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WHOLE NO. 69

LAWRENCE W. SALTZ

Lawrence W. Saltz was one of the developers of Christmas tree light bulbs and can be associated with the United States Christmas stamp shown below or any Christmas stamp of the world which pictures a Christmas tree with lights.



Lawrence W. Saltz was born in Findlay, Ohio, on August 15, 1887. He was employed by the General Electric Company when GE was committed to developing and introducing Christmas tree light bulbs to the world as a safer method of decorating and illuminating Christmas trees. Prior to that time candles were placed and/or hung on Christmas trees and, as can be well imagined, resulted in many fires.

Brother Saltz is presently living at 31819 Verona Circle, Birmingham, Michigan. 48009. He has a full time nurse caring for him at his residence due to his age and failing health. He is nearly blind and somewhat hard of hearing but maintains all mental functions and an active mind.

Brother Saltz still maintains his membership in Findlay Lodge #227, Findlay, Ohio. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree there on December 28, 1908, his Fellow Craft Degree on May 5, 1909, and his Master Mason Degree on July 6, 1909.

-Article submitted by Bro. Dwight D. Seals,
Member #211 of Somerville, Ohio.

The above article serves as an excellent, although belated, wish for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

- 226. Christopher L. Murphy, Pyramid Publications, Dept. 291, 720 Sixth St., New Westminster, B.C., Canada V3L 3C5
- 228. Montrey E. Allamen, Box R, General Delivery, APO New York, N.Y. 09034.
- 232. James Bremmer, 611 Sharon Ave., P.O. Box 455, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

REINSTATEMENT:

- 52. Madison B. Cole, P.O. Box 831, Westmont, IL 60559. (Editor's Note - Bro. Cole was "dropped" from the roles as a result of an error and has been reinstated to full and active membership. Sorry about the mistake, Bro. Cole.)

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 77. Barry Richards, 12109 Lakeshore South, Auburn, CA 95603.
After Feb. 1, 1989, his address will change again to 12500 Lakeshore North in the same town.
- 156. Kenneth W. Kuhblank, 21660 SE 270th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038
- 423. Dale E. Kinley, 20281 Cedar Lane, Escondido, CA 92025.

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

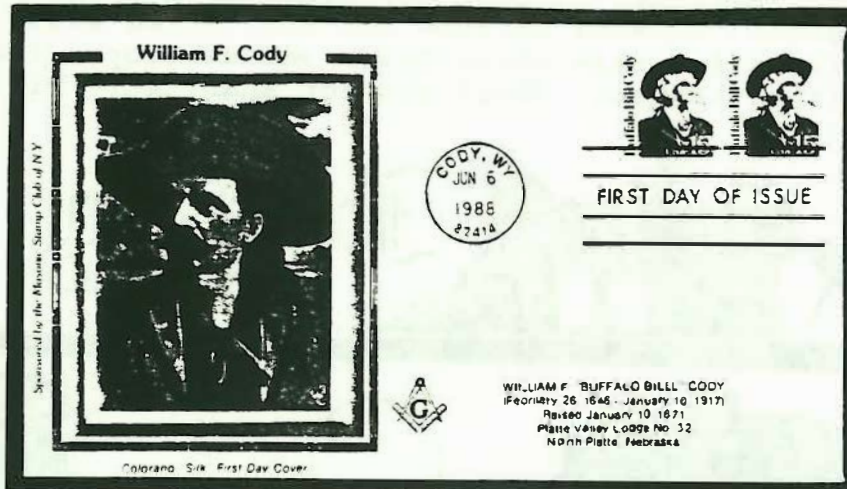
Bro. Frank Cochrane III, Member No. 388 of Melbourne, Florida, was married on October 4, 1988, to Anita Jean Hallenbeck, in Washington Park, Charleston, S.C.. Congratulations Bro. Frank and best wishes to you and your bride.

Bro. Norman Lincoln, Member No. 12, of Eaton, Ohio, is presently serving as High Priest of the Chapter of Research of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Congratulations, Bro. Norman, for achieving this prestigious position and the best of everything to you as you fulfill the honors.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor that I announce that I was made an "honorary" member of The Denver Masonic Stamp Club. I have followed the activities of this Club through my correspondence with Bro. Jim Adam and welcome the opportunity of being a member of the group. Thank you, Brethren.

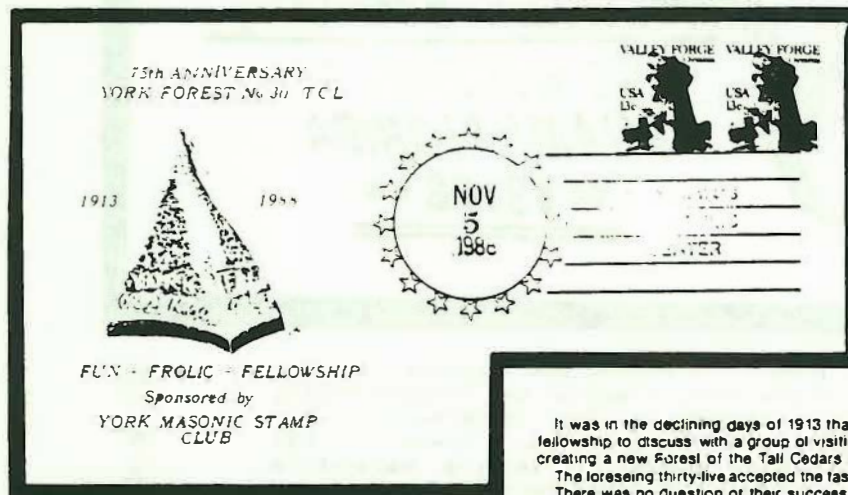
MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK COVER

The New York Masonic Stamp Club has sponsored a Colorano "Silk" First Day Cover for the William F. Cody/Buffalo Bill issue of June 6, 1988. Shown below, this cover can be obtained from Nicholas Batalias, 27-05 Urban Place, Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410. The cost is \$3.00 plus a #10 SASE.



YORK MASONIC STAMP CLUB COVER

The York Masonic Stamp Club has issued a cacheted cover in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of York Forest No. 30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. The covers are available at a cost of \$1.00 each, plus a #10 SASE, from William B. Kronk, Cover Chairman, 310 S. Kershaw St., York, PA 17402.



It was in the declining days of 1913 that thirty-five York Master Masons joined in brotherly fellowship to discuss with a group of visiting Master Masons from Lancaster, the possibility of creating a new Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon in York.

The foregoing thirty-five accepted the task of recruiting enough Saplings needed for a Charter. There was no question of their success when on November 5, 1913, 140 Saplings took their vows as Tall Cedars before a trainload of Tall Cedars from Lancaster and from Philadelphia. That original "35 Pioneers" weathered the great Depression, two wars and inflation to reach a membership of 2,109 at the Golden Anniversary.

Now on November 5th, 1988, we celebrate our 75th birthday! This is our diamond anniversary. This is the time to look ahead to our next 25 years: Our first Century!

Our sights should and must be high: As high as pointed by our pyramids! As new as the new century!

For further information, call — William B. Kronk
310 S. Kershaw St., York, Pennsylvania 17402
Telephone: 755-4706

ALBUM PAGE FROM A MEMBER'S COLLECTION

Bro. Patrick C. Palmer, Member No. 91 of Miami Springs, Florida, in addition to being a Past Master and member of Oleeta Lodge No. 145 in Miami Springs, is also a member of Memorial Lodge No. 29, one of two Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Florida for the sole purpose of conducting Masonic Funerals. On Oct. 26, 1988, he had the honor of conducting the Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Miles Wynn of Pittsburgh, PA. The album page shown below was developed from that experience as defined thereon. Thank you for sharing it with us.



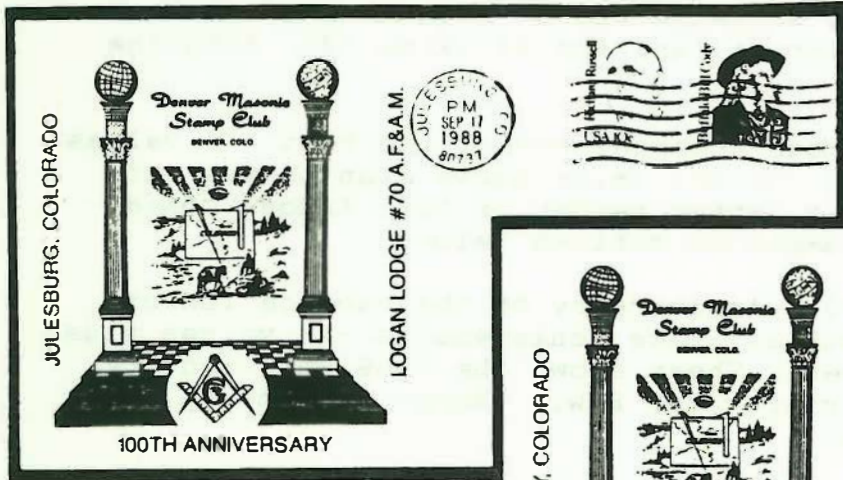
On October 26, 1988, I conducted the Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Miles Wynn, a member of Temple-Loyalty Lodge No. 678 in Pittsburgh Pa. From conversation with his brother in law, Tom Thurmond, also a Mason, I was informed of Bro. Miles' hobby of sending decorative envelopes in his personal correspondence with friends and relatives. I informed Bro. Thurmond that I was an enthusiastic Masonic Philatelist, and would be interested in obtaining one of these covers for my collection. A few days later Bro. Thurmond was knocking on my front door with a package under his arm. He spread out approximately 15 covers and told me to choose the one I would like to have for my collection! I of course chose the one above, being the only one that was Masonic related. A cover with a unique story.

From the collection of Patrick C. Palmer

BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE

DENVER MASONIC STAMP CLUB COVERS

The Denver Masonic Stamp Club has issued four new Special Event covers to commemorate the Centenary of four Lodges in Colorado. Logan Lodge #70 of Julesburg celebrated the event on Sept. 17, Wray Lodge #71 of Wray on Sept. 15, Granada Lodge #72 of Granada on Sept. 17 and San Luis Valley Lodge #73 of Monte Vista on Nov. 17. The price of the covers is \$1.50 each, 3 for \$4.00 or all 4 for \$5.00. Send your order to Bro. J. N. Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80210.



Bro. Adams informs us he still has copies available of the covers the Club issued for the 100th Anniversaries of Euclid Lodge #64, La Junta, and Oasis Lodge #67, Ft. Morgan, for the same price. ROMPEX '83 thru '88 covers are also available for \$1.25 each. Bro. Jim also has a list of Masonic stamps which he has for sale - write to him for a copy.

NEW ISSUES

The philatelic news media was rather skimpy on new issues of a Masonic interest over the past two months. The following entries were noted. An illustration of the new regular issue for Bro. "Hap" Arnold also became available just after the most recent Newsletter was "put to bed"; it is shown below for those who have not already seen it.

Sept. 26 - Dominica - 500th Birth Anniversary of Titian - 8 values plus 2 S/S. The \$2 value shows "Salome with the Head of St. John the Baptist" and the \$4 value "St. John the Baptist".

October - The Gambia - Famous Entertainers of the Past - 8 values plus 2 S/S. The 1.50 dal value shows Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. The latter member of this famous comedy team was a Freemason as defined below.

Dec. 12 - The Gambia - 350th Anniversary of the Publication of Galileo's Discourses/Space Achievements - 8 values plus 2 S/S. One Souvenir Sheet shows the 1969 moon landing with Neil Armstrong, Bro. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins.

The USPS issue for
Bro. Henry H. "Hap"
Arnold issued on
Nov. 5, 1988.



The GWMSC reports they
have issued a cover for
this stamp at a cost of
\$1.50 each, available
from Bro. Stan Longenecker,
Box 7244, Lancaster, PA 17604

OLIVER HARDY

Bro. Oliver Hardy (1892-1957) of the comedy team of Laurel and Hardy was a member of Solomon Lodge No. 20, Jacksonville, Fla. He was a frequent visitor at Hollywood Lodge No. 355 and Mount Olive Lodge No. 506 in Los Angeles, California.

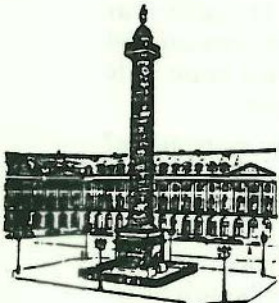











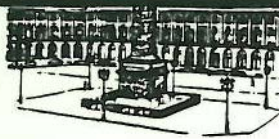





Can any member provide a more complete biographical sketch and more details of Bro. Hardy's Masonic career? The information above was all that was in Bro. Loke's file.

EDWIN EUGENE "BUZZ" ALDRIN

Bro. Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin has been covered in an article in a previous issue of "The Philatelic Freemason". He is a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, Montclair, N.J. He received all his degrees as courtesy actions in other Lodges. He was initiated on Feb. 27, 1955, and passed on April 12, 1955, both in Oak Park Lodge No. 864, Montgomery, Ala. and raised in Lawrence N. Greenleaf Lodge No. 169, Denver, Colo. on Feb. 21, 1956.

FRENCH MASONIC COVERS

In 1987 and 1988, the French Postal Administration changed the appellation of several of the Post Offices in Paris. Instead of being known by just a number, they have received a name; many of these names are of a Masonic interest: Paris Beethoven, Paris Suffren, Paris Soult, Paris Bessieres, Paris Molitor and Paris Littre. The French Masonic Stamp Club, "Club Philatelique J. T. Desagulier", issued a cover for each conversion which indicates the Masonic significance of the name. These six covers are available for \$15.00 (U.S. currency only), air mail postage included, from Bro. Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France. Illustrations of some of these covers are shown below.

<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAUX DE POSTE DE PARIS 1987-1988 CHIFFRES ET LETTRES</p>     <p>Le Bailli de SUFFREN, hardi marin et grand stratège appartenait à la Loge "Saint-Jean d'Ecosse du Contrat Social". La Loge n° 254 de la G.L.N.F. porte son nom.</p>	   
  <p>MOLITOR (Gabriel Jean Joseph, Comte de) 1770-1849. Maréchal de France en 1823, commande l'expédition d'Espagne. Pair de France en 1824. Il avait été initié en 1807 par la Loge réunie à l'Orient du 60° - R. I.</p>	  <p>Emile LITRE (1801-1881), Philosophe, Médecin, érudit, lexicographe, "un saint laïque" selon l'expression de Pasteur, fut un homme d'abord éminent bon, juste et un véritable humaniste. Il fut initié le 8 Juillet 1875 par la Loge "Le Clément Amné" de Paris (G.O.P.F.).</p>
  <p>Nicolas SOULT (1789-1851), Maréchal de France. Il décide de la victoire d'Austerlitz avec les Frères Lannes, Murat, Kellermann, Bernadotte. Il était Grand Officier d'Honneur du Grand Orient de France.</p>	  <p>Jean-Baptiste BESSIERES (1786-1813) Maréchal de France. Il se distingue à Marengo, Eylau et Essling. Il appartenait à "l'Ordre Secret des Sophistes" qui ne recrutait que parmi les Maçons.</p>
 <p>L'appartenance Méconnue de Ludwig von BEETHOVEN ne fait aucun doute pour ses biographes modernes. Le Frère Nicolas Piccini compositeur et musicien, membre des "Neuf Sœurs", fit en 1800 une chute mortelle dans la rue même où aujourd'hui se trouve le bureau de poste.</p>	

ALBUM PAGE FROM A BROTHER'S COLLECTION

The following page as taken from his collection is provided by Bro. Dwight D. Seals, Member No. 211, of Somerville, Ohio. Thank you for sharing it with us Bro. Seals.



Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Ohio
Committee on Masonic Education
Lodge Education Officer Subject for January



Ohio Special Olympics

by James E. Olmstead

When was the last time you were "hugged"? Well, "You've never been hugged — until you've been hugged by a special olympian". That is the statement I hear from our brethren who have assisted during the summer games of the "Special Olympics". One brother went on to say the special olympian he will remember the most was a young man participating in a track event. He didn't win the race but came across the finish line wide eyed, mouth open, panting for breath and kept on running until he reached his new masonic friend. He threw his arms around the Mason's neck and while giving him a giant hug he said, "I did it! Did you see me? I did it!" The young man was experiencing a real high. What he didn't realize was that his uninhibited display of genuine affection was giving his new Masonic friend an emotional high of his own. Hundreds of Masons have reported that they have never felt so good, so appreciated or so loved as when they helped during the games. This scene will be repeated thousands of times each year as a result of the generosity of Ohio Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has encouraged the Blue Lodges to support this worthwhile project and the nearly 200,000 Master Masons have responded to the call very well. The 1988 summer games, held in Columbus, were the largest ones to date with 2,750 mentally retarded athletes competing. In 1989 we expect

to sponsor all of the 3,200 athletes who participate. This means the Ohio Masons contributed \$82,500 during the past year to sponsor the "Special Olympic Games". If you or your lodge were one of the contributors you can feel proud to have been a part of this state wide effort to help some special people.

Would you like to feel *even more* pride? Would you like to get more for your money? Here's how to do it. Tell your District Deputy Grand Master that you would like to volunteer to assist at the next Special Olympics competition. Your help will be greatly appreciated, but more than that you will experience one of the best feelings of your life. These special young people give back so much love and affection to those who become their friends for the day that you will return home feeling much the richer for having given your time to encourage a special athlete.

Remember the lessons of the Entered Apprentice Degree when we are taught to regard the whole human race as one species. . . the high, the low, the rich, the poor. . . created by one almighty parent and inhabitants of the same planet.

Your support and participation also demonstrates to the world that Masons put into practice what they teach. Masons believe that the "I Care" is as important as the "IQ".

Special
Olympics



Still Sharing Joy
USA 198

HENRY RICE ADAMS

Henry Rice Adams was born on September 15, 1861, in Monticello, Minnesota, and died on March 30, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brother Adams was a member of Monticello Lodge No. 16 of Monticello, Minnesota, being raised at the age of 23, in the year 1884. In 1903 he was the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

During the Civil War, while the battle around the Masonic College in Lexington was raging, a happy note was struck in a Masonic Hall in Minnesota - a baby was born in the Lodge Room! Brother Samuel Adams owned a General Merchandise store in Monticello and rented the upstairs portion to Monticello Lodge No. 16. On the night of September 15, 1861, because the living quarters at the rear of the store were crowded, Mrs. Adams was moved into the Lodge Hall.

Soon after the expectant mother was settled in her new quarters, Brother and Doctor James W. Mulvey, the Junior Warden of the Lodge, was hurriedly called. He brought Henry Rice Adams into the troubled world of that time. The baby was to grow up to have a Masonic career as unusual as his place of birth. Twenty-three years later he was made a Mason in Monticello Lodge No. 16, in the very Lodge Room in which he was born. On March 30, 1927, he was fatally stricken while attending a communication of Minnesota Lodge No. 224 in Minneapolis. A highly successful Masonic life ended as it had started - in a Masonic Lodge.

The Minnesota Statehood issue of May 11, 1958, is a very appropriate stamp to illustrate this Masonic story for a collection.



-Article submitted by Bro. Dwight D. Seals,
member No. 211, Somerville, Ohio.

WORLD STAMP EXPO UPDATE

Nineteen other American Topical Association study units will join with us and the ATA itself in presenting 16-frame exhibits at World Stamp Expo, the international stamp show to be held November 17 - December 3, 1989, in Washington, D.C. This event, scheduled for the Washington Convention Center, is being held in conjunction with the Universal Postal Union Congress to be held in the United States next year. The purpose of the exhibits is to inform the thousands of visitors about the particular specialties of the groups and to promote the hobby.

A recent article in Linn's announced that Les Winick has resigned as exhibition manager of WORLD STAMP EXPO 89, terminating his contract with the USPS. "Policy differences" were cited as the catalyst for the split and a successor has not yet been named. Hopefully, this organizational change will not have any adverse impact upon the event.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

The popularity of Masonic Philately seems to run in a cyclical pattern. Back in the 1950's, Bro. John A. Mirt embarked upon his Newsletter activity and cover career. Although some local efforts had been in place before that time, they were sporadic and short-lived. He functioned as Editor for almost six years until business pressures forced him to abandon this role in January 1957. The nationwide organization of Masonic Philately remained dormant until Bro. Clarence Beltmann started another Newsletter and the first Masonic Study Unit of the ATA in August 1960. His run lasted five years -until he too was forced to leave the lead role because of business pressures. Again a dry spell was experienced - this time for two years until Bro. Nicholas Koutroulis picked up the pieces. Bro. Nick's style was quite different from his predecessors. He was very knowledgeable in the field of philately as well as Masonry and, in my viewpoint, almost bordered on "technical arrogance" (not necessarily a derogatory expression). His Newsletters and covers were quite popular over an eight year period until early 1975 at which time he just faded into obscurity after a very sporadic publication sequence. His latest letter to me indicates business pressures were the cause for his abandonment although I believe there may have been some other factors. (He stated that some of the Club material was lost during his move from Louisiana to Texas.) The Unit was later reactivated under Bro. John Hudak's guidance and leadership in August 1977 and was chartered under an organizational structure rather than as a "one-man show" as had previously existed.

This organizational structure was undoubtedly established to preclude the problem which had been encountered with the previous units - dependency upon a single individual. However, more than that, I believe the organizational structure was established to smooth out the cyclical pattern associated with this hobby. As evidenced when one reviews the Newsletters of the previous groups,, the field runs dry after about five to seven years. There are only a set number of Masons pictured on stamps and not many are added to this group each year. Once the basic individuals are reviewed and discussed, the Editor must rely upon new research - research conducted on newly pictured individuals or new research on previously pictured but "undiscovered" Masons. Unfortunately, there are very few persons capable of or willing to conduct such research. Unless this research is conducted, newsletters are forced to "die on the vine" or rehash old cases. One saving factor is the constant issuance of new Masonic Cacheted Covers which add an injection of life to the hobby.

Our Unit has been in existence for eleven years now - seven years under the Editorship of Bro. Walter J. Kirby and four years with myself at the pushing end of the pencil. I have tried to minimize repeats of Bro. Kirby's articles and strive to stretch back to Bro. Mirt's days or the issues of Bro. Beltmann for articles which have not been repeated for many years. But, I am in dire need of researchers who thirst for more knowledge, members who are in the "transmit" mode rather than just in "receive" and writers who don't think that all has been said. The new members get into one of these roles for a while but in the most part drop back into a low level of activity after a period of time.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS (CONT'D)

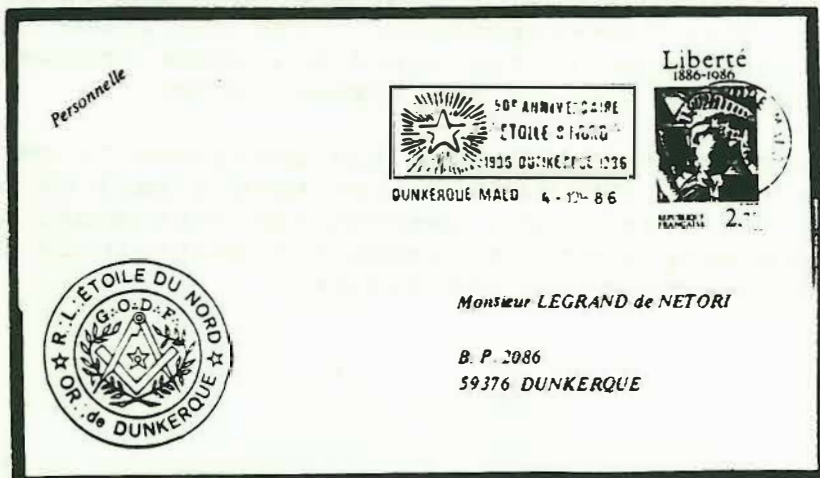
I don't want to make this "my" Newsletter (I haven't even been reappointed Editor yet) - I want it to be yours. If you can't or won't conduct research or write up an article for inclusion, at least let me know what you would like to see in the Newsletter. I need help because if I relied on only those items I received from one issue of the Newsletter to the next, the product would be much less than the conventional twelve pages which I committed to when I took over after Bro. Kirby's death in April 1984.

My apologies for taking so many words to explain my "dilemma" but I believe it is a tale that must be told. I don't want our Unit to die from lack of interest because the intended organizational structure appears to have become a non-effective entity. I enjoy the job of Editor and will continue in that role as long as I can and as long as you want me to. So mote it be!!

NEW JOHN CUNNINGHAM "POSTAL CARD" OFFER

Bro. John M. Cunningham has produced a cover - actually a card - for the William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill) stamp of June 6, 1988. I have a stock of them in my "Bro. Cunningham cover inventory" so they can be ordered from your Editor. The price of these cards which measure 3 1/2 X 8 inches is \$2.00 plus a #10 SASE.





"MASONIC PHILATELY" BY TREVOR FRAY

The fifth volume of Bro. Trevor Fray's "Masonic Philately" has now been published. It keeps up to his standards and rounds out the set which would be a worthwhile addition to any Masonic library.

This final part of the series contains important chapters on Masonic Royalty, Ladies of Masonry and Picture Postcards with Masonic subjects. Extensive lists are given of associated stamps - which have a direct connection with the subject - and "Dubious Cases" where it is thought, but not confirmed, that the featured person was a Freemason.

There are 75 further biographies which, with 47 "Royals", bring the total in the five volumes to an impressive 970. Volume 5 contains 66 pages; the whole series totalling 308, and is published in matching binding, sewn for long and frequent use.

The price of this volume has been retained as the same as the first volume of 1984 - at 5 pounds, postpaid. Airmailed copies cost an additional 1.5 pounds. (The current exchange rate at Newsletter preparation time is \$1.8225 per pound.) This volume should be ordered directly from the publisher: Harry Hayes, 11 Chatsworth Drive, Towthorpe Road, Haxby, York YO3 8QS Great Britain.

Thank you for this excellent effort Bro. Trevor. I am sure we all appreciate it.

THE AUSTRALIAN MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB

FORMERLY

THE MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Masonic philatelic organization we previously knew as the Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia has had a change in outlook and support to the Bulletin published by Bro. Sid Martin. Consequently he has had to change the Club/Bulletin name. Apparently the vocal minority of the MSC of South Australia is no longer interested in the Masonic aspect of philately and has withdrawn their support of the Bulletin. In a valiant maneuver Bro. Sid has maintained the principles upon which he founded the group five years ago and established the Australian Masonic Philatelic Club which will continue to research and promote Masonic Philately. This "correspondence" club has grown to include members from many countries in the world and whose enthusiasm, interest and support has been of the highest order.

Congratulations Bro. Martin on having the fortitude to persist in what you believe to be right. The Bulletin has made a mark on the world of Masonic Philately and I am sure I express the sentiments of our membership in expressing words of thanks for maintaining it. Best of luck to you and your efforts in the future.