The above is an illustration of one of the covers contained in the collection of Milton Greenbaum. See article within by Dr. S. Duffield Swan.
By the sign of the Javel

It hardly seems possible that the Winter is over, but here it is well into March. We are hoping that with the weather improvement, we will have better attendance at our meetings. Our March meeting showed considerable improvement, especially in interest and discussion.

One of the important things about our Club is that our Members bring up various philatelic questions and they are discussed by "experts and authorities" who are present. Most of these brothers are really amateurs just like the rest of us, but they have matured ideas and are willing to present them.

Come on out with your "Problem," or if it is complicated get in touch with us and we will have competent men present to help you solve it.

—S. Duffield Swan.

WELCOME

We welcome our new members:

EDIMAND C. GILBERTSON
3055 Brook Street
St. Paul 19, Minnesota

WAYNE E. GRODIAN, M.D.
135 Cherry Street
Silverton, Oregon

JOHN K. MOUNTFORD
36 Downing Street
East Williston, New York

MINEOLA LODGE #985, Mineola, N.Y.

GENE PENKOS
33 Ingram Street
Forest Hills, New York

GEORGE RICHARDS
33 Vista Avenue
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Washington Lodge #33, Elizabeth, New Jersey

OUR COMING EVENTS

RESERVE THESE DATES

May 4, 1962, Regular Meeting, Ira Seebacher, Sports Editor of the New York Telegraph, will be guest speaker and will display his extensive collection of stamps relating to sports which has won numerous awards in exhibitions.

May 25, 1962, Annual Dinner, at Masonic Club, guest speaker to be announced, further details will be furnished later.

June 1, 1962, Regular Meeting, Annual Reports and Election of Officers.
From time to time, we read an article about a famous Mason, whose portrait is on a stamp, and we read that he was "made a Mason at Sight." Over the years, many inquiries have been made asking for a fuller explanation of this UNCOMMON practice in Freemasonry.

The general opinion seems to be that the ritual is somewhat similar to Knighting. That is, a ceremony is held, some words are spoken, the recipient of the honor is tapped on the shoulder, and behold, a new Mason arises. This is far, very far, from what actually occurs.

The practice of making a Mason at sight, has been one of controversy, for a long time. Many able Masonic writers have explored the subject and numerous articles have been written, both pro and con. In some Masonic jurisdictions it is one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master, that he may make a Mason at Sight. In other jurisdictions it is forbidden.

Without going too deeply into the intricacies of Masonic Jurisprudence, we learn, that where permitted, it is a method used to confer the Degrees on a candidate, usually a person of prominence and known character, who because of lack of time and instability of residence or type of work, cannot take the Degrees in the usual manner.

All Grand Jurisdictions have rules and regulations for conferring the Degrees. These must be strictly adhered to. In general, a candidate must be of good character, in good health, must make an application to the Lodge, be investigated and ballotted upon. If found worthy, the Degrees may be conferred upon him. A proper lapse of time must ensue between the conferral of the different degrees, and the candidate must show proficiency, by examination before proceeding to the next degree. Finally, when having been Raised in the ancient manner, he must consummate his membership by signing the By-Laws of the Lodge.

In making a Mason at Sight, many of these requirements are waived. The Grand Master, after selecting the man to be honored, calls an "Occasional Lodge," and with the assistance of his Grand Lodge staff, or other qualified officers selected by him, confers the Degrees in an abbreviated form and obligates the candidate.

Note the following omissions: the candidate does not make an application to any Lodge. There is no investigation in the usual manner. There is no ballot, no waiting period between degrees, no examination of proficiency and no By-Laws to sign.

Actually, after the ceremony, the newly made Mason is a Non-Affiliated Mason. As such, he should make application for Affiliation to a regular Lodge, and in the manner prescribed by that Lodge. Some of these gentlemen, have not always chosen to seek membership in a regular Lodge. In some jurisdictions, this has resulted in ending the practice.

For those of you who are interested in pursuing the subject further, the following sources are suggested:

Bulletin No. 13, Grand Lodge F. & A. M., California, Committee on Masonic Education.


"Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," by Mackey.


All of these may be obtained from
your Grand Lodge Library.

In our Gallery of Famous Masons on Stamps, we find several who were made a Mason at Sight. President William Howard Taft was made a Mason at Sight by Most Worshipful Charles S. Hoskinson, Grand Master of Ohio, on February 18, 1909. On April 14, 1909, he affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, was made a Mason at Sight on October 21, 1899, by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, Most Worshipful J. H. Small. He later affiliated with the Benjamin B. French Lodge.

General George C. Marshall, on December 16, 1941, was made a Mason at Sight, by Most Worshipful Asa M. Daniels, Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

General Douglas MacArthur was made a Mason at Sight on January 17, 1936, in the Philippines, by the Grand Master.

Andrew W. Mellon was made a Mason at Sight, December 29, 1928, by Right Worshipful J. William Smith, Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Louis Kossuth received his degrees in two days.

President William McKinley received his degrees May 1, 2, and 3, 1865.

Other famous Americans so honored but, not shown on stamps, are John Wanamaker, Milton Eisenhower and Gov. G. M. Leader of Pennsylvania.

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Canadian Masonic Cancellations

By Dr. S. Duffield Swan

Canadian Masonic Cancellations have long intrigued the interest of cancellation collectors but, due to their scarcity very few of us have had a chance to add them to our collections, and when we did it was at a very high price.

This particular study started with Jarrett’s catalogue, where four sources of Canadian Masonics were listed. These were Toronto, Beachville, Simcoe and Woodstock. Through the courtesy of Bro. Milton Greenbaum of Saginaw, Michigan, we have the photos of three covers from his collection. One of these covers indicates a different post office than those mentioned before, Brockville, and it is quite distinctive.

In the course of this research, I obtained a postal card from Embro, Ont., with the illustrated cancellation (6) showing, and I also discovered the existence of a cover from Blythe, Ont., but have not as yet obtained a tracing for the record.

With reference to the postmasters at the various towns, we have accumulated the following information. The Hon. G. Alexander was postmaster and William Hargrave was deputy postmaster at Woodstock at the time of the cover usage there, but to date we cannot be sure that either was a member of the Fraternity. Similarly, while H. Muikins was postmaster at Simcoe, we cannot be sure that he was a Mason either.

Record shows that Charles Mason was postmaster at Beachville. According to his grandson, R. S. Mason of Port Dover, he was not a member of the Fraternity but used the insignia to identify and advertise his surname. A further point of interest is that he apparently became an itinerant member of the postal staff. Jarrett and the Post Office Department list him as Beachville postmaster from 1887 to 1884, but his family record says he was a resident of Brantford in 1875. Brockville, Beachville, Embro and a couple of other cancellations observed on off-cover stamps are so similar that we think they could have been the work of this man.

It is possible that as Beachville was a collecting center for many small towns, Mason in checking the mail may have found some stamps uncanceled and so did his own obliteration, even though the envelope bore the town cancellation. We have found the same cancellation on some U.S. stamps of the period, possibly a receiving cancellation, as even some of the Canadian usages may well have been.

The Newfoundland cancellation apparently was made with a signet of some kind. The fancy script initials S.D.H. (or K.) can be identified as well as the square and compasses. These were my first Canadian cancellations, and tracing (3) was from my second, both obtained many years ago.

The Canadian Post Office Department at Ottawa has very obligingly cooperated with us, furnishing information regarding the postmasters of the various towns during the specified period of cancellation usage.

The data which we have assembled
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in the last year is as follows. All towns are in Ontario Province.

In conclusion, I express my thanks to B. B. Hook, Postmaster, and John M. Kitchen, Philatelist, both of Woodstock. They have and are continuing to furnish material in this small piece of research which is of special interest to our Club. Should any brother have further information on either the postmasters or other Canadian Masonic cancellations, we would be happy to publish the same with proper recognition.

**From the Collection of Bro. M. Greenbaum**

![Image of the mail with postmarks and addresses]

**George Washington Chapter No. 1**

Supplementing the last report of our activities, I should like to add that Bro. L. W. Christenson had brought fraternal greetings from the brethren in Cleveland, and had invited all members of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York to visit meetings of their Chapter which are held regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, starting at 8:00 p.m. Bro. Christenson reported that the Chapter was growing in numbers and is increasing the scope of its activities. One of the new projects is monthly shipments of stamps to Shrine Children's Hospitals. Several hospitals have written to express their appreciation for the stamps and supplies. He closed his report with a special word of thanks to the members.
in New York and Washington who had demonstrated their close fraternal ties by participating in the initial degree work put on by the Lake Erie Chapter.

Our next stated meeting will be held April 8, 1962 at 2:00 p.m., at Week’s Stamp Shop, Transportation Building, 17th and H Streets, Washington, D.C. Included on the program will be reports by officers and committees; appointment of a nominating committee. Please have your candidates ready for conferral of the Degree of Master of Philately, at the June meeting.

—James N. Wong.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER NO. 2

The regular third Wednesday of the month meeting of Lake Erie Chapter No. 2 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was held on Feb. 21st, 1962 at 3:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave.

The dutch treat dinner before the meeting was attended by 7 brothers. A total of 11 members and 2 visitors attended the meeting.

Under new business a proposal was made to increase our dues to $5.00 in order to build up a reserve to further exhibitions and give awards.

After a short meeting the entertainment committee took over the program.

A change in the announced program was necessary on account of the death of Gilbert Myers who was to speak to us on the American Flag. Mr. Gilbert died suddenly during his talk at the Crook at Ashtabula. We were fortunate that Mr. James G. Cowles, who was to speak to us next month, was able to come and fill in. Mr. Cowles gave a very interesting talk and showed about 200 slides on the Canals of Ohio. Some of the photos were taken less than a mile from the temple.

Some of our members are very active in other stamp clubs. This week Bro. Laddie Pesek will give a talk and demonstration on mounting stamps at the East Cleveland Philatelic Club. Bro. Lou Brown will give a humorous account on “How I Became a Stamp Collector.”

On March 21st, Bro. Harry Pahl will read a letter sent to a Congressman of Ohio suggesting that the Great Seal of the United States be used on the flag of our country. In this letter attention is called to the 13 Masonic Symbols included in this emblem.

The main speaker of the evening will be Paul T. Skove of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club. His talk and exhibition will be on covers from Ohio, especially those from Cuyahoga County.

On April 18th, Bro. James R. Lambert, Grand Award Winner of the Cleveland Stamp Club, will show his collection and speak on “Perforated Officials of the World.”

Bro. Lambert, who is our auctioneer, held another of his spirited auctions at the end of the meeting.

Harry A. Pahl, Corres. Secy.

OUR MARCH MEETING

Dr. Irwin Yarr reported that plans were progressing for our Annual Dinner Affair which is to be held on May 25, 1962 at the Masonic Club. Further details will be supplied at our next meeting.

Dr. Swan read a letter from Bro. James Wong, Vice-Pres. of the George Washington Chapter No. 1, thanking the Club for having sent a delegation to their meeting held on Washington’s Birthday, and also expressing their gratitude for the beautiful charter which was presented on that occasion.

Bro. Harold Gunter invited us to attend Girard Lodge No. 631 on March 14th, the occasion being the presentation to him of his 60 year pin. A number of those present indicated their intention to attend.

Bro. Osterlund thanked Bro. W. A. Sinder for donating several interesting volumes to our library. He then introduced the exhibitors for what had been billed as “Novice” night. Bro. Reggel showed Boy Scouts on stamps. Bro. Chas. Brooks then displayed some magnificent stampless and locals, as well as carriers and an array of first U.S. stamps. Bro. Gunter showed some first-day covers of Masonic interest. Bro. Sam Brooks exhibited a fine showing of clippings, photos, etc. relating to the recent orbital flight of John Glenn, accompanied by an old Greek stamp picturing Mercury, along with our own recent Mercury Project stamp, explaining that something like this is a fine way to stimulate interest of youngsters in our hobby. Bro. Peter Lee showed first day Bicentennial covers. Bro. Sehlmeyer displayed a complete collection of the recent Canadian “tagged” stamps, and Dr. Swan concluded the program with a showing of first day covers with plate numbers, from 1937 to date.
FOREIGN MASONIC 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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Pushkin, Aleksander S. 1799-1837
Russia 590, 1121
Czechoslovakia 388
Hungary B206
Romania 7
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Quezon, Manuel Luis 1873-1944
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Rada, Jose Maria del Castillo y
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Radisheev, Alexander
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Santa Cruz, Andres 1792-1865
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Santos, Epifanio de Las
Sarmiento, Domingo Faustino 1811-1888
Sarsfield, Dalmacio Velez
Scheiner, Joseph
Scheiner, Joseph 1861-1892
Schiller, Friedrich von 1759-1805
Schulze-Delitzsch, Hermann 1808-1883

Schurz, Carl 1829-1906
Scott, Robert Falcon 1868-1912
Shackleton, Ernest 1874-1922
Sibelius, Jean 1865-1957
Somoza, Anastasio 1896-
Spoehr, Ludwig 1834-1859
Stefanik, Milan R. 1880-1819

Stein, Heinrich Friederich
Karl 1757-1831

Stendahl (Marie Henri Byle) 1783-1842
Sturt, Charles
Suarez, Jose M. Pino -1913
Sucre, Antonio Jose de 1793-1830

Suvorov, Alexander V. 1729-1800
Swedenborg, Emmanuel 1688-1772
Talleyrand, Charles Maurice 1754-1838
Tessin, Carl Gustaf 1695-1770
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