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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.
There have been numerous articles on the enjoyment in collecting Masonic postcards. There is a good reason for this. There are so many facets to this field that everyone can find cards of interest. One is able to collect cards picturing Masonic temples, Scottish Rite Cathedrals, Shrine Mosques, Masonic Homes and Hospitals, etc. Magnificent edifices to small, one-room buildings will be found.

In addition to buildings there are many other categories, such as Masonic humorous cards, famous Masons pictured on cards, or cards printed by the Masonic Service Association during WWII. These cards showed rooms in Masonic Temples that offered rest and recreation to service men and women during the war. There are cards showing meals being served, others show Ping-Pong and pool tables and writing desks, etc.

Then, there is one group that I find to be fascinating. This group gets very little attention because the cards are so scarce and hard to find. I am speaking of cards printed by the Macoy Publishing Company of New York from 1898 to 1913. Macoy covered all phases of Masonry from buildings such as the New York City and Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temples (incidentally both by the same Architect, Napoleon le Brun) and the Masonic Home in Utica, New York. There are also humorous cards, to cards of Shriners, Scottish Rite, and Knights Templar, to cards of the Order of the Eastern Star, to cards of individuals and cards of Masonic aprons. You will also find cards picturing degree work and the Landmarks of Freemasonry.
These cards are either in black and white or gravure. Some of the cards are crudely drawn while others are magnificently engraved. The engravings are extremely clear and sharp. They are truly works of art.

To my knowledge Macoy Masonic Publishing Company produced a total of eighty Masonic postcards. To indicate how scarce they are, in my twenty five years of collecting Masonic postcards, I have only been able to obtain thirty-eight of them, not even half of the total, I shall continue to search for the missing cards as it is always a thrill to see one that I do not have.

Shown on the following pages are examples of the various categories of Macoy cards. As I have said, Macoy covered all phases of Masonry. At one time, I did not know whether they were or not, but I believed the Macoy publishers had to be brother Masons.

I needed an answer to this question and my research took me to *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* published by the Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company Incorporated in 1961 and the comprehensive entry regarding Robert Macoy (1815-1895). Robert Macoy was a prominent American Freemason, publisher, writer and ritualist. Macoy spent his life in the printing business and in Masonic activities in New York City. In 1849, he started a Masonic supply and publishing business which, under the name Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company, is still in active operation.

Macoy wrote innumerable articles for Masonic Magazines and he wrote or helped to write a number of books. He first published *The Masonic Manual* in 1852. His "*Masonic Manual*, A pocket Companion for the Initiated: CONTAINING THE RITUALS OF FREEMASONRY EMBRACED IN THE
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DEGREES OF THE LODGE CHAPTER AND ENCAMPMENT; EMBELLISHED WITH Upwards of Three Hundred Engravings. TOGETHER WITH FORMS OF MASONIC DOCUMENTS, NOTES, SONGS, DATES, ETC. Compiled and arranged BY ROBERT MACOY PAST MASTER, PAST GRAND SECRETARY, PAST GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND, RECORDER, ETC, REVISED, EDITION, New York” may well have been the most popular Masonic Monitor ever produced.

The term, “The Real Macoy” is said to have been a frequent reference to a Masonic Monitor or ritual book published by Macoy when compared to one of the less regarded Masonic monitors and ritual books then published throughout the world. Macoy also reorganized Adoptive Masonry into Chapters and his ritual of THE ADOPTIVE RITE, published in 1868, remains the standard from which all Eastern Star rituals are taken today. His last book, the Amaranth Ritual was published posthumously in 1895.

The computer website for Macoy (macoy.com) states, "Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc. has been serving Freemasonry since 1849. Macoy is the oldest Masonic literature publishing firm in the United States. No other Masonic supply house has had such a continuous record. Macoy takes pride in offering quality items and services to Freemasons everywhere. We offer an extensive library of Masonic literature in addition to our beautifully made Masonic, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and Shriners (to name just a few) regalia and jewelry. Our reputation speaks for itself.” The regular mailing address for Macoy is POB 9759, Richmond VA 23228-0759 – Telephone 804-266-8256.

Anyone wishing to contact me regarding these cards, or Masonic postcards in general, please feel free to do so.

Howard J Lasker, 114 Eileen Street, Albany, NY 12203-2140

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
The New York Temple as it appeared in 1875

The Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y. in 1875
"Old Tun Tavern", Philadelphia, PA
Where the First Masonic Lodge in America Met

The Goose and Gridiron Tavern, London
Where the First Lodge in London Met
The Lord's Prayer
From Chart, Size 22x28, in Colors

Masonic Landmarks

The ironworker and King Solomon. From Steel Plate (21x27). Copyright 1889.

Wine for free book describing the event

Honoring Labor after Rebuilding the Temple
Advice to Stay-at-Home Members:

If you happen to get lost and wander into the Lodge meeting some night, don't "let on" but what you came on purpose. The boys may be surprised to see you, but if you keep mum you can "fool 'em."

If someone slaps you on the back and calls you "Brother" don't get mad until you find out who it is. He may be the Brother who joined the Lodge when you did.

If you get a notice asking you to attend some important lodge meeting throw it aside, and thus show that you have confidence in the officers of your Lodge.

Never bother to go to the funeral of a brother; the corpse won't miss you, and it isn't your funeral, anyway.

If you ever speak of the Order, do it carefully; do not let people get an idea that you have an interest in it.

If you have been following the foregoing directions since you became a member, go and have your picture taken, and have some affidavits attached, stating that it is your picture, so that there will be no trouble in identifying you when you die.

Advice to a Stay-at-home Member
Tracing Board, Philosophical Degree

1008—Ruins of the Temple, showing Secret Vault. Royal Arch Masonry.
Masonic Presidents as of 1909

New York July 1907

My dear daughter,

I just to say how are you doing and to say that I hope you are feeling better. You know paper...
Masonic Humor

Thine fraternally,
Bro. William - Billy G.
Shriners

IT IS TO LAFF
Scottish Rite

Knights Templar
Robert Morris, Founder of the Order of the Eastern Star
My Brother, I now present you this lambakin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason—the distinguished badge of a Mason.

It may be that, in the coming years, upon your head may rest the laurel wreaths of victory; pendant from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern potentate; nay, more than these, with light added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of the fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders; but never again from mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and all perfections, be conferred upon you as this which I now bestow. It is yours; yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death to be deposited upon the coffin which shall inclose your lifeless remains, and with them laid beneath the clods of the valley.

Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of a "purity of life and rectitude of conduct," a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements. And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your nervous grasp shall fall the record of your life, this fair emblem which I place in your hands to-night; and when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, there to receive judgment for the deeds done while here in the body, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words: "Well done, good and faithful servant! Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." —Minister Monitor.
Brother Stanley C. Buz is doing a fund-raising project to benefit a Masonic Charity AND ALSO TO HONOR Past Masters who spend many years in the line to achieve the great honor of becoming a Past Master.

The Stein is 7-1/2 inches tall, 3-1/4 inches at the opening and 4-3/4 inches at the base. It is made of white Brazilian ceramic with a pewter lid that is 95% zinc and 5% pewter. On the top of the lid is the Holy bible in color. On the front of the stein is the Past Master symbol, which is in great detail and contains 22-carat gold for the compasses and the square. On the right hand side of the center decal are color images of the 10 items that are very significant and used in Freemasonry. On the left hand side of the center decal are the two pillars of Freemasonry with the altar and the great lights.

Above the altar is a verse by Matthew 7:7. On the bottom of the stein is a decal with the dedication to William Mumpower, Jr. and George Spillman, another dedicated Masonic Brother.

If you are interested in obtaining a stein please send your check for $60.00 payable to;

Stanley C. Buz, POB 20384, Lehigh Valley PA 18002.
1974 wurde die Forschungsloge Quatuor Coronati Wien gegründet. Das Ziel dieser Deputationsloge ist, durch das Studium der freimaurerischen Geschichte (und besonders der österreichischen Freimaurergeschichte) ein tiefes Verständnis für die Freimaurerei zu erarbeiten. Das Ergebnis wird in den Quatuor-Coronati-Berichten (derzeit Heft Nr. 22) festgeschrieben.


Adresse: Rauhensteingasse 3
A-1010 Wien - Austria

In 1974 the Research Lodge Quatuor Coronati Wien/Vienna was founded. This Deputy Lodge’s aim is to develop a deep understanding of Freemasonry by studying Masonic history (especially Austrian Masonic history). The results are published in the Quatuor Coronati Reports (the present volume is no. 22).

In 1989 the Phila Masonica Club was founded as a part of the Research Lodge. It occupies itself with Masonic philately. This club, one of many in Europe and overseas, has as its aim the collection of stamps showing famous Freemasons and Masonic symbols as well as the philatelic documentation of events of the Grand Lodge of Austria.

Until the year 2003 fiftyone FDCs and commemorative envelops have been issued. This fact requires correspondence with various other Masonic stamp clubs.

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Program & Calendar of Events
(Social Hour at 5:00 PM)
(Exhibits Open 6:00 PM – Meeting 6:30 PM)

March 17, 2004
Cinderellas of the Nazi Legions
Dr. John Nunes, Glenville, NY

April 7, 2004
Masonic Government Issues
ATA Handbook 145
Dr. Allan Boudreau, New York, NY

April 21, 2004
Siam Royal Mail 1850-1905
Boonkrong Indhusophron, Bangkok, Thailand

May 5, 2004
Hale & Co. Independent Mail
Michael Gutman, Mashpee, MA

May 12, 2004
Annual Awards Dinner
Lichtenstein Award

June 2, 2004
Cape of Good Hope Postal History: 1853-1866
Dr. Guy Dillaway, Weston, MA

June 16, 2004
Lincoln Vignettes on U. S. Postage
Essays, Proofs, and Postal History
William J. Ainsworth, Roswell, GA

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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
September 8, 2004
U. S. Revenue Stamps
Michael J. Morrissey, Worthington, OH

September 22, 2004
British Central Africa, 1891-1907
Colin and Pamela Fraser, Woodstock, NY

October 6, 2004
The Chinese Presence in Tibet
Armand Singer, Morgantown, WV

October 20, 2004
The Sun Never Sets on
The British Empire Study Group

November 3, 2004
Airmails of Greece
Constantine V. Politis, Newton Square, PA

November 17, 2004
Confederate States Postmaster's Provisionals
Scott Trepel, New York

December 1, 2004
One Frame Competition

December 15, 2004
Board of Governors' Open House

January 12, 2005
Annual Meeting - Elections
Display Your Sexiest Item (as you define the term)
(Supporting Material Welcomed)

January 19, 2005
The 2-Cent Jackson Issue of 1879
John Krupnick, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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