



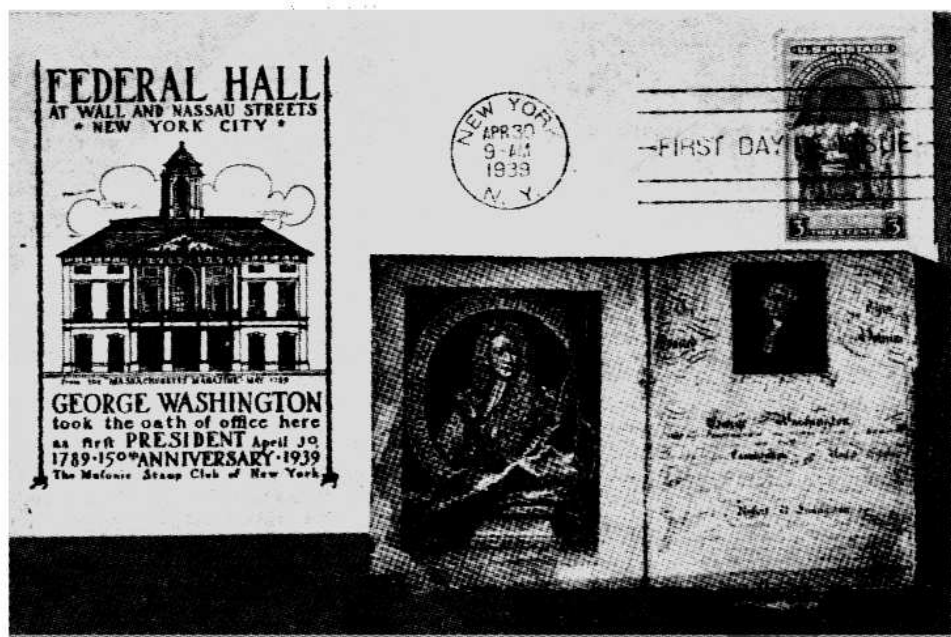
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OUR COVER

The top photo shows the George Washington Bible used at the cornerstone laying of the wing of the Capitol, July 4, 1959. This Bible was used also by many Presidents taking the oath of office and at the swearing in of George Washington.

The lower photo is of a first day cover of our own president, Emanuel Reggel, of the Inauguration stamp.

The inauguration of April 30, 1789, of George Washington had deep Masonic significance. Not only was Chancellor Livingston Grand Master, but

the Marshal of the Day was General Jacob Morton, then Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and in 1801 succeeding Livingston as Grand Master. Washington's personal escort was General Morgan Lewis, who later became Grand Master.

When the time came to administer the oath of office on the gallery of the Federal Building, now the site of the Treasury Building in Wall Street, it was found that no Bible had been provided. Morgan procured the Bible from St. John's Lodge, situated but a few steps away. After the conclusion of the ceremony the Bible was returned to the Lodge and is preserved by it until this day.

BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

As this issue of the Philatelist goes to press, I realize that half of the club year has already passed. Judging by the various communications that have been coming in from out-of-towners, there seems to be an increasing amount of interest in our Club's activities. This is most rewarding and credit is due to the efforts of all of our officers.

I would like to congratulate Bro. Leo Passon, our new editor, for the fine job he did on the December issue of the Philatelist, which was his first. He has just become a grandfather, too, for the first time. That was a month of special events for him. I am sure the club members wish Bro. Passon well in both roles. Support him with your articles for publication.

Congratulations are also due Bro. Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, our past president and also secretary for many years, on being elected to the Board of Governors to The Collector's Club of New York City.

Bro. William H. Peters of Interlachen, Florida, has just been elected mayor of that city. Our congratulations and best wishes to him for a successful term of office.

Brother Stanley A. Salomon invited us to his lodge, Mt. Nebo #1. Several of our Brothers attended on Monday evening, Jan. 25th and heard a very fine talk given by our Bro. Herman (Pat) Herst, Jr. He showed slides of Masonic cancellations belonging to Bro. Milton Greenbaum of Saginaw, Michigan.

Our treasurer tells me he is looking for dues from some of us. Please help him.—Emanuel M. Reggel.

JANUARY 8 MEETING MINUTES

Masonic Stamp Club of New York

Meeting opened at 8:10 p.m.

Bro. Brooks gave the invocation, followed by one minute of silent prayer for Bros. Alexander D. McMurtrie, John H. Eiseman, Olaff S. Solomonson & Charles F. Koos.

Bro. Reggel read Christmas cards from a number of members.

Eleven new members were voted on and accepted by the Board of Governors.

April 1st has been set as the date to give the Philatelic Degree.

The meeting was turned over to Doc Swan who introduced Bro. Bruder as the first exhibitor. Bro. Bruder showed his Masonic coin and medal collection, that is a small part of it, as he has over 100 pieces in his collection and the weight would have been a chore as some of the medals are almost 4" in diameter.

Doc Kamnitzer was next with his German collection consisting of 1948 1st Germany surcharged issues on paper. These stamps cover ten districts and were in use only nine days. His collection has only expertized covers.

Bro. Nordheim showed his Queen Elizabeth II collection of Mint Great Britain with various issues and most of them on three types of watermarked paper, this together with booklet panes, coils, graphite on back and the latest with almost invisible sorting lines on front made up quite an interesting collection.

Doc Grossman showed his U.S. FDC Block on Cover collection which he is readying for a show.

Bro. Osterland passed his German collection around for members to look at.

Bro. Reggel has a very unique collection of Canadian posters as officially issued by the P. O. department, each has a stamp to match the poster with a first day cancellation. Quite a large undertaking by mail or any other way you may try to form such a collection.

Bro. Sanna had another large portion of his collection with him and took great pride in showing his Brussels Worlds Fair, Sputniks and other Foreign First Day covers. He is our most enthusiastic collector.

Bro. Yarry showed his difficult to form collection of Anguilla, an island in the West Indies, part of the Leeward group and now a part of St. Kitts-

Nevis and listed in Scott's as St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, all obsolete since 1957, as they are part of the West Indies Federation. His collection is strictly from the island of Anguilla and is on cover, with various cancellations, as well as blocks of stamps.

Doc Swan pulled a switch on most of us by not showing Masonic cancellations, this time, he had a photo from Milton Greenbaum of two covers which are the highest prices ever paid at auction for a Masonic cover, one sold for about 450 dollars. His other exhibit was of 16 album pages showing various early cancellations on U.S. stamps both plain and fancy types, none Masonic. He claims to have quite a few more.

Doc Swan turned the meeting back to Bro. Reggel who announced Bro. Pelander would be on his way to the hospital on Tuesday next for a checkup.

It was also announced by Pres. Bro. Reggel that Bro. Doc Yarry has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club. With this note duly recorded, the meeting was brought to a close at 9:50 p.m. by a motion from Bro. Brooks, seconded by your scribe.

—Respectfully submitted, Fred J. Gommo, Secretary.

IN AND AROUND THE CLUB

Brother Sam Brooks, in his activities exudes such a warmth of friendship that it spills over in his correspondence! The following is a short article sent by Sam to me and the personality a good fellowship shows through in his geniality and sincerity. If you are able to come to our meetings, it is worth the trip alone, just to be in the presence of and talk to this man, of Masonic Philatelic knowledge, of helpfulness, of friendly neighborliness.

At the request of our treasurer, Brother Joseph Munk, I have just had the pleasure of going over some of the greetings sent by our Brothers when paying their dues.

Join me in sharing the best wishes of Brother Larry Brooks and his wife, Dot, of Grantville, Kansas. Their Christmas card shows an etching of their new home. And it looks like the kind of a place all of us have wanted, at one time or another. Good luck to you, Larry and Dot, and many healthy and happy years.

Brother E. H. Robertson, with Greet-

ings of the Season, sends a "Thank You" to Joe for the first day U. N. cover. It was a nice gesture to all the members. Same from Brother James Zollickoffer. And Brother S. J. McCartney of Arlington, Va., enjoys his membership in the club, and all of us enjoy having him with us. Brother Wm. Dabel of San Francisco, tells of his new collecting activities: four-bar cancellations as used on fourth class mail. We remember the days when Brother Bill was winning prizes with his Precancel collections. He'll probably do the same with this new job. Brother Wm. D. Chapman of Detroit likes the "Masonic Philatelist." He reads it from cover to cover. Which reminds me that we need new articles and stories for our paper. You can help the good work along. Why not try? While on the subject of material for the Masonic Philatelist, we have a note from Brother John A. Mirt, who sends Greetings and Best Wishes. But, John, why not "greet" us with an article, as only you can write it. Brothers, if you don't know John A. Mirt, of Chicago, you ought to get acquainted. With his writings, anyway. From his pen has come some of the finest stories of Masons on Stamps. John has a fund of information and knows how to write. What say, John?

From the sunny isle of Bermuda, comes kind thoughts, greetings and good wishes from Brother C. J. (Topsy) Turner. He voices pride in his membership, as we all do, and its good to hear from him. Chico, California, and a nice letter from Brother Ray W. Head, past president of the Chico High Twelve Club. Ray gives talks of Masonry on Stamps and is making a collection of letters and autographs of famous Masons. Ray wants to know how to get the autographs of famous living Masons, i.e. Lindbergh and MacArthur. Does anyone know the proper procedure? While on this subject of autographs and letters, look for a fine article by Brother Walter R. Harbeson. It is one of the best I have seen on this subject and brings to light a new way of adding to your collection of Masonic Philately. By the way, Ray, how about writing an extensive article about your talks to Masonic groups. What do you show, and how? Others would like to do the same. Can we count on you?

Brother W. G. Koppelmeyer of Madison, Wisconsin, sends a news clipping indicating his installation as Worship-

ful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 50. The Lodge begins its 106th year in Madison. Bill, from one P.M. to a new W.M., may you have a year of good health and happiness in your new job. A don't think it isn't a job. It's tough but it can bring you the finest spiritual rewards of your life. Good luck. With which I close, with thanks for the opportunity of greeting you all.

—Sam Brooks.

DEGREE OF PHILATELY

There have been many Brothers writing and asking us about the Degree of Philately. The Degree will be given at the meeting of the Masonic Stamp Club, to be held in the Club rooms at The Collectors Club Building, 22 East 35th Street, New York City at 8 p.m. on April 1, 1960. Members that live out of town and anticipate coming to New York try and arrange your schedule so that we may have the honor of your presence, make your personal acquaintance, and create a greater interest in meeting other members and seeing our physical surroundings.

Letters are wonderful means of communication between people, a ways and means of expressing ourselves. But just as in class rooms across this great nation many a brilliant student is a poor writer, so it is of great personal importance that people meet. A firm handshake, a cheery "Hello" can express more than all the flowery words that may flow from the pen of a far away friend and Brother!

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Bro. C. Paul Wirth, 224 Barclay Ave., Millbrae, California, writes that he hopes to be in New York and visit us. Come on in! The door's wide open!

'Masons On Stamps'—George Washington

By RALPH A. BARRY

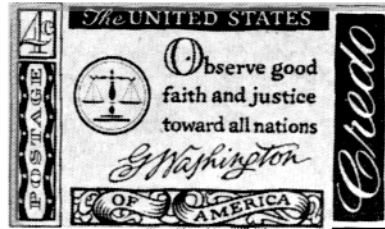
For "Masons on Stamps" Department Conducted by Russell B. Roane.
Courtesy of The Masonic Outlook, February, 1939.

In addition to the many firsts that have been attached to the name of Bro. George Washington, his portrait appears more times than that of any other American in the United States section of the stamp collector's album. He is pictured on the first stamp issued here in 1842 and on one or more of every regular issue since. In stamps can be found a complete gallery of his portraits and every important anniversary connected with his life has been or will be commemorated.

Also the oldest postmarked letter so far found bearing an American postmark is one addressed to him while he was with General Braddock on the unfortunate expedition that ended so disastrously for the British at Fort Duquesne. This letter, which is dated 1756, is in the Library of Congress—
 incidentally it was first made known to collectors by Harry M. Konwiser, an expert on postal markings and a member of the Masonic Stamp Club.

The portraits of Washington which have appeared most frequently on stamps and consequently are the best known are the profile of his features from the Houdon bust and the three-quarters front face after the Gilbert Stuart painting now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and known as the Athenaeum portrait. The bust is now at Washington's home at Mt. Vernon and was made from life by the noted French sculptor, Jean Antoine Houdon, who came to America for that sole purpose. By many it has been called the best likeness of America's greatest man.

The Stuart portrait has an interesting history. Stuart, a native of Rhode Island, went to London to study art and as a pupil of the well-known English painter, Benjamin West, became famous. His health had not permitted him to take part in the Revolution but he admired those who had, and particularly Washington, who became to him an ideal. After Washington's election to the Presidency, Stuart decided to come to America and paint a portrait of him that would be a masterpiece, the greatest work that he as an artist could pass on. He painted



two, neither of which satisfied him, but the third was the one he had been striving for. This portrait, together with the well-known one of Martha Washington, were painted on Washington's order, but Stuart liked them both so much that he could not bring himself to give them up. Consequently he dallied over the finishing of them, stalling Washington off with one excuse or another until he hit upon the plan of not finishing them at all, but of giving him copies. This Stuart did, and throughout the rest of his life he could never be persuaded to part with either. And thus the portraits are today the features perfect but the back-grounds incomplete.

The twelve stamps issued in 1932 for the bicentennial of Washington's birth under the Congressional Commission of which a Mason, Representative Sol Bloom of New York, was chairman, showed twelve different portraits of him, representing all stages of his life from his Virginia Militia days to his last years in the Presidency. One of these is of particular interest to the Fraternity as it was the work of one of Washington's fellow members of Alexandria Lodge and is now one of that Lodge's cherished possessions. This portrait is a pastel by W. Williams and shows Washington in his Master's regalia, a circumstance which almost prevented its use on the stamp until it was pointed out to the Post Office authorities that the regalia could be omitted.

In July, 1937, the Post Office Department asked for competitive designs from American artists for a new series of stamps which would picture all of the Presidents. Washington was the subject to be used on a stamp of 1¢

denomination. Over 1,100 designs were submitted and a board of five prominent artists chose that of Elaine Rawlinson, a young New York artist to receive the award of \$500. An autographed copy of this original design is shown in the illustration. Miss Rawlinson had no knowledge of stamps, which undoubtedly was a help to her since her work was not influenced by any of the former designs. As she herself has said, she chose the best profile portrait she could find, which was the well-known Houdon bust, and arranged the other features in what to her was the most pleasing composition. The Rawlinson design was used by the Post Office Department as the basis of twenty-nine of the thirty-two stamps issued last year picturing all of the Presidents from Washington to Coolidge.

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W. Ralph A. Barry is a member of the Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, II Manhattan, serving as Master in 1929. He is a graduate of Princeton University, where he taught Civil Engineering for one year, before starting on a career of practicing bridge engineer, a calling which he successfully pursued for twenty years. He is Stamp Editor of the New York Herald-Tribune. He has collected stamps since boyhood and is a specialist on the stamps of the United States, both Nineteenth and Twentieth Century, and has served as Librarian of the New York Collectors Club. He is the present President of the Masonic Stamp Club and has been a member of the Board of Governors since the club was formed.—R.B.R.

FOR PAST PRESIDENTS

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York will hold its monthly meeting at the Collectors' Club, 22 East 35th St., N.Y., on Friday, March 4 at 8 p.m. Past Presidents will be honored. The meeting will be MC'd by the well-known philatelists Benjamin Glaser and Carl Pihl who will discuss topics of interest. There is no charge for non-members and the public is cordially invited.

NOTICE ON DUES

PLEASE—those Brothers that have not sent in their \$2.00 dues please do so, in order that our beloved treasurer, Brother Joe Munk, will not lose the remaining few hairs on that shining

pate! He is a really fine fellow and we want to have the pleasure of his continued job as illustrious as in the past! So, again, PLEASE, send in your dues if you have not already done

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NOTES

Bro. Chester Wing of Hastings, Mich. "modestly" writes us that he is 50 years a Mason! This modesty is very becoming but something that we should all be proud to attain! It would be interesting to have Bro. Wing write a short biography of his life, Masonic interests and philatelic endeavors; we are looking forward to a fine article from Bro. Wing.

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Fred J. Gomme, our secretary, sends this short note of interest to our Brother Masonic Philatelists:

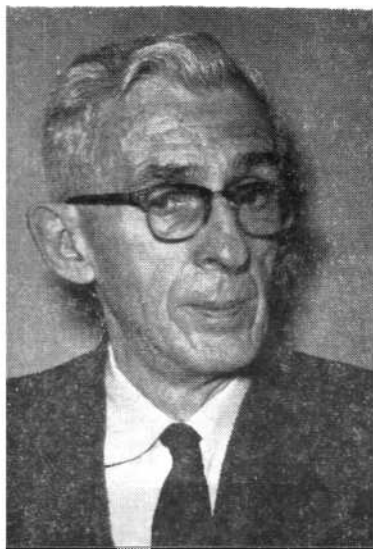
"Any Brother interested in obtaining an Israeli Cover for the Masonic Pilgrimage in Israel last year, send 25¢ in commems to the secretary, who will send it to the first 15 Brothers post-paid."

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Brother Herman "Pat" Herst, JR. regaled the members of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 257, on Monday evening, January 25th with many interesting tales and anecdotes that have occurred during the course of his experiences as lecturer, writer, auctioneer and philatelist. "Pat" showed lantern slides of U.S. stamps and Masonic cancellations, some of them belonging to Dr. Milton L. Greenbaum, Saginaw, Mich.

Autographs for Masonic Philately

By WALTER R. HARBESON



MASONIC RECORD

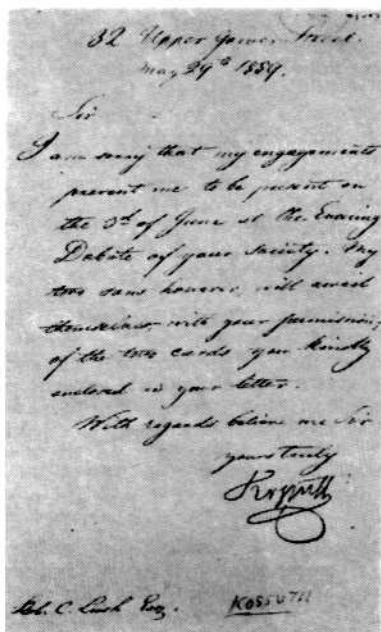
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bus, Ohio; Order of Eastern Star,
Past Patron; Columbus Philatelic
Club.

Perhaps you have been thinking about how you can add to your collection of Masonry on Stamps, or for that matter your collection of stamps. If this is your problem, let me suggest that you give some thought to autographs. You will find them both interesting and fascinating and certainly a nice addition to an album page. The latter has been told by dealers that they are getting more and more requests for these items from philatelists.

Autographs cover quite a wide field. They may be collected in many different categories. A general classification would be letters, documents, such as land grants, commissions, etc. and signatures. The price depends mainly on rarity, condition and in the case of letters the contents. Of course

Editor's Note: All of us would like to have the time and surely would also need the wherewithal to collect autographs of Famous Americans that were Masons. It is with humble pride that we offer this article from Walter R. Harbeson.

the price is also influenced by supply and demand. As with stamps there is always the desire to get an autograph of some particular person and once you get it you have the same satisfaction as when you get a stamp you have been wanting to get. However, with autographs there is one difference. With stamps, if you have the money you can generally go to any large dealer and find what you want while with an autograph you may have to wait a long time before one shows up you can afford to get. You may want to get a letter signed by some person and in many cases you may have to settle for say a document or even just a signature on a card or piece of paper with possibly just a few lines or even



none at all. Some autographs you may never be able to get. Autographs of such Masons as Franklin, Revere, Washington and John Paul Jones, which I am told is the most expensive to get, may run in the upper three figures and in some cases as that of Jones four figures if you can get one. So, you see that some autographs are even harder to get than some old stamps and more expensive. There is a satisfaction with an autograph in that you know there is not another just like it, especially if this is a letter. Even just signatures will sometimes vary. With stamps there is generally more than one to be had.

As to what and how to collect autographs is up to the individual. As with stamps, no two collectors collect the same thing in the same way. An item that interests you or fits in your collection may not appeal to some one else. If you are not too much concerned about getting a letter and its contents but just the signature you can get them of many famous men and Masons at a nominal cost. However, sometimes the least expensive items are the hardest to get due to the fact that there has been no demand for the autograph of the person you may want or perhaps he was a person who wrote few letters. You may have to wait until one shows up.

Probably the best way to obtain autographs is from a reputable dealer. Place your want list with them and you will find they will be glad to cooperate once they know just what you are looking for. Many dealers issue lists from time to time of items on hand. Most of them will send them on approval and bill you for them. A name may appear once on a dealer's list and you may not see it again so you must act quickly as they are picked up very rapidly. Another place is an antique shop. They often get an item and as a rule are not as much interested in it as in some of their goods. The writer has picked up several nice items from this source. Another way, in the case of living men, is to write them direct and as a rule they will oblige, particularly so if they are Masons and know what you are trying to do.

Probably the hardest living Mason to get an autograph from is Lindbergh shown on Spain #C-56. This is because he will not answer a letter from you. The writer sent him a letter reg-

istered with a return receipt requests and deliver to addressee only, and it came back marked "refused." I finally placed his name on a want list of a dealer and after over a year an item which was a signed letter, showed up at a very nominal figure, much less than I had expected to have to pay for it.

It is rather unusual, at least in the writer's experience, to get a letter that has a Masonic content, for, as a rule, you do not know what the contents of a letter may be when you order it. In the writer's collection of nearly 300 items, I have only one such item. This one is from Admiral Schley written from his flag ship, Chicago, from Bahia, Brazil, and is addressed to a brother Sir Knight. It was evidently written shortly after he had received his Knight Templar degree and expresses his impressions of the work and shows the high standards of the man. I got this letter by accident as I had no idea of the contents when I ordered it. The contents evidently meant little to the dealer but to a Mason and Knight Templar it was a prize possession.

Presidential pardons are interesting as to their contents. In the writer's collection for example, is one of President Johnson for a man convicted of larceny and sentenced to three years imprisonment. Another is from President Buchanan for a man convicted of manslaughter on the high seas and sentenced to be imprisoned in the Baltimore jail for a period of three years, with a fine of one dollar. Yes, just one dollar. Did you know that a man could be commissioned as a carpenter in the U.S. Navy? In my collection is just such a commission on parchment and quite artistic, dated 1847 and signed by Polk as President. Land grants are nice to have also, especially if they are for land in your locality. The writer happens to have one from both Monroe and Jackson for land in Ohio and not far from home.

Signatures and handwriting are also interesting. For example, Sousa signs an autograph with a bar or two of music from one of his marches and his signature. Lafayette signed his name in only two ways, "Lf" or "Lafayette" and the contents of his letters can be either in French or English. He wrote a fairly good hand in English. Of the Presidents, Coolidge had probably the poorest signature. The

one in the writer's collection, if it were not on White House stationery, and that I knew the man who had it, would be very hard to verify. In contrast, Truth, who taught himself to read, write and speak English rather late in life, wrote a beautiful hand and had a wonderful use of the English language. Garaboldi also wrote a nice hand in English. Next to Coolidge, in Masons, as far as my experience goes, comes General Marshal, Stephen A. Douglas, and a close second to them would be Frederick the Great, if you did not know it was his signature and had his seal and verified by the dealer as genuine.

Some interesting items in the writer's collection are, all the Masonic Presidents in one form or another. Some were not signed when President. With the exception of Washington all can be had at a nominal cost in some form. Polk is probably the hardest to find and with Harding and F. D. R. as President are the most expensive. Other interesting signatures are Admiral Byrd, MacArthur, Mark Clark, Polittle, Burbank, Clay, Gompers, Mark Twain, Wainright, Rufus Putman (mine was a letter written in the same year he was the first Grand Master of Ohio), the Wright Bros., Rickembacher (one of my home town boys).

The writer's collection is divided in several classifications, i.e. Masonic Presidents, Masons shown on stamps both U. S. and foreign, Masons not shown on stamps and stamps with a Masonic background (autographs fit any of these). Also a few non-Masons who were famous men. The pages are similar to the one of Bro. Brooks shown in the November issue of the M.P., i.e., a stamp, in some cases two, possibly three, as with Washington I have used the stamp of Washington, Mount Vernon and Martha Washington; dates of birth and death; a short biography and Masonic affiliations, and if space permits an autograph, usually just a signature. In some cases it has been necessary to use a second page on account of the size of the item. The Documents are quite large and in this case they are folded and placed in a protecto sheet so they can be seen on both sides. Old documents and letters are sometimes quite fragile and it was necessary to use these protecto pages to protect them.

Autographs can be used in other

collections along with letters, such as a collection of Naval covers. A cover with the ship cancellation and the autograph of the man it was named after is interesting. Letters alone, even if they are not of famous men are interesting and sometimes fit in such a collection. For example I have a letter of a sailor on a U.S. boat in which he describes running the blockade and shelling of Vicksburg. One of my most interesting letters is one of Commander Jacob Jones, a Mason, written on the U. S. Frigate Constitution in Gibraltar Bay to Commodore John Rogers, a Mason who was at that time President of the Board of Naval Commissioners, regarding the food supplies needed for the ships in that area. This letter is dated in 1821. Along with these letters you can use a few well selected patriotic covers of Magnus which make a nice showing and some are very interesting as well.

Old picture postal cards can be used also. This is another field and will not go into it only to say that a few well selected old postal cards, say two to a page, of pictures showing Presidents, their homes, tombs, monuments and also of such views as Independence Hall, Bunker Hill monument, etc., can help add to a collection.

Finally, when you know a certain stamp that has a Masonic connection is due to come out and you know of an autograph that might go with it, then is the time to put in your wants with a dealer. The writer knew a Perry stamp was due and long before the stamp was issued I had a letter signed by him. If you or your wife are antique bugs or if your wife drags you out some night to an antique show, there is a good place to inquire of dealers about documents. You may be surprised at what you might turn up.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bro. Charles Conner, 361 N.E. 45th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who is at this city now due to the outcome of an auto accident in which Bro. Conner had his arm broken, a leg broken, three cracked ribs and his kidney damaged. A "get well quick" note would be nice!

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If any Brothers are interested in the 2nd Pilgrimage to Israel, contact Bro. Monty Winslow, 15 E. 40th Street, N.Y. 16, N.Y.



THESE TWO COVERS WITH MASONIC CANCELLATIONS ARE FROM THE COLLECTION OF MILTON L. GREENEBAUM, SAGINAW, MICH.

They were the subject of spirited bidding in the auctions in which they appeared. We are still trying to find out more about the postmasters of those towns. We have established that Seth Marshall was postmaster in Painesville when the square and compass canceller was used, but are not certain that he was a Mason.

PAINESVILLE, O.

This cover with the 3¢ 1869 stamp, shows 3 strikes of a square and compass. The cancellations are placed so that their position might also be considered of Masonic significance. This cover is deemed by many to be one of the finest in existence. It brought the highest price of any Masonic in Auction.

MANCHESTER, O.

A striking cover bearing the 1¢ and 3¢ 1861 issue and the 2¢ "Black Jack" with a most unusual cancellation on each stamp, easily recognized by Masons.

There are many papers, periodicals, newspapers, magazines, etc., that have articles from time to time that have special interest to members of the Craft. Such a poem appeared recently in "The Wisconsin Freemason" and we thought it worthy of such consideration as to be re-printed here for its simple beauty and timelessness of Masonic teaching.

WHEN YOU KNOW A FELLOW

When you get to know a fellow, know his joys and know his cares,
When you've come to understand him and the burdens that he bears,
When you've learned the fight he's making and the troubles in his way,
Then we find he is different than we thought him yesterday.

We find his faults are trivial and there's not so much to blame
In the brother that we jeered at when we only knew his name.
We are quick to see the blemish in the distant neighbor's style,
We can point to all his errors and may sneer at him the while.

And our prejudices fatten and our hates more violent grow.
As we talk about the failures of the man we do not know;
But when drawn a little closer, and our hands and shoulders touch
We find the traits we hated really don't amount to much.

When we get to know a fellow, know his every mood and whim,
We begin to find the texture of the splendid side of him.
We begin to understand him and we cease to scoff and sneer
For with understanding, always, prejudices disappear.
We begin to find his virtues and his faults we cease to tell,
For we seldom hate a fellow when we know him very well.

When next we start in sneering and our phrases turn to blame,
Now more of them we censure than their business and their name;
For it's likely that acquaintance would our prejudice dispel,
And we'd really come to like them, if we knew them very well.

When we get to know a fellow and we understand his ways,
Then his faults won't really matter; and we'll find a lot to praise.

—Author Unknown

Brother Fred Jelsema, 810 St. Joe Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, writes, "I enjoy the Masonic Philatelist very much, especially the news about and from other Brothers. Eventually I hope to go into the Grand Lodge of Research and when and if I do I shall be able to supply information pertaining to South Dakota and Dakota Territory Masons, providing others are interested. I notice that very few of the members live or were raised within the Dakota Territory." ED. NOTE: We look forward to Fred's going into Research as we may learn and be enlightened on a subject hitherto unknown but to only a few.

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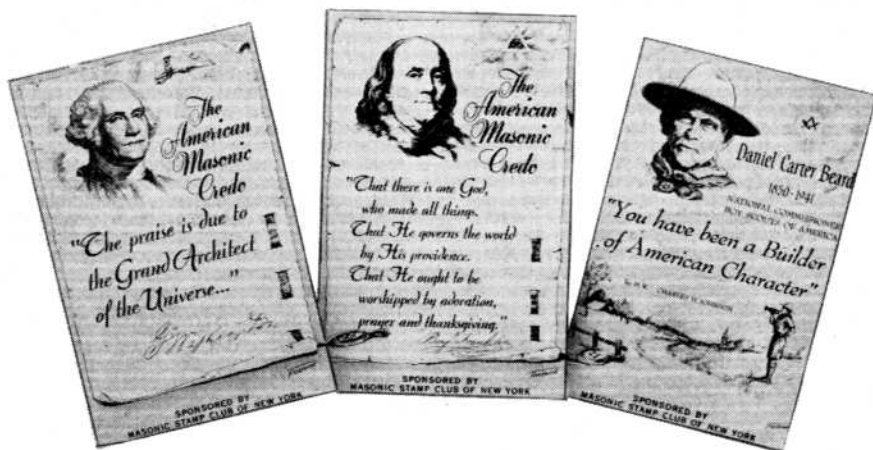
A member of the Masonic Stamp Club has just had a signal honor! From the Palatka Daily News, we quote, "Captain W. H. Peters, U.S. Army Engineers, retired, was named mayor of Interlachen, Fla., in a town election. Captain Peters has long been active in the civic affairs of Interlachen, serving on the Council in 1952-53 and 1956-57. During his first term he served as chairman of public works and engineered a new street lighting franchise with the Florida Power and Light Co., and improved the telephone service from a service of eight phones with a private company to the Santa Fe and later to the North Florida system with about 200 phones now in service in the area." Good luck from all the members of the Masonic Stamp Club to Brother Peters in his new job!

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Mrs. Bertha R. Schumacher, P. O. Box 32, Nyack, N.Y. has come up with a novel idea! For Christmas she pays the Masonic Club dues for her husband for the following year! A splendid idea and one that we Brothers will have to explain to our own spouses!

A short note from Bro. Fred Wendel, 160 West 96th Street, N.Y.C., writes "as a charter member and your first treasurer who served for nine years and struggled to keep the club going and initiated the first hotel dinner at the Bradford some 20 years ago at a small cost to the members, it is pleasing to note the progress that has been made in finances, membership and in the issuing of a monthly paper!"

Bro. Wendel's comments on the beginnings and problems of the club would make interesting reading! Please, Bro. Wendel, let us hear from you.



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