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WHOLE No. 5

FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings to all of you! Since the last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector with sadness I report the death of my father. And I was in the hospital for an operation. My father was operated on May 10 for lung cancer which necessitated the removal of his left lung and four days later, May 14, he died from postoperative complications. It was a shock to all of us here because all happened too fast. He was 61. On May 30 I was operated for a severe case of hemorrhoids and after the operation complications developed. I had a rough going for awhile. I am now-home and on the road to recovery. I will have to stay home another week or so. I do hope all of you are enjoying the best of health. If I have been tardy in answering your letters, now you know the reason. Also for the delay of getting out this publication.

I wish to thank all of you who continue to write to me. Your kind and continued encouraging remarks are most appreciated. It is really nice to know that the work and efforts being put in this publication are nicely received by the membership.

Bro. Albert H. Harris, MSU No. 8, writes that he also collects Masonic cards such as Scottish Rite Temples, Grand Lodge buildings, lodge buildings, Shrine hospitals and anything else pertaining to Masonry on post cards. If any members have or can get picture cards of such Masonic buildings I am sure Bro. Harris would appreciate hearing from you.

CORRECTION: Please correct your membership list No. 195 to read CLOUGH. Also No. 156 Zip Code should be 48235. Sorry!

Bro. John M. Cunningham, Washington, D. C. writes that a Masonic stamp collection and literature on Masonry on stamp was recently presented to the Library in the House of the Temple in Washington. This was the Merz collection of stamps with Masonic connotation for permanent display in the House of the Temple. The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club met on Saturday, May 25 in the House of the Temple for the dedication of this collection. Bro. Cunningham writes: "It cannot be over-emphasized the importance of this step, the House of the Temple maintaining a Masonic stamp collection, also literature on Masonic stamp collecting. This means dedicated collectors and those desiring to start such a collection now have a place in which to obtain this information and see stamp related thereto. I am sure any covers and Masonic stamps will be appreciated by Ill. Bro. James D. Carter, Librarian." Your editor, at the request of Bro. Cunningham, will gladly place Bro. Carter on the mailing list to receive our publication and Masonic covers as they come out.

MASONIC COVERS: Special covers for Law and Order issue, honoring J. Edgar

Hoover holder of the Grand Cross and depicting same may be ordered from Bro. John M. Cunningham, MSU No. 186. These covers sell for 25¢ each, postpaid, in quantity of four for \$1.00. Also he has a few plate blocks all four positions. These sell for 50¢ each cover, postpaid, or set of 4 (all positions) \$1.75.

QUESTIONNAIRE: I wish to thank all of you for completing and returning the questionnaire back to me. Here are the results which are very interesting:

This is the age of our membership -

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| 21-30 | 31-40 | 41-50 | 51-60 | 61-70 | 71-80 | 81-90 |
| 3% | 11% | 20% | 23% | 26% | 13% | 4% |

30% of our members are Past Masters. 84% own a philatelic catalogue, 52% would like to see the Unit issue Masonic album pages. 84% subscribe to one or more philatelic newspapers and magazines. 71% belong to one or more of National Philatelic Societies. 31% belong to a local stamp club.

Our members collect Masonic items as follows: 73% Foreign Masons on stamps. 72% Masonic Covers. 70% U. S. Masons on stamps. 70% Masonic Symbols on stamps. 61% Masonic events on stamps. 42% Masonic cancellations. 32% Masonic Postal History. 23% Masonic Corner cards. 6% other, such towns, seals max. cards,

Pennsylvania leads with 25 members; California 22; New York 15; Ohio 13; Wisconsin 13; Canada 12; Massachusetts 10; New Jersey 8; Florida 7; Illinois 6; Louisiana 6; Michigan 6; Maryland 5; Texas 5; Australia 5; others 4 or less.

Interesting? I thought so. To me these figures mean a lot and offer me a guideline in my efforts in editing the Masonic Stamp Collector. I am very pleased to see our members collect intelligently by such high percentage in owning catalogues, subscribe to philatelic news media and belonging to national societies. Also means that the members are educated philatelically. Thank you again for allowing me this analysis.

MASONIC COVER CLUB: Thank you for your replies concerning Masonic covers for the forthcoming issues of Historical Flag Series. You helped made up my mind to go ahead and issue 10 different Masonic covers for each one of the historical flags. These are going to be most interesting and scarce. There are only going to be serviced 200 sets. Every member in the cover club will receive a set or sets according to his standing order. The serviced set will cost \$3.50. I am taking the risk to underwrite the cost involved in this issue with the hope every member in the club will accept this set. Your consideration will be appreciated. You will automatically receive these covers as they come out with a statement asking you to remit the \$3.50 per set. Your early settlement will be most welcomed. However, you may help me. All those of you who are members in the cover club as soon as you read this notice you can help a great deal by sending me your check for \$3.50 per set now. This will be a great help to me. I would like to handle these covers separately from your regular standing order account. May I please count for your consideration and help? Thank you. I am sure you will not regret having this set. This will be a great historical and philatelic item of considerable desire. Members in the cover club have first choice in these covers. Others may order as supply lasts. Our membership now stands at 219. Our Masonic covers already becoming scarce and desirable items.

PAYMENTS IN U.S. FUNDS: I would like to request all our Canadian brethren as well as those from other countries when remitting for membership renewal or for cover club not to send personal foreign checks unless drawn upon a U. S. bank and payable in United States dollars at par. Some Canadian checks received by me, for instance made out in the amount of \$3.00, the exchange and service I had to pay was about 70¢. I am sure all of you can appreciate that this is not good business. I will try and maintain the dues as low as possible but your cooperation in this respect

airplane was a form of unidentified flying object. This tradition of Congressional leadership and initiative has served the Post Office Department well in the past. It is serving equally well today. Senator Monroney and others in the Congress have consistently fought for progress in the nation's mail service. Senator Monroney, in fact, is to the air mail service of today what Congressman Sheppard was to that of yesterday. For that reason, Senator, we have a surprise for you here today. (He was presented with a certificate in honor of his achievements) The Citation reads: 'United States Post Office Department hereby recognizes Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney on this, the 50th Anniversary of the Air Mail Service, for his outstanding contributions to the American people in recognizing the importance of air transportation to the movement of priority mail. Faster and more effective postal service has resulted from programs promulgated at his behest to encourage and accelerate development of the aviation industry.' Senator, on behalf of all of us, it is an honor to make this presentation to you." Senator Monroney is also a Mason. He is a member of Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, Oklahoma City, Okla. receiving degrees on March 24, April 21, May 19, 1928 and member of the Indian Consistory AASR(SJ) at McAlester.

Law and Order 6¢ Commemorative stamp: This stamp was issued on May 17, 1968 to honor Law and Order throughout the country. It was issued to reaffirm the tradition role of the law enforcement officer as a protector and friend of citizens he serves. Law and Order are the primary concern of every Master Mason. Thousands of law enforcement officers throughout the Country are members of the Masonic Fraternity. J. Edgar Hoover, a prominent Mason, 33 degree AASR(SJ) has been the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since 1924. He is a member of Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D. C., and charter member of Justice Lodge No. 46; He is a Mason since 1920. This stamp is truly a tribute to many Masons wearing the uniform of law enforcement.

HISTORIC FLAG SERIES

Bennington Flag, 1777: Bennington militia carried this flag in the Battle of Bennington in which General John Stark defeated General John Burgoyne's forces. This led to the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. General John Stark became a member of Masters Lodge No. 2 (later 5) at Albany, New York, January 9, 1778.

Grand Union Flag, 1775: This flag was raised in January 1776 by Brother George Washington near Cambridge, Mass. as the Continental Army came into being. It was the first National flag of the United States. The Masonic record of George Washington is all too well known. He was initiated November 4, 1752 in the Lodge at Fredericksburg,

Bunker Hill Flag, 1775: The most important battle during the siege of Boston was for the possession of Bunker Hill led by Generals Israel Putnam and Joseph Warren. Gen. Israel Putnam was a member of British Military Lodge at Crown Point, N.Y. 1758. Gen. Joseph Warren received his degrees in Lodge of St. Andrews, Boston, 1761. Grand Master of Massachusetts, 1769-75. He was killed at Bunker Hill. Masons erected a monument at Bunker Hill in his honor.

Rhode Island Flag, 1776: The first Rhode Island Regiment carried this flag in the battles at Brandywine, Trenton and Yorktown. It was at Yorktown that George Washington marched his troops and the French forces of Gen. Jean Batiste Rochambeau where with almost 17000 men he began the siege of Yorktown. Both of these General were Masons. Jean Batiste Rochambeau's name appears visiting Lodge of St. John de Candour at Paris, 1775. Gen. John Sullivan served at the battle of Trenton and Brandywine. He was member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H.

First Navy Jack, 1775: The First Navy Jack was hoisted by the First Fleet Command on December 3, 1775. Among the first Lieutenants of the Continental Navy was John Paul Jones, Father of the American Navy. He was a member of St. Bernard Lodge No. 122 (now St. Cuthbat No. 4) of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, November 27, 1770. He

no. his father

is requested. Thank you kindly.

NEW ISSUES AND COMMENTS

I received my covers and stamps of Great Britain's issues on Captain Cook's voyage of discovery from Bro. Gillberry. The stamp and cover are very attractive and interesting. We are still searching for more light on Captain Cook's possible Masonic connection. The Secretary of Captain Cook Lodge No. 4636 in Marton In Cleveland, England wrote to Bro. Gillberry as follows: "We have been unable to find any evidence that Capt. Cook was a Mason and our Lodge was named after him as he was born in the village of Marton within a few hundred yards of the Hall in which we hold our meetings. He was christened in St. Cuthbert's church and the entry is still legible in the old register." So, there you have it. The search still goes on.

Prime Ministers of Australia: In the last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector we appealed to the membership for information concerning Masonic data on any or all of the projected issue of stamps by Australia to honor all its Prime Ministers. Bro. A. W. Bunn, Footscray, Victoria was very kind to write to me immediately with the following information: "When the set was first mentioned in the press in October, 1965, I wrote to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and received the following reply from which I quote: 'I have to advise there are only two Prime Ministers who are members of our Order - Rt. Hon. Lord Bruce and Rt. Hon. Robert Menzies. Stanley Melbourne Bruce was initiated in Old Malburnians' Lodge No. 317, on 12th June 1925. He was passed to the second degree on the 18 September, 1925, and raised to the third degree on the 18 December 1925. Grand Lodge certificate No. 55895 was presented to him, and he resigned from the Lodge on 14 October 1960. He did not advance beyond the rank of Master Mason. --- Robert Gordon Menzies was initiated on the 10 March 1920 in Austial Temple Lodge No. 110. He was passed to the second degree on the 13 October 1920 and raised to the third degree on the 9 February 1921. Grand Lodge certificate No. 37072 being presented to him. He is still a member of the Lodge. --- In regard to the other Prime Ministers, I have no record of Alfred Deakin being a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, and Barton, Reid, Fisher, Cook and Hughes were all New South Wales persons. --- Scullin, Lyons, Curtin and Chifley were Roman Catholics and unlikely to be Freemasons.' Bro. Bunn continues, the set will comprise Prime Ministers who were in office for at least 6 months, and the following four will miss out, not having occupied office for that length of time. They are Forde, Page, Fadden and Watson. We already know of Sir Edmun Barton, and I shall inquire about the New South Welshmen from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales." Thank you Bro. Bunn for a such enlightening information on the Prime Ministers.

50th Anniversary U.S. Airmail Service: The U.S. Post Office Dept. issued on May 15, 1968, a 10¢ airmail stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of U. S. Airmail Service. The "Father of U. S. Airmail" was the Hon. Morris Sheppard, U.S. Senator from Texas, who introduced a bill early in 1918 to inaugurate and maintain regular airmail service. On May 6, 1918 both Houses of Congress passed the bill on May 11 the president signed it into law. On May 13, 1918 first Airmail stamp was issued. Sen. Sheppard became a Mason in Frank Sexton Lodge No. 206, Pittsburg, Texas, February 23, 1900. Demitted and affiliated with Border Lodge No. 672, Texarkana, Texas, May 1900. 32 degree (AASRSJ) Dallas and member Helia Shrine Temple. Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson in his dedicatory remarks said: "I am proud to note that the Congressional father of air mail, Representative Morris Sheppard, was a Texan. Congressman Sheppard was familiar with frontiers and difficulties. He know the nation deserved to have the power of flight fully exploited for the public benefit. His determination and enthusiasm enrolled the support of fellow Members of congress, many of whom had to convince colleagues about the practicability of a form of transportation some of them had never seen. For in those days the

also became associated with the famous Lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris where there are several references to his membership.

Fort McHenry Flag, 1795-1818: This flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner. A large garrison flag, 30x42 feet, hangs in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. It flew atop Ft. McHenry in 1814 as Key watched the rocket's red glare and bombs bursting in air during bombardment by the British. Fort McHenry was named in honor of James McHenry who was a member of Spiritual Lodge No. 23, Baltimore, Md.

Washington's Cruisers Flag, 1775: Until the Grand Union Flag became the first Navy ensign, Washington's six cruisers carried a white flag with a green pine tree with legend: "An Appeal to Heaven." This flag was later modified and adopted by the Massachusetts Naval forces. One of the cruisers, the *Lee*, captured the British brig, *Nancy*, which carried 4,000 muskets, 31 tons musket shot and other cargo desperately needed by the colonists. The *Lady Washington*, in turn, was captured and its flag deposited in the British Admiralty in London.

First Stars and Stripes, 1777: The Continental Congress resolved on June 14, 1777, that the flag of the United States "be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." The fact that Congress did not stipulate how the stars were to be arranged resulted in varieties. Betsy Ross was engaged by the Continental Congress to make the first American flag. Many members of the Continental Congress were Masons.

Philadelphia Light Horse Flag, 1775: A highpoint for this colorful troop was at war's end when it presented to the Continental Congress captured flags from the surrendered British army at Yorktown. When organized, the troop consisted of 28 young men from elite Philadelphia families. The troop often served as escort to General Washington. The Troop participated at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine and Germantown. It is one of the first flags to contain 13 stripes.

Ft. Moultrie Flag, 1776: This is said to be the first flag that Americans displayed in the South during the Revolutionary War. It flew above Ft. Sullivan in Charleston Harbor, when the seaport was attacked by the British fleet. During the ten-hour bombardment, the flag was shot away. Sergeant William Jasper left the defense, recovered the flag and raised it. The flag is blue with a crescent and the word "liberty" in white. The Fort was later named Ft. Moultrie to honor its defender, General William Moultrie.

HERMAN SCHULZE-DELITZSCH

1829-1883. German Politician and Economist. Judge; 1848 member of the Prussian National Assembly; Leader of the Progressive Party; First State then Federal Representative to parliament and founder of the German Trade Union Movement - economic self-help. He was a member of the Lodge "Zur Bestaendigkeit" (Endurance or Duration) in Berlin, Germany.

He is shown on Germany 789. Also Germany 353 and 446. Saar 316; Turkey 1108.

Submitted by Brother Paul S. Levie, MSU #217, Riverside, R. I.

HEINRICH FRIEDRICH KARL STEIN

1757-1831. Prussian Statesman for whom the teachings of humanitarianism became an ideal for established government. A genial minister of finance and taxation, liberator of the peasants from feudalism and royal advisor to King Friedrich Wilhelm III. He demanded an end to the then prevalent "secret cabinet"

government" and the right of orderly popular participation in the law making process. Together with other Freemasons and liberals of the time he brought about the so-called, "Grand Prussian Reform," which gained him the title of being "the cornerstone of German freedom." In 1778 he - supposedly - became a member of the Lodge "Joseph zu den drei Helmen" (Joseph to the three Helmets) in Wetzlar, Germany (which this author has visited frequently.) Thanklessly dismissed by his emperor and hated by Napoleon, Stein fled to Austria in 1809, where the Vienna Government considered him a "dangerous enlightener and renovator," and denounced him as "a man possessed with the masonic spirit."

Stein is shown on Germany 776. Also E. Germany No. 181.

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Ed. note: Bro. Levie is a new member in the MSU and a new contributor of Masonic philatelic material for publication in the MSC. The above two Masonic items are part of a series of articles furnished me by Bro. Levie which will appear in future issues of the MSC. Our thanks to Bro. Levie for his interest and desire to share with us.

CRAFTSMEN CRICKETERS

By Allan M. Evans

People in the U.S.A. favour the sport of Baseball, and we have many prominent players who were Freemasons ... these have been fairly well listed in the Masonic pages of the philatelic press from time to time, and can be illustrated with your own - U.S. issued on baseball plus other issues showing aspects of this game. I am endeavouring to compile a similar list of Freemasons who were prominent in CRICKET circles ... perhaps listed as "Craftsmen Cricketers" or "Brothers of the Bat and Ball" ... the issue of Barbados showing Gary Sobers (we are not yet sure if he is a member of the Craft) and more recent issues of Jamaica, Guyana and St. Lucia should be ample to illustrate such an item. With this in mind, I have made contact with the secretary of Lodge Cricket No. 931, U.G.L. of NSW, and with his help and cooperation of local enthusiasts, I hope to make a fairly comprehensive list. For a starter, these brethren are members of Lodge Cricket (other membership shown in brackets):

Foundation members - Rt. Wor. Bro. Bert Oldfield, FGJW, foundation Master (also member Lodge Killara No. 670; Initiated in Lodge Arcadia No. 177 about 1920); Bro. Alan Davidson (also of Lodge Empire Temperance No. 432); Bro. J. N. Campbell (member of Lodge Chatswood No. 285); Bro. Jack Chegwyn (also of Lodge St. Crispin No. 662); Bruce Cook (also of Lodge Manly Temperance No. 568); Norman Gorman (also of Lodge Justice No. 461. Initiated in Lodge Sydney St. John No. 80); W. Bro. Dudley Seddon (Initiated Lodge True Friendship No. 600); Albert Vincent (Initiated Lodge Northbridge No. 481); Bro. E.C.S. "Ted" White (initiated Lodge Torchbearer No. 638); Umpire Pat Bates (also member lodge Harmony No. 5); Umpire Fred Lyons, deceased (initiated Lodge Croydon No. 385); Wor. Bro. Sydney Smith, foundation IPM (initiated Lodge Kuringai No. 230. Former President of NSW Cricket Assn., Board of Control Secretary, now aged 88 and still attending); Very Wor. Bro. R. H. Tulk, PDGDC (initiated Lodge Woolahra No. 341. Treasurer of NSW Cricket Assn. and Board of Control); Bro. David Sherwood (initiated Lodge John Williams No. 148. Scorer and baggage master with Australian team in England 1964 and 1968). Initiates since consecration (2.2.1959) include Bro. Ian Craig, first initiate of 4.5.1959; Bro. Doug Ford initiated 4.1.60 to be installed WM 6.5.1968; Bro. Brian Taber initiated 4.7.1960; Bro. Jim O'Regan initiated 7.8.1961, now TV commentator for ABC in Melbourne; Gamin Goonesena initiated 5.11.1962, played for Cambridge, N.S.W. and Ceylon; Bro. Bob Simpson initiated 2.12.63.

Other top-grade cricketers in the Craft includes Jim Bratchford, Bill Kaus, Wally Grout, Don Tallon, Len Maddocks, Wes Hall, Ken Gulliver, Johnny Martin, Herbert Sutcliffe, Bill Bowes, Arthur Morris, Bill Lawry, Allan Connolly, Ron Saggars, Frank Easton, late Arthur Mailey, Don Bradman, Bill Brown ... and umpires Ken Wright, Mel McInnes, Les Townsend and Col Hoy.

This is a start ... many of these are world-renowned Test cricket men, others are well-known in this country as Sheffield Shield cricketers. As I find more details, I will supply you with a complete list. Cricket is our main summer sport in Australia, and is highly rated in England, the West Indies, South Africa, India and other countries. Members in these countries may be able to add to the list. There are so many in the Craft that I think we should list only first class players, umpires or officials. The Jamaican authorities told me that the men shown on their three stamps are no particular people, and that the design showed no particular field or game. I don't know so much about the St. Lucia pair.

I have a number of names of our world-class Rugby Union footballers also, but so far haven't time to pursue these ... perhaps one of our members would be interested to take up this angle - I'll be happy to list those I know (There is a Lodge Rugby in NSW where I can get a fair bit of information from this end.

Ed. note: The above most interesting article on Craftsmen Cricketers was written and forwarded to us by Bro. Allan M. Evans, MSU No. 180, Wooloowin, Queensland, Australia. We thank Bro. Evans for his efforts in compiling this long list of names of the Craftsmen Cricketers

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HENRY FORD

On July 30 a U. S. 12¢ stamp, in the prominent American series, will be issued as a memorial on Henry Ford's 105th birthday; philanthropist and pioneer leader of the Automobile industry. Born in 1863, a descendant of the Tribe of Judah and native of the Sign LEO. Bro. Ford pioneered the Model "T" automobile, affectionately known as the "TIN LIZZIE." Also sponsored several national and international ventures and humans objectives. Bro. Ford pioneered reduced working hours to a five day week; with increased wages and a minimum \$5.00 daily wage. He also launched an employees Profit Sharing plan in 1914 of 10 to 30 million dollars, annually. As one of the world's wealthiest men, Bro. Ford established the \$7,500,000.00 Henry Ford Hospital, strictly on a salary basis for all employees, including Physicians and Surgeons. In 1915 Bro. Ford chartered a "Peace Ship" to Europe. He bore the entire expense in hope of inducing warring nations to stop W.W.I. His efforts resulted in complete failure. Bro. Ford was active in eight prominent business and social clubs. He was Chief Engineer of the Edison Co., a member of

the Soc. of Automotive Engineers; World's largest Mfg. of Autos. in 1903, a member of The Wage Umpire Board, under Pres. Wilson. Also Dean of Engineering Univ. of Detroit, 1926. His fortune established the \$2 billion Ford Foundation; world's largest private Trust Fund for worthy causes.

Bro. Ford was raised in Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, Mich. on Nove. 28, 1894. The degree team was composed of men in overalls with whom he worked at the Edison company. He continued a staunch member of this lodge for almost 53 years. On March 7, 1935 he was made a life member of his lodge and presented with a testimonial plaque commemorating his 75th birthday. Ford made many visitations to lodges near his summer home at Traverse City and his winter residence in Georgia. He also made several visits to Zion Lodge which his brother-in-law, William R. Bryant, served as master in 1932. On Nov. 21, 1928 he was made an honorary member of Zion Lodge No. 1 (Michigan's oldest lodge). When he received the 33 degree AASR(NJ) in Sept. 1940, he stated: "Masonry is the best balance wheel the United States has, for Masons know what to teach their children." Henry's only son, Edsel, was not a Mason, but two of his grandson, Benson and William are. The third grandson, Henry II, became a Roman Catholic. Bro. Ford died on April 7, 1947.

This memorial stamp to a Brother Mason, as a great benefactor and Master Mechanic, is a most relevant Masonic Symbol of "Temple of God"; as exemplified in the Master Mason and Scottish Rite rituals.

Submitted by W. Wesley Hibbard, MSU No. 156, Detroit, Michigan. Ed. note: A picture of Henry Ford and his 1903 Model A car was issued by Monaco, Scott No. 545, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Henry Ford. Five years later the U.S. saw fit to issue a stamp. I guess it is better later than never. A Masonic cover will be issued by the Masonic Cover Club.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MEMBERS

Many members wrote me and ask me that they would like to know more about myself and my activities concerning Masonry and Philately. Finally, I have decided to write something about myself so you can get to know me a little bit better. I have gotten to know you many of you through the questionnaire and I guess it is only fair that I reciprocate. Bro. Fred Jelsema, MSU No. 179, Rapid City, S.D., writes that he would like to see short bio-sketch of the Masonic background of some of our members. He says this would be helpful in correspondence. I think this is an excellent idea. Don't be modest. Let us hear from you. I am making the start. How about you? Bro. Jelsema, how about sending in a short bio-sketch of yourself. I would like to have information Masonically as well as Philatelically.

BIO SKETCH NICHOLAS G. KOUTROULIS

Born in Greece in 1932. Came to U.S.A. in 1949, became U.S. Citizen in 1954. Resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, since 1949. Occupation, traffic representative Strachan Shipping Company, Steamship Agents and Stevedores, New Orleans, La. Attended Tulane University, Business Administration. Korean Veteran. Married; Margaret L., two sons one daughter. Past President, two terms, Crescent City Stamp Club, Inc., presently member of the board of Directors. President and Editor, Louisiana Masonic Stamp Club. President, Southern Philatelic Federation, two terms. General Chairman of A.P.S. New Orleans Spring meeting and NOPEX 1967 as well as chairman of other philatelic exhibitions. Served in New Orleans Post Office Committee for Louisiana Statehood Sesquicentennial stamp 1962. Vice Chairman for Battle of New Orleans Commemorative stamp 1965, Battle of New Orleans Sesquicentennial Committee. Appointed by A.P.S. President to serve as Chairman of the A.P.S. By-Laws Committee for the term 1968-69. Member of the Board of the Australian Commonwealth Collectors Circle (U.S.A.), A.P.S. Unit No. 22. Member A.P.S. Writers Unit No. 30, Philatelic Literature Association Unit No. 15. Member Confederate Stamp Alliance and Postal



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Masonically, was raised in November 1954 in Linn Wood Lodge No. 167, New Orleans. In 1956 served District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the 18th Masonic District. In 1962 demitted and affiliated with Ideal Lodge No. 367 also in New Orleans, serving Worshipful Master in 1965. Member of Babylon Chapter No. 66, RAM, serving High Priest in 1962. New Orleans Council No. 35, RASH, serving Illustrious Master in 1967. Member Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19, K.T., serving Eminent Commander in 1966. Member Order of Highpriesthood and Silver Trowel of Louisiana. Chairman, Grand Commandery of Louisiana Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee since 1967 for three years. Served in Committee of Grand Lodge for Credentials in 1967. This year appointed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Chairman, Foreign Correspondence Committee. Grand Representative of Greece near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana-since 1965. Member Grand Consistory of Louisiana AASR (SJ) and Jerusalem Temple AACOMS all in New Orleans.

WAS THEODORE ROOSEVELT A SCOTTISH RITE MASON?

In the book "Masonic Gleanings" by Robert Glenn Cole, on page 182 the author tells of an occurrence that took place when Theodore Roosevelt was touring in Italy in 1910. It was mentioned in a cable from Rome dated April 5 and appearing in the Chicago Tribune dated April 6, 1910 in part as follows: "Later, Sig. Ferra, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient Scottish Rite, with a deputation, called at his apartments and conferred upon him a high Masonic title. Col. Roosevelt delivered a brief speech in which he expressed gratification at the honor and insisted upon the principles of brotherhood, liberty and tolerance which, he said, form the basis of regular Freemasonry." The author continues: "I cannot think of any 'high Masonic title' which the Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite and his officers and associates would confer on a world famous man who was a Mason but not a member of the Scottish Rite, except to make him a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32^o, and possibly even a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^o. There would be ample precedent for this. Benjamin B. French, 33^o and Bro. T. C. Pierson, 33^o lunched with President Andrew Johnson at the white House on June 20, 1867 and afterwards in the President's own rooms conferred on him by communication the Scottish Rite degrees."

Theodore Roosevelt is pictured on U.S. 830, 856, 1037. C.Z. 150. Cuba 610, C192.

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FIVE STEPS - MASONRY ON STAMPS

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STEP III

MASONRY'S PHILATELIC HALL OF FAME. "God created man in his own (Spiritual) Image" (Gen 1:27) SR 19-28 degrees. This act of God; a Masonic precept, has been proven for centuries, by the lives, virtues and qualities of the worthy Brothers, now

enshrined in Masonry's Philatelic Hall of Fame. Each, in his own way, exemplified; "THY WILL BE DONE" (Matt. 6:10) MM,SR,YRSC. Current Handbooks list over 450 relative Masonic varieties. Space permits listing only a few, as a nucleus for a comprehensive collection of "Masonry's Philatelic Hall of Fame."

Part 1; TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL; (Ezek 48:23-34) SR, YR. Twelve Mastermasons are selected; who, (from birth records) are the Biblical descendants (Generations) (Isa 4:17-YR) of The Twelve Tribes. See Israel types, A26, A48, A83.

| <u>TRIBES</u> | <u>NATAVITY</u> | <u>BROTHER</u> | <u>BIRTH</u> | <u>COUNTRY AND TYPE</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Gad | Aries | Benito Juraz | 3.21.1806 | Mexico A62, A94 |
| 2. Joseph | Tarus | Louis Kossuth | 4.27.1802 | U.S. A563 |
| 3. Benjamin | Gemini | Nathan Hale | 6.6.1755 | U.S. A154 |
| 4. Issachar | Cancer | Rich'd Bennett | 7.3.1879 | Canada A154 |
| 5. Judah | Leo | Napoleon | 8.15.1769 | France A247 |
| 6. Naphtali | Virgo | M. Moreno | 9.23.1778 | Argentina A134 |
| 7. Asher | Libra | Franz Liszt | 10.22.811 | Hungary A261 |
| 8. Dan | Scorpio | Theo.Roosevelt | 10.27.858 | U.S. A160 |
| 9. Simeon | Sagittarius | George VI | 12.14.895 | G.B. A107 |
| 10. Zebulum | Capricorn | Jos. Joffre | 1.12.1852 | France SP56 |
| 11. Reuben | Aquarius | Sam'l Gompers | 1.27.1850 | U.S. A435 |
| 12. Levi | Pisces | San Martin | 2.25.1778 | Chile A117 |

Note: Above is a reliable chart to build your collection of Twelve Tribes, varieties-when birth date is known. Authentic references concur that The Twelve Tribes of Israel; (SR,YR) Aaron's Breastplate; (SR,YR) and the Twelve Astrological Signs; (SR,YR) are relative and synonymus, in above order.

Part 2; Testimonial Stamps of Masonic import, in history and progress (H). Including; Landmars (L), Cornerstones-lay (CS), Shrines (S), Memorial or Mommment (M), Credos (C),etc.

(H) US AP6, Lindberg flight; US A181, G. W. at Cambridge; US A547, Land'g Lafayette
 (L) US A231, Ft. Dearborn; US 230, G. Washington Hdqs Newburgh; US A272, Mt. McKinley
 (M) US A199, Gen. A. Wayne; US A458, Rushmore Mem.; US A481, Bunker Hill; Ph.Is.A78 Rizal Mem.
 (CS) Peru A110, Liberty; US A439, U.S. Capitol; Germ. A37, Cologne Cath.
 (S) US A479, Mt. Vernon; US A528, Jas. Buchanan; US A484, Jackson Hermitage; US A377 FDR home.
 (C) US A380, Four Freedoms - FDR; US A582, G.W.Quotation; US A583, B.Franklin; US A584,T.Jaffer.

Part 3; Stamps that depict the Non-affiliate whose virtues and qualities exemplified Speculative Masonry in principle precept and practice. Men, long esteemed and/or honored by the Craft as; Divine (D), Patron Saint (S), Patron (P), Revered (R), Oft Quoted (Q) Martyr (M), Friend (F), etch. A few types and numbers are;

MD - Jesus Christ, Bolivia AP21; P - Swendenborg, Sweden A48 and George V, Canada A43, A53
 R - Apollo, Greece A15. Pathagoras, Greece A154-5. Dante, Italy A61-3; S - St. John (Bapt.) Licht. A170. St. John (Evan.) Switz. 409. St. Matthew, Sqitz 406. St.Mark, Switz 407. St. Luke, Switz. 408; Q - Longfellow, US A323; Homer, Greece A151. Emerson, US A320
 F - Robt. E. Lee, US A496. Dan Boon, US A363. Emp. Joseph II, Austria A12-A21.
 M - Julius Caesar, Italy A249; RQM - Lincoln, US A559, A562.

Part 4, Step III, will be continued next issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector together with Step IV which will cover Emblems and Symbols of Masonry.

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