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8th Meeting — April 6, 1962

Dr. Paul F. Norris will show Mason
Match and Medicine Stamps

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:

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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 collec-
tion of stamps relating to sports
which has won numerous awards in
exhibitions.

May 25, 1962, Annual Dinner, at Ma-
sonic Club, guest speaker to be an-
nounced, further details will be fur-
nished later.

June 1, 1962, Regular Meeting, An-
nual Reports and Election of Officers.

By the sign of the Gavel

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 authori-
ties" who are present. Most of these
brothers are really amateurs just like
the rest of us, but they have matured

'Making a Mason At Sight'

By Samuel Brooks



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 lo, 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.

"Masonic Jurisprudence," by Roscoe Pound.

"The Builder," Feb. 1916; Feb. and July 1925; June 1926.

"Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," by Mackey.

Grand Lodge Bulletin, March 1941, Iowa Masonic Library.

"History of Freemasonry in New York," by McClenachan.

Masonic Service Association, Short Talk Bulletin, March 1937.

"The Masonic News," November 1943.

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.

Daniells, 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.

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. Mulkins 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 1867 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 well as the square and compasses. This was my first Canadian cancellation, 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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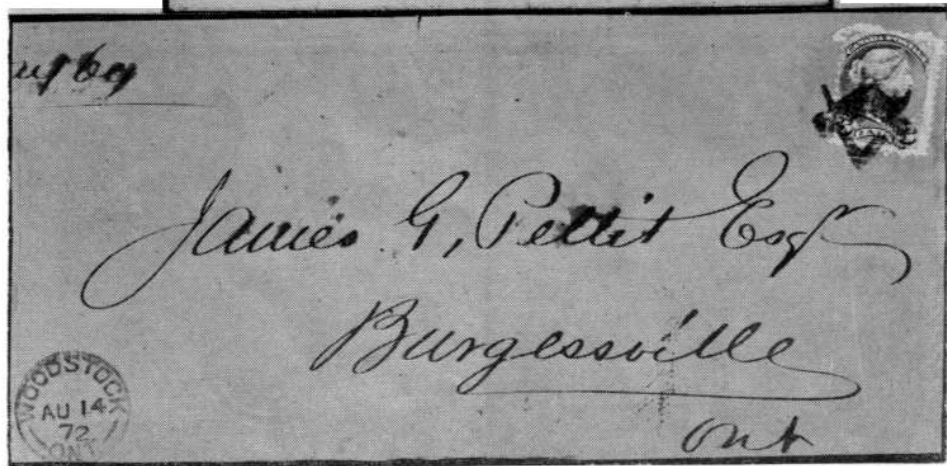
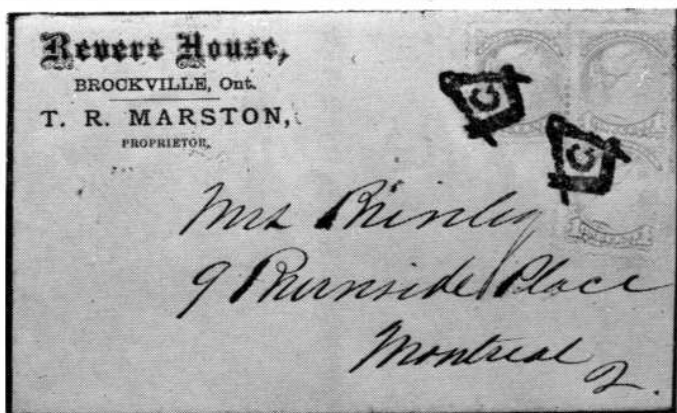
Fracing Town		Stamp	Date	Postmaster	Service
1,2	Beachville	#35	1875	Charles Mason	9/1/67 to 3/26/84
3	Blythe	#35	1876	D. B. McKinnon	4/1/74 to 1909
5	Brockville	1¢	1875	John Crawford	2/1/58 to 11/6/82
6	Embro	Postal Card	2/10/81	Donald Matheson	6/1/58 to 6/23/84
7,8,9	Simcoe	3¢	12/16/75	Henry Mulkins	7/4/56 to 3/4/08
11	Woodstock	3¢	8/14/72	Hon. Geo. Alexander	11/1/69 to 7/15/73
			(Deputy)	Wm. Hargrave	
12	Newfoundland	#28			

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



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 #2 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was held on Feb. 21st, 1962 at 8:00 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 read 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 Grotto 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 ex-

hibition 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 Yarry 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 palm. 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. Sehlmeier 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 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.

(Continued)

Pushkin, Aleksander S.	1799-1837	Russia	590, 1121
		Czechoslovakia	388
		Hungary	B206
		Romania	7
Quezon, Manuel Luis	1878-1944	Philippines	408, 511, 589, B8, C
Rada, Jose Maria del Casillo y			
Radishchev, Alexander		Colombia	89, C237
Nicolaevic	1749-1802	Russia	1388, 1642
Raffles, Stamford	1781-1826	Singapore	40
Rhodes, Cecil John	1853-1902	N. Rhodesia	54
		S. Rhodesia	58
Richet, Charles Robert	1852-1935	Monaco	303
Rio Branco, Baron	1845-	Brazil	193, 620, C63
Rivadavia, Bernardino	1780-1845	Argentina	8, 60, 61, 71, 77, 85, 92, 430
Rizal, Jose	1861-1896	Philippines	240, 353, 461, 462, 527, 593, N29, N30, N31
			225
Roca, Francisco Maria		Ecuador	225
Roca, Julio A.	1843-1914	Argentina	64A, 410
Rocha, Dardo	1838-1921	Argentina	413
Rochambeau, Jean Baptiste	1725-1807	U. S.	703
Roos, Adolf, Wilhelm	1824-1895	Sweden	259
Roxas, Manuel A.	1892-1948	Philippines	512, 525
Rydberg, Abraham Viktor	1829-1895	Sweden	363
Ryleev, Kondraty Feodorovic	1795-1826	Russia	1536
Saenz-Pena, Roque	1851-1914	Argentina	663
San Martin, Jose de	1778-1850	Argentina	421
		Chile	263, C140
		United States	1125-26
Santa Cruz, Andres	1792-1865	Bolivia	7
Santander, Francisco de Paula	1792-1840	Colombia	336, 342, 475, 477, 483, 484
		Cuba	345
Santana, Pedro	1801-1864	Dominican Republic	432
Santos, Epifanio de Las		Philippines	B1
Sarmiento, Domingo Faustino	1811-1888	Argentina	62, 72, 176, 419
Sarsfield, Dalmacio Velez		Argentina	36, 69
Scheiner, Joseph	1861-1932	Czechoslovakia	352
Schiller, Friederich von	1759-1805	Germany	353, 446
Schulze-Delitsch, Hermann	1808-1883	Germany	353, 446
		Saar	316
		Turkey	1108
Schurz, Carl	1829-1906	Germany	691, 5NB9
Scott, Robert Falcon	1868-1912	New Zealand	L2
Shackleton, Ernest	1874-1922	New Zealand	L2
Sibeliuss, Jean	1865-1957	Finland	249, 353
Somoza, Anastasio	1896-	Nicaragua	748, 795, C229, C372
Spohr, Ludwig	1784-1859	Germany	804
Stefanik, Milan R.	1880-1919	Czechoslovakia	293, 296, 300, 302, 325
Stein, Heinrich Friederich			
Karl	1757-1831	Germany	776
		East Germany	181
Stendahl (Marie Henri Beyle)	1783-1842	France	453
Sturt, Charles		Australia	104
Suarez, Jose M. Pino	-1913	Mexico	611
Sucre, Antonio Jose de	1793-1830	Bolivia	34
		Colombia	34
		Ecuador	237, 314
		Venezuela	389, C206
Suvorov, Alexander V.	1729-1800	Russia	834, 845, 1464, 1468
Swedenborg, Emmanuel	1688-1772	Sweden	264, 266
Talleyrand, Charles Maurice	1754-1838	France	B262
Tessin, Karl Gustaf	1695-1770	Sweden	331
Thorwaldsen, Bertel	1770-1844	Denmark	264
Thurn-Taxis, Charles			
Alexander	1733-	Belgium	417
Thurn-Taxis, Charles			
Anselmo	1770-1827	Belgium	416