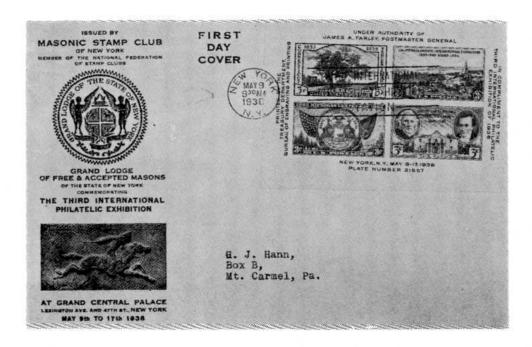
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved 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 A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER

I am happy to report that over 85 percent of our members have paid their dues. Second notices have been sent to the handful of members who have not, as yet, paid. Please send in the dues (\$5.00) so I can close the books.

Some of our newer members have been asking for back issues of the Philatelist. We have a very limited supply of back issues. We would appreciate any donations of back issues so our newer members will benefit from the vast knowledge of information contained in them.

If any member is interested in contacting other members, let us know.

Please send dues and back issues of the Philatelist to: Charles Morris, P.O. Box 35040, Jamaica, New York 11435.

TRADING MASONIC MATERIAL

Bro. Charles Pattison, 9335 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453, would like to trade Masonic postal cards, corner cards, or any material related to Masonry. He would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in this type of exchange.

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HAL McCRACKEN
Southbury, Conn. King Solomon
Lodge, Woodbury, Conn.

HERMAN SCHULZE-DELITZCH 1829 - 1883

This German politician and economist was a member of the Lodge "Zur Bestaendigkeit" in Berlin.

His career was that of a judge and in 1848 he was a member of the Prussian National Assembly. He was also the leader of the Progressive Party and federal representative to parliament. He is well known for founding the German Trade Union.

His likeness is shown on the following: Germany 353, 446, 789; Saar 316; Turkey 1108.

WOLFGANG A. MOZART

Born in 1756 at Salzburg, and died December 5, 1791, at Vienna. He was one of the greatest and most delightful of musical composers. He was raised in Masonry at the age of 28, in the autumn of 1784, in "Zur gekronten Hoffnung" Lodge. There were many musical compositions and dedications to Masonry by this most eminent composer.

He must have been greatly inspired by his experience in Masonry, because almost immediately he composed his Freemasons funeral music and his music for the opening of the Lodge. The "Magic Flute" makes no mention of Freemasonry, but it has always been accepted as a Masonic opera. It depicts the ancient mysterics and presents much craft significance.

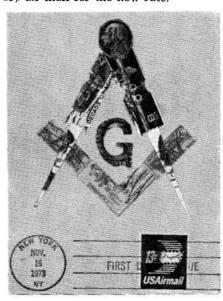
Mozart is pictured on the following: Austria B51, 609; Belgium 586-88; Bulgaria 952; France 362; Congo B38; Czechoslovakia 750; E. Germany 278; Germany B200, 739; Romania 1130; Russia 1879; Bohemia B7-8.



The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was represented at this show by our usual lounge and with two Masonic exhibits. These exhibits were assembled by Stanley A. Salomon and Louis Bernstein.

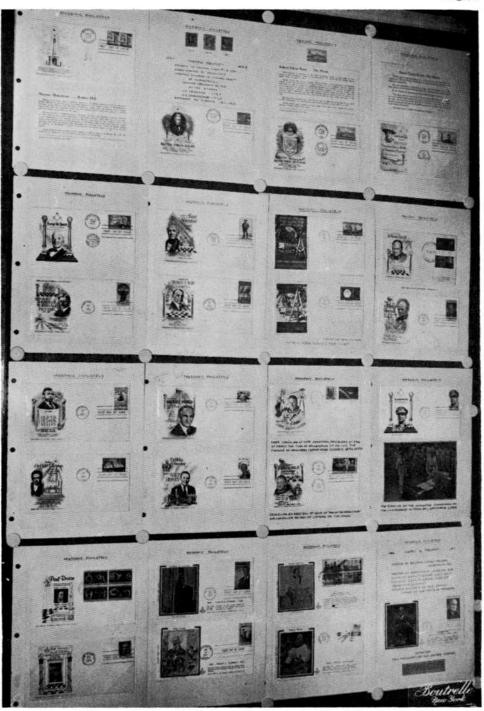
Bro. Salomon showed the many different first day covers which the Masonic Stamp Club of New York produced since 1936 to date. President Lou Bernstein showed foreign stamps which commemorated the fraternity as well as symbols of Masonry on stamps. Both exhibits were well received by the thousands who came to the show.

The show commemorated the 25th anniversary of the American Stamp Dealers Association, Inc. Both the United Nations Postal Administration and the United States Postal Service had first day ceremonics. The U.N. issued the United Nations 25th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the U.S. issued the 13¢ air mail for the new rate.



AT THE A.S.D.A. SHOW

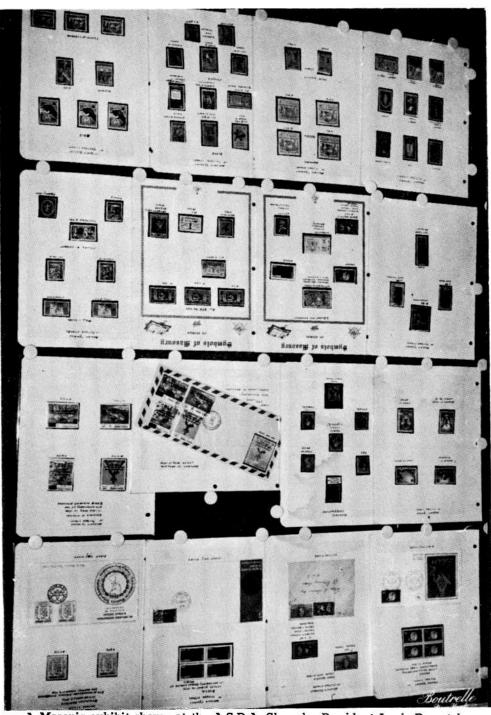




The Masonic Stamp Club exhibit shown by Past President Stanley A. Salomon,

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A Masonic exhibit shown at the A.S.D.A. Show by President Louis Bernstein



MASONIC HAM RADIO OPERATORS

Throughout the country there are thousands of ham radio operators who try to communicate with each other's call letters. After contact has been made, each operator sends a post card to verify the original call. Below are dispayed some cards that were received by Brother George Wettach's son, Larry. As you will note, these all have Masonic symbols.

(See pages 9 and 10)

On the cover of this issue is a Masonic First Day Cover in honor of the 5¢ Amateur Radio Stamp of 1964. The Mahdeen Masonic cachet honors Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, who is an avid "ham" operator. His call letters are K7UGA. Brother Goldwater is a member of Arizona Lodge No. 2, F.&A.M., Phoenix, Arizona. He is also a member of the Shrine, Eastern Star, and is a 33 degree member of the Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction), at Tucson, Arizona.

This may be an interesting sidelight to a Masonic collection.

—Robert A. Smth

VISCONDE DE BRANCO

Branco was Soverign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Brazil.

Pope Pius I sought the abolishment of Freemasonry of Brazil with the Bishops in accord. The government of Brazil called a hearing on the subject. Freemasonry was attacked by Senor Mendes de Almeida, a disciple of the church, Branco in a speech before the assembly made the following remarks, "Mr. President, all that I know of Masonry is that its maxims are love of God, of our neighbors and virtue. I think therefore, that there is not only an injustice, but even a mistake, a gross mistake, in politics and in religion to seek to arouse this persecutory crusade against societies so numerous, so radicated in this country, so peaceful up to now, and to whom many families are owing their subsistence, against societies in which the Catholic religion has sincere and devoted adepts, who are living examples of domestic

and civic virtues. I believe Mr. President, that this matter, Masonry in Brazil, is within the dominion of reason and public censure; that it is NOT a point of faith. God preserves us, indeed, from a principle of faith which denies to us the right to appreciate the character and tendencies of a Brazilian association, upon the grounds that the spiritual power has declared it anti-religious. If today the principle he admitted in religion to Masonry, tomorrow the same power that another civil institution comes within its anathemas, will proscribe its members, leaving them to no other recourse than to be silent, obey and suffer.

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No, Mr. President, the character of Masonic societies in Brazil, is no dogma, no matter of religious faith, it is a question of fact which is within the plenary dominion of public reason."

With such zeal, firmness and ability to defend it, Freemasonry in Brazil need not fear the Papal thunder.





CHECKLIST OF COVERS PRODUCED BY THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK

Date	Scott #	Stamp	Cachet	Printed By	Cachet Color
May 9, 1936	778	Tipex	F.D.C.		Black
Apr. 30, 1939	854	Wash. Inaug.	"		Violet
May 17, 1947	947	Cipex	,,	Fleetwood	Blue & Violet
May 19, 1947	948	Cipex S/S	**	"	Blue & Gold
May 21, 1947	UC17	5¢ Envelope	"	,,,	Blue
May 11, 1949	C40	Alexandria	"	,,,	Black
May 1, 1956	175th Anniv. G.L. of N.Y.		3 Diff. All 3 Cities	,,	Green
Sept. 6, 1957	1097	Lafayette	F.D.C.	Fleetwood	Black
Apr. 18, 1958	1048	Revere	,,	>>	,,
Apr. 21, 1958	Postal Slogan-"Theodore Roosevelt, 1858-Centennial-1958, Responsible Citizenship" Rubber Stamp Cachet.				
Apr. 28, 1958	1105	Monroe		Fleetwood	Black
Sept. 19, 1958	1117-18	Kossuth	"	,,	22
Oct. 27, 1958	1122	Forest Conserv.	"	**	"
Mar. 16, 1959	1037	Hermitage	,,	**	27
Apr. 6, 1959	1128	Arctic Explor.	"	,,	33
June 17, 1959	1034	Bunker Hill	"	,,	**
Jan. 20, 1960	1139	Washington Credo	**	" "	. 21
Feb. 8, 1960	1145	Boy Scouts	22	39	"
Mar. 31, 1960	1140	Franklin	"	"	,,
July 11, 1961	1184	Norris	**	,,	**
Nov. 17, 1961	1042a	Pershing	22	,,	37
May 16, 1963	Space Flight of Astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper,				
Jan. 10, 1964	1242	Houston		Fleetwood Fleetwood	Blue & Red Black
Apr. 22, 1964	1244	World's Fair	23	"	Multicolor
Apr. 22, 1964	U546	5¢ World's Fair Env.	"	,,,	Purple & Yellow
Sept. 11, 1964	1251	Mayo	22	>>	Black
May 13, 1965	1265	Churchil1	"	,,	"
July 8, 1965	Gr. Brit. 4		,,	,,	,,
Apr. 16, 1966	1308	Indiana	,,	23	22
Apr. 17, 1967	1323	National Grange	**	**	12
July 4, 1967	1325	Erie Canal	,,	,,	>>
July 30, 1968	1286A	Ford	23	,,	79
Sept. 11, 1968	1355	Disney	,,	,,	22
Sept. 9, 1969	C76	Moon Landing	,,	**	33
Jan. 26, 1971	1424	MacArthur	,,		,,
May 8, 1971	1426	Missouri	,,		"
June 23, 1971	1431	Antarctic	,,		**
Apr. 24, 1972	1397	LaGuardia			
July 4, 1972	1456-59	Craftsmen	,,		"
Oct. 13, 1972	1470	Tom Sawyer	,,	Colonono	Multipulan
Oct. 13, 1972 Oct. 20, 1972	1393D	Franklin	22	Colorano	Multicolor
May 8, 1973	1499	Truman	,,	Colorano	Black Multicolor
May 25, 1973		Launch of Project Sky	lab, Astr		
July 4, 1973 Aug. 27, 1973	1480-83 1503	Boston Tea Party Johnson	F.D.C.	Colorano	Multicolor

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8¢ Boston Tea Party

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