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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.

* * * 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 received by the members as our Past Presidents showed some rare and interesting 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 collection. Many thanks Stan.

The February meeting will be dedicated to "Masonic Night" and all members 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, Maryland 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 regretted April 6th, 1973 for the annual dinner during the ASDA International Philatelic Fair-'73. There will not be the ASDA Show during this time but the Masonic Stamp Club will hold it's Annual Dinner.

LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

With the passing of our 36th President 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. 551, Texas.

"MASONIC CHAPTER PENNIES"

Last year a collectors' reference book entitled "Masonic Chapter Pennies" which lists some 10,000 items and illustrations was produced. Those interested 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-
Martí’s men and Martí 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 Martí 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 Martí 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 Martí, 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 Martí International Convention.

A quote by Martí regarding the fraternity—“Masonry is the active form of the liberal thought”, Jose Martí.

John W. Nicklin
and
Robert A. Smith

Photos were from the collection of Nicholas E. Hux, who exhibited 20 frames of “Jose Martí, from Paula to Dos Rios” at the 26th ASDA National Postage Stamp Show, at Madison Square Garden, November 17-19, 1972.

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

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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. 15—81 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. 16—15c aerogramme honoring hot air ballooning. First day sale at Albuquerque, NM 87103.

Feb. 16—8c Pamphletor Bicentennial commem. First day sale at Portland, OR 97206.

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

April 3—Tagged definitives. 20c Marshall, 25c Bereau oil, 35c Douglas, 50c Dewey, 40c Paine, 50c Stone, 80c O’Neill sheet, and 35c 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 23—8c Nicollus 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—INTREPLEX (REP).

PROMISED

Ten 8c stamps honoring postal workers.

American Art—four stamps, including composer Gerhwm (Feb. 20), novelist Willa Cather and two with unannounced subjects.

Historic Preservation.

American Painting.

Bicentennial series.

Prominent American series, 21c—A. P. Glan-
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 Architect 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 leaven 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, Grot-
to, and Shrine as so many of his as-
sociates 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, Sec-
tary of War, 1933; Homer S. Cum-
nings, Attorney General, 1933; Claude
A. Swanson, Secretary of Navy, 1933;
Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Com-
merce, 1933; Henry A. Wallace, Sec-
tary of Agriculture, 1933 and Secre-
tary of Commerce, 1945. Wallace was,
of course, Vice President from 1941 to
1945, being followed by Harry S. Tru-
man, who was Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Missouri.

On April 12, 1945, when Brother
Franklin Delano Roosevelt was “sum-
moned 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. Froessels, ex-
tended 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 Col-
legiate Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth
Avenue and West 46th Street, New
York City on May 29, 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

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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 Benja-
min Franklin, early American Patriot
and Master Mason.

Covers postmarked on June 12, the
anniversary date, will be available for
35c each, 3/31 from Alfred R. Re-
ynolds, PO Box 97, Rockaway, OR 97136.
Address labels or large SASE appre-
ciated.