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IT'S ELECTION TIME —

By-laws of the Masonic Study Unit require that an election of the elective officers — President, Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer — be elected each year. Officers may succeed themselves.

The inside wrapper of this issue is your ballot; "vote, and vote for the good of the order." Please mail your ballot to Sec. Needham at your earliest convenience.

And DUES ARE DUE! So when you mail your ballot, why not enclose your check for dues? Unless this is done, this is the last issue of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON you will receive!

In this connection, should you miss an issue of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON, please notify Bro. Needham or Bro. Marshall S. Loke, and a copy will be sent you.

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An index of Volume 2 is being prepared, and will be included with our next issue. Please have patience.

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THERE NEVER WAS a good war, or a bad peace.

— Benjamin Franklin.

SCHIRRA MADE A MASON "AT SIGHT"—

Since our last issue it has been called to our attention that Walter M. Schirra, Jr., was made a Mason "at sight" at Jacksonville, Florida, November 4, 1967, by M.W. John T. Rouse, Grand Master of Florida.

Schirra, born March 12, 1923, at Hackensack, N.J., was the astronaut who piloted "Sigma VII" Mercury spacecraft, on six orbits around the earth on October 3, 1962. On December 15-16, 1965, he piloted the Gemini VI spacecraft which made rendezvous in space with the orbiting Gemini VII.

Bro. Schirra affiliated with Canaveral Lodge No. 339, at Coco Beach, Florida. He is a member of both Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies, and an honorary member of Arabian Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Fort Myers, Fla. He received the 33d Degree in Washington October 23, 1969.

Stamps honoring Bro. Schirra include Czecho-Slovakia #1238 (4/27/64;) Haiti #544-7, C263-5 (5/23/66,) Hungary #C227 (10/27/66,) Mauretania #C48 (3/7/66,) and Romania #C157 (1964.) Perhaps there are others.

We are indebted to Bro. Marshall S. Loke for the majority of the information given here — Editor.)

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JOHANN GOTTFRIED HERDER (1744-1803)—

Herder was a German critic, philosopher and Lutheran theologian who exercised great influence in the history of German thought. He was one of the most original and versatile German writers and critics, and his deep influence on the humanities can still be felt today. He inspired Goethe and other writers with new ideas in poetry, art, language, religion and history. His "Ideas to a Philosophy of History," in four volumes, contributed important theories on the development of our human civilization.



He was initiated in 1776 at the Lodge "Zum Schwert" (The Sword) at Riga. His deep interest in Freemasonry is witnessed by his letter correspondence with the great actor and impresario, F. L. Schroder, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Hamburg.

Herder's likeness is found on two stamps of the German Democratic Republic, Scott's No. 1474, issued in June of 1973, and No. 1544, issued in March of 1974.

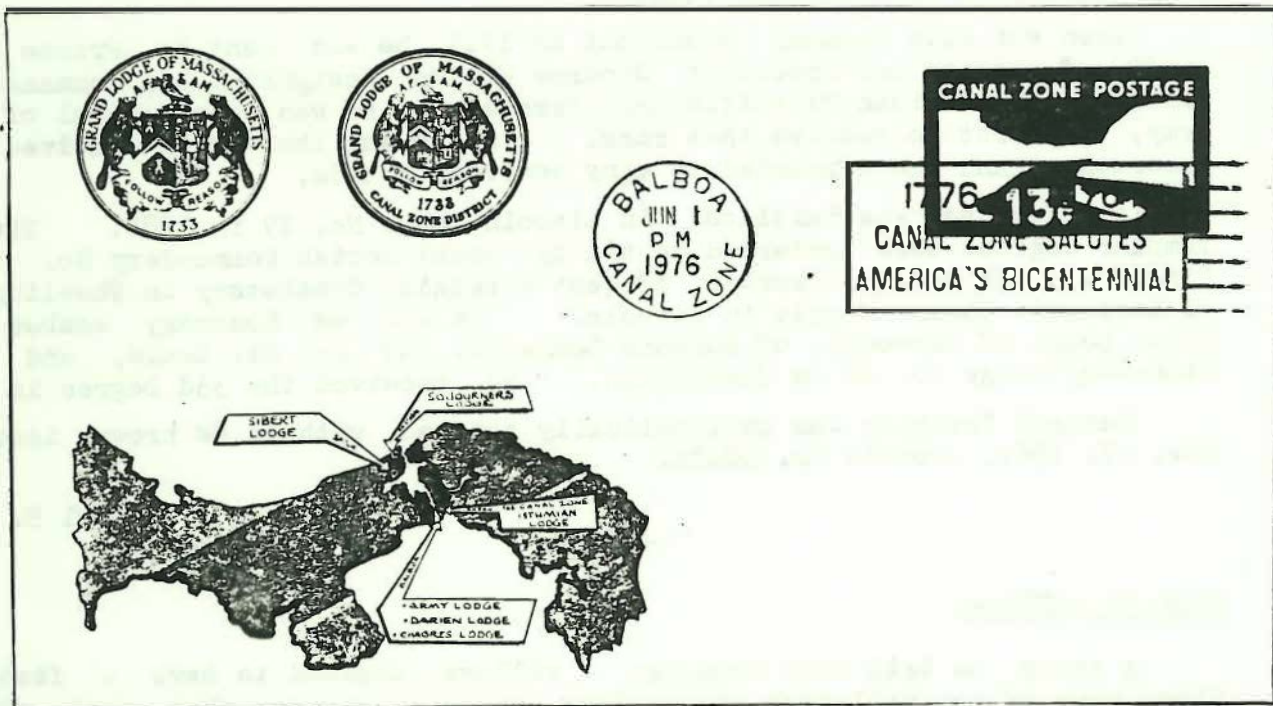
— John M. Cunningham.

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I DISAPPROVE of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.

— Voltaire.

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A COMBINATION MASONIC-BICENTENNIAL COVER—

-- Courtesy John M. Cunningham

The above cancel and cachet was used only one day at two offices in the Canal Zone — Balboa and Cristobal. By a strange coincidence, a revalued postal card was issued on this day and received the same cachet and cancel. Bro. John M. Cunningham, Grant 223, Soldiers & Airmens Home, Washington, D.C. 20317, has a limited number of these and offers a set (2 cards, 2 covers) for \$2.00, plus SASE.

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GEN. JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING—

John Joseph Pershing (1860–1948) did not wish to be a soldier, but a lawyer; eventually he became both. Son of a Missouri farmer, young Pershing was plowing corn in 1882 when he heard a cadetship was open at West Point. Seeing an opportunity to get an education, he applied and was accepted.

Young Pershing planned to resign from the service on graduation. Instead he entered the cavalry and was assigned to duty at Ft. Bayard, New Mexico. In 1890 he was sent to the University of Nebraska as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. During his four years of service there he managed to earn a degree in law.

In 1905, following various assignments, he was promoted to brigadier general by President Theodore Roosevelt over 862 officers of higher rank, this because of his ability.

When Madero was assassinated in Mexico in 1913, Pershing was ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas. When given this assignment he left his wife and children

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behind at San Francisco. Two years later he received a telegram that fire had broken out in his home. His wife and three daughters perished, only a six year old son surviving.

When war with Germany broke out in 1917 he was sent to France with a staff of experts and President Woodrow Wilson designated him commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was made General of the Army, the first to receive that rank. Following the war he received many decorations and was appointed to many honorary boards,

A Mason, he was initiated in Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in 1888. The Knights Templar degrees were conferred on him by Mount Moriah Commandery No. 4 at Lincoln. He became a member of West Virginia Consistory in Wheeling and of Sesostri Shrine Temple in Lincoln. He was an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, of Harmony Lodge No. 449 in St. Louis, and of Stansbury Lodge No. 44 in Washington. He received the 33d Degree in 1930.

General Pershing was philatelically honored with an 8¢ brown issued Nov. 17, 1961, Scott's No. 1042A.

— Earl E. Dixon.

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HELP IS WANTED--

A story is told that long ago a village decided to have a festival. Since none of the villagers was wealthy, it was decided that each should bring a bottle of wine, which would be poured into a large cask for the enjoyment of all. One villager said to himself, "If I fill my bottle with water and pour it into the cask it will not be observed and I can keep my wine for my own use." So he emptied a bottle of water into the cask and, behold, when time came to draw the wine from the cask, only water flowed forth! Each of the villagers had the same idea!

Are YOU withholding the "wine" of your Masonic research? Your Unit needs your help! For instance, a recent issue of "Stamp Collector" shows five portrait stamps from Switzerland—the poet, Rilke; painter Klee, engineer Amman and Nobel winners Hesse and Mann. Also shown were two architects from Finland—Saarinen and Aalto. Were any of these Masons? Do some research, and let us have the benefit of your "wine."

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JOAQUIM NABUCO (1849-1910)—

Joaquim Aurelio Barreto Nabuco de Freitas was born in the State of Pernambuco and graduated in law from the University of Recife. He spent the years 1873-76 in Europe and on his return was elected Deputy for the state of Pernambuco. He was a strong advocate of the abolition of slavery and though known as a monarchist served in several important positions, including ambassador to the United States.



He was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge "America," Sao Paulo, on December 1, 1868.

His likeness is shown on an airmail issue, Scott's #C11, issued Aug. 30, 1949.

-- Denis E. Duveen.

MASONIC PIANISTS—

(Bro. Norman Lincoln sends us the following list of "piano playing Masons," with the suggestion that any one of these might be used in connection with the current 8.4¢ bulk mailing stamp, Scott's No. 1615C. Thanks, Bro. Lincoln, your efforts are appreciated. — Editor.)

Harry S. Truman (1884-1972) while president often relaxed by playing the piano; "The Missouri Waltz" was his favorite.

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) was primarily an organist and hymn writer.

Mathias P. Moller (1855-1937,) a manufacturer of pipe organs.

Henry W. Armstrong (1879-1951) wrote "Sweet Adeline" and other popular songs.

Constantin Bakaleinikoff (1898-1956) was music director of RKO pictures.

Irving Berlin (188- ,) a famous song writer who began his career by playing in saloons.

Charles Wakefield Cadman (1881-1946) composer of concert music including "The Land of Sky Blue Water."

Nacio Herb Brown (1896-1964) wrote many songs for the movies including "Broadway Melody."

George M. Cohan (1878-1942) the "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Reginald De Koven (1859-1920) composed many operettas, best known being "Robin Hood."

Gus Edwards (1879-1945) vaudeville performer and producer. Wrote "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "School Days."

Pat Gilmore (1829-1892) wrote "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Ferde Grofe (1892-1972) arranger for Paul Whiteman; wrote "Grand Canyon Suite."

Charles K. Harris (1865-1930) songwriter; wrote "After the Ball" and others.

Alfred Hay Malotte (1895-1958) whose well-known arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" is often sung at Masonic events.

Sigmund Romberg (1887-1951) was very proud of his Masonic affiliation. Wrote "The Desert Song," "The Student Prince" and other musicals.

John Phillip Sousa (1854-1932) the "March King" wrote several works based on his Masonic membership.

Sam Woodworth (1785-1842) is remembered for "The Old Oaken Bucket."

Jimmy Davis (1902-) former governor of Louisiana was a noted country singer and wrote "You Are My Sunshine."

Sir Harry Lauder (1870-1950) Scottish singer who wrote "Roamin' in the Gloaming."

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VOLTAIRE AGAIN PHILATELICALLY HONORED--

France honored "two outstanding pens," Voltaire and Rousseau, with a 100+20fr semi-postal issued July 1, last. It is ironic that their remains lie side by side in the Pantheon in Paris, and that they should share a stamp, as one biographer states that they were "bitter enemies." The character of the two men is well brought out by their portraits on the stamp, Voltaire pictured as an old man, while Rousseau is young and earnest.

Francois Marie Arouet (1694-1778,) better known by his pen name of Voltaire, advocated reform in the administration of justice, the abolition of torture and toleration of other people's ideas, particularly in religion, while Rosseau's ideas were different in every respect. As a writer, Voltaire was without peer in French literature. It was largely his ideas that led to the French Revolution, freeing the people from a tyrannical monarch and a corrupt priesthood.



Voltaire was initiated into Freemasonry April 7, 1778, at the age of 84 in the famous Lodge "Les Neuf Souers" (The Nine Sisters) in Paris. He was escorted into the lodge by Benjamin Franklin of the United States and by Count de Gebelin of France. The celebrated French astronomer, Joseph Lalande, sat in the East, and Comte de Stroganoff, Court Chamberlin of the Empress Catherine of Russia, and Colonel LaRoche served as Wardens. Because of his extreme age, it is said that many of the usual preparations of a candidate were waived, but not the requirement that he express his belief in God. Voltaire died May 30, 1778, less than two months after his initiation. His last words were "I die adoring God, loving my friends, not hating my enemies, and detesting superstition."

In addition to this stamp, Voltaire is pictured as a young man on a semi-postal issued in 1949, Scott's No. B239. (Cut courtesy of "Stamp Collector.")

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LET'S ASK FOR A MACARTHUR STAMP!—

January 8, 1880, General Douglas MacArthur was born at Little Rock, Arkansas. Let's ask for a stamp to mark the centennial of the birth



of this famous man and Mason. Little Rock stamp club and other civic organizations are already asking for its issuance. And don't you think the first day of sale should be at his birthplace? Write TODAY to Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, U. S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260, asking that this stamp be issued. And a letter to your congressman might help!

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Vincent Lopez (1898-) was an orchestra leader and pianist, best known for his performance of "Nola."

Francis Geminiani (1687-1762) wrote many concertos and sonatas.

Thomas Arne (1710-1778) wrote classical music and "Rule Britannia."

William Boyce (1710-1779) composed symphonies and other works.

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) composed the music to "The Star Spangled Banner."

Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900) in addition to his famous comic operas wrote "The Lost Chord" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) began his career as a child prodigy on the piano; wrote a number of pieces for piano, and numerous Masonic works.

Jan Sibelius (1865-1957) composed "Finlandia," and wrote the music of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Finland.

Johan Christian Bach (1735-1782) the "London" Bach, wrote instrumental music.

Ludwig Spohr (1784-1859) was a composer of chamber music and concertos.

Franz Liszt (1811-1886) was one of the most celebrated pianists of his time; he left a large number of works for the instrument.

Guiseppi Sarti (1729-1802) was an Italian composer of church music.

Johann Nepomuk Hummel (1778-1837) was a versatile composer of concert music.

Giovanni Battista Viotti (1755-1824) was an Italian composer of violin works.

William Pijper (1896-1947) was a little-known Dutch composer.

William C. Handy (1873-1958) composer of "Memphis Blues," "St. Louis Blues" and others was a Prince Hall Mason.

Nat "King" Cole (1919-1965) was a well-known pianist before he became a popular singer; a Prince Hall Mason.

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974) was a world-famous pianist and composer of "Mood Indigo." He was a Prince Hall Mason.

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WHEN WRITING A LETTER to Unit members or officers that requires a reply, don't forget the SASE.

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SGT. JOH.NY LINCOLN CLEM, the "drummer boy of Chickamauga," was later a Mason and a Shriner. Before his retirement in 1915 he reached the rank of colonel.. He died May 13, 1937.

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RICH PEOPLE never know one of life's greatest thrills — paying the last installment.

— Stolen.

VISCOUNT OF RIO BRANCO (1819-1380)—

Jose Maria de Silva Paranhos, Viscount of Rio Branco, was born in Bahai and was the father of the better-known Baron of Rio Branco. He graduated from the Imperial Naval Academy in 1841, then lectured in mathematics in both the Naval and Military Academies. Active in politics he started by becoming a Provincial Deputy in Rio de Janeiro and then became President of the Chamber. Later he occupied a number of important positions, among which were Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of War, Minister of Finance and Senator. The first abolitionistic law which decreed that all children born to parents who were slaves were to be born free, owed much to his strong support.



He is recorded as being a member of the Lodge "Constiticao Maconica" in Passeio in the year 1841. He served as Grand Master of the Grande Oriente do Brazil from 1871 to 1880. Attained the 33d Degree.

He is pictured on a 5c stamp issued March 16, 1969, to mark the 150th anniversary of his birth, Scott's No. 1115.

-- Denis I. Duveen.

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BARON OF RIO BRANCO (1845-1912)—

Jose Maria da Silva Paranhos, Baron of Rio Branco, lived his entire life in Rio de Janeiro. Trained as a lawyer, he devoted his life to politics and served as Minister of Foreign Affairs under the presidencies of Rodeiguez Alves, Alfonso Pena and Hermes da Fonseca. He made a specialty of defining Brazil's frontiers and settling the ensuing disputes with her neighbors. Among his major achievements in this field were the solving of litigation concerning the Missoes frontier area with Argentina in 1903. He was the son of Viscount of Rio Branco, an important figure and a man of unusual culture.



He was initiated in the Lodge "Estrella do Norte" in Rio de Janeiro on February 3, 1872.

The Baron is pictured on Scott's Nos. 193 and 194 of the issue of 1913-1916 and on No. C63, issued in 1945 on the centenary of his birth.

-- Denis I. Duveen.

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DUES ARE DUE—

Please mail check for your dues TODAY to Secy. Richard M. Needham, 708 No. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!

COSTACHE NEGRUZZI (1809-1869)--

The Roumanian poet, Costache (Constantin) Negruzzi, was born in Jassy in 1809. At the outbreak of the Greek revolt by Ypsilanti, he was taken to Bessarabia by his father, and there became acquainted with the poet, Pushkin. His writings include translations into Roumanian the works of Pushkin and Victor Hugo, a historical poem "Aprode Purice," and lyric poems published under the title "Sins of Youth". His works were published in 1873. In Roumania he served as Minister of the Treasury during the reign of Prince Cuza. He died August 25, 1869.



He was initiated in Masonry in Paris, France, in the Lodge "Athenee Des Etrangers."

The Costache Negruzzi stamp was issued by Romania in 1960, Scott's No. 1313.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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LAURO SEVERIANO MUELLER (1836-1926)--

Born in Itajai, Santa Caterina, Mueller is better known as a politician than a man of letters, although he was a member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters. Following in the footsteps of the Baron of Rio Branco, whose chair he occupied in the Academy, Mueller mediated the conflict between the United States and Mexico and got them to sign a peace treaty. He also was successful in mediating the serious dispute between Colombia and Panama over the Canal. He was the first to institute a strong policy of friendship with neighboring Argentina. As Minister of Transport he promoted the construction of the ports of Recife, Bahai and Rio Grande as well as the docks of Rio de Janeiro. He was also responsible for a complete reorganization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and made it internationally recognized.



Muller was initiated into Freemasonry March 14, 1888, in the Lodge "2 de Dezembro" in Rio de Janeiro. In 1911 he represented the Lodge "Acacia Itajaiense" of Itajai in the Grand Council of the Grande Oriente do Brazil.

He is pictured on a 8or issued March 8, 1964, Scott's No. 975, marking the centenary of his birth.

— Denis I. Duveen.

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LABOR TO keep alive in you breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

— George Washington.

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HERMANN BAHR (1863-1934)--

Bahr was an Austrian author and playwright whose keen interest in cultural movements makes his career a guide to literary developments in Austria during his lifetime.



Under the influence of Maurice Maeterlinck, he became a champion of mysticism and symbolism. In 1903 he was appointed director of the Vienna Burghtheater. His later critical works, which show his interest in the social effects of Creative art, include "Dialog vom Marsyas" and "Expressionismus."

He was initiated into Masonry April 25, 1897, in the Lodge "Freundschaft" (Friendship) in Vienna. In his later years he is said to have withdrawn from Freemasonry.

He is pictured on a 1.50s bi-color of Austria, issued July 19, 1963, to mark the centennial of his birth.

— John M. Cunningham.

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WENCESLAUS BRAZ (1868-1966)--

Wenceslaus Braz Pereira Gomes was born in Itajuba (now Brasopolis) in Minas Gerais and served as Attorney General, State and the Federal Deputy and finally Secretary of the Interior of the State of Minas Gerais. In 1910 he was elected Vice-president under President Hermes da Fonseca. In 1914 he was elected President of the Republic and served until 1918.



A Mason, he was initiated in the Lodge "Mocoquense" in Mococo, Sao Paulo, on March 3, 1896.

He is pictured on an issue of 1968, Scott's No. 1065, and on a number of official stamps.

— Denis I. Duveen.

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THE FOXGLOVE PLANT (*Digitalis*) is shown on Czechoslovakia #1357 (1965) and Germany #B513 (1974). The use of this cardiac drug was introduced as a treatment for diseases of the heart by the French physician, Pierre G. Vassal (1769-1840). He was initiated about 1811, took an active part in the Craft and presided in the lodge, chapter and Aeropagus of the Scottish Rite. In 1819, he was elected secretary-general of the Grand Orient, and in 1827 was president of the College of Rites. Attained the 33d Degree.

— 10,000 Famous Masons.

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IN THIS WORLD nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.

— Benjamin Franklin

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