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TOPEX '69

The American Topical Association Convention and Exhibition, TOPEX '69, will be held at the Sheraton-Chicago Motor Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, June 27-29, 1969. For additional information and a copy of the prospectus write to D. J. Van Winter General Chairman, Box 4802, Chicago, Illinois 60680. I hope many of our members will plan to exhibit this year their Masonic collection. Besides the usual awards by the host chapter, the Masonic Staar Memorial Award will be presented to the best Masonic exhibit. Let's have a nice representation of Masonic material on display there this year. You still have plenty of time to prepare and exhibit your Masonic collection at TOPEX. Regrettably, I will not be able to attend TOPEX this year. The dates of the exhibition conflict with an Installation of Officers banquet of a business club I belong to here and I must be there.

FILEING MASONIC DATA

Sometime ago one of our members wanted to know how one gathers and stores Masonic information and data. In the last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector Bro. Marshall Loke, Rochester, N. Y., told us his method of filing. My system is almost the same of that of Bro. Loke's but I go a step further by also using a cross reference. I have all my Masonic information on 5 x 7 cards, arranged alphabetically, on which I note the Countries and catalogue numbers of stamps issued for that person or event and the source of the Masonic data. In addition I have a small three-ring binder, each page arranged alphabetically by country listing all the names of those Masons appearing or having connection with issued stamps. So, if I want to know, or want to arrange a collection or a page by country, I have a ready reference of Masons by country. This dual cross reference system is very convenient and handy.

ARE THESE MASONS?

Bro. H. D. Healey, Phoenix, Arizona, states that two Canadian stamps issued last year, George Brown and H. Bourassa, are supposed to be Masons. I can not find any information whether or not they are Masons. Can anyone tell us for sure? Perhaps some of our Canadian brethren may be able to shed some light on this subject and let us know for publication.

MASONIC COVER CLUB

No. 10 Masonic cover was issued recently for the 50th anniversary of the American Legion stamp. This cover was sent out to the members of the Masonic cover club recently in accordance with their standing instructions. About 25% of the covers received from the Post Office in a very bad condition, not suitable for anyone's collection. There were just about enough good, clean, covers to take care of the standing orders. As you know there are only 200 covers

each issue serviced and 25% spoilage is not too good. The printer just went up in his prices but he is still cheaper from the other bids I got. I will have to see how we make out with next cover coming up on May 5, Apollo 8 stamp. I will request all the members in the Masonic Cover Club to kindly send me a supply of self-addressed gummed labels. It would make my job so much easier and less time consuming in mailing out the Masonic first day covers under separate cover. Believe me the covers and newsletter take up lots of time. However, I am glad to be of service to those who seek it.

THANKS FOR COVERS:

... to Bro. John M. Cunningham, Washington, D. C., for President Nixon Inaugural Day cover, Anti-Masonic cover from Spain, George Washington birthday cover, Mahdeen covers on American Legion and 50th anniversary of Order of DeMolay, Don F. Elsele cover with hometown cancellation. ... to Bro. A. M. Evans, Woolloowin, Australia for first day cover, 150th anniversary of Australia's first Marine navigation aid stamps. ... to Bro. Jack Gooding, New Orleans, for Apollo 8 cover.

NEW ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Apollo 8 Mission stamp to be issued by United States May 5. This stamp will have part of the quoted words from the book of Genesis as spoken by one of the astronauts "In the beginning God ...". It will also depict the moon, the earth and heavens.

Donn Eisle and Walter Schirra, American Astronauts, honored by Kingdom of Yemen. No date of issue and catalogue numbers available yet. The set consists of perforate and imperforate sets as well as a Souvenir sheet. I understand it is a high value set.

Koran (Bible). Kuwait, December 19, 1968, Scott No. 431, depicts Koran and Scales; No. 439, depicts Globe and triangle. Ceylon, No. 419, Oct. 14, 1968. Guyana, South America, set of four stamps 1400th ann. of the Holy Quran.

Lyndon B. Johnson, Entered Apprentice Mason, issued by Salvador, December 5, 1968, Scott No. 789-90.

Lighted candle, Belgium, No. 672, December 7, 1968

Compasses, Libia, No. 343, November 3, 1968.

Napoleon I, Dahomey issued on April 14, 1969, set of four stamps for the bicentenary of Napoleon's birthday. Monaco also issued two singles for Napoleon's bicentenary, April 26, 1969.

FROM THE EDITOR

CORRECTION: In the last issue, in the bio-sketch article of Bro. R. M. Needham, it was mentioned that Bro. Needham was a Graphic Arts Instructor at the Fairfield School for Boys. Bro. Needham is now with the Ohio School for the Deaf.

CONGRADULATIONS: to Bro. S. Clark Place installed recently Commander of Monroe Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, Rochester, New York.

JUDAICA HISTORICAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY: Jan Bart, the author of the article "A Philatelic Phenomenon" appeared in the last issue of the MSC, is the President of the Judaica Historical Philatelic Society, which specializes in discovering all philatelic items of Judaic interest. If you are interested and wish further information about this Society write to Mr. Jan Bart, 559 Beach 130th Street, Rockaway Park, N. Y. 11694.

THE CANA ZONE ORIENT: Bro. Thomas C. Peterson, MSU #205, Balboa, Canal Zone, is the Secretary of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies, Orient of the Canal Zone and the Editor of the Canal Zone Orient, Official Publication. In the May issue of the publication Bro. Peterson included an article concerning the Masonic Stamp Unit and its activities. We hope this will stimulate interest in getting a few more members in the Unit. This nice gesture on the part of Bro. Peterson is very much appreciated.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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WALTER MARTY SCHIRRA, JR.

Schirra was born March 12, 1923, at Hackensack, New Jersey. He was the Project Mercury astronaut who piloted "Sigma 7" Mercury spacecraft six orbits, October 3, 1962.

On December 15-16, 1965 he with Bro. Thomas Stafford in Gemini VI spacecraft made rendezvous in space with the team of Borman and Lovell in Gemini VII.

Walter M. Schirra, Jr. was made a Mason "at sight" on November 4, 1967 at Jacksonville, Florida, by M.W. Grand Master John T. Rouse.

More recently, in 1968, Bro. Schirra orbited eleven days with Walter Cunningham and Bro. Donn Elsele.

Schirra is on a number of stamps including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Paraguay, and Ras Al Khaima.

Schirra, Stafford, Borman and Lovell are all shown on Haiti, Nos. 544-47, C263-65. Schirra and Elsele are shown on a recent issue of Yemen.

Donn F. Elsele was raised June 8, 1952 in Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, Ohio. Thomas P. Stafford was raised July 22, 1952 in Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

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

EMILIO AGUINALDO

Philippine patriot and general. b. March 22, 1869, at Old Cavite, Luzon of Chinese and Tagalog parentage. Was educated in the home of a Jesuit priest and later in the University of St. Thomas, conducted by the Dominican friars in Manila. Was initiated Jan. 1, 1895 in Pilar Lodge under the Grand Orient of Spain, becoming master of the lodge. At the outbreak of the insurrection in August, 1896, he was mayor of Cavite Viejo. During this uprising, he took a prominent part, displaying a marked capacity for leadership. In 1898 Spain gave him a subsidy for remaining out of the country and he went to Hong Kong until the U.S. entered the war against Spain. Believing the time was ripe for a change in government, he returned immediately after the Battle of Manila, May 1, 1898, for the express purpose of assisting the American government. They gave him authority to set up a native government of which he became the head and organized an army. Having doubt as to the future freedom of his country under American rule, he began hostilities against the U.S. during the year 1899 and engaged in several pitched battles, but was driven from capital to capital until finally captured by General Frederick Funston at Palawan, Luzon on March 23, 1901.

On April 19, 1901 he took an oath of allegiance to the U.S. and retired to a peaceful life. During the Spanish rebellion he organized the Triagle Magdalo, with other Freemasons and it later became Magdalo Lodge. The lodge held its meetings in Aguinaldo's residence. It was on the balcony of this residence that the proclamation of the First Republic and the unveiling of the original Philippine flag took place, June, June 12, 1898. Four months after his initiation into Freemasonry, he affiliated with the Katipunan, an organization patterned after Freemasonry with passwords and three degrees. Seeing this organization was the best means of gathering support for the revolutionary movement, he encouraged all able-bodied men to join it, and the success of the revolution, at least in Cavite, may be attributed to the Katipunan. When the Grand Orient of Spain fused with the G.L. of the Philippines in February 1917, Aguinaldo became a Scottish Rite Mason. He was coroneted a 33° on Feb. 13, 1955. d. 1964.



Emilio Aguinaldo and Historical Building, Cavite

This stamp was issued January 23, 1969, Scott No. 1010-1012, to commemorate the centenary of his birth.

FERDINAND VI - ANFI-MASON

King of Spain, 1746-59. He was the second son of Philip V and Maria Louisa of Savoy. He kept Spain neutral during the first part of the Seven Years' War. He suffered from extreme melancholy which developed into insanity. His government was generally administered by ministers Jose de Carvajal and Ensenada. At the solicitation of Joseph Torrubia, visitor of the Holy Inquisition, he enforced the Bull of Excommunication of Pope Benedict XIV and forbade the congregation of Freemasons under the highest penalties of law (1751).

Ferdinand VI is shown on Chile No. 374 issued December 31, 1968.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

On March 15, 1969, the United States issued a 6¢ commemorative honoring the 50th anniversary of the American Legion. A Veteran's Organization dedicating

itself "For God and Country".

The acknowledged "Father of the Legion" was Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the 26th President of the United States. Lt. Col. Roosevelt (later General) joined with 19 other officers in convening the Paris Caucus which started the legion on March 15, 1919. Only 463 bothered to sign the register although many more came and went without signing. During the 1960s membership climbed to 3540,000 in spite of an annual loss of about 50,000 older veterans through death. Today, the Legion comprised 16,237 posts with 2,625,000 members. A million women also belong to the affiliated American Legion Auxiliary.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. became a Mason, 1920, in the same lodge as his father, Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York.

He died in the Invasion of Normandy during the Second World War, from a heart attack.

Submitted by Bro. Robert A. Smith, Long Island City, New York.

EARL WARREN

Chief Justice of the United States, since 1953; Governor of California, 1943-53. b. March 19, 1891 in Los Angeles Calif. Graduate of University of California in 1912 and 1914, practicing law in Oakland until 1938. From 1939-43 he was attorney general of California. In 1948 he was the Republican candidate for the vice president of the U. S. In Sept. 1953 he was special ambassador of the U.S. to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Since 1953 he has been chancellor of board of regents of Smithsonian Institution and chairman of board of trustees of the National Gallery of Art.

A member of Sequoia Lodge No. 349, Oakland, Calif., he was grand master of the Grand Lodge of California from 1935-36. He is a member of Oakland Chapter No. 36, R.A.M. and Oakland Commandery No. 11, K.T. Past Potentate of Aahmes Shrine Temple of Oakland, 1933, and a member of St. Phillip Conclave No. 23, Red Cross of Constantine. He joined the Scottish Rite in Oakland in Dec. 1919; was wise master of Rose Croix in 1938, venerable master of Lodge of Perfection in 1945 and received honorary 33° AASR (SJ) on Dec. 23, 1941

Earl Warren is shown on a Liberian stamp, Scott No. 447, administering the oath of office to Pres. Kennedy. It was issued to commemorate the third anniversary of Pres. Kennedy's death. No. 448 also depicts the same scene.

BIO-SKETCH THOMAS A. KEEGAN

Born in Liverpool, England, 1909. Entered the Grocery trade at 14 years as delivery boy, first Manager's position in 1931. Still in same trade, now employed as Supermarket/Display Executive with Fitzpatrick's Food Supplies Singapore. Have been in Singapore almost 20 years.

Masonically, was raised in Lodge St. Andrew, No. 143 (Scottish Constitution) March 1954. Master 1960. Prin. "2" Chapter St. Andrew 1961, W.C.N. & M.E.C. Ailsa Lodge & Council, No. 602, 1963, T.I.M. Ailsa Cryptic Council No. 602 1964. M.W.S. Malaya Sov. Chapter No. 48, 1967. T.I.M. Malaya Cryptic Council No. 46 (English) 1967. Member of District Grand Lodge since 1963, and of District Grand Chapter, 1964. Received the 30° in November 1966. At present D.G.D. of C. (D.G.Lodge) Deputy Grand Supt. District Grand Chapter Hon. Grand

Sword Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Philatelically, specializes in Great Britain, Malaysia, Singapore, and a few British Colonies, and of course, all aspects of Masonic interest I can find.

BRITISH NEW ISSUES

Bro. Capt G. K. Gillberry of Winchester Hants, England, furnished us with a list of stamps to be issued by British Post Office during 1969. The list is rather long to include here but if any of our members is interested in British postage stamp may write direct to Capt. Gillberry, 29 Connaught Road, Worthy Down, Winchester Hants, England. His letter continues as follows: "I have been unable to find anything of definite Masonic connection in the 1969 stamp program. I would welcome news of Masonic affiliation of Alcock-Brown and Ross and Keith Smith. However, some may care to gamble on Prince Charles being initiated one day. His father, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh is a Mason. His Grandfather King George VI was Grand Master as was his Great Uncles King Edward VIII. The Duke of Kent the present Duke of Kent (Grand Master of England) is the Queens Cousin and therefor is a first cousin once removed to Prince Charles who presumably will be King Charles III one day. The Architecture will feature both modern and medieval cathedrals, I know not which ones yet but with their connection will orient operative Masons. I feel sure that these will grace any Masonic collection. Anyway, I am willing to repeat my offer of last year and send British mint stamps and first day covers (postmarked wherever I happen to be stationed) at cost price. 1d=1s - 1 shilling=12d and one pound is \$2.40. First day covers supplied for 10d and a self addressed label. (No charge for own covers, if sent to me pre addressed). Payment to me preferably by money order payable in sterling or pound notes. For dollar bills add 5d, for checks add 30d and please, no U.S. coins or stamps in payment. I must make the point that the offer is only for members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and the Masonic Stamp Unit, as a service to interested members. I am not interested in supplying vast quantities to stamp dealers. I cannot supply the regional first day covers, as they are available in the regions only."

SAMUEL WESLEY

Late in 1967 St. Kitts issued a 3-value set, Scott Nos. 185-187, commemorating the Methodist Conference. The 3c value showed John Wesley (1703-1791) the founder of Methodism; the 25c value showed Charles Wesley (1707-1788) a Methodist lay preacher and father of Samuel.

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) was not shown on a postage stamp, but I think the above two showing his father and uncle are sufficient to justify an item on Samuel. He was born in Bristol, England and like his brother Charles, was a prodigy. He joined the Catholic Church in 1784. In 1811, he conducted the Birmingham Festival, and played organ. From 1824, he was organist at Camden Chapel. At one time, he was the most distinguished organist in England, and was called by Mendelssohn "The Father of English Organ-playing" His enthusiasm for Bach made him the first to reveal Bach's music to English listeners. He composed eight lessons for harpsichord in 1777, sonatas, sonatinas, rondos, marches, a trio for three pianos, seven sets of variations, waltzes, etc.

Bro. Wesley was initiated as a Freemason in Lodge of Antiquity No. 1 on December 12, 1788, and in 1812 the office of Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of England being first instituted, he received the appointment from the Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, and held it until 1818. He composed the anthem

performed at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. He was the composer of many songs, glees, etc. for use of the Craft. He was well entitled to the epithet of "The Great Musician of Masonry".

Submitted by Bro. Allan M. Evans, Woolloowin, Queensland, Australia.

CLARA BARTON

Clara Barton was a Christmas present to the world in 1821. She was born on an old farmhouse in North Oxford, Mass., the daughter of a Mason who fought in the Revolutionary War. In her childhood she had heard stories of the hardships suffered by soldiers in war. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, she offered herself as a volunteer nurse. She worked tirelessly in hospitals, in camps and on the battlefield. She organized relief campaigns and raised funds.

While she was engaged in her noble work, Dr. Robert Morris, founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, visited her home town and she asked him to make her a member. This was done in her home, the degrees being communicated to her by Dr. Morris in the presence of a group of Masons. Thus, her zeal was further fired by the objectives of the two great organizations.

After the war, President Lincoln gave her the task of identifying the bodies of unknown soldiers. Through her efforts, some 13,000 were identified and returned to bereaved relatives.

She was resting in Switzerland when the Franco-Prussian War broke out. It was not long before she was at the front, aiding the wounded. She entered Strasbourg with the German army and organized the relief work there. For these services, she was awarded decorations by the German government.

In her European services, she had seen the Red Cross in action. When she returned to the United States in 1873, she began a campaign to have the United States join the movement. Her efforts were successful, and in 1881 the American Red Cross was formed. She became the first president and continued as such until her death in 1912.

Through her long years of service and sacrifices, she retained the Eastern Star pin given her by Dr. Morris at the time of her initiation. In her late years, she was a member of the Clara Barton Chapter in her home town of Oxford, Mass. That chapter participated in her funeral arrangements. Referring to her father, on one occasion she said: "For the love and honor I bear him, I am glad to be connected with anything like this."

Here is another outstanding example of one of the cardinal principles of the Order of the Eastern Star.

- "The Freemason", Toronto, Canada.

Clara Barton is shown on U.S. No. 967

MASONS LEADERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MOVIES

Masons have been outstanding in the development of the motion picture industry in the United States. The greatest director of all times was David Griffith, a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York, who has been called the "Father of Film Art." His superproduction, "Birth of a Nation," has grossed about \$50,000,000, a record which no other film had approached. He died 1949.



One of the founders of the Vitagraph Company, the first concern to make motion pictures in the United States, was J. Stuart Blackton, a member of Centennial Lodge No. 763, New York. He began directing pictures in 1896.

In 1922, when the film industry was beset with public criticism which threatened its independence, the big producers called upon a Mason, Will H. Hays, a lawyer from Sullivan, Ind., to act as a censor without any restrictions whatsoever. He ruled with firmness, but also with fairness, until his retirement in 1945. He is credited with having saved the industry from government regulation. Bro. Hays, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, died in 1954.

Many of the leading motion picture producers, directors and screen stars of today are Masons. A long list of others have gone to their rewards.

In 1944, the United States issued a 3¢ stamp, Scott No. 925, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of motion pictures.

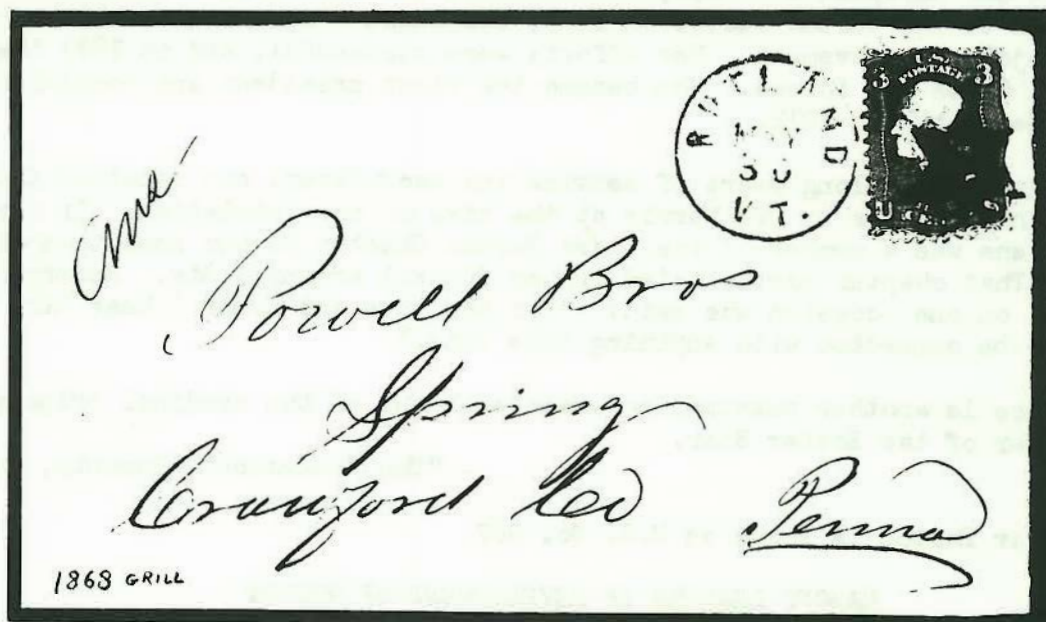
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Editor's note: Bro. Jerry R. Erikson, Box 424, Pico Rivera, Cal. 90660, has compiled an extensive list entitled "Freemasons in the Entertainment World". This article is currently appearing in the "Royal Arch Mason" magazine in parts. Part IV will be included with the Summer 1969 issue. It is most interesting as well as very informative. Write to Bro. Erikson for a copy. I am sure he has copies for sale at a nominal cost.

MASONIC POSTAL HISTORY

By N. G. Koutroulis

Masonic Fancy Cancellation on cover. Six-pointed star with Negative letter "G"



This cover was cancelled at Rutland, Vt., May 30, 1868, one of very few towns where the postmasters used Masonic cancellers. The postmaster who improvised this Masonic cancellation which was made from cork was John B. Kilburn. Postmaster Kilburn was a member of the Masonic Fraternity - it is known he received a Masonic funeral. The six-pointed star with the negative letter "G" cancellation is one of eight various Masonic cancellers used by this postoffice.