GWMS's BALPEX Meeting
Saturday September 2, 2006 2PM-3PM
Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn
Hunt Valley, MD (I-83, N of Baltimore Beltway)
(Visit & trade covers; 1:30 PM)
The Masonic Philatelist
Vol. 62 No. 2
© June 2006
Dr. Allan Boudreau
Editor & Publisher

GWMSC BALPEC Meeting
September 2, 2006 Cover
John R. Allen, Secretary

Keeping Up-To-Date
Dr. Allan Boudreau 3

New York State
Local Stamp Clubs
Courtesy of the
Stamp Insider Pages 5-17

Saving Up For Old Age
Dr. Charles Johnson 18

France
Masonic Government Issue
Jean Prouteau 19

Coming Events 20
ASDA

The Collectors Club 22
Program and Calendar

Masonic Philately
ATA Handbook #141
Christopher Murphy 24

Printed in the U. S. A.
By Quiz Graphic Arts, Inc.
Ord, Nebraska 68862

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The MASONIC PHILATELIST
is published quarterly (March, June, September, December) by the
Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc. Third Class Postage Paid at
Ord, Nebraska. ISSN 1069-3580.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to MSCNY, Collectors
Club, 22 East 35th Street, New
York, New York 10016.

WHERE TO WRITE: For information regarding articles,
manuscripts for publication, new
member applications or renewals
write The Secretary, MSCNY, 22
East 35th Street, New York, New
York 10016.

REGULAR MEETINGS: 2:00 p.m., Second Wednesday each
month except June, July, and
August at:

THE COLLECTORS CLUB
22 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016
Telephone (212) 683-0559
FAX (212) 481-1269

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was
organized in 1934 for the purpose of encourag­
ing 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 Mason­
ic 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.
We are all well aware that keeping up-to-date is important in each and every facet of our lives. Everything that we are involved with, whether it be our profession, our health, our wardrobe, diet, conversation, language, and especially our pastimes, such as Masonic Philately, is so much more enjoyable when we are aware of the current state of the art.

Today, in the Modern world of the 21st century, we have an enormous array of technological advantages to assist us in keeping up-to-date. Newspapers, radio, television, magazines, computers, and perhaps the most important, the interpersonal relationships we have with all those we come in contact with during our day to day activities.

We who share our interest in Masonic Philately support the Masonic Stamp Club of New York with our annual dues that supports the publication of The Masonic Philatelist our quarterly Club journal that helps to keep us up-to-date with the goings on in the world of Masonic Philately.

Many of us also support The Philatelic Freemason, the bimonthly journal of the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association. The annual membership dues are USA $12.00, Canada & Mexico $16.00 All outside North America $16.00. Robert A. Domingue has been the editor for quite a few years and does an excellent job. If you are not receiving this publication please contact Brother Domingue at 59 Greenwood Road in Andover, MA 01810 or Email him at radpm@comcast.net and sign up to help yourself keep up-to-date.

The American Topical Association publishes an excellent bimonthly journal of thematic philately, Topical Time.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
George B. Griffenhagen edits this outstanding journal. The May-June 2006 issue consists of 92 pages with outstanding articles, show calendar, publication reviews, together with a potpourri of the best philatelic items of interest to topical collectors. The annual membership is a great value at only $20.00 annually. Further information may be obtained from Ray T. Cartier at the ATA Central Office PO Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057. Visit the ATA web at www.american topicalassn.org.

The *American Philatelist* is the premier philatelic publication in the United States. Published by the American Philatelic Society since 1887. This is a quality journal that is published monthly. You are invited to visit the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library online at www.stamps.org and www.stamplibrary.org.

Perhaps the best way to keep up-to-date is through the face-to-face contacts we enjoy when we attend stamp shows and interact with dealers and other collectors. Most important is membership in your local, hometown stamp club. As we are the Masonic Stamp Club of New York a large number of our members live in New York State. On the following pages we have listed a number of the local stamp clubs throughout New York State and we encourage you to join up and attend your local stamp club!

Members of local stamp clubs in New York State receive at no cost an excellent bimonthly publication, *Stamp Insider*, published by the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies. Each issue contains some 60 pages of philatelic information about the goings on in New York Philately. The following pages from the *Stamp Insider* are reproduced here with the hope they will inspire you to join your local stamp club, attend a meeting, enjoy the camaraderie and especially help to keep yourself up-to-date!

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
THE M.O.B. AND THE MAIL

By Frank Braithwaite

The U.S. Post Office Department, via the Act of May 17, 1864, authorized establishment of the money order system to provide a safe means of sending money through the mail. Money orders were set at $1 minimum and $30 maximum, which was raised to $50 in 1866.

The procedure was simple — a Postal Money Order form would be filled out without the payee's information on it, stamped with a M.O.B. (money order business) marking and sent to the person or business the sender wished to pay. Concurrently, an Advice or Advice of Money Order would be forwarded under separate cover, with the payee's information on it, to the post office where it would be cashed. This was done to prevent the money order from being cashed by anyone but the payee. If the money order was stolen, the thief would not have identification that matched the advice form that was sent separately and would unable to redeem it.

The use of the M.O.B. handstamp was originally for marking the money orders and advices, but there are examples of its use on cover. There are a few plausible explanations — the sender may have had a pre-addressed envelope and enclosed the money order in the presence of the postmaster; still having the device in his hand from marking the advice, the postmaster simply postmarked the cover. Perhaps the postmaster wanted the cover to be differentiated from regular mail, although no such instructions exist in the postal manuals.

Collecting M.O.B. cancels can be fun and challenging. Advice forms are common and can be very ornate or very plain, and early covers are scarce, but are found with increasing frequency as they approach 1940. Money orders themselves are extremely rare, as they should only exist if they were never cashed; postal regulations required their destruction after redemption. These cancels can also be found on coupons (a tear-off receipt kept by the paying post office) and on Postal Notes, but that is a subject for a future column.

I am interested in any information or photocopies of New York M.O.B. cancels for further research. Please send them to me at 56 Morewood Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787.
Club’s Membership Growing Steadily

Our membership has increased steadily in the past year, having shown 20 percent growth. In March we added three new members — Gerald Harris, Shirley Stowell, and Harry Wilkins, all of Newark.

Poker Night Draws a Crowd

Our second meeting in March saw the best attendance of 2006. Maybe the draw was a new program we tried for the first time — Poker Night, where members played draw poker for philatelic prizes. There’s a little gambler in all of us it seems.

Youth Club Plans Special Cancellations

The Newark All-Star Stamp Club, our youth affiliate, has plans under way to have two special cancellations this summer dealing with local history. One is the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Rochester, Syracuse & Eastern Travelelectric which began interurban trolley service in Newark in 1906. The other will commemorate the Mora automobile that was manufactured in Newark in the early part of the 20th century.

First FDC of Year

Our first 2006 FDC cachet honored the conquerors of polio, Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. A limited number are still available. Send a check or money order payable to the Finger Lakes Stamp Club for $3.50 and a #10 SASE to Gil Lewis, 502 Rt. 88 S., Newark, NY 14513.

New Stamp Circuit Manager

After several years as the club’s United Stamp Societies circuits manager, Gary Chicoine has passed the torch to Jim Darnell. From all the members, we send a special thank you to Gary for all his time and efforts in making the circuits program work so well during his tenure.

Programs

May 10 — Trivia & Puzzles Night
May 24 — Dish-to-Pass Social Evening
June 14 — Two-Member Display of Favorite Stamp Collections
June 28 — Annual picnic and Anything Auction
Incorporating Women's Seal and Stamp Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at Bethany Reformed Church Community Center, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany
Maris Tirums, P.O. Box 5475, Albany NY 12205-0475
mxtirums@hotmail.com, 518-438-1657

PRIGOZY PRESENTS TELEGRAPH PROGRAM

On March 14 we had the pleasure of hosting Steve Prigozy whose knowledge of the history of the telegraph and associated philately is impressive and very informative.

It is interesting to note that there were almost 60 different telegraph companies during the antebellum, while after the Civil War one major player rose above all others — Western Union Telegraphy Company. Steve will be writing a feature article on the topic for the STAMP INSIDER in the near future.

FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB TURNS 80

On March 24 we were treated to a wonderful program put together a few years ago by Ray Coco, who had researched the history of the club for the 75th anniversary and dusted it off for the evening.

Fifteen prominent men met in Albany on April 9, 1926 to form the club. This organizational meeting was held in the Lavender Book Shop on Washington Avenue. Two weeks later, the first official meeting took place, and the first president was Chester Moore. During that first year, the meetings were held in the YMCA. In 1929, the club extended a membership invitation to Franklin D. Roosevelt and he graciously accepted soon after. Also in 1929, the club newsletter, The Fort Orange Philatelist first appeared.

In 1935 Fort Orange became APS Chapter 138. In 1951, the club’s 25th anniversary was observed with a two-day Silver Jubilee exhibit at the Hotel Ten Eyck. More than 900 people attended. Over the years, the club has met at several locations and now calls the Bethany Reformed Church home.

Wired Presentation
Steve Prigozy used a computer to enhance his program.
Incorporating Community Stamp Club  
Meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday except  
July and August at Rome Municipal Building, Second Floor  
Joe Christofaro, 201 Maple St., Rome, NY 13440  
yon1@verizon.net, 315-337-9608

**Club Changes Meeting Schedule**

Instead of meeting twice monthly, the Fort Stanwix Stamp Club will now meet only once a month, on the third Thursday.

**Annual Picnic**

The annual picnic will be held in July, at a date to be determined, at the home of Joseph O. and Yon Christofaro. There will be no meeting in August, but the regular schedule will resume in September.

**Home School Presentation Postponed**

A planned presentation led by Lavinia Tilton to a home-school organization was cancelled due to a March snowstorm. Several members now plan to visit the group in April to explain how stamp collecting can help children better understand history.

**Special Cancels Coming**

The club is planning a special cancel and cover for Rome’s Honor America Day on July 29. Plans are also progressing for the annual August 3 Fort Stanwix Day cancel and cover. Further information will be available in the July-August *Stamp Insider*.

---

**Elmira Stamp Club — Continued from Page 40**

**Longtime Members Die:** Dr. Otto Lederer, 96, of Big Flats died Feb. 16 and Russell Catron, 84, of Elmira Heights died March 11. We offer our condolences to their families.

**Octagon Fair:** The club again has been invited to participate in Elmira College’s Octagon Fair, an annual community outreach event on its campus. This year’s fair will be Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club members willing to help at our table should see to Judy Stewart at meetings or call her at 732-7075.

**Attendance Up:** Meeting attendance for the first three months was excellent, with 26 recorded in January, 25 in February, and 27 in March. Our bimonthly auctions do not always benefit from good attendance. In January auctioneers Don Dolan and Mike Breed had only nine lots to call, but all the were sold and grossed $21.50. In March, the number of lots quadrupled and the auctioneers, again assisted by Judy Stewart and Alex McLeod, sold 30 of the 36 lots for $101.75. Two club lots sold for $15 and this, plus our commission on the consignor lots, brought the Club treasury $23.70. Net to the consignors was $78.05. Thanks to Clayton Spangenberg for his contribution of the two club lots.
BUFFEX 2006 A HUGE SUCCESS

BUFFEX 2006 is history. The two-day exhibition and bourse took place on March 4 and 5 at the VFW Leonard Post. The annual showcase event of the Buffalo Stamp Club was a huge success. Thirteen dealers took part in the bourse despite several not participating on Sunday. The U.S. Postal Service also had a table. Attendance was strong Saturday with a brisk crowd on Sunday and all dealers were happy and promised to return next year. The show cover commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Leonard Post. It is available for $1.50 and a #10 SASE from Marge Schleining, 260 Tampa Drive, Buffalo, NY 14220.

EXHIBIT AWARDS: Twelve exhibits spanning 40 frames were shown. Regular Issues American Bank Notes, 1879-1893 by Tim Carey took gold together with the Founder’s award for best exhibit and also the Romito award for best exhibit of U.S. stamps usage. Tim also won silver and the Schuster award for best transportation exhibit with Speeding Up the Mail, Special Delivery and Express Mail. Best single-frame award went to Bob Meegan’s Ungrilled Banknote Issues, 1870-1890. Theresa Meegan, Bob’s daughter, won gold and the Emil Auer award for best first time exhibit. Leonard Empric won the Topical award for Scribes and their Manuscripts, which also took a gold. Also taking gold was Paul Baker’s Postal Stationary of Trieste ’A’ 1947-1954; his exhibit also won the Bredl award for best exhibit of covers.

Special thanks to Fred Laufer, Bob Meegan and Bill Witschard for organizing the show and to all the members who helped set up and tear down the tables and frames. Last, but not least, thanks to the Leonard Post for allowing use of the hall.

ATA HONORS ANN TRIGGLE

The American Topical Association has selected club member Ann Triggle as the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Topical Philatelist Award. She will receive the award at the ATA meeting during WASHINGTON 2006. She will be recognized for her service to our hobby at all levels.

MEETINGS

There are two club meetings left on the 2005-2006 calendar, the first and third Fridays of May. Elections for Board of Directors will be held in May and any member interested should contact Club Secretary Alfred Carroccia to be included on the ballot.
VACATIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS

With the wide distribution of the Stamp Insider, copies fall into the hands of collectors who may live a long way from Glens Falls but might like to mix a little philately into their vacation at beautiful Lake George or the Saratoga track this summer. Our enthusiasm makes up for our limited numbers, please join us.

TALK POSTPONED

Virtually all members had previous commitments on April 7, so Doc Hanson's talk on duck stamps was postponed, bring rescheduled to May 19. He will display his collection of federal and state duck hunting stamps and will discuss unsettling events in recent years which have led to his decision to discontinue collecting first the state and now the federal stamps (and prints).

PLANES, TRAINS, AND AUTOMOBILES

On April 21, member Conrad Novick brought his revolutionary single-frame exhibit, Planes, Trains, and Automobiles to the meeting and told of his experiences as a first-time exhibitor, to the delight of all those attending. Conrad garnered a bronze medal at Toronto's Ameristamp Expo in the Single-Frame Class and a Special Award for Originality, for which we all congratulated him.

SILVER BLAZE PICTORIAL CANCEL

Doc Hanson has received approval from the U.S. Postal Service for a special pictorial cancel to be used at the Saratoga Race Track on July 29 to commemorate the running of the Silver Blaze Race. The Adventure of Silver Blaze is a Sherlock Holmes story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle concerning the kidnapping of a famous racehorse, Silver Blaze. Beginning in 1952, races in his honor have been run on courses throughout America and since 2000 at Saratoga. Doc will design the cancel and accompanying cachet.

PROGRAMS

A full schedule awaits meeting attendees this spring:

May 5 — Washington County Postal History and Ephemera by member Steven Matte
May 19 — Duck Hunting Revenues by Club President Doc Hanson
June 2 — Stamps and Postal History of the Non-German Legions of the Nazis During World War II by Federation President John J. Nunes
June 16 — Selling and Trading Night; non-member visitors may participate
APS CHAPTER 1357
Meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday, except July, August, October,
at Kanestio Historical Society Building, 23 Main St., Canisteo
President Sue Babbitt, 1990 Square Woods Drive, Canisteo, NY 14823
babbitts@stny.rr.com, 607-698-2062

THE STEUBEN CONNECTION
Steuben County derives its name from Baron Frederick William Augustus von Steuben, a
Prussian military officer who came to the United States in 1777. The former Prussian army
captain became popular as a U.S. Army instructor of in the Revolutionary War. The baron
never lived in the county. In 1790, Congress granted him an annual pension of $2,400, while
New York State gave him a 16,000-acre land grant near Utica. He named it Steubenville and
died there on Nov, 28, 1794, at 64. Our club, formed in 1987, took its name after the county.

Steuben is the seventh largest of the state’s 57 counties, ranking 21st in population. It lies
along the divide between the St. Lawrence and Susquehanna rivers basins and has a moderate
continental climate. The land ranges from 2,400 feet above sea level in the southwest part
of the county down to 714 feet at Keuka Lake. The landscape is one of rolling uplands cut by
numerous, steep-sided stream valleys, some as much as 600 feet deep. The Canisteo and Co-
hocton (or Conhocton) rivers are the major streams, flowing southeastward across the county
to Painted Post where they merge to form the Chemung River. The landscape is dominated by
farms and woodlands and has great scenic charm, with a rich abundance of wildlife.

The U.S. first honored von Steuben on a two-cent red (Scott 689) and later on a souvenir
sheet of Cornwallis’ surrender (Scott 1686). The 1994 German stamp commemorates the
bicentennial of his death. A former LaFayette class submarine was named in his honor.
SEAWAY STAMP FIRST JOINT ISSUE WITH CANADA

The four-cent St. Lawrence Seaway stamp (Scott 1131), issued on June 26, 1959 was the first jointly issued stamp between the United States and Canada (five-cent Scott 387). On a small number of the Canadian Seaway stamps (Scott 387a), the center portion was inadvertently printed upside down, creating one of the rare errors of modern Canadian postal history.

In 1954, The U.S. and Canada agreed to jointly develop the Seaway, a feat which took more than five years, and a billion dollars to accomplish. The Seaway, and its series of locks and canals, is one of the longest inland man-made navigational areas ever created.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth II formally opened the Seaway on April 25, 1959. When the Seaway opened, many northern cities including Toronto, Cleveland, and Chicago, were linked to a direct shipping route to the Atlantic Ocean. On average, 50 million tons of cargo travel the seaway each year, including grain, ore, coal, and steel.

A second jointly issued stamp honoring the 25th anniversary of the Seaway was issued on June 26, 1984, (Scott 2091 U.S. 20 cent and Scott 1015 Canada).
MEMBERS SHARE COLLECTIONS AT MEETINGS

Various club members shared parts of their collections in informal presentations at recent club meetings. In February, our newest member, Sewall Oertling, gave an interesting talk on postal stationery collecting.

He showed examples of the hard-to-distinguish color variations on postal entires and envelopes, talked about cut squares, and discussed the printing differences found on early postal cards. He also showed the club several reference books on stationery and how various envelopes can be identified by knowing how they were cut and constructed.

In March, President Leigh LeClair showed the club some beautiful Swiss semipostals, and Nick Todaro shared postal and historical material related to the numerous railroads that ran throughout Oswego County.

PICNIC: The club is planning to hold its annual picnic in Breitbeck Park in June and resume meetings in September.

Oswego County Fair Pictorial Cancel

Plans are underway for a pictorial cancel at the 149th annual Oswego County Fair in Sandy Creek. The cancellation, designed by Heather Sweeting, will be available starting on July 3 in the Heritage building, where many of the local town historians have elaborate displays of many historical materials.

The displays, spearheaded and organized by newly elected Oswego County Legislator Shawn Doyle and historian Charlene Cole manage to turn the building into a temporary museum and genealogical hotspot for the five days of the fair.

Last year, for example, I met a 95 year-old-woman from Florida who was visiting her relatives. Coincidentally, she had known my grandmother and taught school with my neighbor for many years. Many local history books, documents, photographs, etc are on sale as well.

— Heather Sweeting
Club Takes Field Trip To Mystic

The club toured the facilities of the Mystic Stamp Company in Camden on April 11, being shown the research, graphics, and approvals departments and allowed to inspect Mystic’s plate block of the CIA invert as well as the “H” hat stamp yellow variety.

Welcome Guests

Syracuse Stamp Club members visiting Mystic Stamp Company from left, seated: Dianne Juchimek, Rachel Netzband, Lisa Steele; standing Dick Netzband, Mike Ammann, Vince Juchimek, Jim Steele, Gil Strausman, Bin Liu, Rick Erat, Dan Piazza, and Bob Davison.

New Board Member: President Mike Ammann appointed Richard Nuhn of Jordan to the club’s board of directors on March 17. Richard joined the club in 2004 and is a worldwide collector. He will finish out the term of Paul Davis, who has resigned from the club.

Programs

May 5 — God’s Mail: The Philately of Vatican City by Dan Piazza; pizza, drinks, and door prizes
May 19 — Auction
June 2 — Philatelic Items You Haven’t Seen Before by Dave Proulx
June 16 — Washington 2006 Wrap-Up with Tom Fortunato, Media Chairman, and club members who attended the show
June 30 — Auction

There will be mini-auctions at 7:45 p.m. on May 5, and June 2, if material allows.
IRELAND, SODA BREAD, AND STAMP COLLECTING

On Feb. 1, member Tom Hanley gave us his annual presentation on Irish stamp collecting. This year’s talk was on Irish Booklets. In 1988 Ireland began issuing some commemoratives in booklet form and with their definitive partners combine to make an impressive collection. Tom lamented demonetization of his collection with the coming of the Euro, but all agreed that it is still a wonderful collection. As always, Tom provided homemade Irish soda bread to go along with his program.

LATVIAN POSTAL HISTORY

On Feb 15, Maris Tirums from the Fort Orange Club once again visited us with another very interesting program. Maris collects, among other things, Latvian postal history and treated us to a seminar on the slogan postal markings, which were popular before the outbreak of World War II. These slogans were mostly public service promotions used only on local mail.

WINTER AUCTION.

March 1 saw the club’s winter auction. This is always a fun night with lots of material changing hands. One never knows what delights to expect, and thanks to Don Nolett, I was able to add a stamp box to my collection.

U.S. POSTMARK COLLECTION

Member Arnie Leiter provided March 15th’s program. Arnie treated us to a display of U.S. postmarks. For many years, Arnie has been working towards the unbelievable task of collecting a postmark from every post office in every town and city in every state in the union. Just imagine the number of binders to house this collection. Arnie collects $2 \times 4$-inch corners or complete covers if they are more valuable in that condition.
valleypex aids center for dyslexia

the valley of buffalo family life stamp club meets informally on tuesdays after the weekly masonic lunches at the valley of buffalo 32nd degree masonic community center, 2379 union road, cheektowaga, to discuss masons on postage stamps.

each year, the club sponsors valleypex, a stamp show that raises money for the 32nd degree masonic learning center for dyslexia in rochester. this year’s valleypex is slated for june 17-18. the theme for saturday, june 17, will honor masonic baseball players. on sunday, june 18, benjamin franklin will be honored. both days will feature a special pictorial cancel and show cover, with the proceeds to benefit the center of dyslexia.

noted masons on stamps: the clark connection

in each of our bimonthly stamp insider club page, we will describe stamps honoring a notable person who was a mason. george rogers clark: the noted military leader during the revolutionary war was a member of abraham lodge no. 8 in louisville, kentucky.

clark was honored with a stamp in 1929 (scott 651) and a postal card in 1979 (scott ux78). with the outbreak of the revolutionary war, general clark secured authority from virginia and crossed the ohio river with the objective of driving out the british forces from illinois, at that time a part of the province of quebec. his control of vincennes enabled the united states to lay claim to the parts of what are now ohio and indiana at the treaty of paris in 1783 (scott 2052). the youngest brother of george rogers clark was william clark, who along with fellow mason meriwether lewis, engaged in the lewis and clark expedition. both lewis and clark were honored with commemorative stamps in 2004 on the occasion of the bicentennial of their expedition.
Western New York's Largest Philatelic Exposition!

Saturday June 17, Sunday June 18

32nd Degree Masonic Community Center
2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Saturday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. — Sunday 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Nationally Recognized Vendors, Buying, Selling, and Appraising

STAMPS, COVERS, POSTCARDS
POSTAL HISTORY

Honoring Baseball Players
& Benjamin Franklin

U.S. POSTAL SUBSTATION both days!
Special Pictorial Cancels Honoring Baseball Players, Benjamin Franklin
Special Area Devoted to Philatelic Exhibits
FREE PARKING.....FREE ADMISSION
Reasonably priced lunches available on premises!
Free stamps to children accompanied by adults!
Special Souvenir Baseball covers on sale!

Proceeds to Benefit the Learning Center for Dyslexia

Directions from New York State Thruway
From I-90 Eastbound: Take Exit 52A, Turn Right on William Street and Right on Union Road (NY-277)

From I-90 Westbound: Take Exit 52A, Turn Left on William Street and Right on Union Road (NY-277)

Sponsored by the Valley of Buffalo, AASR
Saving Up for Old Age

Saving up for old age usually refers to saving money but there are other things one ought to save for old age, such as some avocation, which could be of great happiness and interest when one’s vocation has ceased.

Many individuals live a limited life in the sense that they have no other interest than their own vocation and when because of circumstances of old age or otherwise that ceases, they are entirely at a loss to find something to occupy their time.

These avocations are often called hobbies and may be of a great variety. There are some who decry hobbies and look upon them as species of time wasters, however, the contrary is quite definitely true. Among these hobbies, the most prevalent is stamp collecting and this hobby has some very definite instructive features among which are history, biography, geography, and art. It is also a hobby that stretches from the past to future. The past not so remote that it becomes a matter of antiquarian study. It is sometimes thought of as a juvenile hobby but when considered in its proper relationship, it maybe, for the adult, a hobby of continuing interest.

Philately is an avocation where one may save up for old age because there is a never-ending future aspect. It has a very definite mental value. To some, it has a very definite financial value and is looked upon by them as a financial investment, but the real dyed-in-the-wool collector seldom thinks of that particular element.

There are technical details concerning philately which may interest persons who desire to reach such heights. There is a large group that like stamps for their own selves and find this a very restful instructive and continuously interesting and rewarding avocation. Something worth saving up for old age!
Dear Brother Boudreau

I have the great pleasure to inform you that France will issue a new Masonic Government Issue postage stamp. It will be to celebrate the centenary of the Grand Lodge National Francaise which is the only regular Obediency in France.

The date of the first issue will be at the end of November or the beginning of December. It will coincide with the international Convention of all the Grand masters of the Grand Lodges of the World.

Yours Truly and Fraternally

Jean Prouteau
The "Original" First Sunday Stamp Show
Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91401
Contact Info: Stephen Pattillo
P.O. Box 604, Fullerton, CA 92832
number1banana@hotmail.com  www.stampshowsteve.com
Phone: (888) 995-0548

The Metropolitan Stamp Show
Holiday Inn Midtown
440 West 57th Street
New York, NY
Phone: (973) 263-0100
www.metroexpos.com

August 4-6, 2006
AMERICOVER 2006 - American First Day Cover Society
Embassy Suites Hotel-Rockside
5800 Rockside-Woods Blvd, Independence, OH 44131
Cynthia Scott - AmericoverExpo@aol.com

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc
The Masonic Philatelist

September 1-4, 2006
BALPEX
(Baltimore Philatelic Exhibition).
George Washington Masonic Stamp Club

Upcoming Meeting on Saturday, September 2, 2006.

2006 meeting of GWMSC at BALPEX

Note: 2PM-3PM Meeting, assemble at 1:30

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Assemble, Trade Covers, & socialize.
2:00 PM: Meeting ("Call to Order")
2PM-3PM Meeting
Speaker: John R. Allen
Topic: Yorktown Bicentennial Covers

2PM-3PM Meeting
Speaker: GWMSC Past President John R. Allen
Topic: Yorktown Bicentennial Covers

(Upcoming 225th Anniversary of Surrender at Yorktown on 10-19-2006)

John will give a Power Point presentation of some of the varied covers and cancellations, Masonic and otherwise, issued for the 1981 Yorktown Bicentennial Celebration. John was the volunteer Chairman of the Yorktown Bicentennial Committee's Philatelic Committee, and was among those named in the U.S. Congressional Record in November 1981, following the 4-day Yorktown Bicentennial Celebration. John will display the USPS album and sheet of 10-16-1981 stamps presented to the FDOI Platform guests, although he was the only recipient too busy to be on the platform at that First Day of Issue (FDOI) Ceremony.

Location: Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn 245 Shawan Road
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031
I-83 at Shawan Road (Exit 20)
Phone: 1-410-785-7000
Free Parking - Use "BALPEX" for Special Room Rates.
North of the Baltimore Beltway

- Three Day Admission: $4.00 Friday, September 1: 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 2: 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 3: 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Labor Day, Monday September 4, 2006.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc
The Masonic Philatelist

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016
Phone 212-683-0559 - Fax 212-481-1269
Email collectorsclub.org

Program & Calendar of Events
Social Hour at 5:00 PM - Exhibits Open 6:00 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM - Dinner nearby 8:00 PM

June 7, 2005
Sicily
Saverio Imperato, MD, Monza Italy

June 21, 2005
Collecting Franklin Vignettes of American History
Benjamin Franklin Bailar, Lake Forest, IL

Summer Recess

September 6, 2006
Unusual High Value Postal Stationery
Of the United States
Robert L. Markovits, Stockbridge, MA

September 20, 2006
The Postal History of Trinidad, 1797 to 1875
Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon, Oak Brook, IL

October 4, 2006
Early West Africa Mail, to 1879
John Sacher, London, U.K.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
October 18, 2006
Across the Danish Border
Mark Lorentzen, Santa Monica, CA

November 1, 2006
New Zealand, 1855 – 1873

November 15, 2006
U. S. First Day and
Earliest Documented Usages
From 1840 through 1904
Alan Berkun, Deerfield Beach, FL

December 6, 2006
Annual One Frame Competition
Members, The Collectors Club

December 13, 2006
Annual Open House
Board of Governors’ The Collectors Club

January 10, 2007
Annual Meeting – Elections
Bring your latest acquisition and tell
How it fits into your collection
Members, The Collectors Club

January 17, 2007
Indochina and the Postal History of the
French Colonial Allegorical Group Type
Dr. Edward Grabowski, Westfield, NJ

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.
Masonic Philately
Canada & United States
ATA Handbook #141
By Christopher L. Murphy
Edited by Allan Boudreau, PhD

Freemasons on stamps from the United States and Canada. Listing of all Masonic related Canadian and U.S. stamps, along with several stamps in color.

ATA Members: $11.00
Non-members $12.00
Plus Postage: US $2.00, Canada $3.00, Others $4.50

Please send me ____ Copy(ies) of Masonic Philately

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________

City: _____________________ State: _______ Zip:________

Country: _________________________________________

Payment: Cash: _____ Check: _____ Credit Card _____ Exp. Date__/___

We can accept Cash, Check on US Banks, VISA or Mastercard

Mail To:

ATA
PO Box 50820
Albuquerque, NM 87181-0520