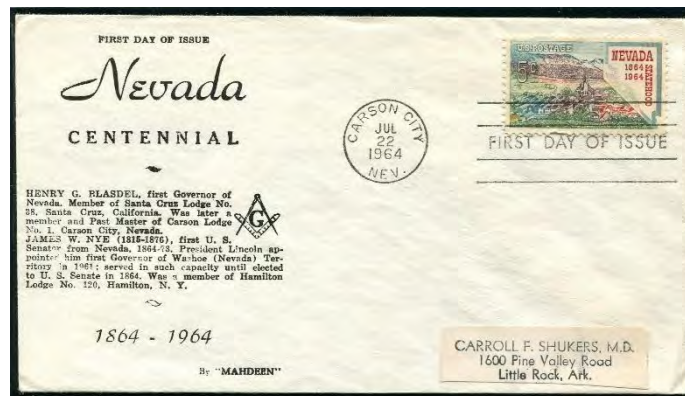


HENRY GOODE BLASDEL

Henry Blasdel was the first Governor of Nevada and can be associated with the stamp issued by the U.S. on July 22, 1964 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Nevada's statehood. Bro. Blasdel was a member of Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38, Santa Cruz, California. He later became Master of Carson Lodge No. 1, Carson City, Nevada.



Henry Blasdel was born January 29, 1825 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and had little education in the common schools of Indiana. He worked as a farmer, storekeeper, and river boat captain before he arrived in Nevada in 1861 at which time he was appointed Recorder of Storey County. He served on the National Union League Committee which notified President Abraham Lincoln of his nomination. Securing the Republican gubernatorial nomination, he was elected Governor in 1864 and re-elected in 1866. During his tenure, the state government was organized, additional land was ceded to the state, plans were made for the first state capitol building, and an Indian uprising was dealt with. He also vetoed an act legalizing gambling during his terms in office. After his governorship, he retired from political life and in 1891 he moved his family to Oakland, California, where he continued to be active in mining and milling. He died in his home in Oakland, California on July 22, 1900 and is interred at Mountain View Cemetery, Alameda County, California.

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None that I am aware of

KUDOS TO THE ISLE OF MAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES

In an effort to acquire the recent Masonic stamps issued by the Isle of Man Postal Authorities, I ordered a few sets directly from them through their web site (www.iomstamps.com) and was very pleased with their service. Not only did I receive the sets I wanted, they included a “freebee” set of 8 postal cards depicting “Innovations in Aerospace” that they had prepared for the Royal Aeronautical Society, a first day cover prepared for the first day of issue for the Masonic set, and a presentation pack – all for the face value of the sets I ordered. They also offer several different usages for these stamps along with offerings for competition and fund raising where, in return, they are able to raise the profile of their postal tribute and product range. (Can you imagine the USPS offering such opportunities when they will not even consider stamps for worthy organizations?) I still have four sets available for members at \$12 for the set plus letter rate postage.

Bro. Jean Claude Vilesy offers the following comments regarding the stories and profiles of the previous Newsletter;

David d’Angers is known in France for having been a member of “Le Pere de Famille” in Angers in 1811 (from the Ligou Dictionary).

About Griboedov (Aleksandr) (Russian spelling): from Tatania BAKOUNINE, the well-known specialist of Russian Masons (Repertoire des Francs-Maçons Russes in 1967: Institut d’Etudes Slaves de l’Universite de Paris.)

1. She does not mention the “Amour de la Verite” for him.
2. She writes he was a member of the L.: “Les Amis de la Verite” in St. Petersburg. In 1816-17-18. He was absent in 1819.
3. The 13 January of 1817 he founded the L.: “Du Bien” in St. Petersburg.

Concerning Napoleon Bonaparte – I’m very sorry but he has NEVER been a Mason. I often thought about his possible membership and really don’t understand how such a man could have been a Mason. He made himself emperor, he was, at that time, the most powerful man of the world. How could he have been a Mason without being Grand Master? Yet, he appointed his brothers Joseph, Jerome, Louis, and Lucien as Grand Master in some countries. I think that psychologically he could not have been a Mason. It was more powerful to be “over”.

Regarding Bro. Vilesy’s question regarding Nelson Mandella. He was made a “Mason at Sight” by one of the U.S. Grand Masters (Prince Hall Mason) during a visit to the United States.

The following pages have been generously provided by Bro. Eddie Levey from his personal collection and are new to us. He lives in Mildura, Victoria.



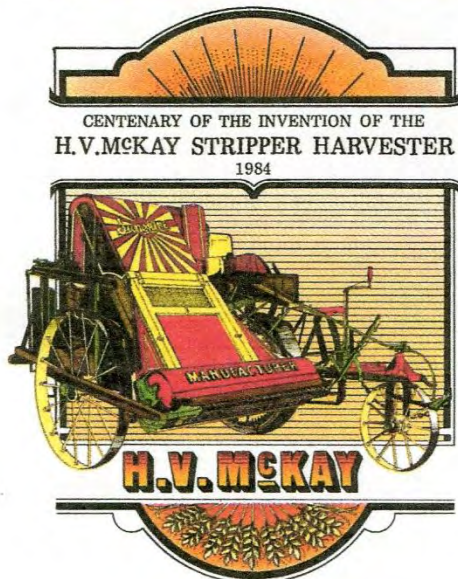
HUGH VICTOR McKAY
(1865—1926)
AUSTRALIAN INVENTOR



HUGH VICTOR McKAY WAS AN AUSTRALIAN INVENTOR OF THE SUNSHINE HARVESTER AND THE INDUSTRIALIST. IN 1883 HE READ ABOUT COMBINE HARVESTERS IN CALIFORNIA AND BUILT A PROTOTYPE STRIPPER HARVESTER PATENTING IT THE "SUNSHINE HARVESTER" IN MARCH 1885 WHICH REVOLUTIONISED WHEAT HARVESTING. HE SUCCESSFULLY COMMERCIALISED HIS INVENTION BUILDING THEM IN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO. HE

LATER AQUIRED THE BAYBROOK IMPLEMENT WORKS, RENAMING IT THE "SUNSHINE HARVESTER WORKS", IN 1907 THE RESIDENTS OF BRAYBROOK JUNCTION VOTED TO RENAME THE SUBURB TO "SUNSHINE". AT ITS PEAK THE COMPANY EMPLOYED NEARLY 3000 WORKMEN AND BECAME THE LARGEST FACTORY IN AUSTRALIA. McKAY WAS MADE A COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) IN 1918).

BRO. McKAY WAS INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY IN THE "ALBERT VICTOR LODGE" No.117. CLIFTON HILL, VICTORIA, ON THE 4th AUGUST 1902. BRO. McKAY AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW "SUNSHINE MASONIC LODGE" No.226, WHICH WAS CONSECRATED IN FOOTSCRAY, ON THE 26th APRIL 1913, WHERE HE LATER WAS INSTALLED AS ITS FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER. MANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES HELD POSITIONS IN THE LODGE.



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REV. JAMES FREDERICK Mc KAY
(1907—2000)
AUSTRALIAN INLAND CHAPLAIN



THE REVEREND JAMES (FRED) McKAY WAS A YOUNG PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER FROM SOUTHPORT, (NOW GOLD COAST) QUEENSLAND. HE JOINED THE "AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION" AND ON THE DEATH OF REV. JOHN FLYNN, FORMED THE FLYING DOCTORS SERVICE. HE BECAME ONE OF FLYNN'S TEAM OF ROVING PADRES IN THE AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION FROM 1935 TO 1974 AND BECAME KNOWN AS THE "PADRE OF THE BUSH". FOR MORE THAN SIX YEARS HE MOSTLY LIVED IN A TRUCK EQUIPPED WITH A PEDAL RADIO. IN 1941 HE WAS THE MUCHED LOVED PADRE OF THE No.3 SQUADRON RAAF, DURING THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN, RETURNING TO THE MISSION AFTER THE WAR. HE RETIRED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION IN 1974 AND LATER BECAME MINISTER OF ST. STEPHENS UNITED CHURCH IN SYDNEY. DURING HIS CAREER HE MADE FRIENDS AMONG THE MOST DISTINGUISHED AS WELL AS THE MOST HUMBLE IN THE NATION. HE PREACHED AT THE OFFICIAL FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BRO. SIR ROBERT MENZIES FULFILLING A REQUEST FROM THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER.

BRO. MC KAY WAS INITIATED IN "Mc KINLEY LODGE" No.368, QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION, ON THE 9th OCTOBER 1937. HE LATER AFFILIATED WITH "ALICE SPRINGS LODGE" No.157, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION. HE LIKewise AFFILIATED WITH "LODGE T.L. WARREN" No.444, NEW SOUTH WALES CONSTITUTION, MEETING AT NORTHBRIDGE, SYDNEY, ON THE 13th MARCH 1978. THIS LODGE LATER BECAME "LODGE FRENCH FORREST UNITED" No.927, AND BRO. McKAY REMAINED A MEMBER UNTIL HIS DEATH.



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ALLAN ROBERT STANLEY VICKERS
(1901—1967)
AUSTRALIAN FLYING DOCTOR

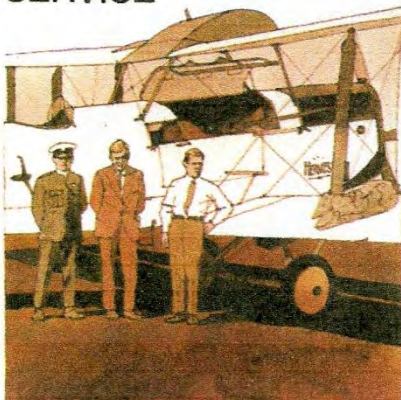


ALLAN ROBERT STANLEY VICKERS WAS BORN IN EUROA, VICTORIA. WITH THE PROMOTING OF REV JOHN FLINN. HE JOINED THE AERIAL MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE "PRESBYTERIAN AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION" AND IN 1931 TO 1934 WAS MEDICAL SUPERINTENDANT IN CLONCURRY IN NORTH QUEENSLAND. IN HAZARDOUS FLIGHTS TO OUTBACK AUSTRALIAN LOCATIONS WHICH LACKED PROPER LANDING STRIPS, VICKERS AVERAGED 25,000 MILES A YEAR

IN HIS "DE HAVILLAND 50 CABIN BIPLANE". IN 1933 HE BEGAN FUNDRAISING DRIVES WHICH LED TO THE NATIONAL AERIAL MEDICAL SERVICE OF AUSTRALIA. IN 1934 HE WAS MADE MEDICAL OFFICER IN BROOME WHERE HE NEXT ESTABLISHED WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FLYING DOCTORS BASE IN PORT HEDLANDS. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT-COLONEL VICKERS AND WAS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 110th AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN PERTH. IN 1942 HE WAS RECALLED TO QUEENSLAND WHERE HE ESTABLISHED THE "FLYING DOCTORS SERVICE" SECOND BASE. HE BECAME MEDICAL CONSULTANT TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE "FLYING DOCTORS SERVICE OF AUSTRALIA" IN 1964.

BRO. VICKERS WAS MADE A FREEMASON IN THE "WODONGA LODGE" No. 156, ON THE 31st MARCH 1926, UNDER THE VICTORIAN CONSTITUTION.

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SIR KENNETH GEORGE HALL (1901—1994) AUSTRALIAN FILM PRODUCER



KENNETH HALL WAS AN AUSTRALIAN FILM PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR. CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN FILM INDUSTRIES. HE WAS THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN TO WIN AN ACADEMY AWARD. HE BEGAN MAKING FILMS IN 1928 BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL HE BECAME ASSISTANT TO STUART. F. DOYLE. WHO ESTABLISHED "CINESOUND PRODUCTIONS" ASKED HALL TO DIRECT A NUMBER OF SHORT FILMS INCLUDING "THAT'S CRICKET" IN 1931. HE THEN WENT ONTO DIRECTING A FILM ADAPTATION OF "ON OUR SELECTION"

FROM THE WRITINGS OF STEELE RUDD ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF A FICTIONAL AUSTRALIAN FARMING FAMILY. THE RUDD'S. THE FATHER AND SON DUO "DAD AND DAVE". THE RESULT LED TO THREE SEQUELS. HE WENT ONTO MANY OTHER FEATURE FILMS

WHICH INCLUDED SOME OF AUSTRALIANS BEST ACTORS OF THE TIME. DURING WORLD WAR II HE PRODUCED AND DIRECTED NEWS REELS AND. INCLUDING HIS OSCAR WINNING FILM OF 1942 "KOKODA FRONT LINE". AFTER THE WAR HE CONTINUED TO MAKE FEATURE FILMS UNTIL 1956 WHEN HE WAS MADE GENERAL MANAGER OF CHANNEL NINE IN SYDNEY. IN 1985 HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE LOGIE HALL OF FAME.

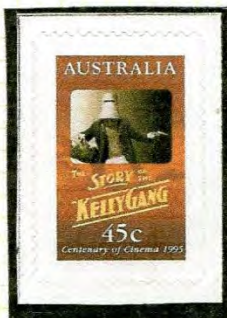
BRO. HALL WAS INITIATED IN THE LODGE "LODGE ANIMA" No. 421. SYDNEY. ON THE 12TH DECEMBER 1922. HE AFFILIATED WITH "LODGE SIRIUS" No 292. ON THE 31ST DECEMBER 1927 BOTH LODGES UNDER THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONSTITUTION. HE RESIGNED FROM FREEMASONRY IN 1927 DUE TO WORK COMMITMENTS.



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SIR REDMOND BARRY (1813—1880) AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL JUDGE

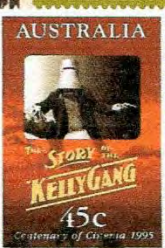
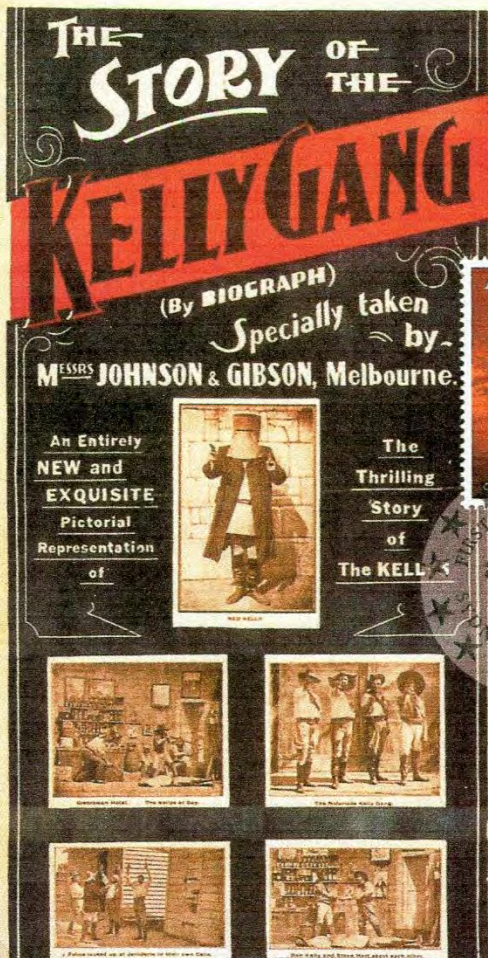


SIR REDMOND BARRY WAS A COLONIAL JUDGE IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, OF ANGLO-IRISH ORIGINS. BARRY ARRIVED IN NEW SOUTH WALES IN 1837 AND ADMITTED TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR. AFTER TWO YEARS IN SYDNEY HE MOVED TO MELBOURNE ARRIVING AT PORT PHILLIP SETTLEMENT ON THE 13th NOVEMBER 1839. AFTER PRACTISING FOR SOME YEARS, AND AFTER THE CREATION OF THE COLONY OF VICTORIA IN 1851, HE BECAME THE FIRST "SOLICITOR- GENERAL OF VICTORIA" AND IN 1852 JUDGE OF THE "SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA". IN OCTOBER 1878,

AT BEECHWORTH COURT, HE PRESIDED OVER A CASE IN WHICH MRS. ELLEN KELLY AND TWO MEN WERE ACCUSED OF AIDING AND ABETTING AND ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A VICTORIAN POLICE OFFICER. SENTENCING THEM TO THREE YEARS WITH HARD LABOUR.

IN 1880 BARRY PRESIDED OVER THE TRIAL OF "NED KELLY" WHO WAS TRIED FOR THE MURDER OF THREE VICTORIAN POLICE OFFICERS. WHEN HE SENTENCED KELLY TO DEATH BY HANGING HE UTTERED THE CUSTOMARY WORDS, "MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOLE". NED KELLY REPLIED "I WILL GO A BIT FURTHER THAN THAT, AND SAY I WILL SEE YOU THERE WHEN I GO". ON THE 23rd NOVEMBER ONLY TWELVE DAYS AFTER KELLY'S EXECUTION, SIR REDMOND BARRY DIED.

BRO. BARRY WAS INITIATED IN THE "GRAND MASTERS LODGE" IN DUBLIN, IRELAND, ON THE 15th MARCH 1835. HE LATER AFFILIATED AS A FOUNDING MEMBER WITH "AUSTRALIAN FELIX LODGE OF HIRAM" No. 349, IRISH CONSTITUTION, (NOW No. 4 VICTORIAN CONSTITUTION) ON THE 30th APRIL 1847.



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STAFFORD LESLIE BULLEN
(1925—2001)
AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS PROPRIETOR



STAFFORD LESLIE BULLEN WAS BORN IN BATHURST, N.S.W. BULLENS CIRCUS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1920 BY HIS FATHER. IT WAS A HARD LIFE AND YOUNG STAFFORD HAD TO HELP ERECT THE BIG TOP, TRAIN ANIMALS, PLAY IN THE BAND AND ABOVE ALL PRACTICE. SOON HE WAS WORKING AS CONTORTIANST, TUMBLER, CLOWN, WIRE WALKER, JUGGLER, AND EVENTUALLY RINGMASTER. AT THE AGE OF 14 HE BECAME AN EXPERT ANIMAL TRAINER OF HORSES AND ELEPHANTS. AT 22, HE AND HIS BROTHER WENT TO THAILAND TO FIND ELEPHANTS, LEOPARDS, AND MONKEYS TO BRING TO AUSTRALIA. IN THE EARLY 1960's, TELEVISION

POSED A THREAT AND THE CIRCUS BEGAN TO FEEL THE EFFECTS. IN 1965 BULLEN, HELPED THE EDGLEY ORGANISATION TO BRING THE MOSCOW CIRCUS TO AUSTRALIA, AND LATER SHOWS SUCH AS DISNEY ON PARADE, THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH, THE MONTY CARLO CIRCUS AND THE MOSCOW CIRCUS ON ICE. IN 1968 THE AFRICAN LION SAFARI OPENED AT WARRAGAMBA, NEW SOUTH WALES. BULLENS TRAVELLING CIRCUS CLOSED IN 1969 AND BULLENS PERMANENT CIRCUS OPENED AT WALLACIA, AND WITHIN THREE YEARS BULLEN WAS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SIX ANIMAL PARKS IN AUSTRALIA. HE WENT ONTO BREEDING LIONS AND TIGERS FOR CIRCUSES AND ZOOS AROUND THE WORLD.



BRO. BULLEN WAS INITIATED IN THE LODGE "LODGE WILLIAM THOMPSON" No.309, ON THE 11th SEPTEMBER 1959, UNDER THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES. HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THE LODGE MOST HIS LIFE, THE CONSTANT TRAVEL THAT DOMINATED HIS LIFE MADE HIS ATTENDANCE IRREGULAR.

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THOMAS SWALLOW
(1823—1890)
AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURER



THOMAS SWALLOW WAS BORN IN ENGLAND AND MIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1849 WHERE HE LIVED FOR 4 YEARS BEFORE SAILING TO THE GOLDFIELDS OF BALLARAT, VICTORIA, WHERE HE SOLD COLT REVOLVERS. IN 1854 HE MOVED TO SANDRIDGE (PORT MELBOURNE) WHERE HE SET UP THE FIRST MACHINE-EQUIPPED BISCUIT FACTORY AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THOMAS HARRIS ARIELL, THEY DEVELOPED THE FIRM OF "SWALLOW & ARIELL'S" INTO A LARGE BUSINESS WHICH MADE BISCUITS NOT ONLY FOR LOCAL BUT ALSO FOR OVERSEAS MARKET. IN 1877 ARIELL DIED AND FREDERICK THOMAS DERHAM BECAME SWALLOW'S PARTNER. THE PARTNERS WENT ONTO DEVELOPING FRUIT CANNERIES, PRESERVING WORKS, SUGAR PLANTATIONS, CRUSHING MILLS, TREACLE AND GOLDEN SYRUP REFINERIES IN QUEENSLAND.

BRO. SWALLOW WAS INITIATED INTO THE LODGE "SANDRIDGE MARINE LODGE" No. 21, SANDRIDGE, PORT MELBOURNE, UNDER THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA. ON THE 20th MARCH 1889, PASSED ON THE 9th APRIL AND RAISED ON THE 19th MAY ALSO IN 1889. HE WAS 27 YEARS OLD WHEN HE WAS INITIATED. HE REMAINED A FREEMASON UNTIL HIS DEATH 12 MONTHS LATER.

MERVYN VICTOR RICHARDSON
(1893—1972)
AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURER



VICTOR RICHARDSON WAS AN AUSTRALIAN INVENTOR AND MANUFACTURER, WHO IN 1953 INVENTED AND MANUFACTURED THE FIRST "VICTA ROTARY LAWNMOWER". VICTOR RICHARDSON STARTED LIFE WITH A POOR EDUCATION, WAS AN APPRENTICE JEWELER, AND LATER A SIGNWRITER. IN 1916, HE HELPED HIS BROTHER DESIGN A LOW-WINGED MONOPLANE FOR WHICH THEY DESIGNED A RADIAL ENGINE WITH CONTRA-ROTATING PROPELLERS. IN 1920 HE DESIGNED THE MOTORCAR "AUSTIN WASP". HE STARTED BUILDING REEL-TYPE MOWERS IN 1950 REGISTERING THE NAME "VICTA MOWERS". HE BUILT HIS FIRST PROTO-TYPE ROTARY LAWNMOWER IN 1952 AND BY 1953 SOLD OVER 60 LAWNMOWERS INCREASING TO OVER A MILLION IN 1966. HIS FAMOUS SLOGAN WAS "TURN GRASS INTO LAWN". VICTA LAWNMOWERS ARE STILL SOLD TODAY.

BRO. RICHARDSON WAS INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY IN THE "WENTWORTH LODGE" No. 89, UNDER THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONSTITUTION, ON THE 6th FEBRUARY 1945.

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AURELIO DA PAZ DOZ REIS

(1862—1931)

PORTUGUESE FILMMAKER



PAZ DOS REIS WAS A HORTICULTURIST AND OWNER OF A FLORIST SHOP IN PORTO, BUT ALSO AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WITNESSED FILMS SHOWN IN THE 1896, AND DECIDED TO TAKE UP CINEMATOGRAPHY. PURCHASING A DE BEDTS, KINEMATOGRAPHY HE BEGAN THAT YEAR TO SHOW A LARGE NUMBER OF ACTUALITY SUBJECTS TAKEN BY HIMSELF IN THE LUMIERE MANNER, AS WELL AS EXHIBITING IMPORTED FILMS. HIS FIRST FILM PROGRAM TOOK PLACE AT THE TEATRO PRINCIPLE REAL, IN PORTO ON THE 10th NOVEMBER 1896. FURTHER SCREENINGS IN PORTUGAL FOLLOWED, BUT AFTER A DISASTROUS SHOW IN BRAZIL ON THE 15 JANUARY 1897, WHEN TECHNICAL PROBLEMS RUINED EVERYTHING, HE ABANDONED CINEMATOGRAPHY AND RETURNED TO FLOWERS AND SIMPLE PHOTOGRAPHY.

BRO. DOZ REIS WAS INITIATED IN THE **"LOJA HONRA E DEVER"** (HONOR AND DUTY LODGE) No.916, UNDER THE GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL, IN 1889 WHERE HE ADOPTED THE SYMBOLIC NAME OF **"HOMER"**. IN 1895 HE AFFILIATED WITH THE **"LOJA AVE LABOR"** (LODGE OF LABOR). IN 1901 HE MOVED TO THE **"LOJA LIBERDADE E PROGRESSO"** No.43 (LODGE FREEDOM AND PROGRESS) AND REMAINED A MEMBER OF THIS LODGE UNTIL HIS DEATH.

JOSE DE ALMADA NEGREIRAS

(1893—1970)

PORTUGUESE PAINTER



JOSE NEGREIRAS WAS A PORTUGUESE PAINTER, AND WRITER AND BORN IN THE THEN COLONY OF SAO TOME E PRINCIPLE. BESIDES LITERATURE AND PAINTING, HE COMPOSED BALLET CHOREOGRAPHIES, AND WORKED IN TAPESTRY, ENGRAVING, MURALS, CARICATURE, MOSIAC, AZULEGO AND STAINED GLASS. HAVING DRAWN INSPIRATION FROM CUBISM AND FUTURIST MOVEMENTS, ALMADA-NEGREIRAS IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE PIVOTAL FIGURES OF THE MODERNIST MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGAL. BETWEEN THE YEARS OF 1918 TO 1920 HE LIVED IN PARIS WORKING AS A DANCER AND AS A FACTORY WORKER AND ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS AN ARTIST. BETWEEN 1927 TO 1932 HE LIVED IN MADRID HAVING HAD AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ARTISTIC AND LITERARY SCENE OF THE CITY. HE RETURNED TO PORTUGAL IN 1934.

BRO. ALMADA-NEGREIRAS IS LISTED AS A FREEMASON BY THE GRAND ORIENT OF PORTUGAL. SOME OF HIS PAINTINGS FEATURE MASONIC SYMBOLS.

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It is with sincere thanks to Bro. Eddie Levey that I was able to use several pages which he provided from his collection. This time of the year becomes very busy for me with vacations coming up. I am very fortunate in having a summer cottage along the coast of Maine which my grandfather built in 1925 but it does require some periodic maintenance to get it ready for summer use. Those activities combined with my activities in my Blue Lodge, local stamp club, and volunteering to create an annual book on 25 to 35 Veterans per year living in my hometown of Andover (which involves holding a reception for them, creating their stories from notes provided, and publication of a book containing those stories for presentation on Veteran's Day in November) tend to bind me up this time of year. I don't mean to complain as I enjoy it all but I must account for my lack of new articles on my behalf at this time of the year.

One of our members has asked if anyone has any information on Guadalupe Victoria Jose Ramon Adaucto Fernandez y Felix (1786-1843) which might indicate that he may have been a Freemason. He was the first President of Mexico and has been pictured on stamps.

NATHANIEL GREENE

The 1 cent value of the U.S. Army issue released on December 15, 1936 pictures Nathaniel Greene. The details of Bro. Greene's Masonic affiliation are still under investigation. Some claim he was a member of a Rhode Island Lodge while others believe it was a military Lodge. Throughout the Revolution he wore a Masonic medal that was presented to him by Lafayette and that medal is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. A Masonic apron, said to have been worn by him, was presented to Lakewood Lodge No. 601, Lakewood, Ohio in 1937 by William Greene, a descendant and member of that Lodge. In 1824 when General Lafayette visited this country, he assisted in the Masonic cornerstone laying of a monument to General Greene in Savannah, Georgia.



Nathaniel Green was born August 7, 1742 in Warwick, Rhode Island. A brilliant general during the American Revolution, he was regarded as a military leader second to Washington. He speedily won the friendship and confidence of Washington, under whom he served with distinction at Trenton, Princeton, and Brandywine. In March 1778, at Washington's request at Valley Forge, he accepted the difficult position of Quartermaster General, retaining, however, the right to command troops in the field. Because of meddling of Congress with the affairs of his department, Greene resigned that position in 1780 but was soon appointed by Washington as commander of the Army of the South. When Greene succeeded Gates in this command, he found the army in so wretched a state, without discipline, arms, or clothing that he could not bring it into condition for fighting until 1781. As soon as this had been accomplished, he began a campaign which in less than one year stripped the English of all their conquests in the Carolinas and Georgia except Charleston, in which he penned up the British Army for the rest of the war. For this he received the thanks of Congress, large grants of land from the Carolinas and Georgia, and the name of "the man who saved the South" in the American Revolution. He died on June 19, 1786 in Savannah, Georgia.

WILLIAM ELLERY

William Ellery was pictured on a stamp issued by Tonga on May 26, 1976 as part of a set commemorating the U.S. Bicentennial showing signers of the Declaration of Independence. A “William Ellery” was made a Mason in St. John’s Lodge, Boston, on October 12 and October 25, 1748. Ellery had graduated from Harvard in Boston the previous year. The same individual was present at the celebration of St. John the Evangelist Day by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on December 27, 1753 and also attended a sermon with the Grand Lodge at Boston’s Trinity Church on October 1, 1755.



William Ellery was born December 2, 1727 in Newport, Rhode Island and received his early education from his father, a merchant, and Harvard College from which he graduated in 1747 excelling in Greek and Latin. He returned to Newport and worked first as a merchant, next as a customs collector, and then as Clerk of the Rhode Island General Assembly. He started practicing law in 1770 at the age of 43 and became active in the Rhode Island Sons of Liberty. He replaced Samuel Ward in the Continental Congress in 1776 and was one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence that year. He was also a signer of the Articles of Confederation. He served as a judge of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and by 1785 had become an abolitionist. He was the first customs collector of the port of Newport under the Constitution serving there until his death on February 15, 1820.

NEW ISSUES OF MASONIC INTEREST

The following new issues of Masonic interest have been documented in recent issues of Linn’s Stamp News.

Kyrgyz Express Post – 9/8/16, Scott 37-40 - Set of 4 composers, including Wolfgang Mozart.

Macedonia – 9/30/16, Scott 729 – Stamp depicting Walt Disney and film characters.

Netherlands – 5/23/16, Scott 1514 - Set of 4 honoring Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Philippines – 11/12/16, Scott 3693/4 – Stamp and Souvenir sheet showing Dr. Sun Yat Sen (China) and Dr. Mariano Ponce.

Romania – 3/18/16, Scott, 5775/80 – Constantin Brancusi pictured on #5775.