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RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Stamps issued by the Maldive Islands in 1976 (Scott No. 624) and by Equatorial Guinea depict the Death of Gen. Montgomery by Trumbull.





It was on Jan. 17, 1776, that the Continental Congress while meeting in Philadelphia learned that Major General Richard Montgomery was killed at the battle for Quebec. Pres. John Hancock wept as did Benjamin Franklin and others. Popular ballards and poems were to tell of Montgomery's glorious campaign into Canada and of his heroic death in the cause of liberty. Thomas Paine would write an inspirational elegy in which the spirit of Montgomery would call upon the patriots to fight and sacrifice for independence. That writing was published in June of 1776 and when it was distributed to the members of the Continental Congress it is said to have been what convinced them to prepare the "Declaration of Independence". Richard Montgomery thus in 1776 became America's first military hero and an inspiration behind the certain fight for independence. In the hope that he would not be forgotten, the Congress agreed to a resolution which was recorded in its minutes.

Dec. 2, 1988, will be the 250th anniversary of the birth of Richard Montgomery. He was born near Dublin, Ireland. He was from a proud family where a gr.gr.gr. gr.great grandfather, Gabriel Montgomery, was a captain in the Scottish Guard of King Henry II of France. Richard was the youngest of three boys and therefore not elegible to inherit from the family estates. He received a liberal education at Trinity College in Dublin and became an ensign in the British army in 1756 just short of his 18th birthday. Richard spent his 16 years in the British army in the same regiment - the 17th Foot. It was there that he became a Freemason in their Military Lodge.

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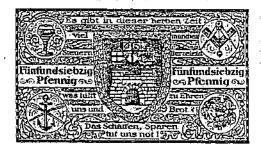
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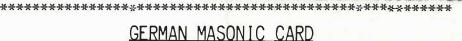
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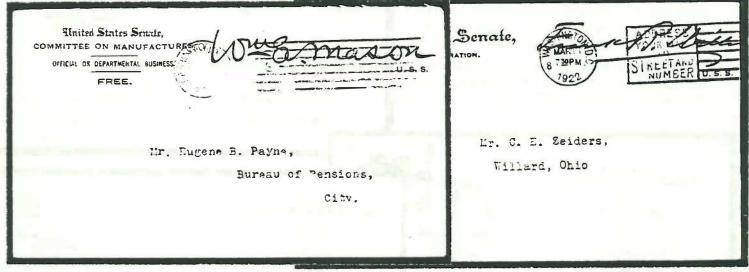




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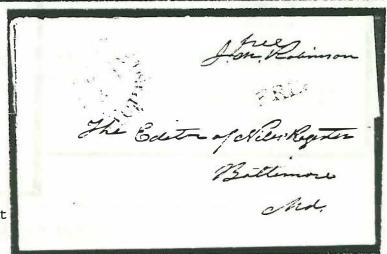
Bro. Stanley Longenecker, Member No. 92 and immediate Past President of the GWMSC, has another unique twist to his Masonic stamp collecting. Most stamp shows have dealers with those cheap boxes of odds and ends covers. Bro. Stan goes through them to locate "Free Franks" which he is able to acquire for a reasonable cost. He then checks these names in Denslow's "10,000 Famous Free-masons" to see if they were members of the Fraternity. Some examples of his finds are shown below.



Wm. E. Mason - 1850-1921 - U.S. Senator & Congressman from Illinois - Garfield Lodge No. 686, Chicago - Grand Orator, Illinois Grand Lodge - also Scottish and York Rite Mason, Shrine.

Frank B. Willis - 1871-1928 - Gov. of Ohio, U.S.Senator - Mason.

John N. Robinson - Stampless letter/ Free Frank dated 1/9/1832 from Wash. D.C. - U.S.Senator, State Supreme Court Judge - General in State Militia -Western Star Lodge, Kaskaskia, Ill.



BRO. JESSE JACKSON

Our Vice President, Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., who is also President of The Phylaxis Society, has provided the following information on the Masonic membership of Jesse Jackson:

He was made a Mason on Sight Monday, May 25, 1987 during the annual Convocation of the United Supreme Council 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, at the McCormick Center Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. M.W. Archie C. Senter, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois assisted by 18 Prince Hall Grand Masters from the Northern Jurisdictions together with the Imperial Potentate and other Brethren performed the work.

BRO. JESSE JACKSON (CONT'D)

Bro. Jackson was placed into Harmony Lodge No. 88, Chicago, Illinois. From May to August, he received his Scottish Rite Degree (32nd) and was placed into Western Consistory No. 28, A.A.S.R., Chicago, Illinois. In August in Atlanta, Georgia he received his Shrine Degree and was placed into Arabic Temple No. 44, Chicago, Illinois.

Bro. Walkes informs us that pictures of the events of May 25th will appear in the next issue of the Phylaxis Magazine. Thank you Bro. Walkes.

GWMSC ACTIVITIES AND COVERS

On June 25, 1988, the GWMSC held its annual picnic during which the members elected and installed new officers for a two year term. Those elected and installed were.

President Paul M. Williams, New Providence, Pa. MSU Member No.183

1st Vice Pres. Kenneth Hanson, Springfield, Va.

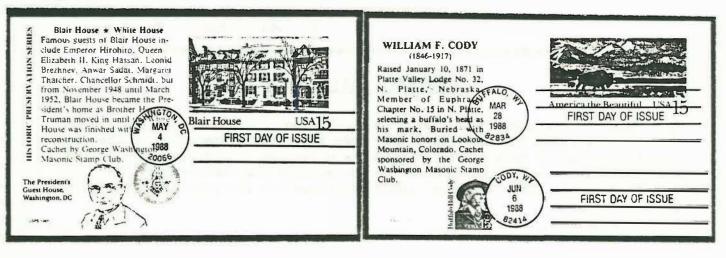
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Rec. Secretary Ralph F. Knisely, Frederick, Md. Treasurer Rev. Richard Bishop, York, Pa. Chaplain Paul Sturman, Arlington, Va.

(Editor's note: this list indicates that the long standing Secretary of the Club, Dr. M.L.Nafzinger, MSU Member No. 19, has retired from that position - a good job well done, Bro. Nafzinger)

Wor. Bro. Paul M. Williams, a Past Master of Sylvania Lodge in Shickshinny, Pa., is also in charge of the cover sales for the Club. He has in his posession 18,000 club covers and for a limited time all pre 1988 covers that used to cost \$1.00 are on sale for $.50\mathfrak{c}$ each. Contact him at 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560 for the latest list of these covers.

The two latest GWMSC releases are shown below and are available for \$1.00 each from Bro. Williams.



BIRTH OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE MASONIC STAMP

On December 19, 1987, the Postal Services Office of the Philippines under the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Angelito T. Banayo, issued a set of stamps commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. It was the first Masonic stamp issued not only within the Philippines but also throughout all of Asia, Southeast Asia and the U.S.A..

A previous newsletter article discussed the founding of this Grand Lodge; this article deals with the story behind the stamp.

In May 1986, W.M. Vincente Antonio Cu visited W.B. Carlos Inductivo in his office at Escolta, to tell him that he had suggested that the Grand Master, Raynold S. Fajardo, petition the Bureau of Post for the issuance of a set of postage stamps to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Grand Lodge in December 1987. W.B. Inductivo indicated he would get his Lodge to initiate the same request.

W.B. Vincente Antonio Cu, as Master of Luzon Lodge No. 57, instructed his Lodge Secretary to write to the Grand Lodge pointing out that in the 75 years of the Grand Lodge's existence, the fraternity had produced numerous heroes and illustrious Filipinos as well as foreign nationals such as Dr. Jose Rizal, Pres. Manuel Quezon, Justice Jose Abad Santos, Rafael Palma, Dean Conrado Benitez. The foreigners included Gen. Douglas MacArthur. To commemorate that event he suggested that the Grand Lodge request the Bureau of Posts issue a set of stamps as it had done for the Jaycees, Lions, Rotary Clubs and Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Grand Master Raynold S. Fajardo was in full concurrence and agreed to approach the Bureau of Posts. From that time until August 1987, W.B. Vincente Antonio Cu and W.B. Carlos Inductivo met often with the Postal Services office regarding the design of the stamp — it was approved in August.

The commemorative postal stamp was released on time — on the morning of Dec. 19, 1987, with First Day Covers being serviced inside Door 203 of the Manila Post Office Building. Assistant Secretary of Postal Services Office, Mr. Angelito T. Banayo presented the first stamp to the Grand Master, M.W. Teodorico V. Baldonado, on that morning at the Grand Lodge Building.

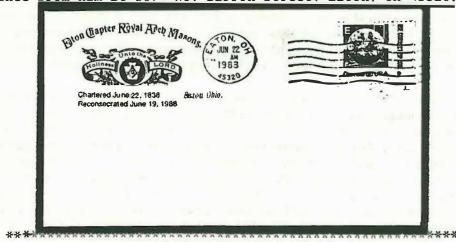
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"BUFFALO BILL" CODY

Bro. James A. Reynolds, Member No. 318 of Chicago, Illinois, submitted an article on William "Buffalo Bill" Cody just after the preparation of the previous Newsletter. I am not presenting it here because it contains most of the same information and facts included in the article that was printed but I do want to recognize Bro. Reynolds' input and thank him for providing support to the Newsletter.

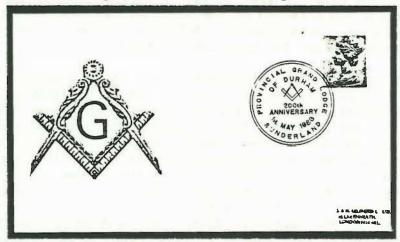
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Bro. Norman G. Lincoln, Member No. 12, has sent along a copy of his latest cover release — one to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Chartering of the Eaton (Ohio) Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Details on the purchase of this cover can be obtained from him at $107\frac{1}{2}$ No. Barron Street, Eaton, OH 45320.



ANTI-MASONIC COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham, Member No. 13, has provided a copy of an Anti-Masonis cover which has been prepared by the Italian MSC (Mrs. Dina Ricci). The cover commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Encyclical Bull published by Pope Clement XII against Freemasonry. Information on this cover can be obtained from him at Grant 205, 3700 N. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.



COVER DISTRIBUTED BY ROSS WETREICH

The cover shown to the right was just recently received in an approval selection from Bro. Ross Wetreich, P.O.Box 1300, Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y. 11582. I believe these covers were originally serviced by Bro. Henry Murray, Member No. 235 of Great Britain.









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EARLY MASONIC BALLOONIST

Bro. Donald Wilder forwarded an article written by Bro. Herman Hearst, Jr., that appeared in the July 16, 1988 issue of "Stamp Collector". It relates the story of an early balloonist who was a stamp collector and a Mason. The Rough Rider stamp and the US Balloonists stamps could be used to illustrate this article in a Masonic stamp collection. Excerpts from this article are repeated below — sufficient to provide the content of the story (Readers Digest approach).

"Ivy Baldwin was a Colorado stamp collector who read one of my (Hearst's) articles in a stamp magazine of a Union Army balloonist, Prof. Lowe, who before the Civil War, made a living at county fairs with balloon ascensions. During that war, Lowe waited days for an appointment with Pres. Lincoln to explain to him how an observer in a balloon might telegraph to officers below advice of the enemy's movements. Lincoln was not impressed but sent him to Secretary of War Stanton to explain his ridiculous idea. Stanton was willing to try anything to reverse the course of the war and allowed Lowe to get a railroad flat car, blow up a tethered balloon and start sending messages. It worked for a time until Confederates realized that under the balloon were railroad tracks which could easily be destroyed.

Thirty years after Lowe's failure, Baldwin stepped into the history books. Ivy Baldwin wrote to Hearst about it one day "I was a balloonist in the Spanish-American War and was shot down by Spanish infantry at the battle of San Juan Hill on July 1, 1898. I was convinced that balloons would help so I went to Lt. Col. Maxfield of the U.S. Volunteer Corps. He took me to the chief engineer Col. George McDevley who was attached to the staff of Maj. Gen. Shafter. Maxfield felt that the idea was impractical but McDevley decided to see if it had merit. Ge. Shafter was indifferent but gave the go-ahead."

The base of San Juan Hill was a jungle and with Spanish snipers in the trees many Americans died before they were even on the hill. Baldwin ascended in his balloon with binoculars but could not see anythig, the dense foliage keeping the enemy soldiers out of sight. The balloon was tethered with American troops holding the ropes. Baldwin ordered them to move the balloon to an area with fewer trees but the line was soon tangled in the trees. The Spanish artillery centered its fire, not on the balloon, but on the troops on the ground who were anchoring it. Most of the men were killed. Once the balloon made it to a clearing, they concentrated their fire on it and it collapsed and fell. The balloon landed fortunately in the Aguadores River, only a dozen inches deep, but the soft mud broke Baldwin's fall and he was uninjured. In an investigation after the war, a congressional committee blamed Gen. Shafter for what is called a "costly blunder". Baldwin himself went home taking with him as much of the balloon as he could carry.

Baldwin sent Hearst news clippings of his appearance at the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition in 1898. He was technically still in the Army (not discharged until 1900) but the Army apparently had no more need for balloonists. A newspaper called him the "air hero of the late war" and referred to the bits of fabric that he sold as souvenirs. He celebrated his 82nd birthday by walking a 63 foot tight rope stretched across a Colorado Rocky Mountain canyon that was 582 feet deep. His request of Bro. Hearst was "I am an old man, forgotten by everyone except my neighbors. Before I die, I would like more than anything else to have my government remember me for one thing, I was the first American aviator to be shot down in battle. Can you help me?"

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Bro. Hearst wrote the story for many publications but none were interested — the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, airlines, the Defense Department and Veterans Administration and the Post Office Department. Writing to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Hearst substantiated his claim that he was a Mason and learned that he had died on Oct. 8, 1953. Since that time he has been able to write Baldwin's story for several Masonic magazines thereby helping in his final plea that his story be shared with his fellow countrymen.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues pertinent to a Masonic stamp collection have been identified in the philatelic media:

- Dec. 31, 1987 Venezuela Simon Bolivar definitives 9 values.
- Mar. 22, 1988 East Germany Georg Forster Antarctic Research Station 1 value showing the station.
- Apr. 8 Paraguay Christmas Paintings 3 values 5g shows painting of Madonna at prayer by Albrecht Durer.
- Apr. 17 Saudi Arabia Blood Donors 2 values showing donor's arm, blood storage container.
- May 4 Aruba Love stamps 2 values both having a Heart in the design.
- May 15 Gambia Anniversaries 8 values 75b honors the 25th Anniversary of John Glenn orbiting Earth in Friendship 7, 1.25 dal honors 60th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic solo flight in "Spirit of St. Louis".
- July 5 Guinea Famous People 6 values plus S/S 200fr shows Prince Philip, 300fr Mozart playing violin and a Masonic emblem, 450fr Buzz Aldrin on moon and Masonic emblem, souvenir sheet shows Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin et al at the Continental Congress in Phila.
- Aug. 18 Czechoslovakia PRAGA 88 Souvenir Sheet showing Tomas Masaryk taken from an unissued design by Bro. Alfons Mucha.

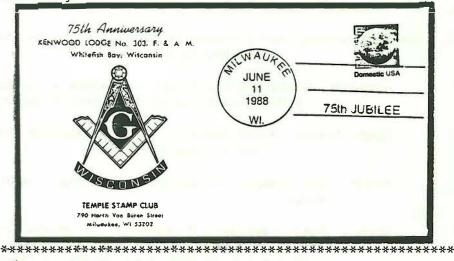
RESERVED_SPACE

This space, or more if needed, has been reserved in this newsletter for a word from our newly re-elected President and the announcement of his appointments. I have heard from him defining some illness that has been present within his family but hopefully we will learn of his appointments before the next issue. Of particular interest is the appointed position of Editor. Perhaps there will be a new Editor for the next issue. If so, please support him by providing your articles and newsworthy items.

TEMPLE STAMP CLUB COVERS

Bro. Robert Krueger, Member No. 95, Cover Chairman for the Temple Stamp Club, informs us of the latest cover issues of that group. The cover shown below commemorates the 75th Anniversary of Kenwood Lodge No. 303 of White-fish Bay, Wisc. The cost of the cover is \$1.25 each or 3 for \$3.50 and orders should be placed with Wayne E. Claflin, Pres., Temple Stamp Club, % Scottish Rite Cathedral, 790 No. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

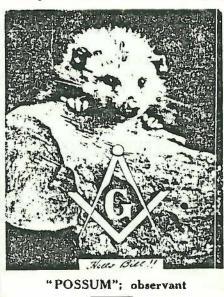
He also informs us that a cover was issued to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Milwaukee. The cachet pictures a portion of one of the many stained glass windows that grace portions of the Cathedral - the one which depicts a part of the 32nd degree. Order this cover at the same time as that defined above. Although I have not yet seen it, I am sure it will measure up to the quality of those already issued by the Temple Stamp Club over the years.



MORE MASONIC POST CARDS

It has been a while since we have shown any Masonic post cards. Those shown below were identified to us by Bro. Norman G. Lincoln, Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio.





Emblematical of our President's happy days down South and his recent initiation into a noble order.

