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JEAN-PIERRE PESCATORE

Bro. Hon Gr. Com. Roland H. Lacaf of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg has provided a copy of a stamp issued by his native homeland on September 27, 2005, Scott No. 1169, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Jean-Pierre Pescatore, a 19th Century outstanding Luxembourg Mason.



Born in Luxembourg City (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) in 1793, Bro. Pescatore died in 1855. He was a self made man becoming a most successful merchant in the tobacco trade and a banker well established in Paris, France. He was an avid collector of Fine Arts and he left his most important collection to his native homeland along with a considerable amount of money to create a home for older fellow citizens. The "Fondation Pescatore" contains 160 rooms on four floors and was opened in 1892. Its neo-gothic porch is shown on the stamp beside Bro. Pescatore's portrait.

Bro. Pescatore became a Freemason in 1818. His father, three of his brothers, two cousins and the husband of a niece were also members of the Craft. The mother of the late Grand Master Antoine Whenkel of the Grand Lodge of Luxembourg and the first Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of A.A.S.R. for Luxembourg was also a Pescatore. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries many members of the Pescatore family were or are Freemasons.

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ADDRESS CHANGES:

None - ??? ? !!!!

Those of you who reside in the New Jersey area might be interested in attending an Official Visit of the Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Masonry for the State of New Jersey – Most Exc. Gene Fricks, our Unit President. The buffet style dinner and open memorial service program honoring fallen Companions from the preceding Capitular year will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Arc of the Covenant Chapter No. 11 of Royal Arch Masons. The Buffet will be served 7:00 to 7:45 P.M., Opening and Reception of GHP 7:45 to 8:10 P.M. and Open Chapter Program 8:10 to 9:10 P.M. RSVP requested by January 8 to Exc. Comp. Paul M. Ferreira at 973-691-8368. The Tabernacle is located at the Pioneer Masonic Temple, 102 State Street, Hackensack, NJ. (Phone 201-342-1674)

Noted on the web site of The Regular Grand Lodge of Italy was a photo of a Masonic Philatelic Display of three frames of covers at Frosinone, Italy, in September 2003, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Lodge Bellantor No. 42. (www.grandlodge-italy.org) Have you prepared an exhibit for display at your Lodge – for a special function or just to show off our hobby? Let us know.

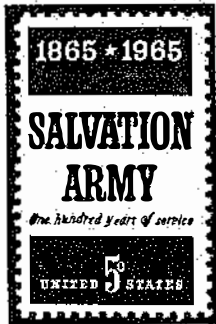
Also noted on the web was the fact that in March 2004, Bro. Jack Turpie had an article on Masonic Philately published in "The Ashlar", the only Scottish Masonic Magazine. (www.rosslynemplars.org.uk/ashlar_march04.htm)

Another personalized stamp has been issued on September 7, 2005, in Brazil. Since there are only limited quantities, interested members should contact the producer directly – Mr. Ivanildo Henrique Teles, P.O. Box 248, 63010-970 Juazeiro do Norte, Ceara, Brazil.



Bro. D. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Clube Filatelico Maconico do Brasil, informs us of their new e-Mail address: clubselo@terr.com.br and their new web site home page: www.filateliamaconica.com

SALVATION ARMY and MASONIC PERSONAGES



During the Christmas Season, we notice the Salvation Army "Kettles" most everywhere and we are reminded that this religious and charitable organization was founded in London in 1865 by William Booth, when on the curbstone of a gin-smelling street in London's East End, amid jeers and stones he began to pray for the rough men and women gathered about him. There he and his wife and a few followers went day after day to meetings which they held. Gen. William Booth headed this Army until 1912 when his command was relinquished by death.

The Salvation Army became international in 1880 when it established a branch office in New York City. Shortly after its organization in America, the son of William Booth became its commander. This man, Ballington Booth, who headed the Army in Australia for two years before coming to America was its commander from 1887 to 1896. At that time, he had a disagreement with his father and he organized a similar group called the "Volunteers of America". His wife was later a founder of the Parent Teachers Association.

Bro. Ballington Booth was a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, NJ, about 1899 and later joined Charter Oak Lodge No. 249, New York City. He served as a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York and was a member of the York and Scottish Rites as well as Kismet Temple, AAONMS. His son Charles, head of the VOA after 1948, was also raised in Montclair Lodge No. 144 and demitted to Morton Lodge No. 63, Hempstead, NY.

Brig. Henry A. Dries, a native of Plymouth, MA, became interested in "the Army" at the age of 16. He and his wife were assigned to various locations in New Jersey and then Pittsburgh, PA where he also served as Chaplain to the fire department. He is shown on a stamp issued by Zaire in March 1980 holding a boy who had just been carried out of a burning building – a photograph which has been used widely in Salvation Army literature. He retired to a Salvation Army Home in Asbury Park, NJ in 1968.

Bro. Dries was raised Nov. 30, 1932, in Raritan Lodge No. 61 in Perth Amboy, NJ. He served there as Chaplain from 1935 until transferred to Pittsburgh in 1962. He became a Scottish Rite Mason and affiliated with Syria Shrine Temple.



GORDON L. COOPER, JR.

Gordon L. Cooper, Jr. was one of the original seven astronauts. Born March 6, 1927 in Shawnee, OK, he attended local schools and received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. After completing three years of schooling at the University of Hawaii, he received an Army commission. He transferred his commission to the Air Force and went on active duty in 1949 receiving flight training. He served for four years in Munich flying F-84s and F-86s. He returned to the US and received his degree after two more years of study and reported to the AF Experimental Flight Test School at Edwards AFB, CA; upon graduation, he was assigned as an aeronautical engineer and test pilot. He was selected as a Mercury astronaut in April 1959 and in May 1963, piloted "Faith 7" spacecraft on a 22 orbit mission. He also served as command pilot of the 8 day 120 revolution Gemini mission in August 1965 when a new space endurance record was established – 3,312,993 miles in 190 hours, 56 minutes. He retired from the Air Force and NASA in 1970 and passed away on Oct. 4, 2004 at his home in Ventura, CA.

Bro. Cooper received his degrees in Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, CO and Clear Lake Lodge No. 1270, Clear Lake, TX. He was also a member of Indian River Chapter No. 27, RAM, Hiram Council No. 13, R&SM, Orlando Valley Scottish Rite and Arabia Temple, AAONMS, Houston, TX. In the National Sojourners, he was a member of Chapter No. 366, Patrick AFB, FL. He carried two flags with him on the Faith 7 flight – one was presented to his home Lodge, the other was exhibited at the NY World's Fair.



Cooper



Eisele

DONN F. EISELE

Donn Eisele was born June 23, 1930 in Columbus, OH. He received a BS degree from the US Naval Academy in 1952 and a MS degree in Astronautics in 1960 from the Air Force Institute of Technology. After graduating from the USNA he chose a career in the Air Force and also attended the Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards AFB, CA. He was a project engineer and experimental test pilot at the Air Force Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, NM. He was in the third group of astronauts selected by NASA in Oct. 1963. In October 1968, he served as the command module pilot for the 11 day Apollo 7 – serving with Bro. Walter M. Schirra and Walter Cunningham. He retired from the Air Force in July 1972 and left the space program to become Director of the US Peace Corps in Thailand. He died on Dec. 2, 1987, of a heart attack while on a business trip to Tokyo, Japan.

Bro. Eisele received his degrees in Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, OH in 1952. He was also a member of Brevard Commandery No.24, Cocoa Beach, FL.

MARINE COVER

Bro. Jim Dougherty of PO Box 1192, Austin, TX has elected to prepare a FDC for the Marines issue (Bro. Gen. John A. LeJeune) which also honors his son, presently serving in the Marines. The cachet which he designed is shown here.

United States Marine Corps Heroes



First Day of Issue

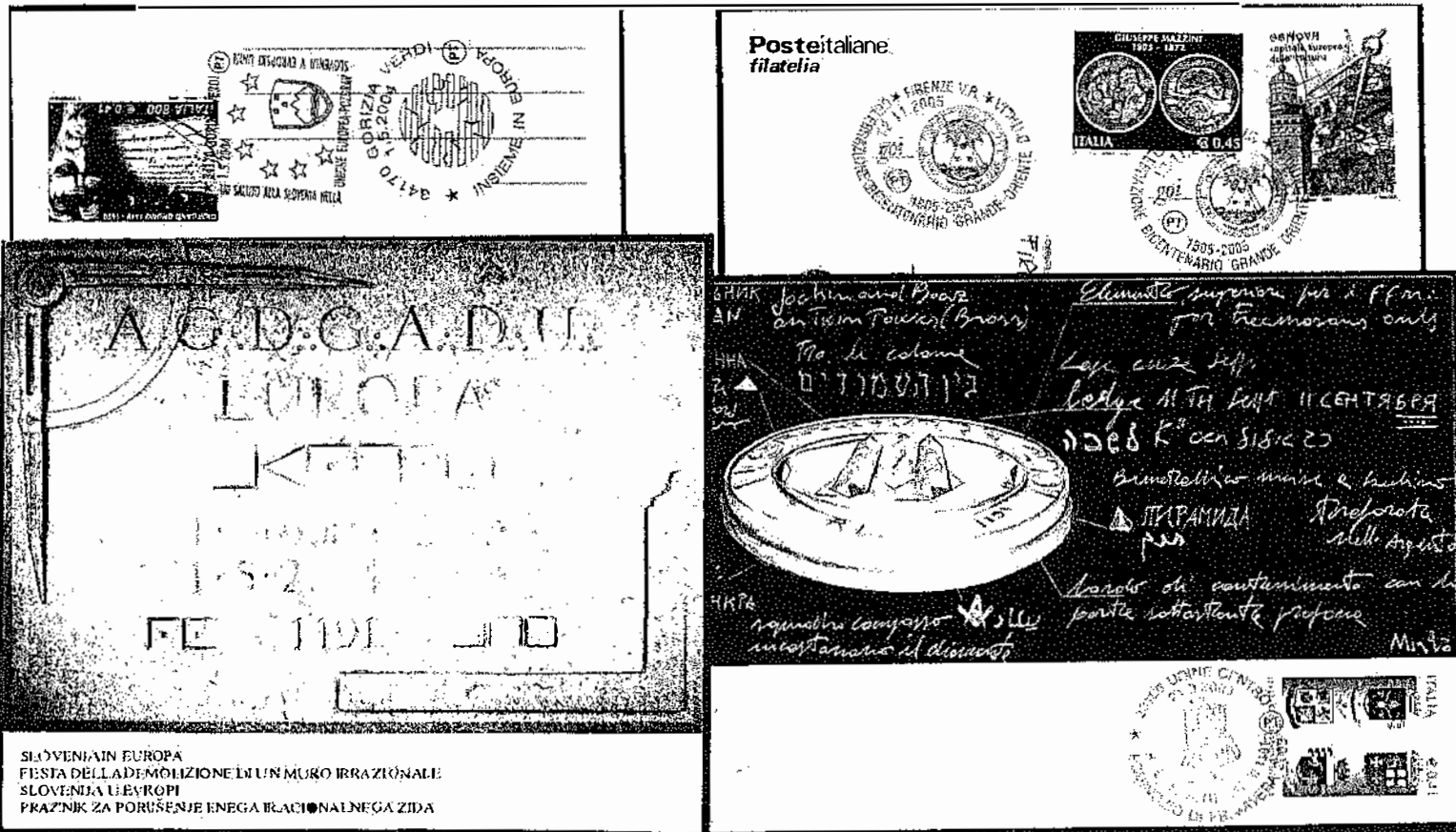


CPL James William Dougherty, Master Mason
26 November 2005



ITALIAN MASONIC CARDS AND CANCELS

The Grand Orient of Italy has been publishing several postal cards and cancels of Masonic note. Illustrated here are some examples. The "sundial" appearing card and cancel commemorates the "Equinozio di Primavera 2003". The Nov. 12, 2005 cancel emanates from Firenze and is associated with the Grand Orient Bicentennial. The Masonic Memorial Tablet shown is located at the source of the Isonzo River to honor the end of slavery and a wish of diverse ethnic origins to live together and respect each other.



ANOTHER CONGO MASONIC SHEET

I have finally located a source for the other Democratic Republic of Congo speculative Souvenir Sheet which displays various Masonic symbols. This sheet, which apparently was issued on April 20, 2004, was to serve as a tribute to Ronald Reagan. Although he was not a Mason, two of those pictured were and two others may have been. If you are interested in acquiring a copy, I do have a limited supply at \$6.00 each (plus return postage). I also have some of the other sheets previously offered at a cost of \$5.00 each.



SIR MCKENZIE BOWELL

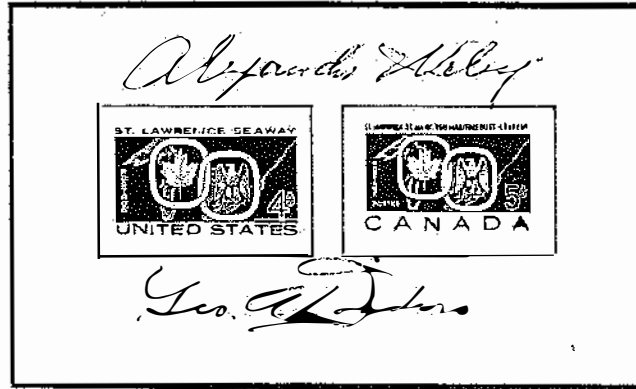
Sir McKenzie Bowell was born December 17, 1823 in Rickingham, England. He emigrated to Canada in 1832 and became apprenticed as a printer with the *Belleville Intelligencer*, Belleville, Ontario in 1834. He attained his teaching diploma from the Sydney Normal School in Hastings, Ontario in 1941. He advanced within the *Belleville Intelligencer* becoming Editor and later, in 1848, owner. He founded the Belleville Rifle Company, a 65 man militia unit guarding the border of Upper Canada during the American Civil War. He served as Minister of Customs from 1867 to 1892 and imposed protective tariffs of the new National Policy. After serving briefly as Minister of Militia and Defense in 1892 he became the Liberal-Conservative Party Leader and President of the Privy Council, 1894-1896. He became Prime Minister on the death of John Thompson and was faced with the Manitoba Schools Question which proved too much for his abilities. He was forced to resign favor of Charles Tupper but remained in the Senate until his death of pneumonia in Belleville on Dec. 10, 1917.

Bro. Bowell was raised in St. Lawrence Lodge No. 640 (E.C., now No. 14, R.Q.) of Montreal in 1864. On Feb. 4, 1897 he affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 283 at Belleville and was later a charter member of Moira Lodge No. 11 at Belleville.



ALEXANDER WILEY and GEORGE A. DONDERO ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY ACT

Both co-authors of the St. Lawrence Seaway Act were Freemasons. The Seaway itself was commemorated by matching stamps issued by the US and Canada on June 26, 1959. I was able to get both sponsors to sign this card back in the mid 1960s.



Alexander Wiley was born May 26, 1884, in Chippewa Falls, WI. Following undergraduate work he received his law degree from the Univ. of Wisconsin in 1907. He was admitted to the bar in 1907 and served as the Chippewa County District Attorney from 1909-1915. After an unsuccessful bid for governor, he was elected to the US Senate in 1938. He was re-elected for a total of four six year terms. He was Chairman of both the Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees and introduced the Seaway Bill in Jan. 1953 while he was the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman. He died in Germantown, PA on May 26, 1967.

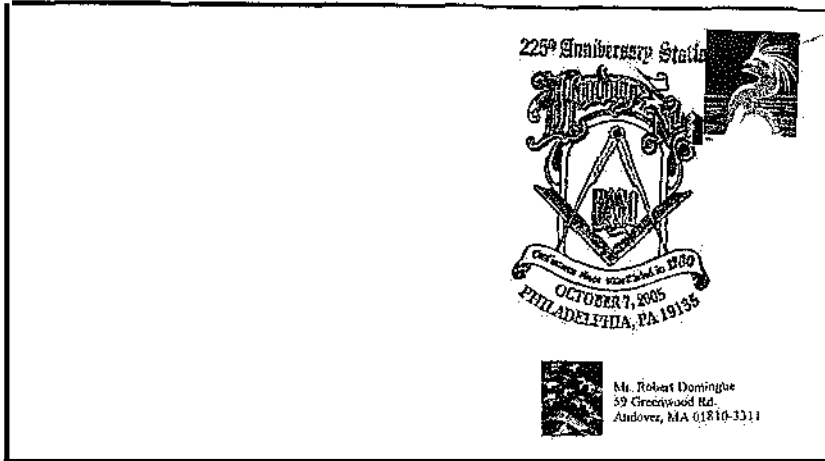
Bro. Wiley was a member of Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176, Chippewa Falls, WI and belonged to the Chippewa Chapter No. 46, RAM, and Tancred Commandery No. 27 of the same city. He was a member of Eau Claire Consistory AASR and Tripoli Shrine Temple. In 1956 he received the Gourgas Medal from the Northern Jurisdiction, AASR.

George A. Dondero was born on a farm in Greenfield Township (now part of Detroit), MI on Dec. 16, 1883. He graduated from Detroit College of Law in 1910 and started a practice that year. He served in Congress from 1933 to 1957 being the ranking minority representative in the House Committee on Education for ten years. He presented the Seaway bill to the House of Representatives while Sen. Wiley did the same in the Senate. He was a strict McCarthyite who used his position to mount an attack on modern art. He died Jan. 29, 1968 in Royal Oak, MI.

Bro. Dondero was raised in Royal Oak Lodge No. 464, Royal Oak, MI about 1916. He received his 32nd degree AASR (NJ) at Detroit, MI and was a member of the High Twelve Clubs of Royal Oak and Pontiac, MI.

I believe elections are in order for this year and candidates for President should be identified in the next Newsletter. If any members have any thoughts on the subject or nomination(s), I would be glad to hear from them.

LODGE NO. 9 SPECIAL CANCEL



Wor. Charles A. Fricke of Rydal, PA, wrote to inform me of a special Masonic Cancel which I had not seen and neglected to find on the USPS site. Luckily, his insight was provided before the 30 day grace period ran out. The cancel notes the 225th Anniversary of Lodge No. 9 of Philadelphia. Postal cards with this cancel applied were given to each Brother attending the Lodge and dinner for the celebration; the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was in attendance.

AUSTRIAN CLUB MASONIC COVERS

Two more covers have been added to the listing of those published by the Phila-Masonica-Club Quatour Coronati Wien. Details on their acquisition can be obtained from Bro. Dr. Herbert Schmid-Koriath, Hackenbergasse 29/33/3, a-1190 Wien, Austria.



PIERRE SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA

Born Jan. 26, 1852 in Italy, he was educated in Paris and served in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-71. He became a French citizen in 1874. He entered the navy and in 1875-

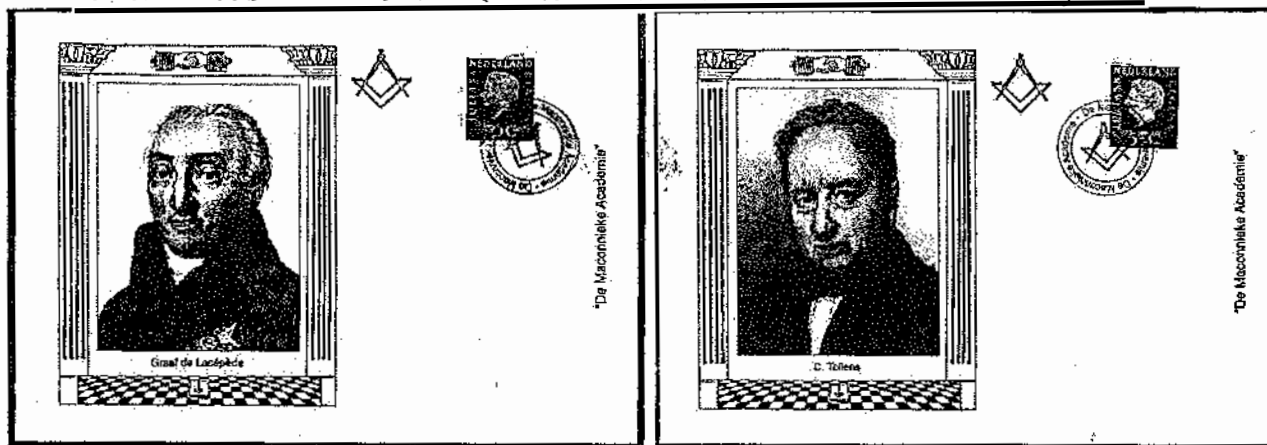


-78 explored the territory later known as French Equatorial Africa. He established a military post named Francoville and founded Brazzaville in 1880. He served as Commissioner-General of the French Congo from 1886 to 1898; this area was reorganized in 1910 as French Equatorial Africa. He died at Dakar, French West Africa, Sept. 14, 1905.

Bro. Brazza was initiated June 28, 1888 in the Lodge Alsace Lorraine in Paris. He is pictured on a stamp issued by French Equatorial Africa Nov. 5, 1951 - Scott No. C35.

MASONIC ACADEMY COVERS

Bro. M. Regoor, Goudvinkenlaan 5, B 3941 Eksel, Belgium has forwarded some of the most recent covers issued by the Masonic Academy of that country. If any of our members are interested in them, let me know as we can set up an exchange system.



ANDRE DE CHENIER

Andre de Chenier was born Oct. 30, 1762 in Istanbul where his father was consul general. He was educated in France and from 1787 to 1790 was attached to the French embassy in London. He was active in the early phase of the French Revolution but was later horrified by Jacobin excesses. In 1792 he contributed denunciatory pamphlets to the *Journal de Paris*. He was arrested in March 1794, by order of Robespierre, and was guillotined on July 25, 1794, only three days before the end of the Terror. He is considered the greatest French poet of the 18th century but his work was scarcely published until 25 years after his death. When the first collected edition of his poetry appeared in 1819, it had an immediate success.



Bro. Chenier was a member of the famous Paris Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs". He appears on a French stamp issued on July 10, 1950 – Scott No. B249

RUBEN DARIO

His real name was Felix Ruben Garcia y Sarmiento, Dario was just a family nickname. He was born Jan. 18, 1867 at Metapa, Department of Segovia Nicaragua. He began writing verses at the age of five or six. He studied at the Jesuit secondary school and at the National Institute in Leon, Nicaragua. He became the greatest Spanish-speaking poet of modern times. He started his literary career as a newspaperman working in Santiago, Valparaiso and Buenos Aires. He held diplomatic and journalistic positions in Spain, Paris and New York. In 1914 he had an attack of pneumonia and died in Leon, Nicaragua on Feb. 6, 1916.



Bro. Dario was initiated Jan. 24, 1907 in Lodge "Progreso" No. 1 at Managua, Nicaragua. He is pictured on stamps of many nations, Scott No. C605, of 1967 is shown.

ETIENNE FRANCOIS, DUC DE CHOISEUL

Born June 28, 1719, he bore in early life the title of Comte de Stainville. He entered the army and during the War of the Austrian Succession served in Bohemia in 1741 and in Italy where he distinguished himself at the battle of Coni in 1744. From 1745 to 1748 he was with the army in the Low Countries attaining the rank of lieutenant general. In 1750 he married Louise Honoine who brought her husband a large fortune and prove a most devoted wife. He gained the favor of Madame de Pompadour and was given the appointment of ambassador to Rome in 1753. He handled himself skillfully in the negotiations called forth by the bull *Unigenius* and was transferred to Vienna to cement the new alliance between France and Austria. His success there opened the way to a major diplomatic career which lasted until the death of Madame de Pompadour and his actions towards the Jesuits which led to his ordered retirement to his estate in Chanteloup. King Louis XVI recalled him to Paris but did not restore him to his former position. He died May 8, 1785.

Bro. Choiseul served as Master of the Lodge "Enfants de la Gloire" in 1761 and was member of the Grand Lodge of France. He is pictured on a St. Pierre et Miquelon stamp issued on Nov. 25, 1970 – Scott No. C47



NEW ISSUES

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

Scott Stamp Monthly: (Jan and Feb 06 issues)

- Australia – 2422 – 9/6/05 – New South Wales Scott #88 picturing Robert Wynn-Carrington
- British Indian Overseas Territory – 304f, I, j – 6/26/05 – Ed of World War II showing Douglas MacArthur, Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Cayman Is – 927 – 6/8/05 – Battle of Trafalgar picturing Horatio Nelson
- Czech Republic – 3273/4 – 5/4/05 – Battle of Austeritz, Napoleon
- Fiji – 1054f – 6/27/05 – End of World War II picturing Winston Churchill
- Luxembourg – 1169 – 9/27/05 – Jean-Pierre Pescatore
- Macedonia – RA132 – 5/8/05 – Red Cross, Henri Dunant
- Micronesia – 639/40 – 3/31/05 – Johann C. F. von Schiller
- Micronesia – 645 – 3/31/05 – Death of Horatio Nelson
- Netherlands – 1199c – 4/30/05 – Nelson Mandela
- Nevis – 1431/2 – 5/16/05 – Johann C. F. von Schiller
- Nevis – 1440e – 5/16/05 – Douglas MacArthur
- Nicaragua – 2449 – 2/7/05 – Ruben Dario
- Norway – 1431 – 5/27/05 – King Haakon VII
- Norway – 1432 – 6/7/05 – King Haakon VII
- Pakistan – 1063a/b – 4/23/05 – Kemal Attaturk
- Palau – 812/3 – 4/4/05 – Johann C. F. von Schiller
- Palau – 820 – 4/4/05 – Horatio Nelson

St. Lucia – 12087 – 6/13/05 – Horatio Nelson
 St. Vincent – 3467/8 – 6/7/05 – Johann C. F. von Schiller
 St. Vincent – 3477, 78 – 6/7/05 – Winston Churchill, Douglas MacArthur
 Sierre Leone – 2794/5 – 5/24/05 – Johann C. F. von Schiller
 Sierre Leone – 2805 – 5/24/05 – World War II Battles, Winston Churchill
 Sierre Leone – 2807a, b, d – 5/24/05 – End of World War II, W. Churchill & F. D. Roosevelt, D. MacArthur & O. Bradley, Winston Churchill
 Sierre Leone – 2808a – 5/24/05 – F. D. Roosevelt
 Sierre Leone – 2809 – 5/24/05 – Winston Churchill
 Tristan da Cunha – 786 – 10/18/05 – Horatio Nelson

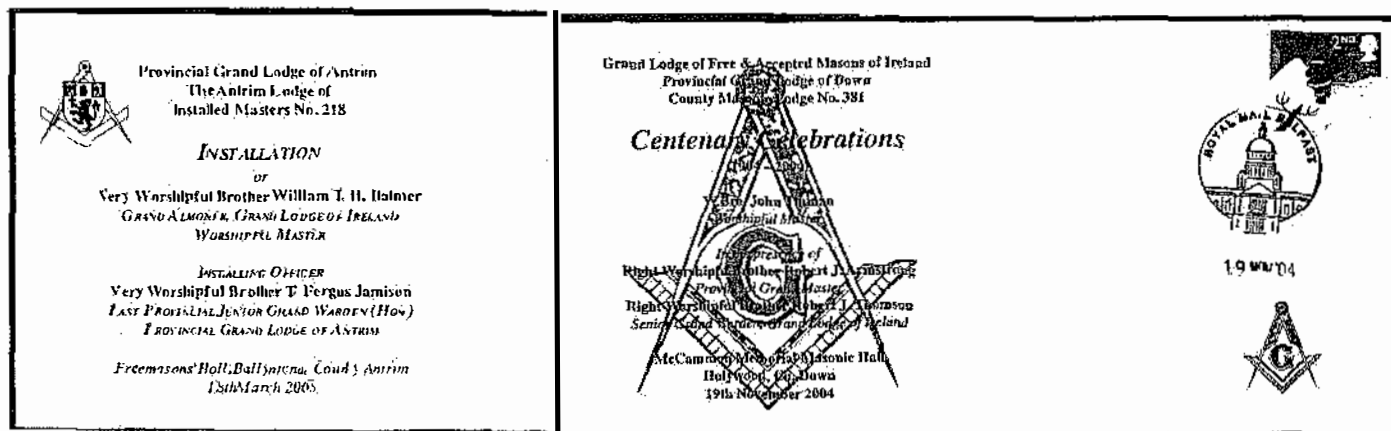


Linn' Stamp News:

June 14 – Oman – World Blood Donor Day, 1 value
 July 28 – Tuvalu – Battle of Trafalgar, 200th Anniversary, 4 se-tenant stamps plus S/S, H. Nelson
 Aug 22 – Lesotho – Battle of Trafalgar, 200th Anniversary, 4 se-tenant stamps plus S/S, H. Nelson
 Sept. 15 – Russia – A. V. Surorov, 275th Birth Anniversary, 1 value
 Sept. 20 – Maldive Is. – Battle of Trafalgar, 200th Anniversary, 4 stamps plus S/S, H. Nelson and Napoleon
 Sept. 21 – Tuvalu – V-E Day, 3 se-tenant stamps plus S/S, W. Churchill
 Sept. 21 – Tuvalu – V-J Day, 3 se-tenant stamps plus S/S, H. Truman
 Sept. 24 – France – Jean-Baptiste Greuze, 200th Death Anniversary, 1 value
 Oct. 21 – Gibraltar and Isle of Man – Joint Issue – Battle of Trafalgar, 200th Anniversary, S/S, H. Nelson
 Oct. 31 – Greenland – Expeditions in Greenland, 1 stamp plus S/S, Robert E. Peary
 Nov. 4 – Montserrat – Battle of Trafalgar, 200th Anniversary, 4 se-tenant stamps plus S/S, H. Nelson
 Nov. 24 – Marshall Is. – Lewis and Clark Expeditions, Part 6, 3 se-tenant stamps.

BRO. FRANK ELLIOTT COVERS FROM IRELAND

Bro. Frank Elliott has made his annual Christmas distribution of Masonic Cacheted covers he had created throughout the year. Examples are shown here.



ARGENTINE MASONS



GEN. HILARIO ASCASUBI, Argentine poet and soldier. He was born in January 1807 in a town near the port of Fraile Muerto. He enlisted in the army to help put an end to the dictatorship of Pres. Juan Manuel de Rosas. He held the rank of colonel and acted as Urquiza's aide-de-camp. In 1872 he traveled throughout France, Great Britain, United States, Bolivia and Uruguay. He acquired his greatest reputation through his poetry. He died in Buenos Aires Nov. 17, 1875.

Bro. Ascasubi was initiated in "Lealtad" Lodge No. 6 in Buenos Aires on May 20, 1858. He is shown on an Argentine stamp of 1966 – Scott No. 799.

DR. EDUARDO LADISLAO HOLMBERG. Born on June 27, 1852 in Buenos Aires his career started as an M.D.; at the age of 23 he held a professorial chair. He soon became interested in the natural sciences and made several expeditions to the Chaco territory and traveled with Francisco Moreno in Patagonia. In 1888 he was appointed the first director of the Buenos Aires Zoo. He photographed and wrote about several animals indigenous to the area. He died in Buenos Aires on Nov. 4, 1937. He is shown on an Argentine stamp issued in August 1969 – Scott No. 901



Bro. Holmberg was initiated in the Lodge "Docente" in 1884 and later was a member of the Lodge "Constancia" No. 7. He was a founder of the Lodge "Lumen" No. 200 in Moreno and was a 33rd degree member of the AASR. Within the Grand Lodge of Argentina, he served as Grand Secretary, Grand Orator and Deputy Grand Master. He helped found "La Academia Argentina" along with a group of other Masons.

DR. CRISTOBAL M. HICKEN, botanist. Born in 1873, he passed away in 1933. He studied at the National University in Buenos Aires and received a Doctor of Natural Science degree. He served as a professor in the National College and the Military College and taught the natural sciences. In many expeditions throughout Argentina he gathered a large natural scientific collection which he bequeathed to the nation. He also built up a beautiful library of over 14,000 volumes.



Bro. Hicken was initiated in "Lumen" Lodge No. 200 in Moreno by his friend Bro. Eduardo L. Holmberg and later served as Master of that Lodge. He was also a member of the Masonic Library Board. He is also shown on an Argentine stamp issued in August 1969 – Scott No. 900.

BRETHREN – As you can understand and appreciate from this issue, inputs from the members would be appreciated – help share your knowledge with the other members.