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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED--

Though we did not receive as many ballots as we would have liked, it has been necessary to "close the ballot" with the following results:

PRESIDENT-- Leonard W. Kemp, 40; Dr. M. L. Nafzinger, 16.

VICE-PRESIDENT-- Robert Krueger, 31; Rev. W. W. Bowling, 25.

SECRETARY-TREASURER— Richard M. Needham (unopposed) 56.

Our congratulations to the "winners" and we feel positive that the "losers" will continue to give us their utmost cooperation. Let us each "put our shoulder to the wheel" and give them our best efforts.

Perhaps President Kemp may be able to give us a list of appointive officers for our next issue.

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THE NEW PRESIDENT SPEAKS—

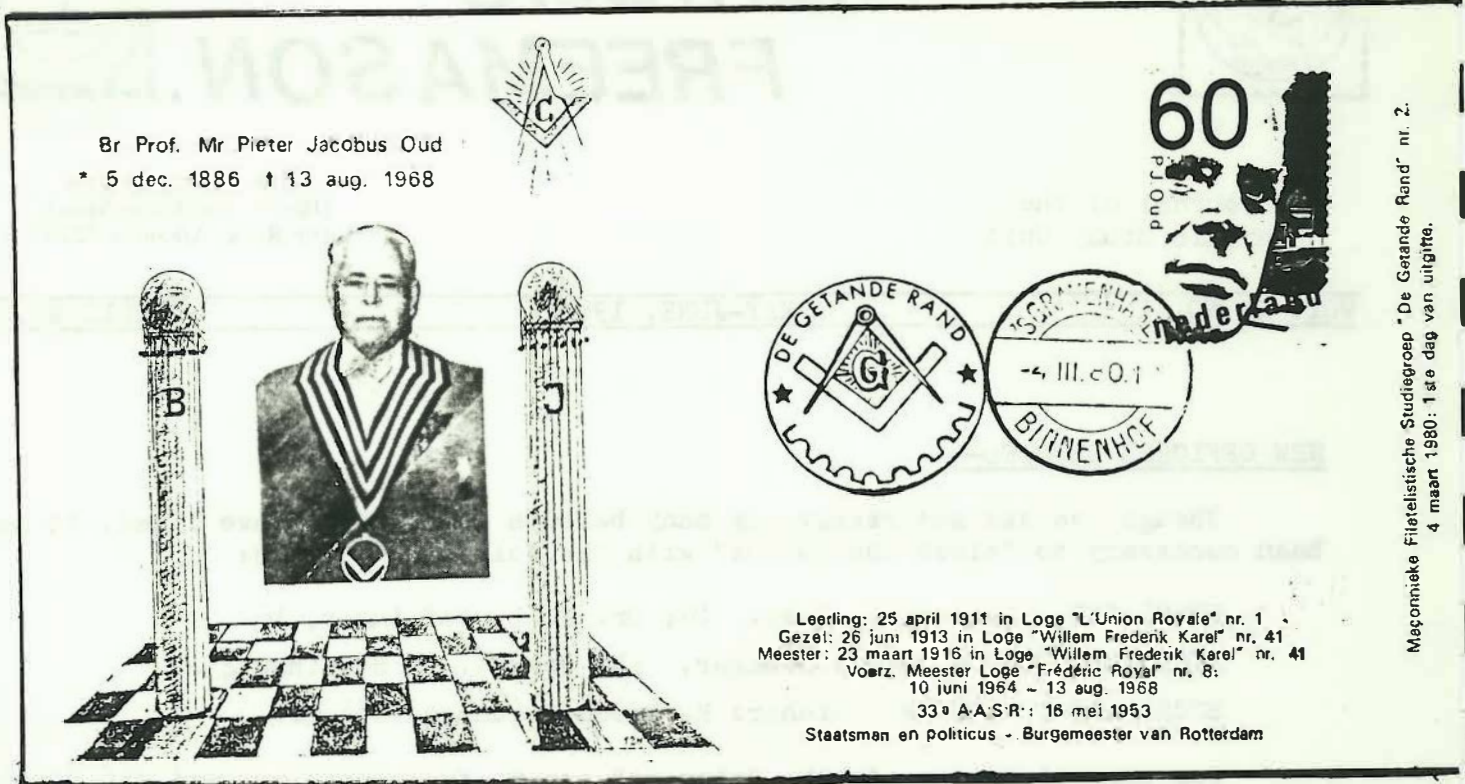
Please let me thank all of the members of the Masonic Study Unit for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me President of the Unit, and I want to assure you that I will strive to fill the job to the best of my ability.

It has been three years since we re-activated the Masonic Study Unit; the splendid cooperation that we have received from our members has truly made our journal a big success, and I only wish I could thank you personally. Our membership has continued to increase, and we have become internationally known. We have affiliated with the American Philatelic Society, and have received write-ups in several national publications.

The PHILATELIC FREEMASON is fast becoming the best journal of its kind in existence.

Fraternally,

LEONARD W. KEMP

A BEAUTIFUL MASONIC COVER—

— Cover courtesy Wessel M. Lans.

In our March-April issue, page 164, we carried a story on Pieter Jacobus Oud, a Mason of The Netherlands. Bro. Lans sends us a First Day Cover of the Ouds stamp, which we reproduce here. Thanks, Brother Lans.

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY—

In our November-December issue, page 145, we congratulated President and Mrs. Marshall S. Loke on their 50th wedding anniversary. We regret to announce that Mrs. Loke passed away in her sleep Sunday, March 9 — just six months after that coveted anniversary. I am sure that all our members join in a prayer that the Supreme Architect of the Universe may comfort Bro. Loke in his bereavement.

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THE ONLY WAY to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd druther not.

— Mark Train.

Have you mailed a check for your dues? Do it TODAY!

MASONS OF ARGENTINA — A CHECKLIST—

- Juan Bautista Alberdi — 73 (1868), 83-84 (1890), 428 (1935), 718 (1960).
 Manuel Maximo Alberti — 163 (1910), 715 (1960).
 Florentino Ameghino — 657 (1956).
 Pedro Narcisco Arata — 897 (1969).
 Hilario Ascusubi — 789 (1966).
 Miguel de Azcuenago — 163 (1910), 715 (1960).
 Manuel Belgrano — 18a (1867), 64b (1888), 98-102 (1892), 281-282 (1930,
 C16 (1960), 418 (1935), 730 (1961), 918, 919, 926, 972 (1970),
 1087 (1976), 1100 (1976).
 Antonio Louis Beruti — 106 (1910), 475 (1941).
 Miguel Cane — 801 (1966).
 Estanislao Del Campo — 800 (1966).
 Juan Jose Castelli — 108 (1910), C16 (1960).
 Santiago Derqui — 76 (1890).
 Loius M. Drago — 717 (1959).
 Esteban Echeverria — 666 (1957).
 Domingo French — 106 (1910), 475 (1941).
 Jaoquin Victor Gonzalez — 766 (1964).
 Antonio Gonzalez-Baloarce — 22 (1873).
 Jose Hernandez — 268 (1957), 742b (1965), 817 (1967), 888 (1970).
 Cristobel M. Hicken — 900 (1969).
 Eduardo Ladislao Holmberg — 901 (1969).
 Hipolito Yrigoyen — 779 (1965).
 Miguel Jaurez-Celman — 59 (1888), 70 (1889).
 Ovideo Lagos -- 848 (1967).
 Francicco Narciso de Laprida — 215-219 (1916).
 Juan Larrea — 170 (1920), 716 (1960).
 Juan Gregorio de Las Heras — 815 (1966).
 Juan Lavelle — 479 (1941).
 Miguel Lillo — 806 (1966).
 Louis Vincente Lopez — 802 (1966).
 Leopoldo Lugones — 777 (1965).
 Bartolome Mitre — 81 (1888), 284-285 (1921), 432 (1935), 433 (19390,
 709 (1959).
 Domingo Matheu — 168 (1910), 716 (1960).
 Francisco Javier Muniz — 808 (1966).
 Florencio Parravioini — 977 (1971).
 Juan Jose Paso — 172 (1910), 714 (1960).
 Roberto Jorge Paso — 778 (1965).
 Carlos Pellegrini — 478 (1941).
 Vincente Lopez y Planes — 38 (1878), 58 (1888).
 Juan Martin de Pueyrredon — 814 (1966).
 Guillermo Rawson — 859 (1958).
 Bernardino Rivadavia — 8-18 (1864-68), 61 (1888), 71 (1889), 77 (1880),
 77 (1890), 85 (1891), 92-96 (1892), 106-110 (1896), 357-358 (1926,
 430 (1935), 431 (1942), 544-545 (1945), 794 (1966).
 Julio Argentino Roca — 64a (1888), 410 (1933), 477 (1941), 767 (1964).
 Dardo Rooha — 413 (1933).
 Nicholas Rodriguez-Pena — 161 (1910).
 Cornelio Saavedra — 26 (1873), 165 (1910), 713 (1960).

Jose de San Martin — 19 (1867) and more than 135 later Argentine stamps, as well as many from other Latin American countries and Champion of Liberty #1125-1126 (1959) of the United States.
 Domingo Faustino Sarmiento — 62 (1888), 72 (1889), 176 (1911), 419 (1935, 454-457 (1938), 742 (1962), 733 (1961), 742 (1962).
 Delmacio Velez Sarsfield — 36 (1878), 69 (1888), 89 (1890).
 Justo Jose de Urquiza — 57 (188), 68 (1889), 283 (1920), 420 (1930), 649 (1956), 708 (1959).
 Juan Hipólito Vieytes — 161 (1910).

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LUTHER BURBANK (1849-1926)

The world famous horticultural experimentalist, Luther Burbank, was born March 7, 1849, at Lancaster, Massachusetts. His boyhood was spent on a farm and he was educated at local schools. At the age of 21 he purchased a plot of land near Lunenburg, Mass. and began his life's work. After two years of experimentation he developed a large, hardy variety of potato superior to the small, easily spoiled type then grown. The Burbank potato revolutionized potato growing in America.



In 1875 he moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., and established a nursery garden and greenhouse where he conducted his plant breeding experiments for the next 50 years. He originated many improved varieties of fruits and vegetables, several new strains of roses and many other ornamental and decorative flowers and plants. He developed a new fruit called the "plumcot," a cross between the plum and the apricot. His spineless cactus provided a new feed for cattle. Cross-pollination experiments with small native daisies resulted in the large, lovely Shasta Daisy, reflecting the white beauty of Mount Shasta.

At the time of his death, April 11, 1926, he had more than 3,000 experiments under way and was growing over 5,000 distinct botanical species native to many other parts of the world. He was buried in the Luther Burbank Memorial Gardens under a Cedar of Lebanon tree, the seed of which came from the famous cedars in Lebanon. His Santa Rosa home is designated a Historical Monument.

At the age of 72, after years of cooperating with the Great Architect of the Universe in creating abundance and beauty, Luther Burbank sought admission to Santa Rosa Lodge No. 57 August 13, 1921. His concept of the fraternity was so great that he became a member of the Scottish Rite, and on October 20, 1925, he was made an Inspector General Honorary of the 33d degree. His name lives on Masonically for on October 26, 1955, Luther Burbank Lodge No. 752 was chartered in Santa Rosa.

Burbank's portrait is on the 3¢ purple of the scientists' group of the Famous Americans Commemorative series of 1940, issued at Santa Rosa April 17, 1940.

— Marshall S. Loke.

LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)--

Ludwig von Beethoven was supremely great as a creator of music, as well as a man. He was an inspiring hero of the spirit, a giant of the mind, heart and soul. Much of his greatness grew out of his own sorrow, suffering and frustration.



He gave his first concert at the age of seven, playing a number of difficult compositions. At ten he made a concert tour of Holland. By the time he was twelve he was pianist in an opera house, conducting the orchestra. By then he had composed and produced a number of original compositions.

At the age of 17 he went to Vienna. He took a few lessons from Mozart, who said, "Pay attention to this youth; One of these days he will make a noise the world." After three months in the gay capitol of Austria he had to rush back to his native Bonn, where his mother was dying. Upon his shoulders fell the burden of caring for three younger brothers. In order to do this, he spent the next five years in teaching.

Beethoven then returned to Vienna where he remained the rest of his life, producing his mighty symphonies, his profound sonatas, his haunting string trios and quartets. He died in the midst of poverty, and two days later 20,000 sorrowing people followed his body to the grave.

Beethoven is thought to have been a member of a lodge at Bonn. Three of his biographers state that he was a Mason, but give no further information. During his lifetime Masonry was sorely oppressed in Central Europe and records were not kept or have been destroyed.

Beethoven has been honored on stamps of Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Hungary, Saar and Togo, but no nation has given him the honor he so richly deserves.

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IVAN KOTLJAREWSKI

The writer and playwright, Ivan Kotljarevski (1769-1838), was born in the Ukrainian city of Poltava. At first he was a teacher, then served in the army from 1796-1808. Resigning with the rank of Captain, he returned to his native city, devoting himself to literary work and to education of the poor and homeless. He was treasurer and librarian of the Bible Society, and became manager of the Free Theater in Poltava where he organized an amateur theatrical company to produce the dramas of several Russian and Ukrainian playwrights, and it became a permanent Russo-Ukrainian Theater Group in 1817.



Kotljarevski was a member of the Lodge "Amour de la Verite" (Love of Truth) in Poltava and held the offices of Secretary and Orator.

His likeness is on a 4k stamp issued by Russia on May 25, 1969, Scott No. 3611.

DAVID FIDANQUE DE CASTRO—

David Fidanque de Castro can be found in the lower left hand corner of of the 5¢ value of the Panamanian series issued in 1963 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Panama Fire Brigade, Scott's No. 454.

de Castro was born June 16, 1889, in Panama at the time when the city was still within the borders of Colombia. His parents had immigrated from the Virgin Islands and were of Dutch Shepardi antecedence. His major avocation was as a wholesale merchant and real estate broker. In November, 1965, he completed 61 years of close association with Panama's world-famed Cuerpo de Bomberos (Fire Department), a non-political organization, which, in practice, also serves as a secondary police force. He had been Captain of Company No. 6 and for 32 years the Treasurer and Quartermaster of the entire Corps. He later held the title of "Tercer Comandante Honorario" (Honorary Third Chief) and proudly wore the Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, awarded to him by the Panamanian government.

Senor de Castro was a dedicated and faithful Jew and was prominent in the communal life of the oldest congregation on the Isthmus, Kol Shearith Israel; he was President of the Temple for three years. He was Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board in Balboa, Canal Zone, for 13 years and afterwards served as Vice-Chairman. He was a former President of the Rotary Club of Panama, in which he was prominent for over 40 years. For a number of decades, he was administrator of the famous Leper Colony of Palo Seco.

David Fidanque de Castro received his Masonic degrees in Pacific Lodge No. 5, Panama City, which was constituted in 1916. He was initiated October 7, passed December 5, 1918, and raised April 21, 1919. He was quite active in this lodge and filled all the chairs up to Senior Warden. In his words, "it is strange that I never wanted to be Master, which I should have taken." He belonged to the Panama Canal Consistory, Orient of the Canal Zone, and the Abou Saad Shrine in the Canal Zone. He was very interested in the Crippled Childrens' Hospitals of the Shrine, and had visited many of them, as well as many Shrine conventions. He was a Past Director of the Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 13, in the Canal Zone. He was also a member of Orchid Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Balboa Canal Zone.

— R. A. Dominguez.

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A MASONIC STAMP? —

Bro. David W. Power sends us this stamp from the "sand dune" of Fujeira, one not recognized by Scott's. This is one of a long set designated "Scenes from the Old and New Testaments," and is marked "Temple of Solomon."

Do we see the two Hiram's at the trestleboard, and the three ruffians eavesdropping in the background?

Thanks, Bro. Power.

MOSES MENDELSSOHN (1729-1786)

Moses Mendelssohn (1729-1786) German philosopher called "The German Socrates". He was grandfather of Felix Mendelssohn the composer. Among his many writings are "Philosophische Gespräche"; the satire "Pope in Metaphysik"; "The Bulletin of the International Masonic Congress of 1917 lists him as a Freemason, and Beswick, in his Swedenborg Rite, states that he was a Scottish Rite Mason.

Bro. Wm. G. Otenti allows us to reproduce his First Day Cover of the Moses Mendelssohn stamp recently issued.

Mendelssohn, Jewish philosopher and author, was the grandfather of the famous composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdi. Born in Dessau, he was educated by his father and the local rabbi. As a young man he moved to Berlin, where he became the tutor of the children of Isaac Bernhard, a wealthy silk merchant who later made him a partner in his business. Later he became a close friend of the dramatist, Gotthold Lessing, a champion of Jewish oppression, who modeled the hero of his "Nathan der Weise" after Mendelssohn. He became known as the first modern champion of Jewish emancipation.

We are unable to find Masonic information on Mendelssohn other than that on the first day cover, i.e., that the Bulletin of the International Masonic Congress of 1917 lists him as a Craftsman, and Beswick, in his Swedenborg Rite states that he was a Scottish Rite Mason.

We appreciate Bro. Otenti allowing us the use of this cover.

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RICHARD BERNARD SKELTON, better known to the public as "Red" Skelton, was born in Vincennes, Ind., July 18, 1913, two months after the death of his father, Joseph Skelton, a college teacher. Bro. Skelton was raised in Vincennes Lodge No. 1, and received the 33d Degree from the Northern Jurisdiction September 24, 1969.

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DID YOU get a new member this month?

CANADA TO HONOR DIEFENBAKER--

On June 20 Canada will issue a 17¢ stamp honoring John George Diefenbaker, former prime minister and Mason. We published a biography of "Dief, the Chief" in our November-December, 1979, issue of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON.

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PARDON OUR ERROR ! In the "masthead" of our March-April issue, we mistakenly printed "VOL. 3, NO. 5". This should have been "NO. 6". Please change your copy accordingly.

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NEW MEMBERS--

This issue we list FOURTEEN new members. Did YOU get one of them?

- 156 Weldon Touchstone, R. 1, Armuchee, Ga. 30105
- 157 Donald G. Meredith, 1711 Glendale, Bowling Green, Ky. 42010
- 158 Fay N. Hooten, 56250 Timothy Road, New Carlisle, Ind. 46552
- 159 Roberto Schukste, Caxia Postal #215, Caxias do Sulrs, #9511, BRAZIL
- 160 Robert P. Grimes, 54 Streeter Road, Paxton, Mass. 01612
- 161 Otis V. Jones, Jr., P.O. Box 5366, Raleigh, N.C. 27650
- 162 David Burton, 608 N. Alto Dr., Beverly Hills, Cal. 90210
- 163 Renato Boeri, Via Martiri Della Liberta, #324/3, #18038, San Remo, ITALY
- 164 Walter J. Rosinius, Sr., 166 Mather St., Hamden, Conn. 06517
- 165 Allen Boudreau, 1 Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10012
- 166 Wayne E. Claflin, 4273 No. 85th St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53222
- 167 Alexander B. Weir, 21 Hower Cres., Lower Hutt, NEW ZEALAND
- 168 Abraham France, 10412 Avenue L. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236
- 169 John W. Markley, 48B Beaver Dam Drive, Seaford, Del. 11973

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- 34 Osmond D. Jamouneau, 2520 Cypress Lane, Spring Hill, Fla. 33526
- 45 Charles Stalmach, 3708 Rabbit Creek Court, Theodore, Ala. 36582
- 62 Albert Lockhart El, 4311 Westminster Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104

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WE ARE IN NEED of checklists, not only of countries, but of individuals who have been honored on a large number of stamps, such as British kings. Who will be the first to send us one — or more?

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IF YOU WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading, or do things worth writing.

— Benjamin Franklin.

HAVE YOU mailed a check for your dues? DO IT TODAY!

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OLDEST MASON RECEIVES FURTHER HONORS—

In our May-June issue of last year (Page 117) we carried a story about Bro. William Joseph Moore, 32^o, of Harrison, Arkansas, who was thought to be the world's oldest Mason.

Bro. Moore celebrated his 108th birthday on March 17, and became the country's oldest living veteran when Norman Hobgood of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, died last month. Bro. Moore enlisted in 1898 as a private in Company K, Arkansas Infantry, and trained at Chickamauga, Georgia, but never saw action in the war. After his training he was stationed at Little Rock, and was in the army about a year.

Moore returned to Harrison in 1906, where he became a pioneer in the telephone industry. In 1915 he owned a majority of stock in the Boone County Telephone Co., and in 1919 became its president. Arthritis cut short his career in the telephone industry and he sold his company when 100 years old, when the company had grown from six to 99 employees. Today his arthritis is gone, but he walks with a walker. His mind is keen, but his eyesight and hearing have deteriorated. He still has a lively interest in Masonry, having been a Master Mason 84 years.

If there is an older living Mason, we would like to hear of him.

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DO YOU HAVE IT?—

ATA Handbook No. 43, "Masonic Stamps of the World," is available from the Milwaukee office. This is a MUST for every collector of Masonic philately. Published in 1964, it contains 88 pages of Masonic information, including a checklist of more than 300 Masons, together with biographical material on many. Priced at \$4.00, plus 40¢ postage, it can be ordered from American Topical Association, 3306 No. 50th Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53216. Don't do without it any longer!!!