have been referred to as Worshipful Senior Warden of his lodge and not Deacon. We regret the error. Brothers please take notice, it is Worshipful Bro. Minoo P. Polson, Worshipful Senior Warden of the Imperial Brotherhood Lodge #1041, S. C. Bombay, India.

NOTICE ON DUES

The Club has decided to maintain the annual dues at \$2.00 for the time being. Please—to help our Treasurer will our delinquents who are in arrears with their past dues send them in now! Thanks. **Past due—Dues!**

OUR COVER

Our cover is said to show the signatures of the eight signers of The Declaration of Independence who are known Masons. We are privileged to publish the fine portraits and brief write-ups on these outstanding men.

MSC Silver Anniversary Year

Masonic Signers of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

By R. W. WENDELL K. WALKER
Director, Grand Lodge Library and Museum
New York

Eight Signers of the Declaration of Independence are listed by The Masonic Service Association as being "generally accepted as Masons." They are John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, William Whipple, Richard Stockton, George Walton, Robert Treat Paine, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes. Theirs are the signatures on the cover of this issue of the Empire State Mason.

Two more, of whom we are fairly certain, might have been included: Thomas McKean, of Delaware; and Thomas Nelson, Jr., of Virginia. There are many others who were probably members but whose records have not survived "the lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance and the devastation of war."

We take patriotic pride in the public record of all the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. We take fraternal pride in our special relationship to the many who were Masons.

The Masonic membership of the following Signers is based on the statements of at least one of the authorities quoted in the Masonic Service Association. Many Masonic writers have included these patriots during the past 183 years. They are: Josiah Bartlett, William Ellery, Elbridge Gerry, Lyman Hall, John Hart, Stephen Hopkins, Samuel Huntington, Thomas Jefferson, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee, Francis Lewis, Philip Livingston, Thomas McKean, Robert Morris, Thomas Nelson, Jr., John Penn, George Read, Benjamin Rush, Edward Rutledge, Roger Sherman, James Smith, Matthew Thornton, William Williams, John Witherspoon.

The most famous signature is a Masonic one. John Hancock was made a Mason in Merchants Lodge 277 while visiting in Quebec, Canada, in January 1762. He was born January 12, 1737, at Quincy, Massachusetts, was graduated from Harvard in 1754, and entered his uncle's great mercantile business in Boston, which he later inherited. He affiliated with the Lodge

of St. Andrew, Boston, October 14, 1762. His outstanding public service began a few years later and continued until his death in 1793. He was a Congovernor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



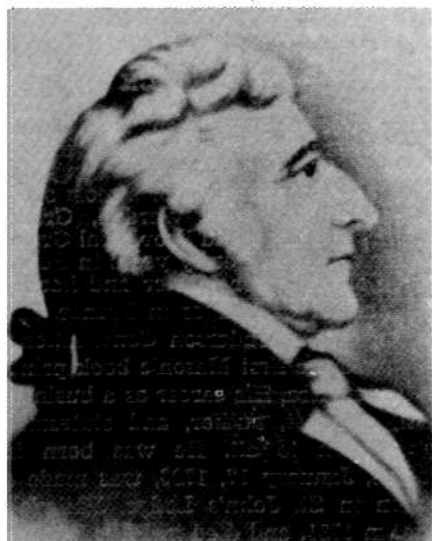
JOHN HANCOCK

The most famous man who signed the Declaration has the most distinguished Masonic record. Benjamin Franklin was a Mason for almost sixty years—Junior Grand Warden, Grand Master, Secretary and Provincial Grand Master during his early years in Pennsylvania, and later Master and honorary member of Lodges in France. His edition of the Anderson Constitutions, 1734, was the first Masonic book printed in America. His career as a business man, scientist, author, and statesman are known to all. He was born in Boston, January 17, 1706, was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1731, and died in Philadelphia, April 17, 1790.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

A member of St. John's Lodge 1, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, June 2, 1752, William Whipple was born January 14, 1730, in Kittery, Maine, went to sea at an early age, and then became a successful merchant and leading citizen of Portsmouth. In 1775 when American difficulties with the British Parliament became acute, he entered public life, and served in the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1779. He died November 28, 1785.



WILLIAM WHIPPLE

One of the most tragic lives of any of the Signers was that of Richard Stockton, who was a charter member and the first Master of St. John's Lodge, Princeton, New Jersey, December 27, 1765. He was born at Princeton, October 1, 1730, admitted to the bar in 1754, and elected to Congress in 1776. Soon after signing the Declaration of Independence, he was captured by the British and imprisoned in New York, where his health was broken. He died in Princeton, February 28, 1781.



RICHARD STOCKTON

A visitor in Unanimity Lodge, Edenton, North Carolina, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1776, Joseph Hewes may have received the Degrees in Philadelphia. He was born January 23, 1730, in New Jersey, educated at Princeton, engaged in business in Philadelphia and then in North Carolina, and became an important member of the Continental Congress. While in Congress he was the first executive head of the United States Navy. He died November 10, 1779.



JOSEPH HEWES

Made a Mason sometime between 1775 and 1785, George Walton in the latter year took his Degrees all over again in Solomon's Lodge 1, Savannah, Georgia, when the change was made from "modern" to "ancient" Jurisdiction. His name appears in Solomon's minutes several times thereafter. He was born in Virginia in 1741, admitted to the bar in Georgia in 1774, and died at Augusta, Georgia, February 2, 1804.



GEORGE WALTON

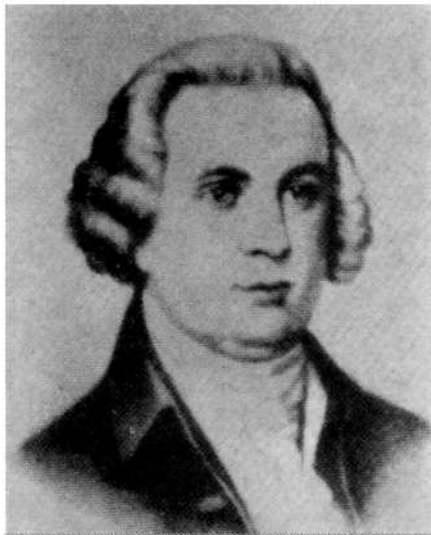
There was a Brother Robert Treat Paine at the Provincial Grand Lodge celebration of the feast of St. John the Baptist at Roxbury, Massachusetts, June 26, 1759. He is believed to have been the Signer of the Declaration of Independence who was born March 11, 1731, at Boston, lived there as a successful lawyer and respected statesman, and died May 11, 1814. He signed the "Olive Branch Petition" in 1775, as well as the "Declaration" in 1776.



ROBERT TREAT PAINE

Masonborough, North Carolina, traditionally received its name from Hanover Lodge, which met there before the reorganization of the Grand Lodge in 1787. William Hooper is believed to have been a member in Masonborough. He was born in Massachusetts, June 17, 1742, graduated from Harvard, studied law in Boston, and moved to North Carolina in 1767, where he was brilliantly successful in the practice of law as well as in public life. He died at Hillsboro, North Carolina, October 14, 1790.

Credit: The above article is reprinted from the May issue of The Empire State Mason.



WILLIAM HOOPER

Editorial

By Bro. Sam Brooks

You will note from the Masthead that the Masonic Philatelist is presently without an Editor, but nevertheless, you received your October issue, and here is the November copy. Right now, a publication committee is being formed, and you may be assured of the continuance of the journal. I expect to be a member of that committee, and it is for that reason I am addressing you, and also because I have been for a long time a member of the Club, as well as Editor of the Masonic Philatelist for many years.

The Masonic Philatelist was founded for the express purpose of exchanging ideas on Masonic Philately and to bring you some news of the activities of your fellow members. It has prospered with those aims and with God's help, and yours too. It will continue to be that link between all members, that it was intended to be.

Now for the future, most of my correspondence consists of questions from members regarding Masonic Philately. I have tried to answer in the best way possible directly and through articles in our journal. These questions indicate to me that many of you have started Masonic collections, and I know several who have shown them to Lodges and stamp clubs, with considerable success. This is addressed to

you. As a member of a cooperative organization you should share your ideas with your fellow-members. It is up to you. Just write a letter telling about your collection. If you can elaborate your ideas into an article, with pictures, be assured you will be welcomed with open arms. Only one thought. Please be certain of your facts regarding individuals reported to be Masons. We want to avoid errors, so that others may be helped. If you have any doubts, let's ask all the members, through the "Philatelist." Start a discussion about your subject if you will.

This is an old cliché but true nevertheless: the Masonic Philatelist will be the kind of Club paper you want only if you buckle down and help. This is your paper! Please address all letters and articles for inclusion in the Masonic Philatelist to the club address: The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, c/o Collectors Club Building 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, N.Y.

MASONIC COIN

Masonic tie-ups with philately are by no means rare or unusual, but numismatists only infrequently come up with things in their field which lend interest to a collection of Masonry on stamps.

Such an item came to this writer's attention recently, thanks to the kindness of Bro. Henry Schwartz, of Lamont, Washington.

The coin is a half dollar, dated 1864, of the familiar Seated Liberty type. The unusual part is that the coin was formed from silver melted down in the ruins of a Masonic Temple burning. The locale of the Temple is not given, but since the engraver was a Boston member of the Craft, it can only be surmised that the Temple, which was burnt on April 6, 1864, was located there. Perhaps a Boston Brother with access to newspaper files of that day can complete the story.

The inscription on the face of the coin, engraved between the central figure of Liberty and the circle of stars, reads:

"Coined from silver taken from the ruins of Masonic Temple, Burnt April 6, 1864."

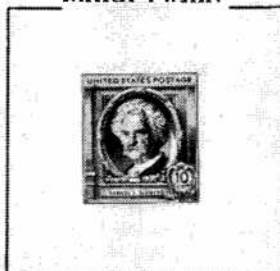
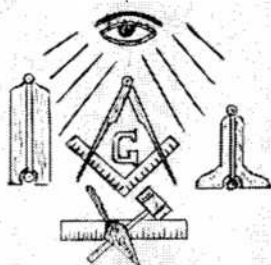
On the obverse, between the Eagle and the "United States of America" inscription, appears the wording:

"William Pearcc, Boston, Encept."

The coin is part of Bro. Schwartz' collection of Masonic memorabilia.

—Herman Herst, Jr.

SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS
MARK TWAIN



This stamp, the 10 cents value of the Authors group of the Famous Americans series, was issued at Hannibal, Missouri, February 13, 1940.

Born, November 30, 1825, Florida, Missouri.
Died, April 21, 1910, Redding, Connecticut.

Polar Star Lodge No. 79 St. Louis, Missouri; Petition - December 26, 1860; Elected - February 13, 1861; Initiated - May 22, 1861; Passed June 12, 1861; Raised - July 10, 1861.

His early boyhood was spent in Hannibal, Missouri where he became a helper in a printing plant. Then as a journeyman printer he traveled over the country. He then became a Mississippi River pilot but gave it up at the outbreak of the Civil War. He then secured the position as Secretary to the Governor of Nevada Territory. In the West he was a prospector, miner and journalist. In 1867 he published his first book, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras". 1869 "Innocents Abroad". 1869-71 Editor of the Buffalo Express. He married and moved to Hartford, Connecticut making it his home.

Was in the Mining Camps of California in the Sixties, and acted as Jr. Deacon of Bear Mountain Lodge No. 76 at Angels' Camp February 8, 1865.

PRESIDENT F. D. R.

The first Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy to hold divine services for Navy personnel was President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934. The President, in the absence of a chaplain, stood on the quarterdeck of the U.S.S. Nourmahal and read the service from an Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Officers and men of the U.S.S. Ellis were present.

—From the U.S.C.S. Log, July 1959, Universal Ship Cancellation Society.

LION OF JUDAH

Some of the stamps of Ethiopia (Type A3) show King Solomon's Throne and the Lion of Judah.

Lions were used in the decoration of Solomon's throne and temple as a symbol of strength, courage and majesty.

The tribe of Judah, the largest and most powerful of the twelve tribes of Israel, also displayed the lion on its flag and shield; hence the "Lion of Judah."

All of the Israeli tribes were engaged in the construction of the temple.

—Bro. Marshall S. Loke.

Your Masonic Collection

During the past few years, one question seems uppermost in the mind of the novice "Masonic Philatelist." That is, how do I go about making a Masonic collection. And it's a difficult question to answer.

No two collections of stamps follow the same procedures. I am now speaking of those collectors who have graduated from the printed album class. Each has his own idea of arrangement on the page, headings, write-up and anything else that goes into the making of a nice stamp collection. You use your own judgment after seeing other collections at the Club or at a Stamp Show. One thing we do know, the stamps are most important.

In a Masonic Collection, except one of Masonic cancellations, the stamp is just one part of your show. Especially is this true of a collection of Famous Masons on Stamps. Most of your subjects have had only one stamp issued for them. So the rest of our page is very important. You will note that my idea is to allot a separate page for each subject. (See photo.)

Now we must determine what our collection is to be. If it is for exhibition at the Club, your Lodge or at a Stamp Show, it must fit into the popular group now known as "Thematic" Collecting.

Here's the way I do it. First the heading, which is usually the name of the subject. Then the stamp. Get a fine unused copy if you can. It looks better. Then give some information about the stamp, its subject matter, where it originally came from, the designer of the stamp and the reason for its issue.

Then the date of issue, how many, and the city of issue. That should take care of the philatelic angle.

Now for our story. Again make it brief, but include every essential item necessary to tell something about our subject, vital statistics, and a short biography.

Next we come to the Masonic part. Dates of receiving the degrees, and in what Lodge. Again use your own judgment as to what to include.

This seems like a lot of work. It is. But you get a big kick out of it, if you do some original research. It isn't hard and you'll be surprised how interesting it is.

By this time you have a page that is a joy to you and to those who will look at it. Neatness and nice arrangement is taken from granted. This is a Masonic Stamp Collection.

If your Collection is to be more of a story about your subject, you can leave out the technical portions of the stamp itself and elaborate on your biography. If you have the knack for it, write a nice story. Please don't copy someone else's work, word for word. Make this your own, and you can make it interesting enough for your reader to want to see more of your work.

In the story form, use as many stamps relating to your subject as you can find. If possible, use them to illustrate your story as you would pictures. You can even add a picture (small) or two, or a map or anything that will help your story along. Use your imagination.

—Sam Brooks.

IN AND AROUND THE CLUB

Congratulations to our new member Bro. William James Pickens of Had-donfield, New Jersey, who was presented last April, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with their award of gold, commemorating 50 years of un-interrupted service.

We extend congratulations to Bro. Max Kohane of Melbourne, Australia, upon his recent marriage.

Bro. Mark G. Snow of Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "On Tuesday night, October 20, 1959, as an honorary member of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R.-N.J., I had the pleasure of presenting to a member of my Lodge (Clifton #664, F.&A.M., Lakewood, Ohio) his 33° Jewel as a gift from our Lodge. A recently added member of The Masonic Stamp Club, Most Wor. Bro. William R. Pringle, Past Grand Master of Ohio, was present and gave the principal address." Bro. Snow also added his membership in The Masonic Stamp Club covers both his hobbies—Masonry and Philately and he derives so much pleasure from his affiliation.

Bro. (Pat) Herman Herst Jr. writes "I want to report that I was the guest speaker at the recent show in Buffalo and at the banquet, I had the pleasure of seeing our old friend, Bro. Charles Lott. Bro. Charlie is an old time member of the Masonic Stamp Club, one of our original members, I believe, and I had a nice talk with him. He is looking well and only regrets that he hasn't been able to attend any meetings of the club but asked me to convey my best fraternal wishes to all the New York Members."

Bro. Alex Koomanoff moved to 309 Moffitt Blvd., Islip, Long Island. He writes that he misses the club because of his inability to attend meetings. He lacks stamp companions, being in a new neighborhood. Bro. Alex is not in the best of health. He is one of the older members, so a note to him, occasionally, from some of our members would be welcomed.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Russell Roane has been in the hospital for the past two weeks. We hope that by the time he reads this, he will be feeling fine, once again.

Bro. Duffield Swan says that he has finally assembled all of his duplicate stamps with Masonic cancellations and if any Brother is interested in securing some on or off cover they should

contact him, at 2320 Linwood Ave., Coytesville, New Jersey.

MASONRY ON POSTAGE STAMPS

Some of the older folks will recall the 2-cent stamp issued in 1926 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. How many, however, know that behind that stamp is a story of Masons at work in the founding of our nation?

It was in 1729 that a proposal to build a State House was first made. Ground for it was purchased by William Allen, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. In 1733, another Mason staked out the ground. The superstructure was raised in 1734 during the incumbency of Benjamin Franklin as Grand Master. The brick mason was Thomas Boude, first secretary of St. John's Lodge. Today, more than two centuries later, the structure is still sound. It is "an enduring monument to the skill of our early Brethren St. John's Lodge both as operative and as speculative Masons," says the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its 1906 proceedings.

The building was inaugurated with a grand banquet given by R. W. Bro. Allen in 1736. In the 40 years which followed, State House became a landmark. On July 4, 1776, it became a national shrine.

Dipping his pen into an ornate silver inkstand—the handiwork of a Past Grand Master, Philip Syng—John Hancock, a member of the Lodge of St. Andrews, Boston, signed his name to the historic Declaration of Independence in a hand so bold that the British King could read it without glasses.

How many of the 55 who signed after him were Masons will never be established because of lost Lodge records. However, 15 have been established as such. As many others, if not more, are believed to have been Masons.

Three days later when the Liberty Bell was rung to proclaim the action, the bell rope was pulled by Andrew McNair, a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. The crack in the bell occurred in 1818 when it tolled the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, a Past Grand Master of Virginia.

—John A. Mirt.

U.S. stamps of 1917 were overprinted SHANGHAI 2¢ CHINA for our postal agency there.

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF N. Y. MEETING OF OCTOBER 1959

Bro. Brooks gave the invocation, followed by one minute of silent prayer for Bro. Norman R. Hoover of New York.

Bro. Brooks read a letter from the Greensboro Masonic Museum and Library, of Greensboro, North Carolina, offering a cacheted envelope showing the Masonic Good Will Cup, for the cost of postage. Bro. Earley W. Bridges, writer of the letter, further states he thinks he had enough printed to supply our membership.

Bro. Reggel, our president, greeted two visitors, Bros. Gessman and Moses and welcomed both of them to our meeting.

Bro. Pelander was unable to attend as he had his recurring cold back again.

Send get well cards to Al Koo-manoff, 309 Moffitt Blvd., Islip, L.I.

Bro. Swan introduced Bro. Herst to the members present.

Bro. Herst thanked everyone and said he always enjoys his free dinner before such meetings. Bro. Herst stated he believes in collecting for the fun of it as he makes his own different types of collections and albums, and his collection which he exhibited and explained was very much out of the way and very unique, this particular collection was gathered over a period of years. He started with the California Vigilantes and law and order back in 1870 whence came sheriffs and peace officers. During the year 1872, the first penny postcards were issued and the sheriffs and peace officers of California used these postcards to have reward notices and items of this kind printed on the back thereof by the local printer, probably the local newspaper was the only printer in town, and these postcards were circulated all over the state to all other sheriffs and peace officers. As you can see these cards are very scarce and hard to come by, but this is only the minor part of the collection, as Bro. Herst had a cartoonist/artist draw up a cartoon for each card, which is mounted above the cartoon, in which the description and reason for the reward was depicted. For example, the card might read "Reward \$1,000" for the capture and return of an outlaw with a small scar on his left hand, a large scar on the side of his face, wearing a green shirt, with grey trousers, shoes buckled on the side. All this would

show in the cartoon and in color. No captions are needed, as all are on the postal card.

Bro. Herst's second topic of the evening was on his manuscript for a book on stamp dealers, written in his own inimitable way but being different in that it is all about angles, stunts and tricks as used by dealers. He read quite a few very amusing anecdotes from his manuscript, including a story on a certain counterfeit two cent stamp. Another amusing story pertained to a package of stamps, unopened, which he bought for one hundred dollars, immediately sold to a well known dealer for a twenty dollar profit, who in turn sold it to another dealer, who liked to keep his door open so his ear could improve his business by knowing all that was going on amongst his fellow dealers, also at a profit of fifteen dollars. Bro. Herst said this same package, still unopened, showed up in his office about a week later, this time by one of the travelling dealers who keeps his office in his hat and offered it at \$185. Bro. Herst wanted to examine it, but the seller would have none of that, claiming he bought it that way and was selling it that way. A short while later, this same dealer again appeared at Bro. Herst's office and jubilantly said he sold the package, still unopened, for \$200. Bro. Herst to this day says he has no knowledge of the contents of the package. The book is still unpublished, so if you want more of it, wait and buy a copy, and read it in Bro. Herst's style, which is far more amusing than mine.

Bro. Swan thanked Bro. Herst for a very enjoyable evening and the members present showed their thanks with a standing innovation.

Bro. Reggel showed the pictures taken at the last swap night by Bro. Nordheim, who supplied sufficient copies for all those interested to have.

Bro. Brooks made a motion to adjourn; seconded and meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

—Fred J. Gomme, Secretary.

DO YOU KNOW ?

Masons will be interested in the subject of Masonic lotteries, which will take up one chapter of a book to be issued in the spring on the history of the lottery in the United States. The author, Philip G. Nordell, has been a student and a collector of lottery memorabilia for some time, and has

unearthed some most interesting topics in connection with lotteries conducted in the earlier years of the last century by Masonic organizations.

The writer asked Mr. Nordell whether he could shed any light on the use of the Masonic square and compass on the lottery stamps issued by the State of Louisiana in the last century. Unfortunately, Mr. Nordell was not able to suggest the reason for their use, although he is continuing research on the subject. He did mention that he is on the trail of a Louisiana lottery stamp, still on the original document, and if this can be found, it may shed some light on this mystery which has puzzled Masonic philatelists for two generations.

The Louisiana Lottery stamps exist in four denominations, 5¢, 6¼¢, 7½¢ and 12½¢. The reason for the odd denominations are not known, but it is probably only coincidental that the denominations correspond to rates of postage in stampless days.

If any readers of this article have had any of these, or have any information not known on them, we would be happy to have it, not only to enrich our own knowledge on Masonic Philately, but so that the information can be passed along to Mr. Nordell for his forthcoming book. —Herman Herst, Jr.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Chandler Lodge #34, Arizona

"WASHINGTON SAVES HIS ARMY AT BROOKLYN"

or

WHO WAS GENERAL GLOVER?



(U.S. No. 1003)

This stamp shows George Washington on a white horse directing his retreating troops to the Brooklyn waterfront. Take a closer look at the stamp and you will see many small boats of different types carrying soldiers to safety across the East River.

Credit for the success of this evacuation goes to Brigadier General John Glover who was a member of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, Mass. He was born Nov 5, 1732, in Salem, Mass., and died January 30, 1797.

Brother Glover at the beginning of the Revolution had assembled 1,000 men for the army. He was in command of the 14th regiment,

"one of the first as well as one of the best in the Continental Army. It was composed almost entirely of fishermen and it was called the 'amphibious regiment.' On the retreat from Long Island, it manned the boats and crossed the entire army in safety.

"These troops also manned the boats and led the advance over the Delaware River on the night before the victory at Trenton.

"As a colonel he was with Washington at Valley Forge; was appointed brigadier general Feb. 21, 1777 and in July joined Schuyler in the campaign against Burgoyne.

"In 1778 he joined Greene's division in New Jersey, and later detached to Rhode Island under Sullivan. He is recorded as visiting St. John's Lodge in Providence, R.I. when he was stationed there. He was a member of the court that sentenced Major Andre to hang."

—From "10,000 Famous Freemasons" by William R. Denslow.

Submitted by: Marshall S. Loke.



MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

Our 25th Silver Anniversary SPECIAL

Our 25th Silver Anniversary Special—and Special they are these three Beautiful Masonic Covers—each depicting a Masonic subject of interest to all Masons.

Brother Andrew Jackson was one of the great Masons of his time. His Masonic career was as colorful and dramatic as his military and political life.

Brother Peary, a member of Kane Lodge #454, F. & A. M. New York, was one of the Famous members of that old lodge of explorers.

The Masonic monument erected on Bunker Hill is a memorial to the many Masons who fell in that history making battle.

Each cover is cancelled on the "First Day of Issue" for the special stamp relative to the particular cover.

It is the opinion of many that the covers being put out by "OUR CLUB" will in the near future become "Collectors Items." The number cancelled are, of course, quite limited.

The price of these three covers, Our 25th Silver Anniversary SPECIAL is ONLY \$1.00 for the three covers — 6 sets of 3 covers for \$5.00.

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