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BACK ISSUES

From time to time we receive requests from new members concerning the availability of back issues of the Masonic Stamp Collector. Back issues of the Masonic Stamp Collector are still available, however most of the earlier issues are almost exhausted. The cost of each back issue is 50¢, postpaid. The total of Volumes 1 through 5, consisting of 30 issues is \$15.00 postpaid. If you are missing any of the back issues now is the time to order before the supply is depleted.

MASONIC COVERS

Any member of the Masonic Stamp Unit can become a member of the Masonic Cover Club. The Masonic Cover Club is another service of the Masonic Stamp Unit to provide its members with Masonic Covers on issues and events pertaining to Masonry. Masonic covers add much to a Masonic collection and enhances its interest. Masonic covers are very desirable items. The Masonic Cover Club prints cachets and services the covers only for its members and not for any commercial purpose. There are only 300 covers serviced each issue. The normal cost of each cover is .37 but on Foreign covers and specially printed cachet the price, of course, is proportionally higher. Some of the early covers issue by the Masonic Cover Club are already sold out and are now difficult to obtain. After all, an issue of only 300 covers could not possibly go too far. Your editor has seen some of our early covers dealers' boxes selling \$2-\$3 each. If you are not now a member of the Masonic Cover Club write to the editor and ask for an application form. Or if you wish, to save time and effort, send a deposit for \$3.00 and will put you down to start receiving them with the next issue or back issues if you prefer.

The next Masonic Covers to be issued by the Masonic Cover Club will be two very important ones. May 8 a stamp will be issued in Memory of Most Worshipful Brother Harry S. Truman and on July 4 four stamps will be issued commemorating The Boston Tea Party, part of the Bicentennial American Révolution series.

MASONIC ALBUM PAGES

Masonic Album pages, two types, one for stamps and the other for covers, are still available for sale from the Editor, 30 pages each type for only \$2.00, plus postage.

From The Editor

Once in awhile your editor receives letters from our members asking him to print the Masonic Stamp Collector on one side only so they can put the appropriate stamps on the blank side adjacent to the printed page or they can cut out the write-up and paste them on album pages below the stamps. All well and good but the main problem is THE COST. It would double the cost of the paper and the cost of postage. We don't believe the request of a few would justify raising the dues in order to accomodate on this basis. Your editor is not the one to say how should one handle his collection or how to mound stamps and write-up. All of us know what we want and how to go about doing it. The ideal situation, of course, is to mound on album pages and type or free-hand lettering your information. For those of us who do not wish or for some reason or other cannot do it this way I would suggest the following: Insert a blank white page between sheets and mound the appropriate stamps on the blank side of the plain sheet adjacent to the page with the printed information. This will serve your purpose. For those of you who would like to cut it and paste on album pages, not much help there. You could re-type (at least one side) on regular white paper and then paste, or if you have access to xerox machine same could be xeroxed (one side), or, as a suggestion, subscribe for two copies.

Ab out Our Members

... Bro. Edward E. Becher, Belmont, Mass. at the last reunion of the Massachusetts Consistory was awarded "Achievement Award, Jewel, AASR (NJ) Advancement Program Valley of Boston". Bro. Becher is a member of the Southern Jurisdiction and apparently this is the first time this award was presented to a non-member. Congratulations Bro. Becher. Keep up the good work.

... Dr. James D. Carter, 33rd Grand Cross, Librarian/Historian of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree AASR(SJ) has been transferred from his position at the House of The Temple, Washington, D.C. to Dallas, Texas, where he will finish the writing of the history of the Supreme Council(SJ). Bro. Carter is a noted writer and Historian of Masonry. We wish Bro. Carter a huge success in this endeavor.

... Bro. Fred Jelsema, Junior Past Master of his Lodge in Rapid City, S.D. recently was honored by the Grand Master of S.D. in recognition of unselfishly given his time to aid and assist Brother Masons during the aftermath of the Rapid City flood in 1972. This is really Masonry in action. Congratulations Bro. Jelsema. Bro. Jelsema is very active Mason, not only in the Lodge and Grand Lodge work but also in Masonic Philately. He introduced Masonic Philately to the Grand Lodge as part of the Masonic Education Program.

... Yours truly was appointed Editor of the Knights Templar Magazine, Louisiana Supplement and Grand Sowrd Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of La.

... Bro. William R. Shollenberger, Philadelphia, Pa. writes: "The write-up a few issues back concerning John Philip Sousa brought back to mind fond recollections of bygone days. Back in the 1920s when classical music was more appreciated than it is today I had the pleasure of listening to Sousa's band at Willow Grove amusement park about fifteen miles north of Philadelphia. During the summer season various musical organizations such as Sousa and his band, Arthur Pryor and his band, Victor Nerbert and his orchestra and others appeared at the park, giving concerts afternoon and evening in the bandshell. Sousa's band was usually the final event of the season."

... Bro. Louis C. Jensen, Winter Park, Fla. received a 50 year award pin and certificate for being a Mason 50 years and a Scottish Rite Cap and certificate for 50 years in that Body also. He is 84 years old and in fair health. He enjoys Masonry and attends Blue Lodge nearly every week. We wish Bro. Jensen much happiness, many more years of activity and good health.

... Bro. John Cunningham sent a membership application for Bro. J. Wallace Fraser, D.D., who is 84 years of age and a retired Presbyterian Clergyman.

Letters To Editor

Your editor every year at this time receives letters from many of our members but have never published any of them. He would like to do so at this time because it so gratifying to receive such letters. These are a representative of the kind of letters he gets and wishes to thank all those who wrote him.

... "I like your service. Keep up the good work." D. Nashelsky.

... "I very much enjoy the issues of the Masonic Stamp Collector and am happy to say that I shall now have more time to work with my stamps, since I just was released from active duty from the Navy. I am very pleased with my membership in Masonic Unit and hope to be more active in the near future." Stephen L. June.

... "May I add my congratulations to the many you have received on your good work. A hard job, well done." Ken Lapham.

... Enclosed is check for my dues for the coming year. I like your publication." Herbert P. Bruce.

... "I enjoy the newsletter and have added the very fine Masonic Covers to my collection. The covers with the clear information on them make a real fine addition to any collection." R. C. Williams.

... "Happy Fifth Anniversary. Even though I am no longer employed, it is a pleasure for me to enclose my dues for the current year, as I look forward to receiving my copies of the MSC. Your hope has certainly been satisfied in that each and every issue has been helpful and informative. I have also noted the steady improvement in the paper, and do appreciate all the work that you and your contributors have put into its publication." O. Joseph Martins.

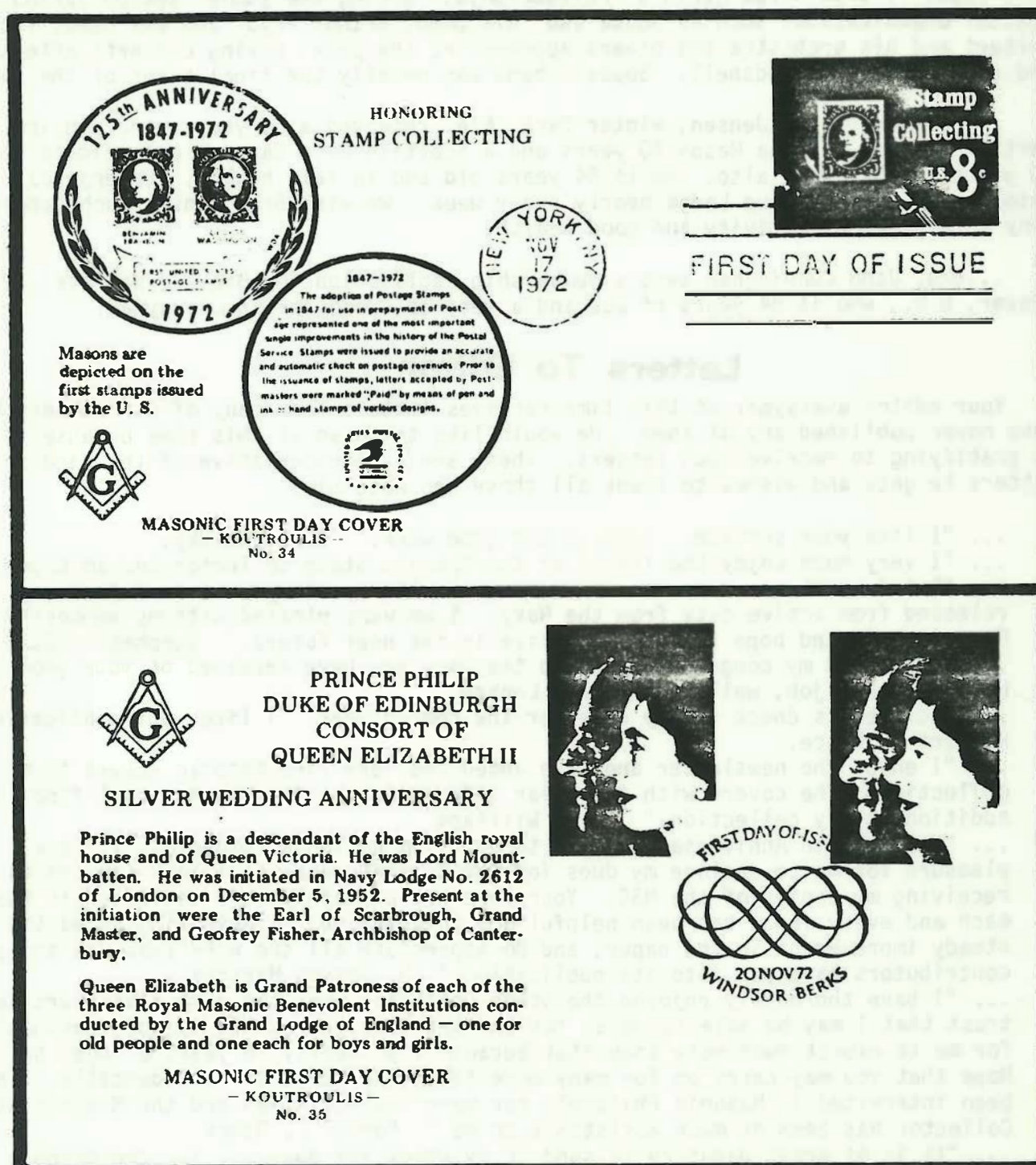
... "I have thoroughly enjoyed the Stamp Collector over the past five years and trust that I may be able to do so for another five years. It is not reasonable for me to expect much more than that because I am nearly 78 years of age, but I hope that you may carry on for many more five year periods. Incidentally, I have been interested in Masonic Philately for more than 25 years and the Masonic Stamp Collector has been of much assistance to me." Porter L. Ranck.

... "It is of great pleasure to send in my check for dues ... You are doing a wonderful job." William D. Miles.

... "Enclosed check for \$15.00 should cover a five year subscription to the Masonic Stamp Collector. If you have hopes of its continuance for another five years, then the least we can do is to register our confidence in your ability. W.J. Murback

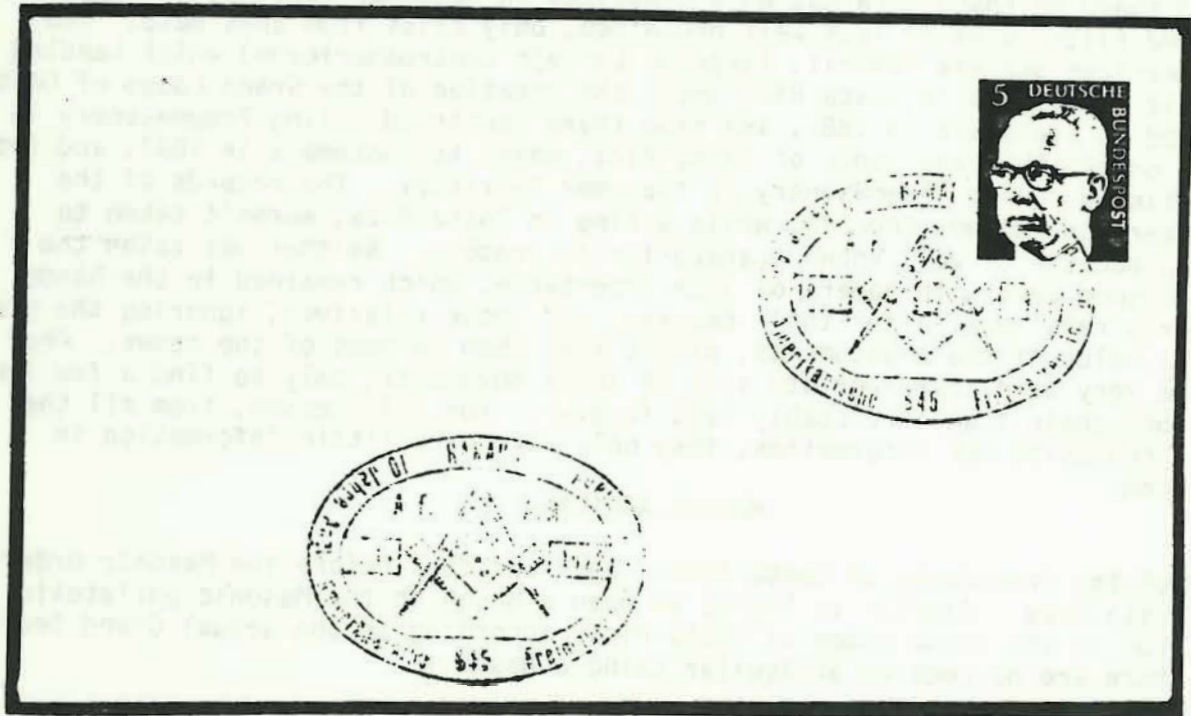
... "Enclosing my three dollar membership fee. Would not be without the Collector. You have done a wonderful job. How you do all that you do is a mystery to me. Wish you the best in the year and years to come. You really deserve the best." W. F. Brockman.

Thank you for sharing these wonderful letters with your editor.



These are the latest Masonic Covers. No. 34 honors stamp collecting. No. 35 commemorates the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Her consort Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The information contained on the covers are self-explanatory. Two more issues to be included in an ever expanding Masonic collection.

Anglo -American Masonry In Germany



To commemorate A Decade of American-Canadian Freemasonry in Germany the German postal authorities permitted the use of a special oval-shaped Masonic cancellation to be utilised from the Hanau post office for a short period of time. Most of the military lodges encompassed within A.C.G.L. took advantage of this fact to post their respective communications so that it would bear the special cancellation. Some Lodges were a little more painstaking in their selection of German commemoratives, the preparation of envelopes, and the ensurance of clear cancellations, etc., than other Lodges. The cancellation is pretty well self explanatory, except perhaps for the German wording which simply states: 10 Jahre Anglo-Amerikanisch Freimaurer in Deutschland (10 Years Anglo-American Freemasonry in Germany).

-Alan Golding, Westwin, Manitoba, Canada.

William Glass

As a result of the new clues on William Glass published in the Masonic Stamp Collector on page 277, Bro. Marshall Loke, Rochester, New York received the following data from the Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge of England:

"William Glass was initiated in the Cape of Good Hope Lodge (later Union Lodge) No. 456 on the 2 May 1815. The Lodge was a military lodge in the 10th Batallion of the Royal Artillery stationed at Cape Town, South Africa. Glass withdrew from the Lodge in 1816, presumably when he left for Tristan da Cunha. The lodge itself ceased working c. 1827, its warrant was returned, and it was erased by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1851. Glass does not appear to have joined any other lodge under the English Constitution. Glass was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter attached to Lodge No. 456 on the 10th October 1815 and similarly withdrew from the Chapter on leaving Cape Colony."

Masonry In Costa Rica

Though Masonry or Francmasonry Order was established in Costa Rica in 1863, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was only organized in December 1899, for this reason records and files, more or less well organized, only exist from this date. The Central American Supreme Council, (Supremo Consejo Centroamericano) which handled all Masonic activities in Costa Rica until the creation of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, moved to Guatemala in 1887, and from there continued ruling Freemasonry in the creation of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, moved to Guatemala in 1887, and from there continued ruling Freemasonry in the same Territory. The records of the Central American Supreme Council, while acting in Costa Rica, weren't taken to Guatemala, because of well known transportation reasons. Neither was taken the sufficient good care with papers of such importance, which remained in the hands of brother's relatives, after their decease, and those relatives, ignoring the great historical value of these documents, didn't keep them in most of the cases. They have tried very hard to recuperate some of these documents, only to find a few links of this long chain that is probably lost forever. For this reason, from all the brothers requested for information, they only have very little information in some of them.

MANUEL AGUILAR

One of the Presidents of Costa Rica. Born and died before the Masonic Order came to Costa Rica. Aguilar is listed as been a Mason in the Masonic philatelic records, but in the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, according to the actual Grand Secretary, there are no records of Aguilar being a Mason.

JOAQUIN BERNARDO CALVO

(Scott C262) Initiated in 1884 in Charity and Constancy Lodge, in Santa Tecla, Republic of El Salvador. Solicited affiliation in Fraternal Union Lodge No. 19, (Logia Union Fraternal No. 19) on December 12, 1884.

BRAULIO CARRILLO

(Scott 48, 63 & 73) Two times President of Costa Rica. He was the organizer of the Legislation of Costa Rica and all of its Institutions. Obatined the 18th degree and was a member of Logia Union Fraternal No. 19.

JOSE MARIA CASTRO MADRIZ

(Scott 50, 66, 231 & C86) Born on September 1, 1818, died on April 5, 1892. He changed the name of State of Costa Rica for that of Republic of Costa Rica, when he was President of Costa Rica in 1842. He designed the National Flag. Established liberal laws and declared public instruction obligatory. He was Rector of Santo Tomas University in 1864 and President of the Supreme Court of Justice in 1872. His Initiation is unknown, but signed the Golden Book of Hope Lodge No. 30, in the Lodge meeting of August 7, 1872. He was elected Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge No. 26 on July 28, 1865. On April 1869 is Founder Member and Treasurer of Chapter Porvenir No. 8. On August 1882 he was elected Second Designated to the Presidency of the Republic. He was Secretary of Exterior Relations with Presidents Saturnino Lizano and Prospero Fernandez, a Mason, Scott 16-20, 23.

PROSPERO FERNANDEZ

(Scott 16-20, 23) President of Costa Rica. Member of Ancient Lodges, Promulgated very important liberal laws: "Secularization of the cemeteries, Divorce Law, Free and Obligatory Public Instruction, Civil Marriage.

TOMAS GUARDIA GUTIERREZ

(Scott C91) Brother Mason. President of Costa Rica during twelve years. Obtained liberal laws. Opened the way to the Atlantic Ocean to give Costa Rica the status of a progressive Country. Abolished the death penalty.

BERNARDO SOTO ALFARO

(Scott 21-34) President of Costa Rica, continued the Liberal Government of Don Prospero Fernandez (a Mason) after his deceased. His Initiation is unknown. In 1874 appears visiting Maravilla Lodge as an apprentice. On July, 1874 obtained the second degree. Active member of Maravilla Lodge No. 12. The Central American Supreme Council named him Grand Protector of The Order in Costa Rica and Member of the same by Disposition of June 19, 1885.

JULIAN VOLIO

(Scott 56, 64 & 74) A very well known name in Costa Rican Masonry. From a very distinguished family, nephew of the first Bishop, always held important positions in the Institutional life of Costa Rica, where he always disclosed his Masonic discipline. In March 1866 he appears as an Apprentice. In 1867 was elected Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge No. 26 (Logia Caridad No. 26) and after representative before the Gran Logia De Colon (Grand Lodge of Columbus), to obtain Charter for Logia Union Fraternal No. 19. He was Minister of Exterior Relations in 1864. In November 1870 appears with the 18th degree in Logia Caridad No. 26.

ASCENCION ESQUIVEL IBARRA

President of Costa Rica. (Scott C142) Eminent lawyer. Initiated in Logia Regeneration, (Regeneration Lodge) became one of its Wardens. In all of his activities always acted as a truly Mason. He occupied the government of the Country in very hard circumstances, but saved the Institutional life of the Republic with his courage and great knowledge.

Editor's note: The Above has been submitted by Bro. Aureliano Corcoba, Carson, Cal. who obtained this information from Bro. Enrique Chavez, Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, A.F.A.M. We are grateful to Bro. Corcoba for getting this information and sharing it with us. Also the Grand Secretary for allowing Bro. Corcoba to have it. It is really gratifying to see members of our Unit doing research of their own. All stamps mentioned above are issued by Costa Rica.

NAT "KING" COLE

Nathaniel Adams Coles. b. 1919. d. 1965. Negro pianist and singer. He got his nickname when he and his trio were playing in a Hollywood night club and the manage suggested that he wear a paper crown and thus become a "King" among the "Counts and Dukes" of the jazz world. Made several films, including The Blue Gardenia; The Night of the Quarter Moon; Cat Ballou; and he played the role of W. C. Handy, a Prince Hall Mason, in St. Louis Blues. A popular vocalist, he had many hits, including Nature Boy and Mona Lisa.

Cole was a charter member of Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Prince Hall affiliation, Los Angeles, Cal. Depicted on Mali December 6, 1971 Scott No. C137 and Gabon September 1, 1972 issue.

From the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Summer 1970 issue. Brought to our attention and the stamps by Bro. Marshall Loke.



Andrew Still

This stamp issued October 9, 1972 at Miami, Fla. during the annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association. Scott #1469.

In 1897, a small group of osteopathic physicians met at Kirksville, Missouri and organized the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Andrew T. Still devised the treatment known as osteopathy. He was a surgeon and major of the 21st Kansas Volunteers in the Civil War. He began the practice of osteopathy on June 22, 1874. He moved to Kirksville, Mo. in 1875 and developed a large practice. When medical schools of the day refused to incorporate these developments into their curriculums, Dr. Still reluctantly established his own legally chartered medical college at Kirksville, Mo. in 1892. Graduates were given the degree D.O. rather than M.D. to distinguish them as physicians who utilized the newly developed concepts of medical practice.

Dr. Andrew T. Still was Initiated February 12, 1868, Passed March 18, 1868 and Raised on July 1, 1868 at the age of 39. He was suspended August 10, 1875, restored June 14, 1879. Again he was suspended January 20, 1886, apparently never affiliated again.

Gago Coutinho

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first flight across the south Atlantic, Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, a single stamp was released by each of the seven Portuguese Provinces on September 20, 1972. The 1922 flight was originally commemorated in 1923 on a Portugal set, Scott 299-314.

The transatlantic crossing was made by two Portuguese naval officers, Admiral Carlos de Gago Coutinho, a Mason, and Captain Arturo de Cabral Sacadura. Details of the event are described in an article in Linn's Stamp News of November 6, 1972, pages 13 and 27.

On the centennial in 1969, of Bro. Gago Coutinho's birth, Portugal issued a set of four stamps, Nos. 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055 and at the same time his old Lodge "Emancipação" under the Grand Orient of Portugal, prepared a Masonic first day cover in his honor, together with a card on which his Masonic ornaments (cordon and apron) are pictured.

- Marshall Loke.

Anthony Sayer

Bro. Allan Evans, Woolloowin, Qld. Australia, brings to our attention the forthcoming issue by Great Britain in August 1973 to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of Inigo Jones. One of the stamps, value 3p., will show St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden London. The 1968 proceedings of Quatuor Coronati Lodge of London (Volume 81), on page 330, gives a good description of the association of this church with Freemasonry, as follows.

The Actor's Church, a stone's throw from London's theatre-land and only some 200 yards from Freemasons' Hall. It was built by Inigo Jones, in 1633. It is said that more famous people are buried here than in any other Church in London. Among them are William Wycherley the playwright, Samuel Butler author of "Hidibras", Grinling Gibbons, the great carver in wood and stone, Dr. Thomas Arne, composer of "Rule Britannia", Sir Peter Levy, Court Painter, Thomas Girtin, father of the English School of Water Colours, and Ellen Terry, the great actress, with many others.

The most famous Masonic name associated with the Church is that of Anthony Sayer, the first Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge, 1717 (born 1672, died 1742), who was interred here on 16th January 1742.

At the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse, St. Paul's Churchyard, on St. John Baptist's Day 1717 "... the Brethren by a Majority of Hands elected Mr. Antony Sayer Gentleman, Grand Master of Masons, who being forthwith invested with the Badges of Office and Power ... and install'd, was duly congratulated by the Assembly who pay'd him the Homage".

He was then a member of No. 3 of the Four Old Lodges which founded the Grand Lodge (now the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No. 12) and as its Warden, in 1723, he was one of the signatories to the Approbation of the First Book of Constitutions (published in 1723).

In 1718 he proclaimed George Payne as his successor as G.M., and, in 1719, he served as Senior Grand Warden. At the Installation of the Duke of Norfolk as G. M. in 1730, Sayer walked (the senior position) in a procession of nine Past Grand Masters who were present.

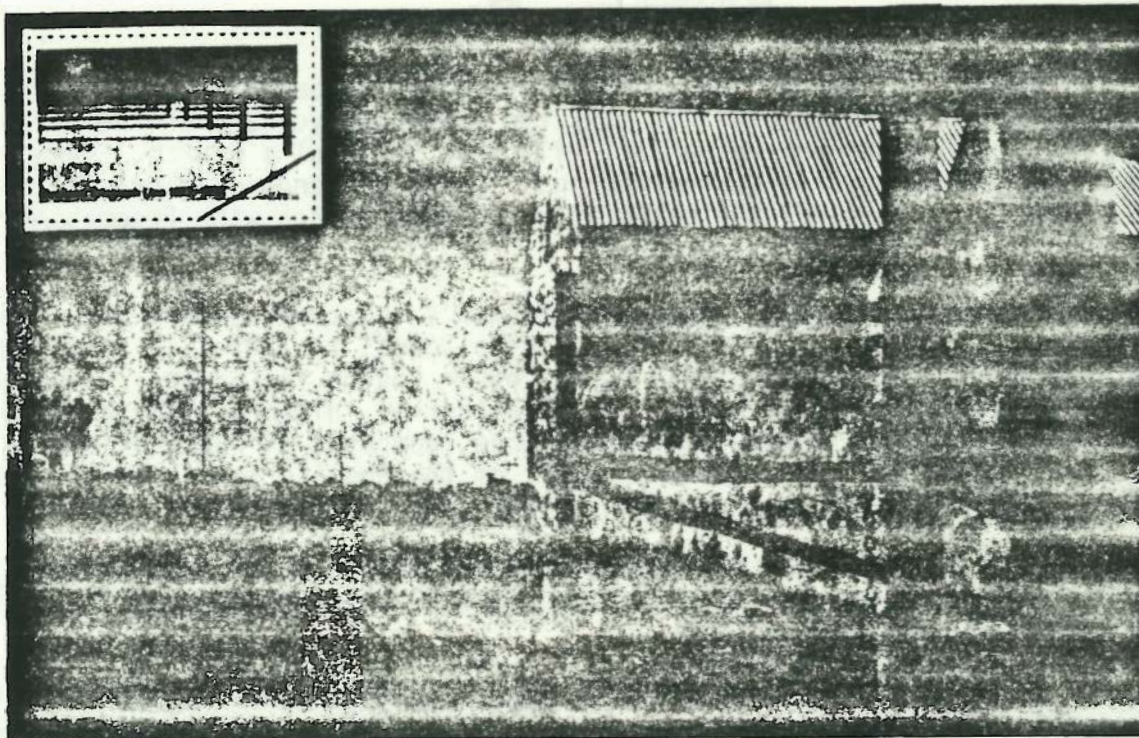
Despite his year as Grand Master, he was three times a petitioner to the Grand Lodge for relief. The result of his first appeal, in 1724, is unknown. In 1730 he was granted 15 pounds "on Acct of his having been Grand Master", and in 1741 he had a further grant of two guineas.

In August 1730 a complaint was laid against him in Grand Lodge by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge at the Queen's Head, in Knave's Acre, charging him with "great Irregularitys" and he was summoned to attend the December quarterly Communication to answer the charges. At that meeting there was some debate as to whether his offense (unspecified) was simply irregular, or clandestine. The Grand Lodge decided that he had been guilty of irregularity only and the Dep. G.M. "told Br. Sayer that he was acquitted of the charge against him, and recommended it to him to do nothing so irregular for the future". For the last 8 or 9 years of his life he was Tyler to the Lodge which is now the Old King's Arms Lodge No. 28.

At his funeral, says the "London Evening Post" of 16th January 1742, "his corpse was followed by a great number of Gentlemen of that Honourable Society of the best quality", to Covent Garden Church, where he was buried, but the exact spot is now unknown.

We are grateful to Bro. Evans for the most interesting article.

Stapleton & Franks



Old telegraph station — Barrow Creek.

The 7¢ stamp depicted above marks the centenary of the completion of the Overland Telegraph line. It was issued on 22nd August, 1972 by Australia. The design shows the telegraph line crossing a lonely stretch of Central Australian landscape. Four special postmarks were associated with OT Centenary. Illustrations on these four postmarks shows construction of the line and a portrait of Charles Todd, its presiding genius.

The cover of the Australian Post Office, September 1972, Philatelic Bulletin, shows the grave of James L. Stapleton, telegraphis, and John Franks, lineman, near the Barrow Creek OT station, where they were fatally speared on 22nd February, 1874. The headstone reads: In Memory of James L. Stapleton, Stationmaster and John. Franks Linesman, Killed By Natives, Barrow Creek, 23rd February 1874. On the top of the head stone there is a Masonic Emblem, the Square and Compasses. Apparently both Stapleton and Franks were Mason.

Adelaide newspaper reports of the next few days indicate that the OT station party-Stapleton, who was in charge, and seven others-were relaxing outside the building on the evening of Sunday, 22nd February, when they were suddenly attacked. Stapleton, assistant operator Flint and police trooper Gason were wounded as they tried to gain the safety of the building, and John Franks a few seconds later. A black tracker of their party was also hit, and was carried in by Gason. From inside, they drove off the attackers with rifle fire.

Franks died almost immediately. Stapleton and Flint advised Adelaide, and Dr. C. Gosse was called by Todd to the Adelaide telegraph office to give medical advice over the line. On Monday, Stapleton's condition worsened, and his wife was brought to the Adelaide end of the circuit, and exchanged final messages with him before he died.

Stapleton came from Canada with Samuel McGowan to establish the Melbourne telegraph system, and after a period as a farmer joined the OT Line during its constuction.

It will be very interesting if some would tell us the Masonic connections of Stapleton and Franks.