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By the sign of the Gavel

Although I had arrived early and enjoyed the pre-meeting dinner at Sacher's with a number of the members, a severe cold unfortunately forced me to retire before the last meeting was opened. My thanks are extended to Norm Sehlmeier for having conducted the meeting. I also am grateful to Mr. Herbert Turkin, our guest speaker, for having exhibited and discussed his prize-winning Greek collection, as well as a highly specialized group of the Washington Bicentennial issue of 1932. Attendance was good.

Our November 2nd meeting will be

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N. Y. C.
Third Meeting — November 2, 1962
Past Presidents' Night

in honor of our past presidents, and those who are able to attend may certainly be counted on to provide us with a most entertaining and instructive evening. Be sure to join us on that occasion.

Now, a major item in our activity for this season is our participation in the forthcoming ASDA Show on November 16-18, 1962 at the 71st Regiment Armory in New York. We will have a lounge there, and your officers and other members will be present to greet any of you who attend. Out-of-town members and others who are not able to attend our regular meetings are urged to meet us at this Show. Further details appear elsewhere in this issue.

Looking forward to greeting you at the ASDA,

—Shelton W. Osterlund.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL DATA FOR NOVEMBER

November 8, 1942, Americans land in Africa.

November 9, 1918, Wilhelm II abdicated.

November 11, 1918, Germany signed Armistice.

November 16, 1942, Naval Victory near Guadalcanal.

November 17, 1800, Capital moved to Washington.

November 18, 1903, U.S.-Panama Canal Treaty.

November 19, 1863, Lincoln Gettysburg Address.

November 21, 1800, First Meeting of Congress in Washington.

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Thomas Phillips*	1955-1957
Irwin M. Yarry.	1957-1959
Emanuel M. Reggel	1959-1961
S. Duffield Swan	1961-1962

*Deceased.

WE WILL BE AT THE ASDA SHOW

As a major step toward increasing the scope of the Club's activities, we have rented a lounge at the Fourteenth National Postage Stamp Show, sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association, which will be held November 16-18, 1962 at the 71st Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street, New York, N.Y. This will be a focal point for our members and non-member Masons, and you are urged to attend. A complimentary ticket is enclosed.

During this period, there will be in attendance at all times several of our officers or other members to greet you. Your committee is also working on plans for further participation. For example, we have invited Bro. Milton Greenbaum to show and discuss his famous collection of slides dealing with Masonic Philately, but are not certain at this writing whether he will be able to arrange this, as he resides in Michigan.

The theme of the show is "Space." One of the interesting displays will be a Project Mercury capsule similar to the one in which Col. John H. Glenn orbited three times around the earth on February 20, 1962. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington is also sending a six-panel display featuring photographs and other illustrative material related to the historic flight.

The capsule for the Glenn flight is sixteen feet high, and the escape tower is twelve feet tall. A special ramp will be built at the Armory so that spectators may view the inside of the capsule, especially the instrument panel. A dummy will be housed in the capsule, so that the position of the astronaut as he made his flight through space can be visualized.

The ASDA Show will climax the celebrations for National Stamp Collecting Week occurring all over the country between November 12 and 18. These special activities will also be dedicated largely to the astronauts' exploits into Space.

Out-of-town members may find that this has a special appeal for their planning a trip to New York. Also a number of local members who are unable to attend regular stated meetings, will find that this affords them an excellent opportunity to meet us, as they can adjust their timing to suit.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER NO. 2

On Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 20 members of the Lake Erie Chapter #2 of

MSCNY met at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid, Cleveland, Ohio, for the regular monthly meeting of the club.

Sixteen members attended the Dutch Treat dinner, at the Masonic Temple Restaurant before the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. by Pres. Richard Yaeger. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no committee reports. Activities of the members in other clubs still continue. Bro. James Lambert was elected Vice Pres. of the Cleveland Stamp Club. He will also act as one of the Judges in another large exhibit in Cleveland.

The nominating committee reported the following slate for the coming year: For Pres., Gordon Cole, Sr.; for 1st Vice Pres., Bro. James R. Lambert; for 2nd Vice Pres., Bro. Laddie J. Pesek; Treas., Bro. Edgar W. Kroehle 33; Rec.-Secy., Bro. Lou Brown; for Corres. Secy., Bro. Harry A. Pahl; Trustee for 3 years, Bro. L. W. Christenson. The meeting was postponed until the next meeting on account of the lengthy program for the evening.

After a short recess the meeting was called to order for the exemplification of the Degree of Master of Philately. The degree was conferred in a very dignified and impressive manner on the following candidates: Brothers Wilbur F. Awig, Arthur Vroman, Ray Runt, Russell Hagans and John Sternbergh.

After the initiation the new Masters were given a rousing welcome. Photos of the festivity will be sent as soon as received from the processors.—Harry A. Pahl, Corresponding Secy.

MEDICAL PATHFINDERS

By John A. Mirt

Postage stamps of the world were used to illustrate the dramatic stories of medical progress from 3,000 B.C. to the atomic age in an exhibit on "Medical Pathfinders" at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association in McCormick Place, Chicago, on June 24-28.

More than 400 stamps commemorated the medical milestones which made up the exhibit, presented by John A. Mirt of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and Mrs. Clara Mai Rutherford of Chicago. It was the only philatelic showing among the 375 exhibits making up the scientific assembly and attracted wide attention among the more than 33,000 physicians and guests attending the meeting.

Central picture in the philatelic history of medicine was "The Doctor," a

Samuel Luke Fildes. The portrayal of a family physician at the bedside of a sick child was the theme of a stamp reproduction from a painting by Sir issued by the United States in 1947 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Medical Association.



A section was devoted to the current international philatelic program calling attention to the World Health Organization's attempt to eradicate malaria. Newly issued stamps and first day covers provided a colorful background for accounts of the efforts being made to rid the world of what remains as one of the most pressing health problems.

The oldest physician honored philatelically was Imhotep, Egyptian, who lived nearly 4,900 years ago and who was deified about 525 B.C. An Egyptian stamp shows him in the garb of a god.

Greek and Roman medical mythology were recognized in stamps of several countries. They pictured Aesculapius, ancient god of healing, and his daughter, Hygieia, mythical goddess of health. Other stamps portrayed Hippocrates, "Father of Medicine," who lived about 400 B.C.



The first 16 centuries of the Christian era produced great physicians and anatomists, and they were recognized in stamp issues. Among those was Ambroise Pare, French barber apprentice with a scanty education, who became a great surgeon.

In the 17th century, William Harvey of England solved the secret of blood circulation. Stamps showed the arterial system of man, and a heart with its four chambers. A Dutch janitor,

Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, constructed microscopes which disclosed the existence of microscopic life. This information paved the way to the discovery of the connection of bacteria to contagion and disease.

The 18th and 19th centuries found medicine moving forward rapidly, the important steps of which were commemorated in postage stamps. The 20th century opened new horizons.

The exhibit consisted of about 100 accounts in jumbo type on 8½ by 11 sheets, with stamp inserts at proper points. Even margins gave the whole the appearance of printed pages from a book rather than a usual philatelic display. All pages were protected by a clear plastic cover. Green tape was used to frame the pages.

The exhibitors received requests for showings in medical schools and before other medical organizations.

MUSINGS OF AN OLD "HAS BEEN"

Article No. 1

During the past year I have had more than a hundred communications from stamp collectors and stamp dealers, who are so little interested in a hobby that they failed to use commemoratives for postage stamps. Some even used metered postage!

I'll never forget that a few years ago I, too, used regular postage and one of my philatelic friends failed to answer some questions for a long time, so long that I wrote a second letter, this time using a commemorative stamp. Peculiarly, I received an immediate reply, with the note appended that he did not answer philatelic mail unless commemoratives or special stamps were used.

Since then I always use commemoratives, and when possible select the variety that would possibly be applicable to the party addressed. I even went so far as to have a rubber stamp made—"Please cancel philatelically," to be used for those most particular.

Incidentally, one prominent dealer told me that his auction replies more than doubled when he used United Nations commemoratives in mailing his catalogues.

Another point, the position of the stamp on the envelope. If your local office uses a machine canceller, a little study will give you the position to be used so that the town cancellation will appear on the stamp. If the letter is to be registered or certified, it is no task to select stamps and arrange them to secure the town on one stamp and the slogan on the other. There are

many collectors who are interested in such cancellation items, and under any circumstances, the commemoratives may end up in a package going abroad to boy scouts or other worthy causes.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

First Vice-President Bro. Sehlmeier opened the meeting, in view of the fact that President Bro. Osterlund was indisposed with a very heavy cold.

There was a good attendance of members, including Bro. Walton, a new member, who was present for his first meeting. Among the visitors welcomed were Mr. Mavrovitis, Vice President of the Hellenic Society, and an expert on Greece; also Mr. Basil Stephenson of the same Society.

Bro. Yarry reported on the arrangements which were being made to rent a lounge at the forthcoming National Postage Stamp Show sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association which will be held November 16 thru 18, 1962 at the 71st Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street, New York, N. Y.

Bro. Sam Brooks, recuperating from operation, called during the meeting and spoke to a number of the members present.

Bro. Bill Huxell of Montreal was in town and came to the meeting as he always does when he is in New York.

Bro. Albert Greck introduced the guest of the evening, Mr. Herbert Turkin, who spoke about and described his Greek collection which had previously been put into the frames. Unfortunately his prize-winning collection had been stolen about six weeks before, but Mr. Turkin had succeeded in assembling a very good substitute exhibit.

He also brought along and displayed his superb collection of the Washington Bicentennial issue of 1932. This collection has won 4 gold medals in country-wide competition. It was a special collection of the plate flaws and errors of the complete issue. He also showed some of the original sketches and rejected ones of the issue.

Bro. Huxell explained the use of a design in one of the Greek stamps displayed, showing the adaptation of it as the Past Master's Jewel.—Stanley A. Salomon.

"MASONIC"

It was in the McGilvary yard at Stockton (now Stockton Springs), Waldo County, Maine, that this barque launched on July 19, 1864, was constructed by Albion P. Goodhue, master

builder, for Henry S. Staples of the firm of Staples & Triffin. (The official slogan of Stockton Springs, by the way, is "The Little Town with Big Possibilities.") Later owners of the "Masonic" were Birch & Lord, Noah Emery and H. P. Blanchard. Her registration was changed to New York in 1880 and last appears on the list of American Merchant ships for 1885.

Henry W. Peabody of Boston was her agent on the voyage to Melbourne, Australia, advertised by the accompanying card. Even though a date is given on the card (not the date of sailing, however) we regret that we found it impossible to learn any further details about her career in addition to the bare information presented above.

It seems safe to assume that one or more of her original owners were members of the fraternity whose name was carried by this vessel but we found no records to prove it.

The "Steam Job Printer" on the bottom of this card aroused our interest and after several inquiries we learned from Mr. William E. Crosby, Secretary of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, who in addition to being a well known printer in Boston is quite an historian as well, that when printers first put in steam-powered presses it was considered quite an advance in their art, so they generally added the words "Steam Job Printer" to their names to indicate their enterprise and progressiveness.

Note: The foregoing article, as well as photo on cover page of this issue, were discovered by Bro. Emanuel Reggel in a publication issued by State Street Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Bro. Reggel believes that this barque carried mail. If so, it would be quite interesting to learn if any of our members have cancellations or other information regarding this ship.

INTERESTING U.S. POSTAL NEWS

Many of our members subscribe to the leading philatelic publications, such as "Stamps," "Western" or "Linns." Therefore we avoid repeating much of what appears in them, or the general press, regarding new issues, etc. However, the following information is timely and, we believe, worth reporting herein.

New Postal Regulations regarding size, shape, and ratio of envelopes permitted in the U.S. mails become effective January 1, 1963. Section 122.3 of the Postal Manual will read as follows:

"Envelopes of standard sizes and shapes are essential to the economical

handling of mail, both by machine and manual methods. The following standards apply to envelopes:

"a. Envelopes less than 3 inches in width (height) or $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length are nonmailable.

"b. Envelopes more than 9 inches in width (height) or 12 inches in length are not recommended.

"c. Envelopes having shapes other than rectangular are nonmailable.

"d. Envelopes having a ratio of width (height) to length of less than 1 to 1.414 (1 to the square root of 2) are not recommended."

President Kennedy has signed the bill providing for increases in certain postal rates to become effective January 7, 1963. As a result, Postmaster General Day has announced details of the designs of a 5¢ definitive and 8¢ air mail stamp, which are the new domestic rates. No dates for first day sales have as yet been announced.

Both stamps will be issued in the small format of regular issue postage stamps and will be printed in monochrome. The new 5¢ stamp will feature the likeness of George Washington, after the bust by the French artist, Jean Houdon, and will be printed in blue. The Houdon bust, made in 1785, was regarded by contemporaries as the best likeness of Washington ever produced. The bust, commissioned for display in Richmond, Virginia, is now at Mount Vernon.

The 8¢ airmail stamp, printed in the conventional red, is from a design by Henry K. Bencsath of New York City and shows a plane soaring past the dome of the U.S. Capitol.

Although the Postmaster had promised several months ago that a new American Flag stamp would be issued when the 5¢ letter rate was authorized by Congress, it was found impracticable to get this multicolored definitive into production in time for distribution to post offices before the January 7th rate change. The new Flag stamp will probably be issued sometime during the spring of 1963.

Although details have not been announced, it is anticipated that a 1¢ stamp featuring portrait of Andrew Jackson will be issued to replace the 1¢ Washington in current usage. Also there will undoubtedly be a new 6¢ airmail for the revised postcard rate, as well as a new postal card and new embossed stamp envelopes.

As President Washington and Jackson were both illustrious Masons, this

should give our Cachet Committee the long awaited opportunity of issuing cacheted first-day covers bearing our sponsorship. As you know, our sponsorship has been limited to truly significant Masonic personages or events and these new issues will enable completion of a series that surely will be a "must" for every collector of Masonic Philately, and a worthy supplement to those covers which we have heretofore sponsored. Further details will appear in a later issue.

The U.S. Postal Service has decided to discontinue the use of pictorial cancellations at first day sales, in view of the mechanical problems such a cancel imposes and the complications that its use introduces at first day sales.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Bro. **Walter R. Harbeson** writes: "In reading the Royal Arch Mason Magazine I noted an article by Bro. C. S. Baker, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Library that in the course of some recent research he had found evidence that Oliver H. Perry, hero of the War of 1812, was a member King David's Lodge No. 1, Rhode Island. This Lodge flourished some ten years prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and its members were merged in the revived St. John's Lodge of Newport. If this is true, it will be quite a find for so far his membership was in question."

Bro. **Edward G. Abbott** writes to Joe Munk, "Am enclosing a check for two years' dues. Have been working on a collection of town postmarks whose names have Masonic significance, such as Boaz, cement, corn, clay, coin, five points, harmony, friendship, etc. So far have collected such postmarks from 43 different towns."

At a meeting of the United Postal Stationery Society held during the recent BALPEX '62 at Baltimore, Maryland, Bro. **Marcus White** was congratulated on having won the Grand Award, against strong competition, for his Postal Stationery exhibit.

Supplementing the information in the W. M. Lans' article in the March "Philatelist" regarding "Russians in Masonry," Bro. **Marshall Loke** writes: "The Scott No. of the Russian stamp referred to is #1536. Affiliations of the five Masons were: (1) Kondraty I. Ryleev, initiated 1820 in Lodge "Etoile Flamboyante," St. Petersburg. (2) Kachowski Lodge "Amis du Nord," St. Petersburg. (3) Pavel I. Pestel, initiated 1812 in Lodge "Les Amis Reunis," St. Peters-

burg; later member of Lodge "Sphinx" and Lodge "Zu den drei Tugenden."
 (4) Sergej I. Muraviev-Apostel, initiated Jan. 2, 1817, Lodge "Trois Vertus."
 (5) Bestushev-Ryumin, Lodge unknown.

If you wish to look up the affair in history, you will find it under "Decembrist" uprising December 26, 1825. The leaders were hanged July 26, 1826."

LETTERS TO OUR TREASURER

From Bro. **Ray W. Head**, Chico, California: "Here's my dues. What has happened to Masonic Cachets by the Club? (Ed. Note—see announcement in next issue.) Am also now collecting Masonic Lodge Seals of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Arizona, as well as autographs of famous Masons."

From Bro. **Raymond P. Wellendorf**, Davenport, Iowa: "I write and trade stamps with a member in Canada, **G. W. Starling**, Timmins, Ontario, Canada. We enjoy trading and writing each other very much."

From Bro. **Joseph F. McCall**, Secretary of York Rite Bodies, Lake City, Florida: "I enjoy reading the Masonic Philatelist, then I pass it along to other collectors. I received the Louisiana Stamp Masonic Cachet today, through the information printed each month, I have obtained several excellent Masonic covers."

Bro. **Hubert M. Wellons**, Box 768, Wrangell, Alaska: "I send my greetings to all the brothers, wherever they may be as we do live in some far off places. I am sure that some of the brothers come to Alaska at least for vacations, and possibly through Wrangell on the tourist boats, but do not realize that they have a member here."

Bro. **William J. Pickens**, 1505 East Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey: "Please note change in my address. Same house, same location, but we now have our own Post Office (Cherry Hill, N.J.) I now have a house number instead of R.F.D. Just passed my 76th birthday on June 26th, and starting to feel every year of it, but I still follow my Guide and fear no danger. I have been a stamp collector for 70 years. Best regards to all the Brethren."

Sister **Bertha R. Schumacher**: "Thank you for sending the 1963 dues card for my husband, K. William. I used to give him his dues card for Xmas, but now that you have changed your billing period to a fiscal year basis, I shall have to give it to him on his birthday, August 13. He was born on Friday the 13th, and 13 is certainly his lucky number. His number at Lederle's is

1390, car license received in April RK 213. I too enjoy reading The Masonic Philatelist."

Bro. **Alan G. Smith**, Ardmore, Pa.: "I am pleased to enclose check for current dues, as well as contribution to 'General Expense Fund.' If you place the commemorative stamps on the envelopes so that the cancellation will be on one end, we will get a good used copy! Just an idea."

(Ed. Note—Thanks for the unsolicited contribution! The idea is excellent; see article within "Musings of an old 'Has Been.'" Our printer mails the Philatelist, and does a swell job in always using commems. Will Mrs. Alma McLing please give some thought along these lines to "socked on the nose" cancels?)

From Bro. **Carlton Siefert**: "Dear Bro. Munk: Thanks for the due card and reminder. I had meant to send a check ere this but, being busy, neglected to do so. I look forward to reading the magazine as the articles about the activities make me feel I am part of them. Those of us away from New York need that. Keep up the good work."

From Past President Bro. **George Camnitzer**, P. O. Box 8275, Ft. Lauderdale Florida: "Dear Joe: Bought a nice home here and am almost settled. I missed the Annual Dinner party this year and thought of you and my other friends on that night. Have not yet visited a Blue Lodge here, but have joined the Fort Lauderdale Shrine Club, a very active organization of nice fellows. A stag dinner at every meeting, at a cost much lower than the New York rates. What more can you ask. Remember me to all the members."

The most valuable thing I have learned from life is to regret nothing.
 —W. Somerset Maugham.

With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance all things are attainable.—T. F. Buxton.

A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.—C. N. Bovee.

None are more liable to mistakes than those who act only on second thoughts.—Vauvenarques.

There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks. — David Lloyd George.

A word too much always defeats its purpose.—Schopenhauer.

NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

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UNITED STATES

- Jan. 6, 1962—4¢ New Mexico 50th anniversary statehood, Santa Fe, N.M.
 Feb. 14—4¢ Arizona 50th anniversary statehood, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Feb. 20—4¢ Project Mercury.
 March 30—4¢ Malaria Eradication stamp, Washington, D.C.
 April 7—4¢ Civil War Battle of Shiloh, Tenn.
 April 11—4¢ Charles Evans Hughes birth anniversary, Washington, D.C.
 April 25—4¢ Century 21 World's Fair with "Man In Space" theme, Seattle, Wash.
 April 30—4¢ Louisiana statehood, New Orleans, La.
 May 20—4¢ Homestead Act Centennial.
 July 24—4¢ Girl Scouts 50th Anniversary, Button Bay, Vermont.
 July 28—4¢ Senator Brien McMahon, Norwalk, Conn.
 Aug. 31—4¢ Apprentice, Washington, D. C.
 Sept. 16—4¢ Sam Rayburn, Bonham, Texas.
 Oct. 23—4¢ Hammarskjold with UN ceremonies in New York City.
 Nov. 1—4¢ Christmas stamp, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Nov. 14—4¢ Higher Education, Washington, D.C.
 Nov. 17—8¢ stamped airmail envelope, Chantilly, Va.

UNITED NATIONS

- Feb. 28—4¢, 7¢ Housing and Community Development.
 Mar. 30—4¢, 11¢ Anti-malaria for WHO (World Health Organization).
 May 25—Reissues for definitives 1¢, 3¢, 5¢, 11¢.
 Sept. 17—Dag Hammarskjold Memorial, 5¢, 15¢.
 Oct. 24—4¢, 11¢ Congo Operations.
 Dec. 3—4¢, 11¢ commemoratives for peaceful uses of outer space.

Orders may be sent to Postal Administration, Philatelic Dept., United Nations, N.Y.

CANADA

- Feb. 28—5¢ Education commemorative,

Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

May 3—5¢ Red River Valley Settlement commemorative, Winnipeg and Ottawa.

June 13—5¢ Jean Talon.

Aug. 22—5¢ Victoria, B.C. centenary

Aug. 31—5¢ Trans-Canada Highway, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Oct. 3—5¢ definitive with new portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

MASONIC COVERS

Caldwell Lodge No. 59 F. & A. M., in Caldwell, New Jersey, recently issued a cacheted cover in honor of its centennial. These are available at 25¢ each by writing National Masonic Hobby Club, P. O. Box 2, Caldwell, New Jersey.

Covers of the Pusan Masonic Club honoring the tenth anniversary of the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital are available by sending \$1. to the Friends of Pusan Children's Charity Hospital, Inc., 203 C Street Northeast, Washington 2, D. C. These are unique covers as they are Masonic covers from Korea honoring an American Masonic endeavor.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 K. T. h printed a cover to mark its 75th anniversary, which was celebrated on September 29, 1962, and the Greensboro Masonic Museum and Liberty has prepared a blue cachet cover "Cup of Masonic Good Will." These are presently available at 10¢ each by writing Bro. Earley W. Bridges, % Library, P. O. Box 1043, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Bro. Walter J. Kirby, 2204 Summit Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, has prepared an interesting title page for his own Masonic albums. In order to pay the artist and the printer something for their work, he is offering these to other persons at 35¢ each.

In response to many inquiries as to the present whereabouts of Past President Dr. George Camnitzer, we are pleased to advise that he can be reached at P.O. Box 8275, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. George is enjoying retirement, but can't keep away from stamps;—he is conducting a part-time business as Seminole Stamp Co.