The Apollo 8 stamp should be the first stamp in a Masonic Stamp Collection. The wording "In The Beginning God..." reminds all Masons of that famous quotation from the Book of Genesis.

—Manny Reggel
By the Sign of the Gavel

Our club meets the first Friday of every month except in July and August. The first meeting of the fall of 1969 was held on Friday, September 5th, at the Collectors Club and I was truly grateful by the large attendance. Color slides of Masonic cancellations on stamps, both on and off covers were shown. These slides are the property of our club having been donated by our good friend, Milton E. Greenbaum, of Saginaw, Michigan.

Some of the members attending also displayed stamps that they acquired over the summer.

In the paragraph “By the Sound of the Gavel” in our September 1969 issue of the Masonic Philatelist, unfortunately a word was omitted. Five lines from the bottom after the words, “THIS IS,” the word not was left out. (Editor’s Note: Oh, for God’s sake, Roy, think of me! I’m President for this omission). The sentence as written by me read “This is not to belittle the oldsters but simply to look forward to a growing Masonic Stamp Club.” Some of our newly elected officers and directors are not in the older category and we are indeed proud of them.

Brother Robert A. Smith, our newly elected secretary, is doing a conscientious and efficient job. One need only to look at the last Masonic Philatelist to realize the fine results of the work by Brother Roy T. Ketcham as our new editor, assisted by Manny Reggel and the other associate editors.

—Edwin Mayer

KETCHAM’S KORNER

Recently I read where Representative Glenn M. Anderson (D. Calif.) introduced a joint resolution calling for the Postmaster General to issue three commemorative stamps to mark the First Flight to the Moon. Some collectors hope this will put an end to the requirement that a person has to be deceased in order to qualify to have his picture and appreciate the honor. Amendment of this type has good points. An American hero will be able to see his picture and appreciate the honor. Personally I feel the present regulations should stand. It is not conceivable but possible that an American would be a hero today but a villain tomorrow or an egotistical person in power, could get himself so honored.

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MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

In the 1955 Masonic Philatelist I published a series of articles on Masonic Cancellations on early US stamps. They were well-received at that time. Since then many new cancellations have been identified and much more information has been obtained on this subject at the suggestion of the Philatelist Publication committee, I will endeavor to correlate all of the old—out of print information, together with the new and publish a present day series of articles. These will include tracings from presently known Masonic Cancellations, their measurements, their rarity, and where possible the connecting link to Masonry.

In presenting these articles, I wish to thank all of the Brothers who have cooperated with me over the forty years that I have taken in accumulating both the collection and the information I hope to pass on to you.

Should any of you have any suggestions or questions—send them along. I thank you in advance, and to that end attach my mail address below.

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Masonic cancellation from the collection of Milton E. Greenbaum.

BASEBALL STAMPS HAVE
MASONIC SIGNIFICANCE

A stamp honoring our National Pastime was scheduled for release by the United States Post Office in late September. It will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Professional Baseball. It was in 1869 that the National League was organized. This stamp has a Masonic significance as many players and officials over the last century have been members of the craft.

Brother Jerry Erikson, of California, has made a hobby of compiling the names and lodge affiliation of known Masons who were connected with the Major Leagues of Baseball. This list contains over 350 names. There are, no doubt, others that should be included but because they could not be confirmed they are omitted. A good percentage (35 out of 112) of the members elected to the Hall of Fame belonged to our fraternity. The Hall of Fame is located at Cooperstown, N.Y.

This latest philatelic item joins a previous stamp (Scott No. 855) which was issued in 1939 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the invention of the game.

The following list contains the names and lodge numbers of those Brothers who are or were connected with baseball.

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KETCHAM’S KORNER
(Continued)

It has happened before in other nations.

Have you ever heard of Charles Connell? He was an advisor to the Governor, member of the Provincial Assembly, and Postmaster-General of the Province of New Brunswick.

In 1859 the Provincial Legislature issued a directive to discontinue the pound, shilling, pence monetary system and substitute the decimal system. The post office was ordered to issue a 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ and a 12½¢ stamp. To these, Connell added a 17¢ stamp. The 1¢ depicted a locomotive honoring the railroad development program of the Province. The 10¢ showed the Queen of England. A picture of a steamship was on the 12½¢ stamp which was appropriate because of New Brunswicks maritime activities. The Prince of Wales, as a boy was on the 17¢ stamp. On the 5¢ stamp, which would be the most widely used stamp Connell had a picture of a steamship. The stamps were ordered from the English firm of Beaton’s rather than from the usual source in England. A few days before they were to be released, a sheet of each denomination was sent to the council for final approval. Upon seeing the 5¢ postage stamp the council became outraged. They immediately sent a telegram to the Postmaster-General instructing him to release all except the 5¢ stamp. Connell, being a smart politician, realized that he would have to foresake his ego, as this was not worth an end to his career. He destroyed the stamps and plates as ordered and reimbursed the Provincial Treasury for the costs involved.

All the stamps, however, were not destroyed. The story goes that after receiving the stamps and prior to the destruction order from the Governor, Charles Connell held a party at his home. Each guest was given one of the stamps. In addition Connell’s daughter,
Alice, is known to have written a letter to her sister Ella. The letter read as follows: "My Dear Ella, I have been asked many times if I had any of the stamps, and if I had, would I sell one of them. As you know, I had a whole sheet as you have. But I do not think we should make money out of something that caused our dear father so much mental anguish. I have burned mine. I pray that you will burn yours."

Though there is no proof one way or the other it is logical that if Connell gave two of his children a sheet of the stamps he would have also given the same to his other daughter and three sons. We do not know how many of the stamps are in existence today.

In 1963 a pair of the stamps valued at $2,100, which were found in the home of Connell's son-in-law after his death in 1933 showed up in a London Auction. This stamp is listed in the Scott Catalogue as New Brunswick No. 5.

Due to this and other unforeseen circumstances is my reason for wanting the qualifications for United States stamps to remain status.

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