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WHOLE NO. 20

OVIDE DECROLY (1871-1932)--

Ovide Decroly, Belgian teacher, was born in Ronse on July 23, 1871. He studied medicine in Ghent, Berlin, Paris and Brussels. After finishing his studies, however, he dedicated his whole life to education. In 1901, in Uckel near Brussels, he founded a school for backward and abnormal children. In 1907 he founded the "Ecole pour la vie par la vie" for ordinary children. In 1912 he became leader of a training course for teachers. In 1913 he was appointed teacher at the College "Ecole Buis-Tempels". In 1920 followed his appointment as professor of child psychology in Brussels and in the next year also as professor of educational hygiene. Decroly is the originator of the method which starts at the whole and then arrives at the parts. He died in Brussels September 12, 1932.



Ovide Decroly was initiated November 25, 1902, in the Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes" No. 2 in Brussels. On March 29, 1930, he affiliated with the Lodge "Les Vrais Amis de l'Union et du Progres Reunis", also in Brussels.

Belgium honored this internationally famous pedagogue on a stamp June 1, 1931, Scott's No. B1005. In 1975 the Belgian post issued a stamp on the occasion of the centenary of the "Normaalschool Charles Buis". The stamp features a teacher leading a child on the path of life, Scott's No. 916. On the appearance of this stamp a First Day Cover was issued with the portrait of Alexis Sluys, director of the college from 1880 to 1909. Charles Buis and Alexis Sluys were both Masons. Buis was initiated in the Lodge "Les Vrais Amis de l'Union et du Progres Reunis" in Brussels. Sluys was a member of the Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes", and was Grand Orator of the Grande Orient de Belgique.

— Wessel H. Lans.

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS—

To all the members of the Masonic Study Unit and their families, we would like to wish you a prosperous New Year. Also a special thanks to the various members who have sent in some very interesting articles for publication.

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The past year has been full of many surprises; our growth has far exceeded our expectations, and we are really becoming the best Masonic magazine of its kind in existence. We have inaugurated a "Questions and Answers" department, as well as checklists of Masons in the United States and foreign countries.

Thanking all of you for your splendid cooperation in the past, I remain,

— LEONARD A. KEMP, president,
Masonic Study Unit

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CHARLES HECTOR d'ESTAING (1729-1794)—

Count Jean Baptiste Charles Henri Hector d'Estaing was born at Auvergne, near Clermont-Ferrand, France. He served for a time in the French infantry fighting



the British in India. In 1763 he entered the French naval service, becoming vice-admiral in 1777. From 1778 to 1780 he was commander of a fleet assisting American colonists in the American Revolution. His fleet was damaged by a storm near Newport in 1778. He soon repaired his ships and sailed to the West Indies where he captured Granada, displaying great bravery in the attack. In September of 1779 he joined General Lincoln in an unsuccessful attack on the British at Savannah, after which he returned to France.

In 1783 when the Peace of Paris was signed, the combined French and Spanish fleets were under his command at Cadiz, Spain. He afterward devoted himself to politics and was elected to the Assembly of Notables in 1787, and was chosen admiral by the National Assembly. In the French Revolution he supported the king and queen with a zeal that finally cost him his life. For testifying in favor of Marie Antoinette at her trial in 1793 he was guillotined April 28, 1894 in Paris.

Charles Hector d'Estaing was a member of the Lodge Les Neuf Souers in Paris-- the lodge attended by Franklin while in France. While in America he once visited Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Portraits of Brø. d'Estaing appear on at least three stamps marking the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. In a 1976 set by the Republic of Malagasy he is on the 100fr. value, while a larger portrait is on the 500fr. souvenir sheet. Another portrait is on the 150fr. of Ivory Coast, shown here.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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SINCE BEGINNING publication of the PHILATELIC FRANKMASON, we have carried stories on many Masons, but never a story on members of the Eastern star for the benefit of our lady members. We have a number of ladies on our membership list, and would like to be of service to them, too. Won't someone — lady of gentleman — send us some stories on the "distarf side"? Shall we hold a space for one or more in our next issue?

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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER.

We need MORE members!!

MALONS IN PROBLE THE LINCOLN'S CABINET--

The Republic of Honduras issued a series of airmail stamps in 1957, marking the sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, relating to various events in his life. One of the stamps, the 5 centavos, Scott's No. C292, depicts him meeting with his



Cabinet in a discussion of the Emancipation Proclamation, the official document released Jan. 1, 1863, declaring all "slaves within any state, or designated part of a state . . . then in rebellion . . . shall be then, thenceforward and forever free".

The scene includes all seven cabinet members together with the president and vice-president. Those seated are identified by Mark E. Neely, Jr., Director of the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum at Ft. Wayne, Ind., as Hannibal Hamlin, vice-president; Abraham Lincoln, president; William H. Seward, Secretary of State; Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, and Edward Bates, Attorney General. Standing in the rear are Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior; Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War; Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General, and Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury.

Four of the gentlemen are known to have been Freemasons. They are EDWARD BATES (1793-1869), a member of Missouri Lodge No. 12, under Tennessee charter, at St. Louis. He was instrumental in the formation of the Missouri Grand Lodge and served four terms as Grand Master.

GIDEON WELLES (1802-1873) was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 2 and Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, both of Hartford, Conn. X

CALEB B. SMITH (1808-1864) received the degrees of Masonry in Warren Lodge No. 15, Connersville, Indiana, on April 18, 24 and 29, 1829. He served as Master in 1832, and dimitted in 1852 to affiliate with a lodge in Indianapolis.

EDWARD M. STANTON (1814-1869) was a member of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, Steubenville, Ohio. On March 25, 1851, he became a charter member of Washington Lodge No. 253, Pittsburgh, Pa. Stanton also appears on a 7¢ stamp of the issues of 1870-71.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) was not a Mason, though he had a great respect for the institution. He stated that he had long cherished a desire to become a member, but never petitioned, one reason being that no one had asked him to join. During the time of his campaign for the presidency he refrained, lest his motives might be misconstrued. In all probability he would have applied for membership in a Springfield lodge after leaving public office if he had lived.

William H. Seward (1801-1872) was Anti-Mason. In 1830 he was named as the anti-Masonic candidate for the New York state senate.

-- Marshall S. Loke.

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WE HAVE LEARNED that we cannot live alone, in peace; that our own well-being is dependent on the well-being of other nations, far away.... We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community.

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CAPT. EDDIE RICKENBACKER (1890-1973)--

Edward Vernon Rickenbacker was born October 3, 1890, in Columbus, Ohio, son of a German-Swiss father and a French-Swiss mother. He was a well-known automobile racer for a number of years, winning a large number of championships. He served in the U.S. Air Service during World War I in France as Commanding Officer of the 94th Aero Pursuit Squadron. He shot down 22 enemy planes and four observation balloons becoming the leading American combat pilot, one of the most acclaimed heroes, the "Ace of aces". He received the Distinguished Service Cross with nine oak leaves, the French Croix de Guerre with four palms, the Congressional Medal of Honor and other decorations.



After the war he organized and was president of the Rickenbacker Motor Co., until 1928. He became president of Eastern Air Lines in 1933, and board chairman from 1954 until his retirement in 1963. He died July 23, 1973, in Zurich, Switzerland.

Capt. Rickenbacker was a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit, receiving his degrees April 17, June 12 and June 26, 1922. He was a member of Palestine Chapter No. 159, Royal Arch Masons, Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, and Moslem Shrine Temple, all of Detroit. In 1942 he was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award of the Grand Lodge of New York. He became a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1949.

Liberia issued a set of six stamps and a souvenir sheet on January 6, 1973, in tribute to 50 years of aviation progress. The 5¢ stamp, Scott's No. 796, bears a portrait of Capt. Rickenbacker and his Douglas DC3.

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JOSEPH WAUTERS (1875-1929)--

Joseph Wauters, Belgian politician, was born in Rosoux-Crenwick, Belgium, on November 3, 1875. He studied physics and chemistry in Liege. Early in life he felt attracted toward socialism. From 1911 to 1929 he was director of the socialist daily "le Peuple" (The People). From 1908 to 1912 and from 1914 to 1929 he was a member of the House of Representatives for the District of Hoei-Forgworm. He played an important part in the extension of the Belgian Labour Party. From 1918 to 1921 he was Minister of Industry and Labour; from 1925 to 1927 was Minister of Labour and Welfare. In that period laws came about for the eight-hour working-day and the 48-hour week, as well as the pension act and the law on industrial accidents. Wauters died in Brussels June 30, 1929.



Joseph Wauters was initiated March 14, 1902, in the Lodge "La Parfaite Intelligence et l'Etoile Reunis" in Liege.

Belgium honored this Walloon politician with a stamp in 1977, Scott's No. B960.

Wessel M. Lans.

JOSE ANTONIO PAEZ (1790-1873)--

General Jose Antonio Paez, born at Acarigua in the province of Barinas, Venezuela, was a soldier and politician. As commander of the Venezuelan armies during the war for independence, 1810-1822, he inflicted a series of defeats on the Spanish, capped the decisive victory at Carabobo, breaking their power and forcing them to leave, and making him a national hero.



When Venezuela seceded from Colombia in 1830, General Paez became the first president of the new republic, serving from 1831 to 1835 and from 1839 to 1843. In the intervening four years he commanded the army and put down two rebellions. He was engaged in a civil war in the 1840s but was defeated in 1848 and banished for several years. He lived in exile in the United States from 1850 to 1858 and was minister to the United States in 1860.

He returned to Venezuela and reestablished himself as dictator in 1861 but was involved in a civil war. He finally resigned in 1863 because of popular pressure for a constitutional government, and again became an exile, at first in Argentina and then in New York where he died May 6, 1873, at the age of 83. He was later reinterred in the Pantheon de los Proceres in 1888.

Paez was initiated into Masonry when very young in a lodge in Barinas and thereafter took an active part in the Craft. His Masonic career was a brilliant one. He received the 14th degree in the Lodge "Concordia" at Valencia and the 18th degree in the Chapter Rosa Cruz "La Independencia" at Puerto Cabello. He became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela when it was established at Caracas in 1824, and on the establishment of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in 1840 in Caracas, he became the first Sovereign Grand Commander 33° serving until 1843. He visited the Lodge "Union y Concordia" at Kingston, Jamaica, on June 26, 1847. In 1869, the Logia "Constancia" No. 7 in Buenos Aires received him as an honorary member during his stay in Argentina. He was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council 33° in New York.

Venezuela honored Paez by using different portraits on the series of 1973, Scott's Nos. 1032-1036. He is also honored by the 1940 issue of the Battle of Carabobo, Scott's No. 367, and on No. 1049 of 1973, which pictures a hydroelectric dam named for him.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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OUR CONSTITUTION is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

— Benjamin Franklin (1759).

LAFAYETTE'S FULL NAME was Marie Paul Jean Roch Yves Motier Lafayette.

FREEDOM IS the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong.

— John Diefenbaker.

WHEN I WAS younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.

— Mark Twain.

MOTILAL NEHRU (1861-1931)--

Pandit Motilal Nehru was a leader in the Indian independence movement and the father of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. He early established a lucrative law practice and was admitted to the Allahabad High Court in 1896. In 1907 he presided over a provincial conference of the Indian National Congress, a political organization striving for dominion status for India. He was considered a moderate until 1919, when he made his radicalized views known by means of a daily newspaper he founded, "The Independent".



In 1921 both he and his son, Jawaharlal, were arrested by the British and jailed for six months. In 1923 he helped found the Swaraj Party, the policy of which was to win election to the Central Legislative Assembly and obstruct its proceedings from within. In 1928 he wrote a future constitution for independent India based on the granting of dominion status. After the British rejected these proposals, he participated in the civil disobedience movement of 1930, for which he was imprisoned. He died soon after his release in 1931.

Pandit Motilal Nehru was a member of "Unity Lodge" No. 29 in Allahabad, India, and was at one time its Worshipful Master.

India marked the centenary of his birth with the issue of a stamp, Scott's No. 340, on May 6, 1961.

EDITOR'S NOTE - It seems that "Pandit" is an honorary title, much the same as "Honorable" is used in the United States.

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CLAUDE-JOSEPH ROUGET DE LISLE (1760-1836)--

"The Marseillaise" is the well-known and stirring national anthem of France. Its words and music are the work of a Freemason, Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle, who was born at Lons-le-Saunier May 10, 1760. He entered the military service and was a captain of engineers at Strasbourg in 1792 where he wrote "Chant de Guerre pour l'Armée du Rhin". Its six stanzas soon reached Paris and became very popular.



He was wounded at Quiberon in 1795 and retired from the army. During the Reign of Terror he was arrested, but was saved from the guillotine by Robespierre. In 1796 he published "Essais en vers et en prose" and in 1826 "Fifty French Songs, Words of Various Authors, Set to Music by Rouget de Lisle". He died June 26, 1836, at Choisy-le-Roi.

He was a member of the Lodge "les Freres Discrets" in Charleville, France.

In 1936 France issued two stamps in his honor, Scott's No. 309 bearing his portrait, while No. 310 is allegorical of "The Marseillaise".

-- Norman G. Lincoln.

GERHARD JOHANN VON SCHARNHORST (1755-1813)--

von Scharnhorst, originator of the German military system and father of the Prussian general staff, joined the army at the age of 23, and served as an artillery officer in Belgium. In 1801 he entered the Prussian service, demanding the right to reorganize the training system, as well as a knighthood. His ability was recognized and his request was granted. Among his first students was Karl von Clausewitz, the military theorist. von Scharnhorst eliminated mercenaries, basing the Prussian army on conscription. He also ended corporal punishment and built up a system whereby civilians were trained and put into reserve units until they would be needed during wartime.



During the Napoleonic wars he was defeated at Jena and Auerstaedt in 1806, but fought the French to a standoff at Eylau in 1807. Mortally wounded at Lutzen May 2, 1813, he died at Prague June 28, 1813.

He was initiated in the Lodge "Le Compass d'Or" in 1779, a lodge later re-named "Zum Goldenen Zirkel", in Göttingen, Germany, a lodge working under a charter from the "Grosse Landesloge der Freimaurer von Deutschland" in Berlin. He later affiliated with the Berlin lodge "Zum Goldenen Schirm". He subsequently appears to have received higher Masonic honors, as minutes of the lodge refer to him as "der Hochwürdigste Br. von Scharnhorst", which, literally translated, means "the Most Worshipful Bro. von Scharnhorst".

von Scharnhorst appears with Prince Mikhail L. Kutuzov on the 40pf. of 1963, Scott's No. 672.

-- Norman G. Lincoln.

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FRIEDRICH GILLY (1772-1800)--

Friedrich Gilly, gifted young German Architect, in 1790 helped supervise the building of the waterworks in Westphalia, and in 1791 assisted in the construction of the Berlin city hall. Later he designed the monument of Frederick the Great (for which he was proclaimed an architectural genius) and the Prussian National Theater. Among his other works are the Light Opera House in Königsberg and the Villa Kolbe in Tiergarten. In 1797 he became state architectural inspector and in 1798 was professor for Optic and Perspective at the new Architectural Academy. He died at Carlsbad at the age of 28.



Gilly was a member of the Lodge "Zu den drei Goldenen Schlüsseln" (Lodge of the Three Golden Keys) in Berlin, having been initiated on May 19, 1798.

Germany honored him on a stamp of Berlin in 1972, Scott's No. 9N327. A marble bust of Gilly, done by the German sculptor, Johann Gottfried Schadow, which is prominently displayed at the Academy of Arts in Berlin, is depicted.

RECENT ISSUES OF MA. OMIC INTEREST--

U. S. A.	1/04/81	1874	✓ Everett Dirksen
	5/05/81	UX89	✓ Isaiah Thomas postal card
	9/08/81	UX90	✓ E. Greene (Dutaw Springs, postal card)
	9/23/81	UX91	✓ Lewis & Clark postal card
	10/13/81	C98	Philip Mazzei
Australia	2/18/81	775	Walter A. Lindrum
	2/25/81	776/777	Kingsford-Smith World Flights
Belgium	3/18/81	1067	Baron de Stassart
	3/16/81	1068	King Leopold
Costa Rica	5/06/81	C830/32	Heinrich von Stephan
Djibouti	7/06/81	531/2	Lord Horatio Nelson
France	9/26/81	1770	Jules Ferry
Gabon	3/26/81	C247	Alan Shepard
Ger. Dem. Rep.	5/05/81	2133	Adelbert von Chamisso
Israel	3/17/81	777	Sir Moses H. Montefiore
Italy	10/16/81	1439	Philip Mazzei
Liberia	7/04/81	904	James Monroe
	7/04/81	908	Andrew Jackson
	7/04/81	910	George Washington
	7/04/81	911	Washington Crossing the Delaware
Mali	4/21/81	C421	Alan Shepard
Mexico	12/10/80	1223	Simon Bolivar
	1/14/81	1224	Vincente Guerrero
	3/21/81	1229	Benito Juarez
	8/01/81	1741	✓ Alexander Fleming
Peru	1/18/81	729	Simon Bolivar
Philippines	6/30/81	1331/2	Pres. Ferdinand Marcos
Samoa	4/29/81	547/52	F. D. Roosevelt, Events in the life of
Uganda	3/-/81	310/13	Henrich von Stephan
Upper Volta	5/04/81	565	Henrich von Stephan
Wallis & Futunia	5/11/81	C106	Alan Shepard



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A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST--

Beginning with this issue, we will have membership contest, the member who gets the largest number of new members to be declared the winner. The contest will run from Jan. 1, 1982 to Dec. 31, 1982. Winner of the contest, which we hope to repeat will receive his dues for the year 1983-84. Ask Secretary Needham, 708 North Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130, for a supply of membership application blanks and get started TODAY. A delay may mean that someone else may "beat you out". Secretary Needham has declared himself ineligible, in this contest, so everyone has an equal chance. Let's get busy TODAY!

Following is a list of new members and renewals since our last issue:

- 209 Hughson F.C. Hawley, Box 1051 (34 Woodland Dr.), West Dennis, Mass. 02670
- 210 Marvin L. Keller, 12320 Bellamy Road, Berlin Heights, Ohio 44814
- 211 Arthur L. Crego, R.F.D. #6 (Fowler Road), Oswego, N.Y. 13126
- 212 James A. Janes, (P.M.), R.F.D. 1, Box 145, Philadelphia, Mo. 63463
- 213 Miss Dorothy S. Walker, 1169 Hancock Dr., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30306
- 214 Thomas H. Finlayson, R.F.D. 3, Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, B9C 1R8.

(CANADA.)

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- 215 William D. Stump, 158 West Indiana, Napanee, Ind. 46550
- 216 Roger M. Coltey, 122 Lynn Knolls, Scott Depot, W. Va. 25560
- 217 Dr. Roger Sacher, 1 rue d'Alesia #3000, Bobigny #276,278, FRANCE
- 218 Paul Butler, 7 South Close, Boxleyheath, Kent DA6 8HH, ENGLAND
- 219 Rev. Edward H. Hayes, 611 First Street, Orange City, Fla. 32763
- 220 C. V. Hampton, P.O. Box 43, Megargel, Texas 76370
- 221 Chester L. Somers, 43 Surrey Lane, Lowell, Mass. 01852
- 222 Albert Hanson, 561 Lyman Avenue, Woodbridge, N.J. 07095
- 223 William G. Mayer, 52 North Parade Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14211
- 224 Rev. Harry D. Collier, Jr., 52743 N. Cypress Circle, South Bend, Ind. 46637
- 225 Eric Ahl, 10550 S.R. #84, Lot #173, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33324
- 226 John R. Poole, P.O. Box 1631, Terre Haute, Ind. 47808
- 227 Rev. Wm. M. Bowling, 9539 Wessex Place, Louisville, Ky. 40222
- 228 Walter M. Reeves, 2873 Madison Ave., Yuma, Ariz. 85364
- 229 James A. Faulkner, 5850 Vermont St., Merrillville, Ind. 46410
- 230 Donald L. McClenahan, 105 Acorn Drive, Scotia, N.Y. 12302
- 231 James W. Hogg, 6672 Estero Blvd., Apt A-907, Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. 33931
- 232 Richard V. Travis, 15 Greenridge Dr., Brookfield Center, Ct. 06805
- 233 Tarik Guner, P. M. #217, Kucuk Esat, Ankara, TURKEY
- 234 Alfred A. Richardson, 827 Third Street, Orland, Calif. 95963

REINSTATEMENTS and CHANGE OF ADDRESS--

- 23 Mrs. Gladys M. Vogel, 1961 S.E. Ranier Road, Port St. Lucie, Fla. 33452
- 48 Marvin Green, 201 Laurel St., Beverly, N.J. 08010
- 49 Albert L. El, 4311 Westminster Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104
- 50 Grant L. Hagen, 13000 Brandon Way Road, Gaithersburg, Md. 20878
- 133 Alexander B. Weir, P. O. Box 30728, Lower Hutt, NEW ZEALAND
- 150 Harold E. Robles, 8 Buttonball Lane, Glastonbury, Conn. 06033

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CACHETS ARE BEING COMPLETED--

Our artist has completed his drawings for the Masonic cachet of the First Day Cover of the Roosevelt stamp to be issued January 30, marking the 100th Anniversary of his birth. Franklin D. Roosevelt is too well known for us to repeat his biography. He has previously been honored on stamps of 36 countries, and expect that many may honor him at this time.

Drawing for the cachet on the Washington First Day Cover is progressing and will be completed in ample time for its issuance on February 22, the 250th Anniversary of his birth. His biography, too, is too well known for repetition here.

Your editor is accepting orders for these Unit-sponsored covers, and they would be welcomed now -- far in advance of the date of issue. If a cover of both stamps is wanted, be sure to include SASE for each. We are holding our price at \$1.00 each, despite the increase in postage rates and the cost of art and printing.

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SEE OUR LIST of new members above. How many of these did YOU get?

would seem that the cancel on this cover is rather unusual, as the Belgian government usually frowns on things Masonic. Bro. Frankignoul gives quite a complete story of Rops and his career on his album page.

The cover illustrated here is 9x4½ inches in size. He says he has a limited number of these which he will sell to our members at \$4.00, postpaid. This gives you an opportunity to secure an unusual cover for your collection, and the price seems quite reasonable.

Bro. Frankignoul asks that nothing emblematic of Freemasonry appear on the outside of letters addressed to him, nor, as stated above, Masonry is not looked upon with favor in his country.

We greatly appreciate his letting us see this reproduction of his album page, and would like to see them from other albums from time to time.



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ONE MAN'S ALBUM PAGE--

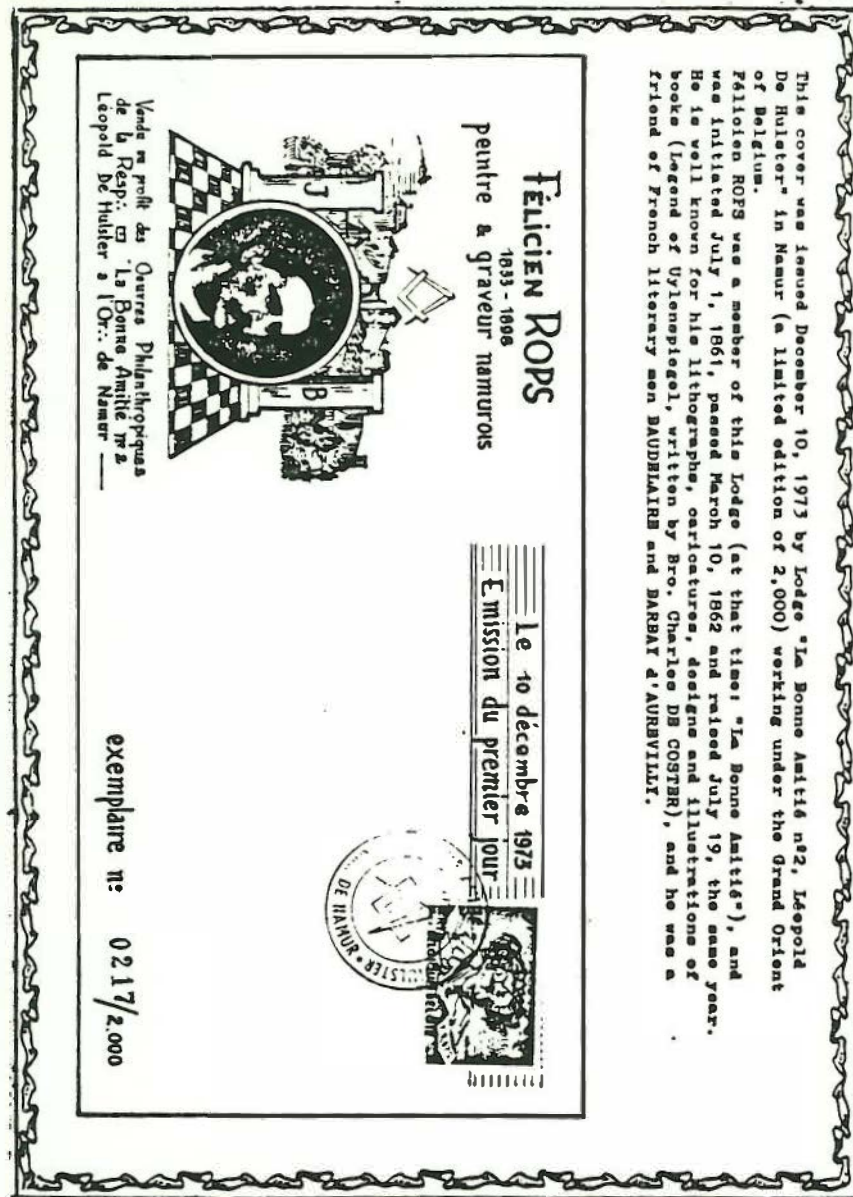
Bro. Daniel J. Frankignoul, Clos des Peupliers 64, 1200 Brussels, Belgium, sends us a xerox of his album page honoring Felicien Rops, Belgian artist. It

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This cover was issued December 10, 1975 by Lodge "La Bonne Antille n°2, Léopold De Hulaet" in Namur (a limited edition of 2,000) vending under the Grand Orient of Belgium. Felicien ROPS was a member of this Lodge (at that time: "La Bonne Antille"), and was initiated July 1, 1861, passed March 10, 1862 and raised July 19, the same year. He is well known for his lithographs, caricatures, designs and illustrations of books (Legend of Ulysses, Legend of Ulysses, Legend of Ulysses, Legend of Ulysses), and he was a friend of French literary men BAUDELAIRE and BARBAZ d'AUREVILLE.

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