

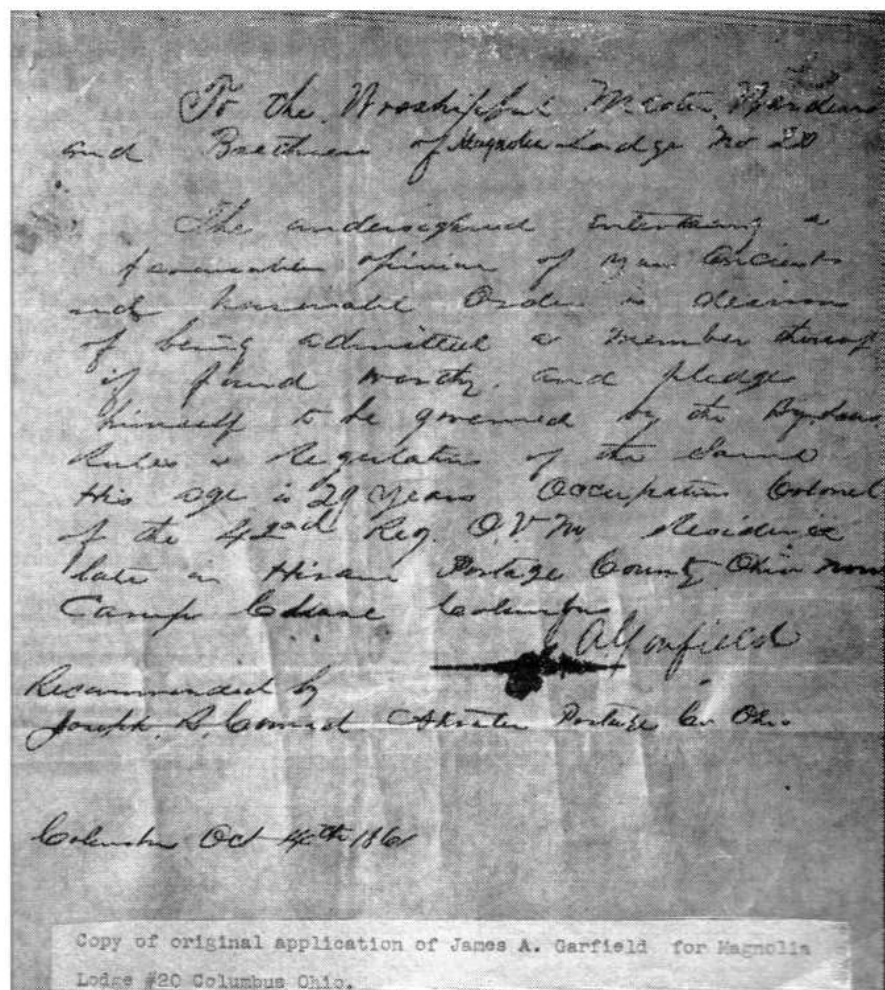


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By the sign of the Gavel

At our last meeting, I was reelected President of your club. It is with a feeling of humility that I assume the office of President, for I am not unmindful of the responsibility that goes with leadership. I shall try to measure up to the confidence that you have placed in me.

At a time when there is so much dissension prevailing throughout the world, our hobby, of stamp collecting, combined with Masonic idealism should help to bring about universal fellowship. I will appreciate any suggestions or plans for the betterment of our club. Your interest and support are

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collector Club Building
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1st Meeting Sept. 9, 1960

needed. Your attendance at meetings are of vital importance. Your contributions of articles on stamps that have Masonic interest are needed for publication in our Philatelist.

During the months of July and August, the M. P. was not printed. Therefore the reports of our Annual Dinner and Election of Officers are delayed in reaching you.

We hope for an interesting and successful year. With your help, I know that we will have one.

Here's to "Good and Enjoyable Stamp Collecting!"

—Emanuel M. Reggel.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, the following officers for the year 1960 and Board of Governors were elected.

President..... Emanuel M. Reggel
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The club was adjourned for the summer season and will meet again on September 9, 1960 to start another active and interesting year.—Stanley A. Salomon.

Our Annual Dinner

By Carl H. Pihl

At its 26th Annual Dinner, held on May 20, 1960 at the Masonic Club New York City, the Masonic Stamp Club of New York honored one of its outstanding members, Bro. Jacob S. Glaser, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. As might be expected, there was a large turnout, including many noteworthy philatelists, for this gala event honoring "Uncle Jake" as he is known throughout the philatelic world. Dr. Irwin M. Yarry, Dinner Committee Chairman, arranged this entire

celebration party and deserves a vote of thanks for this successful event.

Also present to honor him were seven brothers: Abner, Benjamin, Irving, Louis, Paul, Robert and Rudolph; two sons: Edward and William; and a grandson: Norman H. Lee, who is himself well-known in philatelic circles. Guests from the philatelic world were Edwin Elkins and John Britt, who brought greetings from the Collectors Club (New York), the Aerophilatelists and other organizations. John Britt also presented Uncle Jake with a specially printed newspaper proclaiming in bold headlines that Jacob S. Glaser had been nominated for President of the United States on the slate of the Philatelic Party.

By a happy coincidence there was also present to greet Uncle Jake a visitor from "down under," Bro. William H. Pethard of the Masonic Philatelic Society of Victoria in Australia. Bro. Pethard, who is making a world tour, entertained those present with highlights of his trip so far and told them of his impressions of America.

Past Presidents of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York who were present to honor Bro. Jacob Glaser, himself a past President of the Club, were Bros. Carl E. Pelander, Dr. George Camnitzer, Sam Brooks, Russell B. Roane, Arthur I. Heim, Carl H. Pihl and Dr. Irwin M. Yarry. Long-time senior members of the club who also were present in tribute to Uncle Jake were Bros. Harold Gunter, Fred Wendel and Marcus White. The latter gentleman traveled all the way from Springfield, Mass. for this event.

All of those present were welcomed by Bro. Emanuel M. Reggel, President of the club, and Bro. Harry L. Lindquist delivered the principal address and presented to Bro. Jacob Glaser a suitably engraved bronze plaque. Bro. Lindquist, who has so many philatelic distinctions that it would require a large volume to list them, paid a stirring tribute to Uncle Jake as a family man, humanitarian, architect, engineer, artist, philatelist and fisherman. "In fact," he said, "he is one of a few men I know of whom it can be said in all truth that he does not have an enemy in the world."

With a cast like this the toastmaster, Bro. Carl H. Pihl, had an easy time of it. Present to toast Uncle Jake on his 80th birthday were seven brothers, two sons and several other relatives, three fellow members who are his senior as to age, seven past presidents, a visitor from Australia, other distinguished philatelists, including Harry

Lindquist, "Mister Stamps" himself. Let's see Hollywood top that.

Other guests and members present at the Dinner were: Fred Barovick, past president of the S.P.A.; Forrest E. Ellis, former editor of the Masonic Philatelist; Charles Sanna, member of the Board of Governors; Joseph Munk, treasurer of the Masonic Stamp Club; Dr. S. Duffield Swan, vice president of the Masonic Stamp Club; Daniel L. Beyer, guest; Adolph R. Bergbom, Warren Ehrig, Dr. Benj. Grossman, Maurice M. Kaplan and guest, A. A. Lipton, E. M. Mikkelsen, Robert M. Pech, Jose Rueff, Norman Sehlmeier, Walter H. Van Zuilen, Richard Bruder, Joseph Ross, Fred Hill, Stanley Salomon, Jon Shelse, David Schwartz and guest, Louis Staub, Alfred Farrant.

Some photos of this affair, as taken by Dr. George Camnitzer and Norman Sehlmeier with technical assistance of Eliot Nordheim, appear in the center of this edition of the Masonic Philatelist. See how many of the brothers you can identify.

IN AND AROUND THE CLUB

Brother Louis Staub presented the club with the attractive menu-program for our annual dinner. For many years he has given of his time and energy. Our thanks go to him for his generous gift.

Brother Franklin Bruns Jr., Director, Division of Philately, Washington, D.C. showed a film of the Seaway Stamp and spoke at the Americus Lodge, #535, F. & A. M. in New York on June 2nd. A delegation from our club attended this most interesting and instructive meeting.

Brother Herman J. Lichty, President of our George Washington Chapter of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, attended Prince of Orange Lodge #16, F. & A. M. of New York on the occasion of his father's 50th Masonic Birthday. A delegation from our club attended to pay respects. Congratulations and good wishes to Herman's dad on this outstanding achievement.

"Welcome Home!" to Brother Sol Glass (past president of the George Washington Chapter of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York) and his wife, who have recently returned from a trip around the world.

Congratulations to Brother Harold E. Gunter and his wife, who have just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The club extends best wishes to them. Brother Harold is one of our most active members. (84 years

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ANNUAL DINNER HONORING BRO. "UNCLE JAKE" GLASER



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James A. Garfield

By Walter R. Harbeson

Garfield was born at Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on November 19, 1831. His father died when he was quite young, leaving a wife and four small children. Much of his early life was full of hardships. His early education consisted of school in the winter months, and reading every book he could get his hands on. He was familiar with American History and the Bible.

In the winter of 1849-50 he attended Geauga Seminary, practicing the trade of carpenter during vacations and helping harvesting and teaching school to pay for his education. In 1851 he entered Hiram College and in 1854 Williams College where he graduated in 1856 at the head of his class. He returned to Hiram College to teach Greek and Latin, and in 1857 was made President of that institution and a preacher in the Disciple Church. While teaching, he signed up with Williamson and Riddle of Cleveland to study law. In 1859 he was admitted to the Ohio Bar and elected to the Ohio Senate without any solicitation on his part.

In August 1861 he was commissioned a Lt. Colonel in the Forty-second O. V. I. He fought at Shiloh, Corinth and Chickamouga and rose to the rank of Major General. At the request of President Lincoln, he resigned his commission in the army to take the seat in Congress to which he had been elected 15 months previously, and served until 1880. He was nominated for President at the G.O.P. convention in that year. At this convention he was campaign manager for an avowed candidate, but his own name was placed in nomination. Garfield immediately jumped to his feet to protest that he was not a candidate, but the Chairman promptly ruled him out of order. The convention proceeded to nominate him on the 36th ballot. Hoar commented "I do not believe it ever happened before that anybody who attempted to decline the presidency of the United States was to be prevented by a point of order." He was inaugurated as twentieth president of the United States on March 4, 1881. Only a few months later, on July 2, 1881, he was shot by a fanatic, Charles Guiteau, and died at Elberon, New Jersey on Sept. 19, 1881.

His Masonic record follows: Petitioned Magnolia Lodge #20 Oct. 14, 1861; initiated Nov. 22, 1861 and passed

Dec. 23, 1861. Due to the War he did not receive the third degree until Nov. 22, 1864 when it was conferred by Columbus Lodge No. 30 at the request of Magnolia Lodge. Howe's History of Ohio states that he reported to Gen. Buell in Louisville, Kentucky in December 1861. On Oct. 10, 1866 he affiliated with Garrettsville Lodge No. 246 and served as chaplain 1868-73. He became a charter member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23, Washington, D.C. and a member of Columbia Chapter No. 1 R. & A. M. and Columbia Commandery No. 16, K. T. He was an honorary member of Hanselman Commandery No. 16, Cincinnati, Ohio and received the 4-14 A.A.S.R. (S.J.) from Albert Pike. Columbia Commandery acted as escort at his inauguration and also as guard of honor and escorted the body to Cleveland. At the funeral nearly all the officers of the Grand Commandery were present and 14 commanderies from Ohio and 8 from adjacent jurisdictions participated in the funeral cortege.

The Garfield monument, according to the Royal Arch Mason, is the only public monument in the United States, excluding the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, to bear a Masonic figure or statue. The frieze represents the president lying in state with a stream of women, boys and girls passing the casket, at the left stands a Knight Templar at parade rest, in chapeau, baldric and gauntlets. The corner stone was laid by the Masonic fraternity with an escort of Templars. Templar bodies gave \$5,000 to the construction of the monument. It was dedicated on Decoration Day 1890. It is said that 100,000 visitors crowded Cleveland streets at the time of the dedication. The procession was one of the largest Cleveland had ever seen. It consisted of 12 divisions led by Garfield's own 42nd O.V.I. and 1,000 Knight Templars. On the platform were President Harrison, Vice-President Morton, Postmaster General Wanamaker, R. B. Hayes, Major McKinley, Mark Hanna and other distinguished people, in addition to Mrs. Garfield and her four sons and a daughter.

Howe, in his history of Ohio, has an interesting item: "The death of President Garfield was a sad shock to the nation and as it was understood the widow and young family were left in restricted circumstances, Cyrus W. Field of Atlantic cable fame, originated a popular subscription in their behalf. In a few days the fund amounted to over \$360,000, the contributions rang-

Hiram, Portage Co. O.
July 26. 1865

See Magnolia Lodge
F. M. No 20. Columbus O.

Dear Brother

I desire
to unite with the ~~Garrettsville~~
Lodge No 246. It being nearest
to my place of residence -

Will you please ask the Lodge
at Columbus to grant me a
demit. Please also inform
me what my dues are -
I will send the money - I
would do so now but do
not know the amount.

Very Truly Yours Brother

James A. Garfield

Copy of Bro. James A. Garfield request for a demit from Magnolia Lodge
#20 to affiliate with Garrettsville Lodge #246.

ing in sums from a single dollar to
the thousands; it came from working
people and from millionaires. The

money poured in so bounteously that
Mr. Field had to shut down receiving
as he so published."

Mexico

By Marshall S. Loke



On September 16th the United States and Mexico will jointly issue stamps commemorating the event which began the struggle for Mexican independence. The stamps will honor, indirectly, a Freemason and will feature the historic bell which hung in Miguel Hidalgo's church at Dolores when he rang it in his call for independence, on September 16th—150 years ago.

Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, called the father of Mexican independence, was a Catholic priest, patriot and Mason. He was born May 8, 1753, in the State of Guanajuato. He took the orders of priesthood in 1779 and after holding various other charges became curate of Dolores.

Hidalgo became a member of Arquitectura Moral Masonic Lodge of Mexico City in the year 1806.

In conjunction with others he planned a revolt against the Spaniards which was proclaimed by Hidalgo in his church on Sunday, September 16, 1810. Thousands flocked to his standard and on the 28th he entered Guanajuato City with a mob of 50,000 untrained men. Hidalgo had been named general and he distributed many commissions.

Marching toward Mexico City he met and defeated Trujillo who had been sent out to stop him, October 30, 1810. Instead of taking advantage of the victory, he retreated.

Later with a force of 100,000 men, all badly armed, he met the army of 5,000 regular soldiers January 17, 1811, and was disastrously defeated.

Although actuated by the noblest motives, he lacked abilities for the difficult position in which he was placed. His efforts, however, started the revolution that resulted in Mexican freedom from Spanish rule.

After resigning his command, Hidalgo endeavored to make his way to the United States but was captured on March 21st. He was tried, condemned and shot. Date of execution was August 1, 1811.

Miguel Hidalgo appears on most the Mexico stamps 1874-84; also on Scott's No. 314 (1910), 873 and C206/7 (1953) and RA15 (1941).

MASONS ON STAMPS

By Walter R. Harbeson

Brother Commodore John Barry, shown on U.S. stamp No. 790 of the Navy Issue, was initiated in Old Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia on October 12, 1795. According to the biography of 10,000 famous freemasons, he was suspended for NPD in 1800.

Brother Barry was an Irish-American. At the time of the Revolution there were few Catholics in America. Many Irish fought in the American Army but most of them were Protestant almost to the man.

The statue to Barry on Independence Square, Philadelphia, was erected by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, which was founded by Protestant Irish.

Barry has not been included on a list of Masons on stamps. He should be included. He is mentioned as stated, in the 10,000 Famous Freemasons published by the Missouri Lodge of Research. This is a set of books which you should have. So far three volumes have been issued and the fourth and last will come out in December of this year (1960).

LEGAL TENDER

Rich Client: How can I ever show my appreciation to you for getting me an acquittal?

Attorney: My friend, ever since the Phoenicians invented money, there has been only one answer to that question.

ONLY ONE WAY

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.—(Seneca.)

IN AND AROUND THE CLUB

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young!) He looks after the "back numbers" of the Philatelist.

Brother Shelton W. Osterlund spent three weeks in the hospital this summer. We are glad to hear that he is now back home recuperating from an operation. We wish him a very speedy recovery! (His address is 39 Woods Grove, Westport, Conn.)