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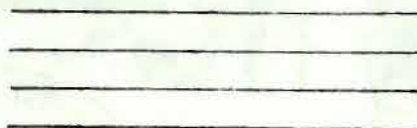
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WHOLE NO. 12

A Moon Landing Stamp



The "First Man on the Moon" postage stamp will be issued September 9 at Washington, D. C. in conjunction with the National Postal Forum, Postmaster General Winton M. Blount announced recently.

Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Lt. Col. Michael Collins and Lt. Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., who took Apollo 11 to the moon and back, will participate in person in the dedication program. The following day they will be honored at a joint session of Congress.

The 10-cent air mail stamp, which is being printed from the master die that was carried to the surface of the moon, has generated enormous interest world-wide. Within three weeks after the stamp was announced, July 9, the City Post Office had received 500,000 first day cover requests and the flow is continuing at the rate of 60,000 to 80,000 daily.

About one-fifth of the requests are from overseas, a figure that has never been remotely approached in previous stamp issues. There are heavy demands from stamp collectors in Australia, England, France and Belgium, but just about every nation is represented in this effort to obtain a unique souvenir of man's boldest adventure into space.

To celebrate this event, the United States will issue its largest stamp, 50 percent larger than conventional commemorative stamps.

As mentioned in the last of the Masonic Stamp Collector this stamp should occupy a prominent place in every Masonic stamp collection as one of the first men to set foot on the moon is a prominent Masonic figure - Lt. Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.

The Masonic Cover Club will issue a Masonic first day cover to commemorate this historic event and to honor Brother Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.

Many countries throughout the world are issuing stamps to commemorate the moon landing. Many of these countries will issue stamps depicting the portraits of the three Astronauts. The portrait of Col. Aldrin will be of particular interest to a Masonic collection. Apollo 11 and the moon landing will be a philatelic topic of its own, a specialized field in itself.



This first day cover issued by Western Samoa depicts two stamps to commemorate the Moon Astronauts with a special first day of issue cancellation, postmarked 24 July 1969 the day of the splashdown. W. Samoa was the first country to lead the parade in issuing stamps for the moon landing. Since then many other countries followed suit.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

Slogan cancellations have been authorized at the following post offices:

Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895	HOMETOWN OF NEIL ARMSTRONG FIRST MAN ON MOON	Time of receipt plus six months. Begin Sept. 6.
Los Angeles, Cal. 90052	U.S. MOTION PICTURE DIAMOND JUBILEE 1894-1969	Time of receipt through December 31, 1969
Director of Postal Operations, U.S. Army, Europe APO New York 09403	1949-1969 20th ANNIVERSARY NATO ALLIANCE FOR PEACE	Time of receipt through December 31, 1969

For the Neil Armstrong slogan the 10c Apollo stamp to be issued Sept. 9 may be used. This will make an interesting addition to the moon landing collection. For the Motion Picture Diamond Jubilee slogan the 3c motion picture stamp (Scott No. 925) may be used. For Masonic connection see page 87 of the MSC. The 4c Nato stamp may be used for the 20th Anniversary Nato slogan, No. 1127.

OHIO MASONIC LODGE TO ISSUE CENTENNIAL CACHET

On October 20, 1969, the 100th anniversary of the founding of Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431 F. & A. M. Canton, Ohio, a commemorative cachet will be issued which will be franked with the new 10 cent moon stamp.

Each envelope will contain a card with a short history of this Masonic Lodge.

The Centennial Covers will be available at 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. Covers will be forwarded unaddressed.

Orders and remittances (no stamps) to: Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431, F. & A.M., Cachet Director, P. O. Box 109, Canton, Ohio 44701. Orders must be at above address by October 1, 1969.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

273 Robert W. Woodward	17 Rue du Pont Neuf	Brussels, Belgium
274 William Y. Day	P.O. Box 1320	Albrook AFB, Canal Zone
275 Glenn D. Keeney	2426 S.R.45, Route 1	Rock Creek, Ohio 44084
276 William Lutten Jr.	815 W. 104th Place	Los Angeles, Cal. 90046
277 Dennis E. Provencher	1962 Communications Group Box 164	APO San Francisco 96239
278 C. L. Seivard	258 Prospect St.	Pottstown, Pa. 19464
279 Mrs. Audrey McComas	5836 Compass Drive	Los Angeles, Cal. 90045
280 Floyd M. Erlenneyer	87 Colonial Road	Stamford, Conn. 06902

HONOR ROLL

The following members recruited new members to the Masonic Stamp Unit. Each member received 50¢ credit towards his dues in the Unit for each member recruited.

48 Jacob S. Glazer, 1. 186 J. M. Cunningham, 1. 197 A. G. Kanzler, 1
233 K. C. Price, 1.

ITALIAN MASONIC COVERS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Brother Bruno S. Guglielmi, Via S. Martino, 18/12, I-18038 Sanremo, Italy, informed us that he has still available for sale a few of the Masonic first day covers issued by Club Filatelico Internazionale Di Tematica Massonica. These are very attractive covers and will enhance any Masonic collection. The covers still available and the price are as follows:

Francesco Baracca	\$0.75 each
Lions (Melvin Jones)	0.50 "
Cesare Battisti-Nazarie Sauro	0.50 "

I recommend that payment should be made in the form of Bank Draft New York Exchange.

THE DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CASE

On September 22, 1969 the U.S. Post Office Department will issue a 6¢ postage stamp to commemorate a monumental legal decision-the Dartmouth College Case-which Daniel Webster won before the Supreme Court a hundred and fifty years ago.

The new stamp will be issued at Hanover, New Hampshire, where Dartmouth was established in 1769, under a charter grant by George III. What began as a campus squabble erupted into a national issue that resulted in the famed Dartmouth College Case. The school's board of trustees had removed the President. In reprisal, the New Hampshire legislature revoked the school's charter, established a rival institution, Dartmouth University, and named the deposed President to head it.

The legal issue at stake was whether a charter was a contract and, of so, could the legislature revoke a privilege it had not granted. Daniel Webster, perhaps Dartmouth's most famous graduate, argued the case successfully before the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice John Marshall reasserted the sanctity of contracts.

Chief Justice John Marshall was a member of Richmond Lodge No. 13 (now 10) of Richmond, Va., and of Richmond Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Richmond. He later became a member of Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19 of the same city. It appears that he was never master of a lodge, but nevertheless he was deputy grand master, and then from 1793-95 was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Daniel Webster is said by many to have been a anti-Mason. However he was present and took part in the Masonic cornerstone laying of the Bunker Hill Monument on June 17, 1825, with his friend Isaiah Thompson, a Mason.

A MASONIC EVENT OF CINCINNATI LODGE 133

Bro. Ralph A. Herbold, MSU #91, Lynwood, Cal., sent the following article which appeared in the Marion Masonic bulletin, Marion, Ohio and deals with an occurrence in Cincinnati Lodge No. 133 in the year 1852 concerning General Louis Kossuth.

General Louis Kossuth, a political refugee from revolution torn Hungary, visited Cincinnati together with his military staff consisting of Messrs. Col. Count Gregory Betlen, Peter A. Nagy, Paul Hajnik and Dr. Julius Utosy.

All petitioned Cincinnati Lodge with hand-written petitions for membership, the petitions in their original form are a part of the minutes of that day and

they read as follows: 'Being an exile for liberty's sake, I have no fixed place of residence; I am now staying at Cincinnati, my age is 49½ years. My occupation is to restore my native land of Hungary to National Independence and to achieve by community of action with other nations, civil rights and religious liberty in Europe. The minutes disclose that they were initiated February 19, 1952, passed the following February 20 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the same date. On February 26th following they were elected Honorary Members and their fees, \$25.00 each, were returned to them to assist their cause. The minutes do not disclose whether or not permission of the Grand Master of that time was obtained. On April 19, 1894 Cincinnati Lodge received notice of his death in Budapest and a suitable monument was erected to memory giving his Masonic record.

Lajos Kossuth is shown on Hungary Nos. 624-1016 and U.S. Nos. 1117-1118

THE PHILIPPINE MASONS

Part I

The Philippine Masons on stamps comprise an interesting group. Some of them became Masons as students while studying in Europe, and on returning to their homeland established lodges under the Grand Orient of Spain.

Data collected so far on those known to be Masons, although incomplete, is presented here. It is hoped that anyone having additional knowledge of dates, places, lodges, degrees, etc. will add the information (with source) to the little already accumulated. All stamp numbers given are Philippine.

Graciano Lopez Jaena 1856-1896. Stamp: (1952) No. 601

Jaena was one of the first of the Filipino Masonic patriots. He was born at Jero, Iloilo; went to Spain at age 20; studied in Madrid; was an orator of note; always strived to have Spain give his motherland better conditions for the masses. He joined Masonry in Spain. Was founder and first editor of a Masonic biweekly newspaper "La Solidaridad".

In Barcelona he founded the lodge "Revolucion" and on April 1, 1889 obtained a charter from the Grande Oriente Espanol which had been organized that same year. Lopez Jaena was W.M. of Lodge "Revolucion". M. H. del Pilar was a member and many Filipinos were initiated there.

Lodge Solidaridad No. 53 was founded in Madrid, obtaining its charter May 5, 1890. All Filipino Masons in Spain became affiliated including those who had belonged to Lodge Revolucion which was then dissolved.

On Bro. Jaena's last visit to the Philippines in 1890, he and others joined with del Pilar in organizing "Lodge Nilad" in Manila which was constituted January 6, 1891 and given Number 144.

Marcelo H. del Pilar 1850-1896. Stamps: (1952) #592, ('49) #535-36, ('62) #833.

He was born at Kupang, in the Province of Bulacan, P.I., Aug. 30, 1850. Was a member in 1889 of Lodge Revolucion, Barcelona. One source states that he was initiated there. He served as W.M. of the famous Lodge Solidaridad No. 53 of Madrid, 1890, of which Jose Rizal was Orator.

That same year he, with Jaena and others, went to Manila to found Lodge "Nilad" No. 144 and became known as the "Father of Philippine Masonry".

A well-trained lawyer, he left his native land for Spain because of persecution by the friars. He later became Grand Orator of the Spanish Supreme Council and attained the 33°. He died of tuberculosis July 4, 1896.

Of the various monuments to him, the greatest is the Flaridel Masonic Temple in Manila. Flaridel was a pseudonym used by him, the word being formed by transposing the letters in his surname -- del Pilar.

Jose Rizal 1861-1896. Stamps: Too many to list.

Rizal was a young man of many extraordinary gifts. He was born in Calamba, Laguna, June 19, 1861. Studied at Santo Tomas University in Manila, then went to Europe for further education.

He was initiated in 1889 in Lodge Acacia No. 9, Madrid, Spain, and was raised to the 3rd degree Nov. 15, 1890 in Lodge Solidaridad No. 53, Madrid. A 3/4 length photo of him "when he was a student" shows him wearing an elaborate Masonic apron with Square & Compasses on the fringed flap, and a large tassel at the side.

Rizal moved to Paris to study in 1891 and was authorized to represent the Grande Oriente Espanol before the Grand Orient of France. In Paris he affiliated with a French lodge which met at Rue Cadet 22 and of which his friend, Dr. Trinidad H. Pardo was already a Fellowcraft. He affiliated on the same evening on which Dr. Pardo was raised to the 3rd degree. What may be a clue to the name of the lodge is found the following year when Rizal, en route to the Philippines, stopped in Hong Kong where, as a visitor at St. John's Lodge (Scotch constitution) he signed the register: "Jose Rizal, Temple du honneur de les Amis de L'Honneur Francais".

In Manila he was made an honorary member of the newly formed Nilad Lodge No. 144. He is credited with the establishment of the Lodge "Filipina".

Rizal Consistory is named in his honor.

Jose Rizal was executed by a firing squad December 30, 1896.

Dr. Trinidad H. Pardo de Tavera 1857-1925. Stamp: (1949) #B1.

Physician, statesman, writer, scholar. He was initiated in Paris in the same lodge with which Jose Rizal affiliated. He assisted Antonio Luna in organizing a Masonic Triangle (club) in Paris.

In 1901 Dr. Pardo introduced the French Grand Orient in the Philippines by founding on June 18 "Lodge Rizal" to honor the great martyr. "Lodge Rizal" was composed of a group of Filipino intellectuals who had survived the period of terrorism. Dr. Pardo was its first W.M.:

General Antonio Luna (1868-1869) Stamp : (1952) #598.

Antonio Luna, born Oct. 29, 1868, died June 5, 1899, was a brilliant scholar. Studied military science in Germany. Was made a mason in Madrid and was among those who were appointed to organize Philippine Masonry. He prepared the regulations and a complete plan of organization, but before he could make the trip, moved to Paris where, with Dr. Pardo, he founded a Triangle (Masonic Club) under the auspices of Lodge Solidaridad, of which he had been a member in Madrid.

During the Philippine Revolution he was a general in the army headed by General Emilio Aguinaldo. He was killed in a fight following an unfortunate quarrel with fellow officers.

Part II, The Philippine Masons to be continued next issue

Ed. note: We are indebted to Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York for this most interesting article on The Philippine Masons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Loke for his interest in our Unit and his constant support in furnishing articles for publication in the Masonic Stamp Collector. Without his kind help the task of being editor would be a difficult one. More Masonic articles are needed. Many more of our members should be able to submit Masonic philatelic articles for publication.

MASONIC STAMP UNIT TWO YEARS OLD

This issue of the Masonic Stamp Collectors concludes two years of the existence of the new Masonic Stamp Unit of the American Topical Association. It is time for the majority of the membership to renew their dues. Please help by remitting your dues early. As you can realize without the dues and a proper amount of members on the rolls this publication could not be possible. Therefore, I hope and trust that every member finds this publication interesting and informative that will renew his membership. Your editor is appreciative of the many kind letters received during the past year from many of our members and their encouragement and confidence. Your editor will try to do his best. This is a time consuming job and trust that you will understand and bear with me if at times the MSC is late in getting out.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sometime ago the following letter was received from Bro. E. H. Steinbeck, MSU #78, Eureka, California pertaining to the editor's request for members' bio-sketch.

"I do not know how much you want to know about me.

I am 78 years old and was Master in 1921. Last year in October, I and my brother received our 50 year pins from our Lodge, having received our 3rd degree together 50 years before. The man who gave us the 3rd was present as was the Past Grand Master who had worked for us at the time. We felt highly honored by the occasion. I am a fairly new collector but get a lot of enjoyment out of it, as I cannot do much physically anymore."

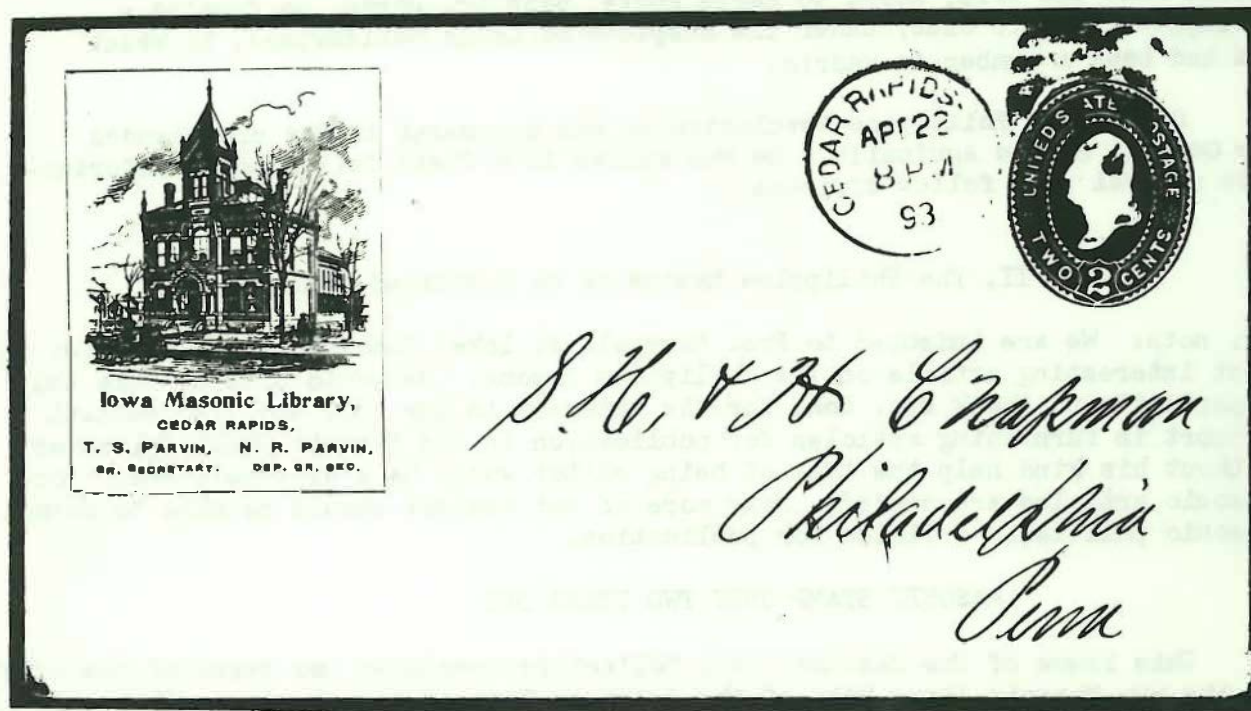
MASONIC POSTAL HISTORY

IOWA MASONIC LIBRARY

April 22, 1893

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Two (2) cents stamped envelope 1887-93 Issue, Die 2



This Masonic corner card depicts the great Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, founded in 1844 by the first of the Grand Secretaries, Theo. S. Parvin. This building was erected in 1844 and it has been added to from time to time until it now has more space devoted to Library purposes than any other Grand Lodge. It probably ranks as the "No. 1" Masonic Library in the entire world.

The Grand Lodge, from the Iowa Masonic Library, issues a monthly bulletin devoted to the interest of the Craft in general and the dissemination of information of particular interest to Iowa Masons.

From the collection of Bro. N. G. Koutroulis

FRANCISCO MORAZAN

One of the ablest and best men than Central America has ever produced was soldier-politician Francisco Morazan. He was born at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 3, 1792; entered political life early and by 1824 was secretary-general of Honduras.

When Honduras and Salvador revolted against the president of Central America, Morazan came rapidly to the front as a military leader. After a series of brilliant military exploits he was, in 1830, elected president of the Central American Confederation in which office he served two terms. As no provision had been made for electing his successor, the union of the states of Central America was dissolved and he himself was compelled to find refuge in Peru. Thereafter each state acted independently.

In 1842 he arrived in Costa Rica, again proclaimed the confederation of the states and assumed the presidency of San Jose. A revolution followed and Morazan was driven out, later captured and shot at San Jose Sept. 15, 1842.

Francisco Morazan was a Freemason, having been initiated in Igualdad Lodge No. 1 at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Masonic Temple there was pictured on a postage stamp in 1935, Honduras No. 328.

Morazan's portrait appears on various stamps including Honduras No. 30, C127; Costa Rica 228, C83; Salvador 404, 479; Cuba 353

-Marshall S. Loke.

ARGENTINE MASONS

On September 17, 1966 Argentina issued a series of stamps to honor Argentine writers. Four of these stamps depicting writers are Freemasons.

Hilario Ascasubi (1807-1875) Stamp: Scott No. 799

During the government of the dictatorial President Juna Manuel de Rosas, Ascasubi enlisted in Urquiza's army who tried to put an end to the dictatorship. Ascasubi held the rank of a colonel and acted as Urquiza's aide-de-camp. His greatest reputation Ascasubi acquired, however, by his poetry in which he did not forsake his love for the Gauchos. Poems as "Santos Vega" and "Aniceto el Gallo" are masterpieces of their kind.

Ascasubi was initiated May 20, 1858 in Lealtad (Fidelity) Lodge No. 6, Buenos Aires

Estanislao del Campo (1834-1880) Stamp: Scott No. 800

Del Campo was one of the feted poets and authors of his time and under the pseudonym of "Anastasio el Pollo" one of the pillars of Argentina Gaucho poetry. Especially his poem "Fausto" won him his people's sympathy. As a journalist for the papers "El Nacional" and "Los Debates" he took a lively part in the discussion about the problems of his time. His witty and vivid mind and the dramatic power of his word made him one of the great men of his country.

Del Campo was initiated June 3, 1858 in Lealtad Lodge No. 6, Buenos Aires.

Miguel Cane (1851-1905) Stamp: Scott No. 801

Miguel Cane began his career as a lawyer and came into prominence as a journalist for "La Tribuna," "El Nacional," "La Nacion" and other papers. In Public life he was among other things Director of the Post and Telegraph Service, member of the House of Representatives and Minister of Foreign Affairs. As journalist and politician he was an advocate of secular legislation and the separation of Church and State. As an author too, Cane won his spurs especially with his work "Juvenilia," a refreshing and pleasant story about student life in the National College of Buenos Aires. His showed his admiration for the classical literature in two speeches that have become famous, titled: "The academical spirit" and "The Classical education"

Cane was initiated June 12, 1872 in Regeneracion Lodge No. 5, Buenos Aires.

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