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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.

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

Le Droit Humain (The Human Right)

Ordre Maconnique Mixte International

In France, during the late 1800's, the Lodge "Les Lebris Penseurs" (the liberal thinkers) met at Pecq in the Department of Seine-et-Oise. At that time, the Lodge, a member of La Grande Loge Symbolique Ecossaise, decided to initiate Marie Deraismes, a famous author and feminist, as a special recognition of their regard for her work.

Marie Deraismes was an important world figure in the struggle for women's rights in the late 19th century. Her books include *Le Theatre Ceez Soi* (1863), *Aux Femmes Riches* (1865) *Nos Principes Et Nos Moeurs* (1867), *Eve Contre M. Dumas Fils* (1867) *Les Droits des Enfants* (1886) and *Eve Dans L'Humanite* (1891). In 1866 she was co-founder of *The Societe Por La Revendication des Droits de la Femme* and in 1870 she founded *The Association por les Droit des Femmes*, one of the main moderate feminist organizations in France. In 1881 she founded the newspaper, *Les Republicain des Seine et Oise*.

Continuum Dictionary of Women's Biography, 1989, Jennifer S. Uglow, Compiler & Editor.

For some time Marie Deraismes made no attempt to extend the privilege granted to her to others of her sex, but among the members of the Lodge was an ardent feminist, Dr. George Martyn, who urged that the Lodge should go a step further and make a practice of admitting women.

Accordingly, on March 14, 1893, with Marie Deraismes in the chair, the Lodge initiated a number of women. A few weeks later the members organized themselves into an independent body under the name of "La Grande Loge Symbolique Ecossaise de France, Le Droit Humain."

In 1900 this new Grand Lodge, in order to extend its ramification into other countries, decided to work the higher degrees, and having among its members some who held the thirty-third degree, they raised that body from a craft Grand Lodge to a Supreme Council thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

From these small beginnings the movement spread throughout the world - not only on the Continent of Europe, but throughout the British Empire and the United States. Henceforth the Order dedicated itself to spreading Masonry throughout the world, accepting as its cardinal principle the admission of men and women on the same conditions. It now has Lodges throughout almost the whole world.

Its introduction to England took place in the following manner. Mrs. Annie Wood Besant, the English Socialist and religious enthusiast, and the head of the Theosophical Society in England, on learning that the Supreme Council at Paris was admitting women, went over to Paris with several friends and was initiated. She was made an officer of the organization and Deputy for Great Britain.

The first Lodge constituted in England was called Human Duty No. 6 on the roll of the Supreme Council of Universal Co-Freemasonry. The ceremony was carried out by the French Grand Officers, who then handed over the control of the movement within the British Empire to Mrs. Besante and the officers appointed by her.

This body, therefore, is the parent of practically all feminine masonry throughout the world. Apparently there are usually subsidiary bodies in the various countries called Federations, which administer local affairs; but the Supreme Council at Paris maintains its right to grant or refuse charters for Lodges in every country.



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About the Author...

Brother Murphy has completed four works on philately. Two of these works were on Masonic Philately and each received a Silver Award at the Cardinal Spellman Literature Fair, Massachusetts. His first work, *Postage Stamps and Freemasonry, Guide and Compendium, United States and Canada* (1988) is still the best work available for an introduction to Masonic Philately. Brother Murphy's work *Facts, Fiction and Philately, United States and Canada*, has been drawn upon for many articles for the *Scott Stamp*

Monthly magazine. In addition, Brother Murphy has compiled and published two private works for lodges on Masonic ritual.

Brother Christopher Murphy is a past master of Zenith Lodge No. 104, Burnaby British Columbia. He is presently a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 72, Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, he is a Royal Arch Mason, 32nd Degree A.A.S.R. Mason and a Shriner, Gizeh Temple, Vancouver.

In his professional life, Chris Murphy is the vendor quality manager for the British Columbia Telephone Company. He has been in the supply operations division of this company since 1958. He has completed two works on business process: ***Vendor Quality Management*** and ***Purchasing Process Management***. Mr. Murphy's ideas for improving efficiencies and organization in business administrative processes have been adopted by many large companies in both Canada and the United States.

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May 12, 1993

TO: EDITORS OF MASONIC PERIODICALS

SUBJECT: 1994 ROSE PARADE FLOAT

The Tournament of Roses Parade Float Committee of the Grand Lodge of California has again accepted the task of entering a Masonic Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 1994. The enclosed flyer describes the design of the 1994 float in some detail.

We believe the presence of a Masonic float in the Rose Parade is a cost-effective way to increase the public awareness of Freemasonry for the benefit of all masonic organizations. The 1994 float is especially dramatic and should make a lasting impression on the worldwide viewing audience of more than 400 million people.

Last year, we were successful in our efforts to finance the 1993 float through voluntary contributions from many Grand Lodges, individual Lodges and a number of concordant and appendant organizations. However, our publicity program was not as extensive as we had planned originally.

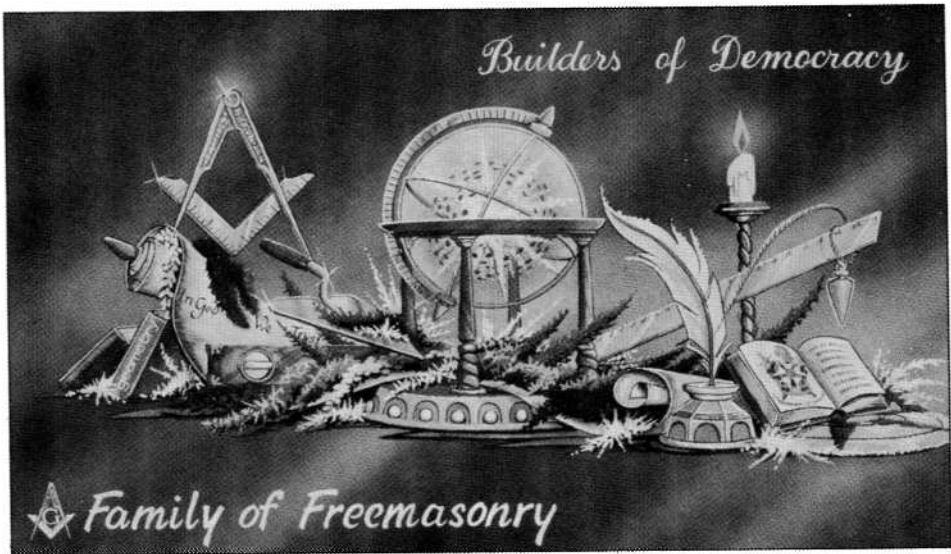
This year, we are contacting all of the editors of Masonic bulletins or other publications to request their assistance in promoting the float and our fund-raising program.

We would appreciate it if you could insert in your publication at least one article about the float and include a copy of the order form for memorabilia so that individual masons may make contributions or purchase items of interest, thereby assisting in financing the float.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stanley L. Channon, PGM
Chairman, Tournament of Roses Parade Float Committee



GIANT SQUARE AND COMPASS TO DECORATE MASONIC FLOAT

The most majestic and symbolic float to ever represent the Family of Freemasonry has been entered in the 1994 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Emblazoned with a 16-ft high square and compass, the colorful 55-ft long float will for the first time immediately convey the dynamic imagery of Freemasonry as it rolls down Colorado Blvd. New Year's Day in Pasadena.

Grand Master Stephen R. Doan and float committee chairman Stanley Channon both predict the float will make a strong impact on an international audience of millions of viewers.

"There will be no question who the float represents in this, the most watched television event of the year," said Channon, himself a Past Grand Master.

In addition to the square and compass, other symbols and tools of Masonry will decorate the float.

An open book on the front of the flower-adorned entry showing the enumeration of the seven cardinal virtues honors the 75th anniversary of DeMolay.

A candle symbolizes the illumination of the darkness, and various books devoted to geometry and architecture convey other aspects of Masonry.

And in the center of the float is a large globe depicting the universality and scope of the various orders of the Family of Freemasonry.

Constructed again by C.E. Bent & Son, Inc., the float will make wide use of a variety of flowers, according to Bill Lofthouse, president of the firm.

The garden areas around the base of the entry will be made up of roses, orchids, gladiolus, iris, gerberas and carnations. The symbols and tools are to be covered with bark, seed, strawflowers and eucalyptus.

Contributions are welcome, and checks should be made out to Rose Parade Masonic Float and sent to Robert C. Coe, P.O. Box 3377, Arcadia, CA 91066-3377.

Do You Look Like George?

If you think you bear a resemblance to George Washington, you are invited to send your photograph to Stanley Channon, Chairman of the Masonic Float Committee, 2361 Davenport Rd., Riverside, CA 92506.

The winner will be selected to ride on the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade to help depict the "Builders of Democracy" theme.

You may wear a white wig in the photo to help demonstrate your similarity to the famed American President and Mason.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so don't delay sending in your picture," said Channon. Entry is limited to Masons.

Democracy Builders Is Theme for 1994 Rose Parade Entry

"Builders of Democracy" will be the theme for the Family of Freemasonry float now being readied for its Jan. 1 ride through Pasadena, it has been announced by float committee representatives.

The idea was adopted because of Masonry's major contributions to the creation of democracy throughout the world. It was also agreed that it tied in well with the parade's overall theme, "Fantastic Adventure."

To help depict Masonry's involvement in the founding of democracy, a rider representing President George Washington, one of America's first great Masons, will be aboard the float, along with one of democracy's newest leaders in Europe, Nicholai Filip, Grand Master of Romania.

The International Master Councilor of DeMolay will ride at the front of the float to help commemorate the 75th anniversary of that organization.

He will be accompanied by a celebrity still to be selected.

Once again, the Tournament of Roses float is being sponsored by California Masons and the millions of members of the Masonic Family around the world.

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The Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, has released for public sale, a medallion which honors the Supreme Tall Cedar for 1993, Frank E. Jobe. The theme is "We Work Better Together, Unity in 93". It features the Tall Cedar emblem, the Masonic emblem, our 91st Anniversary year, and the rose, which represents our hopes that we will find the cure for, and the prevention of Muscular Dystrophy, our charitable objective.

The front side of the medallion pictures our Supreme Tall Cedar Frank E. Jobe, and the year 1993, which is the 91st Anniversary of Tall Cedarism.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America is a Masonic affiliated organization with 108 Forests or Chapters, located throughout the United States and Canada, and is best recognized for its support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through its participation in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Since 1951, when the Tall Cedars became the first organization to provide continuing financial support to MDA, the Tall Cedars and their families have raised more than \$7,000,000.00 in the search for a cure for Neuromuscular Diseases.

The medallions are available from the Supreme Forest Office, 2609 N. Front St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17110. The cost of the medallion is \$5.00 each, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. Please make checks payable to the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Our Supreme Tall Cedar, Frank E. Jobe also welcomes all Brothers, Tall Cedars, and friends to participate in Fort Ligonier Days on October 8-9-10, 1993 as they celebrate the 235th Anniversary of a key battle in the French and Indian Wars that was fought at Fort Ligonier, Pa. Some of the special events will be a battle reenactment at the Fort, artillery demonstrations, over 200 craftsmen, a huge community parade on Saturday, October 9th with the renowned Syria Temple Shrine, a tour of the Fort, and continuous entertainment. If you are interested in attending this event, further information can be obtained from the Supreme Forest Office, address above.

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Barcelona, May 9, 1993

Dear Bro.

Tomorrow evening will be one of the days more happies of my life, because I will be installate Worshipful Master of my "Perseverance Lodge nº 3" for the next course 1993/94. The "Perseverance Lodge nº 3" is one of the more old in Spain, founding in 1977, only two years after the death general Franco, and where there are affiliated the more importants brethren of our Obedience: The Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Hospitaller, the Assistant Grand Master, etc.

To be the next Worshipful will be for me, one great honour and also a great responsibility, but with the assistance and support of the others members I am sure that the next course will be very important for the way of the Craft in Spain.

My lodge is not the more big one in Spain. Unfortunately is still one of the littles in numbers of members (only 29 now), but we desire to augment ours columns in the next future. We have now seven profanes to initiate in the next June, and many others men that to ask for more information about the Craft. So, I hope that "PERSEVERANCE nº 3" will be one of the more concurring lodges of Barcelona...

In my lodge there are many apprentices and I would like to receive many letters from differents countries, with "congratulations" and fraternal wishes of many lodges in the world. Then, all the young masons to see that the Craft is very important in all the world and that we have never alone in our way to the light!!!

I must work in the next course to demonstrate that "Perseverance nº 3" have the best members for obtain the more significative - augment of members, and that, very soon, a new lodge see lights, after the separation of the mother lodge. This is the way, to augment the number of member, and then founder another new lodge.

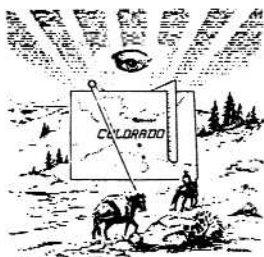
Please, can you help me in this purpose to receive a lot of letters of differents lodges, masonic bodies, masonic clubs, and brethren of the world entire desiring to us the best fortune in our way that now beging with my election...?

Very thanks for your sure collaboration.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

With king regards and fraternal good wishes,





Denver Masonic Stamp Club NEWSLETTER



SPRING - 1993

NUMBER 15

All of us are always looking for "New Issues", well hers's one you won't even have to go to the Post Office to get, hope you find something of interest.

Well, I think our snow storms are over for a while so will try to catch up on some of the things that have been going on.

On May 14-16, 1993 we'll be having our annual "Rompex" show here in the Denver area, again, it's a real "fun" show and well worth your while to attend if you're in this area, it will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center at Chambers Road and I-70 in Denver. there will be an exhibit of stamps and many dealer tables along with numerous society and club tables.

Again, the Denver Masonic Stamp Club will issue a "Rompex" cover, price will be \$1.25 each and available from J.N. Adams 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, CO., 80210.

The DMSC will also have it's meeting at the "Rompex" show on Sunday May 16th at 2:00 P.M., ya'll come now.

I received a notice from our Bro. Roy Jarvis #A-168 of the United Kingdom that he has issued a cover for the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of New Temple L0dge #8174. There will be only 325 covers produced, all certified, the cost will be in three varieties, #1 signed by the Prov. G.M., #2 Signed by the Master and Wardens, #3 Unsigned, write Bro. Roy for further details his address is 4 Berisford Close, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 6TW, United Kingdom.

We've had the good fortune to have a number of new members join our ranks -

#A-170	Stephen Hill	Kansas
#A-171	Ernest Mansfield	England
A-172	Randal Brown	Missouri
A-173	Jose Rodriguez	New Jersey
A-174	Edwin Harris	Kentucky
A-175	Jean-Claude Vilesy	France

A hardy welcome to each of you Brothers, glad to have you with us.

There have been some new "Masonic" stamps issued -

Tanzania in 1992 issued a set of Masonic stamps

Brazil also issued in 1992 a stamp for the "Grand Orient of Brazil".

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I haven't been able to get these items as yet, if any of you know of a source, I'd appreciate a note.

Sierra Leone has issued a stamp for "Audie Murphy", he was a member of North Hollywood Lodge #542 and Heritage Lodge #764, he received his 32° A.A.S.R. (SJ) in Dallas Texas about 1957 and was elected to K.C.C.H. on October 19, 1965. (I have a few of these on hand if you missed it)

Sierra Leone also noted Wallace Beery, he was a member of Blaney Lodge #271, Chicago, Ill.

Ran across a couple of Autographs the other day for my collection of "Masons not on postage stamps" -

Richard Arlen (Movie actor) he was a member of Utopia Lodge #537, Los Angeles, CA.

Bob Burns (actor, comedian) While he is listed as a Mason in "10,000 Famous Freemasons" no lodge details are given.

Didja Know- Clyde Beatty (animal trainer) was a member of Craftsman Lodge #521, Detroit, Michigan, he received his Chapter degrees in Monroe Chapter #1, R.A.M., November 22, 1958, his Commandery Orders in Damascus Commandery #42, K.T. November 24, 1958 and became a member of Moslem Shrine on the same date, all in Detroit, Michigan.

Didja Know- Donald Crisp, a movie actor for over 50 years, was a member of Henry S. Orme Lodge #458, Los Angeles, Cal.

Didja Know- Harry S. New, Postmaster General in 1925, was a member of Ancient Landmarks Lodge #319, Indianapolis, Ind., a 32° A.A.S.R. (NJ) and Murat Shrine Temple, all in Indianapolis.

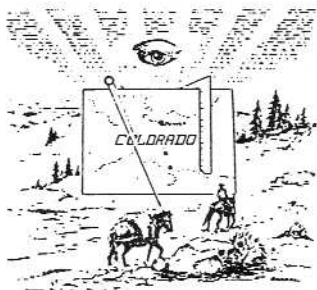
Didja Know- That although President Eisenhower was not a Mason, his brother Milton was made a "Mason at sight" by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on November 5, 1951 by William E. Yaeger, Grand Master. He petitioned State College Lodge #700 at State College, PA. on May 13, 1952 and was admitted June 10, 1952.

Didja Know- Lloyd Bentsen a former Vice-Presidential Candidate and now on President Clinton's cabinet, is listed as a Mason and a Shriner in "10,000 Famous Freemasons", however, his affiliations are not given.

By the way, I don't know if any of you collect Chapter Pennies as I do, I happen to have a number of duplicates I'd be willing to trade or sell, if anyone is interested drop me a line.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", is written below the word "Fraternally".



Denver Masonic Stamp Club

HEY LOOK!!!!

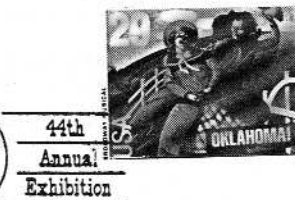
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THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

The Grand Lodge of Maryland was organized on April 17, 1787, at a convention of deputies from several lodges of the Eastern Shore of Maryland at Talbot Court-House, now Easton, Maryland. Seven lodges were represented, all of which were operating under warrants issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Maryland lodges represented were:

- LODGE NO. 6, GEORGETOWN, KENT COUNTY
- LODGE NO. 7, CHESTERTOWN
- LODGE NO. 29, CAMBRIDGE
- LODGE NO. 34, TALBOT COURT-HOUSE
- LODGE NO. 37, SOMERSET COUNTY

After its institution, the Grand Lodge conducted semi-annual communications. Until 1794, the meetings were held in Easton; thereafter, the meetings were held in Baltimore.

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THOMAS J. SHRYOCK—GRAND MASTER, 1885-1918

Brother Thomas Jacob Shryock was raised a Mason in 1874 in Waverly Lodge, No. 152 (Maryland); and within two years he was elected Worshipful Master. He served two terms as Master of that Lodge and then served in various offices in the Grand Masonic line. He was elected Grand Master at the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge in November, 1885.

Brother Shryock died on February 3, 1918, while serving in his thirty-third year as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. His length of service as Grand Master is unsurpassed in Maryland Masonry.

*(Reference: C. N. Everstine, History of the Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, 1951)*

M.W. Thomas J. Shryock
Grand Master of Masons
1885 - 1918



Grand Master when Centennial
was Observed in 1887
Served 33 Years as Grand Master



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DR. JOHN COATS—THE MASON

Dr. John Coats, a physician and Revolutionary War veteran, was chiefly responsible for the formation of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland. Having served as the Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, he was especially well acquainted with Masonic government. His correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania eventually led to the separation of the Maryland lodges from the Pennsylvania jurisdiction and to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Brother Coats was the first Master of Lodge No. 17, Queenstown, Queen Anne's County in 1773 (the lodge later moved to Chester Mill). He was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at its institution on April 17, 1787, and served in this capacity from 1787 to 1791. In 1793, he was again elected Grand Master, this time serving for only one year.

Dr. John Coats
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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 philatelic enthusiasts. It wasn't long before the original small group was joined by many more Brothers and the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was well on its way. The meetings were for the purpose of friendly discussions on the subject of philately, stamp collecting, postal history, and especially the many Masons involved.

Late in 1938 the Club petitioned President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mason, stamp collector, and member of the Club, to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington (another Mason) as the first president of the United States. The following year this stamp (Scott's #845) was issued. When it became known that the stamp would be released, the Club prepared a special envelope as a Masonic souvenir. On the day of issue, April 30, 1939, 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. In March 1944 a small Club publication was begun and entitled, *The Masonic Philatelist*. This magazine has grown to a substantial quarterly magazine and a well respected authority in the field of philately. Membership now numbers over 600 and is scattered all over the United States and on six continents. In the early 1940's members of the Club initiated the 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 during the May 1947 Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition (CIPRX) in New York City. Interest in this area of philately has grown to the extent that Masonic Philately is now a regular specialty 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 major American Stamp Dealers Association show in New York City.

Over the years the Club has sponsored many first day cachets honoring Masons and Masonic events. George Washington, Fiorello La Guardia, Harry S. Truman, and the St. John's Lodge No. 1 in New York City Bible are some of the more popular cachets issued. Many of these attractive souvenirs are given away and thus develop such positive interest in Freemasonry. All proceeds from the donations received for Masonic Cachets are give 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).

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 an interest in stamp collecting and especially to those interested in Masonic Philately. Brothers interested in membership which includes *The Masonic Philatelist* are invited to send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York, New York 10016.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC., 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.

Membership is open to all Master Masons throughout the World who are in good standing in a Lodge and Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York.

The dues of \$10.00 per year (\$12.00 outside North America) bring to you the MASONIC PHILATELIST which is published by the club. All members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York are eligible to receive the Degree of MASTER OF PHILATELY. This degree, which is NOT an official Masonic degree, is worked occasionally.

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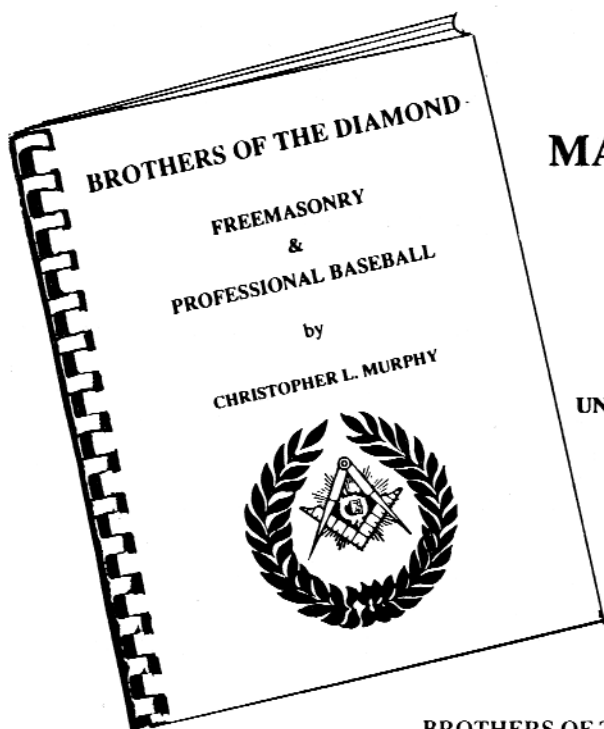
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