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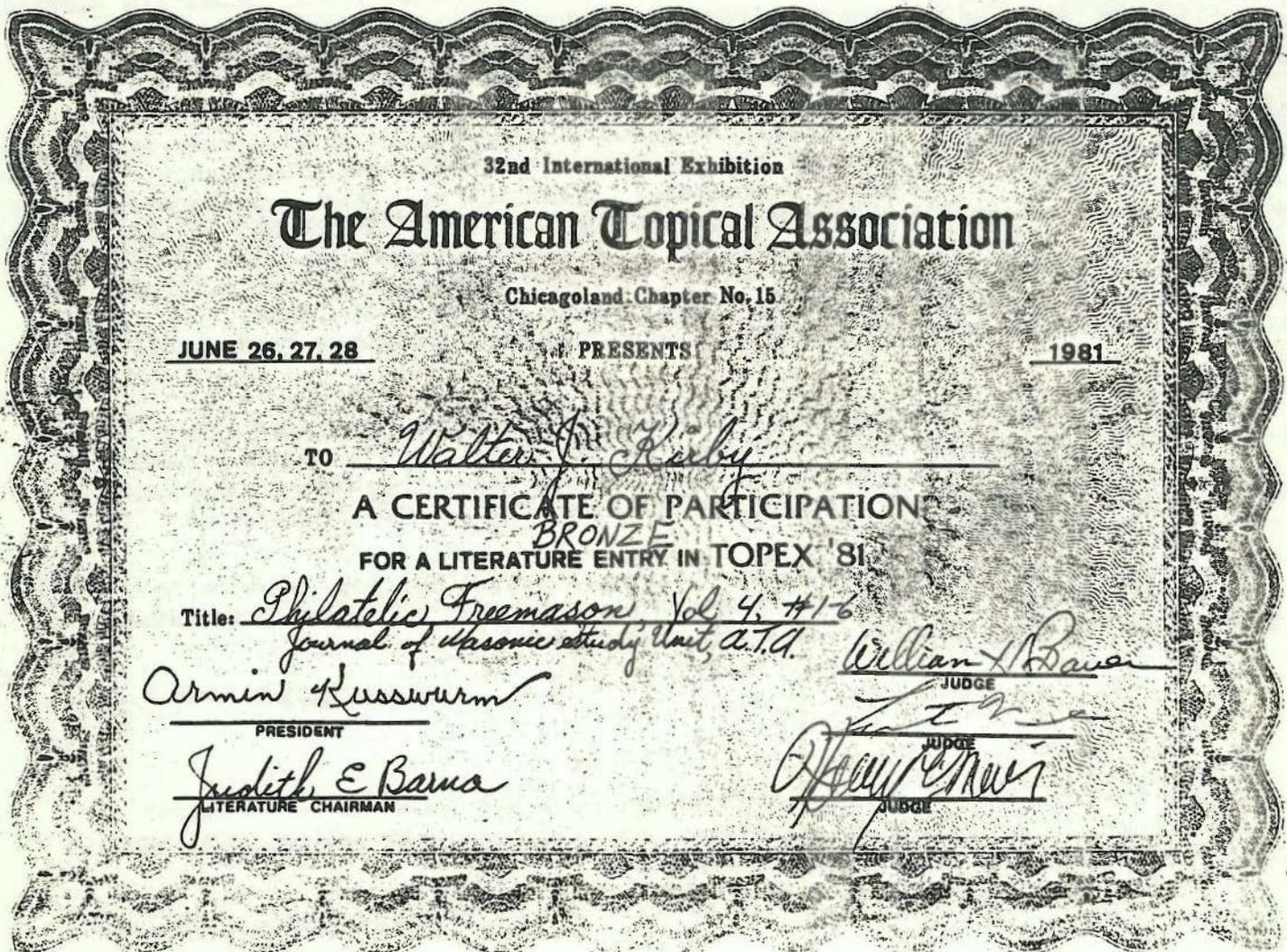
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OUR 1981 AWARD—



We entered the PHILATELIC FREEMASON in literature competition in TOPEX '81 and were given a Bronze award. The sponsoring club has sent us this certificate, and we thought you might wish to see it, so we reproduce it here.

As you have been advised TOPEX '82 has been canceled, so we have no chance to enter this year, but look forward to TOPEX '83. With YOUR help, we will make a much better showing then.

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MIKHAIL ILARIONOVICH KUTUZOV (1745-1813)—

The Russian field Marshal, Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov, Prince of Smolensk, was the man who ruined Napoleon's plan for defeating the Russians. He became the greatest hero of the Napoleonic war of 1812.

Born in St. Petersburg in 1745, he entered the Russian army at the age of 16, and by 1784 had become a major general. He was a leader in the assault and capture of Ismail in 1791. In 1793 he was ambassador to Constantinople, and held other diplomatic posts until his services were required in the Russian war against Napoleon. He headed 50,000 men into Germany and achieved his greatest glory in the Battle of Austerlitz.



In 1812 Napoleon invaded Russia with an army of 500,000, defeated the Russians at Borodino and took Moscow. Kutuzov, before retreating, burned the city making it impossible for Napoleon's troops to establish winter quarters there. The French had no alternative but to retreat. Kutuzov hotly pursued the French who suffered the loss of most of their men through cold, starvation and in the Battles of Malo, Juroslavatz, Kraanik and at Smolensk. For the latter, Kutuzov was created Prince of Smolensk. While pursuing the French in Prussian Silesia Kutuzov died of a malignant fever April 28, 1813.

Kutuzov was one of the leading Freemasons of the epoch, and many other high officers of the Russian army were prominent in the Order. He became a member of the Lodge "Zu den drei Schlüsseln" in 1779. He was also a member of the Lodges "Trois Drapeaux" in Moscow and "Sphinx" in St. Petersburg. He received the 7th degree in the Swedish system.

His likeness appears on the stamps of Russia issued in 1945, Scott's Nos. 1007-08 and 1962, No. 2636 with de Tolly and Bagration, and on that of German Democratic Republic issued in 1963, No. 672, with von Scharnhorst.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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DID YOU KNOW that Harrison Lodge No. 114 of Tennessee remained "at refreshment" for over four years? During the American Civil War the lodge was called from labor on May 6, 1861, and was called to labor on September 4, 1865.

— The Freemason (Canada).

SPINNING A ROPE is fun — if your neck aint in it.

— Will Rogers.

SECRETARY NEEDHAM ILL—

Our efficient secretary-treasurer, Bro. Richard M. Needham, was admitted to a Columbus, Ohio, hospital on May 6 and was there through May 28. A letter from him dated May 29 stated that he was home, but that it would be some time before he could attend to his duties in the Unit. This will explain why some of you have not received dues cards, etc., and I'm sure all of us sympathize with Bro. Needham, and wish him a complete recovery.

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OFFICERS OF UNIT REELECTED—

Due to our March-April issue being mailed late, the ballot for Unit officers was held open until May 5 with the following results:

FOR PRESIDENT— Leonard [redacted] t. Krueger, 6 votes.  
 FOR VICE-President— [redacted] es; Ms. Dorothy Walker, 3 votes.  
 FOR SECRETARY-Treas— [redacted] m, 53 votes, Leonard Kemp, 1 vote.

Some members not listed here. The slate but to conserve space, these are not be improved upon, and Let us each ge behind these 100%.

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MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RESULTS—

As of May 5, our Unit secretary reported the following results in the Membership contest which began Jan. 1, 1982, and will close Dec. 31:

Thos. M. Gardner, 20; Walter J. Kirby, 11; Richard M. Needham, 8; Marshall S. Loke and John R. Allen, 3 each; Madison B. Cole, 2; Trevor J. Fray, Wesley J. Ketz and Marvin L. Keller, one each, with 2 credited to "Miscellaneous."

Because of his position as secretary, Bro. Needham has removed himself from the contest, and your editor will do the same. We are sure that many applications have been received since this list was compiled, and suggest that each member "get behind" this contest, and see if we can't double our membership in 1982.

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THOMAS PAINE (1737-1809)—

Thomas Paine, an American political theorist and writer, was born in Thetford, Norfolk, England. He left England in 1774 and came to America bearing letters of introduction from Benjamin Franklin.



He soon became interested in the outbreak of trouble between England and the colonies, and published "Common Sense" in January, 1776, in which he appealed to the common man to declare his independence. In December of that year Paine wrote the first of a series of 16 pamphlets called "The American Crisis". These essays did much to encourage the patriots throughout the Revolution.

After the war Paine returned to his farm in New Rochelle, New York. In 1787 he returned to England where he wrote "The Rights of Man". His attacks against England caused him to flee to Paris in 1792.

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After the Reign of Terror he was imprisoned by the Jacobins. While in prison he wrote "The Age of Reason". His diatribe against George Washington added fuel to the resentment against him. He returned to the United States in 1802 only to be ostracized and died in poverty in 1809.

"History of Freemasonry in the State of New York, Vol. 1", lists Thomas Paine as a member of Master's Lodge No. 2 of Albany, New York, in 1875.

Paine is pictured on the 40¢ of the Prominent Americans Issue of 1968, Scott's No. 1292, and on a 1938 issue of Poland, Scott's No. 319, with Washington and Kosciuszko.

— Roy Schwartz.

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### NEW MEMBERS—

Following is the list of new members received since our last issue. How many did YOU get?

- 281 Harold N. Feeley, 95 Robert Treat Pkwy., Milford, Conn. 06460
- 282 Robt. N. Schmitt, 3136 Indian Ripple Road, Dayton, Ohio 45440
- 283 Loren S. Butcher, 135 Maner Road, Fairfax, Calif. 94930
- 284 Alois A. Leeffler, 590 Coakley St., East Meadow, N.Y. 11554
- 285 Wayne L. Lewis, 2514 S.R. #162W., RFD 2, Monroeville, Ohio 44847
- 286 Wendell Helfrick, 1810 Chevoit Hill Dr., Springfield, Ohio 45505
- 287 Donald L. Pellington, 67 Pine Brook Road, Towaco, N.J. 07082
- 288 Vincent J. Ruck, 5800 W. 78th St., Prairie Village, Kans. 66208
- 289 Mariano Sih, 704 Elcano St., Binondo, Manila, PHILIPPINES
- 290 Robert N. Conrad, 120 Arbutus Drive, Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301
- 291 Antony J.P. Bristow, 43 Bear Road, Brighton, Sussex, ENGLAND
- 292 Robert L. Williams, 9791 DeBold-Koebel Rd., Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162
- 293 Robert H. Dunsmore, P.O. Box 801, Osburn, Idaho 83849
- 294 Donald J. Shearer, 5985 S. Milwaukee Way, Littleton, Colo. 80121
- 295 Robert K. Beckinger, P.O. Box 821, Donora, Pa. 15033
- 296 Kenneth E. McCartney, 827 Continental Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43607
- 297 George A. Dhenin, 10263 Branscomb St., Downey, Calif. 90242
- 298 Freeman Z. Frey, III, RFD 1, Box 258, Hummelstown, Pa. 17036
- 299 Anthony Field, 8 Wildcraft Gardens, Edgeware, Middlesex, HA8 6TJ, ENGLAND
- 300 Robert J. Darby, 3013 Roxbury Court, Augusta, Ga. 30906
- 301 Esperanza P. Monterrubio, 1800; Kingsley Dr., Hollywood, Calif. 90027

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS—

- 19 M.L. Nafzinger, M.D., P.O. Box #75, Ocoquan, Va. 22125-0075
- 137 Michael Scarborough, 2216 17th St., #C, Lubbock, Texas 79401
- 217 Dr. Roger Dachez, 1 rue d'Alesia, 9300 Bobigny, FRANCE
- 39 Lt. Col. Geo. K. Gillberry, "Firbanks", 9 Moorside Rd., West Moors, Winborne,  
(Dorset, BH21 6QS, ENGLAND)

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DID YOU write an article for the PHILATELIC FREEMASON this month? Our newsletter is just what YOU make it!!

DANIEL BOONE (1734-1820)—

Two stamps have been issued by the United States honoring Daniel Boone, famous frontiersman. The first was Scott's #904, issued June 1, 1942, on the 150th Anniversary of Kentucky statehood. Daniel Boone and three frontiersmen are represented as looking at the site for the capitol at Frankfort. The second, Scott's #1357, issued Sept. 26, 1968, shows Boone's rifle, axe, and powder horn displayed on a wall and includes a reminder that he was an adopted Shawnee.



There have been arguments over the years as to whether Boone was a Mason. In an article in "The Builder", Vol. II, Brother Ray V. Denlow, then Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, states that Boone was never a member of the Craft. Others familiar with early historical conditions are positive that he was. Bros. Fred W. Hardwick, then Grand Secretary of Kentucky and Charles Comstock, secretary, Historical Commemitee, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, were unable to discover any proof of Boone's membership, but refer in an article to a resolution printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1852, page 53, where a sum of \$50.00 was appropriated by the Grand Lodge to aid in the erection of a lasting monument over Boone's grave. In the article, Bro. Comstock added "I recall seeing a picture of the burial of Daniel Boone many years since, and one of the participants appeared to be wearing a Masonic collar". Maybe one of our readers could shed more light on the subject.

About Fess Parker, star of the show, "Daniel Boone", that appeared on television for a number of years, there is no argument or doubt. Bro. Parker is a member of Mt. Olive Lodge No. 506, at Los Angeles, Calif., and comes from a Masonic family. Mt. Olive Lodge's membership is predominantly from the entertainment field.

Thanks to the Masonic Grand Lodge Library for aid in researching this subject.

— John O. Welch.

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JOSE MANUEL RESTREPO y VELEZ (1781-1863)—

Jose Manuel Restrepo was born in Envigado, Antioquia, Colombia, on December 31, 1781. In 1810 he joined the revolutionary movement against Spanish domination. From 1813 to 1814 in Tunja, Boyaca, he attended the General Congress of the Provinces which together founded New Grenada, as representative for the state of Antioquia. From September 1, 1819, to April 9, 1821, he acted as governor of the state of Antioquia. After that he was delegate to the Continental Congress for the founding of the state of Colombia in the city of Rosario de Cucuta which was invested May 6, 1821, by the Mason, General Antonio Narino. On October 7, 1821, "El Libertador" Simon Bolivar appointed him Minister of the Interior of the new republic, which function he held until 1830. He was a true friend of Bolivar. He therefore took the latter's side in the rebellion under the leadership of Santander in September of 1828.



Even more that as a politician, Restrepo became famous as a historian. He is the author of many historical works: "Historia de la Revolucion de la Republic de Colombia" (7 volumes), "Diario Politico y Militar, 1819-1858" and "Historia de la Nuevo Granada, 1832-1845". He died in Bogota on March 31, 1863.

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Jose Manuel Restrepo was initiated in 1820 in the Lodge "Libertad de Colombia" No. 1 in Bogota.

The Republic of Colombia dedicated a stamp to this historian in 1981 on the occasion of his bicentenary. Earlier he appeared on a stamp of the State of Antioquia in 1903, Scott's No. 155.

— Wessel M. Lans.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—

- Q. 18 Were John and Lioner Barrymore Masons? (See below).  
 Q. 19 Was Robert Koch (1845-1910), discoverer of the tuberculosis bacillus, a Mason?  
 Q. 20 Was Bartolome Dias (1450-1500), discoverer of South Africa, a Mason?

ANSWERS—

- Q. 9 Guillermo Brown (1777-1857) of Argentina was a member of Lautaro Lodge No. 3 at Buenos Aires, established in 1812 by San Martin.  
 Q. 15 Edouard Herriot, French politician, was not a Freemason, although many in France believed he was. He was, indeed, a "Mason without apron", often showing friendship for the Craft.  
 Q. 17b General de Gaulle was never a Mason. On the other hand, it was he who signed in Algiers the declarations of the French government of Vichy headed by Petain". This from "Dictionary of the French Freemasons", published in 1980.  
 Q. 18 Neither of the Barrymore brothers was a Mason, but their father, Maurice Barrymore, himself an actor, was a member of Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127 in London.

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JOSE ABEL CASTILLO (1854-1940)—

Jose Abel Castillo y Albernoz was of Spanish-Jewish ancestry. His parents died of typhoid fever and he was sent to live with an uncle at Puerto de Cayo, a small seaport in the province of Manabi, Ecuador, where he grew up and became very friendly with a distinguished patriot, the great Eloy Alfaro who was born in nearby Montecristi.



The first newspaper in Guayaquil was the "El Telegrafo" founded by Jose Castillo in 1884. As a long series of revolutions was going on at the time, he joined the liberal army and was promoted to the rank of colonel. He was chief assistant to General Alfaro in the civil war of 1895 which brought a liberal government to Ecuador with Alfaro as president. Declining an offer to be Minister of State, Col. Castillo retired from military service and continued to fight through the pages of "El Telegrafo". Ecuador's issue of 1959, Scott's No. C342, commemorates the nation's first newspaper, "El Telegrafo".

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In 1920 Castillo bought an airplane with his own funds and established the first airmail service on the west coast of South America. The plane, named "Telegrafo I" for his newspaper, was piloted by Elio Liut who flew it over the Ecuadorian Andes to record one of the greatest achievements of that day's aviation. Ecuador recorded this first postal flight in 1948 with a series of stamps, Scott's Nos. 497/502 and C182/C187. Castillo later founded the Military School of Aviation at the El Condor airport in Duran, and the Banco La Provisora, a bank in Guayaquil.

Castillo was made a Mason in 1897, being initiated in the Lodge "Luz del Guyas" No. 10, then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Peru. He became Master of the lodge in 1900, afterwards becoming secretary. This lodge today is No. 1 under the Grand Lodge of Ecuador. In 1905 the lodge sponsored a children's hospital, he serving as secretary of the society which built it. He was one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, founded June 17, 1921. He was its first Deputy Grand Master, but was exiled from the country in 1922 because of his outspoken defense of democracy and the right of the people to elect their own government. On his return to Ecuador in 1927 he was named Emeritus Member of the Grand Lodge. Before his death on June 22, 1940, he attained the 33d degree. He was given Masonic burial in accord with the ritual of the Old Testament as he had requested. A statue of Castillo was unveiled in Guayaquil February 16, 1981, commemorating his many public activities.

Jose Abel Castillo is portrayed on a 1955 series of stamps, Scott's Nos. 594/595 and C282/C296, these picturing him with his famous plane "Telegrafo I".

— Marshall S. Loke,

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A CANADIAN MEMBER, A.D. Taylor, writes "On behalf of the many members who take our group for granted, I would say that we are most appreciative of the dedicated few who devote so much time to provide knowledge that we may enjoy greater scope in the hobby and information regarding the Craft". Thanks, Bro. Taylor, in behalf of those who provide copy for The PHILATELIC FREEMASON. We need MORE copy!!

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"PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY"—



Bro. Arthur Judson sends us this little multi-colored sticker from Germany, and says its use there denotes Philatelic Material, and secures a light cancel on the item being mailed. How different from our marking "Please Cancel Lightly"!! It seems that this marking on our mail antagonizes the handler, and he sees how heavily it can be canceled. Perhaps a concerted effort on our part might secure different treatment for our mail. Bro. Judson fails to state whether these are secured from the postoffice or must be bought from their equivalent of our "five-and-dime".

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THE MAN WITH a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds.

— Mark Twain.

WILLIAM MOKINLEY was the first president to use the telephone for campaigning.

EMBLEM JEWELRY AVAILABLE—

Secretary Needham has secured a quantity of jewelry with the Unit emblem which he offers to the members at reasonable prices. These are bronze finish, and will prove servieable, as well as ornamental. Prices are as follows:

Tie Tacks (shown), \$2.25 each; 2" Tie Bars, \$2.25; Snake Key Tags, \$2.00; Cuff Links, pair, \$3.50.

If interested, send your order to Sec. Richard M. Needham, 708 N. Mt. Pleasant ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130. It is not often that we are offered jewelry at these prices.

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JOSE MARIA ROJAS GARRIDO (1824-1883)—

Jose Maria Rojas Garrido, politician in Colombia, was born September 5, 1824, at El Pital, department of Huila, Colombia. From 1853 to 1854 he was Charge d'affaires for Nueve Granada in Caracas. He manifested himself as a fervent

liberal and gained renown as a popular orator. He became a member of the House of Representatives and after that a member of the Senate.



He was a dedicated follower and personal friend of Tomas Cipriano de Mosquera. During the latter's administration he was several times Minister of War or Minister of the Interior. In 1861-1862 he held the office of governor of the District of Bogota. In February, 1863, he was representative to the Convention of Rionegro, and in 1863-1864 was Minister Plenipotentiary in Venezuela. From April 1 to May 20, 1866, he was deputed as President of the Republic. In 1866-1867 he was a member of the Federal Supreme Court of Justice. He died in Bogota September 13, 1883.

Jose Maria Rojas Garrido was initiated May 31, 1851. in the Lodge "Estrella del Tequendama" No. 11 in Bogota. The Supreme Council in Bogota, on May 31, 1876, conferred the 33d degree on him.

The Republic of Colombia honored this politician with this stamp in 1981.

— Wessel M. Lans.

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WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT was the first president to own a fleet of automobiles.

JAMES MONROE was the first president to take the oath of office outdoors.

HARRY S. TRUMAN was the first president to speak the oath of office on television.

MASONIC COVER CATALOG AVAILABLE—

After many years of collecting Masonic covers and of more than two years of extensive research on the subject Robert A. Domingue, MSU #32, has published the most complete catalog of Masonic covers ever offered collectors.



The catalog is printed on both sides of 70 pound paper, 8 1/2 inches in size, and consists of 260 pages, punched for 3-ring binders. More than 800 First Day Covers are pictured and described in chronological order from 1927 to June of 1981. Also included are almost 500 Special Event Covers of Masonic nature. Each cover is identified by issue date, franking, publisher, cachet color and description and cancellation city.

The introduction to his catalog and to Masonic cover collecting is of interest to both the novice and experienced collector. As further information, background is given on 18 of the major organizations or individuals producing Masonic cachets,

Brother Domingue makes no attempt to price these covers, saying he believes that he "should not dictate the market basis". Where known, the quantity of each cover issued is given. Supplements, he says, may be issued later.

Reasonably priced at \$12.95, plus \$1.25 postage and handling, the catalog may be ordered from the author, Robert A. Domingue, 59 Greenwood Road, Andover, Mass. 01810. (He has no covers for sale.)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE — WANTED—

Harry R. Brahmstadt, 111 West 141st St., Riverdale, Ill. 60627, would like to purchase First Day Cover issued by the Masonic Study Unit, Nos. MU 1 through MU 4. If available, please correspond with Bro. Brahmstadt direct.

Empire State Grotto Association issued a cover with special cachet and Masonic cancel marking its 60th Anniversary. These may be secured from Alan L. Anderson, 6 Dean Place, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601, for \$1.00 each plus #10 SASE.



THE ROYAL ARCH Seal Program supports the Royal Arch Mason Scholarship Fund of the Grand Chapter of New York. These attractive red, blue and gold seals are available in sheets of 15 at 25¢ per sheet, plus SASE. Seals are available from H. Randall Krager, Grand Secretary, Masonic Hall, Suite 1617, 71 West 23d Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

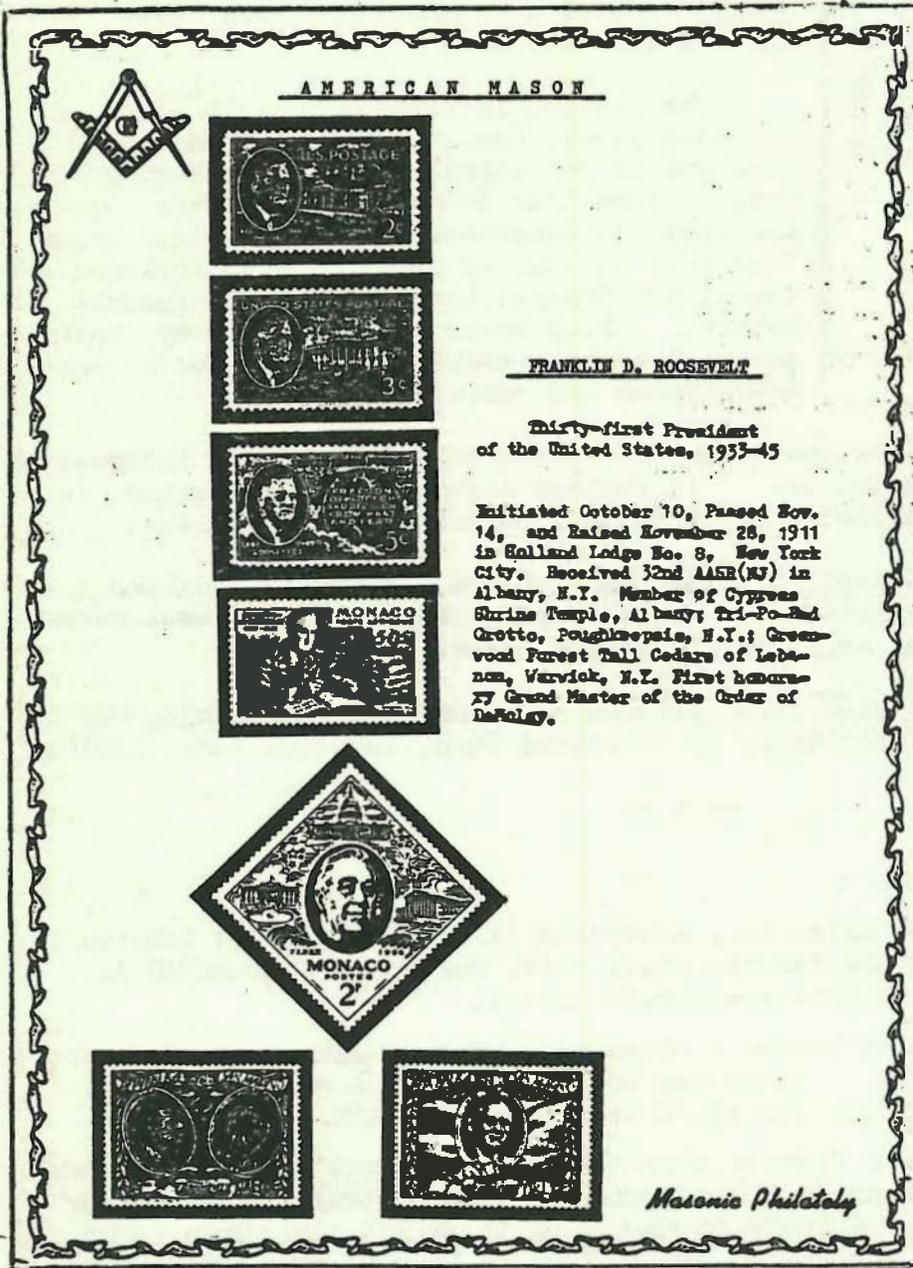
Lodge "De Friesch Trouw" at Amsterdam recently celebrated its 200th Anniversary with an attractive cacheted cover and special cancel. These may be secured for \$2.00 for one; \$3.00 for two or \$10.00 for nine, plus SASE. Payment may be made in dollar bills, and covers may be ordered from Mr. M.A.C. Bookman, Waalstraat 101, 1079 DS Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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A LETTER to members and officers that requires an answer should include your SASE.

ONE MAN'S ALBUM

Bro. Genarino J. Patraoco recently entered 35 pages of Masons on Stamps and 35 pages of Masonic Cachets in HUNTSPEX '82 at Huntsville, Ala., for which he was given a silver and a bronze award, respectively.

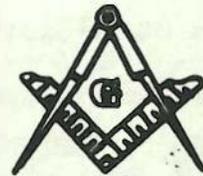


Bro. Petraoco later discussed his exhibits with the judges and was told that his Masonic exhibit, "as a whole", did not "say anything, philatelically", as he showed "no errors on stamps or Masonic cancellations".

He was told that his Franklin D. Roosevelt page, shown here, was "too cluttered", and should have had the 1¢ memorial stamp.

Bro. Petraoco seems quite discouraged, which he should not be. Many "accredited judges" are not familiar with topical collecting, which is something that they should give more study than they have done.

We appreciate Bro. Petraoco sending us xerox copies of his pages, and feel that many of our members will encourage him to continue exhibiting.



AS LONG AS war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.

— Oscar Wilde.

CONSCIENCE takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides.

— Mark Twain.