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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

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SOUND OF THE GAVEL

I have been a member of this club almost from its inception, and have received much pleasure and relaxation from it. It was my privilege to have been President from 1959 to 1961, and again called upon to act in the same capacity for 1971 to 1972.

I think that our club is unique in that it is one of the few philatelic bodies which opens and closes its meetings with a prayer.

It would be remiss of me if I did not make mention of the great work done over these many years by so many of our members who have passed on but are not forgotten. Moreover, I must thank some of our currently active brothers, such as Norman Sehlmeier, Doctor Yarry, Stanley Salomon, Edwin Mayer, Milnor Peck, Yale Shapiro, Joseph Munk and others too numerous to list, for their outstanding work over the many years. I also take this opportunity of thanking our Editor, Roy Ketcham, for his untiring efforts in getting out The Masonic Philatelist. We still need articles; please send in anything that you have.

Many thanks are also due to my beloved wife, Beryl, for her support and understanding of the many enjoyable hours which I have devoted to my favorite club and our hobby.

As I relinquish my office as President, my best wishes go to every one of our members and their families for a happy and healthy summer.

I am certain that the club will continue in good hands under the guidance of my successor.

—Mannie Reggel

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THE KING WITH HIS STAMPS **By Emanuel M. Reggel**

George VI, King of Great Britain, was initiated into Freemasonry in Navy Lodge No. 2612 of London, December 2, 1919, serving as Master of the Lodge 1921-22. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in United Rose Croix Chapter No. 169, A.&A.R., February 11, 1921, and three days later was exalted in United Chapter No. 1629, R.A.M.

He became a member of the United Grand Lodge of England, February 11, 1921, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden, April 25, 1923, being invested June 6th. On July 30, 1924, he was installed Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

On May 15, 1930, he was installed a Knight Templar in St. George's Preceptory No. 6, London, and the following year was installed Provincial Grand Mark Master for Middlesex.

On March 8, 1932, he received the 33rd degree Honorary, A.&A.R., later becoming an Emeritus Member of Honour of the Supreme Council of England and Wales.

He was made an affiliate member of Glamis Lodge No. 89, in Angus, Scotland, June 2, 1936, and entered the Royal Order of Scotland, at Edinburgh. At the 200th anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he was installed Grand Master Mason of that Grand Body.

Upon his ascension to the throne, December 10, 1936, he resigned all Masonic offices and became Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Patron of the three Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

So much for the King and the Craft. Now let us proceed to the King and his Stamps. Tahiti, Tchad, Togo, Bhopal, Bhor and Bijawar—who of us in our schooldays, has not been stirred by the mystery and fairy-quality of names like these, read on a postage stamp? Who did not want to sail in the caique of a half-penny Fiji, or stare at the savages of a 2½d. Aitutaki, or hear the waterfall of a penny Southern Rhodesia? Later in life, most of us had to satisfy our travel urge by looking at Cook's catalogs. Some buy stamps instead of gilt-edge securities, hunting elusive items, as poets in the nineteenth century sought out the Blue Flower. But there are thousands of adults who have

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Philip A. Wilde
Cardiff, Wales, G.B.
 Passed to the great beyond
 May 26, 1972
 May his soul rest in eternal peace.

retained the wonder that lies in a foreign stamp, and added to it the technical knowledge of the connoisseur. These are the philatelists, among the greatest of them King George VI and his father, George V.

It is natural that the kings of England should interest themselves in postage stamps since, in the case of British stamps, it is the King (or Queen) who finally approves an issue. The Post Office first invites designers to submit designs for new stamps; a selection is then made of the best, which are then referred to the Fine Arts Commission; then the King, who decides which he approves and chooses the most suitable color. In the case of the Crown Colonies, the printers submit designs in water colors to his Majesty, who then makes a personal choice of the stamp which he likes best. The original water colors are always returned to the palace for the King's Collection, together with all the progress proofs. In this way, the King regularly receives complete records, both of the United Kingdom stamps, and of the stamps of the Colonies and of the Dominions.

The interest of King George V in stamp collecting went back to the 19th century, when, as a midshipman, he first began to collect, with the enthusiasm of any other boy, but with the added opportunity of being able to acquire stamps on his tours of the Empire. In 1893, as Prince George of Wales, he joined the Philatelic Society of London, and was elected to its presidency in 1896. To begin with he was a general collector, but later on he began to concentrate on the stamps of the British Empire, helped by J. A. Tilleard, who was then honorary secretary of the Society, and who later became the first curator of the Royal Stamp Collection. Most famous of all the King's purchases was the 2d. Post Office Mauritius which he bought for £1,450. It is the only perfect example of the stamp, and is invaluable. It is probably the royal affection for the stamps of Mauritius which still makes every schoolboy look hungrily for the triangular Mauritius and the black swan.



THE KING WITH HIS STAMPS
(The Sunday)



"Monarchs themselves have been promoters of the Craft"

BRO., MANNIE REGGEL
(NEW YORK, U.S.A.)

The King George V collection increased enormously between 1913 and his death, so that when Sir Edward Bacon, the second Royal Curator, died, it had risen from 20 volumes to 330, all bound in three-quarter red Levant Moroccan, carefully annotated and arranged. The King was no mere dilettante. He twice presided over the meetings of the Royal Philatelic Society, of which he became Patron, read papers on stamp collecting, gave displays, and regularly exhibited his collections. At the time of the 1923 exhibition, he acted as host to 100 fellows and members of the society at Buckingham Palace, where he personally showed his albums, and discussed the collection with his guests.

It is difficult for the layman to recognize the subtle distinctions which the experts find in stamps, and are able to discuss for hours. They will talk about "major varieties", which means possibly that there is a distinct difference in the watermark, or that one stamp "in pair" with another is upside-down; or that one stamp has been produced by recess printing, producing a flat image on the stamp, while in the case of another, the design stands up in relief on the plate. Then there are major errors, in which, for example, a portion of the design may be omitted, or double printed, or printed in the wrong color, or on the wrong kind of paper, or even incompletely perforated. After that come the major flaws, minor varieties, minor errors, such as wrong letters in the design, and freaks, such as stamps partially printed. All these are problems of the expert which add to the value of the stamp, and to the excitement of stamp collecting.

It is no wonder that, when King George VI came to the throne, he, too, should have pursued the same interests as his father, though he decided to keep his own collection entirely separate. Known as the Blue Collection, from its blue Morocco binding, it contains many interesting examples of Post Office errors, e.g. a 2s. booklet which had passed the inspectors, with an extra pair of 2½d. stamps printed head to tail in relation to the rest. For this trifling error, the booklet's market value soared. In wartime, there are fewer opportunities for stamp collecting and preserving than in time of peace, but King George VI, nevertheless, managed to enjoy his collection, and maintain the tradition established by his father. The value of King George V's Red Collection in doubtless now several million

pounds, but the Blue Collection is almost invaluable, because many of the items in it, such as the water color prints and "progress stamps" are unique. Guided by Sir John Wilson, the Royal Stamp Curator, who is shown with the King on one of the pictures herein, the King made regular purchases at auction sales. Like his father, he loaned his stamps for displays, exhibited at the Centenary Exhibition in May 1940, and opened each annual session of the Royal Philatelic Society with a display of his stamps.

King George V, who used to spend two afternoons a week poring over his collection, considered his hobby a relaxation from the strain of office. He never allowed others to carry on his hobby for him, and the office of Stamp Curator never became a sinecure. The schoolboy relaxing from the cares of school, with a catalogue sent on approval with stamps which he can't afford to buy, may console himself that even the King has sometimes failed to buy the stamps that he wanted to, and that it is the search for the 1858 Argentine, the Russian Levant 1865, the Switzerland block of 4 1843, the New Brunswick 1851, which is the joy of philately, as much as in their acquisition.

A little over five years ago, it was this writer's great pleasure to have been invited by one of our members, Brother Philip A. de Wilde, of Cardiff, Wales, to his installation as Worshipful Master of Carmel Lodge No. 4774. This event took place on February 8, 1967 at the Masonic Temple in Cardiff, Wales. It was an evening long to be remembered for the wonderful ceremonies in that Lodge, the perfection of the ritual and the dignity and pride which prevailed throughout. After the close of the meeting, all present were invited to the festival banquet. A place-setting card for each brother was placed at the tables. The card designating my seat is illustrated herein, containing a copy of the 3d. Great Britain stamp (Scott No. 265) which was issued on June 11, 1946 to commemorate the return to peace after World War II. It is interesting to note the comment which appears on the card, under the stamp, namely "Monarchs themselves have been promoters of the Art". The banquet was lavish and commenced with a long series of toasts, the first one always being offered to the Queen. They even toasted me and my brother, Saul, who had accompanied me on the trip, as well as serenading us with a Welsh welcoming song. Over 200 brothers attended. The fraternal

spirit of good-fellowship which prevailed could not be excelled.

On a previous visit to England, I had come across a magazine of 1944 called "Picture Post", which had on its cover page the picture of King George VI in his naval uniform, together with Sir John Wilson, the Royal Stamp Curator, examining some of his stamps. This picture is reproduced herein.

At the time of the formation of our club, little was recorded regarding Masonic philately. In fact, topical collecting generally, was in its infancy. Today, topical collecting is very popular, and is perhaps the best way to collect, as general collecting is so extensive. Any stamp of Great Britain, its colonies and dominions portraying King George VI would be a proper subject for inclusion in a Masonic collection.

UNITED STATES MASONS ON STAMPS

The following list of famous American Masons who have been pictured on postage stamps was compiled by Marshall S. Loke. It can serve as a checklist for our brothers in completing their Masonic stamp collections.

ALDRIN, Edwin E. Jr.—Ajman —; Belgium 693; Cameroun C135-36; China Rep. 1675; Congo C85; Dominica 296; Ghana 389; Liberia C184; Qatar 191; Togo 741; Trinidad & Tobago 168; Venezuela C1019.

AUSTIN, Stephen F.—U.S. 776.

BATES, Edward—Honduras C292.

BEARD, Daniel Carter—Togo 401.

BIBB, George M.—U.S. R304, RD83.

BLACKBURN, Joseph C. S.—Canada Zone 114.

BRUNDAGE, Avery—San Marino 429.

BUCHANAN, James — U.S. 820, 1081 (Wheatland); Japan 694.

BURBANK, Luther—U.S. 876.

BYRD, Richard E.—U.S. 733.

CAMPBELL, George W.—U.S. R292, RD71.

CLARK, George Rogers—U.S. 651.

CLARK, William—U.S. 1063.

CLAY, Henry—U.S. 227, 259, 309; Belgium B753.

CLEMENS, Samuel L.—U.S. 863; Hungary CB10; Romania 1341; Russia 2403.

CLINTON, DeWitt—U.S. Revenue (cigarettes).

COBB, Howell—U.S. R307, RD88.

COBB, Tyrus R.—Ajman.

COOPER, Leroy Gordon — Czechoslovakia 1239; Mali C35; Romania 1766, C158.

CROCKETT, Davy—U.S. 1330.

DECATUR, Stephen, Jr.—U.S. 791.

DOUGLAS, Stephen A.—U.S. 1115.

DUANE, William J.—U.S. R298, RD77.

EISELE, Donn F.—Yemen.

ELLINGTON, Edward K. (Duke)—Togo 601, 603.

FARRAGUT, David G.—U.S. 792, 311.

FIGUEREDO-SOCARRAS, Fernando—Cuba 455-57, 474.

FORD, Henry—U.S. 1286A; Monaco 545.

FOX, George L.—U.S. 956.

FRANKLIN, Benjamin—U.S. 2, 5, 38, 55, 112, 134, 212, 219, 241, 300, 331, 414, 523, 552, 803, 947, 948, 1030 1073, 1140; Bulgaria 950; Romania 1122; Russia 1875; Turkey 1259.

GABLE, Clark—Umm Al Qiwain.

GARFIELD, James A. — U.S. 224, 256, 305, 558, 825.

GATES, Horatio—U.S. 644.

GEORGE, Walter F.—U.S. 1170.

GOMPERS, Samuel—U.S. 988.

GREENE, Nathanael—U.S. 785.

GRISOM, Virgil I. — Czechoslovakia 1303, 1305; Guinea 382, 387; Mauritania C101-03; Togo 417, 419; Aden-Quaiti —; Ajman —; Paraguay —; Ras Al Khaima —; Sharjah —.

GROSVENOR, Thomas—U.S. 1361.

GUTHRIE, James—U.S. R306A, RD87.

HANCOCK, John—U.S. 120.

HANDY, William C.—U.S. 1372.

HARDING, Warren G.—U.S. 553, 610, 684, 833.

HOUSTON, Sam—U.S. 776, 1242.

HUMPHREY, Horatio H.—Ajman 25.

INGHAM, Samuel D.—U.S. R296, RD75.

JACKSON, Andrew—U.S. 73, 135, 211, 221, 253, 302, 786, 812, 941, 1209, 1037.

JOHNSON, Andrew—U.S. 822.

JOHNSON, Lyndon B.—Ajman 25; Fujeira 34; Jordan —; Panama —; Ras Al Khaima —; Sharjah —; Paraguay (Minkus 1370-77).

JOLSON, Al—Umm Al Qiwain.

JONES, John Paul—U.S. 790.

JONES, Melvin — Monaco 665; Nicaragua 801, C413; San Marino 467.

KOSCIUSZKO, Tadeusz—U.S. 734; Poland 267, 319, 329, 342, 358, 366, 658, 659, 984, 1540-41, 1753, —; Central Lithuania 42.

LAWTON, Henry W.—Philippines 245.

LEWIS, Meriwether—U.S. 1063.

LAFAYETTE, Marquis de—U.S. 1010, 1097; France 243, 244.

LINDBERGH, Charles A.—Spain C56; U.S. C10 (plane).

LIVINGSTON, Robert R. — U.S. 323, 854, 1020.

LONG, Crawford W.—U.S. 875.

MAC ARTHUR, Douglas—U.S. 1416; Korea 477; So. Korea 473-79; Philippines 519-21, 971-72.

MACDONOUGH, Thomas—U.S. 791.

- MANNING, Daniel—U.S. Vehicle use stamps of 1945-46.
- MARSHALL, George C.—U.S. 1289; Germany 9N68.
- MARSHALL, James—U.S. 954.
- MARSHALL, John—U.S. 263, 313, 1050; Liberia 335.
- MAYO, Charles H.—U.S. 1251.
- McKINLEY, William—U.S. 326, 559, 829; Philippines 242.
- McNUTT, Paul V.—Philippines 512-14.
- MELLON, Andrew W.—U.S. 1072.
- MERCER, Hugh—U.S. 1123.
- MICHELSON, Albert A.—Sweden 769, 771.
- MITCHELL, Edgar D.—Hungary C312; Romania C183; Ajman —; Liberia —; Maldives Islands —; Manama —.
- MONROE, James—U.S. 325, 562, 810, 1020, 1038, 1105; Liberia C68.
- MORGAN, Daniel—U.S. 644.
- NAISMITH, James—U.S. 1189.
- NORRIS, George W.—U.S. 1184.
- OGLETHORPE, James E.—U.S. 726.
- PEALE, Charles Willson—U.S. 1064.
- PEARY, Robert E.—U.S. 1128.
- PERRY, Matthew C.—U.S. 1021; Ryukyu Islands 27, 28.
- PERRY, Oliver H.—U.S. 144, 229, 261.
- PERSHING, John J.—U.S. 1042A.
- POLK, James K.—U.S. 816.
- PUTNAM, Rufus—U.S. 795.
- RAYBURN, Samuel T.—U.S. 1202.
- REVERE, Paul—U.S. 1048, UX58.
- ROGERS, Will—U.S. 975; Nicaragua 686, 688, C236-40.
- ROOSEVELT, Franklin D.—U.S. 45, 928, 930, 931, 932, 933, 1284, 1298, 1305; Argentina 551; Bolivia C298; Brazil 487, C76; Central African Rep. C78; Colombia 520; Congo Rep. ('70) —; Costa Rica 251-55, C160-67; Cuba 406; Dahomey C116; Ecuador 509-10, 511-13, C193-94, C195-97; Ethiopia 278, 279, 280, C21; Fajera ('70) —; Greece 469-71; Grenada 373; Guatemala C92, C151-56; Haiti C33-34; Honduras C158; Laos C68; Liberia 296-97, C51; Mali C88; Mexico 826, C167, C169; Monaco 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, B93, C14, C15, C16, CB6, 355; Nicaragua 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, C272, C273, C274, C275, C276, C295, CO44, C463, ('70) —; Panama C104; Paraguay C184-88; Philippines C64-66, C70, 542-44; Rwanda 381-88; Salvador 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612; Togo 530, 532; Turkey 818, 821; Upper Volta C78, C79, —; Uruguay 602-04.
- ROOSEVELT, Theodore—U.S. 557, 830, 856, 1023, 1039; Canal Zone 74, 86, 103, 138, 150; Cuba 610; Panama 403, C61.
- SARGENT, Winthrop—U.S. 955.
- SCHIRRA, Walter M. Jr.—Czechoslovakia 1238; Hungary C227; Romania C157; Mauritania C48; Yemen ('69)
- SCHLEY, Winfield Scott—U.S. 793.
- SCHURZ, Carl—Germany 691, 5NB9-11.
- SCOTT, Winfield—U.S. 142, 786.
- SEVIER, John—U.S. 941.
- SIBERT, William L.—Canal Zone 110.
- SISLER, George H.—Ajman ('69).
- SMITH, Caleb B.—Honduras C292.
- SOUSA, John Philip—U.S. 880.
- STAFFORD, Thomas P.—Haiti 544-47, C263-65; Mauritania C48.
- STANFORD, Leland—U.S. 922.
- STANTON, Edwin McM.—U.S. 138; Honduras C292.
- STEUBEN, Baron von—U.S. 689.
- SULLIVAN, John—U.S. 657.
- TAFT, William Howard—U.S. 685, 831; Panama C55.
- THATCHER, Maurice H.—Canal Zone 157.
- TRUMAN, Harry S.—Brazil 673; Ecuador 558, C206; Umm Al Qiwain 29.
- WAGNER, John P. ("Honus")—Ajman ('69) —.
- WALLACE, Henry A.—Ecuador 413-15 (overprint).
- WARREN, Earl—Liberia 447.
- WASHINGTON, Booker T.—U.S. 873, 1074.
- WASHINGTON, George—U.S. Majority from 2 to 111, 115, 136, 210, 219D, 248, 301, 319, 332, 333, 405, 406, 554, 645, 688, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 720, 785, 798, 804, 947, 948, 982, 1031, 1213, 1283, 1283B.
- WAYNE, Anthony—U.S. 680.
- WOOD, Leonard—Cuba 475.
- YOUNG, Brigham—U.S. 950.

A few whose membership is controversial:

- ALLEN, Ethan—U.S. 1071.
- DEWEY, George—U.S. 793; Philippines 303.
- FULTON, Robert—U.S. 1270; Hungary C55.
- HALE, Nathan—U.S. 551.
- HAMILTON, Alexander—U.S. 143, 154, 165, 190, 629, 1055, 1086; St. Kitts-Nevis 135; Montserrat ('68) —.
- HENRY, Patrick—U.S. 1046.
- JACKSON, Thomas J. ("Stonewall")—U.S. 788, 1400.
- JAY, John—U.S. 1046.
- JEFFERSON, Thomas—U.S. 12, 57, 139, 228, 260, 310, 324, 561, 807, 1033, 1278, 1047 Monticello, 1141 Credo.
- MADISON, James—U.S. 262, 312, 808.
- MORRIS, Robert—U.S. 1004.
- PULASKI, Casimir—U.S. 690; Poland 267.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

This issue of The Masonic Philatelist completes my third year as editor. It has been a hard task but an enjoyable one. I feel I have done my share and with this issue I am retiring as editor of this publication. I will try and continue to write articles from time to time to help make the next editor's job a little easier.

We also have a few items that were submitted since our plea in the February issue which will be turned over to my successor.

The winner of our contest will also be announced in our September issue.

My personal thanks to the following members who have submitted one or more articles to help make volume 28 a success: Mannie Reggel, Marshall S. Loke, Dr. Duffield Swan, Frank Cochran III, Louis F. Biehl, Richard Basile, Joseph Levinson, Edward R. Walsh, Earl Brunk, Edmund Forsythe, Jack Bettencourt, S. J. Bensen, Allan Evans, Spensley S. Daykin, Pat Herst and Bob Smith.

WAGNER, COBB & SISLER

Marshall S. Loke

Some of the all-time greats of baseball are portrayed on a set of Ajman stamps, issued in 1969, featuring six of the game's greatest sluggers, all members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. They are: on the 1 dh, "Honus" Wagner; 2dh, "Joe" DiMaggio; 5dh "Ty" Cobb; 10dh Stan Musial; 15dh "Babe" Ruth; and on the 10 Rls (airmail) George Sisler. The Freemasons of the group are Wagner, Cobb and Sisler.

John P. Wagner, better known as "Honus" Wagner and sometimes as "The Flying Dutchman", was a native of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, born February 24, 1874. He began playing in 1897 with Louisville and was with the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1900 until he retired in 1917, at which time he had scored more hits, runs and bases stolen than any other player in the history of the National League. He was one of the original members of the Baseball Hall of Fame, being elected in 1936 when it was first established.

Wagner was a life member of his hometown lodge, Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie, Pa., receiving the degrees on March 17, April 21 and May 19, 1919. He died December 6, 1955.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, born December 18, 1886 at Narrows, Banks County, Georgia, played with the Detroit American League team 1905-1926 and with

the Philadelphia A. L. team 1927-1928. "Ty" was the League's batting champion every year, with one exception, from 1907 through 1919.

Bro. Cobb was made a Mason in Royston Lodge No. 426, Royston, Franklin County, Georgia, in 1907 at the age of 21. No record is available of the dates on which he received the E.A. and F.C. degrees. He was raised to the M.M. degree on February 4, 1909. Royston Lodge No. 426 became defunct and the charter was arrested in January 1936. The Lodge was re-organized as No. 52 and Cobb affiliated July 12, 1948. His Grand Lodge certificate is dated July 26, 1948. Emeritus November 14, 1960.

He received the 32nd degree AASR (NJ) at Detroit January 25, 1912 and joined Moslem Shrine Temple, Detroit, the same year. On May 7, 1921 he was elected an honorary life member of City of Straights Lodge No. 452 in Detroit. He died July 17, 1961. Ty Cobb's father, William H. Cobb, was W.M. of Royston Lodge 1899-1903; his son, Ty, Jr., became a member in the 1950's.

George Harold Sisler was born March 24, 1893 at Nimisila, Ohio. After graduating from Michigan in 1915, he joined the Browns as pitcher. He holds two American League records: making 257 hits for St. Louis in 1920 and batting .420 in 1922. The "Sizzler" is credited with being one of the best two fielding first basemen in history. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1939.

George Sisler received his degrees in Rose Hill Lodge No. 550 in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 13, February 3 and February 17, 1920. Suspended NPD June 26, 1934. He is still living in St. Louis.

THE STAMP CHAMPION

Whose likeness would you believe appears on stamps of the United States more than any other person?

If you are informed statistically you would answer correctly that it is DeWitt Clinton, former governor and Past Grand Master of New York.

His picture appears on cigarette stamps, of which more than 3 million packages are sold each day, or a total of about 11 billion stamps a year.

He was one of our early patriots and political figures of prominence who was responsible more than anyone else for the construction of the Erie Canal, a contributing factor to Colonial growth.

New Orleans Trestle Board