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U. S. AND SWEDEN TO HONOR FRANKLIN—

The USPS has announced that a 20¢ stamp will be issued March 24, 1983, to mark the 200th Anniversary of the signing of a Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the United States and Sweden — the first negotiated between the new nation and a neutral country. On the same day, Sweden will issue a stamp bearing a design



like that of the United States except for national identification and denomination. The postal service noted that the stamps of Sweden will be sold by our postoffices, while ours will be sold by Swedish postoffices.

The design of the stamps will show a portrait of Franklin with his signature over his right shoulder. To the right of Franklin is the signature of Gustav Philip Creutz, since both men signed the treaty. In the lower right portion is the Great Seal of Sweden. The denomination of the Swedish

stamp is 2.70 kronor. Procedures for ordering first day cancellations will be given later, as will the amount of time the two countries will have the other's for sale.

Benjamin Franklin's "profane" history and his service to his country is known to every school boy, and is too long for repetition here. Masonically, he received his degrees in February, 1731, in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia and became active in its work immediately. He was secretary from 1735 to 1738. He was elected Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania June 24, 1732, and Grand Master on June 24, 1734. In 1759 Franklin was a visitor to Lodge Saint David in Edinburgh, Scotland, and on November 17, 1760, visited the Grand Lodge of England. On April 7, 1778, he assisted in the initiation of Voltaire in the Lodge of the Nine Sisters in Paris and later affiliated with that lodge. On May 21, 1779, he was elected Master of the lodge and served for two years. He was an honorary member of several French lodges.

The United States has honored Franklin on more stamps than anyone except George Washington. He has been so honored by numerous other countries. The Masonic Study Unit will sponsor a United States First Day Cover, using a Masonic cachet when the new stamp is issued. We will hold the price at \$1.00, plus SASE, and they may be ordered now from Walter J. Kirby, 2106 North Van Buren Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

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GENERAL von STEUBEN'S full name was Friedrich Wilhelm August Heinrich Ferdinand von Steuben. (Scott's U.S. #689).

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Philately is an intensely personal or individualistic activity, but I would like to point out that regardless of the approach, it is necessary to know how to begin. First let us point out that knowing all there is to know about any one aspect of the hobby is pure fallacy. It is a fact that today's collector needs all the help available if he is going to keep up with the new techniques that keep showing up, so with this in mind we must decide what to collect and what to exhibit.

Let's begin by saying that you should collect only the things that interest you. This could cover a great many things. For instance, suppose that you decide on a Masonic collection. Let's start with Presidents who have been Masons, so we begin our research by securing as many stamps as possible pertaining to Washington, together with the outstanding events of his life.

Above all things, don't mix up your collection with both mint and cancelled stamps. If you plan on exhibiting your collection at a later date, you will find that a stock book in which to place all your information concerning this particular subject would be advisable.

There are many excellent publications covering stamp collecting that can be had for a nominal sum; "How to Collect Topicals" can be had by writing the American Topical Association at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and your files of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON will be extremely valuable. Write us and tell us about your collection; we are always glad to help. Remember to keep all your write-ups short. If they are too long and wordy, your exhibit might be overlooked. The final stage of making an exhibit is the mounting of your material. If you have any questions, drop us a line; we will be glad to help. Other ideas will be covered in future articles.

Leonard W. Kemp
Unit President.

EDITOR'S NOTE— President Kemp is spending the winter in "sunny Arizona". He may be reached as follows: Leonard W. Kemp, c/o Wallace McMeekin, 3354 Conestoga, Cordes Lakes, Mayer, Ariz. 86333. If your letter requires an answer, Don't forget the SASE.

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WE REGRET TO LEARN that Mrs. Wessel M. Lans, wife of our active correspondent in The Netherlands, passed away November 11. We feel sure that all our members join us in sympathy to Brother Lans.

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AT THE AGE of 22, Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest man to hold the office of President of the United States.

THE KIND OF PHILOSOPHY a man chooses depends on the kind of person he is.

— Johann Gottlieb Fichte.

PEOPLE DON'T MIND spending their money if they know it isn't going for taxes.

— Will Rogers

BELGIUM HONORS FREEMASONRY—

The Belgian Postal Service recently issued a 10fr stamp marking the 150th anniversary of Freemasonry in Belgium. The stamp was available in all post-offices on October 18, but was available in certain offices on October 16, where First Day Covers were cancelled.



The bulletin announcing the new stamp gives a brief history of the Craft in Belgium, stating that the Grande Orient de Belgium was established in 1833, and is the oldest jurisdiction or federation of Masonic lodges in the kingdom. According to it, the articles of French Masonry, as stated, is a cosmopolitan and progressive institution, having for its purpose the search for truth and the perfection of humanity, built on liberty and tolerance.

The bulletin goes on to say that Masonry is a society of thought where each of the members bring his knowledge and experience to work for the intellectual and moral perfecting of its members. Its meetings are based on free expression of all opinions with respect for every sincere thought;

It continues that the French Masons of the Great East of Belgium are attached to a double purpose — the first the approach to knowledge and the perfecting of one's self, the second the building of a better and more just society. French Masonry, the bulletin states, tries to picture the ideal society, based on liberty, equality and brotherhood.

Where can you find the tenets of Freemasonry more adequately described?

The stamp depicts an initiate deprived of his worldly goods, surrounded by various symbols of Freemasonry.

— Paul C. Berkley

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CONRADO BENITEZ (1889-1971)—

Conrado Benitez, Philippine statesman, first saw the light of Masonry when he was initiated in Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, on November 11, 1914 — the lodge's first candidate. He was elected Junior Warden that same year; Senior Warden in 1917 and Worshipful Master in 1918. In 1936 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. He held dual membership in Lodge Paris del Oriente No. 1034.



He joined the Scottish Rite in 1916 and was conferred the 30th in the Philippine Bodies and became a Master of the Royal secret in 1919. He was one of the organizers of the Luzon Scottish Rite Bodies when it was formed in 1949 and served as the first Venerable Master, Harmony Lodge of Perfection. The Mother Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., honored him in 1937 with the investiture as Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and in 1949, when the Supreme Council 33 of the Republic of the Philippines was being formed, he was one of those elected to receive the 33

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Honorary, and in 1950 was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Active member of the Supreme Council, serving as its first Grand Treasurer General. He also served as Grand Chancellor then as Grand Prior until his election as Sovereign Grand Commander in 1961. He held this office until his death January 4, 1971.

Benitez was also the Grand Representative of the Supreme Councils of the Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.; Greece, Switzerland and Germany. He was elected an Honorary member of the Supreme Council of Canada in 1964. A Shriner, he was a member of Nile Temple of Seattle Washington.

Benitez' likeness appears on the 30¢ and the \$1.05, Scott's Nos. 1437-1438 of 1980 marking the 75th Anniversary of the Philippine Women's University, of which he was once Chairman of the Board of Directors.

— Wessel M. Lans

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LEONARD WOOD (1860-1927)—

Leonard Wood was born October 9, 1860, in Winchester, New Hampshire. He was educated at Harvard Medical School, graduating in 1884. In 1885 he entered the army as a surgeon and in 1886 received a commission and a commendation for his services, both as a surgeon and as a commander of troops in the campaign against the Apache Indians.



Upon the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, he and his close friend, Theodore Roosevelt, recruited a volunteer unit, called the Rough Riders, and that same year he commanded the unit in its first battle in Cuba. From 1899 to 1902, following the Spanish surrender, he served as Military Governor of Cuba. During his administration yellow fever was brought under control and the economic and political situations in Cuba were improved.

In 1903 Wood was promoted to the rank of major general in the regular army and assigned to the Philippines where he served until 1908. Returning to the States the year, he was army chief of staff from 1910 to 1914. Prior to World War I he was the chief advocate of American preparedness for war. In 1920 he was a leading contender for the Republican presidential nomination but was defeated by Warren G. Harding who won the election. After 1921 Wood was governor general of the Philippines until his health deteriorated. He returned to the States and died August 7, 1927, following an operation. Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, perpetuates his name in the army.

Gen. Wood was raised in Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137, Brooklyn, New York, April 3, 1916; exalted in Normal Park Chapter No. 210, R.A.M., Chicago, Ill., July 26, 1919; knighted in Englewood Commandery No. 2, K.T., Chicago, August 23, 1919. A member of Medinah Shrine Temple, Chicago. He received the 32nd, A.A.S.R. (N.J.) in 1927, and was elected to receive the 33rd but died before it could be conferred. Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, at Clark Air Base, Pampanga, Philippines, is named in his memory.

General Wood appears in uniform on the 1-centavo "Receipt of Autonomy" stamp of Cuba, Scott's No. 475, issued May 27, 1952.

— Marshall S. Loke.

PLEYEL'S HYMN--

"Solemn strikes the funeral chime--"

Every Mason is familiar with "Pleyel's Hymn", the funeral dirge used in the Master's Degree, but how much do you know about its author?

Ignaz Joseph Pleyel was born in Ruppertal, Austria, near Vienna, June 1, 1757, and died at his estate near Paris November 13, 1831. A noted pianist, Pleyel studied under the great Haydn. He made a concert tour through Italy and France in 1786, where he was widely acclaimed. In 1787 he was appointed chapel-master to Strassburg cathedral. Due to the revolution he was forced to flee to London, where he again studied under Haydn, giving a series of concerts in 1791-92.

He returned to France when possible, and in 1797 he founded in Paris a highly successful piano factory known as Pleyel, Wollf and Company. This he turned over to his son, Camilla, himself a widely-known pianist, as was his wife, Marie Felicity.

For a number of years Pleyel was editor of "Bibliothèque Musicale". He composed 29 symphonies and sonatas. His earlier works are considered his best, and "Pleyel's Hymn" is one of the most popular.

So far as we know, Pleyel has never appeared on a stamp.

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JOAQUIN de MOSQUERA y ARBOLEDA (1787-1878)—

Joaquin de Mosquera was born in Popayan, Colombia, on December 14, 1787. In 1810 he joined the revolutionary movement against Spanish domination. On October 10, 1821, Simon Bolivar appointed him Minister Plenipotentiary to the Patriotic Government of Peru. In 1822 he held this post in Chile and in 1823 in Argentina. In 1828 he was a representative to the Convention of Ocaña,

which had been inaugurated on April 9 of that year, where he took sides with Bolivar in his controversy with Santander.



In 1823 Mosquera was elected a member of the House of Representatives and in 1825 a member of the Senate. On May 4, 1830, the Congress elected him President of the Republic, a post he held from June 1, till August 2, and from August 17 till September 4. He died in Popayan on April 3, 1878.

In his book, "La Masoneria en la Independencia de America", Americo Carnicelli states that it is unknown in which lodge Dr. Joaquin de Mosquera was initiated, possibly in the Lodge "Los Hermanos del Sur" in his birthplace, Popayan.

On May 3, 1982, the Republic of Colombia issued a sheet of 10 stamps honoring its heroes, and Mosquera is pictured on one of them, as are five other persons known to be Masons.

— Wessel M. Lans.

A ROYAL MASON—

When Albert Edward (later King Edward VII) was Prince of Wales he wanted to be initiated into Freemasonry. For some reason not quite clear, Queen Victoria did not look with favor on this plan. In December, 1868, the Prince of Wales paid a visit to Sweden. At that time King Charles XV of Sweden was presiding officer of the Masonic order and Crown Prince Osoar of Sweden was warden of his Masonic lodge. They learned of Edward's frustrated wish and so decided to initiate, pass and raise him while he was visiting there. This happened in December, 1868.



The Royal Initiation was never announced in England but rumors started to circulate. The problem was what to do to ascertain that the Prince of Wales was really a Mason. It was the Earl of Zetland who came up with a solution. He invited a number of members of the House of Lords to meet with him and the Prince in a small room in the House of Lords. These well-versed Masons then put the Prince through an examination and satisfied themselves that he had truly received the three degrees. This happened May 31, 1869.

The Earl of Zetland then gave notice to the United Grand Lodge of England that he intended to move that the Prince of Wales be elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. In the meantime the whole story had found its way to Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was delighted to get ahead of their English brethren and the Prince of Wales was elected the Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland before the United Grand Lodge could act. However, in 1874, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was elected the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and he held that office with distinction until he ascended the throne as King Edward VII in 1901. At that point he resigned his position in the Grand Lodge.

There is no indication of what Queen Victoria thought of all this. It is known that despite her reservations about Edward becoming a Mason, she was a firm supporter of the Craft and its members in England were among her most loyal and admiring subjects.

Likeness of King Edward VII is found on the stamps of Great Britain and many of its dominions and colonies.

— Robert M. Allardice.

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EDWARD (TED) NEWMAN — A BIO-SKETCH—

Born Aylesbury, Buck, England, March 9, 1920. Previous to immigrating to the United States in 1948, worked for the British Film Industry at Denham Studios, and served in the Royal Air Force during World War II. Became a U.S. citizen, 1952.

Worked in Chicago film studios 1948-1949. Employed by the Union Pacific railroad, Sept. 30, 1949 to May 30, 1981; retired as a joint Union Pacific and Burlington Northern freight agent in Portland.

Twice Past Patron, Order of the Eastern Star, Portland. Member John Paul Jones Lodge No. 271, F. & A.M., Gig Harbor, Wash.; Scottish Rite, Valley of Tacoma, Orient of

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Washington; Afifi Shrine, Tacoma; Elks Lodge #174, Tacoma; Masonic Stamp Club of New York; Masonic Study Unit. Life Member, Royal Air Force Assn., London, and Associated Photographers, International. Twice Post Commander of Canadian U.S. Post No. 17, Portland. At present a licensed real estate agent in the state of Washington.

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ADM. DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT (1801-1870)—

Admiral Farragut was born near Knoxville, Tennessee. He entered the navy as a midshipman at the age of nine; served in the Mediterranean, 1815 to 1820, and in the next 20 years held successfully responsible commands advancing to the rank of commander. In the Mexican War he participated in the blockade of Mexican ports on the Gulf of Mexico. He established the Navy Yard at Mare Island on San Francisco Bay.



On the outbreak of the Civil War, Farragut immediately declared his loyalty to the Union and was given command of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron with orders to capture New Orleans. On April 18, 1862, he massed his fleet below forts on both sides of the Mississippi river south of the city, bombarding them for six days with no noticeable effect, whereupon he proceeded up the river, losing only three vessels. He then defeated a Confederate flotilla farther up the river and forced the surrender of New Orleans on April 25. The forts capitulated three days later. Congress promoted him to the rank of Rear Admiral.

In the Battle of Mobile Bay, Farragut rallied his men with the famous cry, "Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!" and led the fleet through a dangerous torpedo-mined area before the city. This was the outstanding naval operation of the Civil War and Farragut emerged as a naval hero. Congress created for him the rank of Vice Admiral in 1864 and Admiral in 1868.

He commanded a naval squadron touring European waters in 1867 and accepted the congratulations of foreign nations in behalf of the United States government for the successful conclusion of the war. Farragut was one of the original 150 persons selected for the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in 1900.

The lodge where Farragut was raised is not known. Denslow's "10,000 Famous Freemasons" says "he is thought to have been made a Mason on the island of Malta in 1818 when he was 17 years of age, serving in the Mediterranean". He died August 14, 1870, and was buried with Masonic honors by the Grand Master of New Hampshire and St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Portsmouth. Farragut's Masonic connection is beyond doubt. He visited Naval Lodge No. 87 of Vallejo, California, when he was at the Mare Island Naval Yard.

Farragut's portrait is on the \$1.00 United States stamp of 1903, Scott's No. 311, and the 3¢ stamp of the Navy Issue of 1937, Scott's No. 792.

— Marshall S. Loke

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NEW ISSUES WITH MASONIC CONNECTIONS—

Austria	5/19/82	#1210
Belgium	10/18/82	
Colombia	5/3/82	

Joseph Haydn
Grand Orient of Belgium
Block of 10 former presidents,
including Masons: Bolivar,
Santander, Mosquera, Caloedo.
Marquez and Aranzazu.

Fiji	11/1/82	
France	6/4/82	1837
Ger. Dem. Rep.	3/9/82	2245
Italy	6/2/82	1518
Mexico	8/9/82	
Samoa	2/26/82	567

Prince Philip
Jules Valles
Goethe
Garibaldi
Vicente Guerrero
Pistol
Mt. Vernon
Geo. Washington
S/S Taking Oath
Andres Bello
F. D. Roosevelt
Geo. Washington



Spain	3/10/82	2282
United States	1/30/82	1950
	2/22/82	1952

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—

25. Were the following persons Masons:

- Emmerich Kolman, Austria (1982)
- Dr. Tefvik Seglam, Turkey (1982)
- Eusebio Figueroo, Costa Rica (1981)
- Andres Celsius, Sweden (1982)
- Henrik Lage, Brazil (1982)

26. Were any of the motoroyole racers honored on the Tourist Trophy issue of The Isle of Man of June 7, 1982, members of the Masonic fraternity:

- Charlie Collier
- Freddie Dixon
- Jimmie Simpson
- Mike Hailwood
- Jack Taylor

27. Were any of the men on Transkei's "Heroes of Medicine" series Masons:

- Hippocrates (Greece)
- Antonie von Leeuwenhoek (Holland)
- William Harvey (England)
- Joseph Lister (England)

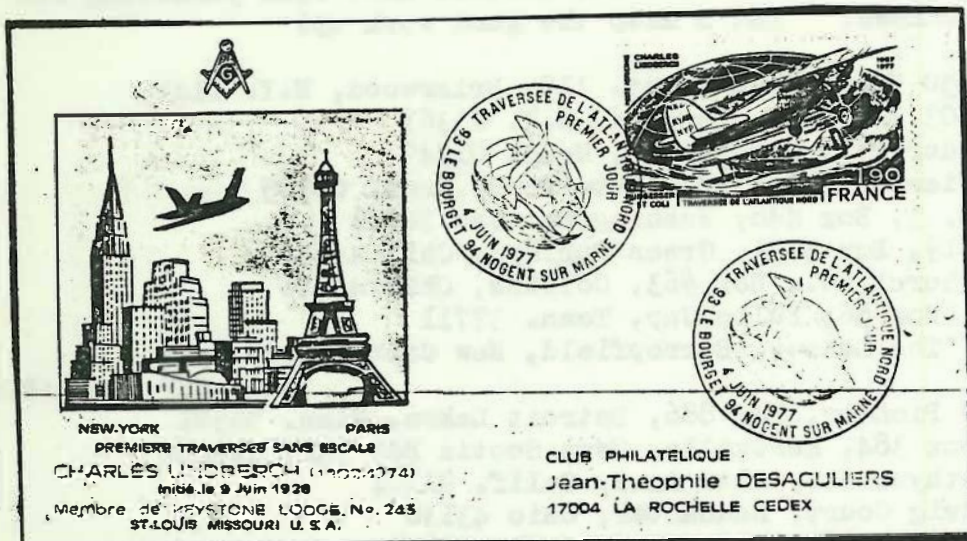
28. Was Bjornstjerne Bjornson, Norwegian author, a Mason?

29. Was Sigrid Unset, Norwegian novelist and Nobel prize winner, a Mason?

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FOR SALE OR TRADE — WANTED —



Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Ver-laine, 17000 La Rochelle, France, has this cover marking the 50th Anniversary of Lindbergh's Trans-Atlantic Flight for sale at \$3.00 eqch, postpaid. Remittance may be made in currency at your own risk.

Robert A. Domingue, 59 Greenwood Road, Andover, Mass. 01810, wants xerox (or other clear copy method) of Mirt's "Masonry on Postage Stamps" to complete a set: Vol. 1, No.1 (page 3 only), #2, 4, 5 and 6 (page 24 only), Vol 2, Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 11; Vol. 3, #7. Has Masonic cacheted

covers to offer in return.

Fredericksburg Lodge, George Washington's mother lodge, marked the anniversaries of his degrees with special cachets and canoels on the proper dates — E.A. 11/4; F.C. 3/3 and M.M. 5/4. Your choice may be had for \$2.00 or the set of 3 for \$5.50, postpaid. Order from J. R. Allen, Box 26135, Richmond, Va. 23260. Allow 30 to 45 days for delivery. (See earlier issues for reproductions,)



Col. David M. Maddox, 2nd Armd. Cav. Regt., A.P.O. New York 09093, wants to buy or trade for a Mahdeen First Day cover honoring Douglas MacArthur. Can you help him?

We have recently had a number of inquiries regarding a source of supply for Masonic album pages. Your editor has had a local printer produce a number of pages for him and is willing to share them. These are printed in black with a ribbon border, the square and compasses in the upper left corner and "Masonic Philately" in the lower right corner. Punched for a three-ring binder, these are of a heavy material, sufficient for covers or post cards. Your editor has been using these pages for a number of years, prize winning exhibits being mounted on them. These may be had in lots of 12 for \$2.25, lots of 25 for \$4.00, or 100 for \$12.00, postpaid. Order from the editor at 2106 No. Van Buren St., Little Rock, Ark. 72207.

(NOTE — Covers offered here are standard size, but are shown in reduced size to conserve space.)

NEW MEMBERS—

New members since our last issue shows that our members have been promoting our Unit among friends and acquaintances. Let's keep the good work up!

- 331 Mrs. Alyce E. Coman, 143-50 Hoover Ave., Apt. 110, Briarwood, N.Y. 11435
 332 Wilfred O. Greenway, 216-03 43d Ave., Bayside, N.Y. 11361
 333 Harold G. Macomber, 20 Cedar St., Marblehead, Mass. 01945
 334 William D. Foreman, 258 Niantic River Rd., Waterford, Conn. 06385
 335 Thomas L. Fletcher, R.F.D. 3, Box 448, Washington, Ga. 30673
 336 Claude Young, 2242 S.R. #19, Box 305A, Green Springs, Ohio 44836
 337 Theodore Heirsche, 4476 Church St., Box #63, Collins, Ohio 44826
 338 Rev. Chas. W. Davis, P.O. Box 66, Bulls Gap, Tenn. 37711
 339 Arthur Cook, 1 Elm Grove, The Leazes, Burnopfield, New Castle Upon Tyne,
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 340 Russell B. Gunderson, 119 Pioneer, Box 886, Detroit Lakes, Minn. 56501
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 213 Miss Dorothy S. Walker, 1916 Castle Way Lane, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30345

CLOSED ALBUMS—

- 29 Bernard E. Tucker
 69 Richard O. Olsen

NOTE-- #333, Harold G. Macomber, is Secretary of Scottish Rite Bodies at Salem, Mass.
 #336, Claude Young, is D.D.G.M. of the 16th Ohio District, while #337, Theodore
 Hirsche is 2nd Vice-president of that district.

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SEVERAL MEMBERS have asked us when and where to pay Unit dues, as well as amount. Dues in North America are \$5.00, in other countries, \$8.00 per year. Remit dues to Secretary-treasurer Richard M. Needham, 708 No. Mt. Pleasant, Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130, on or before May 1.