Salute To The Nursing Profession

The stamp illustrated had first day sale December 28, 1961 at Washington, D.C. It was issued in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Nursing Profession, and features a young woman, who has finished her probationary period, lighting the traditional candle—symbolizing her dedication to her chosen career. The striped blouse and background are in blue; the candle and flame, and the denomination “4¢” above her head are in red; her hair is black, and the frame and outline of the denomination are green. This colorful stamp, designed by Alfred Charles Parker, is printed by the Giori presses. Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was the founder of modern nursing. See article within by John A. Mirt, “The Lady With The Lamp.”
MEETINGS
First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N.Y.C.
6th Meeting — February 2, 1962
Exchange Night (Club Competition)

No. 2. Special tours and possibly a dinner are on the agenda. A delegation from New York will surely be there as about ten have already indicated intention of going.

We have received several suggestions on programs and articles which our Program Committee will try to include in future plans. We can use more, so if you have ideas just drop us a line.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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LAKE ERIE CHAPTER #2

The regular monthly meeting of Lake Erie Chapter #2 of the Masonic Stamp Club was held on the 20th of Dec. The regular Dutch Treat dinner was held in the Masonic Temple Dining Room before the meeting. About 12 members attended.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 o'clock by our President Richard D. Yaeger with 18 members and visitors in attendance.

After the opening formalities and committee reports were taken care of Bro. Wm. Dyer opened the program session by giving a 5 min. talk Masons on Stamps. Bro. Russell Hags then gave a very timely talk on Christmas Seals showing his collection. His collection is very artistically mounted and consists of many rare varieties. The statistics which he quoted in regard to the way in which the public has accepted the stamps was very gratifying.

The stamps which were collected for the Crippled Children's Hospitals have
all been forwarded. A one pound package was sent to each of the 17 hospitals on the list. Letters and cards of appreciation have been coming in.

Bro. Lou Brown and Bro. Edgar W. Behle 33 will entertain us at our Jan. meeting with stamps and information about Benjamin Franklin.

The program for the Feb. meeting was discussed and some planning was in the making. Mr. Gilbert Myers of North Kingsville who is a collector of the flags of the United States will be with us on this evening. He will talk on the history of the flags of the United States and will display about 90 different flags from his collection.

Just before the meeting closed a very spirited auction of philatelic material was preceded over by Bro. James Lambert.—Harry A. Pahl, Corres. Secy.

OUR JANUARY MEETING

Despite the bad weather, our January 5th meeting was opened on schedule by President Swan, who thanked the faithful who had braved the elements in order to attend. We were glad to see new member Peter I. Lee present.

Brother William J. Landgraf, Mayor of Island Park, another new member, had enjoyed the pre-meeting dinner get-together at Sacher’s, but had to forego the meeting in view of another Masonic appointment.

Bro. Carl Pihl, Chapter Committee Chairman, reported on the forthcoming meeting on February 22, 1962 at Washington, D.C. of the George Washington Chapter No. 1. A new charter is to be presented by us, and a full day of sight-seeing and entertainment is being planned for members, their families and friends. A number of those present indicated their intention of attending. Dr. Swan will communicate with Bro. James Wong and announce detailed plans at our next meeting.

Bro. Phil Rosenberg, who is also quite active in local numismatic circles, spoke regarding forthcoming coin exhibitions including “Coin-A-Rama” which will be part of National Antiques Show at Madison Square Garden, New York City, from February 28 to March 4th, for which he offered to get a lounge for our Club free of charge; also exhibits at Paramus, New Jersey on April 4th and September 8th.

Due to illness, our Program Chairman Shelton Osterlund was unable to attend, so President Swan presented the program for the evening, “Old Timers’ Night.” First to be introduced was our longtime Secretary and Past President, Dr. Irwin Yarry, who presented a number of gems from his prize-winning Hong Kong collection. These included covers used on ship mail (stamps of Hong Kong were used through the years on foreign ships which cancelled the mail). He distinguished between cancellations on ships and paquebot cancellations; also showed earliest 1845 and various U.S. cancellations.

Bro. Peter Lee showed a cover bearing a 25 year old Masonic cachet.

Junior Past President Manny Reggel spoke about and exhibited a number of pages from his extensive British Empire collection, particularly Barbados, Seychelles, Bechuanaland and St. Lucia.

Brother Charles Sanna showed three old items from his large collection.

Brother Shoop read an obituary which had appeared recently in the newspapers for one Hiram A. Boaz, not a member of our Club, but it was the consensus of those present that he must have been a member of the Craft.

Brother Phil Rosenberg displayed a number of interesting coins, including the George Washington quarter of 1932 (P, S, and D mints) which he described as the only commemorative quarter and said had been issued only in small quantities; also a freak Jefferson of 1961 and various other misprints; also an 1893 silver dollar from San Francisco Mint.

President Swan then concluded the program by displaying and discussing a number of real gems, such as the U.S. First issues and other U.S. Classics; errors over the years; perforation freaks; chemical changes and printing errors. A splendid showing, indeed!

How little it costs,
If we give it a thought,
To make happy some heart each day!
Just one kind word or a tender smile
As we go on our daily way.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. 930/33) personally raised three of his sons, Elliott, James and Franklin, Jr., in Architect Lodge #519, New York, N.Y.

—M. S. L.

Brother James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States (U.S. #816) assisted in laying with elaborate Masonic ceremonies the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution (U.S. 943) Washington, D.C. on May 1, 1847.

—M. S. L.

Be friendly with the folks you know.
If it weren’t for them you’d be a total stranger.
Masonic lodges as a rule are not named after a living person, excepting that occasionally a member of the royal family is so honored. A lodge honoring a woman is even a greater rarity.

I found an account of the founding of one named after a living woman in a magazine published more than a century ago. The source was the July 1898 issue of “American Review of Freemasonry.” Quoting from a “London Paper,” the magazine said:

“A most interesting ceremony took place in the Town Hall, Woolwich, Tuesday, when a new Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1,008, was consecrated under the title of Florence Nightingale—a fitting tribute from the members who nearly all belonged to the royal artillery.

“The ceremony was performed by the new Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Panmure, assisted by Bro. White, Past Grand Secretary; Bro. J. D. Wilson, Grand Deacon; Bro. Bramfield, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Harvey, Past Grand Deputy, and a number of others, about 150 of the brethren being present.

“At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was impressively performed, Captain C. Forbes, of the royal artillery, was installed into the chair as the first Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, addressing him said that although the order did not admit ladies to its ceremonies there was nothing to prevent their halling from a lodge bearing the name of a lady who had left her home to perform a most Chris-

tian, a most disinterested, a most useful work; and thus carry into effect that truly Masonic virtue—charity.

“He felt that she had made a nan that was not confined to a kingdom, but which was as widely spread through the world as was the ancient craft of Freemasonry.”

“These were prophetic words, indeed. Florence Nightingale went on to gain international fame for her unselfish administration to the wounded on the battlefields and for her revolutionizing of nursing service in hospitals as well as in the army.

Miss Nightingale was named after the City of Florence in Italy, where she was born in 1820. Her English parents were widely traveled and she was raised under cultural conditions, but service to mankind interested her more than social activities. She went through a course of training at the Protestant Deaconesses’ Institute at Kaiserswerth in Germany, and made a thorough study of hospital methods in England, France, Italy, Constantinople and Alexandria.

When the reports of the sufferin of the troops in the Crimea reached England, she sailed in October 1854, to Scutari, with a contingent of 38 volunteer nurses in order to administer to wounded British soldiers. When she arrived, she found conditions in the military hospitals deplorable. About 42 per cent of the wounded were dying because of inadequate care and filthy conditions.

The nurses went to work to clean up
the hospitals while at the same time they provided much needed nursing care. In four months, the death rate was reduced to 2 per cent.

Miss Nightingale carried a lamp on nightly rounds of the stables which had been converted into hospitals. These visits were eagerly awaited by the wounded, and won for her the title of “The Lady with the Lamp.” The lamp became a symbol of hope to the injured. Australia issued a stamp in 1955 (No. 284) to commemorate the centenary of her work in the Crimea and the founding of modern nursing. Florence Nightingale is pictured in the background and a modern nurse in the foreground.

Her experience in the Crimea demonstrated the need for nurse training facilities. After her return to England, she determined to do something about it. She started a campaign for the construction of a nurses’ training school. The feeling of the nation found expression in a gift of £50,000 for this purpose. Her efforts bore fruit. In 1860, she organized a school at St. Thomas Hospital, London, the first such institution in the world. This was the beginning of modern nursing.

She persisted in pointing out the need for sanitary science in military medicine. Her theories of asepsis became the basis of a reorganization of medical practice in the British and Indian armies. She became general adviser on nursing organization and sanitary reforms throughout the civilized world. She wrote: “Notes on Hospitals” (1859) and “Notes on Nursing” (1860). Florence Nightingale died in 1910 at the age of 90, leaving behind a record of service to the human race which time cannot erase. Among the monuments to the memory of “The Lady with the Lamp” is Florence Nightingale Lodge, now No. 706, of London, England.

Although evidence is lacking, it is conceivable that she was the daughter of a Mason and that he inculcated in her the spirit of service to mankind. In any event, her work was the inspiration which led to the founding of the International Red Cross by Jean Henri Dunant, Swiss Mason, and the organization of the American Red Cross by Clara Barton, daughter of an American Mason and ardent member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

An account of these two humanitarian projects will be presented in the next issue.

—Adapted from “The Freemason,”
Toronto, Canada.

**AMONG OUR MEMBERS**

Bro. RICHARD M. NEEDHAM sends along a copy of The Temple Times from which we learn that among his activities, he is Managing Editor and Publisher of that paper, and is Eminent Commander of Lancaster (Ohio) Commandery #2, K.T. He is also Secretary of Temple Twirlers S/D Club. This club does not consist of twisters, but of square dancers, who delight in participating regularly in this pastime. Their motto is “Dance your cares away—Square dance!”

The Bureau Issues Association honored Bro. SOL GLASS of Baltimore, Maryland, its President for the past 12 years, by presenting him with an oil painting of himself at the American Philatelic Congress banquet on November 4, 1961 in Philadelphia.

At the SEPAD Exhibition held in Philadelphia at the same time and place, the Grand Award in the entire exhibition and the A.P.S. and S.P.A. Research Awards were won by Bro. L. W. CHRISTENSEN of Cleveland, Ohio, for his exhibit of first issues of Japan. He is not only a member of our Club, but also of the George Washington and Lake Erie Chapters.

Bro. FRANK W. BAKER, of West Chester, Pa., apologizes for being late in payment of dues, explaining that he has been hospitalized on a number of occasions during the past year. We wish a speedy and complete recovery for you, Frank.

Bro. HAROLD DRAPER of Eugene, Oregon, writes: “. . . I am also thankful for the excuses you have suggested for my not having sent in my dues for the last year—swimming, loafing, etc. Yes, I’m guilty of all of them, so without any more ado, I enclose my check.”

Bro. BYRON C. JOHNSON of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes to Joe Munk: “Actually believed that I was paid up for the year. Had never planned on being a ‘Freeloader,’ so here is a P. O. Money Order for fifteen dollars. This will pay for five years and should relieve you of a little book work.” Needless to state, Joe is overjoyed.

Bro. H. G. WILLIAMS of 43 Queen St., Korumburra, Victoria, Australia, writes: “Very pleased to receive The Masonic Philatelist. Is a new roster of members in the programme in the near future. I for one would be happy to pay a little extra to get a list of members and their current addresses. I have written to our new member in Holland. I enjoy writing and receiving letters from the Brethren and exchange in a modest way; also an exchange
of publications is I believe a good way to obtain that understanding of the conditions and problems of our fellow man. I am sure that an understanding, even if you do not agree, is a step in the direction of that “Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all Men.” In this direction our society is doing a great service by bringing us together through a common interest.

In somewhat similar vein, another letter from “Down Under,” from Bro. E. A. MINING, 6 Westbourne Street, Bexley, N.S.W., Australia, as follows: “Well, here we are again, another Christmas has rolled by, and we are all another year older. I have just received the October issue of The Masonic Philatelist, which I am always happy to receive, and I read it from cover to cover.

“On behalf of the President, Officers and Members of the N.S.W. Masonic Philatelic Association, may I extend to you (Joe Munk), and the President, Vice-President, and all the Officers, Members the sincere Best Wishes for Christmas, and better collecting for the New Year.

“The membership here in N.S.W. is gradually growing, with genuine philatelists, who are anxious to make contact with some of the members of The Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. I, myself, have been welcomed by a few of the members, which I appreciate very much. Would it be in order for me to write to some of the members listed in the Roster? (Ed. Note—It is quite proper to correspond with any member listed in the Roster, as well as new members whose names are published currently in the M.P.)

“Would you please pass on to Bro. Reggel my best wishes and hope that he keeps up the good work. As Bro. Reggel is the immediate Past President of the Club, shouldn’t his name be included in the list of Office-Bearers? I would like to see, in the list of Office-Bearers the name of the Immediate Past President. Here in Australia, the Past President or Past Master is so listed.

“I do appreciate the column dealing with Lake Erie Chapter No. 2, the Report of their meetings, and the list of Members.

“Our President, Bro. A. E. Mills, is a very ardent collector of U.S., and reads every word in the M.P. when I pass the issue on to him. All the best from Aussie.”

Bro. BYRLE C. MOCK, Western Springs, Illinois, says: “I hope some day in the near future to be able to visit New York and attend one of your meetings and take the Degree of Master of Philately. I retired last June, and having been an employee of United Air Lines, I received a pass which will allow me to travel on that line with restrictions, so I am kind of looking forward for that time. I have been employed for 50 years.

“I am a member of Western Springs Lodge No. 1138; and am Organist of this Lodge, as well as Kosmos No. 986 (Chicago). Hope to pick up one or two more lodges to keep active. My stamp collection consists of U.S. Commemoratives, both mint and used, and have a complete set from Scott No. 537 Comm. to date; also First Day Covers. Another hobby is Christmas Seals, of which I have every seal from 1907, the first seal.

“I am also interested in photography and have several other projects in mind. If I can live up to my secret ambition, and that is to live until I am 90 years old, I guess that is all I can ask for.”

Bro. LAWRENCE E. BROOKS, SR., Grantville, Kansas, wrote some time back: “I assure you that I look forward each month to the current issue of The Masonic Philatelist. I am becoming more and more interested in "Masons on Stamps." I was stricken with a heart attack last year and spent the month of September in the Santa Fe Hospital. Since my discharge from the hospital I have been home and all my activities were sharply curtailed and some forbidden altogether. I now expect retirement on account of disability.

“It is so nice to have a hobby such as stamp collecting to fall back on, and since it requires very little physical action, I have been able to do things that I wanted to do but didn’t have the time, now time is the thing I do have.”

Thoughts on brevity:
The Lord’s Prayer—56 words.
Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address—266 words.
The Ten Commandments—297 words.
The Declaration of Independence—300 words.

Silence and reserve suggest latent power. What some men think has more effect than what other say. — Lord Chesterfield.

The Spirit of Friendship lives forever. It is more precious than the finest jewels.
STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL
(France #391)
By Marshall S. Loke

Our ancient brethren, the operative
asons, were the skilled engineers,
hiteers and artisans who conceived
and executed the beautiful Gothic
structures of Europe. These medieval
craftsmen were the precursors of the
modern Freemasons.

Erwin von Steinbach, a distinguished
German architect, was the head of the
German fraternity of stone masons.
He was born near Strasbourg in Alsace
about 1240. He designed churches and
monasteries in Alsace and directed the
work on the fortifications of Stras-
bourg.

The work by which Erwin von Stein-
bach is best remembered is the great
cathedral at Strasbourg, pictured on a
1899 stamp of France, Scott No. 391.

Built in Gothic style of red sand-
stone, it is noted for its 464 ft. spire,
one of the tallest in Europe. The
cathedral was founded in 1170 and the
principal tower, completed in the sev-
enth century partly of wood, had been
destroyed by lightning and the resultant
fires. Construction of the nave began
in 1017 was completed in 1275.

It was in 1275 when Erwin was re-
quested to furnish designs for the de-
coration of the church and for the con-
struction of two new towers and a
tower on the site of the ruins of the
old tower. He was appointed Master
of the Works, and the ceremony of
laying the foundation stone took place
on May 25, 1277.

Erwin planned the elaborate west
front and the towers. The magnificent
rose window fifty feet in diameter was
also designed by him. His daughter,
Sabina, assisted him in the decoration
of the interior of the church. He car-
ried on the work until his death on
January 17, 1318, when he was suc-
cceeded by his son, Erwin, who con-
tinued the work. The remains of this
family of architects are interred within
the cathedral they had constructed.

There is a quaint old legend of Stras-
bourg Cathedral which has come down
to us from ancient times and, although
published many times, it is of sufficient
interest to be here quoted again.

The story runs that once in every
twelfeth month on the eve of the Feast
of St. John, when the hour of midnight
cling from the bell in the old cat-
thedral tower, the spirits of the stone-
masons by whose hands the sacred pile
was erected arise from the tomb and
once more visit the scene of their
former labors.

Up from the dark and gloomy crypt,
along the columned aisles and vast
dim nave, across the marble floor,
comes the long train of night-wander-
ing shadows. Clad in their old medieval
costumes, the Masters with their com-
passes and rules, the Craftsmen with
their plumbs, squares and levels, the
Apprentice lads with their heavy
gavels, all silently greet their com-
panions with the time-honored salute
and token, as of yore.

While the last note of the deep-
mouthed bell is still reverberating from
arch to arch, forth from the western
portal streams the shadowy throng.
Thrice around the sacred edifice winds
the train. Old Erwin himself leading
the way, while far up above floats a
white-robed female form, Sabina, Old
Erwin's well-beloved child, whose fair
hands aided him in his work. In her
right hand, mallet in her left a chisel,
she floats among the sculptured lace-
work of the noble spires like the Genius
of Masonry.

With the faint blush of dawn the
vision fades, the phantom shapes dis-
solve and the old masons return to
their sepulchres, there to rest until
the next St. John's eve shall again
summon them.

King Frederick VIII (Denmark 72,
78), while Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Denmark, initiated his three
sons: Christian (X of Denmark), Haakon
(VII of Norway), and Prince Harald.

—M. S. L.

You will never "find" time for any-
thing. If you want time, you must
take it.—Charles Buxton.

The best way to make your dreams
come true is to wake up.—J. M. Power.
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