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Dues ' Time

This issue completes Volume Number 4 of the Masonic Stamp Collector. It is sincerely hoped that you have enjoyed getting it as much as your editor enjoyed preparing it.

Now it is time again for the renewal of dues. The success and continuation of any publication is its dues paying membership. Without the necessary number of members on the rolls it will not be possible to carry on the work. The present number of membership is approx. 200 active. This number must be maintained to support the cost involved in the preparation and mailing the Masonic Stamp Collector. 200 members is the absolute minimum without going in the red, if we are going to maintain a good offset printed paper. This is a labor of love for your editor and must be sustained with membership dues. With the high cost of printing and recent increase in postage it makes things difficult for the yearly budget. It is not the intention to increase the dues. Your editor is willing to continue this work as long as he is able to. Therefore, it is urged that all of you send your dues in NOW. Please!!!

In order to save your editor some time, the dues of all our members will be due at the same time from now on. If you are billed more than \$3 or less, it means that your membership will expire at the end of the volume year. Your expiration number will be shown on your address label.

The outer wrapper of this issue is intended as a reminder for the dues and may be used in remitting your dues. It will facilitate matters if you show your MSU number (shown on address label) along with your name and address. If the inside of the outer wrapper is blank that means that your dues are paid and you are in good standing until a subsequent end of volume year.

THANK YOU for your cooperation.

An Editorial

Way back in early Spring it was made known that the U.S.P.S. would issue a series of stamps to commemorate the 200th birthday of our Country. The first of the series was to be issued July 4, 1971, and was to depict a battle scene of the American Revolution.

Immediately your editor went to work writing letters to various Masonic Philatelists, Masonic Libraries, etc, to determine if the first battle had any Masonic connection. Bro. Marshall Loke was also contacted and after due research it was determined that no obvious Masonic connection could be made with the proposed stamp.

On July 4, 1971, the stamp was unveiled and wow, what a "label". After seeing this strange looking abstract design, your editor was indeed happy that no Masonic connection could be made with the first American Revolution stamp. It would have been an insult to the Fraternity and to our Masonic forefathers to have honored them with such a "trash". The design depicts the official emblem of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission - a white star outlined in red, white and blue rounded contours. No wonder it was not made public in advance. The stamp looks like a decal for the wingtips of model airplanes.

Why is it so necessary to honor the Commission. I have to assume that some outside political pressure caused this terrible philatelic item to be created. It seems that this tasteless design, which has no conceivable meaning to the American people, was issued to satisfy the egos of the few.

Is this what we are to expect in the years ahead in commemoration of our Country's most important event? Is this a representative of the American Revolution stamps in store for us? God forbid!

I am ashamed to claim this label as a commemorative stamp to mark the beginning of our Country's birthday celebration. Of all the paintings, historical sketches and so on in our Archives, could we not find anything more suitable than that? What happened to our talented artists and designers!

To quote Kenneth A. Wood, Editor Western Stamp Collector: "If this first American Revolution Bicentennial commemorative is going to be representative of philatelic participation in this significant anniversary, then the USPS has some pretty tall explaining to do. But then, perhaps, the event crept up on our postal authorities, and they had no time to prepare commemorative stamps worthy of the event? There can be no other explanation for such a glorious opportunity being so miserably wasted."

I am proud of my Country and its heritage. I believe that my Country's 200th anniversary deserves the very best in philatelic recognition possible.

As an individual, I can do no more than voice my opinion with my Senators, Congressmen and Postal Officials. Won't you do the same?

N.G.K.



News Items

Souvenir Folder - A souvenir folder of 1970 U. S. postage stamps is available from the Philatelic Sales Unit, Washington, D. C. 20036. The colorful folder contains 21 stamps and a brief philatelic background, costs \$2.00. The folder is intended to encourage stamp collecting.

USPS Covers - Thanks to many of our members for sending your editor first day covers of the USPS stamp, July 1, 1971, for his collection. It is appreciated.

William R. Shollenberger, Bio-sketch - Life member of Robert A. Lamberton Lodge #487, Philadelphia, Pa. (53 years a member), 52 years member of Jerusalem R.A.M.#3, Philadelphia, Pa., 51 years member of Kadosh Commandery #29, K.T., Philadelphia, 46 years member of Benjamin Franklin Consistory, Valley of Philadelphia and 50 years member of Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Although 80 years old, he attends most of the meetings of the various Masonic Bodies except the Shrine. He collects mostly United States and United Nations stamps and covers and the topical "Masonic" stamps and finds the Masonic Stamp Collector a most interesting and informative journal and would not want to miss any of the issues.

Ray U. Rapp, Bio-sketch - Have been retired since 1961. Had been in the employ of Jacobs Aircraft Engine Co. and Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Pottstown, Pa. from 1942 to 1949, having staffed both plants, serving as employment manager. Member of Perkiomen Lodge #595, Pa. since May 1921 received his 50 year service award in 1971. Rajah Shrine, Reading, Pa. May 1922; Reading Consistory, Reading, Pa. 1925. Master of Perkiomen Lodge in 1925. Representative for Rajah Temple since 1960. His hobby is making grandfather clocks, working on his 15th clock. His philatelic interests are Masonic covers, mint U.S. stamps especially those with Masonic interest.

Bro. Carl K. Britenbacher, 716 Edgehill Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805 has duplicates of U.S.P.S., July 1, first day covers, Ashland, Ohio, and would like to exchange with other cities with those interested.

Bro. Edward E. Becher, Belmont, Mass. advises that since Red Chine is so much in the news lately, he is planning to write an article on Peking Lodge. He was made a Consistory member in the AASR, Orient of China, Valley of Peking in 1933.

Anti-Masonic Cover From Monoco - Bro. John M. Cunningham, Grant Building - 151, U.S. Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C. 20315, has for sale Anti-Masonic covers postmarked at Monoco for \$1.00 each. Very interesting.

100th Anniversary, Greylock Lodge Cover - Bro. Stephen J. Twinning Sr. advises that Greylock Lodge, North Adams, Mass. will celebrate its centennial anniversary September 14, 1971. On this occasion they are issuing an attractive Masonic cachet cover, in blue, depicting the Altar, Great Lights, Column, Square and Compasses. They are offered, completely serviced at 35¢ each or three for \$1.00 from Mr. Charles N. Cahoon, 137 Harding Avenue, North Adams, Mass. 01247.

Commemorative stamp for General Knox - The National Sojourners is seeking the issuance of a stamp by the USPS to honor Maj. General Henry Knox, a Mason. Stamp collectors are asked to write to their Congressmen and to the Postmaster General urging that a commemorative stamp depicting Bro. Knox be issued.


Harry S. Truman Autograph - In the last issue your editor reported that the Missouri Statehood cover sent to Bro. Truman for his autograph were returned from the National Archives and Records Service, Independence, Mo. without the President's

signature and covering letter of regrets. Since then, Bros. Donald H. Ashworth, Norwalk, Del and Stephen J. Twining Sr., Pittsfield, Mass. advised the editor that they were successful in obtaining HST's autograph. So your editor once more send his cover, this time to HST's residence address at 219 S. Delaware St., Independence Mo. and pleasantly received it back signed. The Governor and Lt. Governor of Mo. are also Masons.


Best Masonic Award - Bro. Louis E. Krohn, Utica, New York, received the best Masonic Award for his exhibit at TOPEX in Syrecuse, N.Y., in June. His exhibition entritled "Landmarks of Masonry". Congratulations to Bro. Krohn for his endeavor in behalf of Masonic Philately.

Fred Jelsema, Rapid City, South Dakota, send a letter to Herman Herst, Jr. Shrub Oak, New York, a member of the Luff Award Committee, suggesting that your editor be considered for the coveted Luff Award. Your editor is flattered and honored for this recommendation. Thanks a lot Bro. Jelsema for the vote of confidence.

Masonic Covers for sale - Bro. Alan R. P. Golding, Box 91, Westwin 12, Manitoba, Canada, offers the following covers for sale:

1967 Lodge of Two Bridges No. 877, Zweibrucken, Germany (when a CDN Military Lodge). The lodge is now American Military. This cachetted cover possesses a First Day of Issue CDN Centennial 5¢ stamp, with a CFPO cancellation. \$1.50 each, or 5 for \$7.00. 

1970 Multi-purpose (w covers) Manitoba Centennial Air Show with (15¢ Airmail) WAR - Wartime Aircrew Reunion Silver Jubilee with (6¢ 1st Class), Saulting all Masonic Military Brethren, plus illustrated prospectus on both events. This package sent via registered 1st class mail at \$5.00.

1971 Bobbie Burns Day "Masonic Tribute" (6¢ 1st class) at 75¢ each, or 5 for \$3.50 (About 50 still available). 

1971 CDN Forces "Five Point Club" FDC of (6¢ Census 1st class) 100 years of Measured Progress, at 50¢ each, or 5 for \$2.00.


Masonic Album Pages - Pages for Masonic Philately, 30 pages for \$2.00; pages for Masonic Covers, 30 pages for \$2.00; title page, attractively illustrated, 25¢ each. Plus postage and handling add .90 per 30 pages; 1.25 per 60 pages. From the Editor, 4659 Sandalwood Street, New Orleans, La. 70127.

Masonic Cover Club

No. 21 - Statute of Liberty, 17¢ air mail - Frederic A. Bartholdi, Sculptor - July 3, 1971 at Lakehurst, N.J. Since a short notice was given before the issue date of the stamp it was necessary to send blank envelopes for servicing. The printing of the cachet on the envelopes was done afterwards. 75¢ each. Members in the Masonic Cover Club will receive same automatically as per standing orders.

No. 22 - Sir Walter Scott, July 28, 1971, Edinburgh, England. Through the kind courtesy of Bro. Maj. George Gillberry, we were able to obtain the first day of issue cancellation on plain envelopes. The covers just arrived and are now in the hands of the printer for the Masonic cachet. 75¢ each.

No. 23 - Achievements in Space, twin stamps, Masonic Astronauts. Kennedy Space Center cancel, 50¢ each. Houston cancel, \$1.00 each. Sorry no Huntsville cancel - announcement for this first day city was made too late, covers already had been dispatched to other cities. Only the Kennedy Space Center first day cover will be sent automatically to members in the Masonic Cover Club. The Houston first day cover will be sold on a first come basis. Only a handful of these were serviced.



**HONORING
UNITED STATES
ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE
A DECADE OF PROGRESS**

MASONIC ASTRONAUTS

GORDON L. COOPER, JR.:
Carbondale Lodge No. 82 - Carbondale, Colorado

VIRGIL E. GRISSOM:
Mitchell Lodge No. 228 - Mitchell, Indiana

EDWIN E. ALDRIN, JR.:
Montclair Lodge No. 144 - Montclair, New Jersey


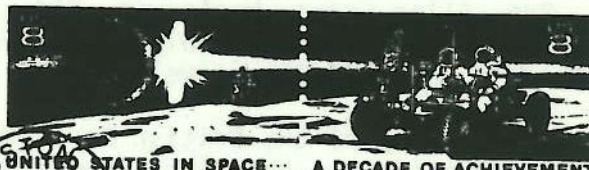
DONN F. EISLE:
Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732 - Columbus, Ohio

WALTER M. SCHIRRA, JR.:
Canaveral Lodge No. 339 - Cocoa, Florida

THOMAS P. STAFFORD:
Western Star Lodge No. 138 - Weatherford, Oklahoma

EDGAR D. MITCHELL:
Artesia Lodge No. 28 - Artesia, New Mexico

MASONIC FIRST DAY COVER
— KOUTROULIS —
No. 23

UNITED STATES IN SPACE... A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Achievements in Space - Masonic Astronauts - Houston, Texas cancellation



Sir Walter Scott Mint Stamps

A supply of mint stamps commemorating Sir Walter Scott were obtained for sale as a service to our members. In this way you will not have to buy the complete set of three stamps, as usually is the case when buying from a dealer, honoring 1971 Literary Anniversaries. Walter Scott has a colorful Masonic background (see last issue of MSC) and should be included in every Masonic collection. A mint stamp will be included with the cover to every member in the Masonic Cover Club. Of course, same be returned if not interested. Anyone may order this mint stamp from the editor. Price, 30¢ each plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Masons Of British Royal Family

On page 203 of the Masonic Stamp Collector there is a small article pertaining to William Augustus and the special cancel by Great Britain for the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Bro. Allan Evans, Woolloowin, Qld., Australia, furnished the following additional interesting facts, not only on William Augustus, but on several other Masons of the British Royal family as well:

Some 23 Princes of the British Royal family have been members of the Craft since 1737, eight of whom honoured Freemasonry by accepting the office of Grand Master. In fact, English Freemasonry has had royal Grand Masters during the 134 years in all. Two sons of King George II were Freemasons (he had 8 sons all told), FREDERICK LEWIS, 15th Prince of Wales (1707-1751), eldest son of George II, was the first English Prince to be initiated after the formation of the premier Grand Lodge. It took place in 1737 at an occasional Lodge, held in the Palace of Kew, which was presided over by Dr. Desaguliers. At the April meeting of the Grand Lodge the following year, he was referred to as "our Brother H.R.H. the Prince of Wales". Among his other titles, it may be noted that he was the 1st Duke of Edinburgh, although this was then spelled Edenburgh.

Prince WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, Duke of Cumberland (1721-1765), third son of George II was initiated (according to Gould) in a Military Lodge in the British Army in Belgium in 1743 (he was a British General. Among his several defeats in battle, he was beaten by the French at Fontenoy in 1745. He did, however, have one victory, when he quelled the Jacobite rebellion of 1745/6 by winning the Battle of Culloden).

Three of the sons of FREDERICK LEWIS (mentioned above), namely The Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Cumberland were Freemasons (Prince Edward Augustus, Prince William Henry, and Prince Henry Frederick respectively).

Six of the seven sons of King George III were Freemasons - GEORGE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, Prince of Wales, eldest son; Prince FREDERICK AUGUSTUS, Duke of York, second son; Prince WILLIAM HENRY, third son and later King William IV; Prince EDWARD AUGUSTUS, fourth son; Prince ERNEST AUGUSTUS, fifth son, later Duke of Cumberland and later King of Hanover; and AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, later 1st Duke of Sussex, sixth son of George III. The two in particular who are shown on stamps are these:

GEORGE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, 1762-1830, Prince of Wales, later King George IV 1820-1830, shown on recent stamp of Barbuda. Initiated in a special Lodge convened for that purpose by command of his proposer and uncle the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master, at the Star and Garter Tavern Pall Mall London on 6th Febr. 1787; his seconder was the 1st Duke of Norfolk. The following day his initiation was reported in Grand Lodge, and it was resolved that he be a member of Grand Lodge; he was presented with an apron lined with blue silk and seated immediately on the right of the Grand Master. In 1790 he was elected Grand Master, but did not appear in Grand Lodge as such until 2nd May 1792, when he was installed and invested. Lord Rawdon was appointed acting Grand Master in 1790. On 2nd December 1805 he was elected Grand Master and Patron of the Craft in Scotland, and was re-elected until his accession to the throne as KING GEORGE IV in 1820. He then signified that he would have great satisfaction in continuing to be Patron of the Ancient Order of St. John's Masonry in Scotland.

Just before the United Grand Lodge of England was formed, he resigned as Grand Master of England, and became Patron and Protector of the Order. PRINCE OF WALES LODGE NO. 259 was constituted in 1787, under the patronage and protection of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and consisted wholly of brethren honoured with appointments under H.R.H. or men "firmly attached to H.R.H.'s person and interests". In founding it, a Royal Medal was approved, to be worn by members out of the Lodge as well as in it. In 1834, members were privileged to wear an apron with a narrow internal border of garter blue to commemorate the fact that KING WILLIAM IV was Worshipful Master when he ascended the British throne in 1830.

PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY, 1765-1837, third son of George III, later KING WILLIAM IV, is also shown on a recent stamp of Barbuda as well as other earlier stamps. He was initiated on 9th March 1786 in Prince George Lodge No. 86 in Plymouth. Next year, he was appointed Past Grand Master. He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259 on 30th May 1789. Next year, he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Gibraltar and Patron of Royal Arch Masonry. On 28th February 1828, he was installed as Worshipful Master of Prince of Wales Lodge by the Grand Master. He was created Duke of Clarence in 1789, and following the death of his elder brother (George IV) he ascended the throne in 1830 as KING WILLIAM IV. He commanded his younger brother the Duke of Sussex to take the Prince of Wales Lodge under his protection, and to preside over it as Master. A special apron was instituted, which the Grand Master granted on 13th December 1830. As King William IV, he accepted the title Grand Patron of Freemasons in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Ed. note: Thank you Bro. Evans for submitting the above interesting facts on the British Royal family. The Scott Numbers of Barbuda stamps depicting the above are not known at this time. Will provide these next issue.

FOR THE RECORD

Wm. V. S. Tubman - Prince Hall Mason

President of Liberia. He was a member of Mesurado Consistory in Monrovia, Liberia, West Coast of Africa. President Tubman had been Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of Liberia and a Deputy of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. He had also been Commander in Chief of Mesurado Consistory.

President Tubman was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Active 33rd Degree Mason) in 1954. Stamps: Liberia - Scott #555-556.

Submitted by Albert Lockhart El, Philadelphia, Pa.

• Roald Amundsen

On June 23 Norway issued a single 100 ore stamp to mark the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Antarctic Treaty. The stamp bears a portrait of Roald Amundsen, the first man to reach the South Pole, and the emblem of the treaty. In 1903-06 navigated the northwest passage and fixed the position of the North magnetic pole. He disappeared in June 1928 on flight to rescue Nobile who was lost returning from North Pole.

Amundsen is said by several sources to be a Mason but no lodge ever specified.

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