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Winston Churchill - Jersey #106, July 31, 1974  
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Jose De San Martin - Mexico issue of November 9, 1973

## MEMBER COLLECTS BUSINESS CARDS

Brother Edward E. Becher, 58 Springfield St. Belmont, Mas.. 02178 collects business and personal cards of Masonic Brethren mounted up in a scrap book. Underneath each card he stamps the Masonic bodies each brother belongs to. He would appreciate receiving from our members their business cards and a resume of Masonic activities. Any member from Unit may send him one of their cards at the above address. He will appreciate it. *Edw. E. Becher*

## MASONIC COVER CLUB

The Masonic Cover Club will issue a Masonic Cover #39 for Haym Salomon stamp to be issued in March. Also a cover will be issued for D. W. Griffith stamp date unknown. A first day cover for U.S. Postal Service Bicentennial (Benjamin Franklin First Postmaster General) as well as Battle of Bunker Hill will be issued. Announcement of dates of these stamps havenot been made. If you are not a member in the Masonic Cover Club now is the time to join. We will see lots of Masonic activity this year and next. Write to the editor for a membership application and information. Also back issues of Masonic first day covers are still available in a limited quantity. Act now.



**D. W. Griffith, motion picture pioneer who was widely acclaimed for his cinematographic innovations, will be honored on a U.S. commemorative to be issued later this year.**

The U.S. Postal Service will release a 10-cent commemorative stamp honoring motion picture pioneer David W. Griffith, the man credited with freeing the motion picture from stage conventions and who gave flexibility to the camera.

Griffith developed imaginative and purposeful editing of the film itself, and closeups, fadeouts, crosscutting, mostly missing from earlier films, were Griffith trademarks, the USPS reported. In addition, Griffith is credited with being the first to use process photography, the technique in which two elements are combined. An actor in a Griffith film, for example, could stroll down a street in Paris without ever leaving the studio.

Griffith, once called "the teacher of us all" by Cecil B. DeMille, probably did more than any other man to develop the unique language of the "silver screen." He became widely acclaimed for the cinematographic innovations which gave movies a new dimension and made the motion picture an accepted art form.

He is known as the "Father of the Film Art," he produced the famous Birth of a Nation, the world's first successful film, which grossed about 50 million dollars. b. in La Grange, Ky. He was the son of Confederate Brigadier General Jacob W. Griffith. For two years he tried acting, but was unsuccessful. He entered the motion picture business in 1908, and was a director for Biograph Film Co. Other pictures he produced were Intolerance; Hearts of the World; Way-Down East; Broken Blossoms; Orphans of the Storm and America.

Griffith was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 of New York City. d. July 23, 1948.

Stamp: U.S. No. ? (later).



## HAYM SALOMON CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CAUSE

The USPS has announced that a four-stamp set honoring unheralded persons who played important roles in the American Revolution will be issued on March 25, 1975. The set, called Contributors to the Cause, will be issued at four separate locations. One of these stamps will portray Haym Salomon, a Mason. This will be a 10-cent stamp and will be issued in Chicago.

Haym Salomon, a merchant and banker known as the "Financier of the Revolution" for his contributions to the bankrupt Continental Army and to the emerging new nation. b. in Lissa, Poland about 1740. He came to America in 1772 and founded a mercantile and brokerage business in N.Y.C. In 1776 and again in 1778 he was imprisoned in N.Y. as a spy, by the British; the second time, he was condemned to death, but escaped to the American lines. He opened a brokerage business in Philadelphia and accumulated a large fortune, subsequently devoting it to the use of the American government during the war. He negotiated all the war subsidies obtained from France and Holland, and acted as paymaster general of the French forces in America. He also gave financial aid to many patriot leaders, including Jefferson, Madison, and Randolph.

Haym Salomon was proposed in Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, June 21, 1764; received the first two degrees, June 23, and raised August 9, 1784. d. 1785.

A Cover will be issued by the Masonic Cover Club in honor of Bro. Salomon.

Stamp: U.S. No. to be advised later.

## FREEMASONRY DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD

### JEAN BAPTISTE, COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU (1725-1807)

French General during the American revolution and later Marshal of France. His command was instrumental in bringing about the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. It is said that he was a member of the Lodge Saint John de Candeur in Paris. United States stamp issued in 1931 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and shows the Comte de Rochambeau, Washington and deGrasse, Scott No. 703.

### GEORGE ROGERS CLARK (1752-1818)

General in the American revolution, surveyor, and frontier leader, often called "the George Washington of the west," born in Virginia died in Kentucky. His victories won the Illinois country from the British and Indians. He died in poverty on February 13, 1818. His lodge is not known. He was buried masonically by Abraham Lodge No. 8, Louisville, Kentucky. United States stamp issued in 1929 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sackville, near the present site of Vincennes, Indiana to Georger Rogers Clarke. Scott No. 651.

### HENRY DEARBORN (1751-1829)

Physician, soldier and General in the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Secretary of War, 1801-09, and Minister to Portugal, 1822-24. born in North Hampton, New Hampshire on February 2, 1751. On April 18, 1777 he was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth N.H. Fort Dearborn, the present site of Chicago, was named in his honor. In 1933 the United States issued two stamps to commemorate the Century of Progress International in Chicago. The one cent stamp shows a blockhouse of old Fort Dearborn with a stockade fence, Scott No. 728, 730 and 730a.

#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1706-1790)

Philosopher, printer, publisher, statesman, scientist, and "man of letters," born in Boston, died in Philadelphia. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731 and served as Secretary of that Lodge, Junior Grand Warden and Grand Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. While serving his country in Europe he visited Lodges in Scotland and England, assisted in the initiation of Voltaire in the Lodge of the Nine Muses in Paris and officiated at the Masonic funeral for that great man. It is now a matter of almost certain knowledge that the St. John's Lodge of which Franklin was made Worshipful Master in 1732 functioned also as Grand Lodge after the faction of a few old English Lodges, notably the one of York. Franklin was installed as Grand Master in 1734 as we may learn from his Gazette of June 27 of that year. Franklin was a member of Neuf Soeurs Lodge in Paris, famous for its distinguished membership and for the bravery of its members in the defense of the rights of man previous to and during the French Revolution. The first stamp issued by the United States Post Office Dept. on July 1, 1947 shows the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the First Postmaster General. The United States has issued since then a score of stamp to honor Franklin. He has also honored by many foreign stamps.

Submitted by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club.

#### CORRECTION ON FINIS E. DAVIS

(Page 343, MSC) - Davis was born at Ash Flat, Arkansas, not Lead Hill as reported. He joined Little Rock Conistory on May 6-8, 1946. He transferred his membership to Louisville on November 4, 1950.

-Walter J. Kirby.

#### OVIDIO LAGOS, 1825-1891

Ovidio Lagos was born in Buenos Aires, but due to persecution by Rosas the family soon moved to Montevideo, where he learned the trade of a printer. After the Battle of Caseros, which overthrew Rosas, he returned to Argentina and worked for Calvo's "La Reforma Pacifica," and other newspapers. In 1867 moved to Rosario where he established "La Capital," a daily that often attacked the government, something that caused it to shut down on several occasions. Lagos founded the Typographers Association. His actions during a yellow fever epidemic won a commendation and medal for him. In 1888 he was elected to the national Chamber of Deputies, where he served until his death.

He was a member of Lodge Regeneracion No. 5.

Stamp: Argentina Scott No. 848. Yvert's No. 802.

Submitted by Brother Walter J. Kirby, Little Rock, Ark.

#### FRANCISCO JAVIER MUNIZ, 1795-1871

Muniz, a well-educated scientist, was born in San Isidro de Monte Grande. At the age of 13 he joined the army and at the age of 29 was promoted to Army Surgeon, though he did not receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine until 20 years later. At 31 he was promoted to Surgeon-General. In 1860 he was appointed Rector of the School of Medicine at Buenos Aires. Interested in geology and paleontology, he discovered many historic fossils. He died in Buenos Aires during a yellow fever epidemic. Stamp: Scott No. 808; Yvert No. 772.

He was a member of "Concordia y Confaternidad" No. 2. Walter J. Kirby.





#### FORD'S FIRST

The Republic of Korea issued this four color 10-won stamp on November 22, 1974 to mark the visit of President Gerald R. Ford, according to the announcement. Depicting both President Ford and Korean President Park Chung Hee and the flags of both countries, the emission had a total printing of two million copies and was augmented by 150,000 souvenir sheets. This marks the first postal emission to bear the likeness of the 38th President of the U.S.

(For more information on Brother Ford see page 342 of the Masonic Stamp Collector)

#### HARRY S. TRUMAN TO BE HONORED POSTALLY BY ISRAEL

According to a recent announcement, Israel, for the first time, will honor an American president on a postage stamp. The Israel Philatelic Services announced that a Five Israeli Pound (83c) stamp bearing the head and shoulders of the late Harry S Truman will be issued in March 1975. It will also bear an inscription taken from the 33rd Chapter of Psalms saying, "... Praise Befits the Upright."

More details will be announced in the Masonic Stamp Collector in the next issue. We will endeavor to obtain first day covers of this issue, especially for our members with standing orders in the Masonic Cover Club.

#### MASONIC PHILATELIC ACTIVITY IN SANREMO, ITALY

Brother Bruno S. Guglielmi of Sanremo, Italy, a very ardent Masonic Philatelist and a very active Mason announced that in 1975 there will be many Masonic anniversaries in Sanremo: Inauguration of a new Masonic Temple; 75th Anniversary of "G. Mazzini Lodge No. 98" Sanremo; and 100th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Sanremo.

For these occasions they will hold the 2nd Masonic Stamp Exhibition. They are trying to have the Italian Post Office Department to issue a special cancellation with Masonic Square and Compass. The exhibition will be held on May 5, 1975.

We wish Brother Guglielmi and his members a most successful Masonic Stamp Exhibition and trust they will be successful in getting the special Masonic cancellation. If this cancellation is obtained we will endeavor to obtain some of these covers for our members.

#### JONATHAN SWIFT, A MASON?

On Page 20 of the early issue of Masonic Stamp Collector we announced that Ireland had issued two stamps, November 30, 1967 to honor Jonathan Swift, thought to have been a member of of Lodge No. 16 which met at the tavern "Goat at-the-foot-of-the Haymarker".

We have now additional information sent to us by Bro. John M. Cunningham, Washington, D.C. This information was sent to him by a Brother in Ireland who did a research on Swift.

"It appears that there has always been doubt about whether Swift was a Mason, and the evidence seems to indicate that he was not. He did become the personal friend of many of the Grand Officers in Dublin at the time, and used "Masonic" phrases in some of his writings, but this seems to prove little.

The Lodge held "At the Goat at the foot of the Haymarket" in London in 1730 does list in its records a Mr. John Swift which might have stood for Jon Swift as he often signed himself, as the records refer to Mr. Alex. Pope and all the members at the time are listed as "Mr" (with exception,) but this too is regarded as poor evidence, and it seems generally recognized that he probably was not "made" in England, and was probably not a member at all.

A letter, "Letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Freemasons", which was intended to be a parody, may have been written by the Dean, and was included in some early editions of his works, but the decision to include it was that of the editor or compiler in question. He also wrote a letter in 1730 entitled "A Vindication of His Excellency the Lord Carteret from the Charge of Favouring none but Toryes, High-Church-men, and Jacobites", and in that letter, in vindicating Dean Patrick Delaney we find "...but since the Doctor hath not in any of his writings, his sermons, his actions, his discourse, of his company, discovered one single principle of either Whig or Tory; and that the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Carteret, still continues to admit him; I shall boldly pronounce him one of us: but like a new Free-mason, who hath not yet learned all the dialect of the Mystery".

Swift once said "Wise men neither admit nor deny what fools attribute to them, and it is true that his Parody (above) is not a parody on Freemasons, but a parody on Masonic disclosures, so it is safe to assume that he was not anti-Masonic, though he probably was not a member."

Stamps: Ireland Nos. 240-241.

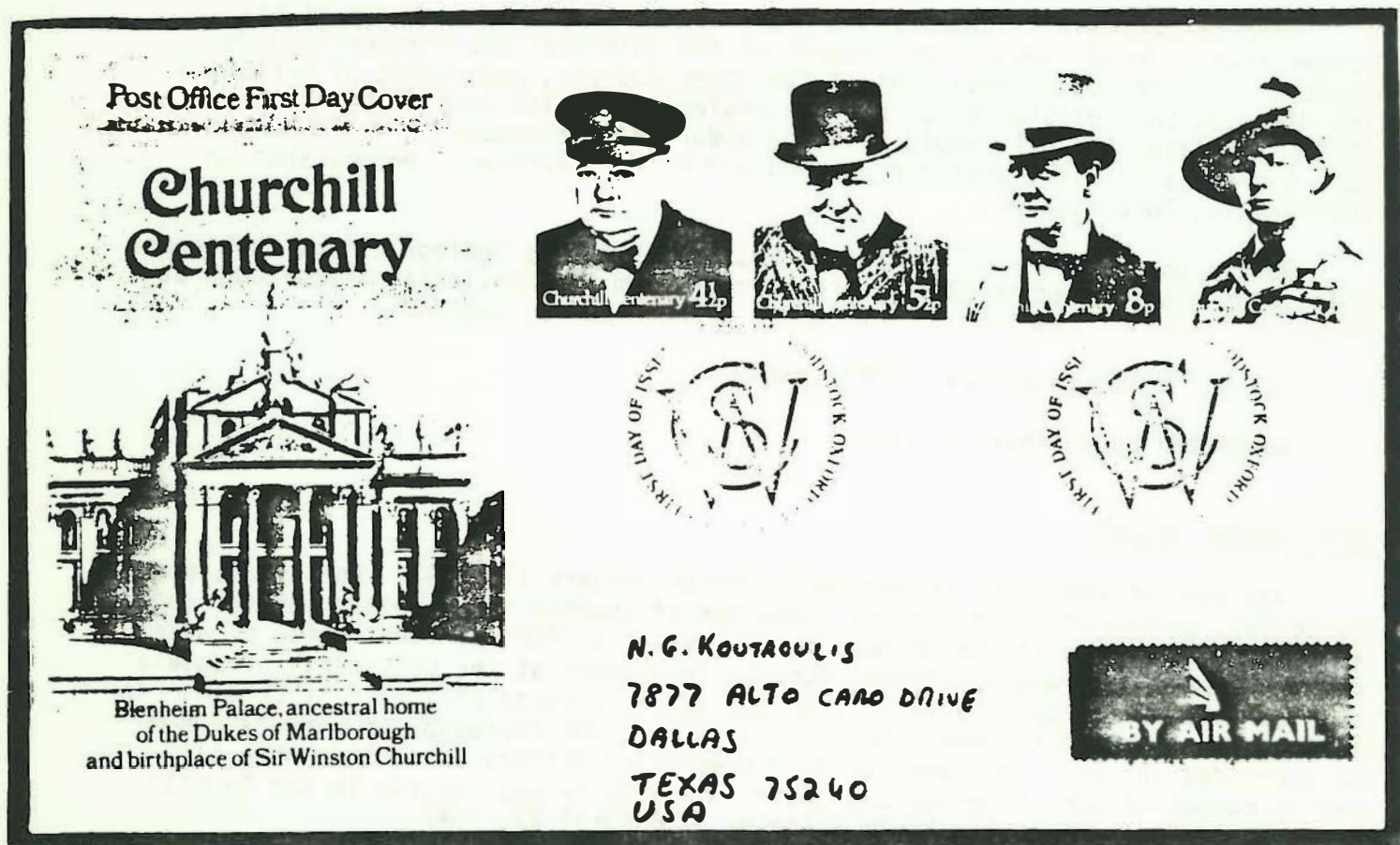
#### MORE ABOUT HYPPOLITO JOSE DA COSTA PEREIRA FURIADO DE MENDONCA

Having received the coat of arms of the Costas and Pereiras, he was sent to the United States in 1798 as charge d'affaires and served as such in Philadelphia until September or October of 1800, devoting himself to the study of various branches of cultivation of products in the country, principally that of hemp and tobacco. In 1801 he was named director of the literary service of the royal press. As such he went to London where he acquired various instruments and works for the national library. Having scarcely returned to Lisbon from this commission, he was arrested by the Holy Office because he was a Mason. Appearing before the tribunal, he confessed that it was true, adding that there was no law in Portugal which prohibited Masonry and therefore was not a crime, but the consequence of liberty, which each citizen had, to do anything which was not prohibited by law. This declaration and the firm and resolute manner in which he answered the men of the Holy Office enraged them. After three years of suffering Hyppolito escaped from the prison of the inquisition. He was hidden in Lisbon until he could go to Alemtejo disguised as a servant. From there he went to Spain from there to Gibraltar and then to London where he settled, teaching several languages in which he was well-versed, and being certain that his flight would be understood by the Masons who had bought his prison guard. Outside the country he lent his services to the cause of independence for which he was granted a pension by Dom Pedro I and named agent of the Brazilian government to the court of London. (For more details see the MSC, pages 333 and 343).

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York



## CHURCHILL CENTENARY



On October 9, 1974, Great Britain issued the above stamps commemorating the centenary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill picture him at different stages of his career.

10p-Soldier: Lieutenant Winston Churchill is seen in the uniform of the South African Light Horse in which he served with the Cockyollybirds until the capture of Pretoria, when he retired from the army to devote himself to a political life.

8p-Parliamentarian: His long career included service under nine Prime Ministers and occupation of almost every office available under the British parliamentary system.

5½p-Architect of Victory: Pictured here at the time of the second World War, when responsibility for Britain's part in the greatest war in history was almost entirely borne by her Prime Minister and Minister of Defense.

4½p-Sailor: The outbreak of both World Wars found the same man First Lord of the Admiralty. The stamp pictures him in the uniform of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, one of the most appropriate of all his appointments.

(Please see page 5 of the Masonic Stamp Collector for Masonic write-up).

Submitted by Bro. Maj. George F. Gillberry, England.

### JOSE MARIA GARCIA DE TOLEDO

Born in Cartagena, Colombia, February 11, 1769 and became mayor of his native city. He was one of the Signers of the Colombian Declaration of Independence. He served as president of the upper council, Department of Cartagena, and directed the resistance against the besieging Spanish Army at Morillo in 1815. Realizing the city would fall, he ordered its evacuation, while he himself boarded a schooner that ran aground and he was captured. He was shot on February 24, 1816, age 47.

Garcia was a member of the Lodge "Las Tres Virtudes Teologales" at Cartagena. This lodge was founded in 1808 with a charter from the Provincial Grand Lodge at Kingston, Jamaica, obedient to the United Grand Lodge of England.

Stamp: Colombia-Bolivar (1903) #68-9.

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke.

### ERIC GUSTAF GEIJER

Was born at Ransater, in Wermland, Sweden January 12, 1783. An author, poet, historian, philosopher, theologian, composer of chamber music, piano sonatas and songs. He graduated at the University of Upsala in 1806 with the master of arts degree. In 1810 he was appointed Lecturer in history at the University of Upsala but soon afterwards accepted a post in the public records office in Stockholm. In 1815 he was recalled to Upsala to be assistant to the professor of History, whom he succeeded in 1817. He remained as Professor of History until 1846 when ill health compelled him to resign his chair. In 1824 he was elected to the Swedish Academy. He retired to Stockholm where he died April 23, 1847.

Geijer was initiated in the Lodge "St. Erik" at Stockholm.

Stamp: Sweden (1947) #383-5.

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke.

### FRANZ JOSEPH VON GERSTNER

Czech Engineer. Born in Komotau, Bohemia, on February 23, 1756. He was educated by the Jesuits in his home town where he became particularly interested in mechanics and mathematics. He continued his studies in Prague while supporting himself by playing the organ at the St. Bartholomew Hospice. In 1778 he qualified as an engineer. In 1781 he went to Vienna to study astronomy and in 1784 was appointed to the Prague observatory and in 1789 he became professor of mathematics and mechanics in Prague. He was appointed in 1795 to the commission in Vienna for the reform of higher education in Austria. In 1798 he lectured on natural sciences, physics and mathematics and in 1806 he became director of the newly founded Polytechnic Institute of Prague of which he was one of the founders. He also served as an imperial consultant for public works for the Austro-Hungarian Empire and was knighted in 1811. His health began to deteriorate in 1828 and he died in Vienna 6.25.32

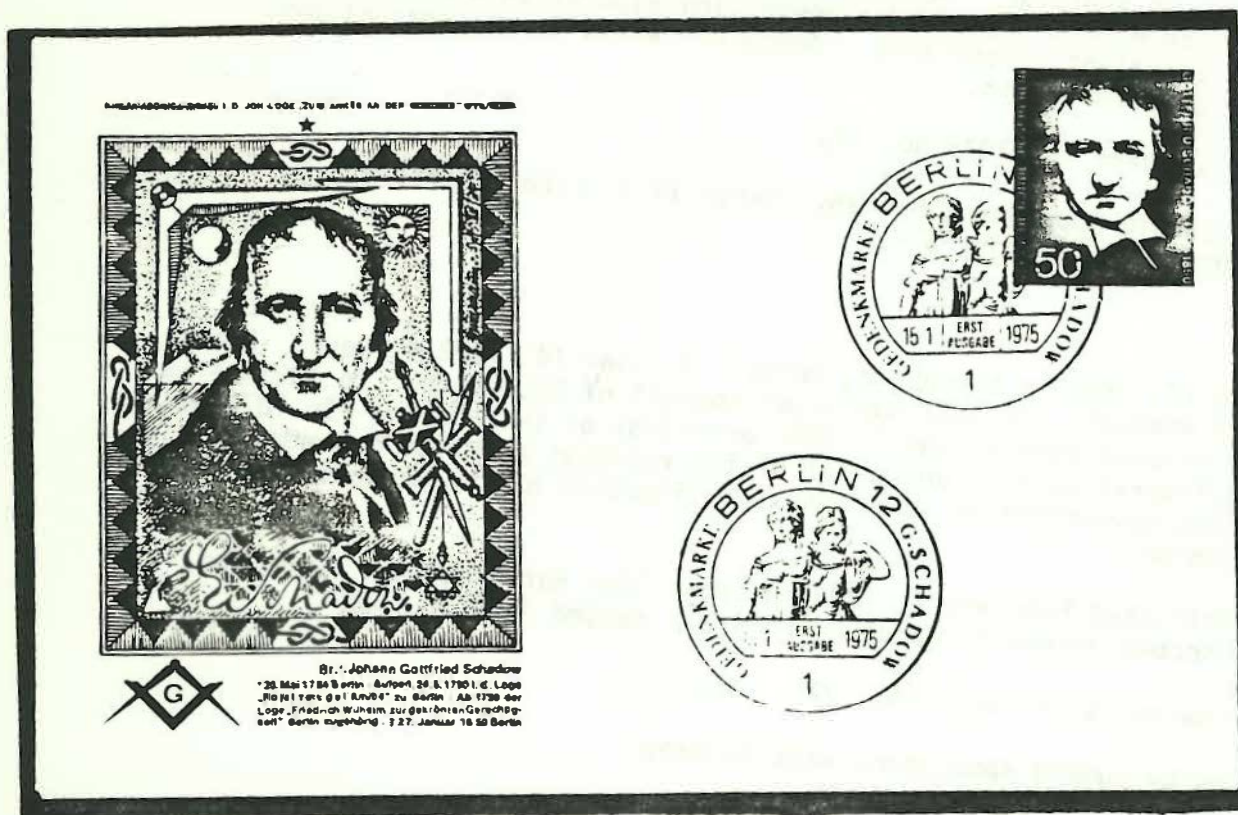
Gerstner was a member of the Lodge "Wahrheit und Einigkeit zu den drei gekronten Saulen" at Prague.

Stam: Czech (1957) #808. #810 depicts School of Engineering, Prague

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke.



# JOHANN GOTTFRIED SCHADOW



Cover For Sale - A Masonic First Day cover of Schadow issued by Philamasonica-Circle, Germany, which bears the likeness of Schadow on a stamp issued January 15, 1975. This attractive Masonic cover may be obtained by sending \$1.00 bill (postpaid) directly to Brother LUDWIG APPELDORN, JOHANNESSTRASSE 9, D-2270 WYK SUF FOEHR, WEST GERMANY. It is much simpler to send \$1 (each cover) in cash than writing a check. Brother Appeldorn is a member of our Unit and one of our latest contributor's of Masonic material in the Masonic Stamp Collector. Brother Appeldorn is the organizer and founder of the Philamasonica-Circle (Masonic Stamp Lodge), I.D. Joh-Loge "Zum Anker An Der Nordsee" Wyk/Fohr. We extend to him our congratulations and best of success. We are certain that many more such covers and additional Masonic Philatelic research will be forthcoming from this endeavor. I don't know how many of the above covers were issued but, if interested, do not delay in sending for yours. Ed.

JOHANN GOTTFRIED SCHADOW b. May 20, 1764. Initiated April 8, 1790 (or March 27), in the lodge "Royal York zur Freundschaft" in Berlin. His certificate issued August 4, 1791 says he received the other degrees in the lodge but does not give the dates. It is also recorded that he was a visitor in Lodge "St. Erik" in Stockholm on November 19, 1791. Schadow remained a member of his lodge the rest of his life (60 years) although the name of the lodge was changed in 1798 when the "Royal York zur Freundschaft" was made into a Grand Lodge of that name and four subordinate lodges were created out of the original one. The one in which Schadow belonged was called Lodge "Friedrich Wilhelm zur gekrönten Gerechtigkeit" and he held the office of First Censor. He also received some of the "higher degrees" in what was then called the "Innermost Orient" and from 1803 to 1812 served as Chief Warden. In honor of Schadow's fifty years membership in the lodge they gave him a grand jubilee dinner with toasts and testimonials of affection and respect, May 24, 1840. He died at the age of eighty-six January 27, 1850 in Berlin where he was born.

Schadow was a famous sculptor. He was director of the Berlin Academy of Arts from 1816. His style often combined a convincing naturalism with the modern classicism then prevalent in the arts. Among his works is the chariot over the Brandenburg gate in Berlin.

Stamp: Berlin, January 15, 1975 No. (?)

Submitted by: Ludwig Appeldorn, Germany; Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, N.Y.; John M. Cunningham, Washington, D.C.

#### EUGENE BOREL

Born June 17, 1835 in Newenburg, Swiss. d. June 14, 1892 in Bern. Swiss politician and Advokat. In 1857 municipal council of Neuenburg. In 1865 he was member of the estates council and in 1869 president of this board. In 1872 he was member of the federal council and chief of the railways and post department. In 1875 he left the government to take over the direction of the new established World Postal Union.

He was initiated February 7, 1883 in Lodge "Zur Hoffnung" No. 7 in Bern. Received the second degree on March 2, 1884 and raised June 25, 1884.

Stamp: Swiss issue March 28, 1974. No. (?)

Submitted by Ludwig Appeldorn, West Germany.

#### HERMANN BAHR

b. July 19, 1863 in Linz, Austria. d. January 15, 1934 in Muenchen, Germany. Austrian writer. After years of study throughout Europe, Maroc and Russia, he lived in Berlin, Wien, Salzburg and Munnich. He was made theatre regie (management) under Max Reinhardt and dramatic adviser on the Burgtheatre in Wien. As a dramatist, story-writer, essayist and critic he an intellectual interpreter of his time.

He was initiated April 25, 1897 in Wiener Lodge "Freundschaft" (Friendship)

Stamp: Austrian issue of July 19, 1963, Scott No. 705.

Submitted by Ludwig Appeldorn, West Germany.

#### VICTOR HORTA

b. January 6, 1861 in Gent, Belgium. d. September 8, 1947 in Etterbeek. Horta was a Belgian Architect, one of the renewers of Belgian Architecture. The buildings of his early period decide tenderness, Iron constructions, full use of glass and accent of your art Nouveau ornamentic; dwelling-house in the Rue de Turin, Bruxelles (1893), Mason du Peuple, in the same street (1897). His chief work of later time was the Palais des Beaux-Arts, Bruxelles (1928).

He was initiated in Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes" No. 2 in Bruxelles, December 31, 1888.

Stamp: Belgium issue of February 15, 1962, Scott No. 541, depicting the Horta Museum in St. Gilles.

-Ludwig Appeldorn, West Germany.