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CARL VON OSSIETZKY



The German Democratic Republic issued a stamp on February 28, 1989, which honors Bro. Carl von Ossietzky. He has been pictured on two previous issues: a Sept. 1, 1964, GDR release (Scott No. 718) and a Nov. 14, 1975, Souvenir Sheet issued by West Germany (Scott No. 1203).



Carl von Ossietzky was born on October 3, 1889, in Hamburg. He was a noted German journalist and in 1927 became the chief editor of the publication "Weitbuhne". He was Secretary of the German Peace Society. He censured the German armaments and therefore was sent to prison in 1931 because of alleged treason. He was granted amnesty in 1932 but the following year was one of the first the Nazis sent to the concentration camp. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1935 and was told by the Nazis that he would be released from the KZ if he refused that prize. He accepted the honor, however, and consequently was not released until much later when his health had become severely impaired. He died soon thereafter - on May 4, 1938, in Berlin. As a consequence of his accepting that Nobel Peace Prize, all Germans thereafter were forbidden by the Nazi government to accept any further Nobel Prizes.

Bro. Carl von Ossietzky was initiated in April 1919 in the Lodge "Menschentum" (Humanity) in Hamburg; further details on his Masonic membership are not known.

-Article and stamps contributed by Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel,  
Member No. 402 of Bonn, West Germany.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

254. Paul I. Brown, 191 Broadway, Methuen MA 01844  
256. Bill Yates, 449 Bruton Terrace Plaza, Suite N, Dallas TX 75227  
261. Acie Mead Spurling, 208 San Bernardino Trail, Union OH 45322

### NAME SPELLING ERROR (our mistake - sorry about that):

228. Monty E. Allamon

### NEW ADDRESSES:

52. Madison B. Cole, Jr., P.O. Box 3459, West Chester PA 19381  
101. Gordon Garrett, Box 36973, Albuquerque NM 87110  
227. Rev. Wm. W. Bowling, 220 E Center, Madisonville KY 42431  
247. Richard V. Bergen, 7768 Blue Orchard Ct., Florence KY 41042  
304. William Mumpower, 200 Three Oaks Dr. SE, Calhoun GA 30701  
310. MMC Robert J. Wojcikowski, USS Peleliu (LHA-5), FPO San  
Francisco CA 96624  
413. Herbert Rasmussen, 5740 Encina Rd #2, Goleta CA 93117  
494. Vincente Antonio Cu, P.O. Box 1443, Zip 1099 Manila, Philippines

### RESIGNED:

465. Dr. H. R. A. Van Der Merwe, South Africa

### CLOSED ALBUMS:

225. Eric Ahl, Ft. Lauderdale FL  
344. James Beeman, Lakeview AR

### MISSING MEMBER - Address Unknown - Mail Returned - Can anyone Help??

493. Carlos Inductivo, Philippines

### MEMBER'S ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Norman Lincoln (#12) will be receiving the DeMolay Legion of Honor in July. He is a senior DeMolay.

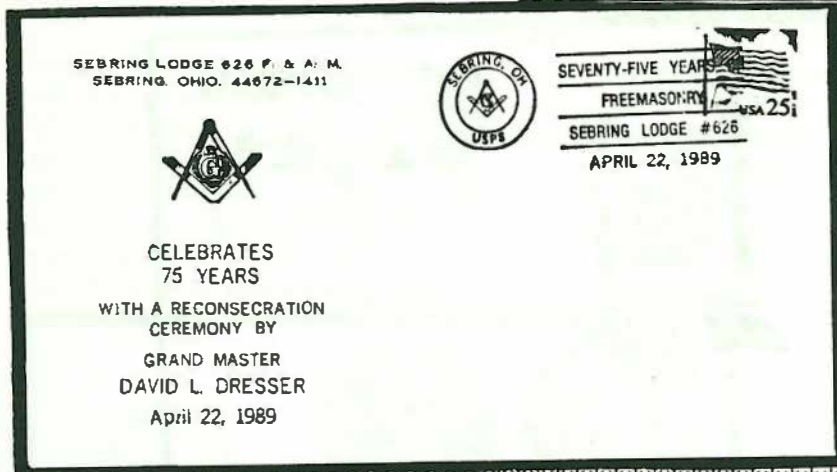
Bro. John E. Slade (#84) is Secretary of his Blue Lodge - South Seminole Lodge F. & A. M. No. 364 in Casselberry, Fla.

Bro. Dwight Seals (#211) has had an interesting article of his published in the Ohio Grand Lodge Bulletin: "Masonic Stamp Collecting - A Sure Way to Seek More Light". He is Senior Warden of Camden Lodge No. 159.

Bro. Vincente Antonio Cu (#494) was installed on April 29, 1989, as Senior Grand Steward of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.



## SEBRING LODGE COVER



Sebring Lodge No. 626 F. & A.M. of Sebring, Ohio, has issued a cover to commemorate their 75th Anniversary. They are available for a cost of \$2.00 each from the Secretary of the Lodge - Robert L. Jordan, 626 West Ohio Ave., Sebring, OH 44672, (information was provided by Bro. Norman Lincoln.)

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## GWMSC COVERS

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has recently released a Meeting Special Event Cover and a dual FDC for the House and Senate Bicentennial stamps. The costs are \$1.00 and \$2.50, respectively, and they are available from the Cover Chairman Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pk, New Providence, PA 17560.



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## TEMPLE STAMP CLUB ANNIVERSARY COVER

Time has marched forward and the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 21, 1989. It was founded at Kenwood Lodge No. 303, F. & A.M. in 1939. As part of the ceremonies they are issuing a commemorative cover using as part of the cachet the familiar Club logo of Hermes by Giovanni de Bologna used on the early Greek stamps. It will be in blue and gold with an appropriate killer. The stamp to be used will be the issue for the 200th Anniversary of George Washington's initial presidential inauguration. The covers cost \$1.25 each, or three for \$3.50 (plus a #10 SASE) and can be obtained from The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, % The Scottish Rite Cathedral 790 North Van Buren St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

## PHILIPPINE FREEMASONS CAMILO OSIAS & DON TOMAS MAPUA

The Republic of the Philippines issued a set of five stamps on May 18, 1989, to mark the birth centenaries of certain great Filipinos. Two of those pictured were Freemasons: Camilo Osias and Don Tomas Mapua.



Bro. Camilo Osias was born in Balaoan, La Union, on March 23, 1889. He was chosen one of the first pensionados sent to the United States where he obtained his Teacher's diploma from the Illinois State College and a B.A. and B.S. in Education from Columbia University. He authored the well known Philippine Readers, the prize winning biography of Rizal and other books and magazines. He was elected senator of the second district in 1925, Assemblyman in 1935, a senator in 1947 when he was named "Man of the Year". He served as minority and majority floor leader of the senate and later as Senate President.

M.W. Bro. Osias was initiated, passed and raised in Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 in August 1918. In 1948 he became Master of this Lodge. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1952, Senior Grand warden in 1953, Deputy Grand Master in 1954 and Grand Master in 1955. He was the 38th Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He gave the slogan "More Masonry among Masons, more men in Masonry".

Bro. Osias was also active in the appendant organizations. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1938 and became Sovereign Grand Commander in 1970. He was, furthermore, a member of Manila Chapter RAM No. 2, a Shriner and a member of Rosario Villaruel Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. His wife, Avelina L. Osias, is a Past Worthy Matron of Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, O.E.S.

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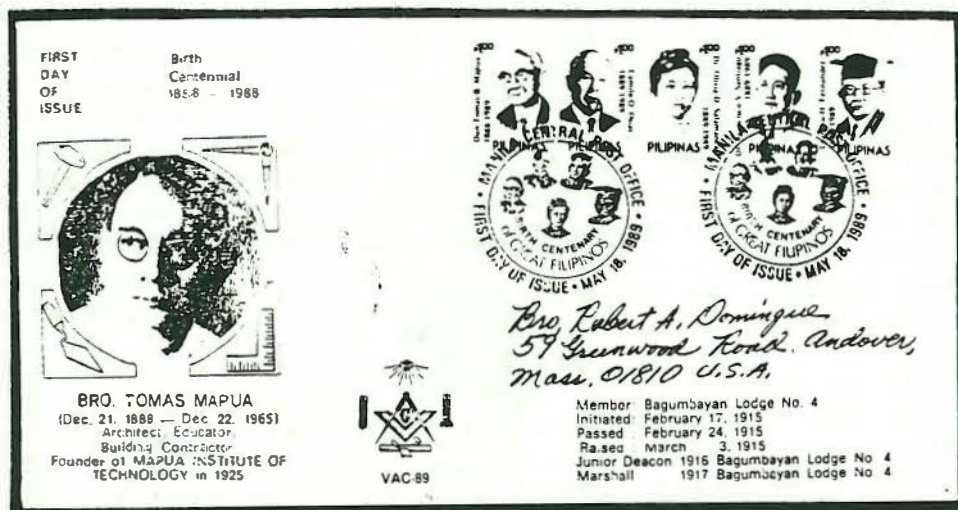
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Don Tomas Mapua was born on December 21, 1888. He was a renowned Filipino architect who had designed some grand edifices in Manila such as De La Salle College and the Nurses' Home of the Philippine General Hospital. He founded the Mapua Institute of technology on June 20, 1925. He undertook the construction of the Post Office Building in 1927. He was the first councilor of the City of Manila, a recipient of awards from outstanding professional and technological societies and an educator truly dedicated to uplifting the welfare of working students. He died on December 22, 1965.



Bro. Tomas Mapua was also a member of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. He was initiated on Feb. 17, 1915, passed on Feb. 24, 1915, and raised on March 3, 1915. He was Junior Deacon in 1916 and Marshall in 1917.



-Article and covers provided by Bro Vincente Antonio Cu, Member No. 494, the Philippines

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Bro. Cu has for sale copies of the two covers used to illustrate the previous article. The price for the two covers is \$3.00 which includes return postage (no checks please). He also has copies of the covers shown in a previous issue of the Newsletter: the Dona A. A. Quezon cover at \$1.50 and the Andre Bonifacio cover at \$1.00. Bro. Cu's new address is printed in the Membership Information of this Newsletter.

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### JOHANN BECKMAN

Bro. Johann Beckman is shown on a stamp issued by the German Democratic Republic on February 28, 1989.



Johann Beckman was born on June 4, 1739, in Hoya. He was a Professor at the University of St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1763, a Professor at the University of Gottingen in 1766 and later Hofrat (Aulic Councillor). He was the first to give a scientific description of trades and technical occupations. He was also the first to use the terms "Warenkunde" (Merchandise Knowledge) and "Technologie" (Technology) for this new branch of science. He was the author of fundamental works such as "Entwurf iener allgemeinen Technologie" (Outline of a general Technology), "Anleitung zur Handelswissenschaft" (Introduction to the Science of Trade), "Vorbereitung zur Warenkunde" (Preparation for Merchandise Knowledge) as well as contributions to the history of inventions. He died on February 3, 1811, in Gottingen.

Bro. Beckman was a member of the Lodge "Augusta zu den drei Flammen" (Augusta and the Three Flames) in Gottingen.

-Article submitted by Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel

## GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER

Bro. John C. Sander, Member No. 407 of Grand Island, Nebraska, has written in to comment that Bro. Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of the baseball players written up in the last Newsletter, was a Nebraskan and not a Canadian. He was born at Elba, Nebraska, and was a member of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska. (I guess the error is mine - I apparently read Bro. Lincoln's NE as NB.)

Bro. Sander recalls that back in the 50's Bro. Alexander was featured at the Burwell, Nebraska, Rodeo and the editor of the Ord, Nebr., newspaper assigned a young reporter to get a story on Grover Cleveland. At press time the editor asked about the story. The young reporter laughed and said "I've heard about the tricks pulled on new reporters; Pres. Grover Cleveland has been dead for a long time."

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## GEORGE HAROLD SISLER

George Harold Sisler was born on March 24, 1893, in Manchester, Ohio, and died in Richmond Heights, Mo., on March 26, 1973. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1915 and while there played baseball under Bro. Branch Rickey. He was a left handed first baseman for the St. Louis Browns from 1915 to 1928 and then the Boston Braves from 1928 to 1930. Although he started his career as a pitcher and later was considered the best fielding first baseman of his era, it was as a hitter that he will be remembered. In 1920 he had a major league record 257 hits, 49 doubles, 18 triples, 19 home runs, 122 RBIs, 137 runs scored and a .407 batting average. Two years later he had a 41 game hitting streak on the way to a .420 batting average. Illness plagued him in later years but he still compiled a lifetime average of .340 and he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1939.

Bro. Sisler was a member of Rose Hill Lodge No. 550, Creve Coeur, Missouri, being initiated on Jan. 13, passed on Feb. 3 and raised on Feb. 17 all in 1920. He was suspended for NPD on June 26, 1934.

-Article submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln

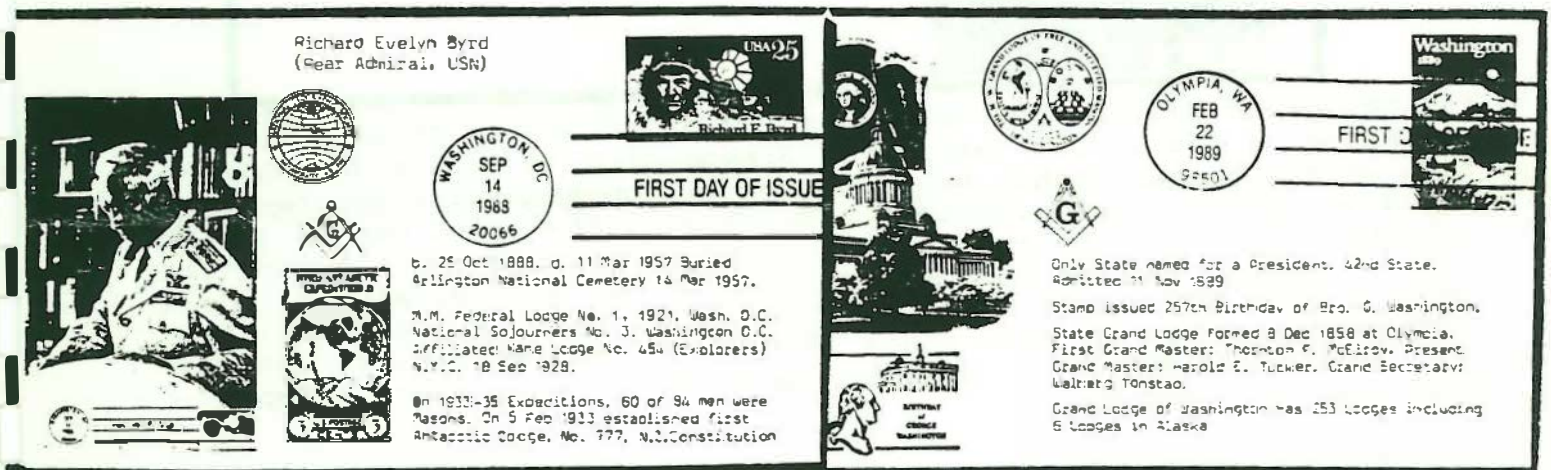
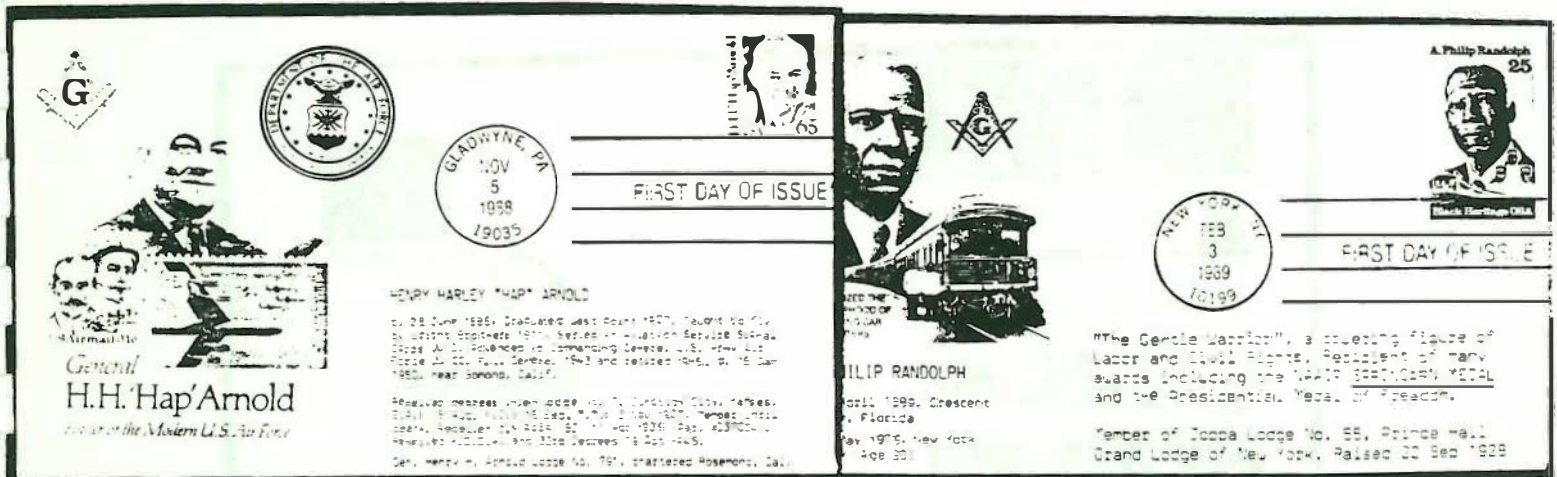
Bro. Lincoln has also submitted copies of Grenada and Ajman stamps which illustrate these various baseball players who were Masons.





## JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM COVERS

Bro. John M. Cunningham has produced some more covers recently for issues of 1988 and 1989. Shown below, they can be purchased from him. Information on their cost and order placement can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 45 USSAH, 3700 North Capitol St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20317



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## R. H. FUHRMANN

Bro. R. H. Fuhrmann was a practicing physician in St. Louis, Mo., and an amateur photographer. As an amateur photographer he compiled an historical collection of photographs of the growth of the city of St. Louis and surrounding areas. He left the collection to the St. Louis Scottish Rite bodies stipulating that they could not be sold and could only be used for educational, display and entertainment purposes. They were printed in the St. Louis Globe Democrat newspaper about 1955. He learned photography from the professional photographer, Emil Boehl, and together they took numerous pictures. When Boehl died in 1919, Dr. Fuhrmann bought the hundreds of negatives he had that dated back to the Civil War and continued to record the history of St. Louis until his own death on December 20, 1937.



Bro. Fuhrmann was a member of West Gate Lodge No. 445 of St. Louis, Mo., where he received his Masonic degrees on February 23, March 1 and March 29, 1904.

-Article contributed by Bro. Dwight Seals



## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA COVERS

Two covers have been prepared in conjunction with the Centenary of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria held in March 1989. The first, dated March 15, was the "official" cover for the Centenary event. It bears the postmark cancellation of the date of the Grand Installation of the new Grand Master.



The new Grand Master, realizing that he stood on the threshold of the beginning of the second century of Freemasonry in Victoria, suggested that an additional cachet be placed on all covers which had been or could be dated by cancellation on March 21 - the first day of the new century. This was done even to the point of back-dating - a practice that is rarely carried out or permitted by the Australian Post. This cover is the same as that of the 15th except that an additional two line rubber stamp has been added "FIRST DAY//SECOND MASONIC CENTURY". The cover dated March 15, however, appears to be in shorter supply than that of the 21st.

Our faithful representative in South Australia, Bro. Sid Martin, has a limited supply of both covers as well as a special postcard which pictures The Masonic Centre of Victoria. The various price combinations (in US\$) are: \$3.00 for either cover, \$4.00 for either cover and the Post Card, \$5.00 for both covers and the Post Card. They can be ordered from Bro. Martin at 4 Barrow Crescent, Lockleys 5032, South Australia.

-Information and covers supplied by Bro. Martin

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## NEW USPS RELEASE

The new USPS issue which will be released on July 14, 1989, in conjunction with a French issue as a salute to the French Revolution and PHILEXFRANCE, depicts symbols which could be considered applicable to a Masonic collection. The design consists of human figures representing Liberte, Egalite et Fraternite - symbols of the revolt against King Louis XVI and the creation of a liberal, democratic French state. Several known Masons participated in this Revolution. The allegorical figures themselves might also be considered representative of the Fraternity.

