

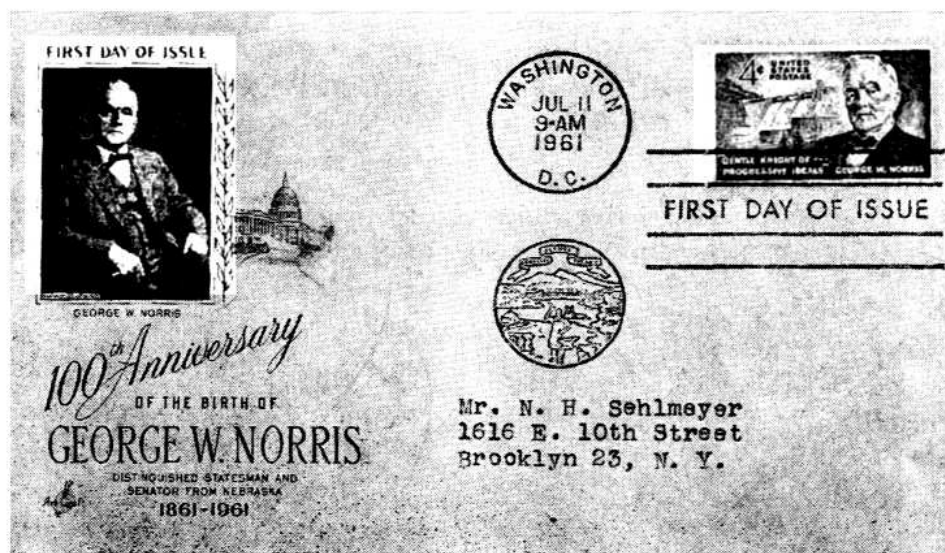


The Masonic Philatelist

VOL. 18

SEPTEMBER 1961

NO. 1



GEORGE W. NORRIS

The first United States commemorative stamp authorized by Postmaster General J. Edward Day was released on July 11, 1961 and commemorated the centenary of the birth of the late Senator George W. Norris. He had been judge of the District Court in Nebraska from 1895 to 1902, and served in the House of Representatives from 1903 to 1913. From 1913 to 1943 he held the position of United States Senator from Nebraska.

Senator Norris was regarded as the founder of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the first dam completed at that project was named after him.

He received his Masonic degrees in Beaver Lodge No. 93, Beaver City, Nebraska, on May 3 and June 28, 1890. He was also a member of Sesostri Shrine Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska. He died on September 24, 1944.

The MASONIC PHILATELIST

SEPTEMBER 1961

VOL. 18

NO. 1

★ ★ ★

Published by

The Ralph A. Barry - Al Van Dahl
PUBLICATION FUND
of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York
22 East 35th St., New York 16, N. Y.

★ ★ ★

OFFICERS

President Dr. S. Duffield Swan
1st Vice Pres. Shelton W. Osterlund
2nd Vice Pres. Norman H. Sehlmeier
Secretary Stanley A. Salomon
1200 Fifth Avenue, New York 29, N. Y.
Treasurer Joseph Munk
1010 Sherman Avenue, Bronx 56, N. Y.
Curator of Archives Shelton W. Osterlund

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

David Schwartz (deceased) 3 years
Norman H. Sehlmeier 2 years
Charles C. Sanna 1 year

Treasurer Emeritus
Fred Wendel

Publication Committee

Carl Pihl Chairman
Sam Brooks, Dr. S. Duffield Swan,
Dr. Irwin Yarry

EDITOR

Norman H. Sehlmeier
1616 East 10th Street, Brooklyn 23, N. Y.

Membership — Carl E. Pelander
545 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Back Numbers: Masonic Philatelist
Harold E. Gunter
141-06 Glassboro Ave., Jamaica 4, N. Y.

Member of the
National Federation of Stamp Clubs

BY THE SIGN OF THE GAVEL

Another New Year in the Club!—A new group of officers greet you. We all hope for increased interest in our meetings and beg of you to offer suggestions on how we can have programs that will bring you and your friends out. Brother Shelton Osterlund has arranged a tentative program that starts with our first meeting on September 8th, scheduled to honor Dr. George Camnitzer, one of our past-presidents, who is moving to Florida in October.

As your new President,—elected while I was still recuperating from my operation,—and absent from that

★ MEETINGS ★

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

1st Meeting - September 8, 1961
"Dr. George Camnitzer Night"

IN MEMORIAM

Edward A. Daube
Alexis A. Mahan
Paul S. Kneeland
Ludwig Schurich
David M. Schwarz
George F. Stackhouse
Edwin O. Swearingen
Charles H. Wilson
Kenneth L. Yeisley

"May their souls rest in eternal peace"

meeting, I want to thank you all for your confidence in me, and in return will promise to do my best for the Club.

Additionally I want to thank all of you for the many cards, phone calls and personal visits while I was in the Hospital, and after I returned home for convalescence. I did not realize that I had so many "personal friends". I wondered how I could have earned or even merited such loyalty. The Brothers of the Club were outstanding, and it touches me deeply.

Again asking for your help and suggestions for the benefit of the Club, I am

Sincerely yours,
S. Duffield Swan
2320 Linwood Avenue
Fort Lee, New Jersey

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER #2

The Chapter continued its monthly meetings throughout the summer and some excellent programs were presented which are briefly reviewed here.

The May meeting featured the ea stamps of Czechoslovakia as shown and described by Laddie J. Pesek. His pages are beautifully made up on special card stock, cut and printed with a simple crest design. This collection won the Grand Award at the Garfield-Perry show in 1958, and received silver awards at "Compex" in 1959 and "NaspeX" in 1960.

In June, we were entertained with

a fine showing of perfin and a brief history of their usage, by James R. Lambert. Bro. Lambert is presently serving his second successive term as President of the Perfin Club, an International group of collectors in his specialty. His perfin collection has brought him several awards in both domestic and foreign exhibitions, and at this writing, is entered in the 75th National Exhibition of the New Zealand Philatelic Society at Christchurch.

The July meeting produced another sterling performance by L. W. Christenson. Chris is President of the International Society for Japanese Philately and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society. He showed and discussed the early commemorative issues of Japan, and again we had the pleasure of viewing at close range, an exquisite award winning collection.

The August meeting will feature the dealer's viewpoint of our avocation as Alden Whitney relates some of his experiences as a former stamp dealer.

The program for September 20th will include a presentation of the U.S. issues of 1847 and 1851, by Dr. J. N. Schneider, our U.S. specialist. His collection is housed in over forty volumes and includes material of all categories as listed in the U.S. Specialized catalog. At the May meeting, Dr. Schneider presented the chapter with a copy of the one cent value of the Army Series of 1936, which bears the portraits of George Washington and Nathaniel Greene, both Masons. The stamp is autographed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was sent to Dr. Schneider by F.D.R. as a memento of their personal contacts before the latter became President.

Stamps and accessories are being accumulated for distribution to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. A future meeting will be devoted to making up packets for this charitable cause.

A philatelic reference library is being formed and is coming along nicely. Donations in the form of any type of philatelic publication will be greatly appreciated, and may be sent to the Chapter in care of the Masonic Library, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

—Raymond H. Runt.

OUR 27th ANNUAL DINNER

Our Annual Dinner was held on May 26, 1961 at the Masonic Club, and was tendered as a tribute to Bro. Sam Brooks, who, as you all know, is a founder member, past president,

former editor of The Masonic Philatelist and the author of "Masonic Philately". The attractive souvenir menu issued for the occasion had an interesting summary of his background and career, which we repeat herein for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend.

"Brother Brooks was born in New York City on October 23, 1896, and attended Public School No. 62, on the lower East Side. Of modest circumstances, he had to continue his education in the evening, while earning his livelihood. There was no easy path to finally attain his goal through Stuyvesant High School and Columbia School of Business in his career as credit and office manager in the dress manufacturing business.

During World War I, he enlisted in the Air Service Signal Corps and shipped to England in January 1918 and to France in June, where he served as sergeant in the 805th Aero Squadron of the A. E. F., and was finally discharged in June 1919.

Brooks was raised in Emanuel Lodge No. 654 in June 1925, and in June 1929, organized Vigilantia Lodge with 16 other Masons in his field of credit management. This Lodge was duly constituted by the late M. W. Charles H. Johnson as Vigilantia Lodge No. 1108, in June 1930. Sam served as its first Senior Deacon and then as Master in 1932.

In The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Brother Sam Brooks found his fondest associations. As a charter member, he soon served as Secretary and then as President in 1945. In March 1944, with the late Brother Harry M. Konwiser, the dean of philatelic writers, he began a stamp paper which, in a few issues, became the present "Masonic Philatelist."

In his monthly publication, as editor, publisher and author, Brother Brooks instituted his series of articles of Masonic personalities depicted on stamps, Masonic corner cards and envelopes. This found many adherents and The Masonic Philatelist became the source for this information and collecting Masonic philately. He built up a demonstration collection on this subject and won an award at CIPEX for this collection. Brother Brooks was encouraged to publish a booklet entitled "Masonic Philately" in 1948 which has been out of print for some time.

Brother Sam Brooks, now approaching his 65th year, is celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary on November

(Continued on Page 6)

Twenty-Seventh Annual Dinner

tendered in honor of

Brother Sam Brooks

Friday, May 26, 1961



Photos by Dr. George Camnitzer



ber 23, 1961. We drink a toast to Sam and Hattie for a long and healthy life. We hope that in the coming years he will find time to continue to promote Masonry and philately."

The dinner was one of the best attended in the history of our Club. After the invocation by Bro. Ernest J. Clark, and an address of welcome by Pres. Emanuel Reggel, the toastmaster, Bro. Carl H. Pihl, took over and set a standard that only those present could appreciate. Carl will be the next president of the "Silurians", leading organization of newspapermen, and his neat handling of the evening's program showed how well fitted he is for the job.

The Hon. and Rt. Wor. Benjamin Gassman and Rt. Wor. Nat B. Cohen, both close Masonic friends of the guest of honor, maintained the pace that Carl had set by delivering the principal addresses: Bro. Harry Lindquist ("Mr. Stamps"), in his own inimitable manner, made the presentation speech for the gift to Bro. Brooks of a handsome wrist watch.

A most pleasant and appreciated feature of the evening was the surprise appearance of our Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Harry Ostrov, who interrupted his busy schedule in order to be present and deliver a congratulatory message.

Among the enthusiastic group present were two of Sam's brothers, a number of members from Vigilantia Lodge No. 1108, and a delegation from the Conference of Apparel Credit Men. A number of our out-of-town members attended, including Bro. Lloyd Ellison of Springfield, Mass. Bro. James N. Wong of Washington, D.C., and two representatives of Lake Erie Chapter No. 2—Bro. David G. Jaeger and his son, Bro. Richard D. Jaeger.

After the dinner, the degree of "Master of Philately" was conferred on a large class of visiting members who had not previously received it. Thus ended another memorable evening. Praise must also be given to Bro. Dr. Irwin Yarry for his tireless and efficient work as Committee Chairman, and to Dr. George Camnitzner for taking so many nice photos, some of which appear herein.

OUR LAST MEETING

Our final meeting before the Summer adjournment was held on June 2, 1961, with a goodly attendance. Bro. Brooks introduced an old friend and visitor, Bro. Harold Scheider. Bro. Reggel read letter from Bro. Swan, and telegram from Mrs. Brooks thank-

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Charles R. Crisman

5103 Arcade Building
Seattle 1, Washington
Delta No. 172 (Riverton, Wash)

Norman S. Hale

1 Stuart Street
Canley Vale, N. S. W., Australia
Kingsdale No. 698 (N.S.W.)

J. G. Millaard

Hoveniersweg 18
Tiel, Holland

ing Club for flowers and gift.

Letters read from Bro. Mark G. Snow regarding Lake Erie Chapter #2, as well as from Bro. Johnstone regarding possible formation of a California Chapter. The latter was referred to Bro. Carl Pihl, Chairman of our Committee on Chapters.

Bro. Sam Brooks thanked all who had helped to make the Annual Dinner such a great success, with special praise for Bro. Carl Pihl, Master of Ceremonies and our perennial Dinner Chairman, Dr. Irwin Yarry.

Bro. Milnor Peck gave a detailed report on behalf of the Committee on Masonic Cachets. Pres. Reggel then presented Bro. Peck with a wrist watch as a token of our appreciation of his splendid and untiring efforts in this direction, over the years.

The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and President were read and approved. Pres. Reggel delivered his "swan song", expressing regrets that his biennial had passed so rapidly, and thanking all officers, committees, and the many brothers who had helped so much to make his administration so successful.

At the Annual Election which then followed, the following were unanimously elected:

President	S. Duffield Swan
1st Vice-Pres.,	Shelton W. Osterlund
2nd Vice-President	Norman H. Sehlmeier
Secretary	Stanley Salomon
Treasurer	Joseph Munk
Treasurer Emeritus	Fred Wendel
3 year Governor	David Schwarz
	—Fred J. Gommor.

AN INVITATION

Our tireless Brother Harold E. Gunter advises us that he will preside in the East on September 27, 1961 at Girard Lodge No. 631, which meets at the Temple, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City. Bro. Harold was Master of this Lodge fifty years ago, and the date is the eve of his 84th birthday. The Master of the Lodge has

extended a cordial invitation to members of The Masonic Stamp Club to be present on this occasion. A group of our local members is planning to attend, in order to assist in honoring Col. Gunter on his reaching another significant Masonic milestone.

MASONS-ON-STAMPS DANIEL MORGAN



Daniel Morgan, born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1736, in early life removed to Charleston, Virginia.

Morgan's military career began in 1755 when he joined Braddock's expedition against the French and Indians as a teamster. It was during this war that he became acquainted with Gen. George Washington. For an alleged insult to a British officer, he received 500 lashes in 1756.

Obtaining a grant of land near Winchester, Virginia, he farmed and raised live stock for a number of years.

At the outbreak of the War for Independence Daniel Morgan raised a company of riflemen with which he marched to Cambridge, Mass., where Washington assumed command of the first American army on July 3, 1775. Morgan and his riflemen then accompanied Major General Benedict Arnold to Quebec where, after a brave resistance, he was taken prisoner. Upon exchange he was appointed colonel of a Virginia rifle regiment, which he commanded with great ability.

In 1777 Morgan's riflemen were especially assigned by General Washington to aid General Gates of the Northern Department in confronting the British force under Burgoyne as they were well versed in backwoods fighting and were calculated to offset the Indian and Tory allies of the British. The type of weapon carried by most of Morgan's corps of riflemen was the so-called Kentucky Rifle. These rifled guns were much more accurate than the smooth-bore muskets used by most of the soldiers on both sides during the American Revolution.

The American victory at Saratoga may be considered to mark definitely

the turning point of the war. In no small sense the success of the American cause may be attributed to the daring leadership of Gen. Arnold and Col. Morgan.

Col. Morgan resigned his command in 1779, but in October 1780 he was back in the army, attached to the Southern Army as Brigadier General. In one of the most brilliant military actions of any war he won the victory of Cowpens over Tarleton, for which Congress voted him a gold medal.

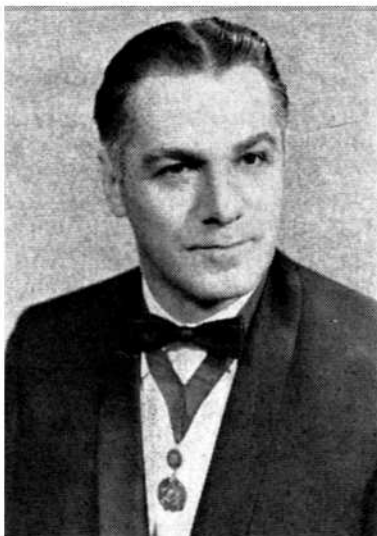
As Major General in 1795, Morgan headed a large army in Pennsylvania and suppressed the "Whiskey Insurrection". He was a member of Congress 1795-99. He died July 6, 1802, at Winchester, Virginia.

Daniel Morgan was a member of Williamsburg (Virginia) Lodge No. 6.

The four central figures on the stamp of 1927 (U.S. #644) are Generals Phillips, Burgoyne and Gates, and Colonel Morgan (in the light colored clothing).

—Marshall S. Loke
15 Langford Road
Rochester 15, N.Y.

HONORED MEMBER



Rt. Wor. Thomas G. Cesta, who recently joined our Club, expresses regrets that he will probably be unable to attend any of our meetings this season. REASON—he has just been honored with appointment as District Deputy Grand Master, First Nassau District, New York State. Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes are

extended to Brother Tom.

Presentation ceremonies will take place September 13, 1961, at 8 P.M., at the Masonic Temple, Square Place, Bellmore, Long Island, New York. Local members are cordially invited to attend.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR TREASURER

Thanks to all of the members who have been keeping me busy this hot summer, entering dues payments and making the bank deposits. The returns have been so heavy that it really has not been possible for me to send individual acknowledgments to the many who have written me such interesting notes. Several of general interest have been forwarded to the Editor for inclusion as he sees fit in M.P.

Just in event that any members remain confused because of the changed procedure this year, this will confirm that \$3.00 annual dues became payable July 1, 1961 in respect to fiscal year ending June 30, 1962. If you have not already remitted, your prompt payment at this time will be greatly appreciated.

—Joe Munk

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Many interesting communications have been received by your Editor and the other officers during the Summer recess. Space limitations prevent printing all in full at this time.

Bro. Philip Rosenbaum was recently elected corresponding secretary for West Bronx Stamp and Coin Club. Dr. Yarry delivered a talk on June 19th before the British Empire Study Group, dealing with British Empire stamps used abroad.

John A. Mirt's joint exhibit with Mrs. Clara Mai Rutherford of stamps with medical interest received an honorable mention at the American Medical Association scientific assembly last year in Manhattan. Bro. John will also provide a regular feature for The AMA Journal entitled "Medical Pathfinders." This feature will picture and discuss stamps picturing personalities associated with progress in the healing arts.

Ben Grossman—"I was sorry to miss the last meeting, but on that day my daughter-in-law presented me with my fifth grandchild, and I was obliged to visit her at the hospital."

Past Grand High Priest Arthur H. Dailey of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama—"Dear Companion Munk: In looking through the clutter of

papers on my desk tonight, I find that I have overlooked mailing you check for my dues. I am sorry for this as I have been Secretary and Recorder for various bodies and know that it is well to have the dues in prompt! Please accept my fraternal best wish to you and to our splendid Club. I was very sorry to have to miss attending our annual dinner, but had no opportunity to do so."

Uncle Jake Glaser sent best wishes to all from Toronto, Canada, where he enjoyed our Northern Neighbor's hospitality at Kiwanian Convention.

From Russell L. Floyd—"Masonry on Stamps is a very interesting hobby, and affords much interesting study. It gives me a 'siding' on which to switch when the 'main line' traffic gets too heavy with F.D.C.s and Plate Blocks. I will be 79 years old in September and am thankful to be able to entertain myself with this hobby. Also collect coins."

Bro. J. G. Millaard (Holland)—"When you list me under 'New Members Welcome,' will you please add that I am a collector of Philatelic Literature only? I much enjoy reading the MP and the doings at the meetings of the Club. I am sorry I live such a long way from New York, not being able to attend the meetings. Please remember me to all the brothers."

Carlton Siefert—"I have been kept busy on my job and around the house, so have been prevented from attending all the meetings of Lake Erie Chapter. Also, my active interest in Laurel Lodge No. 657 takes a lot of my spare time. We paid a visit last year to Laurel Lodge No. 972 over in Brooklyn and enjoyed the entire trip. The N.Y. ritual differs somewhat from ours, but the story told is of course the same as in Ohio. Our time was so taken up that we had no chance to make calls or contact some of you in New York City."

Bro. Burnett C. Lamble, P.Eng. (Orillia, Ontario)—"Some months ago I noticed in the list of New Members, two brethren from Australia, and as it is not too often that we see other members of the Commonwealth list, I wrote these two brothers, and have received replies from both, and so another two have been added to my Fraternal Friendship list. Therefore the Club is doing a good job, in more ways than one."

Frank H. Weiss—"Hi—I am now located in Turkey, near Istanbul. Have not run across any Masonic activity here."