



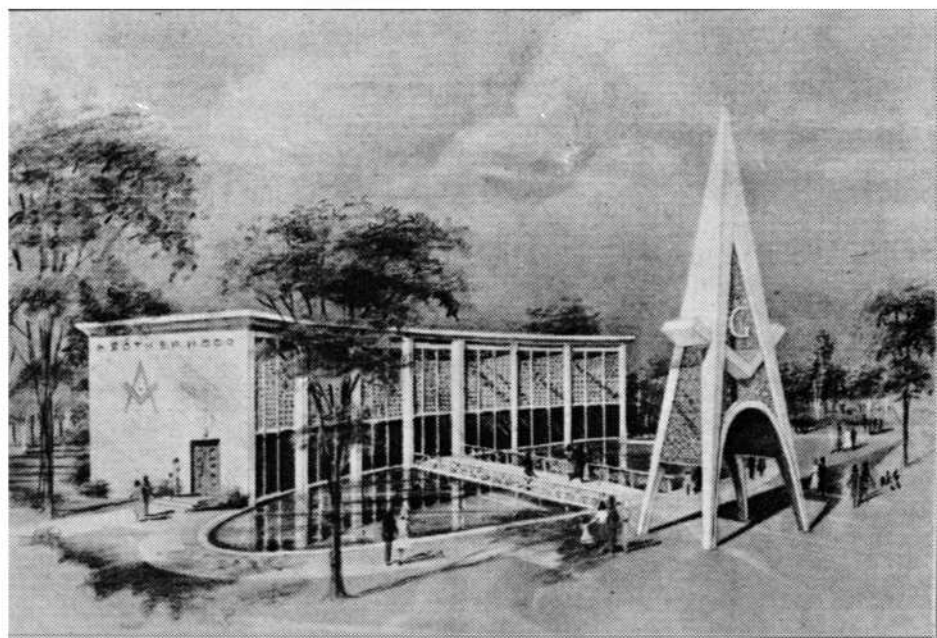
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Masonry At New York World's Fair, 1964-65



Conception of the Masonic Center at New York World's Fair, by Chapman, Evans & Delehanty, Architects. (The only difference in the finished building will be the Square and Compass which will be five stories high and permanently placed in front of the building.)

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By the sign of the Gavel

Our fall season started off with a well attended meeting, at which many members displayed "summer acquisition," as reported elsewhere herein by our Secretary. The previously announced Membership Meeting for October 4th has been postponed to November 1st, and a separate notice has been mailed to each member. On October 4th we shall have the pleasure of listening to our long-time member, Bro. Charles Brooks who will display a number, of gems from his extensive collection of U.S. Classics.

The eagerly awaited set of Masonic Cachets has now been released, and

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N. Y. C.

Second Meeting—October 4, 1963
Bro Charles Brooks will display
and talk on his collection—US
Classics.

our Pleasantville distributor.

Once again we shall participate in the ASDA show, which will be held on November 22-24 at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, New York City. We look forward to greeting many of you at our Lounge.

That grand old man of Masonry and Philately, Jacob S. Glaer, receives his 60 year Palm at Corner Stone Lodge #367, Tyrian Temple, Pennsylvania Avenue near Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., on November 6th. I am sure separate brochure has been mailed by that "Uncle Jake" would be delighted to see a goodly delegation on hand from our Club.

As you will note in this issue, Masonry will be well represented at the forthcoming New York's World Fair. Our committee is working up a program for participation by our Club.

We welcome a new contributor in this issue, Bro. Alan W. Bunn, from "down under." We also include an article entitled "Masons in President Lincoln's Cabinet." by our faithful researcher Bro. Marshall S. Loke, which is especially timely in view of the Civil War Centennial.—Norman H. Sehlmeier.

DUES ARE DUE

Our Treasurer has received a note from one of our members, reading as follows: "Could a little notice be put in The Masonic Philatelist reminding us how much the dues are and to whom they should be sent."

In case any other brother is similarly confused, we hasten to repeat that our dues are \$3.00 per year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th, and are payable to our Treasurer, Joseph Munk, 1010 Sherman Avenue, Bronx 56, New York.

Brother Munk advises that a number of members have not yet paid for their current 1963-64 dues. He would appreciate very much prompt remittance in order that he may complete his books on this phase of our operations.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S CABINET



By Marshall S. Loke

C-292 #138

In 1959, on the sesquicentennial of Lincoln's birth, Honduras issued a set of airmail stamps honoring Abraham Lincoln. The scene on the 5¢ value (#C-292) is based on the painting by Francis Bicknell Carpenter that hangs in the old Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol at Washington, D.C. It shows President Lincoln reading the Emancipation Proclamation to his Cabinet on January 1, 1863.

The Cabinet at that time consisted of the following members:

Secretary of State... William H. Seward
 Secretary of Treas.... Salmon P. Chase
 Secretary of War... Edwin M. Stanton
 Secretary of the Navy... Gideon Welles
 Secre. of the Interior... Caleb B. Smith
 Attorney-General... Edward Bates
 Postmaster-General Montgomery Blair

Four of these men were or had been Freemasons:

EDWARD BATES (1793-1869) was a member of Missouri Lodge No. 12 when it was under Tennessee charter. He was active in the formation of Missouri's own Grand Lodge and served four terms as Grand Master in 1825-26-27 and 31.

GIDEON WELLES (1802-1878) was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 4 and Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, both of Hartford, Connecticut.

CALEB B. SMITH (1808-1864) received the degrees in Warren Lodge No. 15, Cannonsville, Indiana, on April 18, 24 and 29, 1829. He served as Master in 1832, demitted in 1852 and affiliated with a Lodge in Indianapolis.

EDWIN M. STANTON (1814-1869) was a member of Steubenville Lodge No. 44, Steubenville, Ohio. On March 25, 1851, he became a charter member of Washington Lodge No. 253, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Stanton also appeared on the 7¢ U.S. Stamp (#138) of the 1870-71 issue but Bates, Smith and Welles are not known to have been on any other stamp.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER #2

Lake Erie Chapter #2 held its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 18, at the Masonic Temple at 3615 Euclid.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M. by Bro. Gordon Cole, Sr. with 18 members present.

We were pleased to see our Secretary back with us again. Brother Lou Brown is as chipper as ever.

A nominating committee was appointed to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.

Another Committee was appointed to cooperate with the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club to further inter-club activities.

Our summer meetings were very interesting and well attended.

Bro. Bollbach has been filling his place on the program with his version of "A Minute of Mirth." A very interesting and humorous incident or anecdote pertaining to stamp collecting.

Bro. James Lambert, who has been elected president of the Cleveland Stamp Club, gave an enlightening talk on Fort Sumpter and Major Anderson.

Bro. Richard Jaeger showed part of his collection of Tax Paid and Revenue Stamps. A very interesting talk was presented with the showing.—H. A. Pahl, Corresponding Secy.

MASONIC PAVILION SYMBOL OF A FRATERNAL ORDER AT WORLD'S FAIR

Freemasonry will be represented at the New York World's Fair in 1964-65. New York State Masons are financing and building a Masonic Pavilion dedicated to brotherhood.

Contracts for the Masonic Center were signed in July, 1963 by Robert Moses, President of the World's Fair 1964-65 Corporation, and the Grand Master of New York State, Harry Ostrov. Present at the signing was Bryant Baker, winner of the Masonic Distinguished Achievement Award in 1960, who brought with him a model of his George Washington statue in Masonic regalia which he created for the Masonic National Shrine at Alexandria, Virginia. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association graciously loaned the Sheffield inkstand, inkwell, sand shaker and quill holder from Washington's desk at Mt. Vernon, for the signing.

The start-of-construction ceremony was held on August 20, and construction is under way. The beautiful building will be completed in time for the opening of the World's Fair on April

22, 1964. It will occupy more than 25,000 square feet of space at the Avenue of the Americas and Eurasia Avenue, a short distance from the Unisphere and the \$17,000,000 Federal Exhibit.

The Pavilion, designed by the architectural firm of Chapman, Evans and Delehanty, will be semicircular, of steel frame construction. Visitors will enter the building under an arch formed by a 50-foot Square and Compasses, then across a bridge over a beautiful reflecting pool. A model of the statue of George Washington which the Grand Lodge of Louisiana commissioned for New Orleans from the famed sculptor, Donald DeLue, will stand just inside the entrance. Exhibits designed to acquaint visitors with Masonry's role in the state, the nation and the world will be on view. They will be garnered from the New York Grand Lodge Library and Museum, the New York State Library; Washington's home at Mount Vernon; Washington's Lodge at Alexandria; the Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria; and from other Masonic collections.

It is planned that construction costs will be financed from money raised by the sale of World's Fair tickets to members of the Masonic fraternity, their families and friends. General Admission tickets will be sold at regular Fair prices (\$2.00, children under 12, \$1.00). There will be no charge for admission to the Masonic Center.

Former Grand Master Judge Charles W. Froessel, retired this year from the New York State Court of Appeals, heads the New York Masonic Commission for the World's Fair, with Vice-Chairmen Past Grand Masters H. Lloyd Jones and Raymond C. Ellis. All the Masters of the 1059 Lodges in the State of New York will assist in the ticket sale, and it is hoped that other Masonic organizations and Lodges in other states will participate.

Our Club has made arrangements with our New York State Grand Lodge whereby we can supply tickets for the Fair to our Brothers and friends at the following prices: \$2.00 per ticket for adults \$1.00 under 12 years of age. These are the regular Fair prices, but to have your tickets will save you a lot of "standing in line time" and aggravation. If interested, please send your remittance to our Secretary, Stanley Salomon, 1200—5th Avenue, New York 29, N.Y. This offer is restricted to Masons out of New York State. Masons within New York State should

obtain their tickets through their own lodge.

BOOK REVIEW

We have received for review, a small booklet entitled "Philatelic Informant," which is published by Van Dahl Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 493, Albany, Oregon. Among other matters, it contains explanations of how to order stamps from the Washington Philatelic Agency and the U.N.; how to go about getting first day covers. There is a listing of the names and addresses of Leading U.S. Philatelic Societies; a comprehensive address directory of all foreign postal administrations; U.S. First Dates—Postal Glossary; also exchange rates for most countries. Well worth the nominal price of 50¢.

WORLD'S FAIR CONTRACT



The contract is signed and the Masonic Center is being constructed at the World's Fair. Seated (l-r) M. W. Harry Ostrov, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, signs the contract with Robert Moses, President of the New York World's Fair 1964-65 Corp., for the construction of the Masonic Center. Looking on (l-r) are: W. Gerald R. Turner, Master of Alexandria Lodge 22; M. W. Charles W. Froessel, Past Grand Master of New York State Masons, Chairman, Masonic World's Fair Commission; and Edward Buckmaster, curator of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. They used the ink stand and quill and sander from the desk of George Washington at Mt. Vernon, which were loaned by C. C. Wall, resident director of Mt. Vernon, for the occasion. In the picture also is a miniature of the George Washington statue in full Masonic regalia done by Bro. Bryant Baker.



STATUE OF BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON, CREATED BY DONALD DeLUE, WILL STAND INSIDE THE ENTRANCE TO THE MASONIC CENTER. This is the model of the statue, commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which stands in front of the Public Library in New Orleans, and depicts Washington in Masonic Regalia.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1

The Chapter began its 1963-64 year with a meeting on September 6, 1963 at the home of Brother Glenn E. Kitchin. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman on the Board of Directors at 8:00 P.M.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the summer activities. He also reported that two applications for membership had been received and forwarded to New York for action.

The Chairman of the Board, Bro. J. W. Wong, submitted his resignation due to the pressure of other business. His resignation was accepted with deep regrets and Bro. W. E. Salomon was

elected to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman read a letter from Bro. Charles A. Schuldt, P.O. Box 2284, San Antonio 6, Texas, who says that he is at present recuperating and is interested in exchanging Masonic stamps with any interested collectors.

An announcement was read regarding a new album, "Freemasonry in the Making of a Nation," with spaces for 323 stamps and Masonic information on each stamp, by G. R. Lucy. It is sold by Shade Wilson, 309 N. 11th., St. Louis, Missouri.

Brother Bill Salomon reported on the recent visit which he made to New York, where he attended ceremonies at the Rockefeller Center for the First Day of the 7¢ and 14¢ International post cards. The cards, however, were not sold at the meeting, but had to be obtained at the GPO, where the first day cancellation was applied.

Bro. Sam Bernstein, an applicant, showed issues of Israel and gave a talk on Israel sheets.

An interesting and informative discussion was held on First Day Issue and United Nations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Best wishes were extended to Bro. Wong for his trip to California and his new position. The Chapter will certainly miss his terrific energy and we all realize that we will have to work hard make up for his departure.

—Glenn E. Kitchin, Secretary-Treas.

JOHN McDOUALL STUART



By Bro. Alan Bunn, Victoria, Can.

As a lad, not yet in my 'teens, I vividly recall reading a book entitled "Travellers into Unknown Lands" by A. Montefiore-Brice. In one of the chapters relating to the South-North crossing of Australia by John McDouall Stuart I remember reading of a meeting between Stuart and a tribe of aborigines at Kekwick Ponds in 1860.

The 'old man' of the tribe gave Stuart one of the Masonic signs, his companions joining with him in making it. Stuart gave the proper

Masonic reply, and, curious as it may seem, the signs of a secret society established a sort of 'entente cordiale' between natives who had never before looked upon the face of a white man and the civilised intruder.

The writer went on to state "that any traveller in wild lands, or any habitual wayfarer on the high seas, is well advised in being a Mason." These words I always remembered although it was not until 25 years later that I became both a Freemason and a philatelist.

A biography of Stuart, written by his granddaughter, Mona Stuart Webster, and published in 1958, gives the following quotation from Stuart's diary regarding the same incident: June, 1860. Location: Kekwick Ponds. "While they were at Kekwick Ponds they were again visited by natives, who came to their camp bringing gifts of food, but soon began trying to steal 'everything they could lay their hands on.' They had to be ordered away. Later an old man and two young ones returned and astonished Stuart by giving him 'one of the Masonic signs.' This Stuart repeated which seemed to please them greatly, 'the old man patting me on the shoulder and stroking down my beard.' They departed leaving two opossums which Stuart and his companions greatly enjoyed for supper, for their own rations were insufficient, and the men were beginning to complain of weakness."

Whilst on vacation at Alice Springs in May this year I read in a copy of "The South Australian Freemason" under the heading "35 Years ago To-day," that John McDouall Stuart's Grand Lodge certificate had been discovered by a fellow member of the Lodge of Truth.

Upon my return to Adelaide I made enquiries at the Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and was shown the certificate which, although badly faded, is now framed and hanging in the library.

Stuart was initiated in the Lodge of Truth No. 933 E. C. (now No. 8, S. A. Constitution) on the 1st August, 1859, passed on the 9th. August, and raised on the 16th. August, 1859. A special dispensation was obtained from the Provisional Grand Lodge of South Australia in order that he could be initiated, passed, and raised in the one month, the reason being given that he was shortly departing on his 2nd. inland expedition.

The Lodge of Truth was consecrated in 1854, Stuart being the 82nd. mem-

ber on the register.

His Grand Lodge certificate was issued on 15th. April, 1860, under the United Grand Lodge of A.F. & A. Masons of England by the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia. Stuart remained a member until 31st March, 1864 when he resigned.

A stamp bearing Stuart's portrait was issued by Australia in July, 1962, to mark the centenary of the occasion of the first crossing of Australia from South to North by him.

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

The invocation was given by Bro. Salomon due to the absence of Bro. Sam Brooks. Bro. Munk was absent due to his wife's illness. Bro. Sanna was present but reported that his wife was seriously ill. The President greeted Bros. Charles Brooks and Carl Pelander, who looked well and reported that he had regained much of his health.

Bro. Reggel reported on the wonderful outing that was given to the members of the Club by Bro. Milnor Peck at his beautiful estate at Pleasantville, New York. Bro. Reggel expressed the sentiments of all the Brothers who had attended the affair by thanking Bro. Peck and his charming wife.

Bro. Morris "A" Goldberg, Commander of Pacific Fleet Activities, sent a copy of the regular notice of Nippon Lodge #9 F & A M, Sasebo, Japan, and a copy of "Freemasonry" by William J. Hughan, G. P. Jones, Ray Baker Harris, written in Japanese and published by the Library of the Supreme Council 33°, Washington, D.C. These articles will be put in the library of our Club. Bro. Goldberg is listed in the notice as Tyler.

Bro. Sehlmeier reported briefly on the participation of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in the New York World's Fair of 1964.

Bro. E. Milnor Peck reported on and showed the finished artwork for the Masonic Cachets honoring Bros. Norris, Pershing and Cooper. He stated that the set of three will be sold for \$2.00. He will send a notice regarding these covers in about two weeks to the membership of the Club.

Bro. Reggel was appointed Master of Ceremonies for the program of the evening, and proceeded to introduce those brothers who had brought "summer acquisitions" to show.

The first Brother to show and speak was Carl Pelander, who exhibited the recently issued Tonga "coin" stamps. Bro. Peter Lee showed a new set of

Bhutan stamps and first day covers showing animals and local scenes. Bro. Rueff showed some stamps of Panama, his specialty, delineating the Millimeter spacings and showing these stamps in box of four.

Bro. Charles Brooks displayed his new album containing india proofs mounted on large plate sunk cards of the U.S. first Bureau issue of 1894; also special delivery and postage due proofs handled in the same manner. Bro. Sanna showed a frame of pages with stamps of Pitcairn Island with annotations telling the history of that Island. He titled it "Mutiny on the Bounty."

Bro. Reggel next introduced a guest, Mr. Kissler, who is an engraver. He showed great interest in the stamps which were being displayed. Bro. Salomon then showed and explained a frame of sixteen stampless covers, all of New York State. Bro. Sehlmeier showed his new set of Tonga coin stamps. He also showed a sheet of stamps of East Germany which pictured a compass and hammer. He also showed a group of the new Red Cross Commemoratives.

Bro. Grossman showed a group of ate and control number blocks of the Queen Elizabeth stamps of the Bahamas, which he obtained while on his vacation trip. Bro. Norris exhibited some U.S. Bisects on cover, including some early banknote issues. Bro. Reggel concluded the program by showing some new Australia and Great Britain issues, both mint and first day covers. He brought out in his talk how the British Empire is now issuing colorful stamps instead of the traditional one color engraved stamps of the past. Bro. Reggel showed to members of the Club four old catalogs which had been given to him by the Philatelic Foundation.—Stanley A. Salomon.

MUSINGS OF AN "OLD HAS BEEN"

Article No. 8

Collecting Masonic cancellations alone can be very frustrating. There will be long periods when nothing of interest appears, but then when one does turn up, it makes up for all the days of waiting.

That long waiting period between new items, together with advice from our good friend, the late Bro. Harry Konwiser, led me to start to find out about the men who were responsible for the use of Masonic cancellers.

I started out writing to the various postoffices on the covers,—and did not

get very good results. Then I found out that information as to who was the Postmaster of the town was available through the National Archives and Records Services. This helped to find the name of the man. Next we had to determine if he was a brother. This was not so easy. In some cases as many as twenty letters to and from failed to gain positive information.

Just whom would you contact? Well, we tried local lodges, grand lodges, local historians, local papers, local stamps dealers and even some local stamp collectors. We even visited some of the towns to try and make contacts to obtain more information.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Bro. GEORGE S. MANN, 9814 War-wana Road, Houston 55, Texas, writes—"This letter will come as an acknowledgment of how sincerely happy and pleased I was to read my article "Vacation Reminiscence" in recent issue of "The Masonic Philatelist." I had sort of forgotten that I had sent the article to you, so now I will continue to send articles to you as they occur. I would be most appreciative if you were able to send me another copy of that issue so that I can present it to Brother Winfield in Chappell Hill. I know that he will be most appreciative of it. If there is any charge involved, I will be more than happy to remit same to you.

"I was also quite pleased to read Brother Yarry's most interesting research work on Admiral Byrd and his Polar Expeditions. You see, many years ago, I would say between 25 to 30 years ago, I worked in a drug store in Boston on Charles Street, right around the corner from where the then Commander Byrd lived. He used to come into our drug store quite regularly, and was a quiet-spoken man, who walked with a slight limp. The man who owned the drug store was a member of the Craft, who subsequently lost a son in World War II. Commander Byrd gave this man a small American Flag, which he had carried with him on his flight over the North Pole. We never had any real lengthy conversations, but he was always pleasant and cordial.

With kindest personal regards to you and the brethren."

Bro. ELWYN H. BUSH, 234 Chaffee Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13207, writes—"Early in the year my wife and I were confined because of an accident, but a good friend would stop on request and pick up an order of stamps. In one

lot there were three plate blocks and one sheet. Being a Royal Arch Chapter member, I was truly interested with the following oddity: 5¢ Flag Plate Block, No. 27408 added equal 21, adds 3; 5¢ Regular Plate Block, No. 27230 added equals 14, adds 5; 5¢ Regular Sheet, No. 27403 added equals 16, adds 7; 5¢ Monroe Plate Block, No. 26721 added equal 18, adds 9.

I thought that some of the Brothers might be interested in this oddity."

Bro. W. M. LANS, of The Hague, Holland, is continuing actively on his Masonic Philatelic researching. "Credit where credit is due"—the interesting article in our May issue entitled "Baden Powell and Free Masonry" was written by Bro. Lans, but due to a printer's error, his name was not mentioned in connection therewith.

Our erstwhile traveling Bro. HERMAN "PAT" HERST, JR., is still charming and spellbinding his audiences wherever he speaks. Recently your Secretary and Past President Emanuel Reggel had the pleasure of attending Jehosaphat Lodge #1080, where Pat spoke at length on one of his favorite personal collections, The History and Usage of the Mulready

Envelopes of Great Britain. He illustrated his talk with many prize selections from the collection and explained the interesting history of the old covers. A lively question and answer period followed which on¹ went to prove the effectiveness of presentation.

Due to lack of space in the last issue, a most important piece of information from Bro. WALTER HARBESON was deleted. We now print it as follows:—"Leroy Gordon Cooper,—Maj. Cooper had been a Mason for some time. He made known to Capt. Edw. May, National Aeronautics Administration, who is also commander of Brevort Commandery KT #24, Florida, that he wanted to continue his Masonic Work in the York Rite. He had one free day, Jan. 26, 1963, so the officers of the three bodies worked fast and got up a class. There were 127 for the Chapter, 211 for the Council and 168 for the Commandery. Cooper was the exemplar for all the degrees." (This is from the Royal Arch Magazine.)

Bro. Walter also advises that he was elected to the Philathes Society and hopes to come up one of these days with an article for their publicatioⁿ
