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FROM THE EDITOR

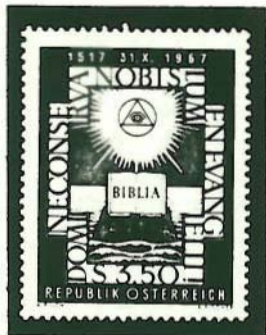
I would like to thank all the members who took out the time to send me back the questionnaire. The comments in the questionnaire are interesting, informative and helpful to me. It would be almost physically impossible for me to answer many of the questions individually. But, I will endeavor to answer as many of the question and comments as possible in this and future issues. As a matter of interest and information I shall include in the next issue of The Masonic Stamp Collector statistics on members' collecting interests and other. I am sure you will find it quite entertaining as well as informative. 1. Some of our members requested that the publication be issued on a monthly basis. This is almost impossible for me. It takes a lot of work, effort and time consuming to prepare this paper. I would not have the time to prepare it and mail it out each month. Also the cost would make it prohibitive. 2. Some of you wanted the paper to be printed on one side only. There again the cost is a great factor both in printing and postage. We would like to keep the dues to a minimum as possible. 3. Other members wanted to see the publication punched for a three-ring binder. I could very easily have this done but there are many members who do like to keep the paper intact. These members use spring-back binder or some of them would like to have such publications binded after several volumes. It is easy enough to punch the holes any time but it would ruin the appearance for those who would like to keep it clean. To those of you who prefer to keep the paper in three-ring binders I suggest that you buy from the Dime Store a single hole puncher. After you mark the appropriate spots with pencil you can then punch the holes individually. The cost of this puncher is about 25¢. These are some of the questions I wanted to answer now so there would not be any questions in anyone's mind. I will at all times try and maintain a good paper.

MASONIC COVER CLUB: The response for covers was about 3 to 1. It is estimated that about 150-200 covers will be required by the membership. There again the printing cost for a small amount runs quite high. However, I have decided to start the Masonic Cover Club beginning with the Illinois Statehood stamp February 12. However, due to time element, on this issue serviced covers will be available only. I will request all the members interested in the cover club to send me a \$2.00 deposit for unserviced covers and \$3.00 deposit for serviced covers. The cost per each cover for each service will be found on the enclosed order blank. Please send me your orders immediately so I will know how many covers to print and have serviced. The covers will be printed on good quality ragged envelopes.

TOPEX '68: Again I would like to remind you that TOPEX '68 will be held in Milwaukee, Wisc. June 21 - 23, 1968. The Committee is working very hard to make this convention and exhibition the best ever. I would like to see many of our members attend the convention and exhibit their Masonic collection. A Masonic exhibition is about the only Masonic display the public sees. I think members should be encouraged to display their Masonic collection. For further information and prospectus write to: Clarence Beltmann, General Chairman, Box 4140 Western Station, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53210.

MASONIC SLIDE PROGRAM: Did you know that the ATA has available to membership a slide set pertaining to Masonry on Stamps? This Masonic slide program may be shown at stamp clubs, lodges meetings, etc. If you are interested in showing the Masonic Slide Set to your group write to ATA slide librarian, Mrs. John C. Owens, P. O. Box 191, Waukesha, Wisc. 53186.

THANKS: to Brother A. W. Bunn, Footscray, Vic., Australia for sending me a cover with Philatelic Lodge cancel at Malvern Vic which was presented by the Philatelic Lodge No. 552 Master to all the brethren present for his installation on June 23, 1967. . . . to Brother G. K. Gillberry from England stationed in Germany for an attractive unusual Masonic Christmas Greetings card signed by him as Worshipful Master of New Absalom Lodge No. 841 and Mrs. Gillberry. Brother Gillberry send me a beautiful Masonic cover commemorating the tenth anniversary of New Absalom Lodge 1957-1967. New Absalom Lodge No. 841 is the Premier Lodge of the Province of British Freemasons within the United Grand Lodges of Germany. Brother Gillberry writes that this cover marks the first decade of a hard struggle to maintain British Masonic standards in Germany against many obstacles and difficulties. . . . to many members for sending me Christmas cards.



NEW ISSUE FROM AUSTRIA: On Oct. 31, 1967 Austria issued one stamp to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the Reformation. This is an excellent example of symbolic Masonry. It shows an All-seeing Eye inside a triangle surrounded by a circle. The circle is located in the center of the Sunburst. Also depicting the Bible on the altar. This stamp is shown on the left. It is Scott No. 801. It will enhance any Masonic collection on symbolism.

SYMBOLS OF MASONRY

Brother Jack Gooding of New Orleans, La. furnished me with the following information pertaining to symbols of Masonry on stamps for publication in the MSC:

CORN, WINE and OIL - As a supplement to previous articles on this subject in Vol. 2, No. 2, page 53 published in September 1961 of the Masonic newsletter the following combination of U. S. stamps could be used to depict these stamps:

Scott No. 1328	Corn, Kansas Corn Cob
Scott No. 1158	Wine from Cherry Blossoms
Scott No. 1134	Oil, the Oil Derrick

One stamp which may give you the entire picture is Scott 997. It is the color of Golden Corn, has the Oil Derrick in the lower left background and a cluster of Grapes in the upper left.

POMBAL

A portrait of Sebastio Jose de Carvalho, Marquis of Pombal, 1699-1782, appears on a 1925 stamp of Portugal, No. RA11. His name occupies a prominent place in the history of Portugal as one of her greatest sons.

While Carvalho was serving as Ambassador to England, he was admitted into a London Lodge by Louis Frederick, Prince of Wales on St. John's Day, 24 June 1744. The initiation, in all probability, took place in a private lodge in one of Prince Frederick's private houses. Later Carvalho was Ambassador to the Court of Vienna where he was a frequent visitor at the Lodge "Aux Trois Canons".

In 1750 he was awarded the post of Prime Minister. He gave his country a liberal constitution, created new branches of industry, built large harbors and transformed an impoverished land into a flourishing state. The king expressed his gratitude by creating him Marquis de Pombal.

Pombal favored the revival of Freemasonry and lodges sprang up in all parts of Portugal and her colonies. These lodges helped establish large public libraries and important institutions for public welfare. The Portuguese Freemasons earned the thanks of the nation by their self-sacrificing participation in rescue work and other services when the great earthquake and tidal wave destroyed two-thirds of Lisbon and 30,000 souls on November 1, 1755.

Upon the death of King Jose I, Jose's daughter, Queen Maria I, put an end to Pombal's work. She renewed the decree of her grandfather against Masonry. Pombal was expelled from Lisbon and the most eminent men of the country only escaped the Inquisition by taking to flight.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York -

MICHEL NEY

On page 156, Vol. 4, No. 4, of the old Masonic Stamp Unit newsletter there is an article on Marshall Michel Ney of France stating that he is said to have been made a Mason in the Lodge of the Nine Sisters, Paris, about 1792. Also, the bulletin of the International Masonic Congress, 1917, says he was initiated in 1801, but does not give the lodge. Ney is pictured on Saar 170 and 186.

Brother Martin W. Berndt of Cudahy, Wisconsin, a member of MSU, recently sent me a clipping from the Milwaukee Journal dated Friday, November 3, 1967 pertaining to an article on Michel Ney and entitled "Bravest of the Brave Confused the French".

"A classic case of a return from the dead is that of Michel Ney, a French cooper's son who became one of Napoleon's most brilliant, successful generals. Ney achieved the rank of marshal and was called "the bravest of the brave" by his commander. After Napoleon was exiled to Elba, after disastrous defeat, Ney swore allegiance to the king of France. When Napoleon returned from exile, Ney deserted the king to rejoin his old chief. And after Napoleon suffered his final defeat, at Waterloo, Ney tried to escape to Switzerland and was seized.

"Ney's sentence was death by the firing squad. Late in 1815 he was placed

before the wall and he tumbled to the ground as the riflemen shot. The colonel in charge of the execution covered him with a sheet and Ney was quickly carted away. At once the rumor spread that Ney had taken part in a mock execution arranged by his fellow Freemasons and other powerful friends.

"Three years later a large man of military bearing turned up in a South Carolina village named Florence. He gave his name as Peter Ney, said he was a refugee from France and became a schoolmaster. For the next 30 years he wandered about the southeast and talked freely about France and his enemies there. As he lay dying, in 1846, at the age of 78, he informed his friends that he was indeed Marshal Ney, Napoleon's "bravest of the brave". In 1946, ceremonies in observance of the centennial of his death were held in the Carolinas."

Ed. note: Thanks to Bro. Berndt for sending us this article. I might add this was one of a series of items with the main heading "THE LIVELY CORPSES OF HISTORY". These episodes were recalled by the recent death of Ernesto (Che) Guevara.

FIVE STEPS - MASONRY ON STAMPS

By W. Wesley Hibbard

The author takes this opportunity to offer members of MSU a handy guide to a most interesting, complete and modern approach to Masonic Philately. In the past, articles on this subject dealt mostly with Master Masons and Masonic Symbols. FIVE STEPS endeavors to cover these plus all Speculative and Operative Masonry; as exemplified in Masonic Degrees, Rites and Rituals and as relatively symbolized on hundreds of stamps of the world.

Based on Masonic Rituals, Manuals, etc. all symbolic stamp types are selected. However, one is privileged to disagree and search for stamps; that in his opinion, are more appropriate. "Seek and Ye shall find" (Mt) Matt 7:7. Over a dozen reliable Masonic references are used in compiling "Five Steps" - Complete listing at close of Series.

Let Step I be your first step to start collecting Masonry on stamps or to expand your present collection to include that secret happiness that will bring you daily, closer to (1) Great Light and (2) Masonic principles and precepts and serve as a reminder of the importance Masonry has played in history and progress; with realistic interpretations that bring Masonry to Light by its Symbolisms.

Step I outline is "vouched for" by the Craft's rituals and manuals, The Great Light, Morals & Dogma (Pike) and other reliable sources. Scott's relative stamp types are used. Reference code for Five Steps: Blue Lodge (MM); Scottish Rite (SR); York Rite (YR); Supreme Council (SC)

STEP I

"Bring to Light the hidden things" I Cor 4:5 (MM).

(a) Stamps that reflect Masonic principles, precepts, traditions and dogma, incl. those symbolic of Masonic affectations, viz.: "tenets" or "trust" (MM) - Turkey PT3; "Dogma" (together) (SR) - Columbia A174; "Credos" (believe) (SR,YR) - Mexico A80; "Doctrine" (Gospel) (MM,SR,YR) - Dominican Republic A23; "Mottos" (liberty) (MM,SR,YR) - France A16; "Legendary" (Dan'l Lion) (SR,YR) - Fiume A5; "Allegory" (sower) (MM,SR,YR) - France A20; "Mysteries (abundance) (MM,SR) - Libia A21; "Parables" (Samaritan) (SR) - Saar SP12; "Miracles" (raised) (MM) - Costa Rica A93

(b) Such stamps that (all or in part) in Masonry symbolize: "God" (Almighty) (MM,SR,YR,SC) - Hungary A31; "Diety" (Dove) (SR) - Netherlands A31; "Holy Bible" (Scriptures) (MM,SR,YR,) - South Africa A94; "Heavens" (IM) - Vatican AP3; "Life Eternal" (MM,SR) - Brazil A212; "Angels" (MM,SR,YR) - Vatican AP4; "All-Seeing Eye" (MM,SR) - Egypt A68; "Gods" (SR) - Greece A15; "Goddesses" (earth) (SR) - France A31.

(c) This includes stamps emblematic or symbolic of Spiritual (S), Physical (P), Emotional (E) and Mental (M). Health activities or values, advocated in Masonic principles, precepts and practices such as: "Prayers" (S) (MM,SR,YR,SC) - U.S. A193; "Physical" (run) (MM) - San Marino A65; "Emotional" (love) (YR) - Belgium B236; "Mental" (knowledge) (MM,SR) - U.S. A429; "Hope" (S) (Anchor) (MM,SR) W.Fndld. A116; "Physical" (Olympics) (SR) - Greece A8; "Music" (YR) - Ireland A27; "Recreation" - French West Africa A2; "Charity" (MM,SR,YR) - Danzig SP2; "Sports" (P) (SR,YR,) - Hungary A217; "Liberty" (MM,SR,YR,SC) - U.S. A188; "Education" (learn) (SR) - Mexico PT9; "Freedom" (MM,SR,YR) - Czech. A6.

Ed. note: We are indebted to Bro. Hibbard for sending this interesting and informative article to be published in the Masonic Stamp Collector. It seems that Bro. Hibbard has gone to much research and much work. I am sure this will provide an excellent beginning for those who are interested in expanding a Masonic collection to workings and rituals of Masonry as portrait by stamps. Next issue we will publish Step II "His Wonderous Works & Acts of God."

NEW ISSUES WITH MASONIC CONNECTIONS

Brother G. K. Gillberry from England stationed in Germany brought to our attention several stamps issued recently with Masonic connections as follows:

"Referring to the article on W. Bro. Sir Alexander Fleming appeared last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector, Bro. Gillberry informs me that a special postmark was used on 19 September in connection with the discovery stamp of penicillin reading: PENICILLIN DISCOVERED 1928/ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL/SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING/19 SEPT. 1967/PADDINGTON W.2.

"Hungary September 26th Scenes from famous operas series 40f Mozarts Magic Flute - perhaps the greatest piece of Masonic Music ever written?

"Dubai Nov. 13th - Goya Paintings 1 Riyal Portrait of Duke of Wellington (The Iron Duke). His father the Earl of Mornington was Grand Master of Ireland as was his brother (the second Earl formerly the first Marquess of Wellesly). The Duke was initiated in December 7th 1790 in The Trim Lodge No. 494 (Irish Constitution) His father was W.M. of the Lodge at the time.

"Umm al Qiwayn (if anyone will admit that it issues stamps) issued a famous painting series on 31 Oct. including Hogarth's "The Marriage Contract".

"Ireland issued 3d and 1/5d stamps to honour Jonathan Swift on November 30th He is thought to have been a member of Lodge No. 16 which met at the tavern "Goat at-the-foot-of-the Haymarket" from 1723-1745.

"Sweden issued last month a series of stamps commemorating the Nobel Prize winners of 1907. These of course included Rudyard Kipling and Albert A. Michaelson.

"Great Britain 1 June 1968 will issue a 1/9d stamp commemorating Captain Cook's voyage of Discovery." - more on this later.

Ed. note: We thank Bro. Gillberry for the above information. Additional Masonic data and information on each above issue will be forthcoming in the MSC.

MANUEL LUIS QUEZON

On November 15, 1967, Philippines issued a 10 and 30 sen stamps in tribute to the late President Manuel L. Quezon. The tribute to the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth (in 1935) features his portrait.

Quezon was the president of the Philippine Islands from Sept. 17, 1935 until his death in 1944. b. Aug. 19, 1878 in Baler, Tayabas, P.I. Admitted to the bar in 1903. He served on the staff of General Aguinaldo also a Mason. He was successively provincial governor of Tayabas, and resident commissioner to the U.S., 1909-16. He was president of the Philippine senate in 1916-35 and a leading figure in the movement which led to the gradual independence of the islands. Upon the Japanese invasion, he escaped by U.S. submarine to the U.S. on Feb. 20, 1942; he died in Saranac Lake, N.Y., August 1, 1944.

Quezon was a Freemason most of his adult life, being grand master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, 1918-19. Due to the influence of his wife he resigned from Freemasonry, Sept. 17, 1930. After his death, the Catholic church claimed he had renounced Freemasonry. Seven year after he left Masonry, he made this statement: "I didn't actually resign from the Masonic order until several months later, and I never denounced Masonry. There is a formal form which those returning to the church from the Masonic lodge are supposed to sign, but I refused to sign it. Instead, I wrote the Archbishop a personal note saying that I understood that I could not be readmitted to the Catholic Church so long as I remained a Mason, and for that reason I was resigning from Masonry." During his entire term as president, he fought for the separation of church and state.

Quezon is also pictured on Philippines 853C, 511, 589, C64, to C66.

MASON CITY, IOWA

Brother Herbert P. Bruce of Nahant, Mass. submitted the following which was taken from the Wisconsin Masonic paper:

In Iowa is a town which was originally known as Shibboleth, later as Masonic Grove and later it became Mason City, Iowa. It was founded by members of the Craft.

This is an excellent illustration of a postmark cancellation to be used in a Masonic collection pertaining to town cancellations with Masonic significance.

CHARLES DICKENS - ANTI-MASON

Dickens was an English novelist and anti-Mason. One of the greatest writers of all times. His childhood was filled with poverty and hardship. Among his many famous books are Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities, Pickwick Papers and Old Curiosity Shop.

Early publications often referred to him as a "brother" and there was at one time a lodge called "Charles Dickens" at Chigwell, Essex, England. Far From being a Mason, his writings ridicule the ceremonies of the fraternity and he pictures the work in a satyric manner even to the extent of writing "Freemasonry" with a small "f." b. 1812. d. 1870.

Charles Dickens is pictured on Russia Scott No. 2588, issued in 1962 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth.

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