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WHOLE NO. 18

Dear Fellow Members:

I hope everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable Summer. My Summer was rather a hectic one. During the month of July my wife entered the hospital for a surgery. Thank God, everything went along just fine and no complications. Of course, this set me back quite a bit with my correspondence, stamp collecting and the publishing of the Masonic Stamp Collector. I was also several days out of town on business. I am trying to get this and the next issue ready before I leave for Hawaii on Nov. 1 for the American Philatelic Society convention and long awaited vacation. I am pleased to say that my wife will be accompanying me.

With this issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector it will mark the end of the third continuous year of publication since the re-activation of the Masonic Stamp Unit of the American Topical Association. The past three years have been most enjoyable for me editing and publishing the newsletter and I trust it has been enjoyable and informative for you. Without your continued active and moral support I could not have done it. I do hope everyone will see it worthwhile to continue his membership for another year. This issue also marks the renewal of dues for most of our members. Before you forget please send in your dues in the amount of \$3.00 (domestic and Canada), \$3.50 overseas. I must know within a reasonable short time how our membership for the ensuing year will stand. Therefore, please forward your dues now.

I am in the process of bringing my file on Masonic philatelic data up to date. When this is done I am thinking of publishing a Masonic check-list in several issues of the Masonic Stamp Collector which will enable our members to obtain the appropriate stamps at one time and also give them an idea what to expect in line of Masons appearing on stamps of the World. I hope my files will be brought up to date by the end of this year so I can start publishing the check list with the first issue in 1971.

On the last page of this issue you will find a dues notice renewal blank for your convenience in remitting your dues. If there is a check mark by it, it will mean that your dues expire with this issue. Please remit promptly.

Nick Koutroulis
Editor

MASONIC COVER CLUB

The following is cover No. 15 issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Maine Statehood stamp and the honoring of William King, First Governor and a Mason.



MAINE
150th Anniversary of
Statehood
WILLIAM KING
First Governor

William King, first Governor of Maine and first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Main. Early in life he became a member of the Mass. legislature and took an active part in drafting and enacting the religious freedom bill. He was an ardent advocate of the separation of Main and Mass. and presided over the convention to frame a constitution for the new state.

He was made a Mason in Massashusetts Lodge of Boston, Mass., Feb. 3, 1800, and became first master of Solar Lodge No. 14, Bath, Maine, Sep. 10, 1804. He became Grand Master in 1820.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

MASONIC FIRST DAY COVER

-ROUTROULIS-

No. 16

The next U.S. issue with Masonic connection will probably be that of General Douglas MacArthur presumably sometime in November. No date announced as yet. The other stamp with Masonic connection will be issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the United Nations. The Stone Mountain Stamp already issued earlier in September. This stamp depicts Stonewall Jackson. No cover was issued for Stonewall Jackson because his Masonic affiliation is not conclusive. Although it is believed that Stonewall Jackson was made a Mason in a traveling Military Lodge while in the Mexican War no proof has ever been found.

NEW ISSUES

- U. S. - Maine Statehood Stamp, July 9 - Scott No. 1391
- Great Britain - Charles Dickens issue (Anti-Mason), June 3 - Scott Nos. 617-621
- Australia - Capt. James Cook issue (Sir Joseph Banks), Apr. 20 - Scott No. 480
- Uruguay - Giuseppe Garibaldi, Apr. 7 - Scott No. C359
- Denmark - Lighted candle, May 4 - Scott No. 467
- Mali - Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mar. 30 - Scott No. C88
- Netherlands Antilles - Altar, May 12 - Scott No. 324

MASON'S INFLUENCE BRINGS U.S. INTO UNITED NATIONS

The two United States' United Nations issues -- a 2¢ stamp of 1943 No. 907 and a 5¢ stamp of 1945 (No. 928) -- can be placed in a Masonic collection. (Also the U. S. will issue another stamp later this year to honor the 25th anniversary of the United Nations - Ed. note).

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Mason, appointed Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, another Mason, as a delegate to the conference which drew up the U. N. Charter.

There, Senator Vandenberg's influence was powerful. He piloted this joint effort of mankind for a peaceful world through the Senate of the United States. Without his convincing backing and influence, it is doubtful whether the measure would have been approved.

Senator Vandenberg, who died April 18, 1951, at the age of 67, was a 33° Mason, a member of the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Grand Rapids, Mich. and of Saladin Shrine Temple. He was raised May 8, 1907 in Grand River Lodge No. 34. Member of Columbian Chapter No. 132, R.A.M. and DeMolay Commandery No. 5, K.T. Also member in DeWitt Clinton Consistory.

MASONS "AT SIGHT"

Two U. S. Generals who served in World War II were made MASONS "AT SIGHT". They were General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief of staff and author of the Marshall plan for European Economic recovery, in 1941 when he was Secretary of State, and General Douglas MacArthur, who received the degrees in 1936 in the Philippines, where he was affiliated with Manila Lodge No. 1.

General Marshall is shown on Germany No. 821 and U.S. No. 1289. General MacArthur is pictured on numerous Philippine stamps and a forthcoming U.S. issue.

SIR JOSEPH BANKS

When young Joseph Banks graduated from Oxford, he was well qualified for the career which followed. He was born in London, Feb. 13, 1743; and at the age of 21 had come into possession of the ample fortune left by his father, William Banks, M.P. He was elected a member of the Royal Society at the early age of 23, and the same year, 1766, he undertook an expedition to Newfoundland and Labrador, bringing back a rich collection of plants and insects.

Sometime before 1768 he became a Freemason and member of the "Somerset House Lodge" (one of the aristocratic Lodges) in London, now the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4. Because the earliest minutes of the Lodge have not survived, the dates of his receiving the degrees are not available, but it seems a reasonable certainty that Somerset House Lodge was his Mother Lodge, as he was already on their Roll before he was 25 years old.

When Captain James Cook embarked on his first globe circling voyage of discovery, Banks accompanied him as naturalist, fitting out the ship, the "Endeavor," at his own expense, with a natural history library and adequate equipment for collecting and preserving anything botanical or zoological. They sailed from Plymouth, England, August 26, 1768, on the first great seaborne scientific journey.

A stamp of Australia (#328) relating to Banks features a flower of the Banksia or Australian honeysuckle tree named in his honor. The trees have numerous oblong flowers which secrete much honey and abound in all parts of Australia. One species (Banksia grandis) grows to a height of 50 feet. Banks Peninsula on South Island in New Zealand was named after him by Cook. An island in the Torres Straits, between New Guinea and Australia was named Banks, as well as a group of seven island in the southern coast of New Guinea was explored. The expedition returned by the Cape of Good Hope to England, arriving in June 1771 with Banks' rich collection of plants, animals, etc.

In 1772 Banks explored Iceland, discovering the great geysers there. In 1778 he was chosen president of the Royal Society over which he presided 42 years until

his death. In 1781 he was made a baronet. In 1895 he received the Order of the Bath. Sir Joseph Banks died June 19, 1820 at Spring Grove, Isleworth, near London. He bequeathed his library and his celebrated botanical collection to the British Museum.

Aside from the record of Sir Joseph Banks' lodge memberships already mentioned, other details of his Masonic background are rather skimpy. There is, however, a record dated March 3, 1801, of his being recommended by Witham Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln, England, for the office of Provincial Grand Master which he declined on account of extreme ill health, his very numerous avocations and his ignorance of the "Higher Mysteries of the Ancient and Honourable Institution."

No doubt his very close association with Cook, and his personal interest in Australia during its formative years has strengthened the idea that Cook, too, was a Mason. There is not one shred of evidence to back up the claim re Cook, either from historians or the Grand Lodge of England.

Sir Joseph Banks is shown on a recent issue of Australia of April 20, 1970, Scott No. 480.

The above is part of an article on Sir Joseph Banks written by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, N. Y. which appeared in The Masonic Philatelist in 1965.

ARGENTINE MASONS

Part II By Marshall S. Loke

The arrival of San Martin in 1812 marked the beginning of a new period. Under his leadership the armies liberated Argentine, Chile and Peru from Spanish control. He established the Lautaro Lodge which speedily became the most important political influence in the country and most of the subsequent successes were directly or indirectly due to it. All of his officers had to be members of Lautaro Lodge or at least of some Masonic Lodge. Several, who had been members of the old "Independencia" Lodge, affiliated with Lautaro.

JOSE DE SAN MARTIN, 1778-1850

This distinguished military leader, educated in Spain and trained in the Spanish Army, was born February 25, 1778 at Yapeyu on the Uruguay River. Returning to Buenos Aires in 1812 he and other officers offered their services to the patriot junta of that colony. He at once organized a regiment of cavalry called the Mounted Grenadiers (Stamp 1962 No. 736). In August 1812 San Martin and his associates established a Lautaro Lodge in Buenos Aires authorized by Miranda who founded the original Lautaro Lodge in London.

In 1813 San Martin succeeded Belgrano as commander of the patriot forces. In 1816 Congress declared the La Plata states independent (Stamp 1916 No. 220). Crossing the Andes into Chile (Stamp 1951 Chile #C165) San Martin and Chile's O'Higgins severely defeated the Spanish troops at Chacabuco Feb. 12, 1817 (Stamp 1910 Chile #84), and occupied Santiago where independence of Chile was proclaimed (Stamp 1910 Chile #83). Later a fleet of ships was assembled and transported San Martin's army to Peru. Lima was occupied July 9, 1821 and three weeks later the independence of Peru was proclaimed (Stamp 1921 Peru #225).

Bolivar's patriot army approached from the north and Peru was threatened

by rivalry between two patriot leaders. San Martin magnanimously resigned his authority on September 20, 1822 after an interview with Bolivar. He sailed for France in September 1822 where he passed the remainder of his life in comparative poverty. He died at Boulogne-sur-mer August 17, 1850 (Stamp 1950 No. 587-93). The final triumphs of war were achieved by Bolivar and his generals, but the independence of South America was largely due to San Martin.

Jose de San Martin was initiated in 1808 in "Lealtad" Lodge in Cadiz, Spain, and in 1811 he joined Miranda's "Lautaro" Lodge in London. On arrival in Buenos Aires in 1812 he founded another "Lautaro" Lodge with the aid of Alvear and others. Another Lodge was formed in Cordoba in 1814, one in Mendoza in 1816 which worked secretly as an "Academy of Mathematica", and one in Santiago, Chile. in 1818. In 1825, after his return to Europe, San Martin was presented a medal by the Lodge "Parfaite Amitie" of Brussels. This medal is on exhibit in the Mitre Museum, Buenos Aires.

Stamps: (1867) #19, (1878) #37, (1888) #64, (1891) #86, (1892) #103-5, (1908) #144-58, 159, (1910) #175, (1916) #222-26, 227-30, (1917) #231-37, 238-42, 243-46, (1923) #323-34, 335-38, (1926) #359, (1935) #422-23, (1945) #547, (1947) #569-70, (1950) #587, 589, (1954) #628, 642, (1961) #729 statue in Madrid. Also, United States of 1959, Champion of Liberty Issue, Nos. 1125-1126.

GENERAL CARLOS MARIA DE ALVEAR, 1789-1853

Argentine patriot and co-worker with San Martin. A general in the war of independence, he was in charge of the infantry and artillery while San Martin led the Mounted Granadiers. In 1814 he was victorious in the siege of Montevideo and in 1815 was named supreme administrator.

Alvear was initiated in Spain and later served as Master of his Lodge, "Caballeros Reacionales" No. 7, in Cadiz. On return to Buenos Aires in 1812 he was one of the founders of Lodge "Lautaro". In 1839 he was appointed first minister of Argentina to the United States; he affiliated with "Federal" Lodge No. 15 in Washington, D. C. He was present at the cornerstone laying of Washington Monument. President and Brother James K. Polk presented him a Masonic jewel. He died in U. S. A.

Stamps: (1873) #24, (1878) #40.

GARVASIO ANTONIO DE POSADAS, 1757-1832

Supreme administrator of Argentina in 1814.

Member of "Lautaro" Lodge.

Stamps: (1873) #25, (1890) #82.

GREGORIO ARAOZ DE LAMADRID, 1795-1857

Adjutant to Gen. San Martin. Commanded a cavalry division under General Urquiza.

Member of "Lautaro" Lodge.

Stamp: (1891) #87.

GENERAL ANTONIO GONZALES BALCARCE, 1777-1819

Was taken prisoner in 1807 in defense of Montevideo, Uruguay, against the British and was sent to Europe. Returned to Argentina in 1810. Commanded inland troops in the war of independence. Became supreme administrator in 1816.

Member of "Lautaro" Lodge in Buenos Aires.

Stamp: (1873) #22.

GENERAL JUAN MARTIN DE PUEYREDON, 1777-1858

General and politician. Supported the patriot cause. In 1816 he was appointed dictator of the republic.

Initiated in "Lautaro" Lodge in Buenos Aires.

Stamp: (1966) #814

GENERAL JUAN GREGORIO DE LAS HERAS

Argentine Field Marshal; Gen. San Martin's chief-of-staff. His action in the Battle of Chacabuco, Chile, (stamp #834), February 12, 1817 was outstanding and during the Chilean war of independence. He was governor of Buenos Aires in 1824 to 1826.

Member of "Lautaro" Lodges in Mendoza, Chile and Peru.

Stamps: (1966) #815, Peru (1921) #224.

DR. FRANCISCO MARCISO DE LAPRIDA, 1780-1829

Lawyer, statesman and patriot. He presided over the congress that made the declaration of independence from Spain. His was the first signature on the Argentine Declaration of Independence July 9, 1816. He was murdered in 1829 during a massacre of the opponents to the tyrant, Rosas. (More about Rosas in Part III).

He was initiated in the famous "Lautaro" Lodge. Later he affiliated with "San Juan Frontier" Lodge in his native city of San Juan in which Lodge he was most active and over which he presided on three different occasions.

Stamps: (1916) #215-19.

BERNARDINO RIVADAVIA, 1780-1845

Distinguished jurist; one of the 'Fathers of the Republic'. Founder of the University of Buenos Aires. In 1826 he became the first constitutional president of Argentina. Rosas forced him to resign. He died in Cadiz, Spain. In 1855 his remains were returned to Buenos Aires and entombed in a magnificent mausoleum, shown on stamp (1945) #546.

Rivadavia was initiated into the Craft during one of his trips to Europe. There are two versions of his affiliation on return to Buenos Aires: a- Affiliated with "Aurora" Lodge and was one of the founders of "Valeper" Lodge. b- Joined "Southern Star" Lodge No. 205 under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of

Pennsylvania. All of his sons were Freemasons, two of them outstanding members of the Grand Lodge of Argentina.

Stamps: (1864) #8-17, (1867) #18, (1888) #60, 61, 71, (1890) #77, (1891) #85, (1892) #92-96, (1926) #357, 358, (1935) #430, (1945) #544, 545.

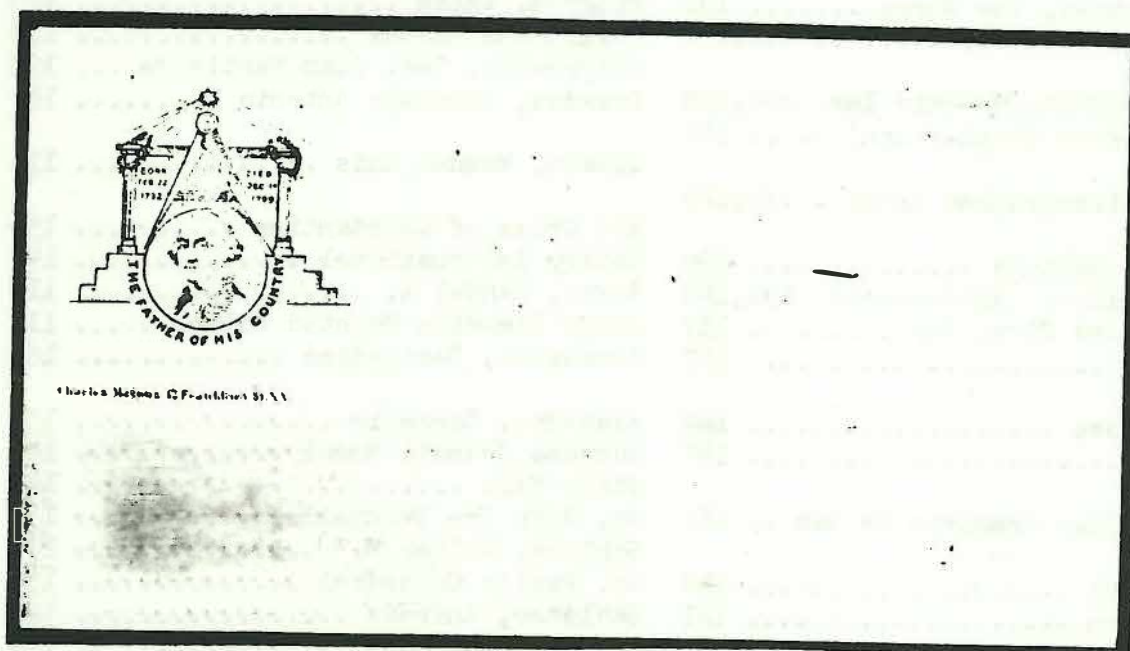
VICENTE LOPEZ Y PLANES, 1784-1856

Poet and politician. Born in Buenos Aires and died there. Studied law. Served as volunteer during the English invasion 1806-07. Served as secretary under Pueyrredon in 1816. Was a member of congress in 1819 and 1825. Was prov. president of the united provinces of Rio de la Plata in 1827. After a short administration he was succeeded by Urquiza. He was Minister of the Treasury and President of the Supreme Court of Justice, and Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires.

Lopez was initiated in the famed "Lautaro" Lodge. He became a member of the Lodge "Caballeros de America", also in Buenos Aires. His son, Vicente Fidel Lopez, was Grand Master of Argentine Masons in 1879-80.

Stamps: (1877) #38, (1888) #58, (1944) #E10-11. He was author of the national anthem "Marche de la Patria" in 1813, stamp (1944) #E10.

MAGNUS COVER UNUSED



This Masonic corner card was engraved by Charles Magnus, one of the most famous of engravers of the 19th Century. He engraved many Patriotic corner cards during the Civil War era. This Masonic engraving depicts George Washington, the Mason, the Compasses, pair of columns, the three steps and dates of Washington's birth and death. Was Magnus a Mason??? Any information will be appreciated. (From the editor's collection).

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