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WHOLE NO. 148

## FERDINAND HANUSCH

This Austrian politician and statesman was featured on a stamp issued by his homeland on September 28, 1973 to note the 50th anniversary of his death - Scott No. 954.



Born November 9, 1866 in Oberdorff, he became well known as a leading politician. After the first World War he was appointed Minister of Social Welfare and, later, Secretary of State. He created the first "Bill of Rights" in Austria for the workers and helped establish reform for the working class. A huge monument was erected in his honor which stands in front of the Parliament Building in Vienna. A street was named in his honor as well as a housing complex on the outskirts of the city. He died in Vienna on August 28, 1923.

Bro. Ferdinand Hanusch was made a Mason in "Zu den drei Ringen" Lodge. This Lodge was called, at that time, a border-Lodge which met mostly in Pressburg (later Bratislava, Czechoslovakia). Under the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph, Masonic Lodges were forbidden to meet in Vienna but were permitted in Hungary and Bratislava. The Master of "Zu den drei Ringen" at the time was another Minister, Bro. Trebitsch who, with Hanusch, alternated as Master of the Lodge. They worked professionally as well and helped with social reform for the working class in Austria.

With the occupation of Czechoslovakia and Austria in 1938, all Masonic Lodges were closed by force of the Nazi army. After the War no Masonic Lodges were allowed to work again in the Communist countries, but "Zu den drei Ringen" Lodge was active in Vienna and worked with about 30 other Lodges in freedom.

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

None - what can we do about this? Do any of the members have any ideas?

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

None that we know of - everyone must be staying put.

### RESIGNATION:

113. Bro. Otto Voigt of Chester, NJ. I had been handling the sale of his covers for him and when we talked the other day, he indicated that at the age of 99 he has decided to stop collecting. He has some eye trouble but is looking forward to the century mark.

### MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

In January Bro. Stan Longenecker went back in for another knee replacement - having his left knee re-replaced. When he had it replaced originally in 1994, the doctor said he would be back in 8 to 10 years. Have a rapid and complete recovery Bro. Stan - you can't keep a good man down.

I have received several comments regarding the suggestion that we might try electronic transmission of the Newsletter. Rest assured, brethren who do not venture into cyberspace, there will never be a complete transition. If I ever get that ambitious and intelligent, it will always be an option.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance		\$1,264.94
Income		
Receipts (dues)	\$1,726.40	
Interest received	<u>\$ 16.77</u>	
Total Receipts	\$1,743.17	\$1,743.17
Sub-total		\$3,008.11
Expenses		
Printing	\$253.92	
Postage	\$857.68	
Newsletter Envelopes	\$ 90.00	
Treasurer expenses (dues mailing)	<u>\$ 82.50</u>	
Total Expenses	\$1,284.10	\$1,284.10

Balance on hand Jan. 10, 2002	\$1,724.01
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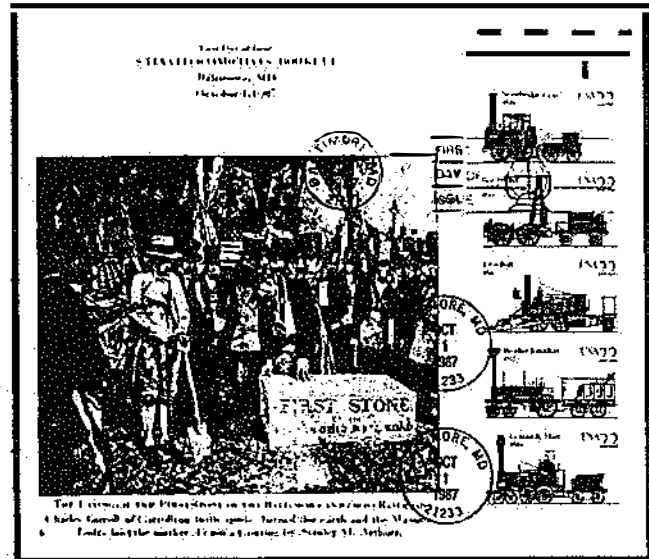
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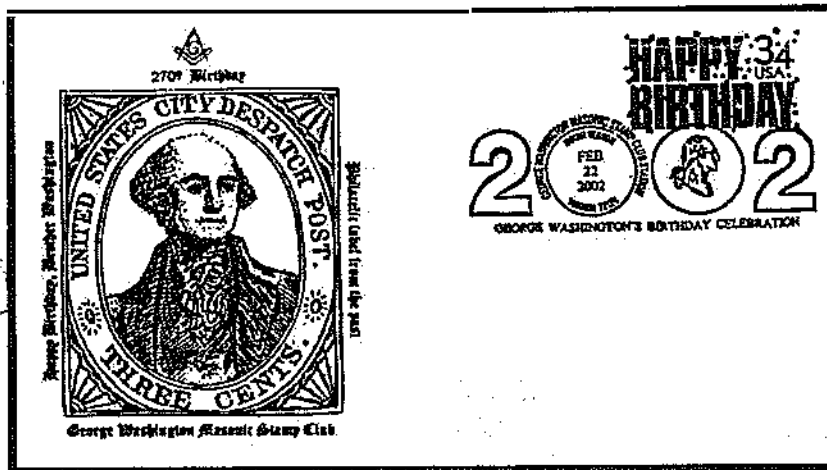
## INTERESTING FDC CARD/MAXIM CARD FROM EBAY

The card shown here was one of your Editor's recent purchases on eBay. The scene is the Laying of the first Stone of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - this scene was used by ArtCraft for their FDC cachet for the B&O stamp of the 1950s.. This card was prepared for the First Day of the Steam Locomotives booklet on Oct. 1, 1987.



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## GWMSC ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COVER



Bro. Paul Williams, cover chairman for the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has forwarded a copy of the annual George Washington Birthday cover which the Club prepares to honor their namesake. It is available at a cost of \$1.50 plus a \$10 SASE from Bro. Williams at 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560-9622.

He also informs us that the club has some 1 1/2" 3-Ring binders with a Square & Compasses emblem imprinted on the binders at a cost of \$3.85 each and card stock pages properly imprinted for a Masonic collection for 10 cents each.

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## GEORGE SAIKO

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie provides further information on the Masonic career of Bro. George Saiko who was reported on in the previous issue of the Newsletter. He was initiated in Donau Lodge of Vienna, Austria.

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## TIM HORTON

Bro. Peter Westbere of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, informs us that this year's NHL Canadian Hockey Star stamps released by Canada Post on January 12, 2002, includes yet another Mason - Bro. Tim Horton.



Bro. Horton was on four Stanley Cup winning teams playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1952 to 1970. He was then traded to the New York Rangers and a year later to the Pittsburgh Penguins. He was playing for the Buffalo Sabres when he was killed in an auto accident in 1974. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1977. He played 1446 games in his career; he had been in all seven Star games and had an outstanding career. He was one of the strongest players in the NHL but never used his strength for dirty moves; but when challenged, his opponents usually left with their tail between their legs. His stamp was also used for a special commemorative cover issued by Canada Post to honor the 75th Anniversary of the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Team.

Bro. Tim Horton was a member of Kroy Lodge No. 676, Thornhill, Ontario.

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## AUSTRIAN CLUB COVERS

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie of Barcelona, Spain, has forwarded copies of two Masonic covers recently released by the Phila-Masonica-Ring, the Masonic Philatelic Club in Austria. Details on these covers and their acquisition can most likely be obtained from Bro. Dr. Herbert Schmid-Korlath, Hackenbergasse 29/33/3, A-1190 Wien, Austria.



## VENEZUELA MASONS

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has submitted three more cases of Masons who resided in Venezuela. Their Masonic affiliation has not been obtained but the Web Site for the Grand Lodge of Venezuela claimed they were members of the Craft;. Can any reader help with identification of the Masonic career of any of them?

### DR. RAUL LEONI OTERO (1905 - 1972)

Bro. Dr. Raul Leone Otero is pictured on a Venezuela stamp, Scott. No. 143 la, issued on May 4, 1989, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Convention with the Holy See.



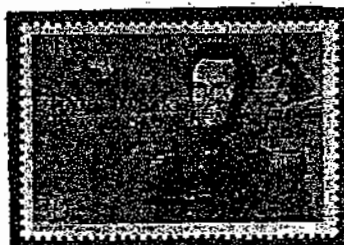
A lawyer and Venezuelan politician, Raul Leoni Otero served as President of the country from 1964 to 1969. He started his involvement in politics when he was a student and presided over the *Scholastic Federation of Venezuela*, 1927-28. In 1937 he founded the *Democratic National Party*, a political organization that worked clandestinely during the government of Gen. Eleazar Lopez. After a brief exile, he returned to his country and formed part of the directory of the *Accion Democratica* party (1942). Three years later his party participated in the Venezuelan government. He was a member of the Junta established by Romulo Betancourt and served as Work Minister under this government between 1945 and 1948. Serving as Senator and President of the National Congress, he was removed by a military take-over led by Romulo Gallego, leader of the *Accion Democratica*, arrested and expelled from the country for nine years. Later serving as President of the same Party, he was a candidate for the Presidency of Venezuela and was elected to that post on December 1, 1963. In this position, he was clearly anti-communist in internal affairs as well as external. He developed the economical structure of the country. His polite nature confronted him against the extreme leftists of the conservatives.

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### DANIEL FLORENCIO O'LEARY (1801-1854)

Born in Dublin, Ireland, he enlisted at the age of 17 in London and, under the command of Col. Wilson, went to Venezuela where he was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant. He enlisted in the National Corps, fought in the Division of Gen. Anzoategui and rose to the rank of Captain for his bravery in the Hamarra Battle. He participated in the campaigns of Apure and Nueva Granada and, after 1821, commanded the Infantry Corps on the

recommendation of Simon Bolivar and went to help Gen. Sucre. After fighting in the battles of Pinchincha and Ibarra, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and to the rank of General after the defense of Guayaquil. Following Bolivar's death, he returned to England, remaining for several years. He returned to Venezuela as Plenipotentiary Minister of the English Government, serving in Bogota. He also is remembered for *Memories*, his remembrance of the Independence War.



Bro. O'Leary is pictured on a Venezuela stamp issued on Nov. 6, 1979 - Scott No. 1214.

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### **SIMON RODRIGUEZ**

Venezuela issued two stamps which picture Bro. Simon Rodriguez. The vertical stamp was issued on February 28, 1954, Scott No. C576, to note the Centenary of his death; the horizontal stamp on December 17, 1978, Scott No. 1191, for the Bolivar Bicentennial.



A teacher and writer, Bro. Simon Rodriguez is best known as being the tutor of Simon Bolivar from August to October 1795. During this period he initiated Bolivar into an intellectual relish toward culture and the skills of meeting a person with whom one can confide. This has led rise to the belief that Simon Rodriguez may have been the developer of Bolivar's revolutionary image.

In 1823 he opened a school in Chuquisaca where he taught not only literature, philosophy and mathematics but he also taught his students to become good artisans such as masons, bricklayers, carpenters, blacksmiths and other manual occupations. In 1791 he was designated a teacher of First Letters for the Cabild of Caracas, an office that he filled with great devotion. In 1794 he developed a special reform plan for the Primary Schools with a lot of advanced ideas of pedagogy but it was rejected by the Attorney General. Indignant, Simon Rodriguez resigned his positions and started on a long trip to the Antilles, Europe and the rest of America.

## SHRINE HILLBILLY DAYS CELEBRATION

This interesting postcard was provided by Bro. Peter Westbere. It shows a representative group of those who attend Pike County's famous Hillbilly Days celebration held in April each year since 1977. It draws thousands of Shriners and tourists from nearly every state and Canada.

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### BRO. WESTBERE'S AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

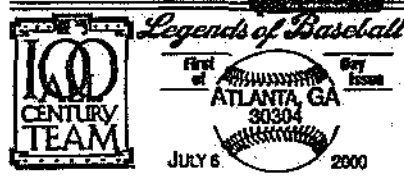
Bro. Westbere has shared some more of his autographed covers signed by baseball players and politicians.

#### All-Century Hall-O-Fame Baseball Team

Roberto Clemente	JOF 1973
Ty Cobb	JOF 1936
Mike Y. Coghlan	JOF 1947
Eddie Collins	JOF 1939
Dizzy Dean	JOF 1953
Jimmie Foxx	JOF 1951
Lou Gehrig	JOF 1929
Josh Gibson	JOF 1972
Larry Grove	JOF 1947
Popper Hornsby	JOF 1942
Walter Johnson	JOF 1936
Christy Mathewson	JOF 1906
Stashel Pidge	JOF 1971
Jackie Robinson	JOF 1952
Babe Ruth	JOF 1936
George Sisler	JOF 1932
The Spangler	JOF 1937
Phil Thompson	JOF 1946
Harmon Wagner	JOF 1906
Oy Young	JOF 1937

(STAR) indicates Masonic membership  
Covers by the George Washington  
Masonic Stamp Club

*Bobo Ruhl*



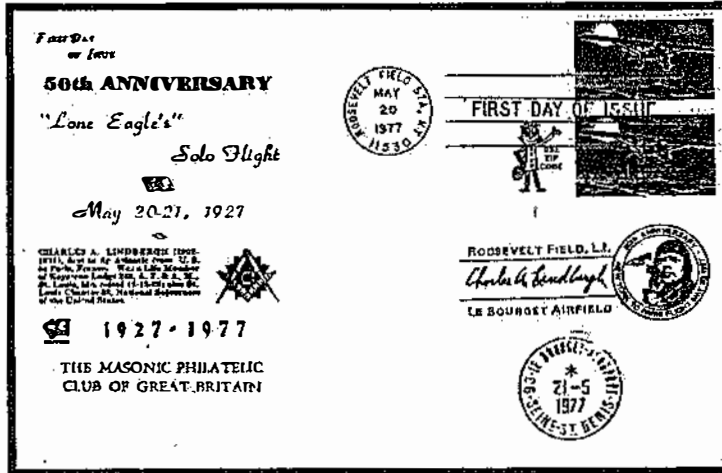
*Bill W. Jr.  
1st Regt  
1st Div  
Member of 1st Regt  
Member of 1st Div*



*Senator John Buchanan  
Premier of Nova Scotia 1978-90  
Past Master  
Atlantic Lodge #103  
Reg. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia*

## ... the Year of Lindbergh

The USPS has missed a big year to honor Charles A Lindbergh. With his 100th Birth Anniversary on February 4, 2002 and the upcoming 75th Anniversary of his famous flight from New York to Paris on May 20-21, 1927. As ATA-MSU did not want to see this event not get noticed in the world of Philately, Bro. Stan Longenecker will be preparing a cover for the Unit with a pictorial cancel honoring this 75 year anniversary. The St. Louis Stamp Expo, March 1-3, au APS World Series of Philately show, will also commemorate Bro. Lindbergh's flight with a show cover and pictorial cancellation.



The MAHDEEN/MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN cover pictured here honors the date of his 50th anniversary with a cancel First Day from Roosevelt Field where he took off on his flight and the Le Bourget Airfield French cancel - a nice cover prepared by the late member of ATA-MSU, Bro. Richard Needham (MAHDEEN Covers).

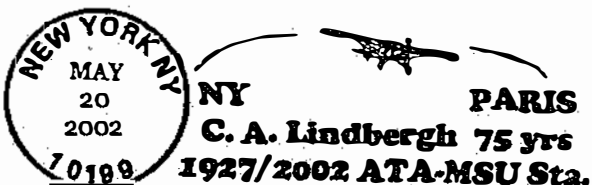
There are several interesting stories that surfaced after his famous flight:

Bro. Lindbergh had carried letters of introduction with him so the French Ambassador would know who he is - Charles was dead tired from his flight and the Ambassador made him go to bed before the big French celebration where he was carried away by 25,000 cheering Frenchmen. Ambassador Herrick told Charles, there will not be anyone in France who will not know you when you awake!

The French people regretted that their own daring pilots Ningesser and Coli had not been the first to make the flight.

Before he took off from NY, the French called his airplane his "Death Chamber".

A newspaper article provided by Bro. Longenecker indicates that Bro. Lindbergh's grandson, Erik Lindbergh, plans to replicate his grandfather's flight on May 1 in a new Spirit of St. Louis, a modern single-engine plane with a Global Positioning System, satellite phone and e-mail capability. With an average cruising speed of 184 mph, he expects to complete the trip in 19 1/2 hours compared to his grandfather's time of 33 1/2 hours at a speed of 108 mph.



A copy of the proposed design for "our" cancel is shown here, a few hundred covers will be serviced. We will publish information on the acquisition of these covers in the next Newsletter. It is great that we are back into the Masonic cover business - thanks Bro. Stan.



## CORRECTIONS - NEW CASES

In the previous Newsletter I included some incomplete and misleading information in the article titled *New Cases*. Several readers have quizzed me and I apologize for the oversights. Allow me to correct the situation:

Oscar Bonneville - the stamp called out is Scott No. 1118 issued for Stamp Day on May 22, 1982. It pictures "La Petite Poste de Paris" which was the Postal system in Paris before official postage was organized. This painting was done by Bro. Bonneville.

Serge Creuz - the stamp which Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesy identifies for this individual is Scott 1489, issued on May 17, 1993 for the 150th Anniversary of the Alumni Association of the Free University of Brussels. Apparently the design, "le Lac d'Amour" was a work of Bro. Creuz.

Also - I erroneously identified Bro. Vilesy's Masonic Web Site address. The correct address is <http://marih.free.fr> - the word is "Hiram" spelled backwards. More on electronic mail later in this issue.





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### ITALIAN MASONIC STAMP CLUB

Another error made was the identification of the new Secretary of the "Associazione Italiana di Filatelia Massonica" replacing Mrs. Dina Ricci. The G. O. I. (Grande Oriente Italia) has created the A.I.F.M. (Associazione di Filatelia Massonica) naming Bro. Massimo Morgantini, Member No. 144, the Executive Secretary. Any requests for information regarding this organization should be addressed to him at: Via M. Tabarrini, 15; Rome 00179; Italy. His e-mail address is [massimo@morgantini.net](mailto:massimo@morgantini.net).

Bro. Renato Boeri, who informed us of this change, also provided two new information/stamp cards relating to Bro. Enrico Fermi and Bro. Salvatore Quasimodo, pictured on recent Italian stamps. These cards are reproduced here for the benefit of our members.

Thank you, Bro Boeri.

  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brother Enrico Fermi 1901 - 1954</u></p> <p>Nuclear Physicist - Nobel Prize 1938 for the Physics Entered A.-Fellow C. - Master Mason 1923 Local Lodge - Rome - Italy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Birth</p>	  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brother Salvatore Quasimodo 1901-1968</u></p> <p>Poet - Nobel Prize 1959 for the "Literature" Entered A.-Fellow C. - Master Mason on March 31, 1922. Arnaldo da Brescia Lodge - Cicola (Stellia) Italy. Also His father, Gaetano Quasimodo, was Freemason. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Birth!</p>
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## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of the world which may be applicable to a Masonic stamp collection have been reported in the philatelic media:

June 30, 2001 - Albania - History of Aviation, eight se-tenant stamps. Charles A. Lindbergh is included.

Nov. 11, 2001 - Poland - Polish Millennium, pane of 16 stamps in two blocks of 8. Casimir Pulaski is included.

Dec. 2001 - Maldives - Queen Mother's 101st Year of Life, 4 se-tenant stamps. King George VI shown.

Dec. 11, 2001 - Israel - Heinrich Heine, single issue.

Dec. 13, 2001 - Nevis - Queen Mother's 101st Year of Life, 4 se-tenant stamps. King George VI shown.

- Palau - Queen Mother's 101st Year of Life, 4 se-tenant stamps. King George VI shown.

Dec. 15, 2001 - Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique - Military Leaders of the US and World War II. Omar N. Bradley, George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Henry H. Arnold, Ernest J. King, George Washington, John J. Pershing, Joseph W. Stillwell, Jonathan M. Wainwright and James H. Doolittle are pictured.

Jan. 28, 2002 - Antigua & Barbuda - American Civil War, 18 se-tenant stamps. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson is pictured.

Feb. 6, 2002 - Issues for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee which picture Prince Philip released by Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique, Guyana, Micronesia, Nevis, Palau, Papua New Guinea and St. Vincent.

Feb. 18, 2002 - MONACO - Honor Legion, 200th Anniversary, one stamp showing the bust of Napoleon.

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## ELECTION

For the first time in many years, the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association is holding an election. As mentioned in previous issues, Bro. Norman Lincoln has expressed his desire to hand off the position of President to someone "of lesser years". He has served admirably in this position by providing leadership and contributing articles showing considerable research. We hope he will not drop that portion of the responsibilities.

The By-Laws of our Unit call for the election of a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer every other year for a two year term. In the past, when elections were held, there was normally one name suggested for each position with room for a write-in. This year, I would like to depart from the norm and stage a "run-off" for the top two positions with the winner being elected President and the runner-up serving as Vice-President. Write-ins are also solicited. The names being presented are Bro. E. E. "Gene" Fricks and Bro. Juan Sabater Pie - both have indicated their willingness to serve. Bro. Fricks is very active in New Jersey Freemasonry and has contributed items to the Newsletter. Bro. Pie is very active in Spanish Freemasonry and has contributed several items to the Newsletter.

It is fully recognized that both of these positions are for leadership guidance only. The primary tasks are to help solicit members, provide articles and information for the Newsletter and make any recommendations for the operation of the Unit as they may see fit. Please take the time to fill out the enclosed ballot and return it to your Editor. Thanks.