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## ELECTION TIME IS HERE!!—

By-laws of the Masonic Study Unit require that the election of the three elective officers be held annually, they to take office May 1. These are president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. These officers may succeed themselves.

In our last issue we gave you a form on which to nominate members for these offices. While results have not been what we would have liked, our secretary gives us the following nominations:

For President, #6, Leonard W. Kemp and #28, Dr. M. L. Nafzinger.

For Vice-president, #118, Robt. Krueger and #60, Rev. W. W. Bowling.

For Secretary-Treasurer, #3, Richard W. Needham (for re-election.)

Each of those nominated has been a member for some time and has worked hard for the Unit. President Marshall S. Loke does not care to serve us as president again, but we can rest assured that he will cooperate to the utmost with all who are elected.

The outside wrapper of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON is your ballot; mark and return it to Secretary Needham TODAY. Do not put it off, for you might forget.

And DUES ARE DUE. Why not include a check to Bro. Needham along with your ballot? It will save you 15¢ to do so!

And don't forget to GET ANOTHER MEMBER this month!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Walter J. Kirby, Editor.

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This country is where it is today because of the real common sense of the big normal majority.

— Will Rogers

FRANZ JOSEF HAYDN (1732-1809)--

Haydn was the second son of a wheelright who was the sexton and organist of the village church. A fine tenor, he and his wife both sang in the church choir. At the age of five, young Haydn was taken to live with a cousin who taught him to sing and to play the violin and other instruments.



At 13 he composed a mass; at 20 he had composed sonatas and a comic opera, "Der neue krumme Teufel." This was a satire on a local nobleman, and was suppressed.

Prince Paul Esterhazy became interested in young Haydn and took him into his court at what was then a magnificent salary. As time passed, he became more popular, and he holds a high place in musical history.

It is possible that his close association with Mozart resulted in his becoming a Mason. On February 11, 1785, he was made an Entered Apprentice in Lodge "Zur Wahrein Eintracht" (True Harmony) and Mozart, who had been a Mason for three years, was present.

The first philatelic appearance of Haydn was on a 1922 issue of Austria (Scott's No. B50). In 1959 the sesquicentennial of his death was marked issues of Austria (#644); Czechoslovakia (#940); Germany (#804d); Hungary (#1256) and Russia (#2195).

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BERNARDO CAMPOS, a Mason, was defeated for president of Brazil in 1906 by a powerful coffee growers' lobby that demanded higher prices for coffee. (Is that same lobby still in power? — Ed.)

DUES ARE DUE!!



BRAZIL AGAIN HONORS FREEMASONRY--

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite in Brazil, a special cover was prepared. This was issued in November, 1979, and the postal authorities created a special cancel for the occasion. Some 7,000 covers were cancelled, but owing to the absence of any postage stamps of Masonic interest being available, stamps of non-Masonic interest were used. Each cover contained two leaflets explaining in Portuguese and English the historical background of the occasion.

Bro. Denis I. Duveen, MSU #13, using stamps from his collection, secured the cancel on a limited number of covers on the 150th anniversary stamp that honors the Grande Lojas Brasileiras, issued in 1977. He also received the cancel on a like number on the Grand Oriente stamp of 1973, Scott's No. 1303. We appreciate Bro. Duveen allowing us to use this reproduction.

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CLAREMORE LODGE NO. 53, Claremore, Okla., has changed its name to Will Rogers Lodge No. 53. Please change your records accordingly.

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VICTORY AT ALL COSTS, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.

-- Winston Churchill.

NETHERLANDS TO HONOR FREEMASONS--

On March 4, 1980, the Dutch Postal Service will issue a series of stamps honoring well-known statesman. Two of them were Masons: Prof. Pieter Jacobus Oud, liberal statesman, and Pieter Jelles Troelstre, Socialist leader.

PIETER JACOBUS OUD was born in Furmerend December 5, 1886. He read law at the University of Amsterdam and accepted a position in the Inland Revenue Department on the island of Texel.

From 1917 to 1933 he was a member of the Dutch Parliament. During the serious economic recession of the thirties he was Minister of Finance (1933-37). In 1938 he was appointed burgomaster of the world-port of Rotterdam. In 1940 he went through the destructive German bombing of the city. The following year the occupying Germans deprived him of his office. Returning to office in 1945 he faced the difficult task of leading the reconstruction of the heavily battered city. He remained in office until 1952. In this period he was one of the founders of the Liberal party which revived after the war (1948).

From 1952 to 1957, Prof. Oud was professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law at the Economic University of Rotterdam. In 1963 his professional career was crowned with his appointment as Minister of State. Brother Oud died in Rotterdam on August 13, 1968.

Pieter Jacobus Oud was initiated on April 25, 1911, in the Lodge "L'Union Royale" No. 1 in The Hague. On April 19, 1912, he affiliated with the Lodge "Willem Frederik Karel" No. 41 in DenHelder. In this lodge he was passed on June 26, 1913, and raised on March 23, 1916. On September 21, 1931, he returned to his mother lodge "L'Union Royale." On July 1, 1956, he joined the Lodge "Frederic Royal" No. 8 in Rotterdam. In this lodge he was Worshipful Master from June 18, 1954, until his death in 1968.

In 1936 Bro. Oud became a member of the "Orde van de Hoge Graden" (Order of the High Degrees). On October 17, 1936, he was initiated in the degree of "Prince Rose Croix" in the Chapter "L'Union Royale" in The Hague. On January 1, 1954, he joined the Chapter "De Eendracht" (Concord) in Rotterdam. The "Orde van de Hoge Graden" formed in The Netherlands an independent Masonic Obedience under its own Grand Master.

In 1937 Bro. Oud became a member of of the "Areopagus Jacques de Molay" in the Valley of The Hague. He was subsequently initiated in the following degrees: 22nd degree, "Knight of the Royal Axe", on September 25, 1937; 26th degree, "Prince of Mercy", on October 17, 1938; 28th degree, "Knight of the Sun", on December 9, 1939; 29th degree, "Knight of St. Andrew", January 22, 1949; 30th degree, "Knight Kadosh", on March 6, 1950. On April 14, 1951, the 31st degree, "Inspector Inquisitor" and the 32nd degree, "Master of the Royal Secret", were conferred on him in "The Consistory Jacques de Molay". On May 16, 1953, his Masonic Career was crowned with "The 33rd and Last Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Kingdom of The Netherlands."

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PIETER JULLES TROELSTRA was born in Leeuwarden on April 20, 1861. In 1888 he took a degree of Doctor of Law at the University of Groningen. In 1893 he began practising as a barrister in Utrecht where, in 1894, he became one of the founders of the Socialist Labour Party after a split with Domela Nieuwenhuis, who preferred to steer a Marxist Communist course.

From 1897 to 1925 he was a member of the Dutch Parliament and leader of Socialist party in Parliament. Troelstra also made a name for himself by his poems in the Frisian language. He died in The Hague May 12, 1930.

In 1883 Troelstra was initiated in the Lodge "De Friesche Trouw", No. 20 in Leeuwarden. In his Memoirs he relates that he had applied to become a Mason at the request of his father, who was a member of the same lodge. However, his interest did not extend beyond his initiation into the first degree. He describes the year 1892 as the year which brought the greatest crisis in his life. In that year he resigned from the Order

— Messel M. Lans.

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JOSEPH LAKANAL (1762-1845)—

After having been a teacher for 14 years, Joseph Lakanal, famous French educator and statesman, was elected to represent his native department in the National Convention of 1792 where he voted for the death of Louis XVI. His extensive knowledge of the problems of education led to his becoming a member of the Committee of Public Instruction in which his chief work was the National Education Project. As president of the Education Committee he had much to do with creating the Ecole Normale, the Institute de France and the central and primary schools. He held various educational posts.

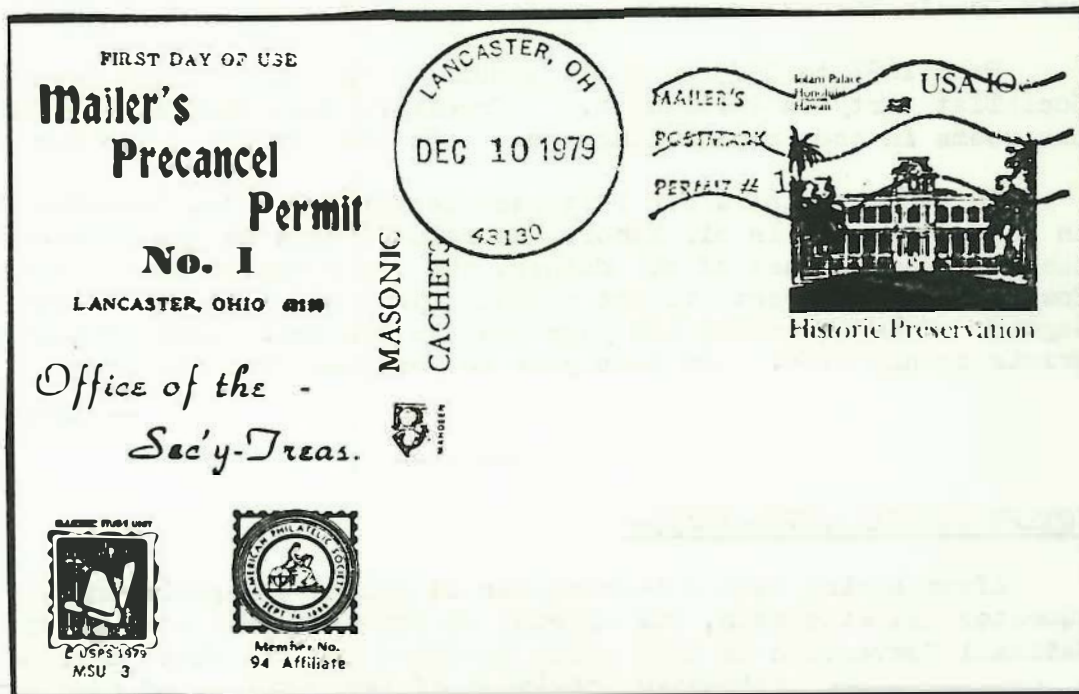


He had been a supporter of Napoleon during the Revolution, but after Waterloo his position was insecure. Early in 1816 he was banished as a regicide and emigrated to the United States where he became president of the College of New Orleans. In 1834 the French Government permitted to come home, his membership in the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of the Institut de France was restored and he became vice-president in 1844 and president in 1845.

Lakanal was a member of the Lodges "Le Pont Parfait" and "La Triple Harmonie", both in Paris, and of the Chapter "L'Abeille Imperiale." He was also one of the founders of the Chapter "La Triple Harmonie" in Paris. The date of his initiation is unknown, but is assumed to have been in 1790.

Lakanal was honored on 20+10c semipostal stamp in the Famous Frenchmen series of 1962, Scott's No. B361.

— Marshall S. Loke.

OUR VERY OWN POSTMARK--

Our efficient secretary-treasurer, Bro. Richard M. Needham, has secured a Mailer's Postmark Permit, and future mailings from his office will bear this postmark, as shown above. Bro. Needham cacheted a limited number of these with first day cancellation. As long as these last, he will furnish the postal for 75¢ and the cover for \$1.00 to those interested. His address is 708 No. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

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VALENTIN VODNIK (1758-1819)—

Valentin Vodnik was a poet of some eminence in his native Slovakia. He was born February 3, 1758, in Laibach and died January 8, 1819, in the same city. He flourished during the existence of the short-lived Illyrian Kingdom which had been evoked by Napoleon and was destined to fall to pieces rapidly. About this time he composed his "Iliria Ozivljana" (The Revival of Illyria) but sympathizing too much with the French, he incurred the wrath of the Austrians when they came back into possession, and was deprived of his posts, dying soon afterwards in poverty.



Vodnik was a member of the Lodge "Franco-Ilyrienne des Amis du roi de Rome et de Napoleon" in Laibach. His likeness is on a 1943 Jugo-Slavia stamp, Scott's No. 1K5.

— Marshall S. Loke.



SOME NEW STAMP ISSUES (1979) WITH HISTORIC CONNECTIONS --

COUNTRY	ISSUED	SCOTT #	Denom.	DESCRIPTION
Aust. Antarctic Territory	6/20	L35	30¢	Adm. Richard E. Byrd
		L36	55¢	" " "
Chile	4/17	536	5.50p	Battle of Maipú (B. O'Higgins)
Congo Republic	7/21	904	100fr.	Salvador Allende
Cyprus	10/1	522	50m	Horatio Herbert Kitchener
Dominican Rep.	11/13			Lions Int'l (Melvin Jones)
German Dem. Rep.	3/20	1998	35pf	John Georg Adam Forster
" " "	3/20	1999	70pf	Gotthold Ephraim Lessing
Gibraltar	2/7	381	25p	Letter "G"
Italy	4/23	1363	170L	Ugo Foscolo
Liberia	4/2	836	5¢	Presidents Gardner and Tolbert
"	8/15	849	30¢	President Tolbert donating blood
"	8/15	850	50¢	" " and Red Cross
Luxembourg	4/30	689	5fr	Antoine Meyer
Malawi	9/17	354	5t	President H. K. Banda
New Zealand	2/7	679	10¢	Sir George Grey
" "	2/7	680	10¢	Sir Richard John Seddon
Nicaragua	3/7	C962	20cor	Bernardo O'Higgins
Niger	10/6	489	100fr	Alcock and Brown
Peru	7/27	688	115s	Adm. Miguel Grau
"	7/27	690	200s	Col. Francisco Bolognesi
Poland	7/1	2345	8.40z1	Thadeuz Kosciuszko monument
"	10/1	2357	8.40z1	Casimir Pulaski monument
San Marino	7/12	953	220L	Sherlock Holmes
Sierra Leone	10/3	454	5c	Pres..Stevens and Tolbert
Sweden	9/6	1293	1.70k	Jons Jakob Berzelius
"	11/15		1.30k	Jules Bordet
Togo	6/18		100fr	"Dewitt Clinton" locomotive
U.S.A.	2/23	UX78	10¢	George Rogers Clark postal
"	6/4	1780	15¢	Baltimore Cathedral by Benj. Latrobe
"	6/4	1782	15¢	Philadelphia Exchange by Wm. Strick-
"	9/23	1789	15¢	John Paul Jones land
"	10/11	UX79	10¢	Casimir Pulaski postal
"	11/4	1001	15¢	Will Rogers

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DEMOCRACY IS the worst system devised by the will of man — except all others.

— Winston Churchill.

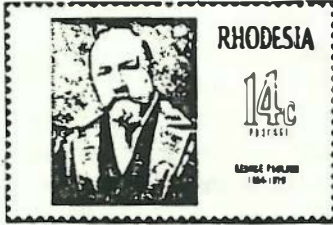
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MAN OFTEN MISTAKES notoriety for fame and would rather be remembered for their vices and follies than not to be noticed at all.

— Harry S. Truman.

GEORGE PAULING (1854-1919)--

George Pauling, born in St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, England, went to South Africa in 1875 and entered the service of the Cape Government Railways as a junior engineer.



Later he became an independent railway contractor. He contracted to build the railways to Rhodesia from the south and from the east coast, and later to complete the internal lines as well. This occupied his company over a number of years. Cecil Rhodes in 1891 asked him to extend the line from Vryburg to Mafeking. This was delayed for a time.

He went to Salisbury in 1894 and became a member of the first council of Rhodesia. In 1895 he became Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, and also Postmaster General. He resigned from these posts to resume his position with his own firm in April of 1897. He continued to build railways including the Benguela Railway in Angola.

Pauling was initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 828, Grahamstown, Cape Colony, South Africa, on March 5, 1877. He was passed on June 4th and raised on July 2 of the same year. In June, 1884, he was appointed Junior Warden. He resigned from the lodge in March, 1887.

A portrait of George Pauling appears on a 14¢ stamp of Rhodesia, issued in 1974. This is not listed in Scott's, because their purchase was prohibited from July 29, 1968, until recently.

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JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE (1689-1785)--

James Edward Oglethorpe was the youngest son of Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe of Westbrook Place, near Godalming, Surrey, in the Parish of St. James, London.



In 1682 he was elected to Parliament, where he became interested in persons in the London prisons imprisoned for debt. He took a leading part in the movement which resulted in a royal charter being granted for a colony in America, called Georgia after King George II. He came to the colony with the first group of 120 prisoners in 1733.

Where and when Oglethorpe was made a Mason is not known, but when the first Masonic lodge in Georgia, known only as "The Lodge at Savannah," was organized he became its first Worshipful Master, holding the post for nine years, when he went back to England.

Oglethorpe's likeness appears on a 3¢ stamp issued February 12, 1933, Scott's No. 726.

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Did you get a new member this month?



GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN (1740-1795)—

Like most of Washington's generals, General Sullivan was a Mason. He was a delegate from New Hampshire to the Continental Congress of 1774.



In 1775 he was appointed a brigadier general in the New Hampshire militia, and in 1776 was promoted to major general under General Washington, and assigned to duty on Long Island. He held many important commands with valor during the Revolution. In 1779 he led an expedition that defeated a strong force of British Loyalists and Iroquois Indians at Elmira, New York. He resigned his commission shortly after. He again served in the Continental Congress in 1780-81, was attorney-general of New Hampshire 1881-86; president of New Hampshire 1886-89 and United States District Judge 1889-95.

General Sullivan was raised in St. John's Lodge December 12, 1768. He served as Master of his lodge in 1789, and became the first Grand Master when the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was organized in 1790.

Sullivan's likeness appears on the 2¢ Sullivan's Expedition stamp of 1929, Scott's #657.

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GASPARO SPONTINI (1774-1851)—

Gasparo Spontini, Italian composer, was born at Majolati, Italy, educated at the Conservatorio de Turchini at Naples. He produced successful operas at Rome, Florence, Naples and Palermo, then settled in Paris. Opera was very popular in the early 19th century, and in France he established the style called "grand opera," where all the arts were joined together to produce grand spectacles, highly charged emotional situations, and opportunities for spectacular singing. Several of his successful works were produced beginning in 1804 at the Academie. He was appointed director of the Italian Opera in 1810, but was ill-fitted to serve and voluntarily resigned in 1814.



By invitation of Frederick William III, Spontini settled in Berlin in 1820 to supervise all music performed at the Prussian court, and to compose new grand operas. After Frederick William III died in 1840, Spontini's conduct became imperious, so in 1842 Frederick William IV dismissed him with full salary and titles. He then settled in Paris. In 1848 he became deaf and in 1850 he retired to his birthplace, where he died bequeathing all his possessions to the poor of his native Majolati.

Gasparo Luigi Pacifico Spontini was a member of Lodge "L'Age d'Or" in Paragia, Italy; dates of initiation are not available.

He was twice honored on stamps of Italy: 1937, 10 cent, Scott's #387, and 1975, 100 lira, #1206.

-- Marshall S. Loke.

A BIT OF YESTERDAY--

Many of our members were born since the "postcard craze" of the early part of this century, so may find this bit of nostalgia amusing.

This particular card, taken from your editor's collection, was copyrighted in 1908 by the Delman Mfg Co., of New York. On the reverse it bears the wording: "Fraternal Series 199. Subject 2953" It was mailed from a lady in Omaha to another in a destination in Iowa.

Your editor has seen quite a few post cards of the comic type, evidently "poking fun" at our organization and similar orders.

Such cards are difficult to secure today, and bring prices of several dollars, especially if in good condition.

Post Card collectors have an organization (more than one) that buy and exchange cards just as you and I collect stamps, even being "topical" in their collections. Almost any topic you may mention will probably found on these cards.



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I STUCK MY NECK OUT!--

When the Masonic Study Unit was organized, I was asked to serve as editor, and have greatly enjoyed the work — still do for that matter, and hope to continue for years to come.

But I stuck my neck out! I said we would have a news letter of TEN pages every two months. I had envisioned our members furnishing me with more copy than I could use! At this time more than 125 members who have never contributed a single word for publication! This is your periodical. — it is what YOU make it. Please don't expect a few of us to do it all. Send us an article for publication TODAY!

— Walter J. Kirby, editor.



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