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ANOTHER MASONIC ISSUE FROM CHILE

On June 23, 2000, the Postal Authorities of Chile issued a postage stamp to commemorate the Fourth National Masonic Convention.



Your Editor has not yet received any further information on this issue other than the facts stated above which appeared in Scott's Stamp Monthly. Regardless, it is a nice looking addition to our collection. I do have a few extra copies of this stamp for \$1.50 each plus a SASE.

SPANISH "ANTI-MASONIC" STAMP

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has forwarded a copy of a stamp released by Spain in October as part of a set to note the History of Spain. The 24 stamps - contained on two sheets - follow the history of his country. This particular stamp is dedicated to the Inquisition, the infamous catholic tribunal that for many years persecuted all classes of people. After 1738 their adversaries included many Freemasons in all of Europe, especially in Spain. The history of that period is well documented and served to add strength to our Fraternity.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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496. J. H. Kroon, De Mok 19, 2289 HA Rijswijk ZH, The Netherlands

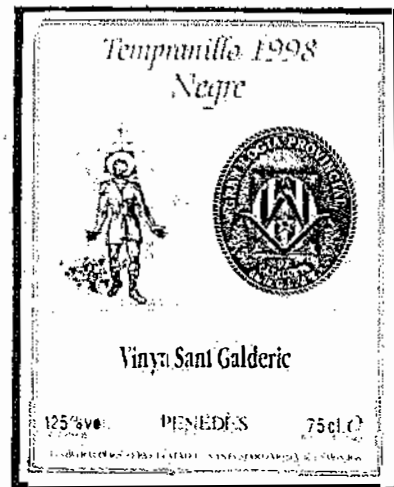
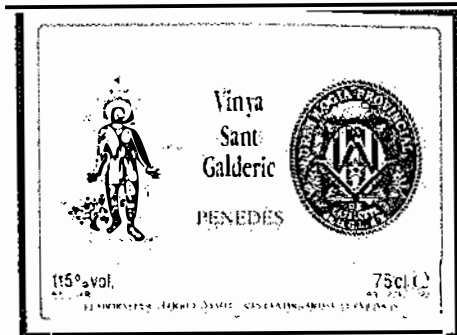
RESIGNED:

210. Marvin Keller - He gave his collection to his son.

Brethren and Sisters: we desperately need new members to bring our membership back up to a healthy level which will stimulate new information and active correspondences. Share our Newsletters with friends in the Craft - it might induce them to pick up the hobby. As I search through the Masonic material offered on eBay, I note the identifications and e-mail addresses of several of the members. I also note names that are new to me and if I have occasion to correspond, I always try to include a copy of the Newsletter for information. We are the best salespersons for our Unit. Imagine the growth if each one of us were to bring in one new member each year.

Thirty Third Degree Honor: Bro. Ernest E. Fricks, Jr., member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ, received his Thirty Third Degree in September in Pittsburgh, PA, during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. Bro. James G. Dougherty, member No. 423 of Austin, TX, recently learned that he has been voted a "white cap" which will be awarded next year. Congratulations to both of our distinguished members for achieving this honor.

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has also forwarded some wine labels which bear the Masonic emblem. Perhaps they can be considered adhesives by stretching the point a bit.

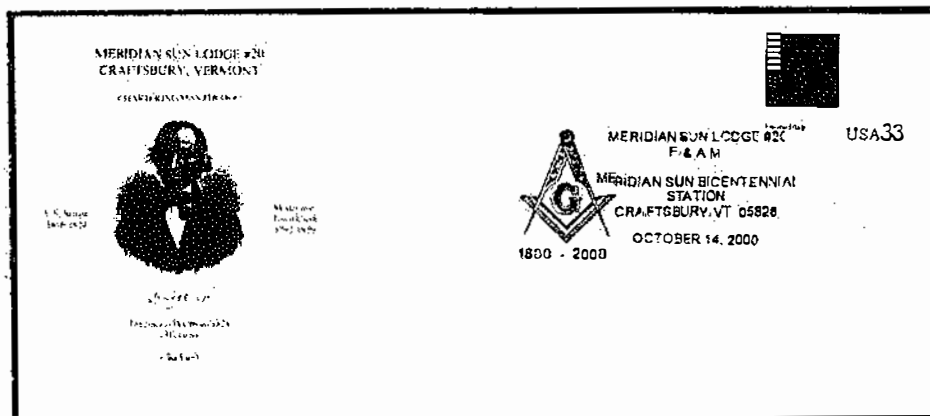


Apologies for Errors

I must apologize for two errors in the previous issue of the Newsletter. First, I persisted in mis-spelling Gen. Joseph Stilwell's name - even though his stamp was illustrated right there with the correct spelling. Second, I completely messed up Bro. Lincoln's article related to the Edward G. Robinson stamp. The information contained therein was about Mervin Le Roy, the director of the movie, "Five Star Final", from which the picture on the stamp was taken, not about the actor.

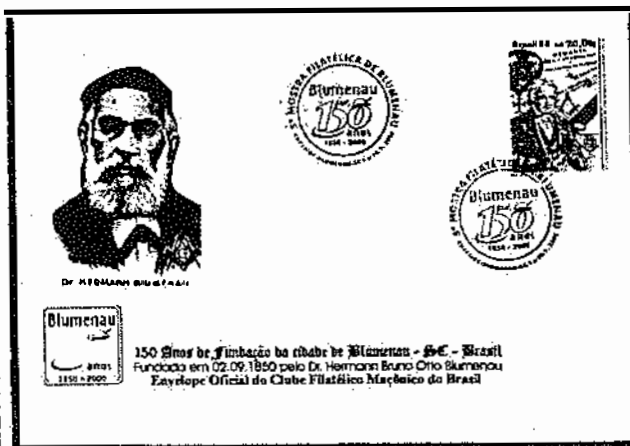
LODGE BICENTENNIAL COVERS

Meridian Sun Lodge #20 F.& A.M. of Craftsbury, VT, recently celebrated their 200th Anniversary. To commemorate the event, they sponsored a pictorial cancel and used it on a cacheted cover which honors the First Master who also served as Governor of the State of Vermont and a U.S. Senator. These covers are available at a cost of \$1.25 each or \$3.50 for three, plus a #10 SASE, from Meridian Sun Lodge #20, Warren A. Williams, 258 The Ledges, Craftsbury, VT 05826-9502.



NEW BRAZIL COVERS

Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Clube Filatelico Maçonico de Brasil, has forwarded copies of the latest Masonic covers from his organization. The Sept. 1 cover (left) notes 150 years of the foundation of the city of Blumenau by Bro. Hermann Blumenau. The Sept. 2 cover (right) notes 130 Years of the Masonic Lodge "Zur Friedenspalme" founded by Bro. Hermann Blumenau. Post cards of the city (modern and old) were also issued by the Mail of Brasil with limited circulation; they bear the two commemorative cancellations. Individuals interested in acquiring these items should contact Bro. Schramm through the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil - PO Box 3085 - 88010-970 Florianopolis - SC - Brazil.



RAILROAD SOUVENIR SHEET



Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has provided a Xerox copy of a souvenir sheet issued by Niger in 1998 as part of a Railroading set. It pictures several men wearing Masonic regalia and I believe it is the transcontinental connection officiated over by Bro. Leland Stanford. As President of Central Pacific Railroad, he drove the "Golden Spike" at Promontory Point, Utah, which united the country through railroads.

Bro. Stanford was the 39th member of Prometheus Lodge No. 17 (now Ozaukee Lodge No. 17), Port Washington, WI. He was initiated on Dec. 17, 1849, passed on Mar. 12, 1850, and raised on Mar. 16, 1850. He demitted in 1852 to become a Charter Member and First Senior Deacon of Michigan City Lodge No. 47, Michigan City, VCA, on Jan. 11, 1854. He withdrew from this Lodge a year later.

ANTONIO NARINO

Antonio Narino was born at Bogota, New Grenada, in 1765. He had only the limited education afforded by a college in his native city. He acquired fame as an author and orator and held several responsible positions under the viceroys. About 1793 he translated and secretly printed a French work advocating revolutionary ideas. He destroyed all the copies but a Royalist officer saw one of the copies and Narino was condemned to ten years of penal servitude. He was sent to Spain as a prisoner in 1795 but escaped two years later and returned to New Grenada. He was re-arrested and only released by the Revolution of 1810. He joined the patriots and was made President in 1811; he subsequently became a Dictator. He resigned his dictatorship in 1813 to fight against the Royalist forces in the south. In 1814 he was defeated, captured and sent to Spain where he remained a prisoner until 1820. Returning to his native land, he served as Senator and vice-president of Colombia in 1822. He died at Villa de Leira on December 13, 1823.

In "La Masoneria en la Independencia de America, by Amerio Carniulli, Antonio Narino's name is found on a list of Masons from 1808 to 1828 but no details are given. He is also found on a list of members of the Lodge "Los Caballeros Racionales", Cadiz, Spain. He is pictured on the Colombian set of Presidents issued April 4, 1995.



-article copied from De Verlichte Loep, Newsletter of De Getande Rand,
the Masonic Stamp Unit of the Netherlands.

EDWARD CORNWALLIS

Bro. Norman Lincoln has provided an interesting first day cover for the Canadian Founding of Halifax stamp issued on June 21, 1949, Scott 283. The cachet pictures Bro. Edward Cornwallis in the cachet.

Bro. Cornwallis was a son of Charles, third Baron Cornwallis, and Lady Charlotte Butler, daughter of the Earl of Arran. Born in 1712, he had a twin brother who became Archbishop of Canterbury. Edward entered the army and took part in such well known battles as Fontenoy and Culloden. He founded the city of Halifax in 1749 when he landed there with a flotilla carrying 2500 men, women and children to settle in the Province; he served as Governor of that Province from 1749 to 1752. In 1752 he was a Member of the House of Commons. He became a Major-General and from 1762 to 1772 was Governor of Gibraltar. He died in 1776.

In December 1748 Bro. Cornwallis was cited as a Warden in Warrant #63 which established a Masonic Lodge in the Regiment of the 20th Foot, an Irish Military Unit fighting in Germany. This Lodge is now known as Minden Lodge No. 63. Upon his arrival in Nova Scotia, he worked with others to establish a Masonic Lodge at Halifax. St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 came into being under a provincial dispensation received in July 1749; it still exists today. This Lodge



received a "deputation" to operate from St. John's Lodge of Boston. Bro. Cornwallis served as the first Master of the Lodge. During his tenure as Governor of Gibraltar, he established a Lodge there.

-article developed from several sources including "A Short History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia".

LOUIS ALEXANDRE BERTHIER



Bro. Gene Fricks has sent in this fine example of a letterhead. He believes that the individual featured was a member in France. Unfortunately, the data in Bro. Marshal Loke files disputes this claim but offers no facts. Can any of our French Brethren settle this issue?

FIELDING H. YOST & WILLIAM GIBBS MaADOO

Bro. Norman Lincoln reports that Linn's identified a Liberia Boy Scout set which has relevance to our topic. One stamp shows Bro. Fielding H. Yost buying War Bonds from Boy Scouts, the other shows Bro. William Gibbs McAdoo with Boy Scouts.

FIELDING H. YOST was born April 30, 1871, in Fairview, Nebraska. He played tackle for Lafayette and West Virginia football teams. His coaching career was as follows: Ohio Wesleyan 1897, Nebraska 1898, Kansas 1899, Stanford 1900, Michigan 1901-1925. He was Athletic Director at Michigan from 1921 to 1941. His nickname was "Hurry-Up" because that was what he urged his players to do. From 1901 to 1905 he had a 56 game winning streak; Michigan outscored its opponents 2821 to 42 during this period. He defeated Stanford 49 - 0 in the first Rose Bowl Game in 1902. He had 13 unbeaten teams and an overall record of 196-36-12. Bro. Yost was also a lawyer and a popular speaker. He emphasized the "four-sided" man: brains, heart, courage and character. He is a member of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He died August 20, 1946.

Bro. Yost was a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO was US Secretary of the Treasury from 1913 to 1918. He was then elected Senator from California, serving from 1933 to 1939. Born October 31, 1863, at Marietta, Georgia, he graduated from the University of Tennessee and practiced law from 1885. In New York, he was President of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad which built four tunnels under the Hudson River. He also served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. He was an unsuccessful contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1920 and again in 1924. He died February 1, 1941.

Bro. McAdoo belonged to Chancellor Walworth Lodge No. 271 in New York and Henry S. Orme Lodge No. 456 in California. He was also a member of Signet Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons, a Knight Templar and a member of the Scottish Rite.

CAMILO TORRES

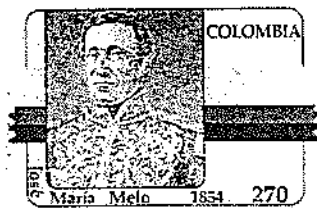


Camilo Torres, another of the Presidents honored in the set of stamps issued by Colombia on April 4, 1995. Born in 1766, he was a lawyer and a native of Papayan. He served as President of the Congress of the United Provinces of New Granada in 1812. He was among the group captured by Spaniards and shot in the Plaza Major, Bogota, on October 5, 1815.

Bro. Torres is cited as a Mason several times in A. Carniciolli's book

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JOSE MARIA MELO y OTRIZ



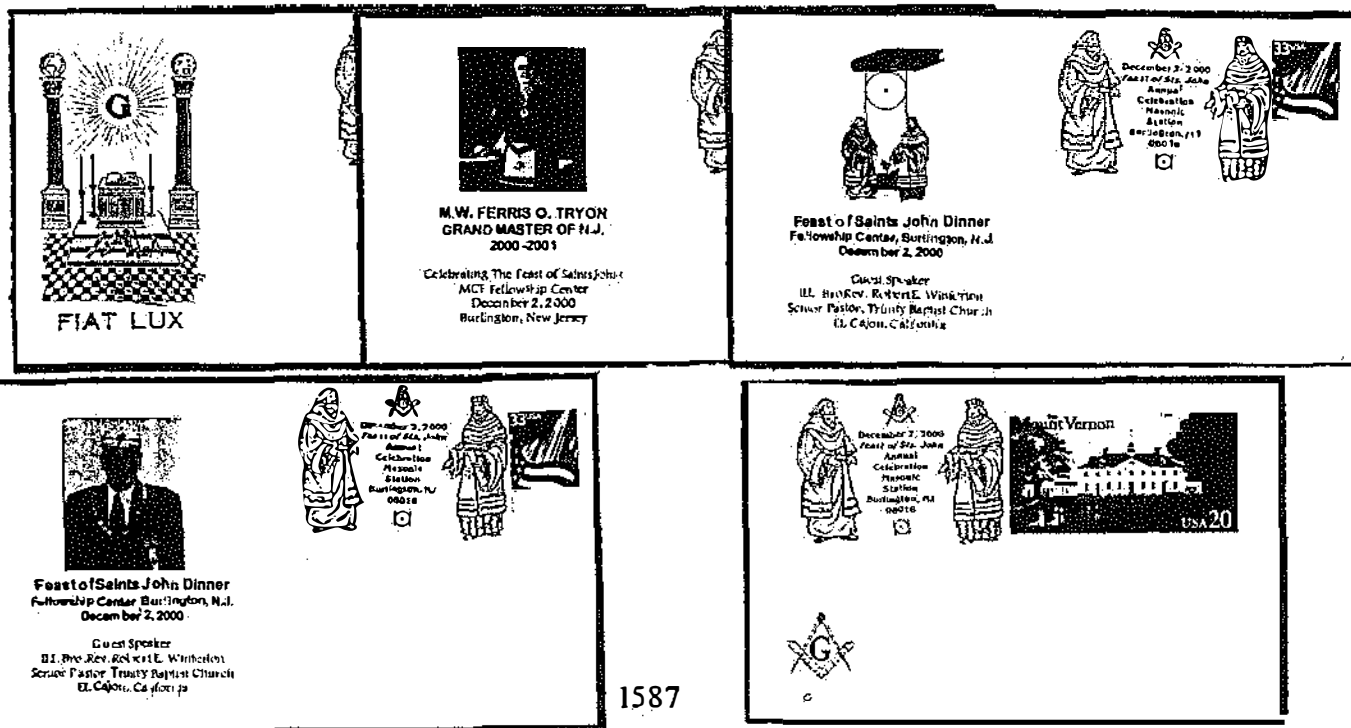
Another Colombian President included in the set issued on April 4, 1995, was Bro. Jose Maria Melo. He was a member of Lodge Estrella del Tequendama No. 11, Bogota, and received his 32nd degree on October 4, 1849. He was likely initiated in one of the Peruvian Lodges in Lima during the independence battle effort.

Born October 9, 1890, in Chaparral, Tolima, Bro. Melo studied at the College in San Bonifacio, Ibaguë. On April 21, 1819, he became a lieutenant in the Patriotic Army in Bogota. He took part in the battle of Papayan on Jan. 24, 1820, the battle of Pitayo, June 6, 1820, and Jenoy, Feb. 2, 1821. He fought with Bro. Gen. Antonio Jose de Sucre at the Battle of Pichincha, May 24, 1822, in Ecuador and several in the struggle for Liberation of Peru. He became a Captain in Dec. 1822, Sergeant-Major in Jan. 1826, Lieutenant Colonel in June 1830 and Chief of the Military Staff of New Granada in 1845. On April 17, 1854, he became President of the Republic of New Granada. He was later banished to Mexico where he also fought in the battle for freedom. He was prisoned near Dominguez, Estado de Chiapas in Mexico and was shot June 1, 1860.

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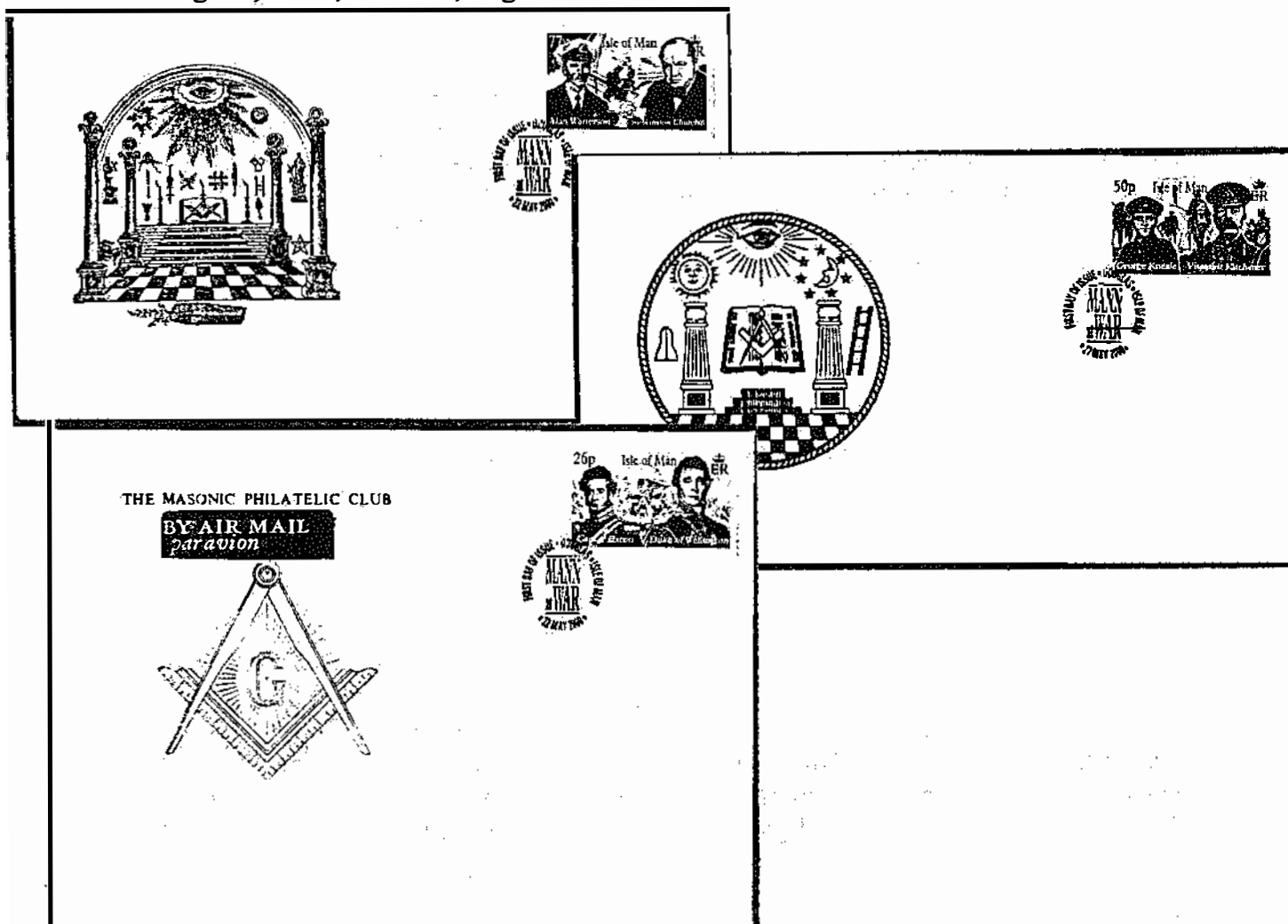
ANNUAL FEAST OF STS. JOHN CELEBRATION COVERS

Bro. M. Richard Mekenian has sent mock-ups of the covers and cancels which he has prepared for the Feast of Sts. John Annual Celebration to be held in Burlington, NJ, on December 2. He is still waiting for approval for the cancel. The set of five covers will be available at a cost of \$20.00 with all monies collected going to the New Jersey Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. Bro. Mekenian's address is 711 5th Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07761



GREAT BRITAIN COVERS

Just before Bro. Grahame West passed away, he sent copies of three covers which he was selling for the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain. They feature the recent stamps issued by the Isle of Man which picture the Duke of Wellington, Viscount Kitchener and Sir Winston Churchill. I can only assume that these covers are now being offered by the Club so inquiries should be directed to Bro. Jack Shaw, 39 The Bowls, Vicarage Lane, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 6NB, England.



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HATTIE CARAWAY

The USPS will honor Hattie Caraway with an issue in the Distinguished Americans series in 2001.

Hattie Wyatt, daughter of William and Lucy Wyatt, was born Feb. 1, 1878, in Bakerville, TN. At the age of 14 she enrolled in Ebenezer College at Hustburg, TN, later transferring to Dickson Normal College where she earned an AB degree in 1896. On Feb. 5, 1902, she married Thaddeus H. Caraway. He was born in Stoddard County, MO, Oct. 17, 1871, and also attended Dickson College where he was a classmate of his future wife. They lived in Lake City, Ark., where Hattie gave birth to three sons and helped manage a cotton plantation. In 1900, Thaddeus passed the bar exam and began to practice law in Jonesboro. Hattie taught school for a while but was satisfied to be a housewife while her husband campaigned for Prosecuting Attorney in 1908. In 1913 he was elected to the US House of Representatives. Hattie took care of their house at Riverdale, MD. In 1920 women were allowed to vote and Thaddeus Caraway ran successfully for the US Senate. He was re-elected in 1926. Thaddeus was a Mason, belonging to Jonesboro Lodge No. 159, and a Shriner at Pine Bluff. He died Nov. 6, 1931.

Governor Harvey Parnell (1880-1936), who had been raised in Branson Lodge No. 113, Tiller, Ark., appointed Hattie to complete her husband's term until a special election could be held. On Jan. 12, 1932, Hattie Caraway became the first woman elected to the US Senate. Sensing an opportunity to extend his influence for a possible run for the Presidency, Huey Long of Louisiana campaigned for Hattie in the general election and she defeated six other candidates. In the Senate she was appointed to the Agriculture Committee, the Commerce Committee and became the Chairperson of the Enrolled Bills and Library Committee. In May 1932 she became the first woman to preside over the Senate. As a loyal New Dealer, she voted for the Democratic bills. She was interested in subsidies for farmers, flood control, veteran's benefits (two sons attended West Point), prohibition and women's rights. In 1938 she ran against John McClellan, a member of Rockport Lodge No. 58, Malvern, Ark., and won re-election. Like her husband, she hated lobbyists and civil rights activists. She voted against repeal of the poll tax. In 1943, she was the sponsor of an Equal Rights Amendment for women. In 1944 she was defeated for re-election by J. William Fullbright. She was then appointed to the Employees Compensation Commission. She died Dec. 21, 1950, in Falls Church, VA. Not an ardent feminist, Hattie Caraway quietly gained the respect of her colleagues and thus advance the cause of women's rights. (Whether or not she was an Eastern Star has not yet been determined.)

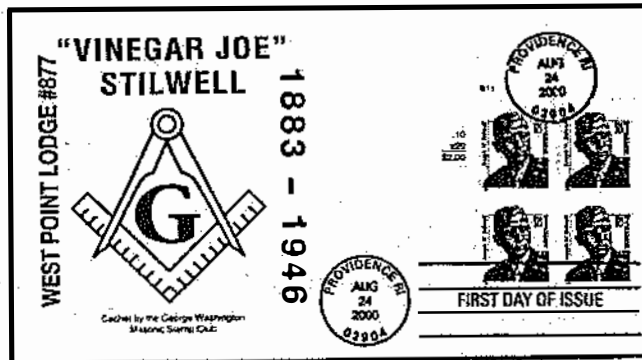
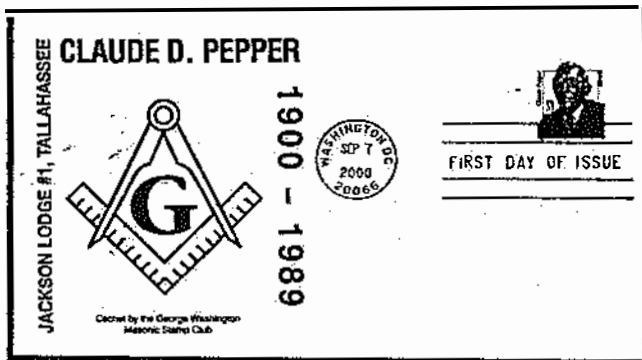
-article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln, Eaton, OH

MASONIC CACHETED COVERS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that your Editor still has a generous supply of Masonic Cacheted Covers - both US and Foreign, both FDCs and Special events. Write for a price list, specify US or Foreign or both.

GWMSC COVERS

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued three Masonic First Day Covers - Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, Claude Pepper and the White House. The first two are illustrated here. Copies can be obtained from Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560 at a cost of \$1.50 each plus a #10 SASE per order.



JOSE FERNANDEZ de MADRID

Another Colombian President included in the set issued on April 4, 1995, was Bro. Jose Fernandez de Madrid. He was a member of the Lodge "Las Tres Virtudes Teologales" of Cartegena.



Jose Fernandez de Madrid, Colombian physician, poet and statesman, was born Feb. 9, 1785, at Cartegena, New Grenada.

He studied at Bogota and received his Doctor's degree in law and medicine. In 1810 he joined the party of independence and was twice elected to Congress from Cartegena. On March 14, 1816, he accepted the difficult post of President of New Grenada, succeeding Bro. Torres who had resigned. Obligated to flee from the Spaniards, he resigned his office and soon after was captured and sent to Havana, Cuba. There he remained for nine years and distinguished himself as a physician and scientific author. In 1825 he returned to New Granada and Bolivar made him Minister to England. Among his published works are his poems, which have passed through several editions, two tragedies, an important treatise on yellow fever and others on medical, agricultural and scientific subjects. He died near London, June 28, 1830.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I would sincerely appreciate receiving articles or desired subject content from the readers. Such inputs will not only make my job easier but it will also help shape the Newsletter into a document which will please the majority of the membership. I like to write, but I also like to edit. Help disseminate your knowledge and information.

ALFONSO AUGUSTO DA COSTA

Bro. Carlos Dias of Porto, Portugal, has provided a postal card picturing Bro. Alfonso Costa. He is also pictured on a Portugal Stamp - Scott No. 1442, issued October 4, 1979.



Born in Seia, Portugal, on March 6, 1871, he was the son of an influential local attorney. He received his law degree from the University of Coimbra and, shortly thereafter, his doctorate. He joined the faculty of the university in Lisboa where he took up residency in 1906. A republican since his school days, da Costa distinguished himself by oratory skills, his aggressiveness and his organizing abilities. Elected to the Constituent Assembly in 1900, he returned to Parliament in 1906-10. After the October Revolution, he served as a deputy and minister of justice in the provisional government, leaving his mark on laws relating to family, divorce, separation of church and state, tenancy, etc.

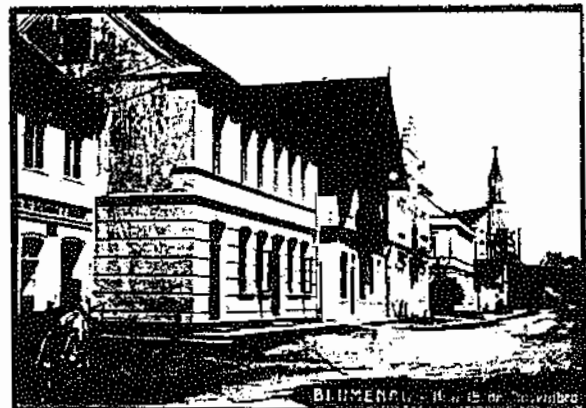
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Heading the Democratistas, he returned to government in 1913-14 as Prime Minister and Finance Minister, balancing the budget, creating the Ministry of Education and introducing the graduated income tax. He again assumed these offices during the dictatorship of Sidonio Paes but ceded the presidency to Antonio Jose de Almeida. Arrested for support of Sidonio, he was exiled to France. While there, he represented Portugal at the Paris Peace Conference, 1919-1920, and the League of Nations, 1920 and 1925-26, being elected President of the General Assembly in 1926. With Carmona's ascension to power, da Costa organized the Defense League for the Republic against the dictatorship from Paris. When the Communist International organized the Popular Front against fascism in 1936, da Costa participated as Portugal's representative.

Bro. Costa was secretly elected Grand Master in 1937 but died on May 11 of that year before he could be installed.

BLUMENAU POST CARD

The post card mentioned in the offer from the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil is shown here.



NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic note have been cited in the philatelic media.

July 24 - Liberia - Presidents of the 20th Century, two sets of 8 se-tenant stamps including William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford.

Aug. 21 - Liberia - Monarchs of the Millennium, two panes of six se-tenant stamps including Frederick II the Great of Prussia, James I.

Sept. - The Gambia - Classical, Music Masters, two panes of 6 se-tenant stamps and two S/S including Franz Joseph Hayden, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven

Sept. 18 - Bhutan - Olympic and Medical Breakthrough, two panes of 6 stamps including Alexander Fleming.

Sept. 18 - Bhutan - Great Discovery Navigators, two S/S including Capt. James Cook.

Sept. 22 - Madagascar - Space Explorations, several stamps and panes of se-tenant stamps including Gus Grissom.

Oct. 2 - Tristan da Cunha - Winston Churchill the Parliamentarian, four values.

