



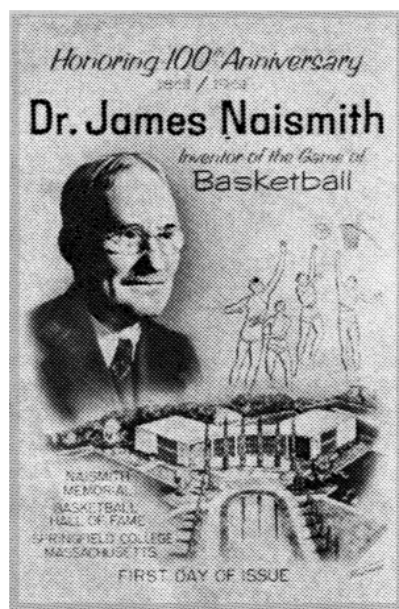
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Masons-On-Stamps. Dr. Naismith (1861-1939)



Basketball was honored and the centenary of the birth of the game's inventor commemorated by the first day sale November 6, 1961 at Springfield, Mass. of this 4c U.S. stamp. Dr. James Naismith received his EA degree February 10, 1894; the FC degree on March 17, 1894, and was raised to MM degree on April 28, 1894 in Roswell Lee Lodge, Springfield, Mass. He was also a member of Morning Star Chapter, RAM, Springfield, Mass.

— R. M. Needham.

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By the sign of the Gavel

Our October meeting was well attended despite our failure to get out our usual local notices. It was indeed a pleasure to greet Bro. Bill Huxsell of Montreal, who arrived at New York in time for our meeting. We always have a case of loyal, devoted brothers who do not require a special notice to attend. However, we do need more who, like Brother Huxsell, make a special effort to come when they know that the Club is in session.

I am writing this message on the

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N.Y.C.
3rd Meeting — November 3, 1961
Past Presidents' Night

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH C. HUNTINGTON
NATHEN S. TUCKER

"May their souls rest in eternal peace."

plane returning from Cleveland where ten of us conferred the Master of Philately Degree on a class of seventeen members of the Lake Erie Chapter. We were all stunned by the untimely passing of Brother Nathen S. Tucker during our sojourn in Cleveland. The Lake Erie Chapter and the parent Club have lost a Brother who has done so much that it well can be said "he cannot be replaced." We here express our sympathy to the family his friend, and the Chapter.

Our meeting in November will see our Past Presidents in action—come out and see and hear.

How about suggestions for the Club? We need more. Write us please.

—S. Duffield Swan.

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Arthur W. Deas* | 1934-1938 |
| Ralph A. Barry* | 1938-1939 |
| Henry W. Holcombe | 1939-1941 |
| Carl E. Pelander | 1941-1943 |
| George Camnitzer | 1943-1945 |
| Sam Brooks | 1945-1946 |
| Jacob S. Glaser | 1946-1948 |
| Ferrars H. Tows* | 1948-1949 |
| Russell B. Roane* | 1949-1951 |
| Arthur I. Heim | 1951-1953 |
| Carl H. Pihl | 1953-1955 |
| Thomas Phillips* | 1955-1957 |
| Irwin M. Yarry | 1957-1959 |
| Emanuel M. Reggel | 1959-1961 |

*Deceased

ROBERT E. FELLERS

Robert E. Fellers, 69, first director of philately for the U.S. Post Office Department, died Nov. 5, at Washington, D.C. He was a founder of the Washington Chapter of the Masonic Stamp Club. This report came just as we go to press so further details may follow.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1 REACTIVATED

Under authority granted by the Board of Governors of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, the Reorganization Committee of The George Washington Chapter No. 1 of the Club held a meeting on October 15, 1961 in Washington, D.C. to reopen Chapter No. 1 for business.

The meeting heard reports by various members on the welfare of members of the Chapter and the disposal of its archives. The report on members revealed that of those listed in the 1959 Roster, Brothers Eiseman, Farwell and Huntington were reported deceased and Brothers Fellers and Merz were reported on the sick list. The rest of the brethren are presumed well and happy.

No information was available on the archives of the Chapter and the newly elected officers were instructed to ascertain the whereabouts of these documents, etc.

The meeting elected the following officers for the George Washington Chapter No. 1 for the 1961-1962 term:

President Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.
First Vice-President James N. Wong
Second Vice-President William E. Salomon
Secretary L. W. Christenson
Treasurer Paul D. Weeks

The Reorganization Committee approved a resolution from the Chair that all members of the Chapter who wish to remain in good standing must reapply before the next regular meeting of the Chapter on February 22, 1962. Those failing to do so will be dropped from the rolls of George Washington Chapter No. 1.

For further information write to the Secretary, P. O. Box 406, Washington 4, D.C.

—James N. Wong.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER NO. 2

The September meeting was opened promptly by President Don Goertz with twelve members and five visitors present. Don had just returned from a delightful vacation in Scandinavia and will have much to tell us about philatelic activity in that area at a future meeting.

Contributions of stamps and supplies for the Shriner's Hospitals are coming in and are deeply appreciated by the Chapter. We will soon have enough to make our initial distribution.

Discussion took place regarding the arrangements for receiving and enter-

taining the New York delegation, scheduled for arrival on October 20th for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master of Philately. Due to the limited time the visitors will have at their disposal, it was felt advisable to conduct all activities in the vicinity of the Cleveland airport since all the required facilities are available there.

A spirited auction was conducted by Jim Lambert resulting in another boost to the club treasury. It is rumored that Jim can sell a damaged copy of a cancelled 3¢ Liberty to a U.S. specialist at a profit.

The following committees were appointed by President Goertz:

Nominating Committee for 1962 Officers: Mark G. Snow, L. W. Christenson, David G. Jaeger.

Philatelic Activities Committee: James R. Lambert, Laddie J. Pesek, Lou B. Brown.

Auditing Committee: Russell Hagens, William Dyer, Harry A. Pahl.

Featured entertainment of the evening was a fine showing and discussion of the early U.S. issues by Dr. J. N. Schneider. Three albums were presented and included pre-stamp covers, the 1847 issue on and off cover plus proofs and reissues. Also the 1851 issue both on and off cover, including proofs. This was a truly remarkable showing with many scarce varieties and unusual covers, including patriotics and corner card items. Dr. Schneider will show us more of his wonderful U.S. material at a forthcoming meeting.

November 15th will be the date of our annual meeting. Officers and Committee Chairmen will present their complete reports, after which the election of officers for 1962 will take place. Since voting will be done only by the members present, it is hoped a good attendance will be on hand.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

At our regular meeting on October 6, 1961, it was a pleasure to greet a visitor, Bro. R. W. Landgraf of Monitor Lodge; also Bro. William Huxsell of Montreal. The latter showed us pictures of a lodge enacting a meeting and dressed in costumes of the early 18th century.

Bro. Harold Gunter thanked the Club for the large delegation which had attended on the night when he sat in the East on his 50th birthday as Master of Girard Lodge. Bro. Reggel reported that Vice-Pres. Osterlund was unable to attend due to illness.

Bros. Pihl and Reggel reported on the completion of arrangements for

our degree team to visit Lake Erie Chapter #2 on October 20th.

A letter was read from Rt. Wor. Bro. Loeb, expressing the family's desire to donate something to the Club in memory of our recently deceased Brother David Schwarz. This led to discussion of the Club's plans to inaugurate an extensive Masonic Philatelic Library. Bro. Sam Brooks suggested that the Masonic Stamp Club Library should be housed at the Grand Lodge Library on 23rd Street, where a special section would be set aside for it.

The evening, having been designated as "Masonic Night," was then devoted

to display and discussion of items of Masonic interest. Bro. Brooks showed from his extensive collection a number of Masonic stamps, covers and symbols on stamps; also some stampless covers with Masonic symbols as cancellations. Bro. Sehlmeier showed some covers, including old Canadians with lodge corner cards. Bro. Salomon then exhibited covers with stamps picturing Masons. Our President, Bro. Swan then concluded the exhibit by showing some of the gems from his prize-winning collection of Masonic Cancellations, as well as other Masonic memorabilia.

—Stanley A. Salomon.

HONORED MEMBER— ROBERT GOMERSALL

Recently the People-to-People Program presented citations to Committee Chairmen. One of the recipients of this "Citation for outstanding Contributions to International Goodwill" was our own Brother Robert Gomersall, who is shown below receiving this award from the Chairman, Brother Harry Lindquist.

Bob retired three years ago as an executive of General Motors. Long before that he was interested in organizing stamp clubs, and while he was with General Motors he organized the General Motors Stamp Club of New York, of which he was president for many years. He then helped formulate a stamp club in practically all of the

General Motors operations in the principal countries of the world. It was quite a boon to the members as they received all high value issues which came in by the commercial mail, both regular and airmail. This was done by having an agreement with the firm to have all envelopes intact given to the stamp club after the contents were removed. Unfortunately World War II practically eliminated their foreign exchange as nearly all of their mail now metered.

After retirement, Bro. Gomersall decided to write a pamphlet titled "Instructions for Organizing and Operating a Stamp Club." It is used by a number of clubs in the United States and foreign countries. The Board of



Education of New York City accepted it to organize stamp clubs in the Junior High Schools in all boroughs.

Although his principal hobby is stamp collecting and club organization work, he also enjoys travelling and within the past three years has made trips to South Africa via Europe and England. In South Africa, he was the guest of Mr. Ernest Hunt, who was chairman of the Unipex Exhibition held in 1960 at Johannesburg, and who is the owner of one of the finest worldwide collections known.

At the present time Brother Bob is devoting a great deal of his time to the People-to-People Program of which Bro. Lindquist is Chairman. He is currently Chairman of the Stamp Hobby section of this Program for Australia,

New Zealand and South Africa. Besides this he also handles on a small basis correspondence and exchange of stamps with people in over forty two countries. He finds this interesting work and his own collection has benefitted considerably through this medium of exchange. He has been able to acquire a number of volunteers to help in this goodwill project, but advises that he can use many more. He suggests, in particular, that should there be any members of The Masonic Stamp Club who have retired and wish to keep busy they will find great satisfaction in joining the People-to-People program. Bro. Gomersall's address is 735 West 172 Street, New York - 32, N.Y.—(Photos by Bill Homan, New York.)

HONORED MEMBER— JACOB S. GLASER

Whenever there is philatelic or other hobby activity, one usually finds our veteran member, Bro. Jacob S. Glaser, in the forefront. Recently he also was honored with the award of a Citation from The People-to-People Hobbies Committee, Inc.

In the words of Brother Lindquist, "Jacob S. Glaser, of Brooklyn, New York, is one of our most valuable and dependable workers. He has been in charge of all construction and installation problems of our international exhibitions for a quarter of a century, and

his knowledge and skill have been constantly at the disposal of the Committee. He has a long background in other philatelic activities, as well as in other fields where he can find an opportunity to be helpful to a good cause.

"Mr. Glaser has been president of the Collectors Club, The Masonic Stamp Club, and several other philatelic organizations, and has been especially active in his home town of Brooklyn, working with both adult and junior groups. He is a Director of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, Vice-President of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs, and is very active in



numerous other philatelic organizations, including in addition to those already mentioned, the Aero Philatelists, Inc. and the American First Day Cover Society. He conducts an art class for amateurs, mostly people over 65, who find it a great boon to their morale. He is a top flight artist himself, and has a remarkable knack of transmitting the basics of art so that the least talented in this respect is soon able to produce acceptable works.

"Mr. Glaser has scores of other activities, too numerous to itemize, and whenever a problem arises or whenever work must be done in a rush, a call to "Uncle Jake" will bring his cheerful smiling countenance to the scene of action, and action it surely will be within minutes of his arrival. It makes little difference to Jake what the task is; he is equal to it."

In the background of the photo above there is shown a display of a limited edition of Haviland China awards, such as were given at Cipex, New York, 1947, for which Brother Glaser was Construction Engineer.

SAFARI TO CLEVELAND

At long last the official visitation to Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 was to become a reality. On October 20th six members of our New York group met at noon at the New York terminal of the airlines, only to be informed of a two hour delay in departure time. Two of the brothers were able to get accommodations aboard an earlier plane, but the rest of us did not leave Idlewild until 4:10 p.m. A very pleasant, fast and smooth jet journey landed us at 5:45 p.m. at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Among the first of the local Chapter members to greet us was Brother Nathen S. Tucker, one of the founders and the Secretary of Lake Erie Chapter. He was in excellent spirits and apparent good health as he insisted on taking our hats and coats for the purpose of checking them in our meeting room at the Airport, while directing us to proceed immediately to the nearby dining room where the other members had gathered to await our arrival.

There fraternal introductions and greetings were exchanged and a total of about 25 members proceeded to enjoy the splendid dinner which the officers of the Chapter had arranged for us. Before completion of this festive event, we were all shocked and stunned to learn that, just before checking our

coats and hats, Brother Tucker had collapsed, and despite medical and emergency treatment immediately available at the Airport, passed away quickly. This of course dampened our spirits for the rest of the evening.

At first it was proposed to postpone the meeting, but it was then determined to proceed and to name the class "The Nathen S. Tucker Master of Philately Class," and to grant him posthumously the Degree of Master of Philately.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Donald W. Goertz of the Lake Erie Chapter, who greeted Pres. Swan and the other members of the New York group, as well as Bro. James Wong and Bro. William Salomon, Vice-Presidents of the recently reactivated George Washington Chapter No. 1. These brothers responded with expressions of good wishes from their respective groups. Bro. Reggel then presented the local chapter with material for the philatelic reference library which they are forming.

Bro. Goertz then turned the meeting over to Bro. Swan who introduced the visiting ritual team consisting of Carl Pelander as President; Carl Pihl, Master Counselor; Emanuel Reggel, Junior Counselor; S. Duffield Swan, Senior Counselor; Irwin Yarry, Secretary; and Norman Sehlmeier, Orator. They were ably assisted by two members of the Lake Erie Chapter who had previously been initiated at New York, viz., David Jaeger, Conductor, and Richard Jaeger, Sentinel, as well as by the visiting Masters of Philately from Washington, Bros. Wong and Wm. Salomon.

The Degree of Master of Philately was thereupon conferred in full and impressive form on a record number of candidates, consisting of Brothers E. H. Bollbach, L. W. Christenson, Alan E. Coatoam, Gordon J. Cole, Sr., William Dyer, Donald W. Goertz, Harry A. Pahl, Laddie J. Pesek, Rowen Prunkard, Mark G. Snow, William D. Miles, Lou B. Brown, James R. Lambert, Joseph N. Schneider, Edgar W. Kroehle and Elatus G. Loomis.

After congratulations and a quick leave-taking, the New York contingent hastened for their scheduled return flight and arrived safely at Newark in less than two hours. Thus, except for the sudden and tragic passing of Brother Tucker, ended one of the most memorable occasions in the history of our Club, marking as it did the first formal meeting of representatives of the parent Club and its two Chapters.

13 FLAGS FLEW OVER CALIFORNIA

Thirteen flags have flown over California in its recorded history. They include the Spanish Empire, England, the Spanish National Ensign, Russia, the Russian-American Co., pirates from Argentina, the Mexican Empire, the Mexican Republic, explorer John Fremont's flag, the original Bear flag, the American flag in 1846, the State's present official Bear Flag and the Stars and Stripes of the U.S.A.

Brother S. J. Bensen writes, "By depicting the 12¢ Grover Cleveland stamp above a recent article in the M.P. concerning Caldwell Lodge No. 59, Caldwell, New Jersey, you brought back a pleasant memory to me. This 12¢ stamp was first placed on sale at Washington, D.C., and Caldwell, New Jersey, the birthplace of former President Cleveland, March 20, 1923. As a clerk in our Caldwell post office, I had the honor of selling the first stamp of Cleveland. When I opened the stamp window that morning twelve men bought the new stamp."

☆ U.S. ISSUES FOR '62 ☆

- Jan. 6, 1962**—4¢ New Mexico 50th anniversary statehood, Santa Fe, N.M.
Feb. 14—4¢ Arizona 50th anniversary statehood, Phoenix, Ariz.
April 6—4¢ Civil War Battle of Shiloh, Tenn.
April 11 — 4¢ Charles Evans Hughes birth anniversary, Washington, D.C.
April 21—4¢ Century 21 World's Fair with "Man In Space" theme, Seattle, Wash.
April 30—4¢ Louisiana 150th anniversary statehood.
May 20—4¢ Homestead Act Centennial. Promised 4¢ Malaria stamp in early 1962.

Lafayette's full name was Marie Paul Jean Roch Yves Gilbert Motier Lafayette (U.S. 1010, 1097).

General von Steuben's full name was Friederich Wilhelm August Heinrich Ferdinand von Steuben.

Voltaire was the pen name of Jean Francois Marie Arouet (France B239, Hungary CB4).—M. S. L.

NATHEN S. TUCKER

It is with profound sorrow that we report the tragic and untimely passing of Brother Nathen S. Tucker. He was a founder and the Secretary of the Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, and had been a prominent Mason for 20 years, holding office in several Masonic groups.

He collapsed and died on October 20, 1961 at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, shortly after having greeted visiting members from New York.

Brother Tucker was born in Cleveland 49 years ago. He attended Glenville High School, Ohio State University and Cleveland Law School, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1935. He had a law office in the Engineers Building.

He was President of the Masonic Library, Secretary of the Cleveland Masonic Council and a member of Forest City Lodge No. 388. He was also a member of Al Sirat Grotto and Past Master of the Cuyahoga County Memorial Masonic Lodge. He was Vice-President of the Cleveland Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith, Secretary of the Fraternal Order of Police and legal advisor to the FOP's State Board, and Secretary of both the Forest City Bowling League and Parma Recreation Center.

Surviving him are his wife, Sadye, five children, two brothers and a sister.

In partial tribute to his memory, the Degree of Master of Philately was conferred upon him posthumously, and the record size group of candidates taking the Degree, which he had planned to join that evening, has been designated as "The Nathen S. Tucker Master of Philately Class."

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

FOREIGN MASONS ON POSTAGE STAMPS

A checklist compiled for The Masonic Philatelist through the cooperation of
 Brothers Walter R. Harbeson, W. M. Lans, and Marshall S. Loke.

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| Bonifacio, Andra Jose | 1763-1939 | Brazil | 191, 261 |
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