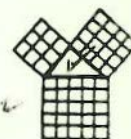




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WHOLE NO. 71

LOUIS MARIE DE NOAILLES

AND

MARIE JOSEPH PAUL YVES ROCH GILBERT DU MOTIER, MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

These prominent French citizens and Freemasons were honored by stamps from their native land issued on February 27, 1989.



Louis Marie de Noailles (1756-1804). He was Brother-in-Law of Viscount Lafayette and served under Lafayette and Rochambeau in America during the Revolution. He was later one of the heroes of "La nuit du 4 Aout" in 1789 at the beginning of the French Revolution. He later returned to America and defended San Domingo against the English.

In spite of the fact that there is no explicit written proof, all French Masonic historians have asserted that Bro. Noailles was a member of the Grand Orient de France.

Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834). Bro. Lafayette's biography has been aptly recorded in many documents and need not be repeated here.

The origin of Bro. Lafayette's Masonic membership is not precisely known. Some sources contend he was made a Mason in France before leaving for America; others believe he was initiated in a Military Lodge about 1777. His attendance is, however, recorded in the minutes of American Union Lodge meetings. He is also recorded as an attendee at a called meeting of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee on May 4, 1825, during his last visit to America.

In conjunction with these issues, the French Masonic Stamp Club, J. T. Desagulier Club, has prepared two Masonic cacheted covers. They are available for \$6.00 for the pair (U.S. currency only) from Bro. Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Paul Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France.

-Information and stamps provided by Bro. Jean Prouteau.

NEW MEMBERS:

250. Leonard M. Dobrin, 7 Bayberry Drive, Plainview, NY 11803

252. Milton P. Youmans, Rt. 6 Box 765, Waynesville, MO 65583

ADDRESS CHANGES:

4. Adrian Faigin, 28362 La Caleta, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

52. Madison B. Cole, Jr., P.O. Box 3458, West Chester, PA 19381

95. Robert C. Kreuger, 4773 N. Sheffield, Whitefish Bay, WI 53211

127. Weldon Touchstone, 2451 Everett Springs Rd. NE, Armuchee, GA 30105

230. Donald L. McClenahan, 101 Old Valley Rd., Brewster, MA 02631

RESIGNATION:

236. James Carpenter, Oxford, OH

CLOSED ALBUMS:

46. David N. Saelzler, Lancaster, NY (October 2, 1988)

80. Stephenson Stobbs, England (March 9, 1989)

We share the loss and extend our sympathy to the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain in the loss of their esteemed Brother, Stephenson Stobbs. He was well known in Masonic Philatelic circles and was a pioneer in the category of Masonic post card collecting. His collection will be auctioned by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd, Sitwell Street, Derby, DE1 2JP, Great Britain. The actual date of the auction is not yet known but is expected to be sometime during June or July.

MEMBER'S ACTIVITIES:

Sister Dorothy Walker, Member No. 213, was elected and installed as Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 262, Clarkston, Georgia, for the ensuing year.

PHILIPPINE MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB

Your Editor is in receipt of the Jan-Feb 1989 issue of "The Square" (Issue No. 1) which is the official organ of the Philippine Masonic Philatelic Club. This 20 page newsletter contains many informative articles on Masonic Philately within that country. Two of our Unit members are officers in this group - Bro. Vincente Antonio Cu, Member #494, is Treasurer and Bro. Carlos Inductivo, Member #493, is International Communications Unit Chairman.

The Club apparently meets at Plaridel Masonic Temple, Ermita, Manila. Membership is open to Masons as Regular Members and Non-Masons as Associate Members for an annual fee of \$10, per calendar year, for foreign residents. The Editor is Bro. Felifranco R. Luto, P.O. Box 103, Quezon City (Main), the Philippines. Good Luck, Brethren.

WILLIAM HOWARD MAYS, JR.

William Howard (Willie) Mays, Jr., was born on May 6, 1931, in Westfield, Ala. He starred as a member of the Birmingham Black Barons Baseball team from 1948 to 1950 and then joined the major leagues in 1951 to play centerfield for the New York Giants. He went to San Francisco with the team at the end of the 1957 season and then finished his 22 year career with the New York Mets. He served with the U.S. Army most of 1952 and 1953. He is ranked third in lifetime home runs with 660 to his credit, behind Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth. He played on four World Series teams including his first season, 1951, and last, 1973. He led the league in home runs four times. His batting average of .345 in 1954 led both major leagues; his career batting average was .302 and he had 3283 hits to his credit. Named "Player of the Decade" in 1970, he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1979. ✓

Bro. Mays received his degrees in Boyer Lodge No. 1, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in New York City and was on their roster as early as 1957. He is also a 33 deg. Prince Hall Mason.

Willie Mays is pictured on a recent issue of Major League Baseball Players issued by Grenada as well as a previous release of Ras Al Khaima shown here.



MASONIC STAMPS FOR PROMOTING FREEMASONRY

Sheets of stamps have been issued by the Grand Master of Minnesota for the purpose of promoting Freemasonry. Obviously these are not valid for postage but would enhance a Masonic Philatelic collection. They are available from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for a remittance of 25 cents per sheet of 56 and a #10 SASE. The address is: Raymond E. Schlemmer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Minnesota, St. Paul Masonic Center, 200 East Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55107.

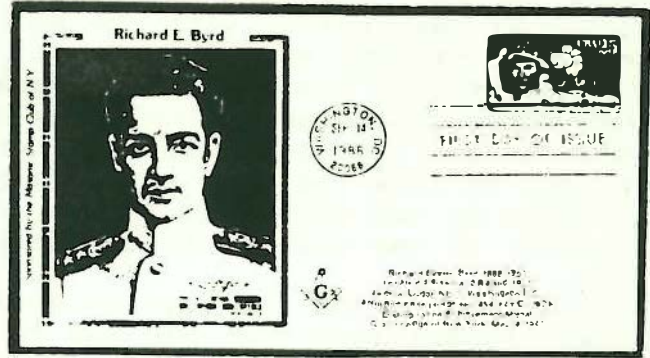
-Article submitted by Bro. Patrick C. Palmer

VICTORIA MASONIC CANCEL

In the previous Newsletter, a special Masonic Cancel which was used in conjunction with the Masonic Philatelic Display in Victoria was cited. The Grand Lodge of Victoria has made available souvenir covers and three post cards in mint condition or cancelled with the special Masonic pictorial canceller. The covers are 50 cents each mint, \$1.00 each serviced, \$5.00 Registered or \$5.00 signed by the Grand Master (only 250 numbered copies exist of the signed cover). The post cards are 50 cents each unused or \$1.00 each serviced, 3 different designs. Overseas orders should also include \$1.00 for postage. Orders should be placed with: Centenary STAMP Committee, Grand Lodge of Victoria, 260 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002. Checks should be made payable to Grand Lodge Centenary Stamp Committee of Victoria.

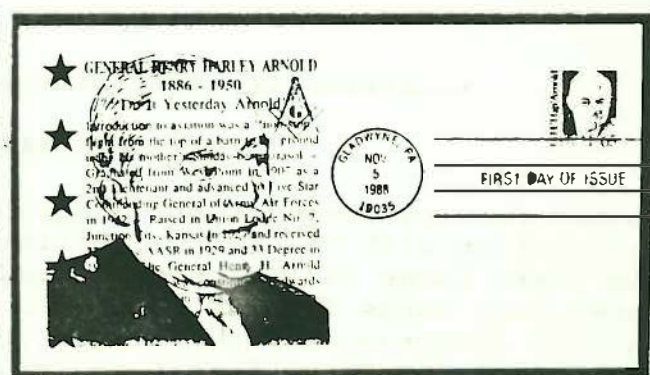
MSC OF NY COVERS

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York has recently issued four Masonic cacheted covers. Shown below, they are available at a cost of \$3.00 each - plus a #10 SASE - from Bro. Nicholas Batalias, 27-05 Urban Place, Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410.



GWMSC COVERS

Recent Masonic covers prepared by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club for the "Hap" Arnold and Washington Statehood USPS releases are shown below. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Bro. Stanley Longenecker, P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, PA 17604.



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR DUES TO OUR TREASURER BY NOW,
PLEASE DO SO TODAY!!!

Otto L. Steding, 1033 Hollytree Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45261

JOSEPHINE BAKER

One of the individuals pictured on the set issued by Dominica on Sept. 8, 1988, to note movie actors and actresses was Sister Josephine Baker. This well known movie and music-hall artist of the "Folies Bergeres" and of the "Casino de Paris" was born in 1906 in St. Louis, Mo. She was a member of the French Resistance during the 1939-45 time period. Her attitude and courage earned her the highest French honor, the Medal of the "Legion d'Honneur". She also enhanced her reputation by adopting a child of each religion and of each race existing on the earth. She died in Paris in 1975. ✓

Sister Baker was a member of the "Nouvette Jerusalem" Lodge of the Grande Loge Feminine de France. She was initiated there on March 6, 1960.

-Article contributed by Bro. Michel Khayat, Member No. 217

WILLIAM T. KERR

Brother William Kerr (1868-1953) was the founder of Flag Day. He was a lawyer but instead of practicing law, he chose a business career with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was active in numerous patriotic, civic, religious and educational organizations. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was Bro. Kerr's untiring efforts that brought about the establishment of our national holiday of Flag Day, June 14th of each year. He lobbied, lectured and promoted the flag of the U.S.. In 1928 Pennsylvania was the first state to recognize June 14 as a legal holiday - largely due to the efforts of Bro. Kerr. On Aug. 3, 1949, Bro. Kerr was invited to Washington, D.C., to witness Brother and President Harry S. Truman sign the Flag Day Act. He was eighty years old and in failing health but he did make this trip. ✓



There is a flag pole at the town library in Yeadon, Pa., which proudly displays our national emblem. On it there is a plaque honoring William T. Kerr, the Founder of Flag Day.

Bro. Kerr was raised in Lodge #219 of Wilkinsburg, Pa. He was also a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

-Article contributed by Bro. Dwight Seals, Member No. 211

JOHN AASEN

Bro. John Aasen was a giant in height of 8' 6". When he was raised in Highland Park Lodge #382, Los Angeles, CA, on July 14, 1924, he weighed 536 pounds. The raising was done by M.W. Arthur S. Crites, Grand Master. All ritualistic ceremonies were observed except that 12 craftsmen were required. Fifteen hundred witnessed the ceremony.

Bro. Aasen appeared in a number of motion pictures including "The Circus".

-Article contributed by Bro. Seals



BASEBALL IS IN THE AIR - IT MUST BE SPRING



The recent issue of Grenada for Major League Baseball Players includes several other Masons besides Bro. Willie Mays who is covered elsewhere in this Newsletter. Since this issue is billed as Series One, there will hopefully be more of them in the future. We count on Bro. Norman Lincoln, Member No. 12, to keep us up to date on these releases and their Masonic connections as he has done below.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb was born Dec. 18, 1886, in Narrows, GA, and died July 17, 1961, at Royston, GA. Nicknamed the "Georgia Peach", he was one of the first four players elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. He batted .367 over a 24 year career starting in 1905 with the Detroit Tigers; in 1927 and 28 he was with the Philadelphia Athletics. He won the American League batting title twelve times and hit over .400 three times. His career total of 4.191 hits is second only to Pete Rose. His 1915 record of 96 stolen bases remained unbroken until 1962 when Maury Wills stole 104. He managed the Tigers from 1921 to 1926. He was probably the fiercest competitor the game has ever known. Bro. Cobb received his degrees in Royston Lodge No. 426 being raised on Feb. 4, 1909. The Charter of this Lodge was arrested in Jan. 1936. Royston Lodge No. 52 was activated in 1948 and he affiliated with it on July 12, 1948. He became an Honorary Life Member of City of Straights Lodge No. 452, Detroit, Mich., on May 7, 1921.

Grover Cleveland Alexander was born Feb. 26, 1887, in Elba, New Brunswick, and died Nov. 4, 1950. He had a smooth effortless delivery and amazing control and won 373 games in a 20 year career. He pitched 90 shutouts including 16 in 1916 when his ERA was 1.55. He is best remembered for striking out Tony Lazzeri with the bases loaded to preserve a World Series win for the Cardinals in 1926. He also pitched for the Phils and the Cubs. Bro. Alexander was a member of Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul, NB.

John Peter "Honus" Wagner was born Feb. 24, 1874, in Carnegie (when it was still known as Mansfield), PA, and died Dec. 6, 1955. He joined the Louisville, Ky, National League team in 1896 after playing semi-pro ball in Ohio and N.J.. This team was replaced by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1900 and he transferred accordingly. He is considered the best shortstop in baseball history. He batted over .300 for 17 straight years, all with the Pirates. He also stole 720 bases in his career which ended in 1917. Nicknamed the "Flying Dutchman", he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1936. Bro. Wagner was a Life Member of Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie, having received his degrees on March 17, April 21 and May 19, 1919.

Robert William Andrew Feller was born Nov. 3, 1918, in Van Meter, IA. His fast ball was said to be the best of his day. He joined the Indians at the age of 18 and fanned 15 Browns in his first appearance. In 1940 he hurled a no-hitter on opening day. He won 266 games and led the league in strikeouts seven times. He spent four years in the Navy during World War II and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962. Bro. Feller is a member of Fortitude Lodge No. 256, Van Meter, Iowa.

COVERS FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON



Bro. George Washington, a popular subject for U.S. postage stamps, has again been honored - this time on a commemorative marking the 200th anniversary of the Executive Branch. This USPS release was first made available Sunday, April 16, in Mount Vernon, Va. The GWMSC and Bro. Stan Longenecker (NATSCO) prepared covers for this event as shown above. Information on their purchase can be obtained from Bro. Longenecker at P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, PA 17604. The GWMSC also issued covers for the House and Senate Bicentennial commemoratives on April 4 and 6 - those covers are available at a cost of \$2.00 each - also from Bro. Longenecker, the Cover Chairman.

FRENCH MASONIC POST CARDS

Several Masonic post cards from France have been shown in some of the more recent Newsletters. These cards are available at the Masonic Museum of the Grand Lodge of France and have been provided for our viewing by Bro. Michel Khayat. The latest of these cards is shown here - it pictures the interior of a box cover which reproduces a painting by the Dutch artist George Remi Robart. "La Bien Aimee" at the base of the seat is the name of the Holland Lodge founded in 1735. Anyone desiring information on or purchase of these cards might contact Bro. Khayat at 35 rue de Marechal Joffre, St.-Germaine-En-Laye, France.



TOPEX '89

Just a reminder that TOPEX '89 is being held at the Redpath Hotel in Spokane, Wash., on June 16 to 18. There will be about 22 dealers present and approximately 176 frames of thematic exhibits available. For an exhibit prospectus or money-saving hotel reservation card, send a #10 SASE to TOPEX '89, Box 9143, Spokane, WA 99209.

TOM MIX



Brother Tom Mix (1880-1940) was a movie actor, cowboy, soldier, adventurer, circus performer and law officer. He was born on Jan. 6, 1880, in El Paso County, Texas. In his early life he was a cowboy in Texas, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana. He served with the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War and the Boxer Rebellion in China. He served with the British in the Boer War. After his military service he returned to America where he became sheriff of Montgomery County, Kansas, and Washington County, Oklahoma. He then became deputy U.S. Marshall and enforcement officer of Eastern Oklahoma. He served three years with the Texas Rangers.

From 1906 to 1909 he was livestock foreman of the Miller Brothers "101" Ranch at Eliss, Texas. In 1929 he was with the Sells-Floto Circus. He won the national riding and roping contest at Prescott, Arizona, in 1909 and again at Canon City, Colorado, in 1911. His motion picture career started in 1910. He was perhaps the best known actor of his day. He varied his motion picture making with tours of the Sells-Floto Circus until 1933 when he organized his own Tom Mix Circus and Wild West Show. He made personal appearances in the U.S. and Europe. He was killed Oct. 12, 1940, in an automobile accident in Arizona.

Bro. Tom Mix was raised in Utopia Lodge No. 537 of Los Angeles, Cal., on Feb. 21, 1925. He was so impressed with Freemasonry that he paid his Lodge dues ten years in advance. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the famed "233 Club" taking part in conferring Blue Lodge degrees with that group of Mason-actors. He was buried with Masonic services on Oct. 16, 1940.

-Article submitted by Bro. Dwight Seals

TRADE OFFER

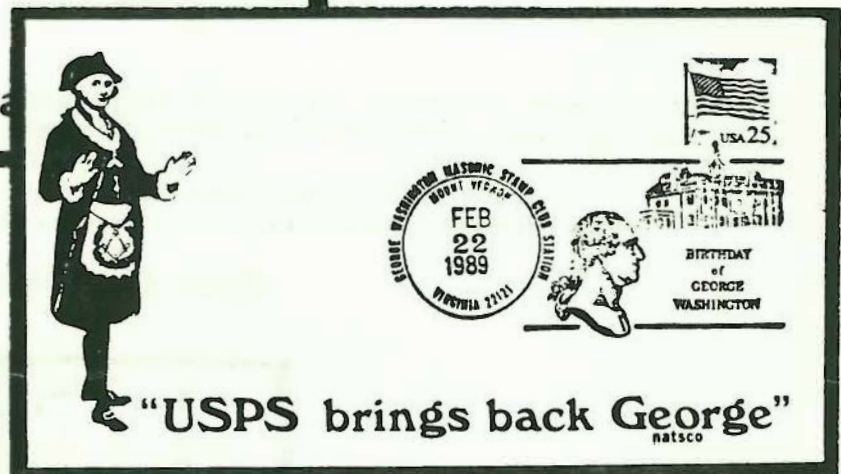
A letter received from a "Linn's" reader who noted the writeup on our Newsletter offers an interesting trade proposal; he is a philatelist and the son of a Mason. He has for trade a 1917 copy of Albert G. Mackey's The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry with all pages and pictures clean and untorn, two loor cacheted covers of May 12, 1932, and an unscratched coin (it looks like a watch fob) commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Union Lodge No. 31 struck in 1920. He wants in trade a single U.S. stamp of equal value which he estimates to be about \$250. Anyone who might be interested should contact him directly: Frederick Saner, 192 Good Hill Rd., Oxford, Conn. 06483.

NATSCO COVERS

Bro. Stan Longenecker, Member No. 92, has used a new NATSCO cachet design for several recent USPS releases and cancels which can be tied to Bro. George Washington. Two usages are shown below. Information on their purchase can be obtained from Bro. Longenecker at P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, PA. 17604.

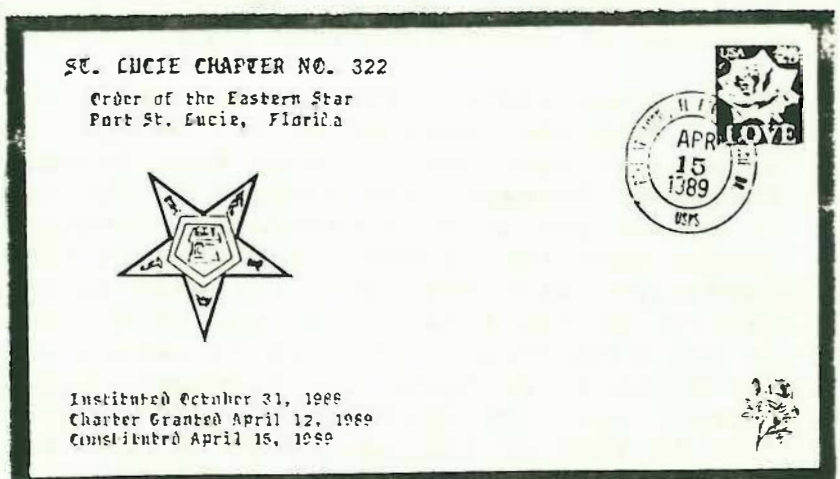


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COVER FOR ST. LUCIE CHAPTER NO. 322, O.E.S.

Sister Gladys M. Vogel, Member No. 23, of Port St. Lucie, has joined the ranks of Masonic cacheted cover producers by issuing a cover for the Constitution of St. Lucie Chapter No. 322, O.E.S. She has the appointed office of Ruth in that Chapter. Only 200 of these covers were prepared and about 100 have been distributed/sold locally. The remaining balance are available at a cost of \$2.00 ea. There is an insert in each cover which documents the history of the formation, chartering and constituting of St. Lucie Chapter No. 322. They are available from Sister Vogel at 1961 S.E. Rainier Rd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.



FRANK E. HERING

Mother's Day which is observed in May in both the United States and Canada was established through the efforts of Bro. Frank Hering.



Frank E. Hering (1874-1943) was a teacher at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He was also an avid member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, serving as president of that organization from 1909 to 1912 and later managing editor of The Eagle magazine. He was active in promoting mothers' pension laws and old age pension laws in the U.S.. A bronze tablet was erected in his honor at the English Opera House of Indianapolis, Ind., commemorating the first Mother's Day address on Feb. 7, 1904.

Bro. Hering was a member of South Bend Lodge No. 294, South Bend, Ind., having been initiated on May 10, passed on June 14 and raised on June 21, 1901.

-Article submitted by Bro. Chris Murphy, Member No. 226

HENRY A. LARSEN



A Canadian stamp issued in 1978, Scott #777, depicts one of the ice vessels that has found a place of honor in Canadian history - the St. Roch. It is now located at the maritime museum at Kitsilano Beach. But even more honorable are the men who sailed this ship. among them their commander, Henry A. Larsen, a member of Mount Newton Lodge No. 89 of British Columbia. At the completion of his famous voyage, he received a letter of congratulations from his Grand Lodge.

Bro. Larsen (1899-1965) was in charge of this ship for 12 years patrolling the Canadian Arctic waters. During World War II he was ordered to take the St. Roch from Vancouver to Halifax by way of the Northwest Passage. The purpose of the voyage, among other things, was to uphold and enforce Canada's sovereignty over her Arctic Islands. Larsen made the journey in the years 1940 to 1942 undergoing many hardships. This was the first west to east voyage made by man from the Pacific to the Atlantic by way of the northern shores of the Dominion. He was subsequently ordered to return via the same route thus becoming the first to navigate the Northwest Passage both ways. The return journey was completed in a single season during 1944. Brother Larsen died in 1964 at the age of 65 but his name will forever echo through the bleak Northern shores of Canada.

-Article submitted by Bro. Chris Murphy

GLENN SCOBAY "POP" WARNER

Brother Pop Warner (1871-1954) was a football coach. He was born at Springville, N.Y., and was a graduate of Cornell University in 1894 majoring in Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1894. His career included terms as football coach at the following schools: University of Georgia, 1895-1896; Cornell University, 1897-1898 and 1904-1906; Carlisle (Penn.) Indian School, 1899-1903; Carlisle University, 1907-1914; University of Pittsburgh, 1915-1923; Stanford University, 1924-1932; Temple University (Penn.), 1933-1938. He won international fame at the Carlisle Indian School as coach of Jim Thorpe and other All-American players. In his nine years at Pittsburgh he led three undefeated teams and coached three Rose Bowl teams in nine years at Stanford. He was President of the All-American Football Board from 1925 to 1954. He died on Sept. 7, 1954, in Palo Alto, Calif.. The National Pop Warner Football program for youth is named after him.



Brother Warner was a member of Springville Lodge No. 351 of Springville, N.Y.. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Templar having received the former degrees in 1911.

-Article submitted by Bro. Dwight Seals

REGISTERED GERMAN MASONIC COVER

Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel, Member No. 402 of West Germany, has sent in the cover shown below with a very interesting story about it. In Oct. 1971 there was the 100th anniversary of Lodge "Zu den zwei Saulen an der festen Burg" No. 426 (Two Columns near the Citadel). There was a special cancel showing Square and Compasses, but the very unusual thing is that there was also issued or used a special registration label (German: R-Zettel) reading: 87 Wurzburg 2 "100 J. Freimaurerloge". 87 is the Zip-code of Wurzburg, second line: "100 Y(ears) Masonic Lodge". Special Registration labels were sometimes used between 1970 and 1973 at special post offices (i.e., in connection with major stamp exhibitions). This practice was discontinued in 1973 and no special registration labels have been issued since then.

There are many collectors of these registration labels in Germany and their number is constantly increasing. At the time of its issue the Masonic registration label met with only limited interest. Today it is a rarity and commands very high prices at auctions. Would there be any interest in a cover of this nature by any of the Unit members and what would such interested Brethren think this item would be worth. I would be interested in hearing from you in this matter.



JOHN A. LEJEUNE

Brother John LeJeune was Commandant of the United States Marine Corps from June 30, 1920, to March 5, 1929. He was born in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, La., on Jan. 10, 1867, and passed away on Nov. 20, 1942. He was buried with full honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

At the age of 14 he entered Louisiana State University. He attended the United States Naval Academy from 1884 to 1888 and upon graduation accepted an officer's appointment in the U.S. Navy. He requested to be commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps in 1889 and received a 2nd Lieutenant commission there on July 1, 1890, starting a storied military career. He fought in the Spanish American War as well as World War I. During his career he was commander of Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., 1904-1908; Marine Barracks in Quantico, Va., 1917-1918; the 64th Brigade; 4th Brigade; Second Army Division; and the Marine Barracks in Quantico again 1919-1920. He was Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute from 1929 to 1937. Marine Corps Base, Camp LeJeune, in North Carolina is named in honor of Bro. LeJeune as well as LeJeune Lodge No. 350 at Quantico, Va.

Bro. LeJeune was made a Master Mason on May 17, 1919, in an old German Masonic building at Coblenz, Germany, which was vacated by the troops so it might be restored to its original use. He had been initiated there on May 3 and passed on May 7. The work was done by Overseas Lodge No. 1, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, during European Occupation. This Lodge was military exclusively. After the return of the Army of Occupation to the U.S., this Lodge was constituted as Overseas Lodge No. 40 of the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island on Armistice Day 1920. The ceremony was held in Providence, R.I.. Bro. LeJeune received his Scottish Rite degrees on April 15, 1921, in Washington, D.C.. He walked the burning sands into Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 25, 1923, along with Admiral Coontz and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

-Article submitted by Bro. Dwight Seale



MASONIC COVERS AVAILABLE

Your Editor is still in possession of a great quantity of Masonic Cacheted Covers that are available for sale. Several members have availed themselves of the offers contained within the stock of Bro. John Cunningham. Some others have provided want lists to be checked against the collection of Bro. Silas Hirte. The latter consists of about 3000 covers, mostly different, both U.S. and Foreign. I am in the process of cataloging Bro. Hirte's collection to derive a price list of the covers available. A price list is already available for the Bro. Cunningham accumulation. Don't hesitate to inquire and don't feel bashful to ask for information; cover collecting is a very interesting aspect of Masonic Philately.