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JOSEPH WARREN

Brigadier General Warren who fought as a private at the Battle of Bunker Hill, rather than take over the command from his subordinate Generals Putnam and Prescott. He was killed by a bullet in the head during this engagement and his memory was forever enshrined when King Solomon's Lodge of Charleston (now Sommerville, Massachusetts) erected and dedicated a monument to his memory. The monument was a Tuscan pillar 18 feet high, resting on an 8 foot high platform. On top of the pillar was an urn with the initials and age of General Warren, along with a square and compass.

General Warren was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, September 30, 1761. He was passed on November 2, 1761, but there is no record of his raising.

SAMUEL GOMPERS, MASON

One of the founders of the American Federation of Labor and its first President. Holding office until his death, for 41 years, was Samuel Gompers, for whom a 3c commemorative stamp was issued in 1948. (Scott No. 988)

Brother Gompers was born Jan. 27, 1850, in London, England. He was early in the fight in the early 20th century to make the workingman's lot better than it had been in years past. He was made a Mason in Dawson Lodge #16, Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1904, and received his 32nd degree in Albert Pike Consistory A A S R Washington, D.C. on Feb. 10, 1906. In Sept., 1918, while visiting Edinburgh, Scotland, Bro. Gompers was made an honorary member of the Lodge of Journeymen Masons #8, that city. He died on Dec. 13, 1924. A year later Samuel Gompers Lodge #43 Washington was chartered by the D. C. Grand Lodge. Brother Gompers in his autobiography relates his Masonic affiliation frequently protected him from injury.

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On the Bookshelf

News from Brother Herman (Pat) Herst, Jr. that his famous book “FUN AND PROFIT IN STAMP COLLECTING” is again available and can be obtained from the author for $3.75 ($4.25 in Canada) at the following address:

Herman Herst, Jr., Inc.
Post Office Box 1583
Boca Raton, FLA. 33432

Please mention the Masonic Stamp Club of New York when ordering. “Pat” said he will give the club a half buck for every order that comes in and mentions the club.

From Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard, P. O. Box 525, Browns Mills, N.J. 08015, comes the news that Bro. Pollard is the author of “Tied To Masonic Apron Strings”. This book is full of humorous events connected with Masonry. I’m sure you all will agree once you have read this book. It is available from:

Macoy Publishing &
Masonic Supply Co., Inc.
Post Office Box 9825
Richmond, VA 23228

The cost is $2.50 per copy.

JOHN R. ALLEN
P.O. Box 26135
Richmond, VA. 23260

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you of the following which we hope will be announced in your magazine.

Second Bicentennial Era Masonic Postal Cachet

The second in a series of Bicentennial Era Masonic First Day cachets will be released by Louisiana Lodge 102, F.& A.M., in June 1977 with the Marquis de LaFayette single 13c postage stamp cancelled “First Day of Issue”. The envelope will be blue in color with an imprinted dual theme involving Freemasonry & the Marquis De LaFayette, Major General of the Continental Army. Lafayette, a close friend of George Washington, received unprecedented civic & Masonic honors for his part in the American Revolution. Expected date & first day city are: June 13, 1977 from Philadelphia. Please allow up to 6 weeks after issue for delivery.

Prices are: Before June 1977 $1.00 each, or six or more for $0.90 each. After June 1, 1977, all will be $1.25 each plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Interested Masons or collectors should order from: John R. Allen, FDC Chairman; Louisiana Lodge; P.O. Box 26135; Richmond, Virginia 23260.

Sincerely

John R. Allen
FDC Chairman
Louisiana Lodge #102, F&AM
(New Orleans, La.)

Herst Attends Meeting in London

Our old time member, Herman Herst, Jr., of Boca Raton, Fla. “Pat” to his friends went to London a few days early in order to attend the meeting there of the Masonic Philatelic Society of Great Britain. Pat gave the address, talking on early Masonry in the United States, and reading the contents of a letter from a Nebraska brother in 1858 who saved himself from being lynched for a crime he did not commit by giving a Masonic sign which was recognized by several in the lynching party.

Pat was in London for the annual Stampex show held each Spring at Horticultural Hall there. Masons from all parts of the United Kingdom were at the meeting, and Pat brought back to us their fraternal greetings, as well as bringing ours to them.

The Masonic Philatelic Society of Great Britain asked Pat to bring back the message that they are very much interested in buying some of the Masonic cacheted covers that our club has, and that they hope someone over here will send them a substantial consignment which they promise will be well received. Will whoever is in charge of this please take up the project? Our treasury can be considerably enriched, and their collections enriched at the same time.

Bro. Trevor J. Fray, 76 Merrivale Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth, England is the one to contact for information on the Society, or the covers that they seek. He will put us in touch with the manager of the Sales Department who is anxious to have some new material to sell.

Pat
Editor's Note — We sincerely appreciate Bro. Denis I. Duveen's letter correcting the article on Bro. Doumer. We have always tried to maintain a reputation of being a reliable and authoritative source, and will continue to do so.

March 25th, 1977

Robert A. Smith Esq.,
Editor, Masonic Philatelist

Dear Bro. Smith,

I have just had occasion to consult the article on Bro. Paul Doumer which appeared on pp. 7 and 8 of The Masonic Philatelist Vol. 32. Set 1975 No. 1.

Without being unreasonably critical I have to say that I find the article rather unscholarly.

The first paragraph on page 8 contains two particularly important errors in facts. Firstly the Count of Esterhazy
was not what the article claims — in fact he was one of the real villains and crooks in the story. In the second place the very famous "J'accuse" was written by the well-known author Emile Zola and NOT by Jean Jaurès (I presume Jean Jaurès is meant?). I hope that you will accept my remarks as solely intended to maintain the reputation of The Masonic Philatelist as a reliable and authoritative source.

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