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FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings to all. I will try to have this issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector in the mail before the end of March. The month of April will be a very busy one for me. On the first of the month I will attend the Spring Meeting of the American Philatelic Society in Atlantic City. During the middle of the month I will attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Louisiana which will be held in Lafayette, La., about 250 miles west of New Orleans. Then, toward the end of the month I will be at WESTPEX in San Francisco, heading the panel of judges. The month of May will not be any better. I am vice general chairman of a business convention to be held in New Orleans in the first week in May. And in the third week of May, NOPEX - I am General Chairman. Very often I am asked what do I do with my spare time. Well, besides being a husband, father and making a living - I collect stamps, recorder of my Commandery, treasurer of my local stamp club, treasure of a carnival organization, vice president of my business club and trying to edit the MSC. Not to mention attending Masonic meetings, chairman of Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge, etc. etc. Where do I find the time? The time is there, I just make the most of it. I think it only takes willingness and positive thinking. If you want to do something you will find the time. So much for that. Back to the paper.

ATA CONVENTION, JUNE 18-20, 1971

The 22nd annual International Topical Stamp Exhibition and Convention of the American Topical Association, TOPEX, will be held June 18-20, Syracuse, New York. Prospectus for exhibiting are available by request and stamped and addressed envelope sent to Mrs. Elsie P. Rose, 331 Westfall St., R.D. 1, Syracuse, N. Y. 13209. I do hope there will be several of our members exhibiting Masonic Philately. If you are thinking of exhibiting at TOPEX this year please act early.

MASONRY IN ITALY

Brother Bruno S. Guglielmi, MSU member, who was recently elected Worshipful Master of G. Mazzini Lodge No. 98, Sanremo, Italy, has published a booklet about Masonry in Italy. It is written in English and is very interesting and informative. It tells about the formation of Masonry in Italy and its struggle for existence with the church. I don't know how many of these booklets are available but if you are interested in one, Bro. John M. Cunningham, Grant Building 151, U.S. Soldier's Home, Washington, D. C. 20315, has a few and write to him for details.

MASONIC COVERS RECEIVED

Bro. Guglielmi from Sanremo, Italy, sent the following Masonic first day covers: Centenary Garibaldi's defense at Digione, 65th anniversary Rotary International, Garibaldi Uruguay issue. Bro. John Cunningham from Washington D.C. sent FDC on Gen. MacArthur and DAV. Also received three nice covers from Apollo 14 recovery forces cancelled Feb. 9, 1971 by USS New Orleans, USS Ponchartroula, USS Hawkings. Unfortunately no indication who the sender was although I do suspect from one of our members. Thank you all for these covers which are very much appreciated. If any of the members are interested in buying Italian Masonic cover on Rotary International Italian stamp issue write to Raimondo Ricce Via Galgiardi, 25, 48022 Lugo di Ravenna, Italy.

HOW TO BUY STAMPS PERTAINING TO MASONRY

From time to time I receive letters from members asking how to go about buying stamps pertaining to Masonry, especially when it comes to one stamp of the subject wanted in a long set, particularly in the complete set is too costly. Sometimes it is difficult to buy only the one stamp that you need from a set. Many dealers will not break a set. However, there are several dealers who specialize in catering to Topical collectors and will break the set. From these dealers you will also be able to find many of hard to get foreign stamps for your topic. It will be impossible for me to list them here but they do advertise in several philatelic journals and newspapers. Your best source for dealers specializing in topicals are advertising in TOPICAL TIME, a bi-monthly journal of the ATA parent organization of our Unit. After you decide on the dealer then you can send your want list to that dealer with the name of the country and Scott numbers of the stamps.

KILLMON HONORED

Bro. Harry E. Killmon, MSU #6, Onley, Va. has recently awarded the Melvin T. Blassingham Nobility Award by the Norfolk Shrine Club. This award is presented annually to a Khedive Temple Shriner, selected by the Oyster Bowl Executive Committee as having done the most good for the Oyster Bowl Game and in appreciation of the invaluable services to Greenville, S.C., Unit Hospital for Crippled Children. Bro. Killmon was presented with a large punch bowl. Congratulations and best wishes Bro. Killmon.

MINT MASONIC COVERS FOR SALE

Bro. George P. Tempel, 1053 Grove St., Irvington, N.J. 07111, has a set of 54 different Mint Masonic First Day Covers (52 covers in blocks) for sale and wants \$40.00 for the set. If anyone interested communicate with Bro. Tempel direct.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- 302 Dr. M. Herman, P. O. Box 784, Davidson, Sask. Canada
- 303 Stewart M. L. Pollard, 4600 Duke Street, Alexandria, Va. 22304
- 304 Forrest G. Smith, 126 Argyle Rd. Apt A-2, Ardmore, Pa. 19003
- 305 Alan R. P. Golding, Box 91, Westwin 12, Manitoba, Canada

306 F. E. Darlow, 8 High View Court, 57a Augustus Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19, Eng.
 307 George H. Wettach, 17-20 Well Drive, Fair Lawn, N. J. 07410
 308 Donald K. Fuss, 232 E. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa. 17602
 309 Charles Morris, 142-02 84 Dr., Jamaica, New York 11435

FORT SNELLING STAMP - GEN. RIDGEWAY FINDS BOYHOOD HOME

Stamp Collector Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway, a former Chief of Staff, and a member of West Point Lodge No. 877, New York, reports a boyhood home has been depicted on the Fort Snelling stamp issued in 1970 in a letter to H. E. Harris, Boston, Mass. as reported by Linn's.

Gen. Ridgeway's letter reads in part, "When I first saw the stamp illustrated I felt sure that the building at the extreme upper right edge of the bluff was the old commandant's house into which my father, then Captain, Commanding Battery F. 5th Field Artillery, moved with my mother, sister and me in the early winter of 1902. I was then seven years old and have the clearest recollections of the house, a big barn like structure with an old furnace which didn't function part of the time, forcing the family to spend much of our time around the living room fireplace for warmth." Gen. Ridgeway went on to report that he felt so sure of his facts that he wrote for verification and received replies that it was the structure in question - the old Commandant's House - and that it had been restored.

"We lived there for two years, then moved into modern quarters elsewhere on the Reservation, the first home lighted by electricity in which I had live," General Ridgeway reminisced.

MISSOURI STATEHOOD STAMP



Missouri Statehood Shown

Postmaster General Winton Blount made public the design of the Missouri Statehood stamp on Feb. 13; the 8c is pictured here and shows the central portion of the Thomas Hart Benton's mural "Independence and the Opening of the West." Issue date according to the UPI will be President Harry S. Truman's 87th birthday anniversary, May 8.

ALEXANDER McNAIR
 First Governor

This stamp will be issued with first day ceremonies May 8 at Independence, Missouri.

Subject of the horizontal stamp is the central portion of Thomas Hart Benton's mural, "Independence and the Opening of the West," which is in the Harry S. Truman Library. Date of issue will be President Truman's 87th birthday anniversary.

Alexander McNair: First Governor of Missouri, 1820-24. b. May 5, 1775 in Mifflin Co., Pa. In 1794 he was a lieutenant in command of a company during the whiskey insurrection, and in 1799

was appointed lieutenant of infantry, but mustered out in 1800. He went to Missouri Territory in 1804, settling in St. Louis, where he served several years as U. S. commissary. In 1812 he was appointed adjutant and inspector general; during the war of 1812 he was a colonel of Missouri militia in the U.S. service. After his term as governor he was U.S. Indian agent. A member of St. Louis Lodge No. 111, chartered by Pennsylvania, he was buried first in the old military cemetery by Missouri Lodge No. 1.

He is claimed both by Freemasonry and the Roman Catholic Church. In 1819 he took an active part in building the first Presbyterian church in St. Louis, being one of the four on the subscription committee headed by Thomas H. Benton. In June, 1811 he headed the committee of arrangements of St. Louis Lodge No. 111 for the festival of St. John the Baptist.

Bishop Du Bourg wrote on July 6, 1822: "The whole family of our governor are practical Catholics; and the governor himself does not miss any of our church celebrations." Edward Brown, one time vice president of the Catholic Historical Society of St. Louis said: "Although Governor McNair came from a family of Scotch Presbyterians, and had been born and reared in a Protestant community, he died in the faith which had been so truly exemplified in the home life of his wife and children, and received the last sacred rites of the church at his death.

His body was later removed to the Catholic Calvary Cemetery of St. Louis. d. March 18, 1826.

MASONIC COVER CLUB

Every member in the Masonic Cover Club has by now received the two Masonic covers for Gen. Douglas MacArthur stamp. The next Masonic cover to be issued, No. 18, will be for Missouri Statehood stamp, Alexander McNair, first governor of Missouri. Also a cover will be issued with a cachet depicting Harry S. Truman as Grand Master since the stamp shows a portion of the mural in the Truman library in Independence, Mo. and the first day of issue is on his 87th birthday anniv.

NEW ISSUES

Franklin D. Roosevelt - Nicaragua Nos. C729-C734, Rwanda 381-388
Garibaldi at Battle of Dijon - Italy Nos. 1021-1022
Pres. William V. S. Tubman - Liberia No. 532, S/S 533 (Prince Hall)
Gen. Douglas MacArthur - U. S. No. 1416
Charles Dickens (Anti-Mason) - Cameroun Nos. C156-C158
Virgil, Gus Grissom - Mauritania C101-C103
Walt Disney - San Marino 736-745
Swords into Plowshares (statue) - Russia 3787 (Knights Templar symbolism)
Eiffel Tower - French Polynesia C55-C56
Albrecht Durer - Burundi B46-B48, CB12-CB14
Doves - Japan 1049; Morocco 236; Syria C476-C477; Tunisia 538

SPECIAL MASONIC CANCELLATION



The above cover bears the special Masonic Cancellation applied in Berlin Germany, October 25, 1970, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of existence of Freemasonry in Germany. It is an interesting cancellation but please do not ask me how to obtain one. This cover was sent to the editor by Bro. Bruno Guglielmi, Sanremo, Italy.

MORE ON G. H. "GORGEOUS GEORGE" SISLER - AJMAN ISSUE

Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, N. Y. furnished additional details concerning G. H. Sisler (See Vo. 4, No. 2, page 178).

He was born March 24, 1893 at Nimisila, Ohio. He began as a big league player in 1915; both leagues claimed him and the dispute nearly caused war between the leagues. His 257 hits in 1920 for St. Louis A.L. was an all time record for most hits in one season. Elected to Hall of Fame 1939.

Sisler received his degrees on Jan 13, Feb. 3 and Feb. 17, 1920 in Rose Hill Lodge No. 550, St. Louis, Mo.

ARGENTINE MASONS

PART IV

DALMACIO VELEZ SARSFIELD, 1801-1875

This eminent jurist was also a writer and politician. He was the author of the Argentine Civil Code.

He was a member of Logia "Obediencia a la Luz" No. 13.

Stamps: (1878) #36, (1888) #69, (1890) #89

GUILLERMO RAWSON, 1821-1890

Aphysician; he was founder of the Red Cross in Argentina.

He was one of the first to be initiated in "Union del Plata" Lodge No. 1 at Buenos Aires in July 1856.

Stamps: (1968) #859.

✓ DARDO ROCHA, 1838-1921

Politician. He was the founder of the capital city whose name, "La Plata", was suggested by the poet Jose Hernandez. Founded November 19, 1882, this city is now called Ciudad Eva Peron.

Rocha was initiated when 20 years old in the Lodge "Constancia" No. 7 by his father who was one of its founders.

Stamp: (1923) #41³₅.

JULIO ARGENTINO ROCA, 1843-1914

Born at Tucuman in July 1843. Studied in military school at Parana, joined the army and became general in 1874. Was Minister of War 1878-80 and in this capacity headed an expedition by which the Indians of Patagonia were reduced to subjection. Gen. Roca was president of Argentina Oct. 12, 1880 to Oct. 12 1886. Specie payments were suspended in 1885 marking the beginning of the great Argentine crisis which soon convulsed the financial world.

Julio Roca was a member of "Union del Plata" Lodge No. 1 in Buenos Aires.

Stamps: (1888) #64A, (1933) #410, (1941) #477, (1964) #767, (1966) #794

✓ MIGUEL JUAREZ CELMAN, 1844-1902

Born at Cordoba September 29, 1844. Graduated University of Cordoba, Doctor of Jurisprudence, in 1870. Was elected President of the Republic in 1886. The era of wild speculation that started in 1885, vast public works and inflated currency culminated during his administration and brought about the financial panic of 1890 the effects of which were felt throughout the world. The president had been so discredited that the resigned on August 6, 1890, leaving the vice-president, Dr. Pellegrini, to finish the term.

Juarez Celman was W.M. of "Piedad y Union" Lodge No. 34 in Cordoba.

Stamps: (1888) #59, #70.

CARLOS PELLEGRINI, 1846-1906

He was a son of the Frnch engineer who built the extravagant Colon Theater at Buenos Aires in imitation of the Paris Opera. As vice-president under Juarez Celman, he inherited the presidency in August 1890. Pellegrini was an able statesman who during his brief term of office devoted special attention to much needed financial reforms which restored public confidence. He was responsible for the creation in 1890 of the national bank, the Banco de la Nacion (Stamp -1966- #811). It began operations in the ancient building of the Colon Theater. A new building was erected in 1944.

Pellegrini was initiated in Regeneration Lodge No. 5 and in 1883 demitted to Docente Lodge. He was one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Argentina and was Grand Master Elect at the time of his death. Argentina Confraternidad Lodge, which had elected him an honorary member, organized a solemn memorial meeting in his homage July 18, 1906.

Stamp: #478.

ROQUE SAENZ PENA, 1851-1914

A member of the conservative minority, he had an honorable record of public service. He was inaugurated as President of Argentina in 1910. The Saenz Pena Law, passed in 1912, provided for universal and compulsory male suffrage, secret ballot, a strict system for registration of voters, and one year's military service for all men reaching the age of 18.

He was initiated March 14, 1882 in Docente Lodge, Buenos Aires.

Stamp: (1957) #663.

✓ HIPOLITO IRIGOYEN (or YRIGOYEN), 1852-1933

Born at Buenos Aires in 1852 and died there July 3, 1933. In 1916, for the first time in their history, the Argentine people freely elected a president. With the adoption of the secret ballot, their choice was Hipolito Irigoyen. He was succeeded in 1922, but was re-elected again in 1928 for another six-year term. His popularity waned during his second administration largely because of the world depression of 1930 and he was overthrown September 6, 1930.

Irigoyen was initiated March 15, 1882 in the Lodge "Docente" in Buenos Aires. During his second term in office he signed a decree against Freemasonry on September 3, 1929 and on November 26, 1929 expressed his regret about this and rescinded the edict.

Stamp (1965) #779.

DR. LUIS MARIA DRAGO, 1859-1921

Statesman and jurist. A great jurisconsultant and internationalist. He was the Argentine delegate to the International Conference of 1907 at The Hague.

He was initiated in the Lodge "Estrella del Oriente" on September 11, 1879. He was Argentine representative near the Grand West of the Netherlands on the 150th anniversary of its foundation.

Stamp: (1960) #717.

JOAQUIN VICTOR GONZALEZ, 1863-1923

Journalist, politician and statesman. Minister of home affairs, foreign affairs, justice and education and member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

He was initiated August 17, 1881 in the Lodge "Piedad y Union" No. 34 at Cordoba and in 1885-86 was W.M. of this Lodge. He was a member of the Lodge "Libertad" No. 48 at Buenos Aires and was W.M. of this Lodge also.

In 1896 he was Deputy Grand Master and afterwards Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Argentina. He was a member of the Lodge "Bernadino Rivadavia" No. 174, October 24, 1922. He was an active member and afterwards honorary member of the Supreme Council of the 33°.

Stamp: (1964) #766.

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

CHECKLIST OF MASONIC FIRST DAY COVERS

Continued from page 180, last issue. By Richard M. Needham, Lancaster, Ohio.

<u>Scott #</u>	<u>Person or Event</u>	<u>Cachet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Postmark</u>	<u>Dt</u>	<u>Place</u>
1153/1132						
1094	50-Star Flag (Hawaii-Dave Kalakaua)	MAHDEEN		Jul.4,1960		Honolulu
1154/894	Pony Express Centennary (Alex. Majors)	"		Jul.19,1960		St.Loe,Mo.
U543	"	"		"		Sacramento
1158	USA-Japan Treaty Centenary (Mat Perry)	"		Sep.28,1960		D.C.
1170	Walter F. George	"		Nov. 5,1960		Vienna,Ga.
1168	Champion of Liberty (G. Garibaldi) 4¢	"		Nov. 2,1960		D.C.
1169	" 8¢	"		"		"
1178	Civil War Centennial - Ft. Sumter (Anderson)	"		Apr.12,1961		ChasTon,SC
1183	Kansas Statehood Cent. (Chas Robinson)	"		May 10,1961		Council Grove
1184	George W. Norris	"		Jul.11,1961		D. C.
1189	Basketball Centennial (James Naismith)	"		Nov. 6,1961		Springfield, Ma.
1042a	John J. Pershing, 8¢ regular	"		Nov.17,1961		NYC
1192	Arizona Statehood (50th Ann.) Geo. Hunt	"1		Feb.14,1962		Phoenix, Ar.
1193	Project Mercury (Ken. Kleinknecht) Plate#	"		Feb.20,1962		Columbus, O.
1193	"	"		"		Cape Canaveral
1179	Battle of Shiloh (Beauregard & Wallace)	"		Apr. 7,1962		Shiloh, Tn.
1197	Louisiana Statehood (Wm. Claiborne)	"		Apr.30,1962		New Orleans
1202	Sam Rayburn	"		Sep.16,1962		Benham, Tx.
1213	George Washington, 5¢ regular	"		Nov.23,1962		NYC
1209	Andy Jackson, 1¢ regular	"		Mar.22,1963		NYC
1225	" 1¢ regular coil	"		May 31,1963		Chicago
1180	Battle of Gettysburg (George Pickett)	"		Jul. 1,1963		Gettysburg
C64b	1st day Luminescent tagging 8¢ airmail	"		Aug. 1,1963		Dayton, Oh.
1242	Sam Houston	"		Jan.10,1964		Houston
1181	Battle of Wilderness (Winfield Hancock)	"		May 5, 1964		Fred'bg, Va.
1244	New York World's Fair (Masonic Pavilion)	"		Apr.22,1964		World's Fair
U546	"	"		Apr.22,1964		" "
1247	New Jersey Statehood Terce. (Wm Paterson)	"		Jun.15,1964		Elezabeth, N.J
1248	Nevada Statehood (Blasden & NYe)	"		Jul.22,1964		Carson City

1248/999	Nevada Statehood Centenary (Blasden & Nye)	"	Jul.22,1964	Carson City
1251	Mayo Clinic (Charles Mayo)	"	Sep.11,1964	Rochester
1260	Amateur Radio (Barry Goldwater)	"	Dec.15,1964	Anchorage,Al.
1261	Battle of New Orleans (Andrew Jackson)	"	Jan. 8,1965	New Orleans
1262	SOKOL Centenary Founding (M.Tyrsh)	"	Feb.15,1965	D.C.
1059a	Paul Revere (25¢ regular coil)	"	Feb.25,1965	Wheaton,Md.
1182	Civil War Centennial-Appomattox (Ely Parker)	"	Apr. 9,1965	Appomattox,Va
1264	Winston Churchill	"	May 13,1965	Fulton,Mo.
440 Canada	Winston Churchill	"	Aug.12,1965	Ottawa,Ont.
420/421UN	Winston Churchill	MSCNY	Jul.8,1965	Cardiff,GB
1267	Salvation Army (Billington Booth)	MAHDEEN	Jul. 2,1965	NYC
1284	Franklin D. Roosevelt, 6¢ regular	"	Jan.29,1966	Hyde Park,NY
1283	George Washington, 5¢ regular	"	Feb.22,1966	D.C.
1308/996	Indiana Statehood, (John Jennings)	"	Apr.16,1966	Corydon,Ind.
1309	Circus (Ringling Birth Centenary)	"	May 2,1966	Delavan, Wis.
1286	Andrew Jackson, 10¢ regular	"	Mar.15,1966	Hermitage,Tn.
1304	George Washington, 5¢ regular coil	"	Sep. 8,1966	Cincinnati
1323	National Grange (Oliver Kelley)	"	Apr.17,1967	D.C.
1325	Erie Canal Sesqui (Dewitt Clinton)	"	Jul.4, 1967	Rome,NY
1326	Lions International (Melvin Jones)	"	Jul. 5,1967	Chicago,Ill.
1326	" " (Wm. R. Bird)	"	"	"
1328	Nebraska Statehood (David Butler)	"	Jul.29,1967	Lincoln,Neb.
1289	George C. Marshall, 20¢ regular	"	Oct.24,1967	Lexington,Ky.
1337/955	Mississippi Statehood (Win. Sargent)	"	Dec.11,1967	Natchez,Ms.
1338	50-star Flag definitive (Bob Heft, designer)	"	Jan.24,1968	D.C.
1339	Illinois Statehood Sesqui (Shad. Bond)	"	Feb.12,1968	Shawneetown
1343	Law and Order (R. M. Needham)	"	May 17,1968	D. C.
1343	Law and Order (J. Edgar Hoover)	"	May 17,1968	D. C.
1286A	Henry Ford, 12¢ regular	"	Jul.30,1968	Greenfield
1361	American Painting (Bunker Hill) Thos Grosvenor	"	Oct.18,1968	New Haven
1355	Walt Disney (DeMolay)	"	Sep.11,1968	Marceline,Mo.
1369	American Legion 50th ann. (Ted Roosevelt,Jr.)	"	Mar.15,1969	D.C.
1372	William C. Handy (Memphis Sesqui)	"	May 17,1969	Memphis,Tn.
1338A	50-star flag definitive coil	"	May 30,1969	Chicago
1375	Alabama Statehood Sesqui (Thos. Bibb)	"	Aug. 2,1969	Huntsville
C76	Moon Landing airmail (Edwin Aldrin)	"	Sep. 9,1969	D.C.
C76/C69/1371/C45/1331-2/1193/976		"	"	"
1197	La. Statehood Sesqui/Grand Lodge La. Sesqui	MSCLA	Apr.30,1962	New Orleans
1242/776/938	Sam Houston	TREYCO	Jan.10,1964	Houston,Tx.
1097	de Lafayette (birth bi-centennial)	MSCNY	Sep. 6,1957	Fayetteville
1097	" "	"	"	Easton,Pa.
1097	" "	"	"	Louisv'l,Ky.
1048	Paul Revere, 25¢ regular	"	Apr.18,1958	Boston
1105	James Monroe	"	Sep.19,1958	D.C.
1122	Forest Conservation, Ted Roosevelt	"	Oct.27,1958	Tucson,Ar.
1037	The Hermitage, 4 1/2¢ regular	"	Mar.16,1959	Hermitage,Tn.
1128	Arctic Explorations (Adm. Peary)	"	Apr. 6,1959	Cresson,Pa.
1034	Bunker Hill (Jos. Warren) 2 1/2¢ regular	"	Jun.17,1959	Boston
1139	American Credo (Washington)	"	Jan.20,1960	Mt. Vernon
1139	" "	MSCNY Ch#1	"	"
1140	" (Franklin)	"	Mar.31,1960	Phila.
1140	" "	MSCNY	"	"
1145	Boy Scouts (Dan Beard)	"	Feb. 8,1960	D.C.
1184	George W. Norris	"	Jul.11,1961	D.C.
1042a	John J. Pershing	"	Nov.17,1961	NYC
B385 France	Dominique Larrey	Unknown	Dec.12,1964	Beadudean,Fr.

MASONIC ALBUM PAGES

About a month or so ago everyone received a separate communication from me pertaining to the availability through the Unit of newly made Masonic Album pages for stamps in general and for covers. Also a special Masonic Title page is available.

All pages were printed on high quality stock sheets, punched for three-ring binders, printed in appropriate color of blue and the outside corners rounded off.

The cost of the pages, either style, are \$2.00 per lot of 30. Minimum order 30 pages (title page excepted). The Masonic Title page is 25 cents each. Postage extra.

If you haven't ordered yours yet please do so as soon as possible. This is another service of the Masonic Stamp Unit to our members.

LA. MASONIC STAMP CLUB BACK ISSUES

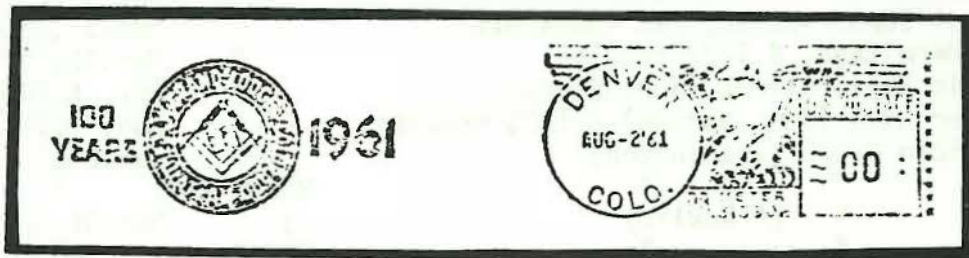
The Louisiana Masonic Stamp Club was active for three years and during that time a monthly publication called the La. Masonic Stamp Collector was issued. It contains many articles on Masonic persons, symbols plus an extended Masonic check-list. The numbers available are from 7 through 35 complete. It is an excellent ready made reference material. Only ten sets are available. If any one is interested write to me as soon as possible. \$3.50 a set, postage included.

FRANK M. CORDESCO - BIO-SKETCH

A retired Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy after 23 years of service. Have been a Master Mason since 1953 and belong to Dade Lodge F. & A. M. #14, Key West, Florida. A member of the Key West Consistory and was elected for one year Commander of the Council of Kadosh. In 1967 was appointed District Chairman for Americanism in the 30th Masonic District, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida. Also a member of MAHI Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Miami, Florida.

Main philatelic interests are Masonic First Day Covers, Space First Day covers, and stamps with a Masonic relation.

MASONIC METER SLOGAN CANCELLATION



This is a Masonic meter slogan cancellation used by the Grand Lodge of Colorado during the year 1961 to publicize its 100th anniversary. The meter slogan is in blue and reads "Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A.M."