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WHOLE NO. 13



JOHN PAUL JONES, 1747-1792--

John Paul Jones was born July 6, 1747, at Kirkcudbright, Scotland, a son of John Paul, a gardener. One biographer says he adopted the name of Jones after being accused of piracy, while others say he adopted the name after being befriended by a Jones family after coming to America.

At the age of 12 the youth left school and was apprenticed to a ship owner as a cabin boy. At 19 he became chief mate on a slave ship, serving two years in the slave trade. He then took passage on a ship to Scotland and took command when the master and mate died, taking the ship safely into port.

At the outbreak of the Revolution Jones came to America, offered his services to the Continental navy, and was commissioned a Senior Lieutenant--the first officer to be commissioned. Next promoted to commodore, he was placed in command of a mixed fleet of French and American vessels. His flagship was the "Bonhomme Richard." On September 23, 1779, he engaged the British man-of-war, "Serapis," in one of the most famous naval battles of American history. The battle lasted four hours under a full moon. His ship was in a sinking condition with four feet of water in its hold; all her guns except three were out of action. The ship was on fire and half her crew had been killed or wounded. The rigging had been shot away and the ship was no longer maneuverable. The British commander shouted "Do you surrender?" to which Jones gave his immortal reply: "I have not yet begun to fight." What was left of Jones' crew lashed the ships together and boarded the "Serapis." After bitter hand-to-hand fighting the ship was captured--an unbelievable feat of arms.

Following the war Jones went to France in a vain attempt to collect the monies due him from that nation as spoils of war. Here he died July 18, 1792, at the early age of 45. He was buried in a Protestant cemetery in

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Paris. Here his remains were found in 1905 and brought to America where he was buried in a crypt in the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Jones was made a Mason in St. Bernard Lodge at Kirkudbright Nov. 27, 1770. On May 1, 1780, he joined the famous Lodge of Nine Sisters — the lodge of Franklin and of Voltaire in Paris.

The United States will honor John Paul Jones with a stamp to be issued at Annapolis September 23, next. He was previously honored on the 1¢ Navy series, issued in 1936, Scott's #790.

(Editor's note: Several members sent in biographies of John Paul Jones. This is a composite of those sent in. Please accept our thanks.)

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UNIT TO SPONSOR FIRST DAY COVER--

The Masonic Study Unit will sponsor a first day cover of the John Paul Jones stamp. These will be priced at \$1.00 each, plus SASE, and should be ordered at once from the Editor — Walter J. Kirby, 2106 No. Van Buren Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72207.

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HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY, 1911-1978--

Late in 1978 Ecuador issued an air mail stamp honoring the late Senator and former Vice-President, Hubert H. Humphrey. We have not learned the exact day of issue, but Scott's has assigned it No. C635.



A complete biography of Bro. Humphrey was published on Page 33 of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON.

Bro Humphrey received his Masonic degrees in 1946 in Cataract Lodge No. 2, at Minneapolis. He was exalted in St. Anthony Falls Chapter in 1948, and was a member of Zuhrah Shrine Temple. He received the Distinguished Achievement Award of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1973.

Bro. Humphrey also appears on a stamp of Ajman, Scott's No. 25, issued in 1964. Here he appears with the late President John F. Kennedy and with Lyndon B. Johnson.

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MASONS IN GOVERNMENT--

The Masonic Service Association has published its annual list of Masons in Government. It shows that 14 of the country's Governors and 120 members of the 96th Congress are members of the Craft. Also listed are members of the Masonic Fraternity serving as Justices, member of the Cabinet, and Lieutenant Governors.

Copies of the list are available from the Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, for a nominal fee.

— Masonic Service Assn.

FINANCIAL REPORT--MASONIC STUDY UNIT,

As of April 30, 1979:

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Postage, printing, etc.	\$411.14	Dues and Fees, etc.,	\$804.07
Secty's. Expense	<u>114.57</u>		
	\$525.71		<u>\$804.07</u>
Excess income over Expenditures	<u>278.36</u>		
	\$804.07		<u>\$804.07</u>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
By Excess Income	\$278.36	Checking Account	\$662.01
Due Sec'y for Expenses	64.94	Cash on Hand	58.00
Amount in Excess	<u>+376.71</u>		
	\$720.01		<u>\$720.01</u>

(s) R. M. Needham, Secy-treas.

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ROBERT BURNS, (1759-1796)—

Robert Burns, generally considered the greatest Scottish poet, was born Jan. 25, 1759, at Alloway, Ayrshire. He was the oldest of seven children of William Burness, a cotter or gardener.



Almost entirely self-educated, Burns began farming with his brother, Gilbert, at Mossgiel in 1784. Hoping to emigrate to Jamaica, he published 44 of his poems in the Kilmarnock edition in 1786. They proved him a master of using dialect and conversation in celebration of nature, love and patriotism. He spent two years in Edinburg before marrying Jean Armour and settling down on a farm at Ellisland. He continued to contribute songs, satires and tales of Scottish folklore. In 1789 his farming venture failed and he was appointed an exciseman. He then went to Dumfries, where he died July 21, 1796.

Burns was raised in St. David Lodge No. 174, Tarbolton, on Oct. 1, 1781. The next year he helped form St. James Lodge No. 178, in the same town. (To it he wrote "The Farewell to the Brethren of St. James Lodge.") Later he was a member of Canongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews Lodge No. 179, Dumfries.

His likeness appears on two stamps of Great Britain, Scott's Nos. 444 and 445, issued on his birthday in 1966. He also appears on two stamps of Russia, Nos. 1861 and 1861A, issued in 1956-57.

— Norman G. Lincoln.

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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--

Anticipating the 250th Anniversary of George Washington's birth, a movement is already under way to have a 250th Birthday set of stamps in 1982 "humanizing" Washington, the Man, and depicting his various roles in civilian life — as a surveyor, husband, family man, landowner, church steward, Freemason, president, etc. The general public should see more of George Washington on stamps than just busts or military portraits.

Your support of this Proposed stamp set is important especially for the religious and Masonic aspects because the Postal service guidelines prohibit commemorating fraternal organizations. However, a picture of Washington laying the cornerstone of the Capitol should take precedence for its historical importance rather than as a fraternal event.

Letters from you, members of your family, and friends should be sent immediately to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Administration Group, Room 5700, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260. and if convenient send copies to your U.S. Senator and Congressman.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Marshall S. Loke, Pres.

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NEW MEMBERS--

- 116 Frank Chlumsky, 29 Ernest Ave., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801
- 117 Chas. W. Geolan, P.O. Box 355, Normangee, Texas 77871
- 118 Robert C. Krueger, 4773 N. Sheffield Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wisc. 53211
- 119 S. Serebrakian, Inc., P. O. Box 448, Monroe, N.Y. 10950

Address Correction:

- 95 Mrs. Rona M. Kesselman, NRMC-EMF Dept., 7500 E. Carson, Long Beach, Ca. 90822

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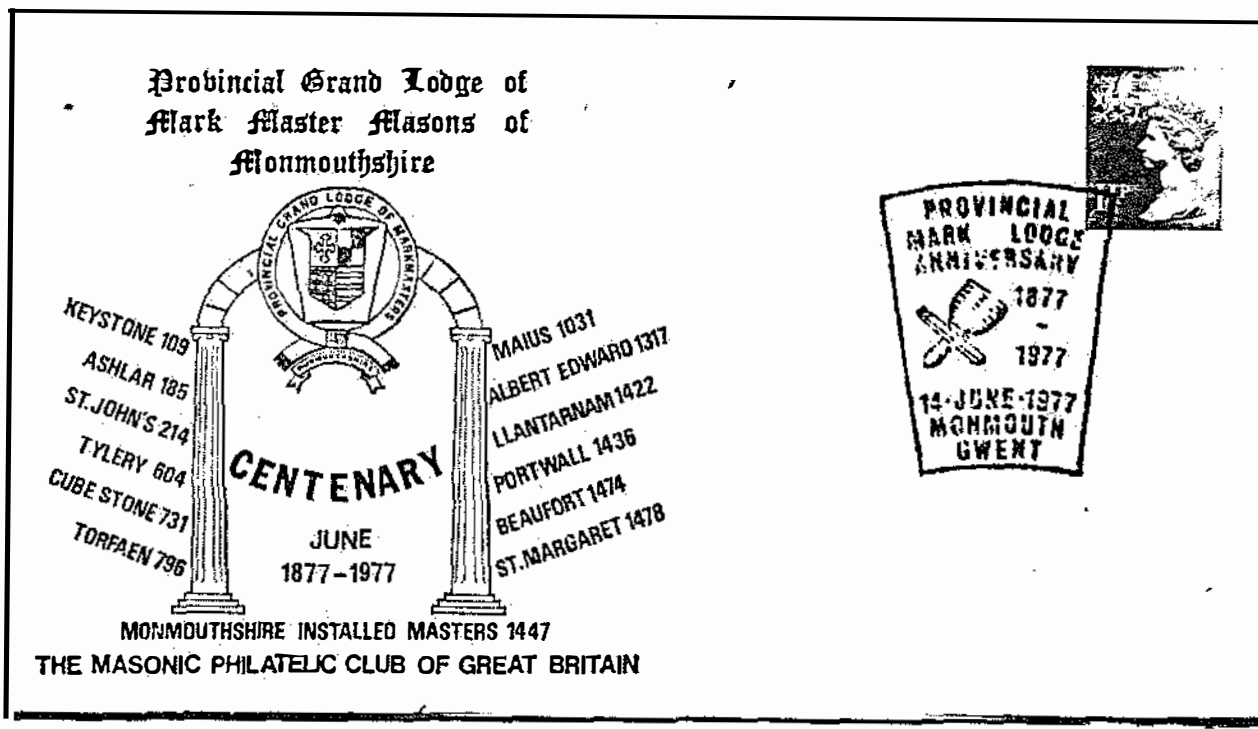
WHO CAN HELP?--

Would any member living in New York or a nearby state, be willing to donate a few hours of his service to the Masonic Unit once every two months? The job can be done in your own home or office. Contact Bro. Marshall S. Loke, 275 Yarkerdale Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14615.

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KANSAS LOWERS AGE TO 18 YEARS--

The Grand Lodge of Kansas has become the 6th state to lower the age of applicants; as of June 28 the minimum legal age of applicants becomes 18. Other states with a minimum age of 18 for applicants for Masonry are Idaho, North Dakota and Minnesota, while Nebraska and Wyoming have a minimum age of 19.

MASONIC COVERS AVAILABLE--

Bro. John M. Cunningham has generously made another contribution of Masonic covers to our Printing Fund. Covers are as follows:

UNITED STATES:

- 10 FDC #1630 with Masonic cachet, and with 5¢ Grenada Grenadines.
- 10 French Bicentennial Gift covers, 5/28/76, with #1631 and Masonic Cachet.

PHILIPPINES:

- 20 FDC 10s Quezon stamp with Masonic cachet and special cancel.

GERMANY:

- 10 FDC Carl Schurz stamp with Masonic cachet and special cancel.
- 10 FDC Gustav Streseman stamp with Masonic cachet and special cancel.
- 10 FDC Carl von Ossietzky stamp with Masonic cachet and special cancel.

GREAT BRITAIN:

- 9 Centenary of Provincial Grand Lodge, 6/14/77, with Masonic cachet and special keystone cancel.

Most of these covers have explanatory information. Carl Schurz' biography was published on Page 3 of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON, while those of Streseman and von Ossietzky were on Page 87. These are priced at \$1.00, plus SASE. Covers offered in our last issue are still available. Make checks payable to Printing Fund, and order from the editor.

CHRISTOPH MARTIN WIELAND (1733-1813)--

Wieland was a German poet and man of letters, whose work is representative of the Enlightenment in its Rokoko aspect. The most important of his writings are "Die Abderiten" ("The Republic of Fools," English translation), "Das SommerMärchen," "Geron der Adlige," "Oberon" and others. Without creating a school, Wieland influenced considerably the German literature of his time. He was at once a poet of the lightly charming Rokoko society and of an optimistic Enlightenment morality based on a seriously considered philosophy. Goethe delivered a moving oration at his funeral.



He was initiated, passed and raised at the beginning of April, 1809, in the Lodge "Amalia" at Weimar.

The German Democratic Republic honored him with a 15pf multicolor issued June 26, 1973, picturing him and his home at Weimar.

— John M. Cunningham.

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A MASON ON A REVENUE STAMP--

Several months ago we published a long list of Masonic brethren on internal revenue stamps. Bro. Marshall S. Loke adds the following to the list:

DANIEL MANNING (1831-1887) — Born at Albany, New York, Manning entered the office of the "Albany Argus" at the age of 12, rose to manager, and became president of the paper in 1873. Interested in banking, he was president of the National Commercial Bank of Albany. He served as Secretary of the United States Treasury, 1885-87, during President Grover Cleveland's first administration, resigning that office to become president of the Bank of New York, but died December 24, 1887.



Bro. Manning was a member of Temple Lodge No. 14, Albany, New York. His portrait is on the \$5.00 revenue stamp, (Federal Use Tax on Motor Vehicles) circa 1946.

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AS LONG AS our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will: as long as it secures to us the rights of persons and of property, liberty of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending.

— Andrew Jackson.

QUINTINO BOCALUVA (1836-1912)—

Quintino Antonio Ferreira de Souza Bocaluva (or Boocayuva) was born in Rio de Janeiro and became known as "Patriarch of the Republic."



Issuing from a very poor family he had a struggle to graduate in law at the University of Sao Paulo. He adopted a journalistic career, fought for the Declaration of the Republic and was actively connected with the events that finally led to that declaration on Nov. 15, 1889. He served in a number of important posts in the early days of the Republic. In addition to his political and journalistic activities he wrote a number of plays.

He was initiated in the Lodge "Amizade" in Sao Paulo in 1861. He was elected Grao Mestre of the Grande Oriente do Brasil on June 21, 1901, serving in that capacity for three years.

Bocaluva is depicted on an 8cr brown issued Dec. 28, 1962, marking the 50th anniversary of his death.

— Denis I. Duveen.

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CARLOS ANTONIO de MENDOZA (1856-1916)—

de Mendoza, Panamanian patriot and politician, was one of the founders of the Republic of Panama in 1903. Draftsman of the Declaration on Independence, he became vice-president in 1910, acting as president after the death of President Jose Domingo de Obaldia.

de Mendoza was initiated in the Lodge "Estrella de Pacifico" No. 33 in Panama in 1882. In 1883 he was Orator of the Lodge "Luz de Oriente" No. 39 in Panama. He became a member of the Lodge "Rose de America" No. 65 in Panama in 1907, and joined the Lodge "Acacia" No. 50 later. He was a founder of the Lodge "Cosmopolite" in 1911 and served as its Worshipful Master. He was a member of Knight of Rose Croix and Knight Kadoeh under the jurisdiction of Colombia. He was granted the 33d Degree in Cartagena, Colombia, in 1910. At the foundation of the "Supreme Consejo Nacional de Panama" on Nov. 28, 1915, he became the first Sovereign Grand Commander, dying three months later.

The Republic of Panama issued a 10¢ bi-color in 1956, Scott's No. 405, marking the centenary of his birth.

— Wessel M. Lans.

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THERE IS NOTHING certain in politics except salary and rake-off.

— Will Rogers.

GOTTHOLD EPHRAIM LESSING, (1729-1781)—

March 20, last, German Democratic Republic, (DDR) issued six stamps honoring "Important Personalities." These included Gerhard Stauff, Max von Lave, Arthur Schuenert, Friedrich August Kekule, Georg Forster and Gotthold Lessing. Lessing was a Mason; were the others?



Lessing was a German playwright, critic and philosopher, often considered the father of modern German literature. His last works dealt largely with religious tolerance, his pleas reaching a climax in his drama, "Nathan der Weise" and his essay "The Education of the Human Race."

He was initiated on Oct. 14, 1771, in the Lodge "Zu den drei Rosen" in Hamburg. Though he wrote many essays on the Craft, he never took an active part in the work of the lodge.

He has previously appeared on a stamp of Germany, Scott's No. 359, issued in 1926, and of D.D.R., No. 205, issued in 1954.

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MELVIN JONES, (1879-1961)—

Panama has issued a 50¢ stamp with a portrait of Melvin Jones to commemorate the 100th birthday of the founder of the Lions Clubs.



Melvin F. Jones was born Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of an army captain. While he was still a small boy, the family was transferred to St. Louis, Mo., and then to Quincy, Ill.

Young Jones began his business career at Chicago as an insurance salesman, later opening his own agency. He joined a Chicago businessmen's club and was elected secretary. He proposed club projects for the good of the community and urged similar groups to do the same. He then merged them into a single organization called "Lions," whose purpose was to assist in the betterment of orphanages, youth centers, institutions for the blind and other civic endeavors. Lions clubs worldwide became the International Association of Lions Clubs. Jones gave up his thriving insurance business to give his full time for the next 33 years as Director General of Lions International and editor of "The Lion." After suffering several strokes, Jones died at the age of 82 years at his home in Flossmoor, Ill., June 1, 1961. Streets, hospitals, playgrounds, clinics, plazas and schools have been named after him.

At the age of 27, Jones petitioned Garden City Lodge (now Covenant Lodge) No. 141, A.F. & A.M., Chicago, Ill. He was initiated March 14, passed April 3, and raised July 17, 1906, and remained a life-long member.

Stamps with his portrait, other than that mentioned above, have been issued by Nicaragua, Scott's No. 801 and C413 (1958); San Marino No. 467 (1960); Monaco No. 665 (1967) and Paraguay No. 693-4 (1967.) Also Panama (1978) No, 592.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!

CAMILLE HUYSMANS, (1871-1968)—

Huysmans, Belgian socialist writer and statesman, was a leader of the moderate wing of the Flemish nationalist movement during the first decades of the 20th Century, and prime minister of Belgium from 1946 to 1947.

Huysmans taught in the college at Ieper, Belgium, the Athenium at Ixelles, and the Université Nouvelle in Brussels. He served in the House of Representatives, first from Brussels and then from Antwerp, acting as secretary for the Second International based in Brussels, 1905-1922.

As minister of education, 1925-27, he promoted teaching of Flemish in the Flemish provinces. He fled the Nazi occupation in 1940 to London, where he became vice chairman of the Belgian Parliamentary Consultative Committee. After the war he led a coalition ministry and served as minister of education in the succeeding ministry of Paul-Henn Spaak.

Huysmans was a member of Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes" in Brussels, initiated Oct. 15, 1900, passed April 15, 1901, and raised June 24, 1901. On Jan. 2, 1933, he became a member of Lodge "Manix van St. Aldegonde" in Antwerp, resigning Jan. 21, 1958.

His likeness appears on carmine rose semipostal No. B864, 1.50fr+50c, issued Nov. 14, 1970.

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JOSE do PATRICINIO, (1853-1905)—

Jose do Patricinio was born in Campos, Rio de Janeiro, from very poor parents. A mulatto, it was with great hardship that he succeeded in graduating as a pharmacist. He founded and directed the "Gazeta da Tarde" and the "Cidade do Rio" and as a journalist strongly promoted the abolition of slavery, which earned him the nickname of "The Tiger of Abolition." He was also an ardent Republican. Accused of participating in a revolt against Floriana Peixoto in 1892, he was exiled to Amazonia. He was a founding member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters. His chief works were "Motta Coqueiro," "Um Retirantes" and "Pedro Espanol."



He was initiated in the Lodge "Uniao a Tranquilidade" at Rio de Janeiro in the year of 1883. There was at one time a Lodge "Jose do Patricinio" but it no longer exists.

A 60c dark slate gray, issued Oct. 9, 1953, Scott's No. 759, marks the centennial of his birth.

— Denis I. Duveen.

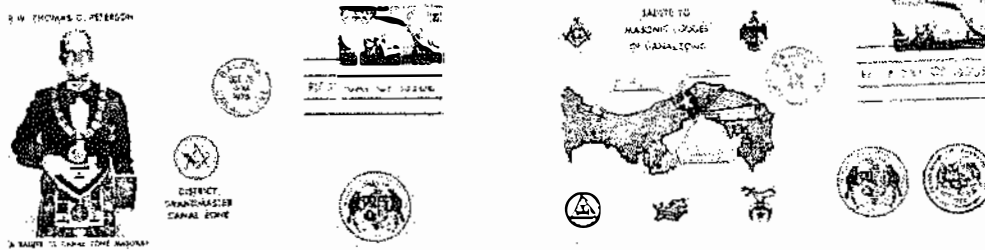
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TRY COMPLIMENTING your wife, even if it frightens her at first.

— Mark Twain.

NO MAN is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

— Theodore Roosevelt.

SALUTE TO CANAL ZONE MASONRY--

Recognizing the long tenure of Masonry in the Canal Zone (1898-1979), a special set of philatelic covers bearing what will be the Zone's last stamp have been prepared with inserts covering the history of lodges in the Canal Zone and honoring R.W. Thomas C. Peterson, District Grand Master of the Zone in 1977-78. The Canal Zone District, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts since 1913, consists of six Blue Lodges. Bro. Peterson is the first District Grand Master born in the Canal Zone.

The two covers, shown here in greatly reduced size, are available from Bro. John M. Cunningham, Grant 223, Soldiers and Airmens Home, Washington, D.C. 20317. The price of the two covers is \$3.00, postpaid.

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THE EDITOR SPEAKS--

As your editor has stated several times, this is YOUR journal, and is, to a large extent, what YOU make it. We depend on YOU for copy.

What do you want in the PHILATELIC FREEMASON? Would you like more checklists? What changes would you like to see in it? Please let us know.

And "Every Member Get a Member" is not just a slogan, but should be a goal for each of us. If we would do this, our postage bill would be about half of our present cost. Printing could be had in much larger quantities at reduced prices. There is "clout" in numbers. Make this YOUR goal, and get a member TODAY!

And keep biographies and checklists coming to us. We will all benefit by your doing so!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Walter J. Kirby, 32^o

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WE ARE THE first nation in the history of the world to go to the poor-house in an automobile.

-- Will Rogers (1931).

WHATEVER YOU DO, trample down abuses, and love those who love you.

— Voltaire.