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NEW MASONIC ISSUE

Chile has issued the latest pure Masonic issue. A \$250 stamp and a \$1200 souvenir sheet were released on April 8, 1997, to commemorate 50 Years of the Interamerican Masonic Confederation. They were issued for the XVII Grand Assembly of this Organization held in Santiago, Chile, from April 9 to April 12, 1997.



The C.M.I. (Confederacion Masonica Interamericana) is the integration of 64 individual Grand Lodges, representing 21 Latin American countries. These are grouped into six zones: las Grandes Logias de la Republica Federal de Mexico; las Grandes Logias del Caribe; las Grandes Logias de Centro America; las Grandes Logias de la Parte Norte de Sudamerica; las Grandes Logias Brasileñas y las Grandes Logias del Cono Sur de Sud America.

-stamps, cover and information provided in a beautiful presentation folder by
M.Wor. Bro. Jose Pavalcanti Melo, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Pernambuco, Brazil

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

117. Bill A. Stahl, 3009 Stapp Drive, Eugene, OR 97408
151. Billy Counter, 1927 Rain Road, Chapman, KS 67431
TBD. Yvonne B. Powell, 104-32 187th Street, Hollis, NY 11412

ADDRESS CHANGES:

355. Stephen J. Kapp, PSC 76 Box 8285, APO AP 96319-8285

RESIGNATIONS:

7. Earl Dixon of Seal Beach, CA (he is 95 years old)
324. Clarence Bolling of Gouldsboro, PA
408. Stanley Sheldon of Springfield, MA

CLOSED ALBUMS:

153. George Wettach, late of Fairlawn, NJ (Past Pres. of MSC of NY)
338. Robert G. Kaiser, late of Monona, WI

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Joseph P. Harowitz, member No. 22 of Norfolk, VA, informs us that this year he will receive his 50 Year pin in the Norfolk Scottish Rites. This gives him over 50 years in all his Masonic organizations - Blue Lodge, Chapter and Scottish Rite.

Bro. Kit Carson Price, member No. 72, of Richmond, CA, in addition to serving as King of Richmond Chapter No. 113 (as previously reported) is also Captain General of Oakland Commandery No. 11, K.T.

Bro. Yuya Hirose, member No. 464 of Kyoto, Japan, is the Grand Bible Bearer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Japan.

Our Unit President, Wor. Norman Lincoln, is the newly installed Master of the Ohio Lodge of Research. Since Ohio does not permit dual membership, he is probably the only Ohio individual serving as Master of two organizations - his Blue Lodge as well as the Research group. He invited your Editor to speak before that august group at their first meeting in his term. That meeting will be held on May 17, 1997, in the Masonic Temple in Farmersville, Ohio. I will speak on our favorite subject - Masonic Philately - using slides I have taken of items and pages within my collection. I feel quite honored by this request and opportunity. I hope to see a few of you there.

MASONIC STUDY UNIT OF THE AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

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Otto Steding

1033 Hollytree Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45231

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Norman Lincoln

P.O. Box 454

Eaton, OH 45320

Membership

\$8.00 - North America

\$14.00 - All Other

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bro. Otto Steding, our Secretary-Treasurer, has provided the following 11 month report dated April 1, 1997. Since that time there have been many renewals which have brought the balance back up to a healthier level. We are not rich, by any means, but we are slightly better off than indicated by these totals.

Balance April 30, 1996 \$ 1,280.41

Receipts

Dues	\$2,115.50
Interest	<u>27.51</u>
Total	\$2,143.01
Sub-Total	<u>\$3,423.42</u>

Disbursements

Postage-Newsletter	\$1,248.80
Printing-Newsletter	1,001.02
Envelopes-Newsletter	177.00
Linn's	39.00
Treasurer's Expense	<u>158.40</u>
Total	\$2,624.22

Balance on hand April 1, 1997 \$ 799.20

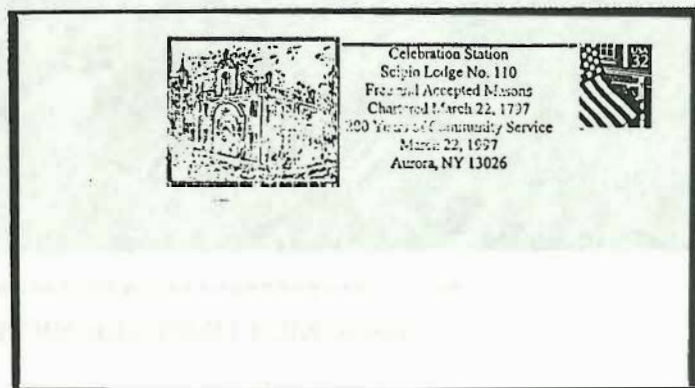
Treasurer's Expenses

Postage - Dues 1996	\$ 64.00
Postage - Dues 1997	63.20
Envelopes - window	14.83
Postage - 2nd notices	12.80
Misc copies/postage	<u>3.57</u>
Total	\$158.40

SCIPIO LODGE #110 ANNIVERSARY COVER

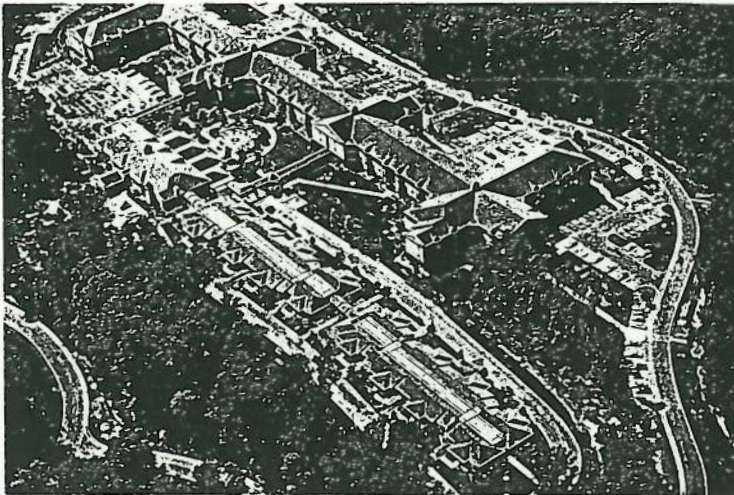
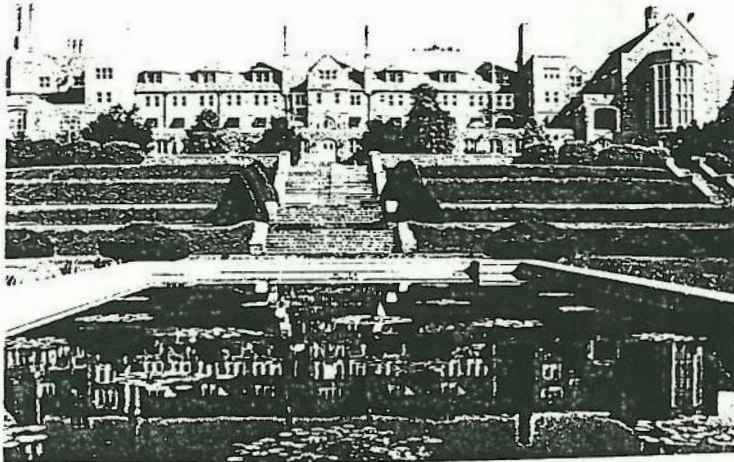
An announcement in Linn's identified a Masonic cancel being used on March 22, 1997, for the Bicentennial of Scipio Lodge #110 of Aurora, NY. Further investigation revealed that the Lodge itself prepared a maxim card to utilize this cancel to full effect. They now offer 5 X 7 color photographic postcards of a representation of the 1819 Lodge building with a brief legend on the back. The Lodge had been selling these without the cancels as novel momentos for \$1 each.

They now offer them with the cancel shown here for \$2.00 each, postpaid. Order them from the Lodge Secretary, Stephen L. Zabriskie, Scipio Lodge #110, P.O. Box 119, Aurora, NY 13026. Checks should be made out to "Scipio Lodge #110".



NEW SET OF MASONIC POSTCARDS

Bro. Stan Longenecker is offering a set of the ten new postcards issued for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Masonic Home in Elizabethtown at his cost - \$4.00 (postpaid, no SASE required). Write to him at 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552. A sampling of the cards is shown here.

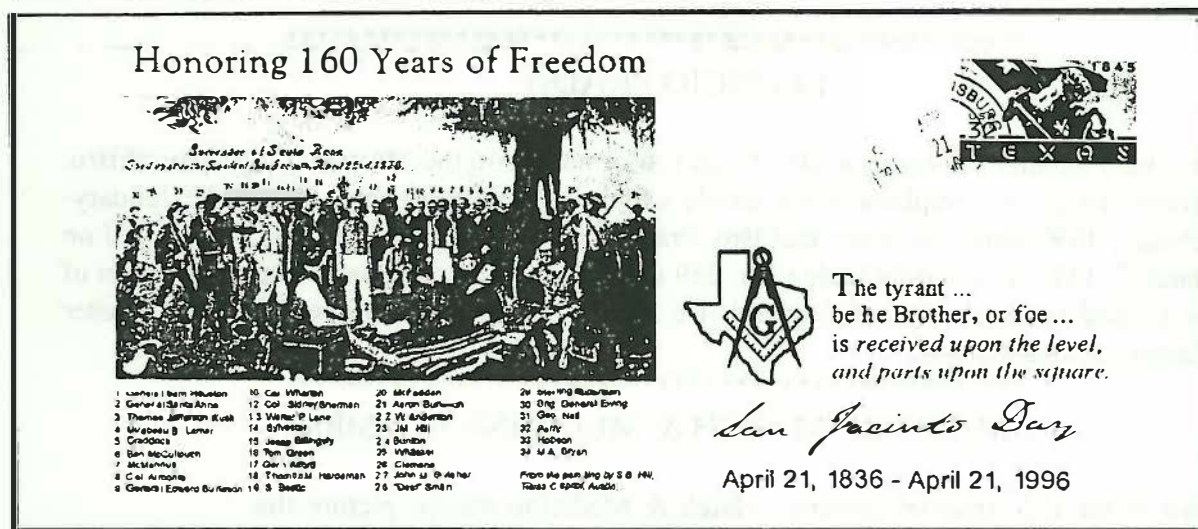
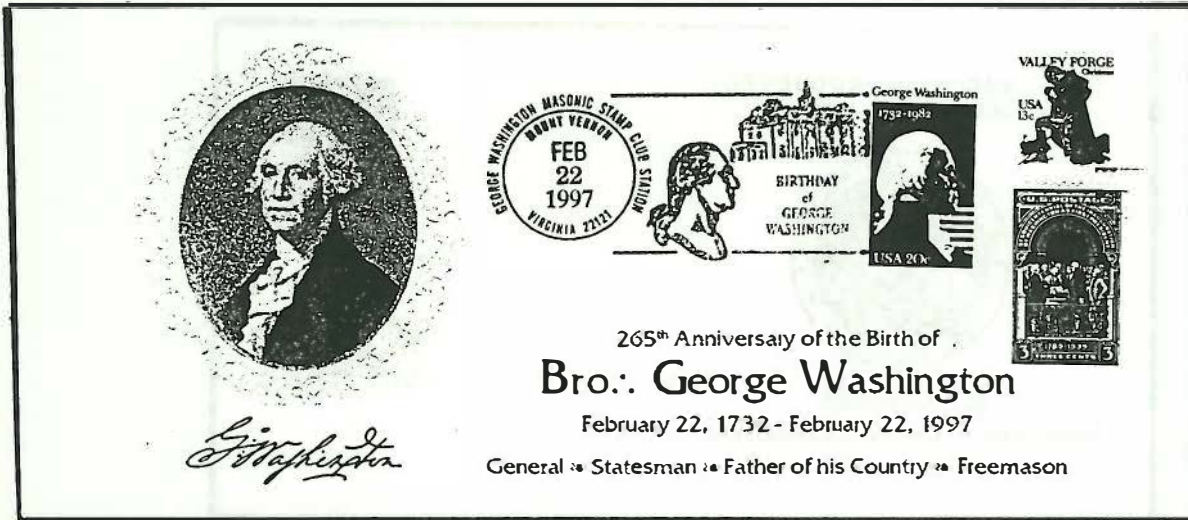


MASONIC COMPUTER NIGHT - NEW ZEALAND

Bro. Vic Fabian informs us that his Research Lodge in Auckland held a live E-chat on April 24 starting at 0900 GMT (5 A.M. on the U.S. East Coast). This activity was tied in with Compuserve as the Internet server. Unfortunately, this issue of the newsletter did not precede the event to provide proper notice. Bro. Vic's contact on E-mail is: cvfabian@pinn.gen.nz and his mail address (for those of us not on the internet) is 8 Northgrove Ave., Auckland 10 New Zealand.

TEXAS MASONIC COVERS

Bro. Jim Dougherty, P.O. Box 1192, Austin, TX 78767, a well known Texas Philatelist, has recently taken up the production of Masonic Cacheted covers featuring stamps and events of his home state. His covers are all #10 size and generated on his computer in full color. A couple are shown here for illustration purposes - I am not sure if he sells them or what his arrangements are. I have been the lucky recipient of several recent releases.



Information is now available on the St. John's Chapter No. 70 Bicentennial cover illustrated on page 1325 of the previous Newsletter; a total of 500 were printed. There is only one copy of a 1st Class signed cover available and four copies of a cover bearing 2nd Class postage - they sell for 1.75 Pound each (plus postage). There are several unsigned copies bearing 1st or 2nd Class postage available at 1.25 Pound each. Overseas postage is .40 Pound surface and .60 Pound airmail (for 1 to 5 covers). The order address is Mr. John Dollery, 21 Market Avenue, Plymouth, Devon, PL1 1PG, England. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Chapter No. 70 - Bicentenary A/C.

MASONIC COVER FROM BRAZIL

One of "The Stamp Act" readers has provided the cover shown here which was issued to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Loja Maçonica Roosevelt in 1977. The special cancel was also part of the celebration. The circular logo shows President Roosevelt in a triangle set in the East of a Lodge room; the text states "August and Respectable Lodge Roosevelt - Order of Bauru".



LEONCIO PRADO

95-207

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has provided further information on the Masonic biography of Bro. Leoncio Prado to complement the article which appeared on page 1308 of the January-February 1997 issue. He states that Bro. Prado was initiated when he was 20 years old on March 3, 1873, in Friendly Lodge No. 239 in Kingston, Jamaica, under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in August 1876.

MASONIC MATCH & MEDICINE STAMPS

Two of the U.S. Internal Revenue Match & Medicine stamps picture the Square and Compasses and make an interesting addition to any Masonic stamp collection. The first, RO61, was prepared by the Henry A. Clark Co.; the second, RO106, was published by the Charles S. Hale Co. Your Editor managed to be able to acquire the copy shown here of the former one while in Tallahassee recently on business. Unfortunately, I did not have my inventory with me and did not realize that I bought a second copy of the one I already had. It is not a cheap stamp but if anyone is interested in acquiring it, let me know.



JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN

Joshua L. Chamberlain was born September 8, 1828, in Brewer, Maine. He attended Ellsworth Military Academy and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1852 and Bangor Theological Seminary in 1855. He spoke seven languages and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was named Colonel of the 20th Maine Regiment in 1862, fought in 24 battles and was wounded six times. At Gettysburg, he led his Regiment in the defense of Little Round Top and was awarded the Medal of Honor. He received the surrender of Lee's forces at Appomattox from Bro. John Brown Gordon. Following the Civil War, Bro. Chamberlain was elected Governor of Maine and later served as President of Bowdoin College. He wrote several books on his military service. He was a member of United Lodge No. 8, Brunswick, Maine.

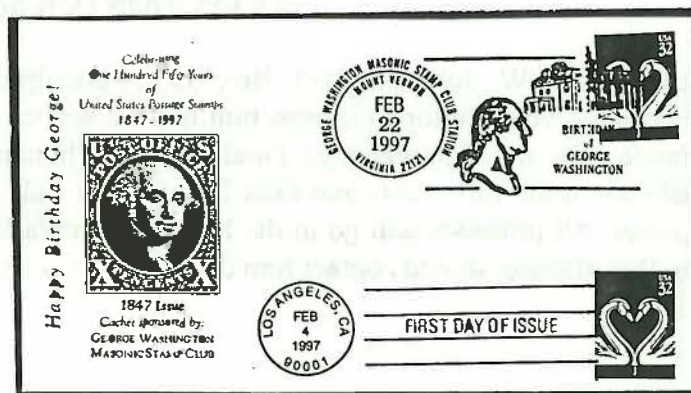
A recent special cancel prepared for use in Brewer, Maine, on April 2, 1997, honors this illustrious Brother. Bro. Stan Longenecker embellished thirty cards bearing this cancel with a cachet for Bro. Chamberlain - he is parting with them at a cost of \$1.00 each, postage paid (930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552)

-article provided by Bro. Norm Lincoln, cover by Bro. Stan



GWMSC COVER

The latest cover from the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club was produced in a quantity of only 70 copies. Shown here, it is available from Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560 at a cost of \$2.00 plus a #10 SASE.



SIR DONALD BRADMAN

Further media coverage on this individual pictured on a recent pair of Australian stamps provides added data. He was born into a farming family in Yeo Yeo, NSW, on 27 August 1908. He learned to play cricket by throwing a golf ball at a water tank and hitting it with a stump. He made his first century at the age of twelve playing for Bowral School against Mittagong and was selected for his first test match against England in 1928.

Scoring as no one had ever scored before (or since), Bradman made his runs at the rate of 50 an hour and scored numerous single, double and treble centuries. He was remarkable for his nervous stamina, concentration and complete coolness in the face of crisis. Sir Donald Bradman is not simply the greatest cricketer the world has ever seen - to Australians he is more than this. He is considered a great Australian treasure. He helped establish Australia's identity - an ideal choice for the first Australian Legend.

Bro. Erhard Stermole provides a copy of a cover issued by the South Australia Grand Lodge to celebrate the Freemason's Grand Installation of John James Stone. The Australian Post cooperated by providing the commemorative postmark for use on April 5, 1997. They are sold by the South Australia Grand Lodge for AUD\$3.00 which includes local postage. No address was provided - perhaps Bro. Stermole could help. His address is 12 Radford Court, Hoppers Crossing, Victoria 3029 Australia.



COLLECTION FOR SALE

Bro. Albin W. Johnson, P.O. Box 333, Randolph, MA 02368, (617) 963-3300, has contacted your Editor to inform him that he wishes to sell his stamp collection to raise money for the Templar Eye Fund. He has "hundreds of U.S. Commemorative Plate Blocks, some full sheets and First Day Covers - all in excellent condition at reasonable prices. All proceeds will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation." Anyone interested in this offering should contact him directly.

PEDRO "PERUCHO" FIGUEREDO

A stamp issued by Cuba in 1970 pictures Bro. Pedro Figueredo, a noted Journalist and Cuban Revolutionary.



Bro. Figueredo was one of the organizers of the Revolutionary Committee of Bayamo of 1867 which started the national independence movement against Spain that became known as The Ten Year War. He participated in the occupation of Bayamo in 1868 and while there composed the current Cuban National Anthem known as the Bayames Anthem. The first stanza of this anthem states "To the combat will go Bayanenses, that the Country envisions you to be proud. Do not fear a glorious death, for to die for the Country is to live!". In reality, "Perucho" died for his country and his high libertarian ideals - he was captured by the Spanish troops and executed. He had been appointed Chief of State for Bro. Gen. Cespedes.

Luis Colom Delgado, in the article "Masonry and Independence" published in the magazine "Gran Logia" (January 1955), states that Bro. Figueredo was a member of a secret Lodge named "Estrella Tropical" No. 19 (Tropical Star) which also served as the spawning ground for the Revolutionary Committee.

- article and illustration provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie,
member No. 243, Barcelona, Spain

DUES ARE DUE

There are still several members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions. We do not want to lose any members. If there is something you would like to see in the Newsletter, please let your Editor know - better still, provide an article, even if it is only a seed. If there is something about your Newsletter with which you are not happy, also let him know. The Newsletter is for you.

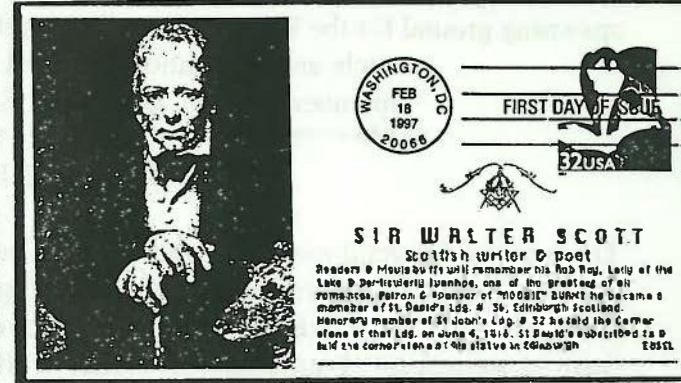
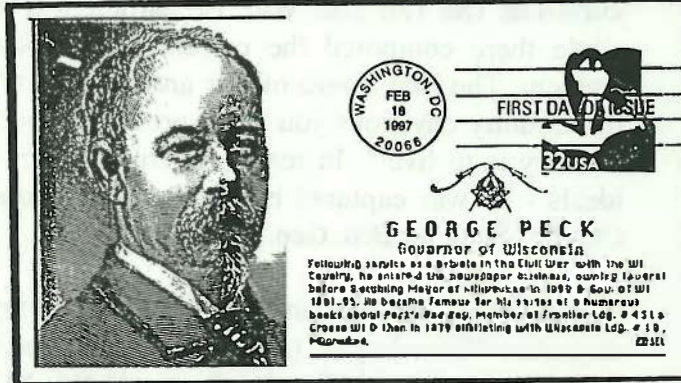
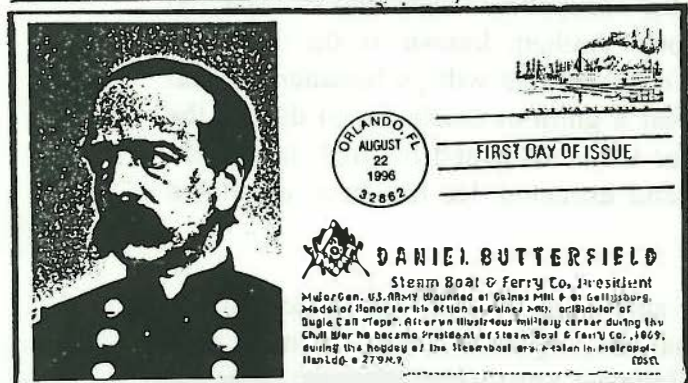
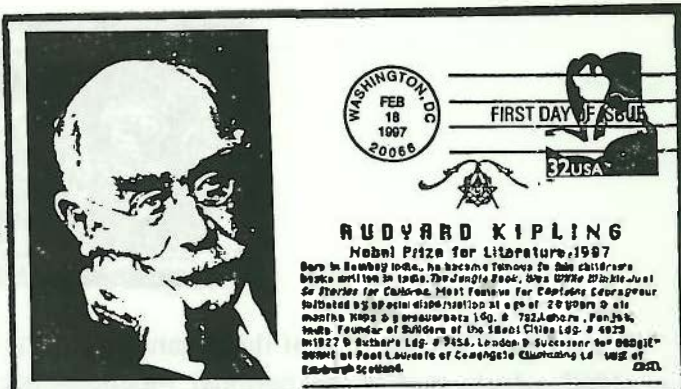
A man was checking in at a hotel, and while at the registration desk, he noticed a group of men heading toward a function room. He said to the clerk, "Who are those men?" She replied, "Oh, They're the Masons. They are meeting in one of our function rooms until their new Lodge is finished."

He replied, "Oh Yeah, the Masons! Isn't that the group that's so hard to get into?"

She replied, "You don't know the half of it! See that man with the sword? He's been banging on that door for eight months and they haven't let him in yet!"

EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Another selection of Bro. Edsel Hatfield's excellent Masonic cacheted covers is presented here for your viewing. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042



NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of interest to a Masonic stamp collection have been reported recently in the philatelic media.

1996 Mali - Entertainers - pane of nine se-tenant stamps includes Nat "King" Cole

July 15, 1996 - Tanzania - 100th Anniversary of Radio - 4 values plus S/S includes F. D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Fiorello LaGuardia

Dec. 14, 1996 - Philippines - Jose Rizal/ASEANPEX 96 - 4 blocks of four stamps, all related to Bro. Rizal

Jan. 31, 1997 - Surinam - 100th Death Anniversary of Heinrich von Stephan - two values.

Feb. 12, 1997 - New Zealand - Discoverers - six values include Capt. Cook

Feb. 17, 1997 - Venezuela - 100th Birth Anniversary of Andres Eloy Blanco - pane of 10 se-tenant stamps.

March 1997 - Guyana - Movies about the War - one of set shown to right

April 8, 1997 - Estonia all 100th Death
- Germany Anniversary of
- Chile H. von Stephan



HEINRICH VON STEPHAN

As indicated above, there are several stamps that will be issued this year to commemorate the 100th Death Anniversary of Bro. von Stephan. These are in addition to a long list of world-wide postal releases already available. The stamp shown here is the one issued by Germany on April 8, 1997.



Heinrich von Stephan was a member of the Lodge "Teutonia zur Weisheit" in Potsdam, Germany. He was initiated there on October 28, 1858, passed on May 19, 1859, and raised on November 24, 1859. Born on January 7, 1831, in Stolp, Pomerania, he was the first Postmaster-General of the German Empire and the founder of the Universal Postal Union. He died April 8, 1897, in Berlin.

-stamp copy provided by Bro. Gene Fricks, member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ.
Bro. Fricks was just elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey - Congratulations!

ALBERT A. MICHELSON



A stamp issued by Grenada in 1996 as part of a set for Nobel Prize Winners pictures Bro. Albert A. Michelson the scientist.

Bro. Michelson received his degrees in Washington Lodge No. 21, New York City, on Aug. 18, 1874, Dec. 31, 1875, and Jan. 21, 1876. At the time of his initiation he was a midshipman stationed on the U.S.S. Roanoke. He withdrew on Jan. 7, 1879.

Born on Dec. 19, 1852 in Strelno, Germany, he was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1873 and later attended the University of Berlin, the University of Heidelberg, the College of France and the Ecole Polytechnique. He was an instructor in physics and chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1875-79 and later served at the Case School of Applied Science, Clark University and the University of Chicago. He was also an exchange professor and lecturer at several European universities. He received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1907 and died on May 9, 1931.

DAVY CROCKETT

Sc 1330

The United States issued a stamp for Davy Crockett on August 17, 1967, at San Antonio, TX, where he died in the defense of the Alamo in 1836. Born on August 17, 1786, in Limestone, Tenn., this colorful trapper, hunter and Congressman from the backwoods is noted for his legendary exploits.



Crockett is often referred to as a Mason but no proof of his membership has been found. In 1897 it was claimed that a Mr. E. M. Taylor of Paducah, KY., was in possession of his Masonic Apron. On April 21, 1936, the Grand Lodge of Texas dedicated a Masonic memorial on the San Jacinto battlefield. The plaque on the memorial carried a list of 48 names, including that of Crockett, stating "A tribute to the fidelity of pioneer Masons under whose outstanding leadership was laid the cornerstone of the Republic of Texas."

SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS

Sc 828

Bro. Mark Twain has been pictured on several stamps issued by countries throughout the world. The U.S. issue shown here is part of the writers series of 1940.



Bro. Clemens was initiated in Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, MO, on May 22, passed on June 12 and raised on July 10 - all in 1861. In Feb. 1865 he acted as Junior Deacon of Bear Mountain Lodge No. 76 at Angels Camp - a California mining camp.

To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
Cc:
Bcc:
From: piglet <MP-Zurawicz@csu.edu>
Subject: WOW, IOF
Date: Saturday, August 24, 1996 1:05:34 EDT
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Forwarded by:

It is my understanding that while the fraternal arm has either ceased to exist or atrophied into obscurity, Woodmen of the World, like a similar organization, the Independent Order of Foresters (IOF, don't confuse with IOOF, the Odd Fellows), began its existence as a fraternal organization.

One of the benefits offered along the way in both organizations was insurance. Eventually, fraternal organizations became less popular, and the insurance division became something of a "normal" insurance company, but with social aspects, including causes, fundraisers for charity, etc.

At this time, it also opened its doors to people who were not members of the fraternal organization, since not enough of those remained to keep the insurance company viable.

In the case of the Independent Order of Foresters, the original fraternal organization was (and I believe still is, but in much smaller form) strictly Roman Catholic. The insurance organization of the same name is not.

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**MP-Zurawicz@csu.edu -- Your Online Geography Geek -
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To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
Cc:
Bcc:
From: swallace@hihello.com (Ina Wallace)
Subject: Woodmen of the World
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Certify: N
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I'm not sure if this is really an answer to the question but while I was in Arkansas I talked with a man who gave me a business card with Woodmen of the World, Life Insurance Society, Since 1890. His position was listed as Field Representative. Hope this helps. Ina

To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
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From: "George W. Durman" <sgtgeorg@cris.com>
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At 22:05 08/23/96 -0700, you wrote:

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>exist or atrophied into obscurity, Woodmen of the World, like a similar

I work for the US Postal Service and regularly see a magazine named
"Woodmen" come through the facility. So, there must still be some
organization out there with a similar name. Will look closer at the next
one I see and post the information here.

George W. Durman
925 Kevin Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37923-2540
(423)470-4853

SgtGeorg@concentric.net

BROYLES/BRILES Web Page: <http://www.concentric.net/~sgtgeorg/index.shtml>

To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
Cc:
Bcc:
From: Boyd Carmen <cab011f@nic.smsu.edu>
Subject: Re: Woodmen of the World, AKA, WOW
Date: Friday, August 23, 1996 14:09:43 EDT
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Forwarded by:

I've been watching the discussion on this off and on for months and have a question I kept thinking might be answered, but hasn't been. In several of the old cemeteries I have been to there is a large stump shaped stone - you know, like a tree stump with carving, etc., and it says (I think) Woodmen of the World. Is this the same organization? I always wondered what it was. I thought maybe they had been in the lumber business or something, in my ignorance! Just wondering.....Carmen

On Fri, 23 Aug 1996, MRS DONNA M VAUGHN wrote:

> -- [From: Donna Vaughn * EMC.Ver #2.5.1] --
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> the local WOW camp in the area that your ancestors were buried.
> Good Luck
> Donna Vaughn, Riverside, CA.
> rooter@pe.net or RLTV69A@prodigy.com
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To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
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Subject: Woodmen of the World, AKA,WOW
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Subject: Woodman of the World organizations
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-- [From: Donna Vaughn * EMC.Ver #2.5.1] --

To those still interested;

There are 3 fraternal organizations using the title, Woodmen of the World. The original was, "Modern Woodman" out of Rock Island, IL and is still in operation. It was est. about 1870. It was a fraternal (men only) organization. It was inexpensive insurance to help with burial costs for many of the Civil war soldiers whose families could not afford a regular burial. About 1890, Woodman of Omaha and Pacific Woodman split off from the parent company, "Modern Woodmen". Woodman of Omaha is still in business and is one of the 4th largest insurance companies in the country. It covered the mid-central states. Pacific Woodmen, also still operating, covered the 9 western states of CA, OR, WA, NV, AZ, CO, WY, NM & ID. It is based in Littleton Colorado but, does business in other states under the name, "Insured Investors Life". As far as historians and records go...I don't know anything about Modern Woodmen or Woodmen of Omaha but, Pacific Woodmen may have some records. I am checking now to see if the records have been put on computer. It does not have an official historian. This information came from my father-in-law who was on the board of directors for Pacific Woodman for 23 years. My brother-in-law currently works for Pacific Woodman and is trying to get more information for me.

In the meantime, if you have an ancestor with a Woodman of the World stone in Mid-Central states, check with Woodman of Omaha for records or, in the camps in the area where your ancestors are buried.

Regards,
Donna Vaughn, Riverside, CA.
rooter@pe.net

To: "TNROOTS users list" <tnroots@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>
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Bcc:
From: "Robert D. Mumford" <rmumford@tricon.net>
Subject: Re: Woodmen of the World, AKA, WOW
Date: Thursday, August 29, 1996 21:00:58 EDT
Attach:
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Carmen, thats it. I've seen them around, just not my GGrandfather's....

Later,

Robert

At 06:09 PM 8/23/96 -0500, Boyd Carmen wrote:

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>On Fri, 23 Aug 1996, MRS DONNA M VAUGHN wrote:

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>> -- [From: Donna Vaughn * EMC.Ver #2.5.1] --

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>> Woodmen of the World is a fraternal life insurance organization. It is
>> not like the Elks. WOW is still very active and is based in Littleton,
>> Colorado. I have been a member for over 20 years. They have chapters in
>> most major cities They have annual bowling and golf tournaments, etc.
>> My father-in-law has been involved with them for years and many of my
>> family members are still very involved and work for WOW.
>> I do not know if there is a Historian but, I am checking into it. I will
>> post to the list when I find out. I belong to Riverside, CA, Magnolia camp
>> 92 of Woodmen of the World. Possibly, you could find out something from
>> the local WOW camp in the area that your ancestors were buried.

>> Good Luck
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I was in a cemetery yesterday and saw two different grave stones with the WOW emblem. They are both wonderful, I think. One of them is an upright tree about 5' high, all branches cut off. The second consists of three large logs lying on their sides, piled one atop two.

Recently I contacted the Omaha WOW office for genealogical help. They are very nice.

Their mailing address is:

Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen
Life Insurance Society
Woodmen Tower
1700 Farnam St.
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From: tjackson <tjackson@cheney.net>
Subject: Re: Redmen Organization?
Date: Sunday, January 5, 1997 19:02:51 EST

Wanda Rabb wrote:

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My mother-in-law remembers he grandfather belonging to some type of organization called Redmen here in N.C. I posted a query about this on the ROOTS-L and someone responded that they too had an ancestor who was a member of the I.O.R.M. (International Order of Redmen). Was this some sort of fraternal organization? Does anyone know how I can find out more information on this?

Husband's grandfather was a member. Have a brochure from them.

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