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WHOLE NO. 89

ALFREDO ALEXANDER JORDAN

A postage release from Bolivia in 1977 pictures Bro. Alfredo Alexander Jordan.



Alfredo Alexander Jordan - a publican, diplomat and journalist - was born in Bolivia on August 4, 1904. He served as Finance Minister of Bolivia. President of the Central Bank of Bolivia and Ambassador to Spain. He founded the newspaper "HOY" ("Today") in La Paz and served as its director right up to his death. He also founded and directed "ULTIMA HORA" ("Last Hour") also of La Paz.

Bro. Jordan wrote and published several books including "MY VENDIMIAS" ("My Vintages") - a book of philosophical character. He was always a good and peaceful man and his journalistic works always showed his role of a defender of his ideals of fraternity and concord. Alfredo and his wife, Martha Alexander, were killed in a terrorist attack in La Paz on March 14, 1970. He was not a politician and his tragic death has been a great enigma which the authorities have not yet resolved.

Bro. Jordan was initiated in "Waldo Ballivian Lodge", Oruro, Bolivia. He later affiliated with several other Lodges in La Paz. He never progressed beyond the first three degrees of Freemasonry.

- Article and illustration provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Member No. 243, Barcelona, Spain

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie recently visited Bro. Alvaro Pineda de Castro, director of the magazine "Genesis" - an internal review of the Grand Lodge of Spain. It was there that he learned of the above stated Mason - the father-in-law of this director. Both Bro. Pineda de Castro and his wife Martha Alexander, daughter of the noted journalist, provided the information. Thank you for sharing it.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

299. Peter E. George, 7 Fir Tree Close, Hilton, Yarm, Cleveland
TS15 9JZ England
303. John R. Price, 6 Ludlow Close, Berkley Down Frome, Somerset
BA11 2ES England
305. Thomas C. Peterson, 6534 Samoa Drive, Sarasota, FL 34241
307. Jim Walker, 30 Helena Ave., Toronto Canada M0G 2H2

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Netherlands
178. Robert M. Allardice, 207 - 10626 151A Street, Surrey, British
Columbia, Canada V3R 8K7 (Effective June 9, 1992)
490. Ugur Tarhan, Cayhane sokak 5/11, GaziOsmanPasa 06700 Ankara.
Turkiye

CLOSED ALBUMS:

350. Reggie M. Nichols, of Sandy Point, New South Wales, Australia

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

Our new member, Bro. Thomas C. Peterson, is a KYCH, a 33rd degree Mason, Past Potentate, Past Patron of the OES as well as a Past Master. Welcome to him and all the new members. We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Bro. Harry Cohen, recently reinstated member No. 216, of Manchester, England, has entered the world of the retired and has a lot more time for his hobby. He is giving lectures on Masonic Philately at various Masonic functions. On April 11 of this year he lectured to Oakwood Lodge No. 1126, Sale, Cheshire. He was recently appointed Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer for the Province of Cheshire Mark Master Masons. Keep up the good work, Bro. Cohen.

ELECTION RESULTS

The election just concluded has resulted in the following officers for the 1992-1994 term.

President - Stan Longenecker

P.O. Box 7244

Lancaster, PA 17604

Vice President - Norman Lincoln

107 1/2 Barron St

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Secretary-Treasurer - Otto Steding

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Cincinnati, OH 45231

EARLE CHRISTMAS GRAFTON PAGE

Bro. Page is pictured on a stamp issued by Australia in 1975.



Dr. Earle Page was, in his own words, a "truant surgeon". When he was elected to the Federal Parliament as the Country Party member for Cowper in 1919, his partners in his Grafton medical practice gave him three years leave of absence, thinking this would be the extent of his political career. In fact, he was to be a federal member for the next 42 years.

Earle Christmas Grafton Page was born at Grafton, N.S.W., on Aug. 8, 1880, and after attending university on a scholarship, he graduated at the top of his year. During World War I he served with the Army Medical Corps in Egypt and France. Following the 1922 elections in Australia, the Country Party used its "balance-of-power" position to force the resignation of Prime Minister W. M. Hughes and form a coalition with S. M. Bruce as Prime Minister. Page, now leader of his party, served the next six years as Bruce's deputy and Treasurer. The formation of the coalition left an important legacy in Australian politics as over the next 50 years the Country Party was a partner with its non-Labor allies in many governments.

In 1929 the Bruce-Page Government was defeated when a group of Government members led by W. M. Hughes voted against a Bill to withdraw the Commonwealth from the field of industrial arbitration. Page served as Minister for commerce under Lyons until the latter's death in 1939. An unusual situation then arose as the United Australian Party had no deputy leader following R. G. Menzies' resignation. Page, as leader of the minority coalition party, was called upon to serve as Prime Minister. His term of office lasted for only three weeks - in the interim period until the UAP elected a new leader. A move was made at the time to bring Bruce, High Commissioner in London, back as Prime Minister. Page offered to resign his seat in Bruce's favor but Bruce declined the offer. A few months later Page resigned the Country Party leadership. Page later served as Minister for Health from 1949 to his retirement in January 1956. He remained a private member of Parliament until the 1961 elections when he lost his seat. He was ill at the time and died a few days later - on December 20, 1961 - at the age of 81.

Bro. Page was initiated in Lodge Leopold, No. 87, New South Wales Constitution, at Grafton, N.S.W., on December 4, 1917, passed on January 29, 1918, and raised on February 25, 1918. His Masonic apron is in the possession of his Mother Lodge.

-Article provided by Bros. Norman Lincoln & Richard Needham
(some years ago)

If your dues are due - Please remit to the Secretary-Treasurer
\$5.00 - North America \$10.00 - All Others

EDITORIAL

Several times over the course of my tenure as Editor of this newsletter I have waxed philosophical on the state of the membership and have questioned the direction in which the Unit seems to be proceeding. It appears to be that time again. Perhaps I have been "in the saddle too long" but I hear the same type of comments from other Editors - especially of Masonic publications. It really is a lonely job. As you read this issue, carefully note the "large" number of contributors cited. I usually try to give the proper credits (although I do slip up periodically as cited later). You will see that it does not take a rocket scientist to count up to the total number. I really don't mind doing some of the research, composition and writing but it does take a considerable amount of time. All the assistance which can be offered by members in providing articles, information, etc., is sincerely appreciated.

One of the most discouraging aspects of being Editor is the apparent void we publish to. The apathy is appalling. On several instances over the past several years, I have written requests for data on individuals who might be Masons or for responses to members' questions. These responses are not just for my benefit - the request is made so that the answers can be published for the benefit of all the members. That is the purpose of a correspondence unit - to disseminate information through the newsletter. Most of my requests went unanswered - I am sure that some of you had answers.

The recent election demonstrates the member apathy quite vividly. There are just under 300 members currently on distribution for the newsletter. Only 54 members bothered to send the ballot to Bro. Otto, our Secretary-Treasurer, or to the Editor. The slate represented a very distinguished list of Masonic Philatelists and it really was a dis-service to them to have such a poor showing. I am sure we all congratulate Bro. Longenecker and Bro. Lincoln but the edge is slightly taken off when less than 20% of the membership participated.

The membership renewals also relate a tale of their own. As of this date, there have been 10 members who have resigned or allowed their membership to lapse (through non-payment of dues) since the beginning of the year. There are another 45 members whose membership period is up with this issue and we have not yet heard from them. There are yet another 25 whose membership expires over the remaining eight months of the year. We stand a chance of losing just over 25% of our membership this year. These figures are trying to tell us something - either the recession is hitting our group very hard (doubtful since it is supposed to have peaked and the dues are not excessive) or a change must take place to keep the members interested.

The best way to bring about a change is to provide inputs as to what you want to see in your newsletter. I am willing to publish most anything as long as it relates to our two primary topics - Masonry and Philately. Please, please let me know what you want. I did make the offer a couple of months ago for a new Editor to succeed me. I was very serious - primarily because I have been "at it" for a number of years but also in an effort to bring some new blood to the veins. There were no takers. (A couple of the members wrote that they almost considered it but their wives downed the subject before it could

EDITORIAL (CONT'D)

mature.) The offer still stands - but I would want some indication of research and writing capability to protect what I believe is the good integrity of the newsletter and the Unit as they presently stand.

Enough of this down-in-the mouth, pessimistic attitude. We don't want to see the Unit suffer the demise of its two predecessors. We want to see it continue to prosper and continue to disperse Masonic light to all who care to receive it. I will continue on as Editor for another year anyways but will be open to any serious offer for replacement. I do, however, seriously solicit information for publication in your newsletter - new cases, new information on old cases or clever ways of re-presenting oft-told information. The subject material is out there - all it needs is research. If we all pitch in with information and new members, we can remain a viable organization. Let's try it!

MEDAL OF HONOR PAGES

I must apologize for neglecting to give proper credit for the fine Congressional Medal of Honor album pages which were illustrated on pages 943 and 946 of the November-December 1991 newsletter. Bro. James A. Reynolds, Member No. 318 of Chicago, was the kind member who provided these pages. He comments that the list of individuals shown is only those Masons awarded the CMH. The Masonic Service Association provides a three page computer listing of all recipients as well as Lodge affiliation for each of the Masons involved.

Bro. Reynolds also mentions that the Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Springs, MD 20910, has a catalog of Publications and Materials that are available that may be useful in our hobby. This list is available free for the asking - please send them a stamped (29 cent) self-addressed #10 envelope with your request.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Bro. "Mac" Collison, Member No. 373, of West Bank, B.C., Canada, notes that Great Britain will be issuing some stamps for Gilbert & Sullivan later this year. He picked up the following information on them while touring the Masonic Temple in London, England, a few years ago.

Sir Arthur Sullivan 1842-1900. Initiated in the Lodge of Harmony #255 in Richmond, Surrey, on 11 April 1865. He was Grand Organist in 1887.

Sir William Schenick Gilbert 1836-1911. Initiated in St. Machar Lodge #54, Aberdeen, Scottish Constitution, 12 June 1871. He joined Baynard Lodge #1615, London, on 26 June 1876.

Wendell Willkie, shown on the USPS 75 cent Great Americans issue of Feb. 16, was made a Mason in Quincy Lodge No. 230, Elwood, Ind, Sept. 9, 1913. He later demitted to become a charter member of Coventry Lodge No. 665, Akron, Ohio.

STANLEY MELBOURNE BRUCE

Bro. Stanley Melbourne Bruce is shown on stamps included in the 1972 Prime Ministers booklet issued by Australia.



Stanley M. Bruce was born in Melbourne, Victoria, in 1883. He was educated there and at Cambridge where he read law. He was awarded the Military Cross and Croix de Guerre and Palm in the 1914-18 war and was invalided home in 1917. He won a seat in Parliament in 1918 and served as Treasurer in Hughes' Government before becoming national leader himself in 1923. At the age of 39, he was the youngest Prime Minister ever to hold office in that country. His government was the first to sit in Canberra (until the national capitol was completed, Federal Parliament met in Melbourne). He initiated the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and the Federal Loan Council. He also had the unfortunate distinction of being the only Prime Minister to lose his own seat at an election - 1929.

He was later High Commissioner in London, President of the League of Nations Council, Chairman of the United Nations World Food Council and Chairman of the British Finance Corporation for Industry. During World War II he was a member of the British War Cabinet and of the Pacific War Council. As Viscount Bruce of Melbourne, he was made a peer in 1947 - the first Australian to gain this honor. He died in Britain in 1967.

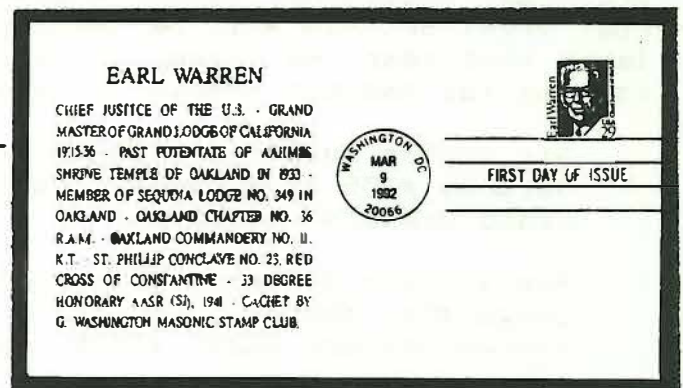
Bro. Bruce was a member of Old Melburnians Lodge No. 317, Victoria, being initiated on June 12, 1925, passed on Sept. 18, 1925, and raised on Dec. 18, 1925. He demitted on Oct. 14, 1960.

-Article also provided by Bros. Norman Lincoln & Richard Needham

GWMSC COVER

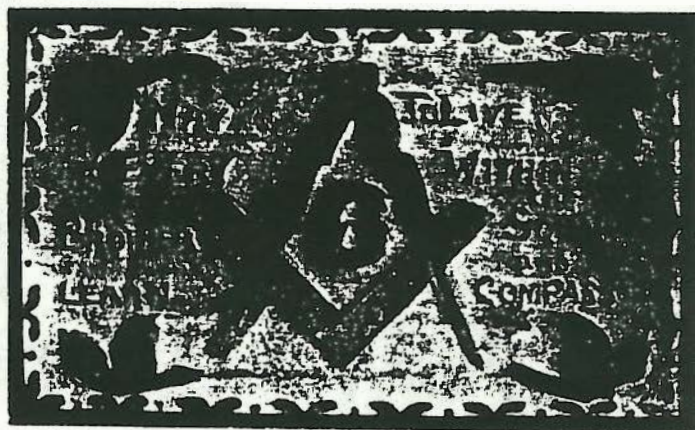
The Masonic cover shown to the right is the latest release from the GWMSC. It is available at a cost of \$1.50 each from our newly-elected President:

Bro. Stan Longenecker
P.O. Box 7244
Lancaster, PA 17604



LEATHER MASONIC POST CARDS

After 15 years of looking through Masonic post cards and owning a collection of 600 different such cards, Bro. Stan Longenecker recently came across his first leather Masonic post cards at a local post card show. "These are the first I have seen and give me something to look for in the future." Thanks for sharing them with us Stan.



LEONARD C. WOOD

Bro. Leonard Wood was a Major General of the United States Army. He was Commander of the "Rough Riders" in the Spanish-American War. He was Governor of Cuba in 1899 and of the Philippine Islands from 1921 to 1927.



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Leonard C. Wood was born in Winchester, New Hampshire, on Oct. 9, 1860. He received his medical degree from Harvard in 1884 and his law degree from the same school in 1899. He entered the Army as an assistant surgeon in 1886 and progressed through the ranks until appointed Major General in 1903. He retired from the military in 1921; Fort Leonard C. Wood in Missouri is named in his honor. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1886 for his campaign against the Apache Indians. In the Spanish-American War he commanded the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry (commonly called the "Rough Riders"). He commanded the Philippine Division from 1906 to 1908 and was in command of the Department of East from 1908 to 1909. From 1910 to 1914 he was Chief of Staff of the United States Army and was the Republican candidate for the U.S. presidency in 1920. He died on Aug. 7, 1927.

Bro. Leonard Wood was raised in Anglo Saxon Lodge #137 of Brooklyn, NY on April 3, 1916. He was exalted in Normal Park Chapter No. 210, RAM, Chicago, July 26, 1919, and knighted in Englewood Commandery, KT, Chicago, Aug. 23, 1919. He was a member of Medinah Shrine Temple, Chicago, and received the 32nd degree AASR(NJ) in 1927. He was elected to receive the 33rd degree but died before it could be conferred.

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

A MEMBER'S ALBUM PAGE

The album page shown here is from the collection of Bro. Grahame West, Member No. 244, West Sussex, England.

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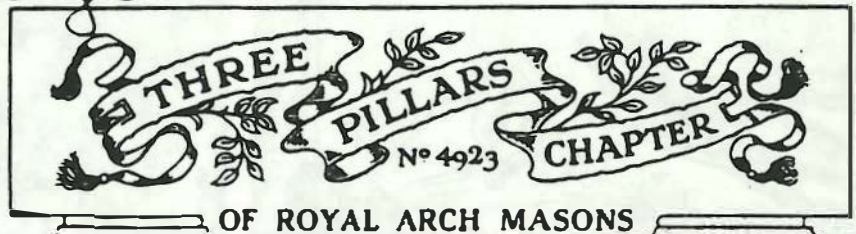
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Corinthian



Consecrated

Vice-Patron



6th January, 1982

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Dear Sir and Companion,

You are requested to attend the 133rd Convocation of the Chapter to be held at MARK MASON'S HALL, LONDON SW1, on Saturday, 27th February, 1982 at 4.00pm.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

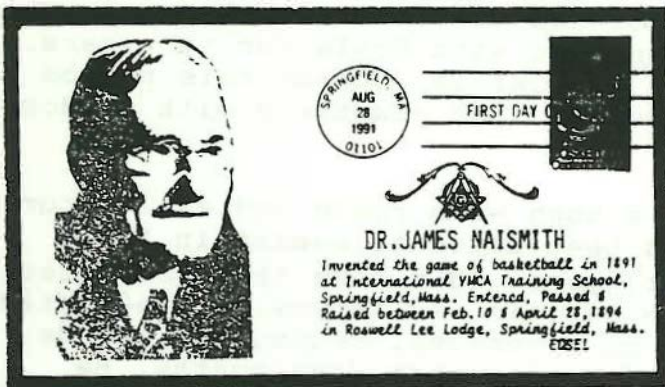
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EVENING or DARK MORNING DRESS
Black Tie. White Gloves
Dinner at conclusion
of business.



EDGE MASONIC COVERS

The Masonic cacheted covers shown here are from the latest offering of Bro. Edsel Hatfield, Member No. 21. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042.



ISAIAH THOMAS

Isaiah Thomas was the ninth patriot to be honored on the indicia of the U.S. 12 cent postal card series. It commemorated the 150th anniversary of his death, and the first day of issue was in Worcester, Mass., on May 5, 1981.

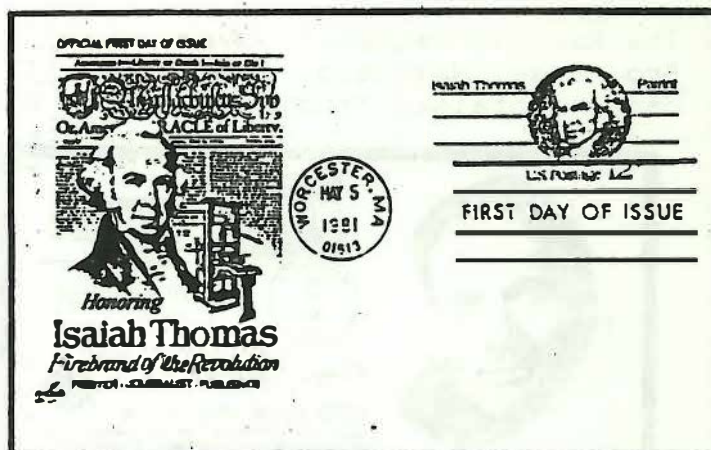
Isaiah was born in Boston on Jan. 19, 1749, the youngest of five children. His father left the family with the intention of seeking his fortune in Carolina but was never heard of

afterwards. His mother was forced to indenture - or apprentice - Isaiah at the tender age of six to Zechariah Fowle, a Boston printer. He was so small that a special stool had to be constructed to enable him to reach the type cases. He remained with Fowle for ten years, gathering basic printing knowledge and skills. During this period he decorated over a hundred printed ballads and pamphlets with woodcuts or metal engravings.

At age 16 he broke his apprentice's bond with Fowle and sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he had been hired to assist in the publishing the Halifax Gazette. It was at this time that the hated Stamp Act went into effect and, in addition to improving the contents of the newspaper, Thomas embarked on a personal crusade to harass the British in print. This led to his firing within five months. He returned to Boston and his original employer, Fowle, rehired him. Two years later, in 1767, he asked for a friendly "discharge" so he could journey to Wilmington, N.C., to buy a printing press. This deal did not materialize and he went to the West Indies and then to Charleston, S.C.. He worked there for two years as a journeyman printer in the shop of Robert Wells. He married Mary Dill on Christmas Day, 1769, but the marriage was doomed from the start - he was granted a divorced two years later.

In the spring of 1770 he returned to Boston with the determination to publish the best newspaper in the colonies. With John Hancock providing the financial backing, Isaiah and Fowle started publishing a tri-weekly, the Massachusetts Spy. Editorial attacks against the Royalists spread his fame far and wide and by 1774 he had attained a circulation of 3500 copies, unmatched anywhere in the colonies. He also published a series of almanacs. In Dec. 1774, he was approached to establish a newspaper in Worcester and within two months published a prospectus for The Worcester Gazette; Or, American Oracle of Liberty.

On the night of April 16, 1775, after consulting with John Hancock and the Provincial Congress, he secretly packed his press and type and sent it to Worcester. On the night of April 18, he assisted his friend Paul Revere on his famous ride. At daybreak he joined the militia at Lexington and participated in the battle of that day. He arrived in Worcester late at night on April 20 and spent most of the rest of his life there.



ISAIAH THOMAS (CONT'D)

He tried unsuccessfully to establish a newspaper in Salem, Mass., and later bought a farm in Derry, N.H., which he sold after three years. In May 1779 he married and this marriage lasted nearly 40 years until his wife died. By 1781 he had become prosperous enough to erect a building for his printing and bookselling activities and then a "handsome mansion" for his family. In addition to publishing the Spy, Bro. Thomas became the leading publisher of his day with seven presses and almost 150 people in his employ. One thousand books bear his imprint. He published "History of Printing in America" in 1810 and established the American Antiquarian Society in 1812 being elected its first president. He married a third time in 1819, at the age of 70, and again suffered an unhappy union dissolved by divorce in less than three years. He was 82 years old when he died on April 4, 1831. He was buried in Worcester, Mass.

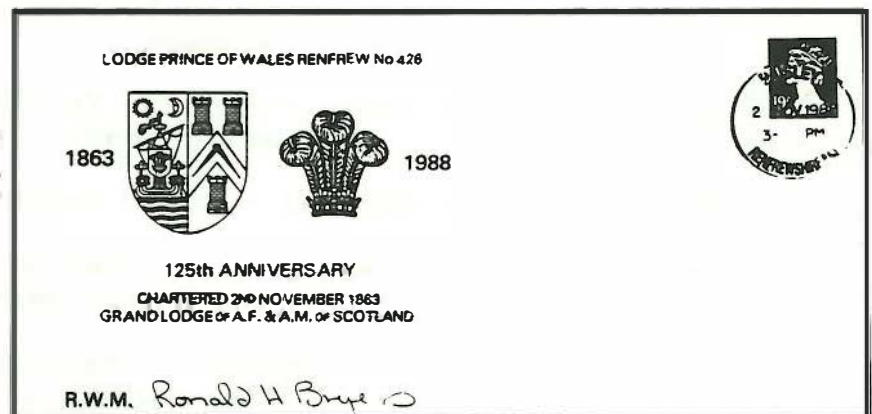
Bro. Isaiah Thomas was probably made a Mason in Boston before 1775. He was Master of Trinity Lodge, Lancaster, Mass., in 1783 and was the first Master of Morning Star Lodge in 1793. He served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1802 to 1805 and again from 1808 to 1810.

-Article excerpted from one by William J. Wawrzyniak which appeared in "Philateli-Graphics" in 1985. Sent in by Bro. Richard Potter, Member No. 236 of Woodstock, Conn.

COVER FROM SCOTLAND

The cover shown here is still available from the Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No. 426, Scottish Constitution, at a cost of \$5.00 each. They can be ordered from:

The Treasurer
Lodge Prince of Wales
Renfrew No. 426
Masonic Hall
19 Queen Street
Renfrew
Renfrewshire
Scotland



(Sent in by Bro. John Turpie of Scotland)

DEATH OF BRO. TERRY WAGHORN

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of Bro. Terry Waghorn, President of the Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain). Bro. Waghorn was a noted researcher in the field of Masonic Philately as well as all other aspects of Masonry. His presence in this world will be deeply missed and our sincere condolences go out to the members of his family and to his Club in Great Britain.

NEW ISSUES

New issues which may be of interest to a Masonic Philatelic collection, as announced in the philatelic media, are as follows:

- July 29, 1991 - Iran - Blood Donation Week - one value depicting hands catching a drop of blood.
- Sept 2, 1991 - Congo - Famous People and Organizations - 8 val + 1 S/S - 350fr value pictures Mozart, 400fr value includes Churchill.
- Oct. 5, 1991 - Albania - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - 3 val + S/S.
- Oct. 15, 1991 - Cuba - 100th Anniversary of publication of "Simple Verses" - 1 val pictures Jose Marti.
- Dec. 2, 1991 - Benin - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - 1 val.
- Dec. 5, 1991 - India - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - 1 val.
- Dec. 7, 1991 - Maldives - 50th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor - sheetlet of 10 stamps which show F.D.Roosevelt, D.MacArthur, J.Wainwright, C.Chennault, M.Mitscher, J.Doolittle.
- Dec. 7, 1991 - St. Vincent - 50th Anniversary of Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor - sheetlet of 15 stamps which picture Congressional Medal of Honor winners.
- Dec. 11, 1991 - India - Run For Your Heart issue showing runners and a heart.
- Dec. 31, 1991 - Senegal - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart- 4 val
- Jan. 28, 1992 - Ireland - Love set of 2 val - 28p value depicts concentric hearts.
- Feb. 10, 1992 - Philippines - Greetings - four se-tenant pairs, the designs of three pairs include hearts.
- May 1992 - Jamaica - 250th Anniversary of the First Provincial Grand Master of English Freemasonry in Jamaica - 4 values - each depicting Masonic symbols.

"THE OATH OF THE TENNIS COURT"

Jean Prouteau has provided some further information and discussion regarding the Masons depicted in "The Oath of The Tennis Court". Unfortunately, we have run out of room in this issue so the details will be included in the next Newsletter. Keep tuned!!