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## ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!!--

After holding the results of the Unit election open for an additional ten days in order to give everyone an opportunity to get their ballots in, following are the results of our annual election, together with the number of votes received by each person:

PRESIDENT-- Marshall S. Loke (38), M. W. Bowling (9), Madison B. Cole, Jr., (2).

VICE-PRESIDENT-- Leonard W. Kemp (28), Norman G. Lincoln (6), W. W. Bowling (14).

SECRETARY TREASURER-- Richard M. Needham (48), Otto L. Steding (1).

It is regrettable that more did not vote, but your editor had several write "I do not know the candidates; can you cast a vote for me?" Sorry, but we have no provision for "proxy" votes.

Our new president, Bro. Loke, made the following appointments as his first official act, subject to their acceptance:

DIRECTORS-- (I) John M. Cunningham, (II) Earl E. Dixon.

### REPRESENTATIVES:

United States (Eastern) Edward L. King, (Western) Judge D. B. Constine, (Southern) Chas. F. Stalmach, (Central) Kenneth H. Vinje, (Alaska) Arthur W. Haskett. CANADA (Eastern) Alan R. P. Golding, (Western) Allen D. Taylor. EUROPE-- Jan van Daalen. SOUTH AMERICA-- Denis I. Duveen. AFRICA-- Dr. Colin R. MacKenzie. AUSTRALIA-- Leslie C. Kelly.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--

According to the Secretary's report on the outcome of the recent election, I have been elected to the office of president of the ATA Masonic Study Unit. I appreciate the confidence you have shown by your votes in selecting me to serve you as such during the next twelve months.

With this issue of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON the Unit begins its third year. During the two years just completed the membership has increased from a handful to well over the hundred mark, and our unit has become international with members located on five continents.

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Much credit is due our editor for making the newsletter what it is and I am optimistic that it will become one of the best in its field. To accomplish this it is of vital importance that each and every member continue to support the editor with articles, news items and information. Thanks to the several members who are already helping with the publication and distribution of the journal, and to a number of others who have volunteered their services in various capacities.

Above is a list of appointments to non-elective offices.

Fraternally,

*Marshall S. Loke*

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A GENEROUS GESTURE—

Director John M. Cunningham has sent your editor a total of 70 covers with Masonic cachets, these to be sold and the proceeds applied to our Printing Fund. These include:

- 11 FDC 7.7¢ coil pairs, 11/20/76, with Sousa cachet.
- 17 Centennial of Enoch Lodge of Perfection, Columbus, Ohio, 9/20/77, with 13¢ flag and 3¢ Ohio Centennial stamp (1953.)
- 8 FDC Articles of Confederation 9/30/77, with John Dickinson cachet.
- 13 FDC Talking Pictures, 10/6/77, with Al Jolson cachet.
- 21 Masonic Stamp Club cachet and cancel, 11/4/77, "225th Anniversary, Washington, the Mason," Valley Forge Christmas stamp.

These will be sold for \$1.00 each, plus SASE. Make checks payable to "Printing Fund," and mail to the editor, adding your thanks to Bro. Cunningham.

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MASONIC ARCHITECTS HONORED--

On June 4 the USPS will issue at Kansas City a block of four stamps honoring American architects. These will not be portrait stamps, but will depict the work of those honored. Those are Thomas Jefferson (Rotunda of the University of Virginia,) Charles Bulfinch (Boston State House,) Benjamin Latrobe (Baltimore Cathedral) and William Strickland (Philadelphia Exchange.) Latrobe and Strickland were Masons.

BENJAMIN HENRY LATROBE (1764-1820) was a British-American architect who came to America in 1796. He did much to advance the Greek Classic revival, designing the Bank of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in the form of a Greek Ionic temple, while the Customs House in Philadelphia followed the design of the Parthenon. The Baltimore Cathedral was the first Roman Catholic cathedral built in America.

Latrobe was initiated in Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 in London in 1788 and served later as its Junior Warden. In America he affiliated with Jerusalem Lodge No. 54 in Richmond, Virginia.

WILLIAM STRICKLAND (1787-1854) was a student of Latrobe. His first important architectural work was the old Masonic Hall in Philadelphia, a building of Gothic style, completed late in 1810 and burned several years later. He designed a number of prominent churches in the Philadelphia area. His last work was the Tennessee state capitol. He died at Nashville, and, at the permission of the state legislature, was buried in a crypt in the statehouse.

Strickland was a member of Columbia Lodge No. 91 in Philadelphia and served as its Master.

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PRUDENTE JOSE de MORAIS (1842-1902)--

Prudente Jose de Moraes was born and died in Sao Paulo. A lawyer by profession he was untiring in his efforts to see the establishment of the Republic. During the first Republican Administration he served as Governor of the State of Sao Paulo and Senator. In 1804 he was elected president of the republic. During his period in office he had to cope with the revolt in the Military School at Praia Vermelha, Armada and Canudos. He was also able to avoid war over the question of the Island of Trinidad and settle the matter by diplomatic means.



He is recorded as a founding member of the Lodge "Piracicaba" in Paracicaba, Sao Paulo, on November 24, 1875.

His likeness is found on Scott's Nos. 181 and 183 of the issue of 1910, and on No. 534, issued in 1942 marking the centenary of his birth.

-- Denis I. Duveen



TIRADENTES (1748-1792)--

Tiradentes, the hero of Brazil, was born JOAQUIM JOSE da SILVA XAVIER in the little town of Pombal (now Tiradentes), Minas Gerais, Brazil. At various times in his life he worked as a dentist, merchant and an officer in the militia. (Tiradentes means "the tooth puller.") He assumed a leading role in the first major conspiracy against Portuguese rule, the "Inconfidencia Mineira," which was centered in Minas Gerais at the end of the 18th century. All the conspirators agreed that Brazil should be independent; beyond that, they could not concur.



Tiradentes, who admired the United States constitution, advocated a republic. The conspirators never put their romantic and unrealistic plan into action. Betrayed, they were arrested and imprisoned. Tiradentes maintained that he was leader of the conspiracy, and, as a result, was hanged and quartered, his execution creating him a martyr to Brazilian independence.

Tiradentes was thought to have been made a Mason in a lodge in France. He is also thought to have been a founding member of a lodge in Brazil that was suppressed by the Portuguese and its records destroyed.

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WE STAND CORRECTED!!--

Bro. Leslie C. Kelly advises that our "Editor's note" following his story on Australia's Northern Territory stamp (page 92) is incorrect; that the Desert Rose is STURT'S desert rose, and not Stuart's as we stated.



Our note was based on information given by a correspondent from "Down Under" several years ago, who evidently was confused by the similarity of names of the two famous explorers.

At one time it was thought that Capt. Charles Sturt, (Scott's Nos. 104 and 105) was a Mason, but no record of his membership can be found. It was in his honor that the flowers were named. John McDouall Stuart (Scott's No. 345), also an explorer, was a member of Lodge of Truth No. 8 in Adelaide.

We regret this error, and thank Brother Kelly for correcting us.

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MANOEL FERRAS de COMPOS SALLES (1841-1913)--

Born in the city of Campinas, State of Sao Paulo, Campos Salles graduated as a lawyer.



He was elected State Deputy and Federal Deputy, serving as Minister of Justice in the first Provisional Government of the Republic and as president of the State of Sao Paulo, and president of the republic from 1898 to 1902.

He was initiated in Lodge Independencia and pursued an active Masonic career. A lodge in Sao Paulo is named after him.

1064 of 1967.

He is depicted on Scott's No. 182 of 1906, and on No.

— Denis I. Duveen.



GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT (1786-1866)—

Winfield Scott was born on the family estate "Laurel Branch" in Dinwiddie County near Petersburg, Virginia, on June 13, 1786. In 1805, when he was nineteen, he was made a Mason in Dinwiddie Lodge No. 23 at Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia. In that jurisdiction at that time the son of a Mason might lawfully receive the degrees at the age of eighteen. He attended William and Mary College a few months in 1805. He studied law until 1808 when he joined the United States Army and was commissioned Captain of Light Artillery.

At the beginning of the War of 1812 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and sent to the Niagara frontier. He served throughout the war in numerous engagements against the British, rising through the grades to Major General. Having been seriously wounded at the Battle of Lundy's Lane, he was called to Washington when partially recovered to serve as president of the board on military tactics. He declined the position of Secretary of War. In 1841 he was appointed General in Chief of the United States Army.

During the Mexican War in 1847 General Scott commanded the U. S. forces in Mexico and led troops in a series of victories at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo and Chapultepec. He entered Mexico City on September 14, 1847 and occupied the National Palace.

Gen. Scott was nominated for the presidency by the Whig party in 1848 but was overwhelmingly defeated. In 1851 he founded the U. S. Soldiers' Home in Washington, D.C. on 502 acres of land about four miles north of the Capitol. By the time the Civil War started in 1861, Gen. Scott was too infirm to conduct the war. He retired November 1, 1861 with no reduction in pay or allowances. He died at West Point, N.Y., May 29, 1866 and was buried there.

Stamps: U.S.A. (1870) Scott's No. 142, (1936) No. 786 (2¢ army issue).

— Marshall S. Loke.

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WASHINGTON LUIS PEREIRA da SOUSA (1870-1957)—

Washington Luis Pereira da Sousa was born in Macae, Rio de Janeiro, and graduated from the law school of the University of Sao Paulo. He served the State of Sao Paulo as Attorney General, becoming first a State and then a Federal Deputy and finally president of the State of Sao Paulo. He was elected president of the republic for the period 1926-1930 but was deposed in 1930 by Getulio Vargas in the so-called "Revolution of 1930," at which time Vargas asserted that his election had been fraudulent.



He was initiated in "Lodge Philantropia II" at Batates, Sao Paulo, June 30, 1894, serving as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1898.

His likeness is found on the 1cr lilac of 1968, Scott's No. 1066.

— Denis I. Duveen.

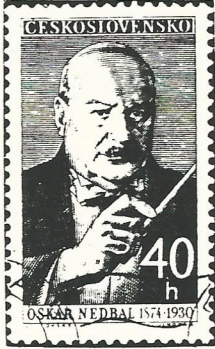
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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER.



OSKAR NEDBAL (1874-1930)—

The gentlemen with baton in his hand on Czechoslovakia No. 1000, issued in 1960, is the late Czech composer and conductor, Oskar Nedbal.



He was born at Tabor, Bohemia, on March 26, 1874, and studied violin, theory and composition at the Prague Conservatory, where he graduated in 1892. From 1891 to 1906 he played viola in the famous Bohemian String Quartet. Also from 1896 to 1906 he conducted concerts of Bohemian music in Prague and Vienna. He was conductor of the "Tonkünstler-Orch" in Vienna from 1906 to 1919 and for a time of the "Volksoper" there. After 1919 he was a guest conductor in Czechoslovakia, Austria and Yugoslavia, and Director of the Bratislavia National Theater. He died, by suicide, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, December 24, 1930.

Nedbal was a member of Lodge "Goethe" in Vienna.

-- Marshall S. Loke.

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MARSHAL HERMES RODRIGUEZ da FONSECA (1855-1923)—

Hermes da Fonseca, a military man and politician all his life, was born in Anadia, Alagoas, and died in Rio de Janeiro. He first entered the army as a very young man in 1871 and took a leading part in the Proclamation of the Republic. After successfully filling a number of important Military posts he served as Minister of War during the presidency of Alfonso Pena and his appointment to this key post must be seen as a tribute to his technical brilliance for Pena was the most anti-Masonic of Brazil's presidents and Fonseca was well-known as an ardent Mason. While Minister of War, he successfully reorganized the army. In 1910, he successfully defeated Ruy Barbosa, another Mason, in the presidential election.



He was initiated in Gangarelli Lodge in Rio de Janeiro at the age of 21, and received the 33d Degree from the Supreme Council of the Grande Oriente do Brasil in 1909. He was always active in Masonry.

da Fonseca is pictured on Nos. 178-179 of the issue of 1906-1916, on Nos. 485-486 of 1939, and No. 824, issued in 1955 in honor of his 100th birthday.

-- Denis I. Duveen.

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THE HUMBLEST CITIZEN of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error.

-- Wm. Jennings Bryan.



WORLD'S OLDEST MASON?—

Is Bro. William Joseph Moore, 32<sup>o</sup>, of Harrison, Ark., the world's oldest Mason? Bro. Moore was 107 years old March 17, and is the oldest in Arkansas in point of membership. He was raised in Valley Springs Lodge No. 458 at Valley Springs, Ark., January 25, 1896, and has been a Master Mason for 83 years. He is now a member of Boone Lodge No. 314 at Harrison. He took the Scottish Rite degrees at the age of 75. At the age of 100 he retired from Allied Telephone Company after 58 years of service to the telephone industry.

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STATE LOTTERY STAMPS WITH MASONIC SYMBOL—

SANTA CLARA, CAL.— In 1866 Louisiana issued stamps to pay a tax on lottery tickets. No other state issued such an adhesive stamp. . . . The first issue of the Louisiana stamps came in four values — 5¢, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and all in blue. The 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ was not known until 1936, so there is a remote possibility that other denominations may exist. At that time, an imperforate half-sheet (3x6) of stamps with margins, top, bottom and one side was found in the collection of an elderly lady in New Orleans. She said it had been given her by her father when she was a little girl. The other half, given to her sister at the same time, was also found. George Cabot, one of the foremost students of these issues for many years, said that only about 60 copies of all denominations are known. . . .

— Bert Hubbard, Director, SASS  
 (Editor's note— The above, from a 1974 issue of "National Stamp News", sent us by Bro. Earl E. Dixon, is being reprinted in part because of the Masonic symbol. Can any member throw further light on these? and why the Fellowship degree?)

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WAY OF LIFE—

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things but most of all, Freemasonry is a way of life.

If you never learn more about Masonry than you are compelled to commit to memory in taking the degrees, you will never know much about the real beauty of Masonry.

— The Bulletin, Masonic Relief Assn.



COUNT AUGUST NEITHARDT VON GNEISENAU (1760-1831)--

Von Gneisenau was a Prussian field marshal and one of the chief organizers of victory against Napoleon. The successful defense of Kolberg against the French in 1807 laid the foundation for his advancement. As Scharnhorst's first general staff officer he was largely responsible for the plan of operations of the Prussian and Russian armies for the spring of 1813. After Schornhorst's death he became chief of the general staff. On Napoleon's escape from Elba he became chief of staff to Blucher.



He was initiated in the Lodge "Zu den drei Felsen" (The Three Rocks) at Schmiedeberg.

von Gneisenau is pictured on stamps of German Democratic Republic, Scott's Nos. 518-519, issued in October, 1960, and No. 668, issued in October, 1963.

— John M. Cunningham.

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RUY BARBOSA (1849-1923)--

Ruy de Olivera Barbosa graduated in law from the University of Sao Paula, but busied himself with journalism, literature and politics. In Brazil he soon became known as a symbol of the law and having been elected a Federal Deputy in 1881 he distinguished himself by the electoral reform which he sponsored, and his reorganization of the nation's educational system. He represented Brazil at the second Peace Conference in The Hague where he acquired the nickname of "The Eagle of The Hague" and played a major part in the decision to establish a Permanent Court of International Law in that city. In 1910 he was defeated for President of the Republic by Marshal de Fonseca. In 1920 he was elected a judge and his rulings in cases involving habeas corpus became a basic part of Brazilian jurisprudence. He wrote a number of important legal texts.



A Mason, he was initiated July 1, 1869, in Lodge "America" at Sao Paulo. He attained the 33d Degree.

Ruy Barbosa is pictured on Scott's No. 286 (1925), No. 300 (1929), No. 459 (1938), No. 692 (1949) and Nos. 798-799 (1956).

— Denis I. Duveen.

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THE FIRST REQUISITE of a good citizen of this Republic of ours is that he shall be willing and able to pull his weight.

— Theodore Roosevelt.



TOMAS CIPRIANO de MOSQUERA (1798-1878)--

Tomas Cipriano de Mosquera, Colombian patriot and politician, was a scion of an aristocratic family in Popayan, New Grenada. At the age of 15 he took part with General Antonio Narino in the Battle of Calibio. In 1821 Simon Bolivar appointed him his aide-de-camp and private secretary. In 1823 he became Governor and Military Commander of Buenaventura. In 1826-27 he was Commander of the Province of Guayaquil. In 1829 he was promoted to General and in that same year became Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary in Peru. In 1835-36 he was a member of the Chamber of Representatives of New Grenada in Bogata. His political career culminated in his election to the Presidency of New Grenada in 1845. He held this post from that year until 1849 and again from 1861 to 1867. During his term of office he founded the "Colegio Militar" in Bogota. He died at his estate "Coconuco" ner Popayan in 1878 and was entombed in the Pantheon of Fighters for Freedom in Popayan.

Tomas Cipriano de Mosquera was a Mason in 1821, for in that year he founded the Lodge "Los Hermanos del Sur" in Popayan. He received the 33d Degree in 1826. During his stay in Guayaquil he was a member of the Lodge "Filantropia" No. 1. The Grand Lodge of New Granada granted him the title of "Gran Protector del Grande Oriente Americano" in 1849. That same year the Supreme Council appointed him "Gran Protector de la Masoneria de la Nueva Granada." In 1858 he founded the Lodge "Filantropia Bogotana" No. 16 in Bogata and became its first Worshipful Master. He founded the "Supremo Consejo grado 33 de la Jurisdiccion del Center de Colombia" in 1864 with headquarters in Bogata. He became the first Sovereign Grand Commander.

In 1978 the Republic of Colombia issued a stamp commemorating the centenary of his death, a 6p multicolor, Scott's No. 865.

-- Wessel M. Lans.

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DR. ANDRES SAENZ-LLORENTE--

Dr. Saenz-Llorente studied medicine in Guatamala and became a physician about 1850. He practiced medicine and then became an army surgeon during the National Campaign against the Filibusters. As a doctor, he was dean of the faculty of medicine at the state university. As a politician he was chairman of the Costa Rican Constitutional Congress. He was a director of the National Bank.

He was a member of "Logia Caridad" No. 26 at San Jose, Costa Rica, and served as its Worshipful Master.

He is shown on a 25¢ airmail stamp of 1961, Scott's No. C332, commemorating the 9th Congress of Physicians of Central America and Panama.

-- Marshall S. Loke.



HERMANN BLUMENAU (1819-1898)--

Born in Brunswick, Germany, Blumenau came to Brazil in 1846 with the first German immigrants who established themselves in that part of southern Brazil which later became the State of Santa Catarina. A pharmacist by



profession, he was a philosopher by avocation and disapproved heartily of the haphazard way in which colonization was being carried out. He wrote a book which became quite widely read in which he expounded his views. Among the small colonies which he organized one rapidly grew and subsequently became the city of Blumenau, named after him and now the capitol of the state.



Blumenau is supposed to have been made a Mason in Lodge "Carl zur gekronten Saule" No. 15 in Braunschweig, Germany, later being a member of Lodge "Absolam zu den drei Nessel" No. 1 at Hamburg. After coming to Brazil he founded the Lodge "Zur Friedenspalm" in 1885, under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. This lodge is now under the Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina and is called "Fraternidade Blumenauense" No. 6. He once served as Master of this lodge.

Brazil issued a single stamp (Scott's No. 1149) on Dec. 26, 1969, commemorating the 150th anniversary of his birth. No. 699, issued Sept. 9, 1950, marks the centenary of the founding of Blumenau, and pictures the city of Blumenau in the distance.

-- Denis I. Duveen.

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ANOTHER MASONIC CORNERSTONE--

In our January-February issue we published a list of cornerstones that were laid with Masonic ceremonies. To this list Bro. S. Stobbs of England adds the following:

"The old Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon was burnt down in the 1920's and the present Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was then built in its place after funds had been collected for the project from all over the world -- much from the U.S.A. The cornerstone was then laid by the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Lord Amptill, on 2nd July, 1929."

Thanks, Bro. Stobbs, for this information; we can use more like this.

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LOWELL THOMAS, LECTURER AND COMMENTATOR--

Lowell Thomas was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Boston, Feb. 7, 1927. This is America's oldest lodge. He is a dual member of Kane Lodge No. 454 in New York city. It has been announced by the Supreme Council, 33, Northern Jurisdiction, that Bro. Thomas will receive the 33d Degree during the September meeting of that Jurisdiction in Chicago.