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MASONIC STUDY UNIT



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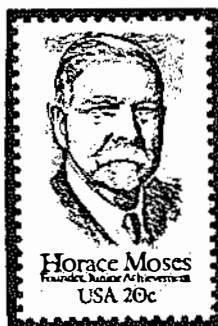


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WHOLE NO. 46



HORACE AUGUSTUS MOSES

Horace Augustus Moses was honored by the USPS on August 6, 1984, with the issuance a stamp to commemorate the founder of Junior Achievement in Bloomington, Ind.

Horace Moses was born on April 21, 1862, in Ticonderoga, N.Y.. After graduating from Troy Conf. Academy in Poultney, Vt., in 1881, he entered the paper manufacturing industry and remained in that field for the rest of his working career. He started with Agawam Paper Co., organized Mittineague Paper Co. in 1892, consolidated it with Woronoco Paper Co. in 1911 and then into Strathmore Paper Co. becoming Chairman of the Board. He was very interested in developing a closer relationship between the city and the country and in improving the position of the farmer. He founded and became honorary president of Junior Achievement. He made his home in the Springfield, Mass., area and died there on April 22, 1947.

Bro. Horace A. Moses was a member of Springfield Lodge, Springfield, Mass., being initiated on April 1, 1896, passed on June 10, 1896, and raised on Oct. 7, 1896. He received his Grand Lodge Veteran's Medal for 50 years membership in 1947.

-Masonic information submitted by Rt.Wor.Allan Boudreau

## NEW ISSUE OF NOTE



The Feb. 21, 1985, Netherlands Antilles set for the 200th Anniversary of the Masonic Lodge "De Vergenoeging" is shown to the left. These stamps were (and may still be) available at a cost of \$1.20 US per set or \$1.50 US for a FDC from Postmaster, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

-Photo courtesy of Bro. J.M.Cunningham

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

435. Judge Donald B. Constine, 182 - 32nd Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94121  
436. Larry Morris, 1010 Vernon, La Habra, Calif. 90631

ADDRESS CHANGES

68. W. F. Smit, "Koningshof" flat 28, Utrechtseweg 62, 6866 GM HEELSUM, The Netherlands.  
413. Herbert A. Rasmussen, 1387 W. Sierra Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93711.  
423. Dale E. Kinley, 1670 E. El Norte Pkwy - #84, Escondido, Calif. 92027.

Over the past ten months, there have only been a total of fourteen (14) new members added to the ranks while six (6) members have closed their albums or have officially resigned. In addition several of the members were dropped from the roles because they did not renew their membership. The bottom line is that we are losing ground in our survival techniques - we must launch an active campaign to recruit new members and/or attract back the former members.

There is still a lot of uncovered, unresearched Masonic Philatelic information in files, records and documents of the world - this was dramatically demonstrated by the new cases of Jerome Kern and Horace Moses. Further, the various postal agencies are helping by issuing stamps which picture new individuals to philately. I firmly believe that our Unit is one of the foremost research groups in our field - we must retain that importance and strive to be even better. This advancement can best be achieved by increasing the scope of activities through increased membership - with active members who can research and disseminate the information through our medium - this newsletter. It is incumbent upon all of us to try to increase the membership through whatever means are available to us - writing articles for philatelic publications or for Masonic periodicals, speaking on the hobby at Lodge meetings or at stamp club meetings or by individually recruiting on a personal basis.

The annual dues are really minimal - only \$5.00 per year which includes six 12-page newsletters. The returns measured in terms of knowledge gained show the balance is definately in favor of the member. As in past years, the Unit officers are hereby instituting a new membership contest for this coming fiscal year (1985-6). The person recruiting the most new members and/or reinstatements of members who had previously dropped out will have his/her dues remitted for the next year (1986-7). I will remove myself from eligibility because of any influence I may have through the newsletter. I do, however, have several applications for any members who would like them; after completion they should be submitted with the annual dues to our Sec.-Treas., Bro. Otto L. Steding - address below. Don't wait, act now and avoid the rush later.

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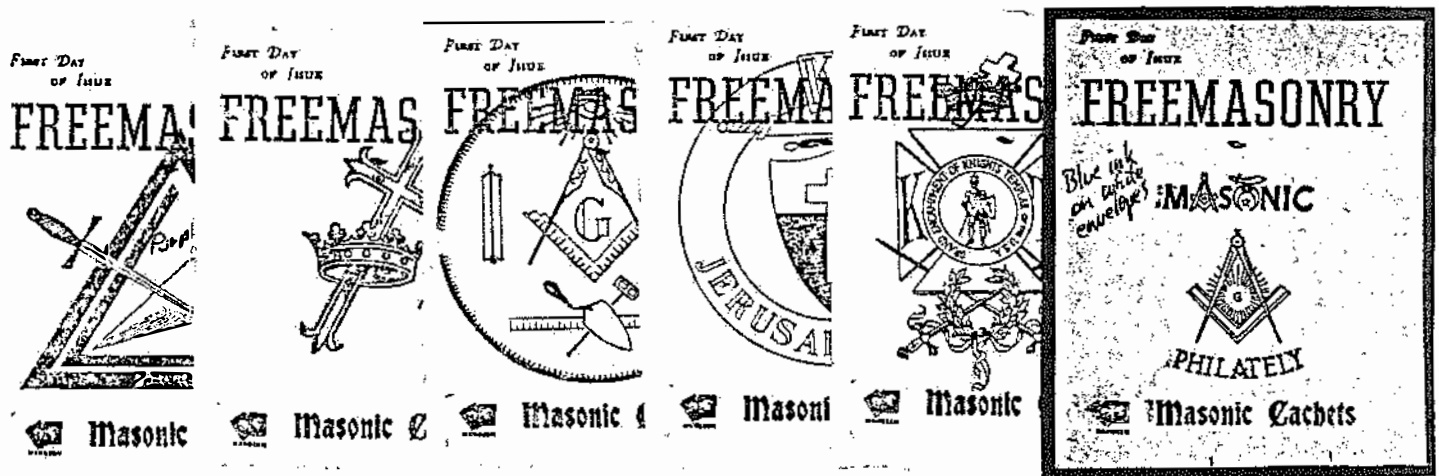
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The annual dues of \$5.00 cover the fiscal year of May 1 to April 30. The time for renewal is now upon us. Don't make this newsletter your next to last one. The dues are payable now to the Secretary-Treasurer: Otto L. Steding, 1033 Hollytree Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231. Remittance of more than one years dues at a time is permissible. Remittance before the end of April would be sincerely appreciated so that Bro. Steding will not have to prepare a reminder to mail in May. Thanks in advance for your continued support. Reminder - dues for overseas members are \$8.00.

WANTED - SALE - TRADE

- Robert C. Krueger, Member No. 95, is actively searching for one, two or three copies of the First Day Cover issued by MSU/W. Kirby for the Harry Truman stamp in Jan. 1984. If anyone has any spare(s), he is urged to contact Bro. Krueger at 4773 N. Sheffield Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wisc. 53211.
- Madison Cole, Member No. 52, forwarded a letter he received which offers Knight Templar Eye Foundation stamps (seals) for sale. These seals (1"X1") are available at a cost of \$4.00 for six sheets of 15 seals each from: James B. Terry, Sec/Rec, Clearwater York Rite Bodies, 1056 Madison St., Largo, Fla. 33540.
- Your editor has accumulated several duplicate Masonic cacheted covers and has a list of those which are available for purchase or trade. Contact me if you are interested.
- Richard M. Needham has prepared a series of general-purpose Masonic cacheted covers, under his trade name of Mahdeen, which picture various symbols of Freemasonry. The Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite and Shrine are represented, sample designs are shown below. The covers are available at a cost of 30¢ each, 2 for 45¢, 3 for 55¢, 4 for 80¢ and 6 for \$1.00 from Bro. Needham at 708 N. Mt. Pleasant Ave, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130.



- Copies of the first four MSU/RAD Masonic Cacheted Covers - D. Fairbanks, R. Russell, St. Lawrence Seaway, F. Laubach - are still available as well as the new cover for Jerome Kern shown elsewhere in this issue. They are still only \$1.00 each plus a SASE (per order) except for the US/Canada St. Lawrence Seaway combo which is \$1.50 (only a few of the combos left). They can be obtained from the Editor.

ERRORS

There were two errors in the last Newsletter and its enclosure which must and will be corrected at this time:

- Abraham Baldwin - The addendum portion of Denslow's "10000 Famous Freemasons" corrects the error within the body of Volume I which identifies A. Baldwin as a Mason. "He was not a Mason. The "visiting" Baldwin to American Union Lodge was Col. Jonathan Baldwin."
- Gutzon Borglum - The article on page 454 credits Gutzon Borglum as being the sculptor of the memorial "Silence" in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Home in Utica, N.Y.. This figure was actually created by Augustus Saint-Gaudens for the Masonic Hall which originally stood at the corner of 23rd St. and 6th Ave. in New York City.

Thanks to Rt. Wor. Bro. Allan Boudreau for bring both of these to our attention.

MASONIC PHILATELIC ORGANIZATIONS

A request has been received to identify the various Masonic Philatelic clubs or organizations throughout the world. Such a task is almost endless because of the various approaches which can be taken. There are several major organizations which have a nation-wide or world-wide membership list and there are, as I am finding out more and more each month, many small local clubs which meet periodically for active exchange of material, ideas and conversation. Further, there are many Masonic research groups throughout the world; the activities of these organizations can, more often than not, be applied to philatelic examples. Consequently, the major question which develops is one of - when you start, where do you stop. I will list only the major organizations devoted specifically to Masonic Philately.

Masonic Stamp Club of New York (1934)

Membership open to all Master Masons throughout the world who are in good standing in a Lodge and Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Annual Membership Fee is \$7.00 (\$11.00 outside the U.S. and Canada). Initiation Fee of \$3.00. Fiscal Year Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Contact: Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Masonic Hall - Box 10, 46 West 24th St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Quarterly Newsletter "The Masonic Philatelist", periodoc covers.

Temple Stamp Club (1939)

Membership generally for Masons in the Milwaukee, Wisc. area.

Contact: Wayne E. Claflin, Pres., Temple Stamp Club, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 790 North Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202.

Occasional covers.

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club (1956)

Membership open to all Master Masons in good standing in their respective Blue Lodge.

Life Membership Fee is \$10.00, no annual fees.

Contact: Dr. M. L. Nafzinger, Secretary, P.O. Box 75, Occoquan, Va. 22125

Quarterly meeting notices, periodic covers.

Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association (1960, 1967 and 1977)

Membership open to those persons interested in Masonic Philately.

Annual Membership Fee is \$5.00. Fiscal Year May 1 to April 30.

Contact: Otto L. Steding, Sec-Treas., 1033 Hollytree Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45231

Bi-monthly Newsletter "The Philatelic Freemason", periodic covers.

Italian Masonic Stamp Club (1968)

Contact: Mrs. Dina Ricci, Casalla Postale 39, Via Gagliardi 25, Lugo, 48022, Italy  
Periodic covers.

The Philatelic Club (of Great Britain) (1974)

Membership open to Freemasons in good standing of the English Constitution.

Annual Subscription is £2 for members residing in the United Kingdom and £4 for members residing elsewhere. Fiscal Year Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Contact: Trevor J. Fray, Secretary and Editor of Newsletter, 76 Merrivale Rd., Beacon Park, Plymouth PL2 2RP, England.

Quarterly Newsletter, no covers.

Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia (1984)

Membership open to all Freemasons and their ladies, the former being in good standing in their respective Lodges, whose Jurisdictions enjoy fraternal relations near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Annual Subscription is: Metropolitan \$10.00, Country and Interstate \$8.00, Overseas \$12.00. Fiscal Year Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia (Cont'd)

Contact: Sidney W. Martin, President and Editor, 4 Barrow Crescent, Lockleys, South Australia 5032.

Quarterly Bulletin, occasional covers.

Maconnieke Philatelistische Studiegroep de Getande Rand

Contact: A. C. Beekman, Treasurer, Waalstraat 101, Amsterdam 1010, The Netherlands. Periodic covers, Newsletter.

There may be others which I have not listed. I am not sure of the status of the German and French clubs nor those previously reported in Victoria, Australia, and Cleveland Ohio. I do know that the Masonic Stamp Club of Philadelphia has gone out of existence. I'd be glad to hear of any I have missed and will pass the information on in future Newsletters.

Please remember - if you contact any of these persons or groups for information, do not forget to extend the courtesy of a SASE or International Reply Coupon for the return postage.

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THOMAS ROBERT BUGEAUD

In 1950 the postoffice of Algeria issued a stamp on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument in honor of the generous Moslim Abd-El-Kader, the great fighter for Algeria's independence.

(Scott No. B61) I don't know why his great rival, Bugeaud, the person who forced him to surrender, is on the same stamp. It is, though, a remarkable stamp when we realize that both of them were Masons.



Abd-El-Kader's membership is generally known; Bro. Marshall Loke described him excellently in "The Philatelic Freemason", Sept/Oct 1983. (It was his last article in our periodical). It is less known that his rival, Thomas Robert Bugeaud was also a member of the Fraternity. In his book "Un siècle de la Franc-Maçonnerie Algérienne" (Paris 1969), the author X. Yacono relates that Bugeaud was an honorary member of a Lodge in Oran (Algeria). Bro. Fred. Zeller, Grand Master of the Grand Orient de France (1971-1973) lifted the veil completely in an article in the periodical "Eur-Africa", of October 1975, page 54: "Thomas Robert Bugeaud was a member of the Lodge "L'Union Africaine" in Oran.

Thomas Robert Bugeaud, Marquis de la Piconnerie, Marshal of France, Duke of Isly, was born October 15, 1784, in Limoges. In 1804 he enlisted as a private in the Napoleonic imperial guard of the French Army. He was one of those people of which Napoleon once said: "Every soldier carries the marshal's baton in his pack". He was a Lieutenant-Colonel when he resigned in 1815 after the fall of Napoleon. After the Revolution of 1830 he returned to the Army under Louis Philippe and was a conservative deputy throughout the July Monarchy (1830-1848). After serious set-backs of the French against Abd-El-Kader, he was sent to Algeria in 1836 and forced his rival to enter into a treaty with France. From 1840 to 1847 Bugeaud was Governor-General of the colony Algeria. Abd-El-Kader again in revolt was finally beaten on August 14, 1844, at the Isly River and Bugeaud was named Duke of Isly for this decisive victory. In 1848 Bugeaud was Commander of Paris but was unable to prevent the fall of the monarchy. After the revolution in 1848 he was elected to the new administration, the Second Republic. He died in Paris on June 10, 1849.

France had previously honored Bro. Bugeaud in 1944 on a stamp in memory of the battle at Isly. (Scott No. 497).

-Article contributed by Bro. Wessel M. Lans,  
The Netherlands




MSU COVER NO. 5

This cover, for the Jerome Kern issue, is the fifth in the series published by your present editor. This cover was prepared using a quality photo offset process and demonstrates a marked increase in quality over the previous covers. They are available for \$1.00 each plus a SASE from the Editor.

**JEROME DAVID KERN**  
 born Jan. 27, 1885 - New York City  
 died Nov. 11, 1945 - New York City

American Composer  
 "Show Boat" (1927) considered finest work


  
 LOUIS AMERICAN MUSIC  
 U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS


More than 1000 songs  
 108 theatrical scores  
 Two Academy Awards

"The Way You Look Tonight"  
 "The Last Time I Saw Paris"

Member of Gramatan Lodge No. 927, Bronxville, N.Y.

Initiated May 12, 1919  
 Passed June 9, 1919  
 Raised June 23, 1919

  
 MSU


**JEROME KERN**  
  
 Performing Arts USA


NEW COVERS FROM FRANCE


Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Paul Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France, has forwarded copies of the latest three covers issued by the Club Philatelique Jean-Theophile Desaguliers. They are available from him at a cost of \$6.00 (US \$) for the set of three.


France-King Francois I FDC cancel in Cognac used on July 1, 1967. The cancel depicts a salamander. Lodge


FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

  
 FRANCOIS I<sup>er</sup>  
 par Jean CLOUET

  
 1<sup>er</sup> JUL 67  
 16 COGNAC

  
 REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE  
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 1<sup>er</sup> JUL 67  
 16 COGNAC

  
 "LA SALAMANDRE n° 341" à l'Orient  
 de Cognac est une R. Logo de la G.L.N.F.  
 correspondant au R.E.A.

**CARTE POSTALE**

EXPÉDITEUR  
 Assemblée Générale du  
 Cinquantenaire de la G.M.F.  
 Périgueux, le 26 Mai 1984.

DESTINATAIRE




  
 Michel BAROIN  
 Président Directeur Général de la G.M.F.  
 fut Grand Maître du Grand Orient de  
 France de 1978 à 1979.

"La Salamandre"341 is located in Cognac and is within the Grande Loge Nationale Française.

France-A card with a special cancel of May 26 1984, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the most important Mutual Insurance Co. in France. The Chairman and General Manager is Michel Baroin who was the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France in 1978 and 1979.

Belgium-U.L.B. FDC dated Jan. 14, 1984. The Free University in Brussels was founded by Freemasons - including Theodore Verlaegen, initiated on April 14, 1818, in "L'Esperance" Lodge in Brussels.

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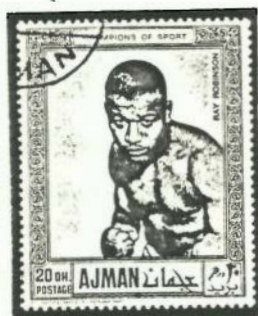
  
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 C'est à la Franc-Maçonnerie que l'on  
 doit sa Création et plus particulière-  
 ment à Theodore VERHAEGEN (1796-  
 1862) initié le 14 Avril 1818 par la Loge  
 "L'ESPERANCE" à BRUXELLES. Affilié  
 aux "AMIS PHILANTHROPIQUES".

F.D.C.  
 P. 707

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON



There has just been released a new book "The 100 Greatest Boxers of All Times" by Bert Randolph Sugar, a former editor of Ring Magazine. He chooses Sugar Ray Robinson as No. 1, stating: "He was boxing's version of Rashomon. Everyone saw something different: He could deliver a knockout blow going backward; he was seamless, with no fault lines; his left hand, held always at the ready, was pretty in motion; his footwork was superior to any that had been seen in boxing up to that time; his hand speed and leverage was untouchable; and on and on."

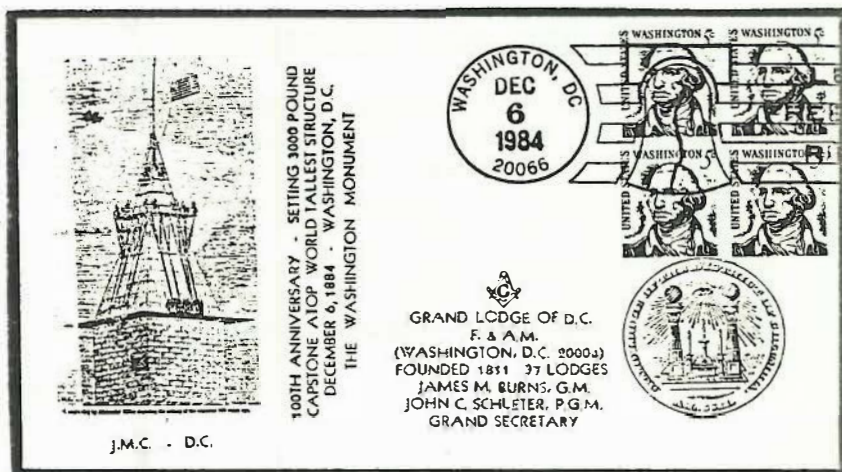
Bro. Robinson is listed in the proceedings of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York in 1957 as a member of Joppa Lodge No. 55. This same information is also repeated in William R. Denslow's "10000 Famous Freemasons". He is pictured on the Ajman (Non-Scott listed) issue shown above.

Sugar Ray Robinson was born Walker Smith in Detroit on May 8, 1920. As a boy he watched Joe Louis train at a local gym and resolved to become a boxer. He moved with his family to New York City where he joined the amateur ranks, winning all 85 of his bouts and the Golden Glove featherweight and lightweight championships. For one match he borrowed the certificate of another amateur named Ray Robinson to meet the age qualifications and later added "Sugar" to his name after a sportswriter dubbed his boxing style "sweet as sugar".

He was welterweight champion from 1946 to 1951 and held the middleweight title five times between 1951 and 1960. Between 1940 and 1946 he won 73 professional bouts, losing only one - a decision to Jake LaMotta. In 1946 he outpointed Tommy Bell for the welterweight crown which he vacated in 1951 after knocking out LaMotta for the middleweight title. In that year he lost it to Randy Tarpin and then won it back. Challenging Joey Maxim for the light-heavyweight crown in 1952, Robinson seemed a sure winner on points but was overcome by heat in the 13th round and suffered a technical knockout. He retired after this bout. In a comeback bout in 1955 he knocked out Bobo Olson for his second title. In 1957-58 he lost it to, and regained it from, both Gene Fullmer and Carmen Basilio, successively. He lost twice to Paul Pender in 1960 and retired in 1965. He appeared in several films and TV shows and helped organize the Sugar Ray Youth Foundation. Robinson was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1967.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM'S LATEST COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham has been busy preparing yet another Masonic Cacheted Cover - this one to commemorate the Centennial of the capping of the Washington Monument on Dec. 6, 1884.





NEW ISSUES

Announcements of new and recent issues of importance to Masonic Philately:

- Aug. 6, 1984 - United States - Horace A. Moses (Scott 2095) - See page 461.  
Oct. 1984 - Afghanistan - Classic automobiles (7 val.) - 5af value pictures  
Henry Ford.  
Nov. 19, 1984 - Antigua & Barbuda - World Leaders (8 val.) - two values picture  
Winston Churchill.  
Jan. 23, 1985 - United States - Jerome Kern - See enclosure in last newsletter.  
Feb. 21, 1985 - Netherlands Antilles - Set of three stamps for 200th Anniversary  
of Masonic Lodge "De Vergenoeging" - See  
page 461.  
June 7, 1985 - United States - Sylvanus Thayer - 9c stamp to be issued at  
Braintree, Mass. (Change in date and place).

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FRENCH COVERS STILL AVAILABLE

Jean Prouteau informs us that the following covers issued by the J. T. Desgauliers Club are still available. The cost of each cover is \$2.00 and they may be ordered from him at: 1, rue Paul Verlaine, 17000 LA ROCHELLE, France.

France	V. Schoelcher	Feb. 16, 1957
	Mehul	May 25, 1963
	Mazzini	March 21, 1963
	Resistance Movement	March 3, 1964
	C. Desmoulins	June 6, 1979
Gabon	Leon M'Ba	Feb. 17, 1962

(Editor's note: none of these are pictured in my recent Foreign Masonic Cacheted Covers catalog so I have sent for them also)

Bro. Proteau also informs us that Denis Diderot - reported in the last issue as being pictured on a new stamp of Cameroun - is not a Freemason. He had several friends belonging to the Craft but he himself was not a Mason.

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D.M. CARLSON JOINS RANKS AS COVER MAKER

David M. Carlson, a Masonic Philatelist has now tried his hand at issuing a Masonic Cacheted Cover - one for the 75th Anniversary of his Lodge, Hematite Lodge No. 274 of Chisholm, Minn. This cover is available from him at a cost of \$1.00 plus a #10 SASE. His address is 512 Roberts Ave., Nashwauk, Minn. 55769.

Hematite Lodge  
No. 274, A.F. & A.M.  
Chisholm, Minnesota 55719



75th Anniversary  
Chartered  
1.19.1910  
DMC-1



Harry S. Truman, Grand Master of Missouri, 1940-41



JUAN JOSE CANAS

1826-1900

Unfortunately I cannot tell you much about the biography of this Central American officer. I could not find his name in any encyclopedia, not even in the great "Diccionario enciclopedico", issued in Mexico and directed to Latin America. My only source in this respect is the stamp. It reveals that he was a general and "Autor de la letra del Himno Nacional", poet of El Salvador's anthem, for which he was honored by the Republic of El Salvador on a stamp in 1945 (Scott No. 590). This information indicates he was a good patriot and a faithful servant of his country.

More is known about his Masonic activities. After Priest Francisco Calvo had founded the first Lodge in Costa Rica in 1865, Freemasonry expanded over the whole of Central America; General Canas played an important part in this growth. On September 30, 1871, Juan Jose Canas was one of the founders of the Lodge "Progreso" No. 5 in San Salvador on a patent of the "Gran Oriente Centro Americano" with a seat in San Jose, Costa Rica. As a member of this Lodge, Canas participated in the founding of the Lodge "Excelsior" No. 17 in San Salvador on March 3, 1882. On August 2, 1882, he was a party to the founding of the Lodge "Caridad y Constancia" No. 18 in Santa Tecla, also in El Salvador. He was the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge. Juan Jose Canas was also a member of a Chapter Rose Croix.



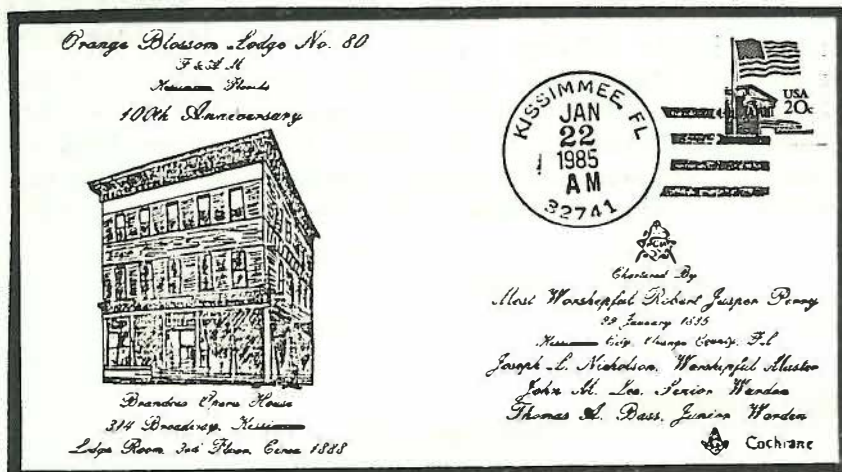
Source: "Anuario de la Gran Logia de Costa Rica", 1938.

- Article contributed by Wessel M. Lans, The Netherlands

MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN EXPANDS MEMBERSHIP

Bro. Trevor Fray has written to announce that the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain can now accept regular members of constitutions other than the English Constitution. This permission, granted by their Grand Lodge, puts the club back in the status it had at its initial founding in 1976. Anyone wishing to join this group may do so by contacting Bro. Fray at 76 Merrivale Rd., Beacon Park, Plymouth PL2 2RP England. As mentioned on page 464 the dues are £4 for members residing outside the United Kingdom and membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. The Club publishes a good sized quarterly newsletter. Bro. Fray may still have some Jan. 1985 newsletters left for those who join in the very near future. This expansion in membership is the direct result of a concerted effort by the club officers - specifically Tony Field and Trevor Fray; thanks for your efforts.

FRANK COCHRANE'S LATEST



Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 celebrated its 100th anniversary on Jan. 22, 1985. During this period it has had five DDGM's and will have its first member to become a Grand Master in 1986. Orange Blossom was originally a full moon Lodge but changed to regular meeting nights. There is one full moon Lodge left in Florida - Orange Lodge No. 36 in Apopka. They meet on the Friday on or before the full moon.

SERBIA ANTI-MASONIC STAMPS ON COVER



Bro. John O. Welch, member No. 126, has provided this copy of a cover bearing the four Anti-Masonic stamps (Scott 2NB15-18) issued in 1942 by the German Nazi Government for use in Serbia. The surtax was used for anti-Masonic propaganda. These stamps, although intended to be Anti-Masonic, contain designs which are more directly Anti-Semitic.

This illustration is one of the special first day covers which were produced with the title of the event imprinted as shown. The first 1000 such covers were numbered and postmarked with a special "Golden Postmark". Covers that did not sell on the first day were sold for an indefinite period after Jan. 1, 1942, but were cancelled with regular black ink and were not numbered. The total number of covers is not known; however, the "Golden Postmark" covers are very scarce and the black postmark covers are hard to come by.

-Information from previous articles written by  
Clarence Beltman and Alan R. P. Golding

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WHITNEY MOORE YOUNG

The fourth stamp issued in the Black Heritage USA Series, released on Jan. 30, 1981, honors Bro. Whitney Young.

Whitney Moore Young was a member of Rescue Lodge No. 4 (Prince Hall), Omaha, Nebraska.

Whitney M. Young, an American educator, social work administrator and civil rights leader was born in Lincoln Ridge, Ky., on July 31, 1921. He received his B.S. degree at Kentucky State College in 1941 and his M.S. in social work from the University of Minnesota in 1947. He taught at the Nebr. School of Social Work where he was dean from 1954 to 1961. A prominent lecturer and author, Bro. Young served as the Executive Director of the Urban League from 1961 to 1971. In addition, he served on numerous private and federal commissions related to social welfare. He died suddenly while swimming in Lagos, Nigeria, on March 11, 1971.

- Information contributed by our V.P.  
Joseph A. Walkes, Jr.



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DUES ARE DUE

GET A NEW MEMBER

DUES ARE DUE



EARL WARREN



Earl Warren was born in Los Angeles, California, on March 19, 1891, the son of a railroad mechanic. He attended public schools in Bakersfield and worked as a brakeman on freight trains in the San Joaquin Valley. In 1912 he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and two years later received his law degree there. Volunteering for active duty in 1917, he was assigned to the 363rd Infantry Regiment at Camp Lewis, Washington. He was a first lieutenant waiting his orders to France when the war was ended.

He practiced law in Oakland, California, and held local and state offices being elected to the first of three terms as district attorney of Alameda County in 1925. He rose steadily in the state's Republican organization winning election as attorney general in 1939. He was elected Governor in 1943 and served three terms in this office - an unprecedented feat in the history of the state. He took the oath of office as the 14th chief justice of the United States on Oct. 5, 1953, being appointed by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower to succeed the late Frederick M. Vinson. He played a major role in the 1954 school segregation case clearing the way for the whole future of the civil rights movement. At the urging of his doctors and family, he resigned this office on June 23, 1969. He died at the age of 83 on July 9, 1974, in Washington, D.C., and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Bro. Earl Warren was a member of Sequoia Lodge No. 349, Oakland, Calif., being initiated on Oct. 11, 1919, passed on Oct. 15, 1919, and raised on Nov. 1, 1919. He served as Master of this Lodge in 1928. He continued his Masonic interests in Grand Lodge, taking office as Senior Grand Warden in 1933. A one-year term as Deputy Grand Master followed and in 1935 he became the 69th Grand Master of Masons in California.

He was a member of Oakland Royal Arch Chapter No. 36 and Oakland Commandery No. 11, K.T.. He joined the Scottish Rite in Oakland in December 1919. He was Potentate of Aahmes Temple of the Shrine in Oakland in 1933-34. He was named a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in 1937 and served as wise master of Rose Croix in 1938. He received the honorary 33<sup>o</sup> AASR (S.J.) on Dec. 23, 1941, and served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection during his first term as Gov. of Calif. He also was a member of St. Philip Conclave No. 23, Red Cross of Constantine.

Earl Warren is pictured administering the oath of office to Pres. John F. Kennedy on a 15c stamp issued by Liberia on August 16, 1966. He can also be associated with the Supreme Court Building stamp issued by the U.S. on August 2, 1950, as part of the set commemorating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's Capitol.



- Article gathered from information in Editor's files and an article by John A. Staples which appeared in the Sept. 1983 issue of Northern Light.



EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

It is hard to believe but another year of the Unit's existence has been completed. This past year has been very significant because of the major changes experienced: Bro. Walter Kirby joined several other prominent Masonic Philately researchers such as Marshall Loke and John Mirt in the Celestial Lodge above. The total slate of officers changed including the Secretary-Treasurer as well as the Editor. Collectively, we have demonstrated that the Masonic Study Unit, like Masonry in general, survives; the tenets of our institution have been handed down from generation to generation. The preparation of six issues of a twelve page newsletter has proven to be a interesting but challenging and time-consuming task - the support of many members is required. (No one told me it was going to be easy.) The flow of items and articles for the newsletter was "healthy" for a while but it has slowed down lately. Please submit items - not only will it help me in the preparation of the newsletter but it will tell me what type of material you want to see included.

Over this past year I have tried to maintain a balance between Masonry on Stamps and Masonic covers. I have not received any unfavorable comments so I trust that the composition has met with your approval. When I run out of submitted articles/covers and there are more pages to fill, I take material from my files. In doing so I try to select persons or topics which have not been published previously in "The Philatelic Freemason" - i.e., by Bro. Walter Kirby. There are still some articles left which have been covered in earlier publications but not ours - however, we would really appreciate new research items.

I sincerely hope we can expand the membership this next year - even it only means regaining those who have dropped by the wayside for one reason or another. We have so much to offer in the field of Masonic Philatelic information dissemination that the word should be spread to increase our ranks. More members will mean an increase in our potential knowledge base - everyone benefits. Help get a new member.

In response to my comments regarding a potential trophy for TOPEX competition, I did receive a couple of letters indicating afreement with the idea. Consequently, I'm not sure yet what kind of response we would have if the plan were put into effect now. There is still enough time before NEVPEX-TOPEX '85, planned for June 21-23 in Reno, Nevada, to do things properly, so let me ask each of you to indicate at the time of dues renewal:

- 1) Would you be in favor of a competition at TOPEX with a trophy being awarded?  
and
- 2) Would you enter such a competition?

I will use the results of this survey to make the final decision on our actions and approach this year. The results will be reported in the May-June Newsletter and hopefully there will be sufficient time available to permit entry into the exhibition if the decision goes that way.

Thank you for letting me serve you this past year. I look forward to even better newsletters this next year.

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THE WORLD'S OLDEST MASON?

One of the most outstanding gravestones in the world commemorates Bro. Chas. McCue, who was initiated in Lodge No. 38 in Antrim, No. Ireland, at the age of 18 years. He emigrated to Canada and joined St. John's Lodge No. 68 in Ingersoll, Ontario. When he died at the age of 113, he had been a member of the Craft for 95 years. The Lodge meets once a year at the grave for a brief service. An inscription on the gravestone states: "Erected in 1967 by the descendants of Charles McCue and his Masonic brethren of St. John's Lodge No. 68 A.F.& A.M. Ingersoll. A Tribute to the World's Oldest Mason. Fraternal Member from 1775 to 1870".  
-from the "Masonic Square"

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