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ON THE COVER

Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1919

Theodore Roosevelt was initiated January 2, 1901; passed March 27, 1901; raised April 24, 1901 in Matinecock Lodge No. 806, at Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

The photograph on our cover was taken on July 12, 1912 when he made an address from the portico of the Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington. After the address he was conducted through the Temple and consented to pose in the Main Lodge Room wearing the regalia of the Master of Spokane Lodge No. 34.

This famous photograph is the first known photograph of a President of the United States in Masonic regalia.



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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MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF N.Y.

c/o COLLECTORS CLUB

22 East 35th Street, New York City, N.Y. 10016

Money Makes the Mare Go !!

There is an old saying that, "money makes the mare go." It also makes other things go. To be specific, it makes the Masonic Stamp Club of New York go. A Club like any other undertaking, cannot be successful unless it is supplied with sufficient funds for carrying on its activities. Our Club is not a business venture. It is not organized for profit and no member is paid for his labors in carrying out the activities of the Club, but it does have a business side which is of the utmost importance to proper functioning.

Perhaps the average Club member thinks that the financing of the organization is a simple problem; he gives it no study and is not really concerned about it. Once a year he receives a statement of his dues and, sooner or later, sends his check.

With the officers it is a different matter. Printing and mailing the MASONIC PHILATELIST to over 600 members on a regular quarterly basis is a major Club activity. Printing costs have risen dramatically over the past few years. Postage has increased from the 3-cent Mackinac Bridge Commemorative placed on sale June 25, 1958, and good for one ounce of first class mail, to the infamous B issue of 1981, at 18-cents for the first ounce.

Other expenses have risen but, fortunately, none at such a rate. Paper, envelopes, typewriter ribbons, and typewriter repairs, stationery, and other items are four or five or more times what they were when the 4-cent 50 star American Flag commemorative stamp was issued on July 4, 1960.

The cost of actually printing the MASONIC PHILATELIST is now over \$1.00 for each issue and, despite our opposition, we may be forced to pay in advance. When we look back, and not very far, to the time Al Van Dahl printed our MASONIC PHILATELIST as his contribution to the Club, the Club paid only for the cost of the postage. How sweet it was!!

Dues cards cost money, so do stationery, meeting notices, post office charges, and all the other incidentals that are essential to keep the Club on the go. Our present expenses are dangerously close to the seven dollars a year annual dues. We must look to the future. We must keep the Club on a pay-as-you-go basis and avoid going into debt.

Brothers, what are your thoughts on this most important Club matter? Please send in your comments, suggestions, and advice to:

*President
Masonic Stamp Club of New York
Box 10 Masonic Hall
71 West 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010*

Please remember the benefits of membership in the Masonic Stamp Club of New York; the MASONIC PHILATELIST four times a year, the EMPIRE STATE MASON six times a year, current Masonic cachets, special programs and events and, most of all, your support for and membership in the leading Masonic Stamp Club of the world.

And PLEASE remember to send in your dues if you have not done so already.

COLLECTING MASONIC SEALS AND LABELS

By George H. Wettach

Masonic seals and labels make an interesting and colorful sideline of Masonic philately. The comments on Christmas Seals in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps* are appropriate in this case. There it states, "While the Christmas Seal is not a postage stamp, because of its use on letters and packages it has come to be associated with the postal service and so has attracted stamp collectors". Since Masonic seals are issued primarily for use on letters, the collecting of them is compatible with Masonic philately. Incidentally, Masonic seals are not limited to the United States as one is known from Canada. Possibly seals exist from other Masonic jurisdictions.

A Masonic seal used on an ordinary envelope makes it a Masonic cover, especially if it is tied to cover by the postmark. Masonic covers have been created by having Masonic seals tied to card or cover by the special postmarks used at many philatelic exhibitions although any postmark would do. However, this article concerns seals, per se, and not covers.

In the case of Masonic seal collecting the surface has been merely scratched. There are probably many seals still to be discovered and listed by Masonic stamp collectors. The numerous seals and labels from eight major bodies of Masonry may be tentatively categorized as follows:

- I Fund Raising
- II Masonic Anniversaries
- III U.S. Bicentennial Observance
- IV George Washington's 250th Birthday Anniversary
- V Miscellaneous

The above categories may be subdivided into National/

State Bodies; Local Bodies; General Purposes; Specific Purposes, etc.

The accompanying illustrations of a few selected types of Masonic seals show the many shapes and sizes to be found. Most have gum but some are of the self-sticking variety.

Some seals are changed each year by the issuing body and may be differentiated by a date, a change of design or color, or both. The New York Eastern Star seals and the Nebraska Masonic Home seals are good examples of this. The Shrine fez seals are not varied by years but, in some cases, by the names of certain Shrine Temples in the design. At present it is not known how many individual Shrine Temple seals have been issued.

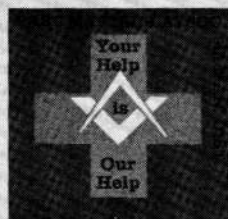
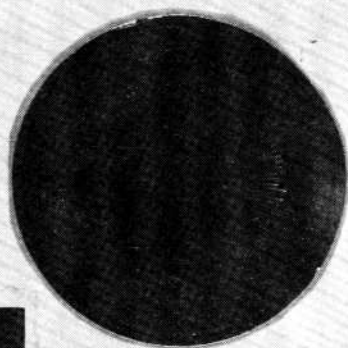
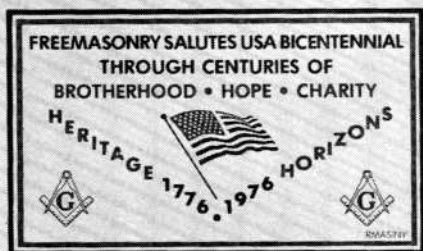
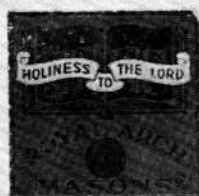
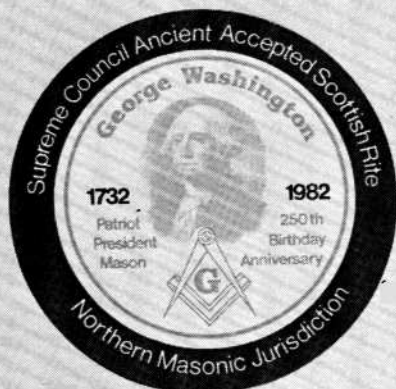
Since research is still going on, it would be appreciated if answers could be had to the following questions:

1. When was the *first* Masonic seal issued and by whom?
2. When did *each* Masonic body first issue seals?
3. When, where and by whom was the illustrated German language seal issued?
4. What other Masonic bodies have issued seals?
5. What foreign Masonic seals are known?
6. Should we publish sources and costs of seals?

Sincere thanks are due many Brothers and others who helped in this project by sending seals and information.

Readers are invited to send comments, criticism, suggestions, new seals and information to:

George H. Wettach
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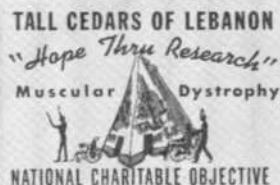
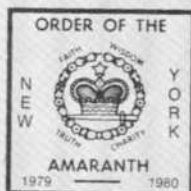
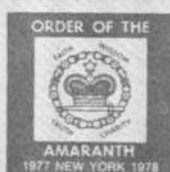
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United States Masonic Cacheted Cover Catalog

Robert A. Domingue

After several years of collecting and over two years of extensive research into the subject, an illustrated catalog of all U.S. Masonic Cacheted Covers has been prepared and is in the publication process. The effort encompasses all First Day and Special Event covers which have been identified to date by the author as being issued within the U.S. or by U.S. cover producing organizations or individuals. Over 1340 such covers have been identified in a chronological checklist and all but 47 are illustrated (of these missing illustrations, 10 represent a different postmark city than one illustrated and 12 are duplications of previously illustrated cachets) with only a 1/2 size reduction.

The catalog is 8 1/2"X11", 260 page, vertical loose leaf format, unbound for ease of use and updating. Offset printed on both sides of 70 pound paper, it provides a total coverage of the covers issued from 1927 to June 1981 in one installment. The contents of the catalog are as follows:

- I. Introduction explaining that the catalog was generated to fill the existing void in the hobby and giving the proper assistance credits.
- II. 116 pages of illustrations showing a total of 810 First Day Covers and descriptions of 5 more (max. of 8 covers per page).
- III. 77 pages of illustrations showing a total of 486 Special Event Covers and descriptions of 12 more.
- IV. A composite listing of the 1343 identified covers identifying issue date, franking, publisher, cachet color and description and cancellation city.
- V. 2 pages of General Purpose covers illustrations.
- VI. Background information on the major (18) Masonic cachet publishing organization and individuals.

The catalog will be available for distribution between October 1 and October 15 and can be ordered from the author/publisher defined below. The cost will be \$12.95 - postage and handling will be \$1.25 extra. Only a limited quantity will be printed so order your copy now from:

Robert A. Domingue
59 Greenwood Road
Andover, MA 01810

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Checklist Of Covers Produced By

Date	Scott#	Cachet Subject	Cachet Color	Postmark	Printer
2/22/35	707	G. Washington Shrine	Violet	Tappan, N.Y.	?
5/9/36	778	Seal, TIPEX Plaque	Black	New York, N.Y.	?
4/30/39	854	Federal Hall, Inaug.	Violet	New York, N.Y.	?
5/17/47	947	CIPEX, G.W., B.F.	Blue, Purple	New York, N.Y.	Fleetwood
5/19/47	948	CIPEX, G.W., B.F.	Blue, Gold	New York, N.Y.	Fleetwood
5/21/47	UC17	CIPEX, G.L. Seal	Blue	New York, N.Y.	Fleetwood
5/11/49	C40	G.W., Memorial	Black	Alexandria, Va.	Fleetwood
11/4/52	714	G.W. Init.-200th Ann.	?	Fredricksburg, Va.	?
5/1/56	1032	G.L. of N.Y.-175th Ann.			
		-Tappan Shrine	Black	Masonic Hall Sta.	Fleetwood
		-Tompkins Chapel	Black	Masonic Hall Sta.	Fleetwood
		-Medical Res. Lab	Black	Masonic Hall Sta.	Fleetwood
9/6/57	1097	Lafayette, Apron	Black	Easton, Pa.	Fleetwood
		" "	"	Louisville, Ky.	Fleetwood
		" "	"	Fayetteville, N.C.	Fleetwood
4/18/58	1048	Paul Revere	Black	Boston, Mass.	Fleetwood
4/21/58	1039	T.Roosevelt,Birth Cent.	Black	New York, N.Y.	?
		-Handstamp Cachet			
4/28/58	1105	J. Monroe	Black	Montross, Wa.	Fleetwood
9/19/58	1117/8	Lajos Kossuth	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
10/27/58	1122	T. Roosevelt	Black	Tucson, Ariz.	Fleetwood
3/16/59	1037	A. Jackson	Black	Hermitage, Tenn.	Fleetwood
4/6/59	1128	Robert Peary	Black	Cresson, Pa.	Fleetwood
6/17/59	1034	Bunker Hill Masonic Memorial	Black	Boston, Mass.	Fleetwood
1/20/60	1139	G. Washington	Black	Mt. Vernon, Va.	Fleetwood
2/8/60	1145	Daniel Beard	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
3/31/60	1140	Benjamin Franklin	Black	Philadelphia, Pa.	Fleetwood
8/26/60	C.Z.150	T. Roosevelt, Birth	Black	Balboa, Canal Zone	Fleetwood
7/11/61	1184	George Norris	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
11/17/61	1042A	John J. Pershing	Black	New York, N.Y.	Fleetwood
5/16/63	1193 & 1209	Gordon Cooper	Blue, Red	Cape Canaveral, Fla.	Fleetwood
1/10/64	1242	Sam Houston	Black	Houston, Texas	Fleetwood
4/22/64	1244	NYWF-Masonic Exhib.	Violet, Yellow	World's Fair, N.Y.	Fleetwood
4/22/64	1244	NYWF-Masonic Exhib.	Multicolored	World's Fair, N.Y.	Fleetwood
		-Large Size			
4/22/64	U546	NYWF-Masonic Exhib.	Violet, Yellow	World's Fair, N.Y.	Fleetwood
9/11/64	1251	Charles Mayo	Black	Rochester, Minn.	Fleetwood
5/13/65	1264	Winston Churchill	Black	Fulton, Mo.	Fleetwood
7/8/65	G.B.420/1	Winston Churchill	Black	Cardiff, Gt. Brit.	Fleetwood
4/16/66	1308	T. Marshall, Indiana	Black	Corydon, Ind.	Fleetwood
4/17/67	1323	O. Kelley, Grange	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
7/4/67	1325	DeWitt Clinton, Erie	Black	Rome, N.Y.	Fleetwood

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Date	Scott#	Cachet Subject	Cachet Color	Postmark	Printer
7/30/68	1286A	Henry Ford	Black	Greenfield Vil., Mi.	Fleetwood
9/11/68	1355	Walt Disney, DeMolay	Black	Marceline, Mo.	Fleetwood
9/9/69	C76	E. Aldrin, Apollo 11	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
1/26/71	1424	Douglas MacArthur	Black	Norfolk, Va.	Fleetwood
5/8/71	1426	H.S.Truman, Mo. State	Black	Independence, Mo.	Fleetwood
6/23/71	1431	Richard Byrd	Black	Washington, D.C.	Fleetwood
4/24/72	1397	Fiorello LaGuardia	Black	New York, N.Y.	Fleetwood
7/4/72	1456/9	Paul Revere	Black	Williamsburg, Va.	Fleetwood
10/13/72	1470	Mark Twain	Silk,Blue,Black	Hannibal, Mo.	Colorano
10/29/72	1393D	Ben Franklin	Black	Philadelphia, Pa.	Fleetwood
5/8/73	1499	H.S. Truman	Silk, Gold, Violet	Independence, Mo.	Colorano
5/25/73	1338F	Paul J. Weitz	Silk,Gold,Blue	Kennedy Sp.Ctr.,Fla	Colorano
7/4/73	1480/3	Boston Tea Party	Silk,Gold,Red	Boston, Mass.	Colorano
8/27/73	1503	L.B. Johnson	Silk,Gold,Blue	Austin, Texas	Colorano
1/13/74	1471	MSC of NY-40th Ann.	Silk,Gold,Blue	New York, N.Y.	Colorano
7/4/74	1543/6	First Cont. Congress	Silk,Gold,Blue	Philadelphia, Pa.	Colorano
8/9/74	U567	Gerald R. Ford	Silk,Gold,Blue	Washington, D.C.	Colorano
3/4/75	Israel	H.S. Truman - In 561 Memorial	Black	Jerusalem	?
3/25/75	1561	Haym Salomon	Silk,Gold,Black	Chicago, Ill.	Colorano
4/18/75	1560	Paul Revere's Ride	Silk,Gold,Blue	Boston, Mass.	Colorano
5/27/75	1555	David W. Griffith	Silk,Gold,Black	Beverly Hills, Calif.	Colorano
7/15/75	1569/70	T. P. Stafford	Silk,Gold,Black	Kennedy Sp.Ctr.,Fla	Colorano
1/1/76	1629/31	Spirit of '76	Gold, Brown Red	Pasadena, Calif.	?
7/4/76	1691/4	Masonic Signers	Silk,Gold,Blue	Philadelphia, Pa.	Colorano
5/20/77	1710	Charles A. Lindbergh	Silk,Gold,Blue	Roosevelt Field Sta., N.Y.	Colorano
8/6/77	1722	Nicholas Herkimer	Silk,Gold,Black	Herkimer, N.Y.	Colorano
9/30/77	1726	Articles of Confed.	Silk,Gold,Black	York, Pa.	Colorano
11/4/77	1729	G.W.Initiation-225th	Silk,Gold,Black	Fredericksburg, Va.	Colorano
7/3/78	1756	George M. Cohan	Silk,Gold,Black	Providence, R.I.	Colorano
9/23/79	1789	John Paul Jones	Silk,Gold,Black	Annapolis, Md.	Colorano
11/4/79	1801	Will Rogers	Silk,Gold,Black	Claremore, Okla.	Colorano
10/5/80	1598	Obelisk Cornerstone -100th Anniv.	Silk, Black	New York, N.Y.	Zaso
1/4/81	1874	Everett M. Dirksen	Silk,Gold,Black	Pekin, Ill.	Colorano
1/4/81	1874	G.L. of N.Y. Bicent.	Blue	Pekin, Ill.	?
1/23/81	1598	G.L. of N.Y. Bicent. -Metropolitan Mtg.	Blue	New York, N.Y.	?
5/5/81	1818	G.L. of N.Y.-200th Ann. -Grand Lodge Seal	Blue	Masonic Hall Sta., N.Y.	?
		-First Masonic Hall	Blue	Masonic Hall Sta., N.Y.	?
		-Present Masonic Hall	Blue	Masonic Hall Sta., N.Y.	?



MASONIC FIRST DAY COVERS



1927-1946

Same Cachet as to right
Identified in Planty's Catalog

8/3/27-Harris Hunt- Black



8/3/27-Harris Hunt- Black
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Herbert Walwyn,
Chelsea Manor,
300 West 33rd St.
N.Y. City N.Y.

5/9/36-MSC of NY-Black



JOHN TYLER
1790 - 1862

He personified the North Carolina Legislature to answer his calling on his volunteers might
help the Revolution under official state authority. As a Colonel in volunteers he won the
battle of Bluffs Creek and with Col. Isaac Shelby won the battle of Kings Mountain, a
crucial battle to Yorktown. After the war he was commissioned a Brig. Gen. (1790) and
brought the Creek and Cherokee Indians to the Etowah Campaign (1792) which broke their
will to fight. Elected as first Governor of Tennessee (1796, 1802) and again 1802-1808. He was
first Master of Tennessee Lodge No. 2 and in 1805 a member of Greenville Lodge No. 3.



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GEORGE WASHINGTON
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4/30/39-MSC of NY-Violet
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September 5, 1981

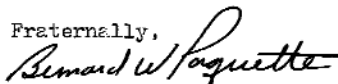
R.:W.: Louis Bernstein
682 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers New York, 10710

Dear R.:W.: Bro. Bernstein;

On behalf of R.:W.: Robert L. Brown our District Deputy Grand Master and the Dutchess County Fair booth committee I wish to thank you for your efforts in support of our project. The Stamp display that you provided to us was the center of attraction in our booth area. So many people were surprised to see the Presidents of our country who were Masons as well as all the other notable people you placed in your display.

Your efforts to help us identify those Masons who with Brother Oliver Hudson Kelly formed the National Grange is greatly appreciated. It helped us to establish the Fraternal tie between our two groups.

Fraternally,


Bernard W. Paquette

cc: A. Boudreau
R. Brown

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York

BULLETIN BOARD

Set of 2 covers commemorating "Masonry in New York Parade," August 8, 1981
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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society is planning the publication of a
handbook of Roosevelt stamps, covers, and souvenir sheets as part of its cele-
bration of the 100th birth anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to be obser-
ved on January 30, 1981. Covered will be material from 67 countries that
honored FDR and 29 countries that issued stamps for Eleanor Roosevelt. Pre-
publication orders are being accepted at \$8.00 postpaid and will be autographed
by Editor L. Boyd Norris. Orders may be sent to the society at 154 Laguna Ct.
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President Roosevelt was the nation's best known stamp collector. Yet when
stamp collectors think of him they usually call to mind the incident known
as Farley's Follies. The book that discloses the full story of that famous
incident is available for \$6.95, postpaid, from Louise Carfagno, BIA Exec.
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When submitting articles or Bulletin Board items to the MASONIC PHILATELIST
for possible publication, please be sure they are double spaced on standard 8 1/2
X 11" paper, with margins of at least one inch. In all cases the author's
name, Masonic affiliation, and full address should appear beneath the title.

Do not submit snapshots, color pictures, or polaroid pictures. ALWAYS
send clear black and white photographs and identify, on the back of the photo-
graph, the date, event, and names of those in the photograph. And please be
sure that all names are spelled correctly!

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York

BULLETIN BOARD

As a service to Club members, the Bulletin Board posts notices of activities and offerings by the members of the Club. There is no charge for this service at this time but this might change in the future. The decision of the editor is final in regard to all matters.

Yorktown Victory Monument cachet, commemorating the Masonic cornerstone-laying and including photograph of 1881 ceremonies. Stamped and postmarked October 18, 1981 with postmark from Yorktown. \$1.25 plus SASE from John Allen, P.O. Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260

New York State Bicentennial Covers, 4 different, \$2.00 each or \$7.50 for the set. For full details contact Arnold A. Berman, 110 Ramona Court, New Rochelle New York 10804

Washington-Rochambeau march cachets. Set of nine (seven envelopes and two postcards. One cachet postmarked Alexandria, Virginia, pictures the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. \$12.50 for the set. Order from John Allen, Rochambeau Route Cachets, P.O.Box 26135, Richmond, VA 23260.

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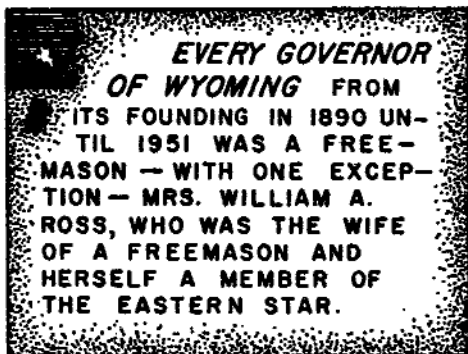
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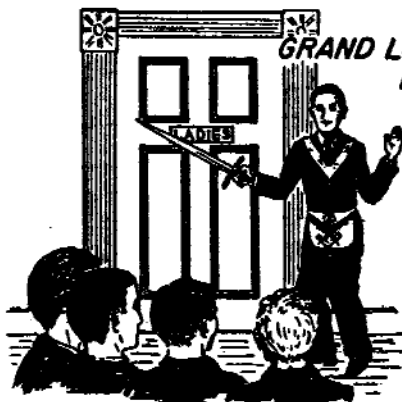
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York

On January 13, 1934 a group of Masons gathered together in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum on 23rd Street in New York City and it was not for Masonry alone. All had another interest in common; they were stamp collectors.

Presiding over this group was one of the greats of both Freemasonry and Philately, the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, Charles H. Johnson. It wasn't long before the original small group was joined by many more and the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was well on its way. The meetings were primarily for the purpose of exhibiting collections, listening to talks on stamps, stamp collecting, postal history and, especially, the many Masons involved in these areas.

It may be well to mention, at this point, that the Club is open to every Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge and jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York who has any interest in stamp collecting and especially to those interested in Masonic Philately.

Late in 1938 the Club petitioned President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Mason and stamp collector, to issue a commemorative stamp in honor of the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington (another Mason) as the first President of the United States. The following year, on April 30, 1939, this stamp (Scott's #854) was issued. When it became known that the stamp would be issued, the Club prepared a special envelope as a Masonic souvenir. On the day of issue, first day covers were mailed to Masons all over the world, who paid the sum of ten cents for each cover. The proceeds of this effort were contributed to the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan, New York.

The Club outgrew various subsequent meeting rooms at Masonic Hall and in 1944 initiated meetings at the Collectors Club in New York City where they meet today through the courtesy of the Collectors Club. Membership now numbers over 600 and is scattered all over the United States and many foreign countries.

In the early 1940's members of the Club started serious study of Masons on postage stamps and the term Masonic Philately was born. The first such topical collection to draw a major prize was the Masonic Philately exhibit at the 1947 CIPEX.* Interest in this area of philately has grown to the extent that Masonic Philately is a regular speciality and exhibited at many of the Major stamp shows. The Masonic Stamp Club of New York continues its long standing practice of participating in the ASDA show in New York City each November.

In March 1944 a small Club publication was begun and entitled, *The Masonic Philatelist*. This has grown to a substantial quarterly magazine now in its 37th volume and edited by Dr. Irwin M. Yarry.

Over the years the Club has sponsored dozens of first day cachets honoring Masons and Masonic events - George Washington, Fiorella La Guardia, The Masonic Building at the New York World Fair, The 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Obelisk in Central Park are some of the more popular cachets issued. All proceeds from the sale of Masonic Cachets are given to Masonic Charities.

The Club has encouraged the establishment of other Masonic Stamp Clubs and a source of pride was the establishment of the George Washington Chapter No. 1 in Washington, D.C. (now the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club).

Brothers interested in membership which includes regular mailing of the *Masonic Philatelist* are invited to send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to The Masonic Stamp Club, Box 10, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

* *Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, New York City, May 1947*



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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.

Membership is open to all Master Masons throughout the World who are in good standing in their respective Blue Lodges. The dues of \$7.00 per year include subscription to the MASONIC PHILATELIST, which is published by the club.

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