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IN MEMORIAM BRO. JUAN SABATER PIE

I am deeply sorrowed to announce the passing of our Unit Vice-President, Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, on April 1, 2003 – his 60th Birthday. The Masonic Study Unit will miss him and many of us who corresponded with him will miss those letters and the thoughts behind them. He was a great family man, a dedicated Freemason and an excellent researcher.

During his lifetime he held his family ties and commitments high – above everything else. His letters always informed us of how proud he was of each member of his family and what each was doing. He was so proud when he became a grandfather and when Albert took his first steps on his first birthday. The picture shows Albert with his two proud grandparents. He commented on the living places and livelihood of each of his three children. He also wrote to tell of his mother's health when he was so busy caring for her. He told us of his second residence in L'Escale where the holidays were enjoyed.



Juan started his Masonic Stamp Collection long before he joined the Fraternity. In 1982 he saw a stamp from Cuba which pictured a Masonic Grand Lodge building and he wanted to know more. He strengthened his efforts in locating other stamps related to the Fraternity – it being new to the country of Spain because Pres. Franco had banned the Fraternity. He finally decided to join the Fraternity in 1985 and received his three degrees on November 15, 1985, April 2, 1986 and June 1986, in Phoenix Lodge No. 1 in Barcelona under the Grand Orient of Spain. He later affiliated with Perseverance Lodge No. 3, also of Barcelona, but under the Grand Lodge of Spain. He rose to become Master of that Lodge and later Grand Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Catalogne. He also joined the Scottish Rite receiving his 30th Degree in the year 2000. All of these efforts and honors were a tribute to his capabilities. Juan was extremely proud of his Masonic affiliations and contacts. He considered himself a rich man because he had good friends on five continents.

He was an excellent researcher but rendered himself very humble when discussing it. He was able to locate information previously unknown and provided many excellent articles for our Newsletter. Despite all this success, he still stated that he envied some of the great researchers of the hobby such as Norm Lincoln because he did not have the vast resources they did – yet he was able to find his own excellent sources. When he was nominated and elected Vice President of our Unit, he called this honor un-merited. He was such a great person but it did not affect his personality.

Juan looked forward to being able to retire at the age of 62 or 63; unfortunately, that was not to be. He did, however, live life to the fullest and served as a great example of what a true man should be.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS: None

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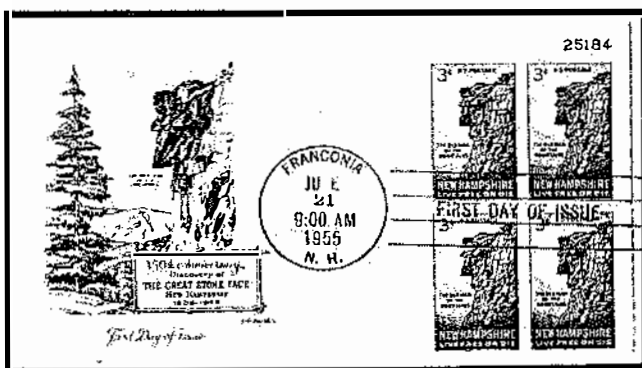
MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Ralston S. Clinch is currently Secretary of Washington Royal Arch Chapter, MA

Bro. Rafael Manuel Wulff writes the Newsletter for Unity Lodge No. 710, Canada

Bro. Norman Lincoln is the new Secretary of the Ohio Lodge of Research. He also recently received a purple collar from the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows – he is the Grand Inner Sentinel.

THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN



The demise of the Old Man of the Mountain – The Great Stone Face – was noted in the news in May of this year; its actual collapse was foretold for many years but was not actually witnessed by anyone – it was too foggy over the two day period during which it collapsed. In the Quarterly News-

letter of Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175, Bro. Mark E. Furber reported that Bro. Niels Nielson who died in 2001 was a long time caretaker of the Old Man. He adds in the words of Daniel Webster: “Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers a monster watch, and the dentists hang out a gold tooth; but in the mountains of New Hampshire God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that here He makes men.” (Can God be tired of men?)

DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

This article is extracted from one prepared by Bro. Norman Lincoln for the Newsletter of the Ohio Lodge of Research. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact him at P.O. Box 454, Eaton, OH, 45320. The initial fee is \$12.50 which includes the first year's dues.



St. John the Baptist

As the candidate for Entered Apprentice Degree begins his journey into the mysteries of Freemasonry, he is informed that he will become a member of the Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem. Later he is told that while ancient Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon, modern Lodges are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, two eminent Christian patrons of Freemasonry.



the Evangelist

While the Entered Apprentice may not pay too much attention to these sections of the ritual, Masonic scholars have been studying it for years. Distinguished researchers have devoted many pages to the study of the dedication to the Holy Saints John and many Journals have published articles on it.

John the Baptist was the son of Zacharias, a priest, and Elizabeth the cousin of Mary, the Mother of Christ. Thus John and Jesus knew each other and grew up together near Nazareth. Many believe they both became Essenes and practiced a way of life close to the Masonic ideal. It is not known why John went into the desert to meditate. He returned an ascetic, preaching humility and repentance. John presented a strange figure with long unkempt hair and shaggy beard, dressed in a coat of camel's hair subsisting on locusts and wild honey. Some thought he was the Messiah, but John quickly corrected them. He claimed he had come to prepare the way. His followers were few.

After John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, John knew his earthly task was finished. Shortly thereafter he enraged Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, and his wife Herodias. They ended John's career and life about 29 A.D. The story of Salome and the Dance of the Seven Veils has entered folklore though it is likely fictitious.

June 24th is celebrated as the birthday of John the Baptist. It is important to Masons since the Grand Lodge of England was started on this date in 1717. The Baptist is said to be the patron of the common people. He was also the only patron of Freemasonry during the period before the 18th Century. Soon he was joined by John the Evangelist.

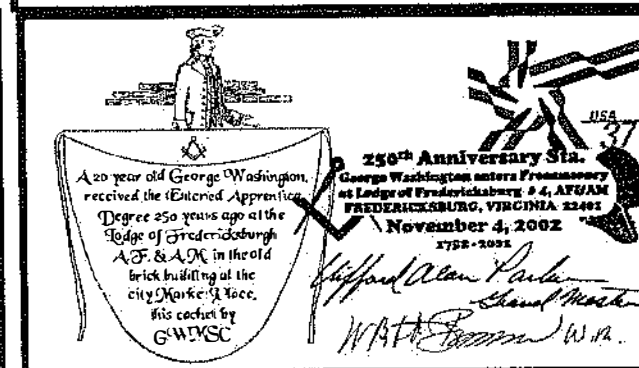
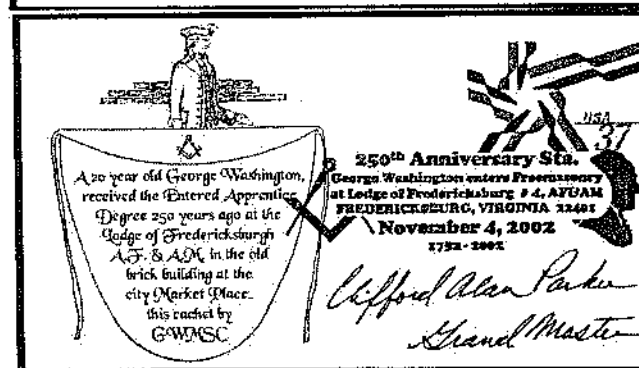
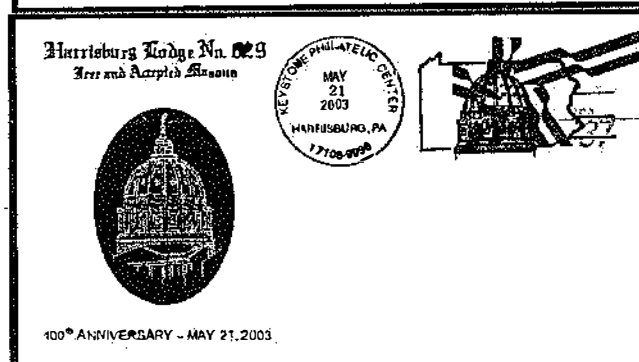
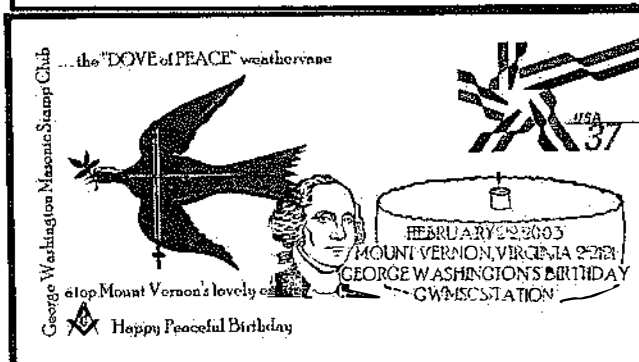
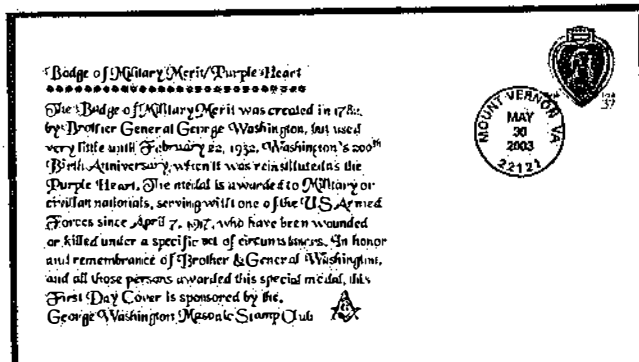
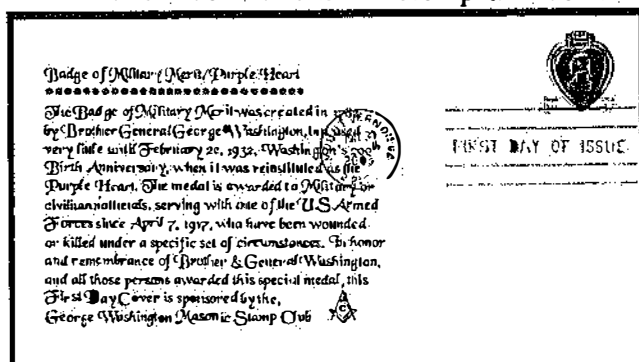
The Evangelist was the son of Zebedee and Salome who is believed to have been a sister of Mary, the Mother of Christ. Thus both Johns were related to Jesus and to each other. John the Apostle was a native of Bethsaida and a fisherman like his father and brother James. One can argue whether John the Disciple that Jesus loved was indeed the author of the Gospel which now bears his name. Christian scholars have long pointed out the mystical nature of the book.

John remained in Jerusalem for several years after he stood by Jesus on the cross. Tradition informs us that he was exiled by the Emperor Domitian to the island of Patmos where he had his apocalyptic visions and lived to 100 years. His feast day is Dec. 27th. Further confusing matters is another St. John of Jerusalem, also known as the Almoner. Almoners are in charge of dispensing alms or charity. Early Lodges had this office and it persists in the Scottish Rite and DeMolay. References to St. John are found in the Order of Malta and the Knight of the East and West.

Some questions arise: Why was St. Thomas, Patron Saint of Agriculture ignored? What of the crusading knights who opened St. John's Hospital in 1070? Why are the Saints' Day near pagan solstice festivals? How can the Baptist be a Christian when he died before the Resurrection? To whom should non-Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges? The best answer is that the dedication is symbolic only.

GWMSC COVERS

There are several new Masonic Cacheted Covers which have been published by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club that bear mentioning here. They can be ordered from the Cover Chairman, Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560. The cost of the various items shown are \$1.50 each for the Purple Heart FDC covers and the George Washington Birthday cover; \$2.00 each for the Harrisburg Lodge 100th Anniversary cover and the Fredericksburg Lodge cover autographed by the Grand Master; \$2.50 for the Fredericksburg cover autographed by the Grand Master and the Worshipful Master.



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GENERAL JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT

In a recent letter, Bro. Steve J. Kapp laments the fact that the USPS has not seen fit to honor Bro. Jonathan Wainwright with a postage stamp yet other countries – Marshall Islands and Granada Carriacou – have honored him that way. Those issues are shown here. Perhaps letters to the Stamp Advisory Committee might help.



Jonathan Matthew Wainwright was born Aug. 23, 1883, at Walla Walla, WA, and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1906. He served against the Moros in the Philippines and was on the General Staff of the 82nd Division and 3rd Army in Europe during World War I. He was in command of the Northern Army in Bataan when the Japanese attacked. He was left in charge of the troops when Gen. MacArthur moved out; he fought a delaying battle but eventually had to surrender. He, along with his men, were taken prisoners. For more than three years he suffered great privations with them. When he was released from a prisoner of war camp in Manchuria in 1945, he was a skeleton of his former self.

Bro. Wainwright received all three degrees on May 16, 1946, in Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, KS. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Salina, KS and was invested with the K.C.C.H. by the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in 1947. In 1948 he received the Grand Lodge of New York's Masonic Achievement Medal.

GEOFFREY FISHER

Geoffrey Fisher (1887-1972) was enthroned in 1945 as Archbishop of Canterbury. He has finally been pictured on a British stamp – one issued for the 50th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II – he is pictured on the right of the Queen.

Bro. Fisher was initiated in 1916 and later became a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 253 in Derby. As Bishop of Chester he joined St. Anselm Lodge No. 516 at Chester in 1935 and served as Master in 1936. He served twice as Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England – 1937 and 1939 – and served as Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk.

-article and stamp contributed by Bro. Trevor Fray, Plymouth, England.



WHAT THE BUTLER SAW!

The European Masonic Association contingent, which "weekended" at Dundee, Scotland April 24-27, 2003, included several Masonic Philatelic Club (MPC) of Great Britain members – Maurice Beazley, Paul Butler, George Quinn, John Hudson, Clive Bell and Bill Scott. Visiting a specially arranged Open Day at the Lodge of Glamis No. 99, Paul spotted a photo card on sale. He sprinted 200 yards to the nearby pub to alert the Club Secretary, Maurice, who was "liquid Lunching" there. He sprinted the 200 yards in reverse and bulk ordered the card for MPC stock.



The card is a reproduction of a prestige photograph displayed in Lodge 99's building which was taken on the 2nd of June 1936 when King George VI (then the Duke of York) affiliated with the Lodge. He is depicted on the photograph, middle front row, surrounded by many Provincial and Lodge personalities of the day. The card may be ordered from the Club in the future – from Bro. Maurice Beazley, 216 West Dyke Rd, Redcar, Cleveland, TS0 4JS UK.

ERRORS AND POTENTIAL ERRORS

On page 1752, Vol. 27, No. 6, March-April 2003, your editor mistakenly identified Al Hirschfeld, the show-biz caricaturist, as a Mason. Rechecking my references, I find that it was Harry Hirschfeld (1885-1974) who was a Freemason and not Al. The applicable information on Bro. Harry appears on page 1177 of the Newsletters. My apologies for the miscue.

The publication of the article on Nicolai Rimski-Korsakov provided by Bro. Ing. H. J. Godthelp in the most recent Newsletter has prompted a couple of questioning responses which have been forwarded to Bro. Godthelp for his reply. The letters received from Bros. Jean-Claude Vilesy and Norman Lincoln both express doubts that this noted musician was ever a Freemason:

"Unfortunately, I must question the assertion that Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a Mason. He was born in 1844 and died in 1908. Henderson and Coil both state that during this time period, Masonry existed only underground in Russia. As a world famous composer, Rimsky-Korsakov's activities were well known and observed by the Czar's police. Mackey says Lodges were re-established in Moscow and St. Petersburg in 1908 – the year Rimsky-Korsakov died of a heart attack. Possibly the author is confusing Nicolai with Alexander Rimsky-Korsakov, his grandson, who was Senior Warden of Harmony Lodge which was opened in Moscow in 1992."

"About the last issue, page 1770, Rimsky Korsakov Nickolai, the composer: This is a real surprise... It is well known that his father, Andrei Petrovitch (1784--1862) was an active Mason, initiated in "Elisabeth la Vertu" in 1811, Past Master of "Orphee" and "Les Trois Vertus", then Grand Secretary of the Chapter "Le Phenix", etc... But for us, never was his son a member of the Craft."

I will let the membership know of any response received from the Netherlands.

275 YEARS OF MASONIC PRESENCE IN SPAIN

The day before Bro. Juan Sabater Pie called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, he prepared the following article for the Newsletter. His daughter, Mireia, has graciously sent it to us.

In the year 2003, we commemorate the 275th Anniversary of the Masonic presence in Spain. On February 15, 1728, the first Lodge was founded by Duke Philippe de Wharton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1722. This Lodge was established with a group of British citizens who were living in Madrid. The Lodge, although founded in 1728, was not officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of England until 1729. At that time the founders were given the number 5 on the Register and the distinctive name of *French Arms*, with a location on the street Ancha de San Fernando in Madrid. In some documents this Lodge is also called *Three Flower of Luces (Three Light Flowers)* but this must have been *Three Flowers of Lys* because that was the name of the French Hotel where this Lodge was founded and had their meetings. It was also known as *The Martritense* because the founders preferred that the Lodge be registered as “the Lodge of Madrid”. Although this Lodge, the third founded outside of Great Britain, was erased from the official registration of London in 1768 because of inactivity, it did have the honor of being the first Masonic body that worked in the Spanish territory – even if it was limited to English citizens.

There are no stamps specifically issued for Duke Philippe of Wharton (1699-1731), a British Colonel assigned to the service of Phillippe V, King of Spain. He died May 31, 1731, at the age of 32 “in the faith of the Catholic Church and in the Cistercien Monastery of Poblet” where he was buried. Stamps picturing this monastery, issued in 1963 and 1993 can be used to illustrate an article on our Brother Philippe.



MASONIC COVERS FOR SALE

Your Editor has received the Masonic cover collection of Bro. Sergio Ferrando to sell for him; there are many interesting covers from several different countries as well as Italy. Anyone who would like a copy of the listing and prices, please contact your Editor. Also, please remember that I still have many other Masonic Cacheted covers available for sale which have been placed in my hands previously by other members for sale.

MASONIC PHILATELY – in GRAND FESTIVAL BOOKLET

A 12-page full color booklet was prepared for the Annual Grand Festival held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on April 30, 2003. The annual recount of the Grand Stewards, the Menu and toasts are supplemented this year with four pages dedicated to an explanation of Masonic Philately. The MPC (of GB) has some copies of this booklet available for sale at a cost of 5 pounds sterling each. Contact Bro. Maurice Beazley (address above) if you would like to obtain a copy of this very colorful item.



An Introduction to Masonic Philately

Many brethren collected postage stamps in their school days. Today nearly 350 dedicated masons still pursue the theme of masonic stamps through the Masonic Philately Club. Some 87 genuine postage stamps have been identified which include masonic symbols - especially the square and compasses - or commemorate a particular masonic event or show a specific building.

Masonic stamps have been issued by many countries, with particularly strong representation in the Americas, Western Europe and East Africa. Although there is a genuine masonic stamp issue 19-16 Victory Commemorative, which appears on the front cover of this brochure, features King George VI as Past Grand Master. The inclusion of masonic symbols in the stamp has not unfortunately led to its adoption by British Masonic philatelists.



Masonic personalities abound on the stamps, ranging from US Presidents - 15 of whom have been members of the Craft - to Mozart, Winston Churchill and Lafayette. Prince Hal is of some interest at the current time when an increasing number of Prince Hall Lodges have been given recognition by United Grand Lodge.



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In 1979, the United States Bicentennial was marked by a joint issue of 15 stamps by Dominica and the Turks & Caicos featuring 15 Masonic presidents. Each stamp has the square and compasses and letter 'G' added to the profile, as well as securing an important event occurring in each man's term of office.



The first trained landing on the moon - celebrated in Lyndon Johnson's commemorative stamp - is echoed in the 1986 Republic of Guinea stamp featuring astronaut B. Z. Aldrin.

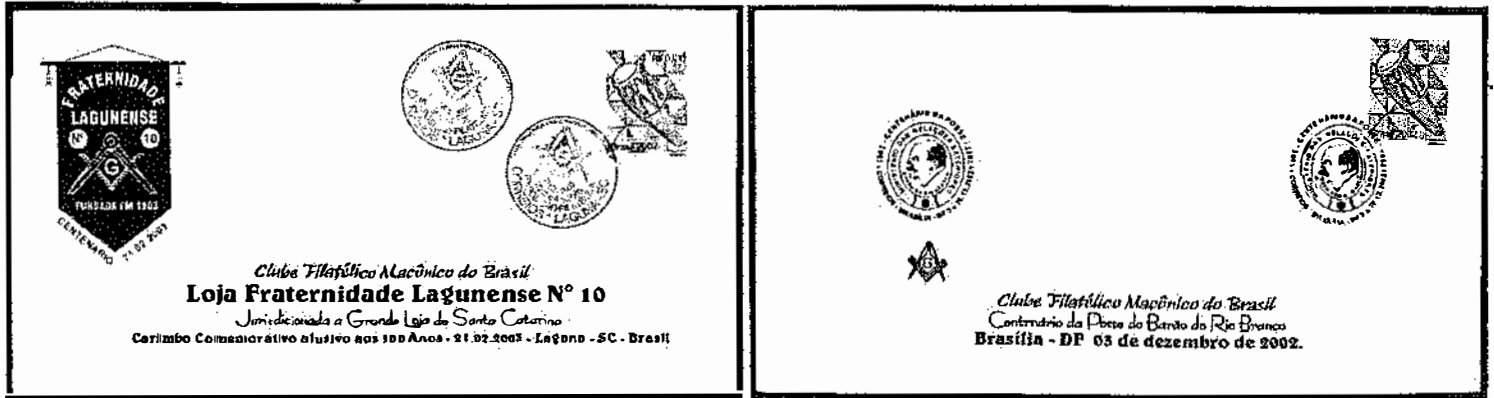


Finally on the subject of 'personalties' as 1989 Reagan issued a set of stamps based on Disney characters and introduced us to Grand Master Mason (Donald Duck).

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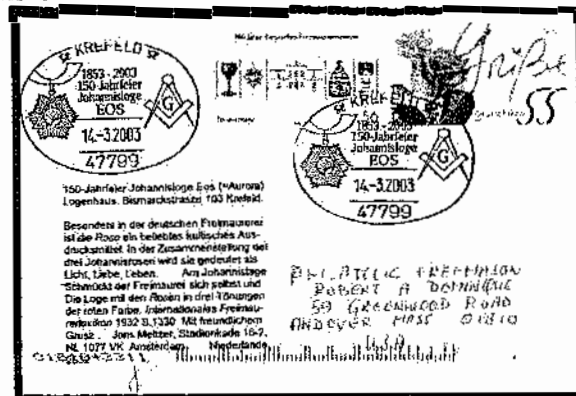
MASONIC COVERS FROM BRAZIL

Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Clube Filatelico Maconico do Brasil, has informed us of the two most recent Masonic Covers issued by his Club. Shown here, they can be obtained from him at the "Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil, P.O. Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil.



GERMAN SPECIAL MASONIC CANCEL

Bro. Joris Meltzer has provided a copy of a picture post card which he has processed with the special March 14, 2003, Masonic Cancel for the 150th Anniversary of Johannisloge Eos (=Aurora). The picture on the card shows the Lodge home. Information on acquisition of this card should be obtained from him at Stadionkade 16-2, NL 1077 VK, Amsterdam, Netherlands.



ANOTHER ATA MASONIC HANDBOOK

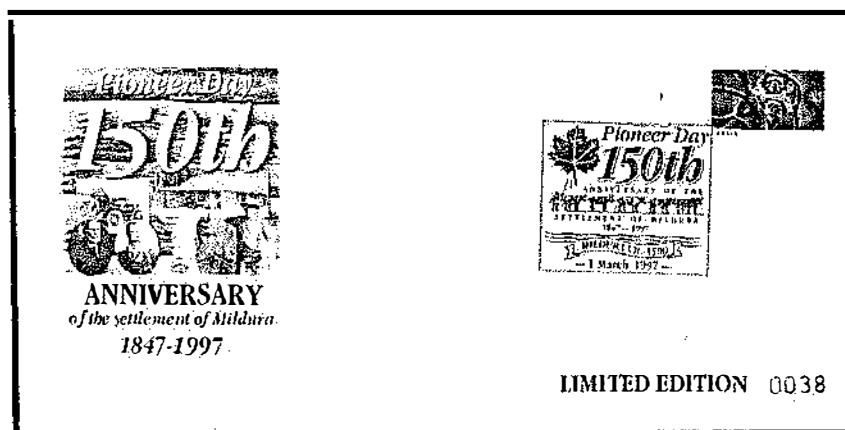
Bros. Christopher Murphy and Allan Boudreau, of our Unit and the MSC of NY, have prepared another ATA Handbook which is being offered by the ATA. ATA Handbook Number 145, titled "Masonic Government Issues to 2002, is available from the ATA, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057 at a cost of US\$12.00 plus postage of \$2.00 US, \$3.00 Canada and \$4.50 all other foreign addresses.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN CHAFFEY (1856-1926)

William Benjamin Chaffey was born in 1856 at Brookville, Ontario. In 1878 he and his father, George, a Canadian engineer, bought 600 hectares of desert land at Etiwanda in California, built six kilometers of pipe-line to carry water to it and made an oasis of four hectare fruit blocks. Their next and much bigger undertaking was a 325 hectare project they called Ontario. It became a model irrigation colony of the United States. The schemes were based upon the Chaffeyes buying land and water rights at a low cost. They then cut the land up into ten-acre blocks, laid irrigation channels and sold the land at a much improved value. The water was distributed by a co-operative of all landowners and was structured so that it did not make a profit.

The Channeys planned to repeat the process in Australia. In Feb. 1886, George Chaffey, Jr., visited Australia and followed a voyage along the Murray River to Mildura and became convinced that there was a great opportunity to establish irrigation colonies in Mildura along the same lines that he and his brother William Benjamin had done in California. In April 1887 he encouraged William to dispose of their California interests and come to Mildura Homestead. Here they turned this wasteland into one of the biggest dried fruit industries in Australia. When William joined his brother and settled at Mildura, he remained there for the rest of his life joining with George Jr.'s son, Ben, to carry on the dried fruit industry. In 1897 George Jr. sailed back to the United States.

William Benjamin Channey was initiated into Evergreen Lodge No. 259, Riverside, California. He was elected a member of Mildura Lodge No. 170, Mildura, Victoria, Australia, on Jan. 25, 1899. He was also a member of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars being received on May 18, 1886, the Grand Chapter of California, 1886, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in California. His eldest son, George Frederick Chaffey (1894-1917) was also initiated into Mildura Lodge but was killed in action in 1917. Many Masonic Organizations in Australia are named after Bro. Chaffey—Chaffey Mark Lodge, Chaffey Royal Ark Mariners, Chaffey Preceptory and Chaffey Tabernacle (Holy Royal Arch Night Templar Priests).

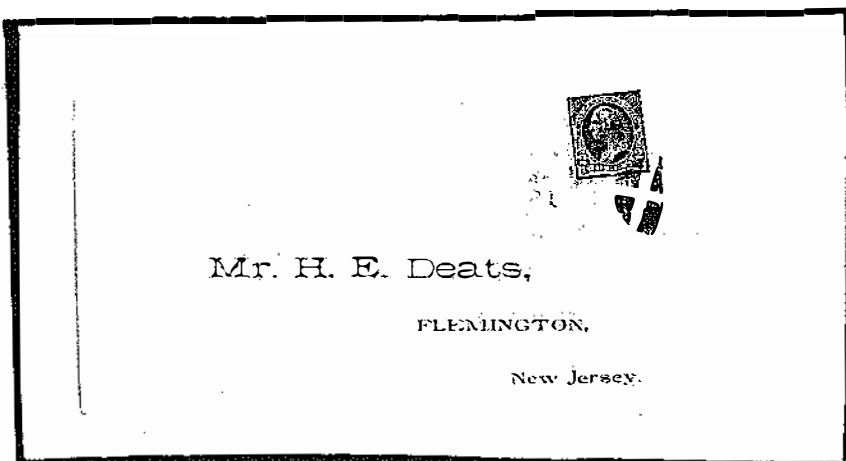


A limited edition Special Event cover depicting the Chaffey Brothers in the cachet was released in 1997 to celebrate the settlement of Mildura. William Benjamin Chaffey is the one on the right on the bottom next to his brother George.

-article and cover copy provided by Bro. Eddie Levey, Mildura, Victoria, Australia

HIRAM EDMUND DEATS GENTLEMAN FARMER, STAMP COLLECTOR, FREEMASON

Most stamp collectors, philatelic biographers and postal history enthusiasts in the United States of any experience recognize the name Hiram Edmund Deats of Flemington, NJ. He salvaged from the Treasury Department in Washington, the vast pile of First and Second issue revenue stamps and documents, destined for



the incinerator, that form the basis of U.S Revenue collecting today. Deats was an early cover and postal marking enthusiast, preserving many items that likely would have been soaked off and lost to posterity. He served the APS as an early president and was a member and officer of the Collectors Club in New York. He was elected an honorary member of the American Revenue Association in 1953. He died March 16, 1963.

Born May 20, 1870, in Stockton, NJ, he was a gentleman farmer and also collected rare books, farm implements (he dealt in plows) and other antique paper. Flemington's location on the Central Railroad of New Jersey facilitated Deats' travels to New York and Philadelphia. Few recognize him as an active member of the Craft, in his day, especially in New York and New Jersey. He was raised in Darcy Lodge No. 37, exalted in Clinton Chapter No. 37, R.A.M. on March 15, 1893 – both in Flemington, NJ. His service to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey included a term as District Deputy Grand Master. He was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey and active in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. He built the meeting room for his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery in a building he owned in Flemington, NJ.

-submitted by Pres. Gene Fricks, Blackwood, NJ

ECUADOR STAMP SHOWS MASONIC TEMPLE

An eBay auction item recently listed identifies the building shown on Scott 1415, issued by Ecuador in December 1996 for the 75th Anniversary of The Universe Daily Newspaper, as being the Masonic Building. No further details were offered or can be determined from the listing.



NEW ISSUES

Nov. 18, 2002 - The Gambia – Charles Lindbergh's Flight Across the Atlantic, 2 panes of 15¢ stamps each.

Nov. 20, 2002 - Peru – Alexander Humboldt's Visit to Peru – 200th anniversary, 1 value.

Dec. 2, 2002 – Maldives – Charles Lindbergh's First Transatlantic Flight, 2 panes of 4 stamps each.

Dec. 4, 2002 – Grenada – Pres. J. F. Kennedy, pane of 6 se-tenant stamps. John Glenn is included.

Jan. 13, 2003 – Micronesia – Charles Lindbergh's Nonstop Solo Flight Across the Atlantic, pane of 6 stamps.

Feb. 10, 2003 – Palau – Lindbergh's First Nonstop Solo Flight, pane of 6 stamps.

Feb. 26, 2003 – St. Vincent – 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, 7 stamps. Includes Prince Philip.

April 8, 2003 – St. Helena – Tourism, pane of 12 stamps. Napoleon's Tomb and House are shown.

April 10, 2003 – Alderney – History of Aviation, 6 values. Arthur Whitten Brown is included.

April 15, 2003 – Gibraltar – First Powered Flight Anniversary, 6 stamps and S/S. Charles Lindbergh is included.

April 24, 2003 - Slovakia – Ludwig von Beethoven, 1 value.

May 13, 2003 – Mustique - 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, pane of 3 stamps. Includes Prince Philip.

May 14, 2003 – Micronesia – Heroes of Operation Iraq, 2 panes of 6 stamps each. Colin Powell is included.

May 22, 2003 – Slovenia – Painted Beehive Panels, 1 value.

June 2, 2003 – British Indian Ocean Territory – 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, pane of 3 stamps. Includes Prince Philip.

- Kiribati - 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, 2 stamps plus S/S. Includes Prince Philip.

- Tokelau - 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, 2 stamps plus S/S. Includes Prince Philip.

- Tristan Da Cunha - 50th Anniversary of Coronation of QE II, 2 stamps plus S/S. Includes Prince Philip.

June 16, 2003 – Austria – Ford 100th Anniversary, S/S with 3 stamps. Henry Ford is pictured.