

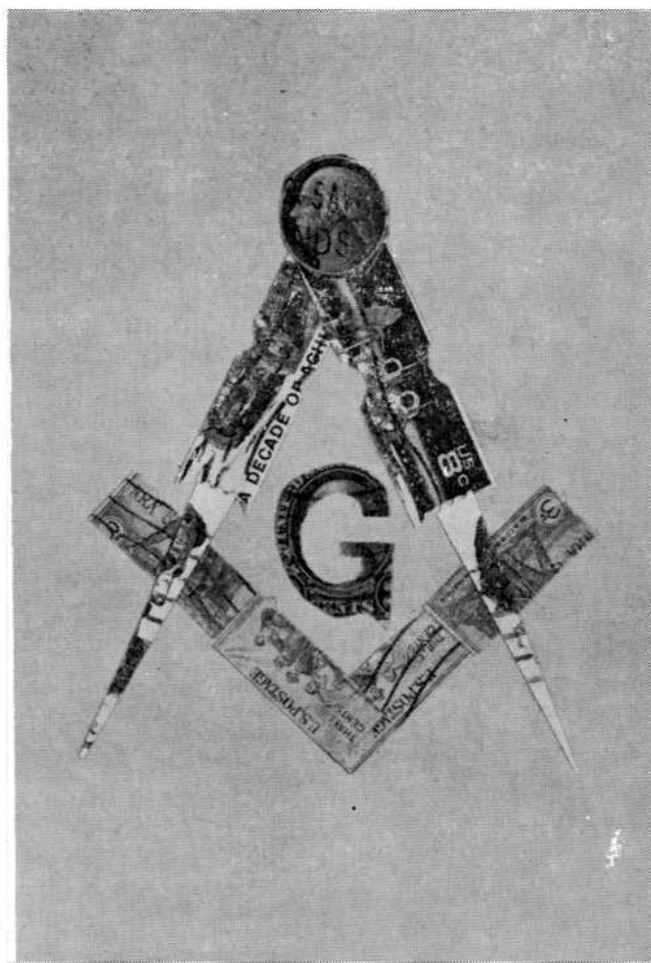


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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was  
organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging  
research and study in Masonic Philately, and to  
establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons  
who are stamp collectors. The need for the or-  
ganization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

## ★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Every Month  
(Except July and August)

COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING  
22 East 35th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

## By the Sign of the Gavel

Our January meeting was well re-  
ceived by the members as our Past  
Presidents showed some rare and in-  
teresting material. I would like to thank  
all of those who participated, especially  
Bro. Stan Salomon who displayed old  
philatelic labels from different shows  
and forerunners to the Christmas Seals  
which was part of his father's collec-  
tion. Many thanks Stan . . .

The February meeting will be dedi-  
cated to "Masonic Night" and all mem-  
bers are asked to participate. This  
evening will be highlighted by our  
Secretary Bro. Charles Morris who will  
present a Masonic Slide Program,  
please be sure to attend.

My Brothers, your Editor needs your  
help . . . Our magazine is only as good  
as the articles we receive from our  
members. We need articles, long and  
short, and for those who are not a  
Joseph Pulitzer, just put it down on  
paper and our Editor will make the  
necessary corrections. I do hope that he  
will hear from you so that you may  
share your Masonic knowledge with  
your other members. His address is  
7215 13th Avenue, Takoma Park, Mary-  
land 20012.

## CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM

Due to the sale of Interpex by the  
American Stamp Dealers Ass'n., we  
are forced to change of schedule of  
events for the club. As mentioned in  
the program we reserved April 6th,  
1973 for the annual dinner during the  
ASDA International Philatelic Fair-'73.  
There will not be the ASDA Show dur-  
ing this time but the Masonic Stamp  
Club will hold it's Annual Dinner.

## LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

With the passing of our 36th Presi-  
dent of the United States, I'm sure  
the United States Postal Service will  
issue a stamp in his honor in the near  
future. Although Johnson was never  
made a Master Mason he was initiated  
in Johnson City Lodge, No. 651, Texas.

## "MASONIC CHAPTER PENNIES"

Last year a collectors' reference book  
entitled "Masonic Chapter Pennies"  
which lists some 10,000 items and il-  
lustrations was produced. Those inter-  
ested in this book, may write for  
information to Mr. Alfred D. Hock,  
President, Quarterman Publications,  
Inc., Suite 22, 61 Park Drive, Boston,  
Massachusetts 02215.

## Ladies at the Mosonic Home, Utica, N.Y.



### THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB AIDS THE MASONIC HOME AT UTICA, NEW YORK

Bro Yale J. Shapiro, a member of the Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y., is employed by the firm Adelaar Bros., Inc., 525 7th Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10018. This is a ladies garment house located in the heart of New York's famous garment center. Bro. Shapiro has, during the last year, been able to send to the Masonic Home at Utica, New York, scrap material which has been extremely helpful in the Occupational Therapy and Craft Department.

Yale collects this material until he has about 1,000 lbs. and sends this to the home. The freight expenses are paid by the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.

We of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York are proud to be part of such a charity, and are especially proud of the work done by our Bro. Yale Shapiro with the cooperation and generosity of the management of Adelaar Bros., Inc.

The folks at the Home also have use for stamps which they put to use very well. Any donations may be sent to: Mrs. Beverly Morris, Acting Director,

Arts and Crafts, Masonic Home, 2150  
Bleecker Street, Utica, New York 13503.

January 2, 1973

Adelaar Bros. Inc.  
525 Seventh Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10018  
Attn: Mr. Yale Shapiro

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your sending such a generous donation of scrap material for our Occupational Therapy and Craft Department.

I assure you that our guests of the Home will make constructive use of this material. Bright and pretty colored materials add life to their work, and their work occupies their idle time.

Your donation enables our guests to make various beautiful novelty articles, including toys, dresses, children's clothes, and some for charity.

Along with Mr. Brenizer, our Guests of the Home and myself, a special thank you for your interest.

Most Cordially,  
(Mrs.) Beverly Morris  
Acting Director  
Arts and Crafts



**JOSE MARTI**  
**"MASON and PATRIOT"**  
 Born 1853 - Died 1895

Jose Marti is credited as having inspired the culminating phase of Cuba's long struggle for independence. He was born to the spirit of revolt then prevailing.

At a very early age he devoted himself to the service of his country. The Spanish Government recognized in Marti, a dangerous revolutionary and exiled him from the country. He located in Mexico, devoting his time to his education, while continuing his support of the Cuban cause.

Returning to Cuba, he was again arrested, exiled to Spain, but escaped, and proceeding again to Mexico. later to Guatemala and eventually to the United States.

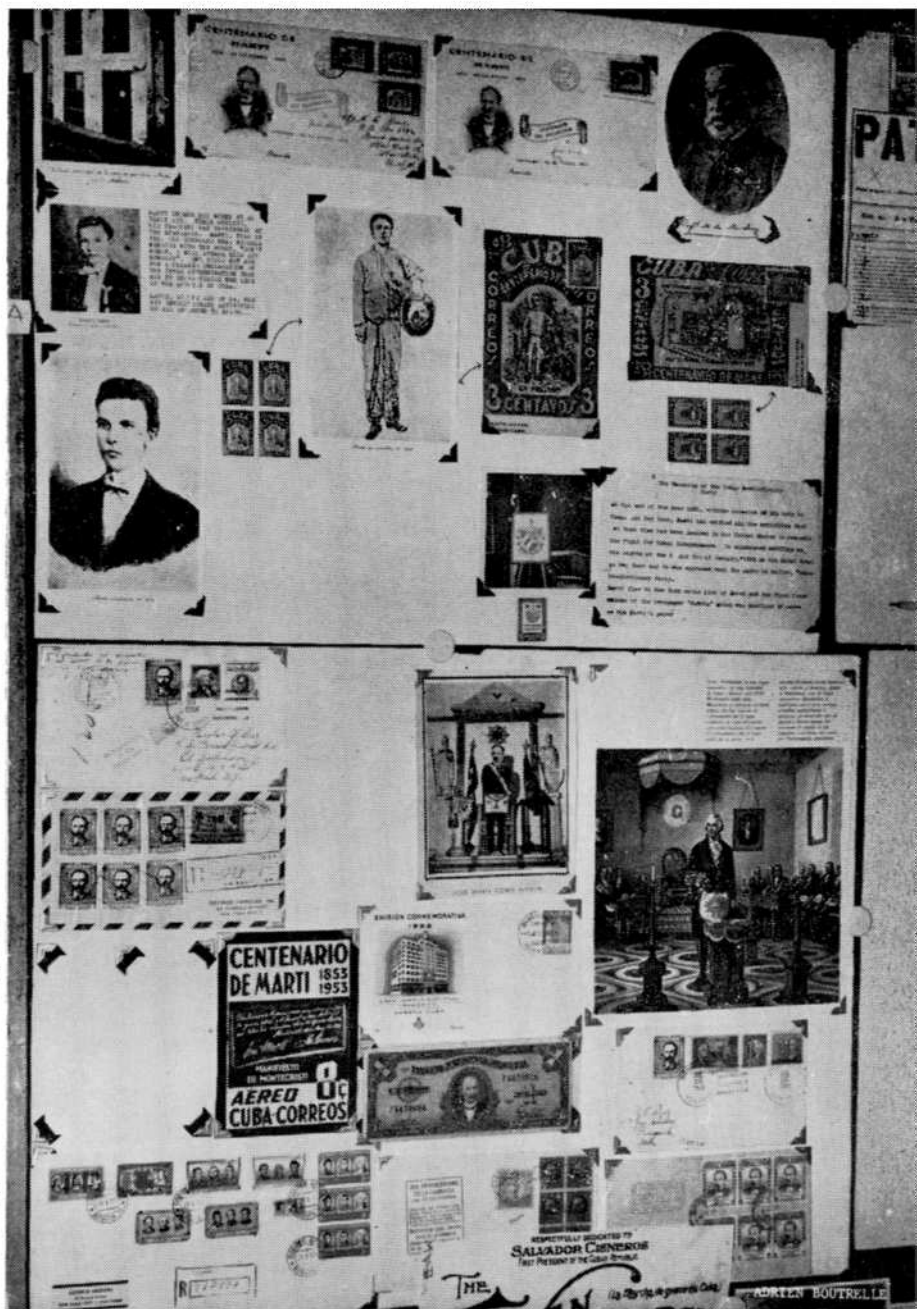
While in New York City, he attached himself to the Cuba Junta which was located there. Traveling throughout the United States he aroused interest in, and popularized the cause of "Cuba-Libre". His magnetic personality commanded him an enthusiastic and friendly audience wherever and whenever he spoke.

The revolution of Cuba against Spain broke out at Vaire near Santiago. Marti was considered more valu-

able for his diplomatic and fund raising activities and an effort was made to get him out of the combat zone and back to the United States. He hurried to the Southern coast of Cuba with some fifty men. He had hoped to escape to Jamaica and eventually proceed to the United States.

Ambushed by a large Spanish force,







Marti's men and Marti himself were all killed on May 19, 1895.

His death was a severe loss, but the inspiration he had contributed to the cause of Cuban freedom continued to be a vital factor in the struggle for Cuban liberty.

Jose Marti was one of the brilliant figures of the Cuban revolution.

On January 28, 1950, 6000 Masons, representing all Masonic Bodies held a parade to honor Marti at a statue of him in the City of Havana. The Republic of Cuba dedicated this day to the Masonic Fraternity, (Dia del Mason). It was selected in Memory of Marti, who was born on this date in 1853.

In Bayfront Park at Miami, Florida, there is a monument to his memory. Mahi Shrine Temple of Miami, Florida held its ceremonial in Havana, October 24, 1953 and named it the Jose Marti International Convention.

A quote by Marti regarding the fraternity—"Masonry is the active form of the liberal thought", Jose Marti.

John W. Nicklin  
and  
Robert A. Smith

Photos were from the collection of Nicholas E. Ruiz, who exhibited 20 frames of "Jose Marti, from Paula to Dos Rios" at the 24th ASDA National Postage Stamp Show, at Madison Square Garden, November 17-19, 1972.

The First Day Cover that shows a quote from Marti is from my collection.

## 1973 CALENDAR

The catalog numbers quoted are those supplied by the Scott Publishing Co. Until they are incorporated in the next edition of Scott's catalog, they should be considered as tentative and subject to adjustment.

Jan. 12—\$1 Eugene O'Neill definitive coil (#1305c). First day sale at LISDA, covers to Postmaster, Hempstead, NY 11551.

Jan. 26—8c "Special Stamp for Someone Special" (#1475). First day sale at Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Feb. 10—15c aerogramme honoring hot air ballooning. First day sale at Albuquerque, NM 87103.

Feb. 16—8c Pamphleteer Bicentennial commem. First day sale at Portland, OR 97208.

Feb. 28—8c George Gershwin commem. First day sale at Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

April 4—Tagged definitives. 20c Marshall, 25c Revere coil, 25c Douglas, 30c Dewey, 40c Paine, 50c Stone, \$1 O'Neill sheet, and \$5 Moore. First day sale at Philatelic Center, New York, N.Y. No mail order first-day cover service will be provided. Order from Philatelic Sales Unit.

April 13—8c Broadside Bicentennial commem. First day sale at Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

April 22—8c Nicolaus Copernicus commem. First day sale at Washington, DC 20013.

May 8—8c President Truman Memorial stamp. First day sale at Independence MO 64051.

July 4—Four 8c stamps in Bicentennial series, featuring Boston Tea Party. First day sale at Boston, MA 02109.

Aug. 27—8c President Johnson Memorial stamp. First day sale at Austin, TX 78710.

### US SOUVENIR CARDS

March 9—INTERPEX (BEP).  
PROMISED

Ten 8c stamps honoring postal workers. American Art—four stamps, including composer Gershwin (Feb. 28), novelist Willa Cather and two with unannounced subjects.

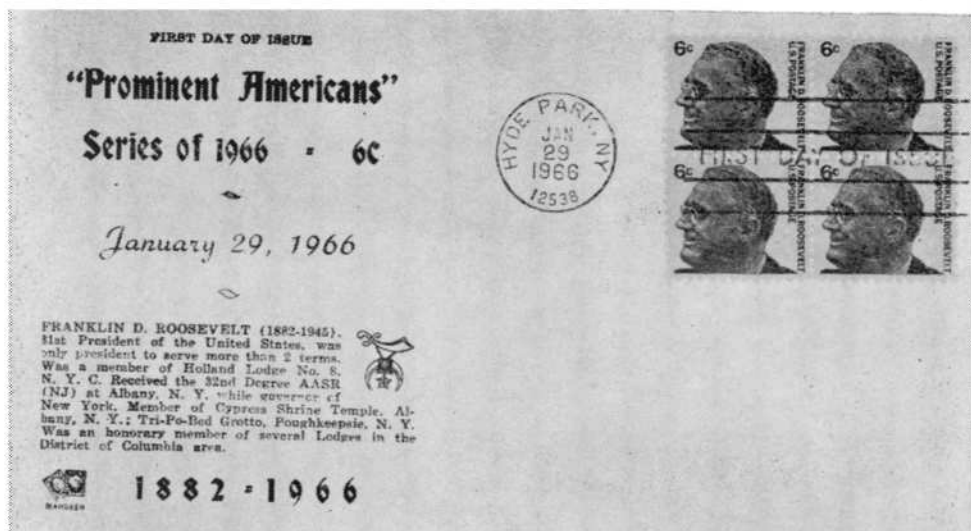
Historic Preservation.

American Painting.

Bicentennial series.

Prominent American series, 21c—A. P. Gian-nini.





### F. D. R. the MASON

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Masonic career began with his initiation into Holland Lodge No. 8, in New York City, October 10, 1911. He was Passed November 14, 1911 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, November 28, 1911.

Although he was never Master of his lodge, he received numerous Masonic honors. The appointed position of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, F.D.R. held from September 22, 1930 to the time of his death. Honorary membership was given to him in Stansbury Lodge No. 24, Washington, D. C. on November 21, 1919 when he officiated at the Masonic Laying of the cornerstone of its temple. Roosevelt became the first Honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, an organization for young men between the ages of 14 and 21, sponsored by the Masonic Order.

Honors in the fraternity does not always come in the way of "honorary membership" but in the way your brothers judge and feel about you. Our Brothers in the United States have named at least 10 lodges after F.D.R. from coast to coast. Members in other Grand Jurisdictions have also named lodges after him from Brazil, Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Probably the most memorable night for F.D.R. was November 7, 1935. The night President Roosevelt raised his sons, James and Franklin, Jr., in Archi-

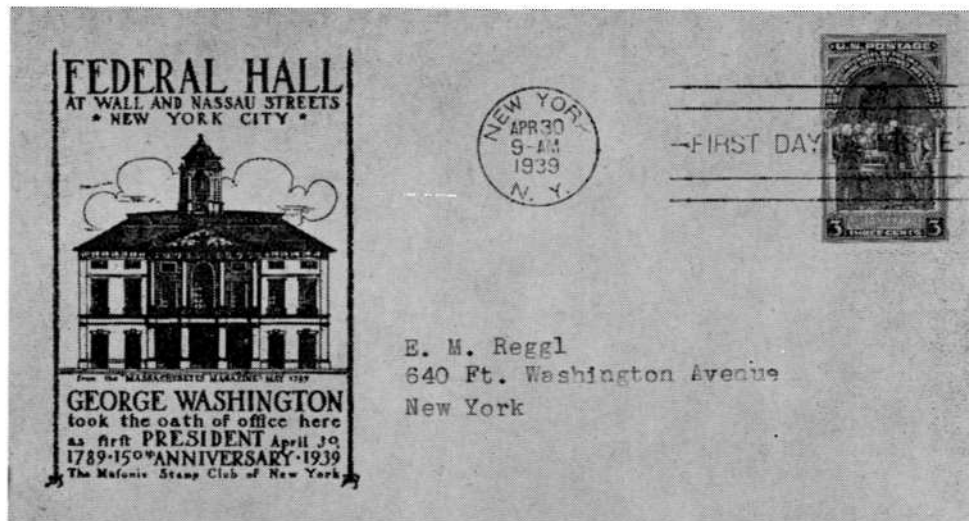
tect Lodge No. 519, New York City—the same lodge where he raised his son, Elliott, on February 17, 1933.

In his speech that evening he said:

"The more I come in contact with the work of the Masonic Fraternity the more impressed I am by the great charitable work and great practical good which we are carrying out, especially in the line which is so close to my heart—the care of little children—not only in that work, but also in acting as a haven for a better society and better citizenship whenever it may be." Certainly these words can be said today as it was said thirty-four years ago. Architect Lodge that evening also gave him honorary membership and the President also referred to this in his speech:

"Architect Lodge has made me very happy. Let me say from my heart that tonight has meant much to me. All my life I shall cherish the thought of coming here to Architect Lodge tonight to take part in the work of the Third Degree for my own sons. And, of course, this last act of you good people in making me an Honorary Member, giving opportunity to be a member of the same Lodge to which my boys belong—that is something I shall never forget."

As Roosevelt was such an avid stamp collector, it is interesting to note that late in 1938. The Masonic Stamp Club of New York petitioned President Roosevelt to issue a commemorative in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the



inauguration of George Washington (another Mason) as first president of the United States. So, the following year, on April 30, 1939, this stamp (Scott #854) was issued.

Roosevelt was a member of the Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grotto, and Shrine as so many of his associates during his political years as President of the United States. Those members who served with him as members of the Cabinet and brothers of the craft were: George H. Dern, Secretary of War, 1933; Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General, 1933; Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of Navy, 1933; Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, 1933; Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, 1933 and Secretary of Commerce, 1945. Wallace was, of course, Vice President from 1941 to 1945, being followed by Harry S. Truman, who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

On April 12, 1945 when Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt was "summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us" the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, under the order of the Grand Master, Charles W. Froessel, extended an invitation to the Masonic Brethren and their families to join in a Memorial Service in honor of our late Commander-in-Chief at the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth Avenue and West 48th Street, New York City on May 20, 1945. The Grand Master summed up the fraternity's and

the world's feelings in his invitation: "Our nation is bowed in deep sorrow. The world mourns the loss of a great leader. All peoples, irrespective of race or creed, deplore his death. He was moved by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the country as he conceived. He gave eloquent utterance to the aspirations of humanity, and helped to make Our Country a new and more beautiful influence in the destiny of mankind."

Robert A. Smith

#### THE MASONIC BULLETIN OF CANTON, OHIO

Thanks to Worthy Brother Gordon C. Curry, a very nice article appeared in the Masonic Bulletin, Published by the Masonic Bodies of Canton, Ohio on the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and Masonic Stamp Collecting.

The 100th anniversary of Tillamook Lodge #57 A.F. & A.M. of Tillamook, Ore. will be noted by a cacheted cover using the Stamp Collecting stamp which features the picture of Benjamin Franklin, early American Patriot and Master Mason.

Covers postmarked on June 12, the anniversary date, will be available for 35c each, 3/\$1 from Alfred R. Reynolds, PO Box 97, Rockaway, OR 97136. Address labels or large SASE appreciated.