



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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WELCOME BACK!!!

The Buffalo Stamp Club begins its 2021-2022 Club year with a Stamp Show! As you are reading this, it is mid-August, slightly earlier than the newsletter would be sent. The Club wanted as much notice and publicity as possible for the show. Hence, the earlier than usual newsletter and the email blast sent to all members a couple weeks ago. Hope all members can attend and help with the Club table and Silent Auction. Thanks to John Leszak who worked hard to get this show organized on relatively short notice and under challenging circumstances. Despite rumors to the contrary, the show was never canceled, it was scheduled for August 21 since May – as stated in your June newsletter. If you're like us, you're eager to see dealers in person. So, we hope to see everyone at the Show!

2021-2022 will be another challenging year for the Buffalo Stamp Club. Check out the rest of the newsletter for the meeting schedule going forward, information on dues changing, and the date set for our Annual Picnic.

Our objective is to keep the Club active and be able to engage our hobby through the camaraderie of meeting together and sharing our interests and knowledge.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 21st: End of Summer Stamp Show

Thursday, September 16th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, September 18th: Annual Club Picnic

At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

- **Douglas Regan** - Collects United States
- **Barbara Kern** - Collects World-Wide
- **Rick Franclemont** - Collects United States, Belgium, Vatican, submarines, ice hockey and any other philatelic item that is interesting or unusual.
- **John Schubert** - Collects Worldwide and the U.S.A. He is especially interested in European countries.

There are also several prospective members who are receiving this newsletter. Hopefully they will soon become members.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Buffalo Stamp Club typically holds its Annual Picnic in early August. Last year's picnic was canceled due to the pandemic. This year's picnic will be held a little later than usual - On Saturday, September 18th, at the Meegan Manor, the home of Bob and Mary Meegan.

They have missed having the picnic annually and were looking forward to it this year, but the last few months have been tumultuous for them. But Bob insisted that the picnic take place in 2021, even if it had to be later in the year. Typically, the weather in September is perfect, and most Club members will have already taken their vacations and had their family picnics. They're hoping for a good turnout!

Information and maps will be available at the Stamp Bourse on August 21st and at the first meeting on Thursday, September 16th. We will also try to get an email blast out or mailing as a reminder.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

At the Board meeting on July 8th, the following dates were set and confirmed with The Knights Hall:

Thursday, September 16th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 14th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, November 20th: Autumn Stamp Festival

Thursday, December 2nd: Meeting/Auction & Holiday Social

These dates for 2022 were also set by the Board, but not confirmed with The Knights Hall pending further discussion regarding cost.

Thursday, January 13th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 10th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13, 2022:

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TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2020-21, there were no Shows which generate income, but there were fewer meetings and less expenses from activities. In addition, we had large donations of mint stamps that kept our mailing/postage costs down which avoided any loss for the year.

Unfortunately, looking at the 2021-22 budget with the increased room rental cost and a return to more normal activity, there was a significant loss projected. Different budget scenarios were looked at. Some non-recurring or unnecessary costs were taken out or reduced, and ways of generating additional revenue at the auctions were discussed, such as a 50/50 split raffle and higher revenue auction items. In conclusion, an increase of annual dues was also recommended.

DUES

The increase of Dues was discussed at length at the July Board meeting. With annual dues last year at \$12, there hasn't been a dues increase in over 40 years. But the major reason for our deficit is the increase in room rental which has doubled compared to the Leonard Post along with total value of auction sales low.

We also looked at our dues versus other Clubs and recognized that our dues in comparison were very low. We believe that the value of membership in the Buffalo Stamp Club is greater than \$12 per year, and we hope that you agree.

Therefore, the Board unanimously agreed to **raise the dues to \$20 per year.**

The Board will also need to work on other income generating or cost reducing efforts to assure financial stability. All costs are going up, even postage.

Meanwhile, what value does the Club bring to you:

- A monthly newsletter, typically 6 pages in full color, with news and items of interest.
- Monthly meetings & auctions to engage with other members to meet together and enjoy our hobby.
- After-meeting socials to build relationships and learn from each other.

Presentations should start up again, but we need to find another venue. We're currently considering West Seneca Library where we can meet for free in a nice conference room setting.

So, let us know what value the Club means for you! We'd love to hear from you. How can we increase the value of the Club to you!

END OF SUMMER STAMP SHOW

Saturday, August 21st

Here's the list of Dealers at the Show:

- Kim & Casey Kielbasa, Cheektowaga, NY
- Dave & Joni Allego, Salem, OH
- Tom's Stamps, Butler, PA
- Richfield Philatelic, Bill Witschard, Buffalo
- The Cover Connection, West Seneca, NY
- Mike Retzer, Buffalo, NY
- Kevin Suckow, Bowmansville, NY
- Paul Duda, Buffalo, NY

Still pending is:

- K2 Collectible, Kevin Kellman, Middletown, MD
- Possibly a couple dealers from Erie PA Show

OTHER STAMP SHOW NOTES:

- There will be a **Silent Auction** from 10 AM until 2 PM. Items for sale in the Auction can be submitted anytime early on Saturday. The Auction will close at **2 PM** and winners of lots must pick up and pay for their lots prior to **3 PM**. There will be guidelines posted at the Silent Auction to answer any questions. Thanks to all who participate in the Silent Auction!
- Due to ongoing restrictions related to covid, there will be no lunch served at the Hall. There will be menus available for call-in orders to Chick'N Pizza Works which is just down the street.



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BUFFALO'S OLDEST AND LARGEST STAMP CLUB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

BOURSE - 10AM to 4PM

- SILENT AUCTION from 10AM to 2PM
- NATIONALLY KNOWN DEALERS
- STAMPS, POSTCARDS BOUGHT AND SOLD

THE KNIGHTS HALL – 2735 UNION ROAD

(I-90 EXIT 52A WILLIAM St. go east to Union, turn LEFT, then on RIGHT)

FREE PARKING – FREE ADMISSION