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MILITARY SCOTTISH RITE SEALS



M. Wor. Donald L. Saint, a member of our Unit and Grand Master of the American Canadian Grand Lodge located in Bad Kissingen, Germany, has sent some seals which had been prepared for the 5th Anniversary of the American Military Scottish Rite Bodies in 1973. He informs us that the Scottish Rite Bodies there in Europe were not easily attained. The geographical integrity of Germany (and other countries) was the foremost consideration and the agreement was and still remains that they were/are not to accept any Master Mason that is a citizen of a country that has a Scottish Rite. Prior to having these Bodies, other American (USA) Scottish Rite Orients came over and did the work. He, himself, received the 4th through 32nd degrees in Frankfurt, Germany – conferred by the Valley of Memphis, TN.

The Orient in Germany is "The Orient of NATO Bases". They have been the organizations who have assisted other Grand Lodges from Countries that did not have Scottish Rite, i.e. Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Portugal, Ivory Coast and Bulgaria. The NATO Bases Orient has Bodies in Frankfurt, Germany, and is co-located with the American Canadian Grand Lodge. The American Canadian Grand Lodge celebrated their 40th Anniversary in April 2002.

Bro. Don Saint sent along a number of these seals for our enjoyment. Any member who would like a single, pair or block of four, please send the Editor a Stamped Self Addressed Envelope for such.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

TBD. Ray Leurck, n78 South Grand Ave, Apt. 2, Fort Thomas, KY 41075

ADDRESS CHANGES:

45. Otto Steding has moved "around the corner" from 640 Maple Trace Drive, Cincinnati, OH to 610 Maple Trace Drive.

399. Stan Freestone, formerly at 814 Stanhope Rd., Parksville, B.C. V9P 2T7 Canada has also moved but has not informed us of his new address. If anyone can help with his new address, it would be appreciated.

RESIGNED:

There are 16 members who have "resigned" by virtue of not paying their dues (subscription) which expired in 2002. Your Editor will contact each one to try to get them back because their departures continue to decimate our ranks. Please remember that the four digit entry after your name on the mailing label represents your dues expiration date.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT and DUES CHANGE

Bro. Otto Steding has filed the following report of our finances as of March 31, 2003.

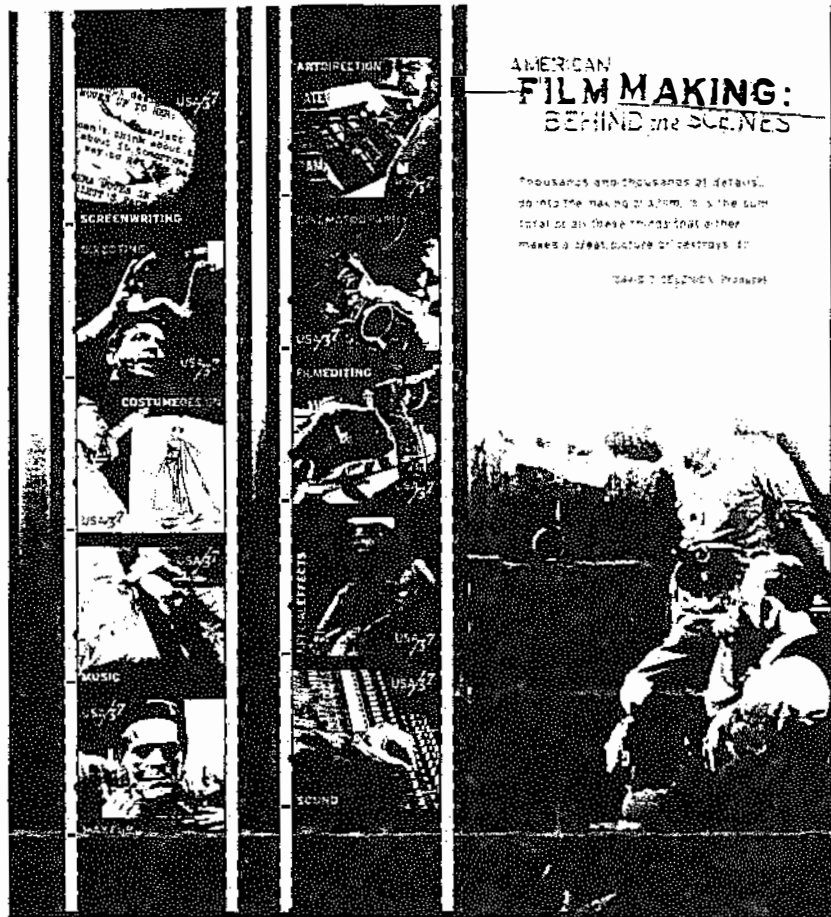
Beginning Balance		\$1,724.01
Receipts (Dues, Covers, Donations)	\$1,762.00	
Interest Earned	<u>14.38</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,776.38</u>
Total Available		\$3,500.39
Expenses		
Printing	\$ 162.80	
Postage	1,131.27	
Treasurer's Postage	76.20	
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,365.27</u>
Balance on Hand March 31, 2003		\$2,135.12

This report shows a favorable position but, as Editor and publisher of the Newsletter, I must point out that the cost for printing is artificially low. Over the past year and a half, I have been able to print the Newsletters at work. This has resulted in a considerable savings to the unit and has more than compensated for the increases we have seen in postage rates. Since I am on Short Term Disability right now (because of a septic hip replacement), as I was for the November-December 2002 issue (initial hip replacement), I will have to use a Staples (which has the lowest rates) to get this issue printed. Further, I intend to retire by next winter so this "freebee" will be disappearing.

I have analyzed the real cost of printing and the present mailing costs per area and have determined that a dues increase is in order to maintain a positive balance sheet. It has been several years since we were forced to increase to the present level but the new required rates are still competitive with the other Masonic Philatelic groups which publish Newsletters or Magazines: MSC of NY and the MPC of GB. We will honor those who have paid their dues this year and for future years but we must request that those who have yet to pay to please honor the higher rates. I hope and trust that you will understand the economics of this change. The new rates are:

USA - \$10.00 per year Canada/Mexico - \$12.00 per year Foreign - \$16.00 per year

CECIL BLOUNT DE MILLE

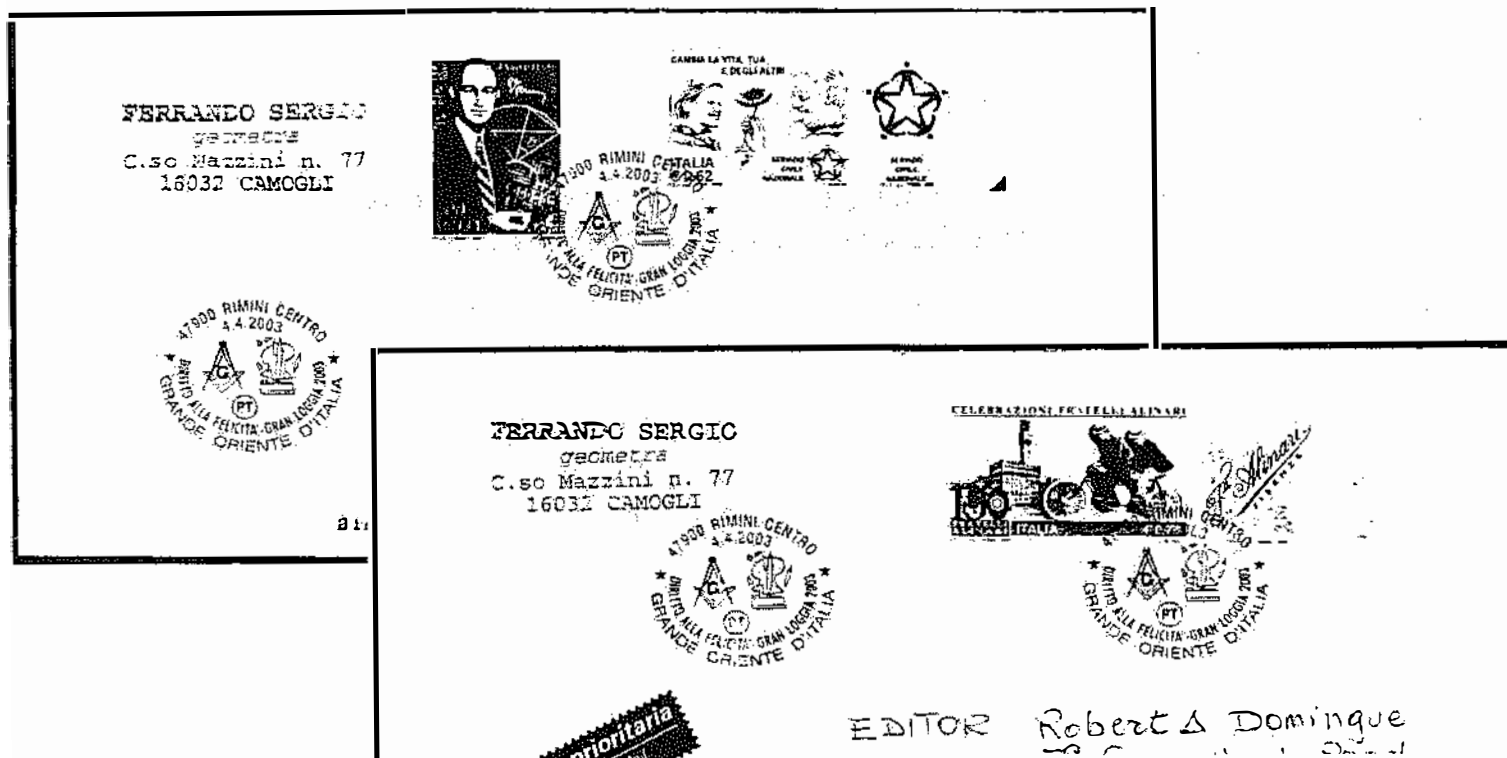


In the selvage of the American Filmmaking pane of stamps released by the USPS, on Feb. 25, 2003, appears Cecil B. De Mille – one of the most influential American Producer/Directors. He was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, August 12, 1881. He attended Penn Military Academy and became an actor in 1900. He also wrote plays for David Belasco and in 1902 married actress Constance Adams. In 1913 he, Jesse Lasky and Samuel Goldwyn went to Hollywood to make a movie called “The Squaw Man”. Soon thereafter they formed Paramount Pictures and turned out many successful films. De Mille always directed films which had his Episcopalian Christian morality. He developed great stars such as Gloria Swanson, Bebe Daniels, Wallace Reid and Brother Monte Blue. He will be remembered for his historical and religious spectacles. Some of his silent pictures were Carmen, The Cheat, Joan the Woman, The Little American, Old Wives for New, Male and Female, The Affairs of Anatol, The Ten Commandments and The King of Kings. Among his sound epics are The Sign of The Cross, Cleopatra, The Crusades, The Plainsman, the Buccaneer, Union Pacific, Northwest Mounted Police, Reap the Wild Wind, Unconquered, Samson and Delilah, The Greatest Show on Earth and The Ten Commandments. De Mille was host of the Lux Radio Theater from 1936 to 1945. None of the other persons depicted on the American Filmmaking pane were Masons.

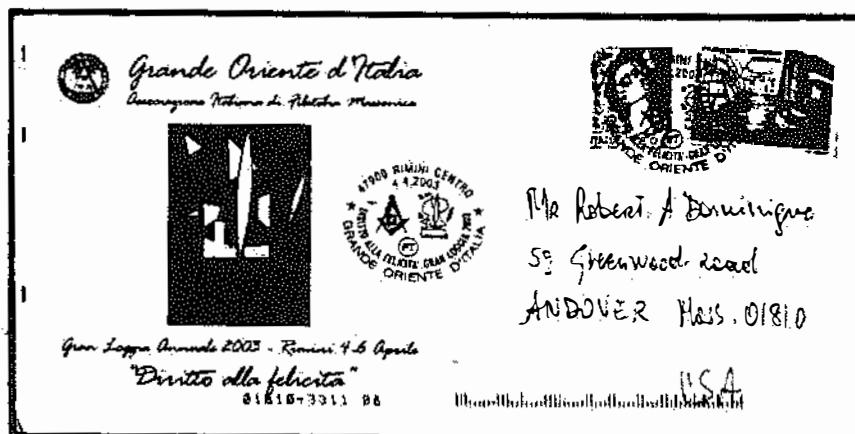
Bro. De Mille was a member of Prince of Orange Lodge No. 16, New York, and Al Malaikah Shrine, Los Angeles.

ITALIAN MASONIC CANCEL

Bro. Sergio Ferrando has sent along several letters and cards which were canceled with the Special Cancel created for the Grand Orient of Italy Annual Meeting held this year in Rimini. A couple of examples are shown here. Bro. Sergio also comments that he has switched from collecting FDCs to stamps which can be associated with the Symbolisms of Freemasonry. Exhausting that branch, he is now directing his attention to Masons pictured on stamps. He invites anyone with similar collecting interests to contact him at C. so Mazzini n.77, 16032 Camogli, Italy.



Your Editor is pleased and honored to announce that he has been declared an Honorary Member of the "Associazione Italiana di Filatelia Massonica" which is part of the Grand Oriente of Italy. I accept this honor on behalf of the entire membership of the Masonic Study Unit because I believe it is the Unit which is being honored and not just the one individual. This honor was conveyed to me by Bro. Massimo Morgantini, Secretary of the Association.



LAZARE CARNOT

I recently asked Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesby to locate a French stamp for me which pictures Lazare Carnot. Being a rather expensive stamp he counseled me that I probably did not want it because there are several people named Carnot, often with the same first name of Lazare, but few are Freemasons and none of those who are Masons have been pictured on stamps. He offered the following summary:

CARNOT, Lazare named "Le Grand Carnot" (1753-1823) was never a Mason. He is pictured on Scott B251.

CARNOT, Marie Francois Sadi "SADI CARNOT (1837-1894) President of the French Republic from 1887 to 1894 but he never belonged to the Craft. He is pictured on Scott B287.

CARNOT, Lazare Hippolyte (1801-1888) was a member of "Les Amis Incorruptibles" Lodge in Paris in 1840. He has not been pictured on any stamp.

CARNOT, Nicolas Leonard Sadi (1796-1832) was a member of "Les Amis Incomparables" Lodge I Paris. He also has never been pictured on any stamp.

NEW OHIO STAMP ISSUE

Bro. Norm Lincoln has sent in some of the new Ohio Bicentennial stamps which are not generally available other than in Ohio or at Philatelic Centers. There is no particular Masonic significance to them but there are some very interesting sidebars.

The photograph is of a farm in Washington County – near Marietta where American Union Lodge No. 1 existed in 1803.

The First Day ceremonies were held in Chillicothe, Ohio's first capital, where the Grand Lodge of Ohio was formed in 1809.

Ohio was the first state formed out of the Northwest Territory whose first governor was Arthur St. Clair, a Mason (a petitioner for Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, Cincinnati).



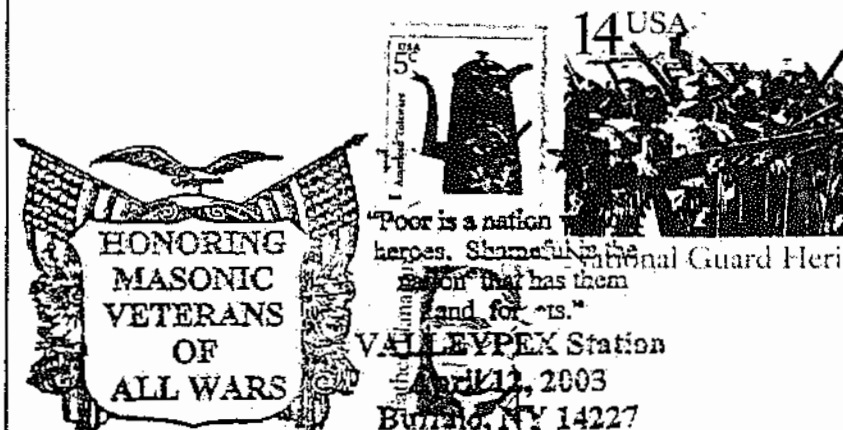
Ohio has had four Masonic Presidents – Garfield (Magnolia Lodge #20, Columbus, and Garrettsville Lodge #246, Hiram), McKinley (Canton Lodge #60 and Eagle Lodge #431 both of Canton after receiving his degrees in Virginia), Taft (Kilwinning Lodge #356, Cincinnati after being made a Mason at Sight) and Harding (Marion Lodge #70, Marion).

Ohio was the birthplace of entertainers Joe E. Brown (Rubicon Lodge #237, Toledo), Clark Gable (born in Cadiz), Roy Rogers (born in Cincinnati).

Denton T. "Cy" Young, a Mason in Ohio (Mystic Tie Lodge #194, Urichville) won the most lifetime games in baseball history.

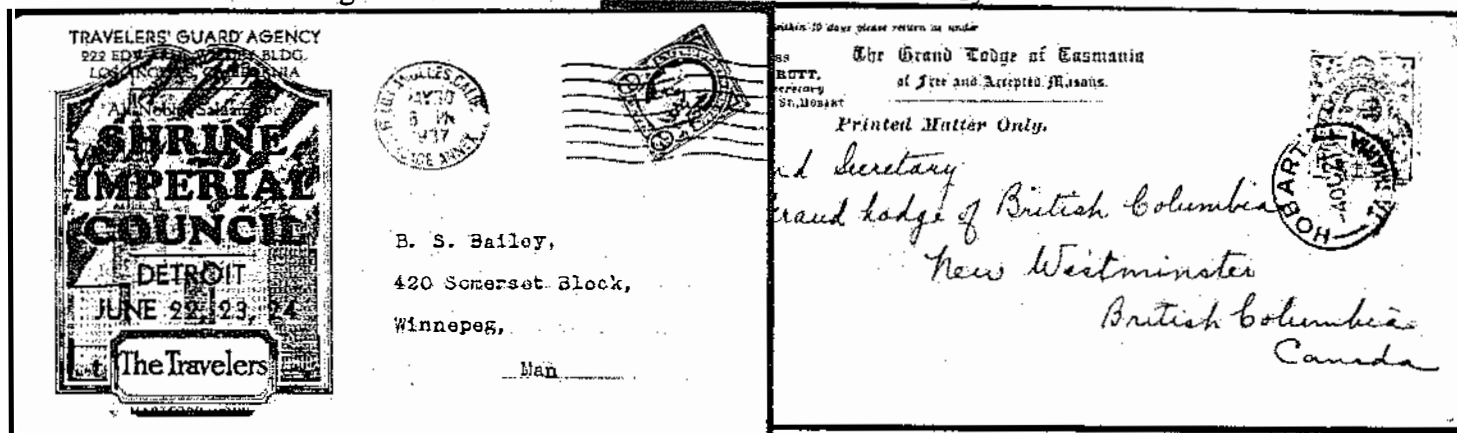
Thanks for showing us how to adapt a non-Masonic stamp into a Masonic collection.

MASONIC CANCEL FOR VALLEYPEX, BUFFALO, NY



Bro. Gene Fricks noticed the article in the "Postmark Pursuits" column of Linn's for the special cancel shown below. The text on the right side of the cancel reads: "Poor is a nation without heroes. Shameful is the nation that has them and forgets". This cancel can be ordered until May 12 by sending requests and SASEs to VALLEYPEX Station, 1200 William St., Buffalo, NY 14240-9998.

Norm Lincoln sent in two postal history covers which have Masonic significance. The hand painted Shrine Imperial Council cover can be considered one of the early Masonic Cacheted covers as it is associated with a Masonic event. The stamp on this cover has been "perfin'd" but the letters of the perfin are indistinct. I would guess at "AVAIL" but cannot attach any significance to it. The other, a letter from the Grand Lodge of Tasmania to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia cannot be considered very common.



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THE CONTRIBUTION OF FREEMASONRY TO THE CREATION OF MODERN ROMANIA

Some time ago Tudor Tuleasca of Romania sent in two articles. The first was a paper titled "The Contribution of Masonic Order in Building Modern Romania" written by Grigore Mantescu, the Senior Warden of Phoenix Lodge, Valachia, Romania, in 2000 which traces the Fraternity in Romania from 1733 to the present day. It starts off: "The beginning of Freemasonry in Valachia was set by the historians in 1733, being related to the name of the Italian Anton Maria del Chiaro, who was secretary of Constantin Brancoveanu. It is also mentioned the name of Dimitrie Cantemir (1693, 1710-1711), member of the Scottish Rosicrucian Order and the fact that sword bearer Nicolae Milescu, a contemporary of Cantemir, was a Freemason" it traces the Romanian Masonic activities to "the beginning of World War II when totalitarian forces put Freemasonry out of law and began to chase Freemasons." This article is not tied to philately.

The other work was a Philatelic exhibition displayed on the occasion of the 4th National Congress of Microsurgery and the 3rd Congress of Hand Surgery held in May 2000 in Iasi, Romania. The exhibit was sponsored under the auspices of "The Moldavia Philatelic Society of Iasi". A comment on the exhibit states "We acknowledge and appreciate the effort of a philatelist who is enthusiastic about such a delicate issue as Freemasonry, especially if we take into account the fact that Mr. Margineanu has not been initiated into the secrets of the Royal craft." Two representative pages of this exhibit are shown here. Any member interested in acquiring a copy of these documents, please contact the Editor and we will work out the necessary details. My e-mail is radpm@attbi.com.

The Contribution of Freemasonry to the creation of MODERN ROMANIA

The desire to proclaim the people's identity and the urge for national unity and emancipation caused the majority of the intellectual elite to get involved in this revolutionary action. Among these intellectuals there were many Freemasons and leaders of the Freemasonry, such as Nicolae Bălcescu, Elie Murgu, Mihail Kogălniceanu (who were outstanding members of various lodges from Iași and Bucharest), Inn Heliade Rădulescu (Grand Master of the Grand Lodge the Danube Star), Simion Bărnuțiu, Gheorghe Magheru, Vasile Alecsandri and many more.

Following the defeat of the revolutionary movement of 1848, the Freemasons living in Romania were helped by those living abroad in organising certain activities based on the ideal of national unity.

The unification of the principalities is a historic event achieved with the help of the Universal Masonry. A European group made up exclusively of Masons was present on January 5, 1859, in Moldavia and on January 24, 1859, in Wallachia at the election of the ruler Alexandru Ioan Cuza. The members of this group advised upon the election of a single ruler for the two principalities. The initiation of Cuza still represents a controversial issue, as there are no documents supponing this theory, but he is considered to have been a Freemason due to the active part he played in the unification of Moldavia and Wallachia and during his rule. He passed a series of laws which were in accordance with the Masonic principles: the putting of individuals into possession of land, the organising and training of the army, the secularization of monastery properties, the



Historical - philatelic display

abolition of Gypsy serfdom, compulsory public instruction and education, the setting up of universities and university libraries in Iași and Bucharest, the management of the postal service, communal management and many more. Another argument supporting the idea that Alexandru Ioan Cuza was a Freemason is the fact that several Romanian lodges from Galați, Iași and Duroboi were named after him.

Cuza began his rule helped by another famous Mason - Mihail Kogălniceanu. A series of reforms were initiated by applying the Freemasonic principles to the organisation of the new state. The Romanian gentry felt its privileges threatened and, consequently, planned the consensual abdication of Cuza on February 11, 1866. There were Mason brothers in the group which took action. As it is known, Prince Carol from the Masoa Hohenzollern - Sigmaringen family was brought to rule. This choice was made at the suggestion of the Emperor Napoleon III of France, who was also a Mason.

At that moment, the period of formation of the Romanian modern state on the basis of democratic principles began and, as a result, a series of institutions and organisations were set up. The following governments included many Freemasons, some of them even being Prime Ministers. One of the major achievements of Carol's early reign was the gaining of independence following the taking part in the 1877 war against the Ottoman Empire.



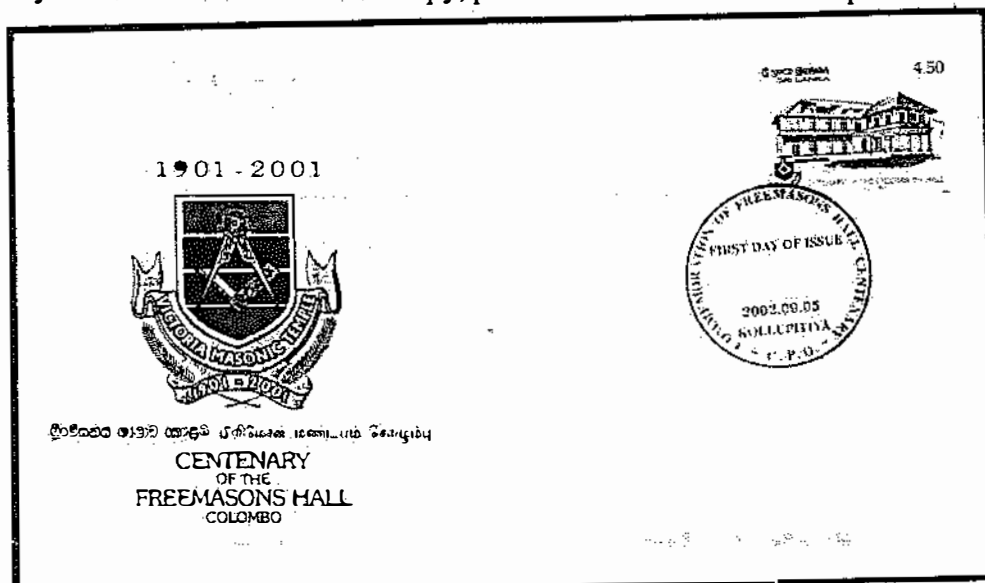
The Romanian Masonic lodges made an active contribution to this war by donating large amounts of money to the Red Cross Society which was set up by the Mason Carol Davila on June 4, 1876. In 1874, Carol Davila was elected Venerable in a Masonic lodge from Bucharest and represented the Romanian Masonry at an international meeting in Paris.

There were over 200 Venerables from all over the world at that meeting. The Romanian brother received an extremely warm welcome.

The international Red Cross organisation is the result of the individual initiative of Henri Dunant, a Swiss Freemason philanthropist.

FIRST DAY COVER FOR SRI LANKA MASONIC ISSUE

After several unsuccessful attempts by myself and Bro. Maurice Beazley of the MPC of Great Britain to locate and secure any possible First Day Covers for the recent Sri Lanka stamp picturing the Victoria Masonic Temple in Colombo, I was able to make contact with the Secretary of St. George Lodge which meets in that Temple. Wor. Bro. David Hills was very pleased to be of service to a fellow Mason and was able to provide me with a limited number of the "Official" First Day Covers, one of which is illustrated below. If you would like to receive a copy, please send me a #10 SASE plus \$1.00.



HERMAN STAUDINGER

Hermann Staudinger, a noted German chemist, was born March 23, 1881, in Worms, Germany. He studied at the University of Munich and the Technical University in Darmstadt, Germany. He received his PhD degree in 1903 at Halle University. He served as a professor in Karlsruhe, Germany, from 1907 to 1912, in Zurich, Switzerland in 1912 and at Freiburg, Germany from 1926 to 1951. In 1922 he discovered the chain structure of some macromolecules in nature, similar to cellulose and glycogen. This became the base for polymer chemistry. From 1940 to 1956 he was director of the research center in macro-molecular chemistry in Freiburg and in 1953 was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. He died September 8, 1965 in Bresgau, Germany.

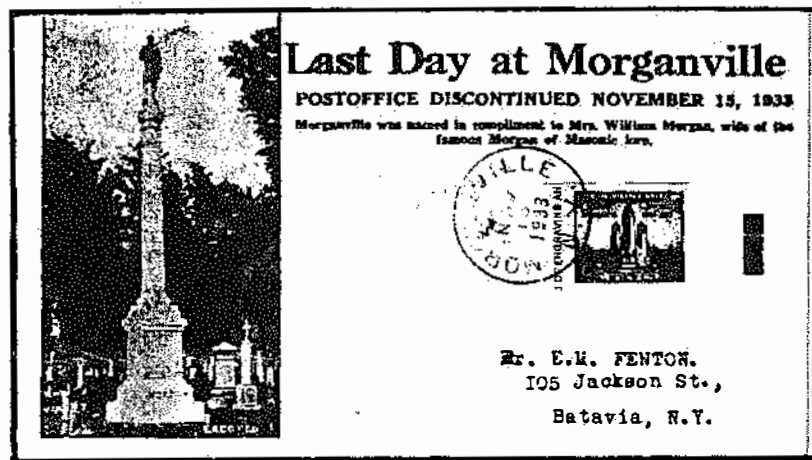


Although Bro. Staudinger was a German he was a member of the Swiss Lodge "Modestia cum Libertate" No. 38 in Zurich. This Lodge was known as "La Concorde" in 1740, "La Discretion" in 1769 and "Modestia cum Libertate" since 1771. Bro. Staudinger is pictured on stamps issued as part of the Nobel Winner series released in 1995 by Antigua & Barbuda, Scott 1946g, and St. Vincent, Scott 2220j.

Thanks to Bro. Godthelp of the Netherlands Masonic Philatelic group for this article.

WILLIAM MORGAN TIE TO PHILATELY

We are all familiar with the story of William Morgan and how he was taken from a jail cell in Batavia, New York and murdered supposedly by Freemasons because he threatened to expose the secrets of Freemasonry. Although his body was never found, his disappearance caused the so-called Dark Period in Freemasonry in America when Anti-Masonic sentiment ran high, a political party was formed on those principles and most Masonic Lodges were forced to disband or go underground. To my knowledge there has never been a stamp or cachet created to "honor" this individual. I was reviewing a group of covers the other day, however, and I came across this seemingly non-descript cover commemorating the Last Day of the Post Office located in Morganville – November 15, 1933. Luckily I took the time to read the fine print: "Morganville was named in compliment to Mrs. William Morgan, wife of the famous Morgan of Masonic lore." Consequently this cover occupies a spot in my collection rather than being an eBay Lot.



THOMAS DEHLER

Thomas Dehler was born December 14, 1897, in Lichtenfels (Oberfranken), Germany. He studied law at the University of Wurzburg. As a result of his friendship with Theodore Heuss, the President of Germany, he became very interested in liberalism. During the Third Reich, under Adolf Hitler, he suffered enormously in attacks on his person because he was married to a Jewish woman. During the Second World War, he was a member of a resistance group and was sent to Bavaria as a communications specialist. In June 1945 the American Forces appointed him head of the Bamberg District and the following year he was nominated as Attorney General. After the war he was one of the founders of the German Liberal Party FDP in the Department of Bavaria. He was a FDP Member of the German Parliament until his death on July 21, 1967. He was nominated as Secretary of Justice in the first Government of President Adenauer. On the date of his 70th birthday, Herbert Wehner, German Secretary of General Affairs, created a Literary Prize, the Thomas Dehler Prize, in homage to this great Parliamentarian.

Bro. Dehler was initiated on Nov. 13, 1926, in St. Johannis Lode "Zur Verbindug an der Regnitz" No. 437 in East Bamberg, Germany. He is pictured on a stamp issued by Germany on November 6, 1997 for the 100th anniversary of his birth, Scott 1986.

NIKOLAI ANDREJEVITSJ (ALEXANDER) RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

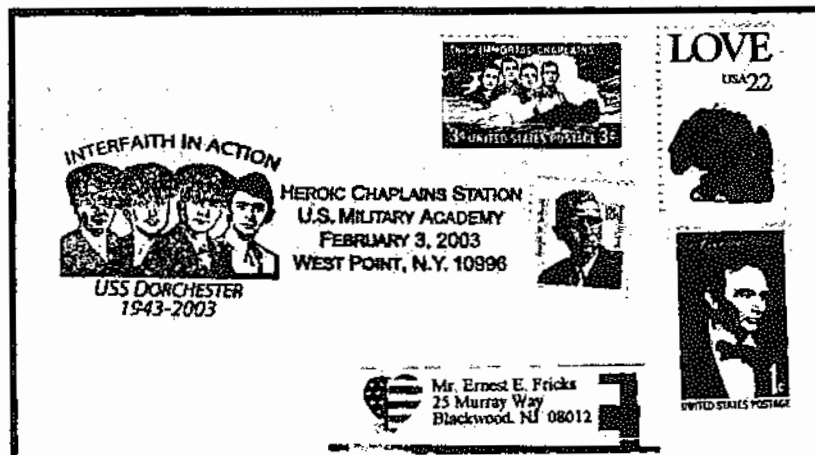
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, the noted Russian composer, was a member of the Lodge "Harmony" in Moscow, Russia. He has been honored by several Russian stamps, the most important being the series of four, picturing scenes from four of his operas, which was released on January 20, 1994 – Scott 6192/5 – to note his 150th birthday.

Born March 18, 1844, in Tichvin, near Novgorod, Russia, he studied at Marine School in St. Petersburg (1856). He also concentrated on study of the cello and piano and played music with the Magoetshaja Koethjka, a group of Russian composers with preference for Russian music. He wrote his first symphonies while on a trip as a marine officer on a war ship (1862-1865). While in the marine service he became a bandmaster and an inspector of the Russian Marine orchestra (1864-64). In 1871 he became a teacher of composition and instrumental methods at the School of Music in St. Petersburg serving in this role until 1905. Becoming a famous pedagogue, his students included Stravinsky and Prokofjev. He served as an orchestra conductor in Paris and Brussels as well as Russia. He created 15 operas, 3 symphonies a symphonetta and many songs. He died June 21, 1908 in Ljobens near St. Petersburg. His son Andrij Nikolajevitsj (1878-1940) published his father's memoirs and in 1938, his father's biography.

Many thanks to Bro. Godthelp for this article as well as the one on Thomas Dehler above.

FOUR CHAPLAINS CANCEL

Bro. Gene Fricks, our Unit President, has sent in a Special Cancel used in February 2003 at West Point, NY. It honors the four Chaplains who went down with the USS Dorchester which was torpedoed in 1943. They gave their lives so others could be saved. They are the central characters in a Degree of the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction. Rev. Bro. George Fox, one of the four, was Raised in Moose River Lodge No. 82, Vermont, on October 4, 1939.



BRETHREN – We need new members to help us grow. If you have any ideas on how to accomplish this, please let me know. Try to interest your Brother Lodge members or fellow stamp collectors.

LEWIS AND CLARK – UPCOMING BICENTENNIAL

The Lewis and Clark Expedition, originally known as the Corps of Discovery, was initiated on May 14, 1804, and ended on September 23, 1806. The Bicentennial of this famous journey will be initiated next year and we should undoubtedly see some philatelic issuances for the event. We already have a stamp – Scott 1063 issued on July 28, 1954, noting the 150th anniversary – and a postal card – Scott UX91 issued on September 23, 1981 – to highlight these two Masons in our collections.

Meriwether Lewis was born August 18, 1774, on a farm near Charlottesville in Albermarle County, Virginia. His education consisted of living with a tutor and being instructed in Latin, mathematics, natural science and English grammar. At age 18 he was on his own – presiding over a small community of about two dozen slaves and nearly 2000 acres of land. He had already traveled extensively across the southern part of the US. He became a volunteer in the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794 and the following year joined the regular army and was made an ensign. He was transferred to “the chosen Rifle Company”, a unit of elite sharpshooters – the Captain of which was William Clark.

He took a leave in 1796 and during that leave petitioned Virtue Lodge No. 4 of Virginia. He was elected and received his EA Degree that evening. The following evening he received the FC and MM Degrees. On April 2 (or 3) he received the Degree of Past Master and two nephews of Thomas Jefferson were in the same class. The Degree of Royal Arch Superexcellent Master was conferred at Staunton Lodge No. 13, Oct. 1799.

William Clark was born August 1, 1770, in Caroline County, Virginia. He moved with his family to Louisville, KY, in 1774. Little is known of his early life. It is known that in 1787 he was named a member of the prestigious Order of Cincinnati. Many of the members of this group were Masons; George Washington was the founder and Henry Knox was the Secretary; its purpose was to provide aid to widows and orphans of officers who had died during the Revolutionary War. Clark was a tough woodsman accustomed to leadership. He was also a good terrestrial surveyor and an excellent waterman. He and Lewis complimented each other well; they made a good pair – particularly for the upcoming expedition. William Clark was living in Clarksville, Indiana Territory, when he received Lewis's letter offering him joint command of the Expedition. Clark had been a Lieutenant in the Army, a rank which he resigned when he joined Lewis in 1803 and was designated a Captain.

Following their expedition Pres. Jefferson named William Clark a Brigadier General of the Territory of Missouri and Indian Agent of the US for the Territory. Jefferson nominated Lewis to be Governor of the Territory of Louisiana with headquarters in St. Louis. In Nov. 1808, Lewis assisted in the organization of St. Louis Lodge No. 111 under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and served as the first Master. During his term, he raised William Clark on Sept. 18, 1809. Meriwether Lewis suffered a horrible death in 1809 on a trip to Washington which has never been fully explained. William Clark died in St. Louis Sept. 1, 1838 at the age of 68.

Extracted from an article in the “Royal Arch Mason” written by James M. Williams and Stephen R. Greenberg which has been submitted by Bro. Stan Longenecker.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic note have been announced in the philatelic media – in Linn's and/or Scott Monthly.

- Sept. 23, 2002 – Georgia – 200th Anniversary of Alexandre Dumas' birth
- Oct. 11, 2002 – Uruguay – Centenary of the first equestrian statue of Brig. Gen. Juan Antonio Lavalleja – Scott 1972
- Nov. 19, 2002 – Mexico – 50th Anniversary of the Mexico City International Airport Mural – shows Montgolfier Balloon, Scott 2299a, and Charles A. Lindbergh, Scott 2299b.
- Nov. 28, 2002 – Uruguay – Brig. Gen. Manuel Oribe – Scott 1981
- Nov. 30, 2002 – France – 200th Anniversary of Alexandre Dumas' birth – Scott 2924
- Dec. 4, 2002 – Grenada – Set honoring John F. Kennedy – one value shows him with John Glenn, Scott 2231d
- Feb. 25, 2003 – US – Filmmaking Sheet which shows Cecil B. De Mille in the selvedge, Scott 3772
- Mar. 10, 2003 – Nevis – 75th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's Solo Transatlantic Flight – two panes of four stamps each.
- June 2, 2003 – British Virgin Islands – 50th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II Coronation – two values plus one S/S. Prince Philip appears on one value.
- June 2, 2003 – Jamaica – 50th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II Coronation – two values plus one S/S. Prince Philip appears on one value.

A SAMPLE FROM PETER WESTBERE'S AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

To round out this issue, here is a fine example of one of Bro. Peter's prized autographs. It is autographed by the last three living members of the Detroit Tigers Team which won the 1935 World Series. Since this cover was signed, one of the players has died – Raymond Hayworth died in 2002 at the age of 99. Only one of these was a Mason - Bro. Eldon Auken who will be 93 years old this year. He is a member of Norcator Lodge No. 317 in Norcator, Kansas. Raymond Hayworth's grandson, Congressman J. D. Hayworth of Arizona is a Mason. Bill Royal is still living at the age of 98. All three men played for Bro. Mickey Cochrane, shown on the stamp, who was the Manager of the Tigers when they won the Championship; he belonged to Fellowship Lodge, Bridgewater, MA.

