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WHOLE NO. 54

ADOLPHUS WASHINGTON GREELY



The USPS Explorers' Issue of May 28, 1986, includes a stamp which pictures Bro. Greely.

Adolphus Washington Greely was born in Newburyport, Mass., on March 27, 1844. After receiving a high school education he enlisted as a private in the 19th Mass. Volunteer Infantry serving in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. After the war he joined the regular U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and from 1867 to 1879 was engaged in the laying of 2000 miles of telegraph lines in Texas, the Dakotas and Montana. In 1881 he volunteered to lead one of the two Arctic expeditions organized in the U.S. as a contribution to the first International Circumpolar Year (1882-1883). With a party of 23 Army men and two eskimo hunters, Greely occupied a base in northeast Ellesmere Island that had been established six years before by Sir George Strong Nares: it was named Fort Conger. The expedition members explored Ellesmere Island and when an expected relief ship did not arrive in 1882 they conducted further explorations to Greely Fjord. They finally abandoned Fort Conger in Aug. 1883 and sailed south in a steam launch with 40 day's food. In Oct. they were forced to make a winter camp on Bedford Pym Island near Cape Sabine, 250 miles south of their base. When the rescue party led by Capt. Winfield Scott Schley found the group in June 1884, only Bro. Greely and six others were alive.

Bro. Greely was promoted to Captain and the following year was made chief signal officer with the rank of Brigadier General serving until 1906. He also headed the U.S. Weather Service until it was transferred to the Department of Agriculture in 1891. He was in charge of relief operations in the San Francisco earthquake disaster of 1906. He died in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 20, 1935.

Adolphus W. Greely received his degrees in Lynn Wood Lodge No. 167, New Orleans, La., in 1866. He was initiated on Oct. 13 and although the remaining two degrees were also conferred that year the exact date is not recorded. He later demitted from this Lodge - - perhaps to one in Mass. where he received his Royal Arch and Commandery degrees in 1867. Lynn Wood Lodge voted him a National and Masonic flag in 1881 to take with him. He was made an honorary member of Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City, and was tendered a reception there on April 28, 1885.. This Lodge has a Masonic flag that Greely frequently displayed in the Arctic as well as other items made and used by members of the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition donated by him.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

- 318. James A. Reynold, 5041 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60630-1828
- 320. Anthony Salzman, 5525 N.W. 26th Terrace, Gainesville, Fla. 32605

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- 10. Edward L. King, P.O. Box 36309, Charlotte, N.C. 28236
- 111. Thomas M. Gardner, 6 Lamoille St., Essex Junction, Vt. 05452
- 242. Harry R. Brahmstadt, 15704 Foxbend Court, Orland Park, Ill. 60462
- 245. Arthur Judson, 4 Alhambra Drive, Oceanside, L.I., N.Y. 11572
- 473. J. D. Turpie, 213 Eldon St., Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland PA16 7QA

Does anyone know the whereabouts of No. 310 Robert J. Wojcikowski, last reached at USS Silversides, SSN-679, Seattle, Wash. 98799.

CLOSED ALBUMS:

- 42. William F. Brockman, Ellsworth, Wisc.
- 121. Harold C. Hammon, Freemont, Calif.
- 369. George W. Chase, Lake Katrine, N.Y.

Although not a member of the MSU/ATA I would like to note the passing of Bro. Charles Wilner, the newly appointed Cover Chairman of the GWMSC. .

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bro. Richard M. Needham is getting back into the swing of things after his most recent leg operation and seems well on the road to full recovery.

Bro. Frank Cochrane III has taken on a few more duties. He became a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason at the end of April. In May he started his duties as District Deputy Grand Master for the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Florida, R.& S.M.. Further, he was just appointed the Grand Master's Personal Secretary for the next year,

We received a note from Member No. 155, Bro. Earl F. England. of Van Meter, Iowa, He turned 75 on April 24, is a Past Master, 32 Scottish Rite Mason and a Past Patron of Eastern Star. He is a member of Za Ga Zig Shrine and plays in the Consistory Band. He has also played in the Shrine band for 19 years. He certainly isn't slowing down.

Our President, Thomas M. Gardner, recently got married and went on a honeymoon to Great Britain and England proper. Congratulations, Bro. Tom.

DENVER MSC STARTS NEWSLETTER

After 38 years of existence, the Denver MSC has started a Newsletter. It is edited by Bro. Jim Adams, Member No. 440. Best of luck in the new venture Bro. Jim. This club's latest cover was issued for ROMPEX '86, Denver's annual stamp exhibition. Information on the Club, newsletter and cover can be obtained from Bro. Jim Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, Colo. 80210.

ADDENDUM TO WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

The information which was published in the most recent newsletter on William Jennings Bryan was accurate but, unfortunately, incomplete. He demitted from Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebr., on Feb. 7, 1922, to join Temple Lodge No. 247, Miami, Fla.

OUR MSU/ATA COVERS

You are all aware of the Club covers which have been produced for Bro. Hugo Black and Bro. William Jennings Bryan; they are still available at a cost of \$1.00 and \$3.25, respectively, from your editor. Covers have also been prepared for the recent Duke Ellington and the Polar Explorers issues - these covers are illustrated below. The Duke Ellington cover remains at the conventional cost of \$1.00 but the added franking (3 stamps) of the Explorer issue and increased printing costs elevates the price to \$2.00 each. All orders should be accompanied by a #10 SASE.

<p>ELISHA KENT KANE born 7 Dec 20 - Philadelphia, Pa. died Feb. 16, 1897 - Havana, Cuba</p> <p>SURGEON-EXPLORER Member - Franklin Lodge No. 24, Philadelphia, Pa. Raised 4th Nov. 1873</p>	<p>ADOLPHUS WASHINGTON GREELY born May 27, 1844 - Newburyport, Mass. died Oct 20, 1930 - Washington, D.C.</p> <p>SOLDIER-EXPLORER Member - Lyon Lodge No. 167, New Orleans, La. Entered Oct 12, 1866</p>	<p>EDWARD KENNEDY "DUKE" ELLINGTON</p>	
<p>MASONIC POLAR EXPLORERS KANE LODGE NO. 464 NEW YORK THE EXPLORERS' LODGE NAMED IN HONOR OF ELISHA K. KANE ROBERT E. PEARY - MEMBER ADOLPHUS W. GREELY - HONORARY MEMBER</p>	<p>MATTHEW ALEXANDER HENSON born Aug 8, 1866 - Charles County, Md. died Nov. 9, 1913 - New York, N.Y.</p> <p>PEARY'S TRUSTED ASSISTANT Member - Columbia Lodge No. 66, New York, N.Y. Entered 4 Nov. 5, 1904</p>	<p>born April 29, 1899 - Washington, D.C. died May 24, 1974 - New York, N.Y.</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF ISSUE</p>
<p>ROBERT EDWIN PEARY born May 6, 1856 - Greenport, N.Y. died Feb. 20, 1920 - Washington, D.C.</p> <p>FIRST EXPLORER TO NORTH POLE Member - Kane Lodge No. 464, New York, N.Y. Raised May 3, 1896</p>	<p>PHANIST ORCHESTRA LEADER COMPOSER</p> <p>AMERICAN MUSIC NEW YORK STAMPS</p> <p>JAZZ LISTENING DANCING</p>	<p>He became well known during his band's five year stand at the Cotton Club, Harlem, and its national nightly radio broadcasts 1927-</p>	<p>NEW YORK, NY APR 29 1986 10001</p> <p>MSU</p>
<p>Superb Musician for 58 Years Member of Social Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C. Raised May 5, 1932</p>			

RECENT MAHDEEN COVERS

Bro. Richard M. Needham has lost the services of his line printer but he continues to publish FDC's under the trade name of "MAHDEEN". A few of his recent releases are shown here.

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William Jennings Bryan
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R. M. Needham
708 N. Lancaster

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NEW YORK, NY
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POLAR EXPLORERS

The USPS Polar Explorers issue of May 28, 1986, pictures four known Masons. Bro. Matthew A. Henson was featured in our most recent newsletter; Adolphus W. Greely is discussed on page 557 of this issue. A search of previous publications shows that Bro. Peary has not been "covered" since the early 1970's. Consequently, he and Bro. Elisha K. Kane are discussed below.



ROBERT EDWIN PEARY was born on May 6, 1856, at Cresson Springs, Pa., Graduated from Bowdoin College in 1877, he was commissioned in the Navy as a civil engineer in 1881. He led several explorations to Greenland and points north from 1886 to 1909. He traversed the ice cap 100 miles inland from Disko Bay in 1886, established a base on Inglefield Gulf in northeast Greenland in 1891 and discovered Independence Bay. In 1893-1897 trips were made to transport three meteorites to the U.S., the largest weighing 90 tons. In 1898 he outlined the northern limits of the Greenland Archipelago. In 1908 he embarked on his famous trip which was culminated with his arriving at the North Pole on April 6, 1909, with five companions. He was given the rank of Rear Admiral in 1911 and he died in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 26, 1920.

Robert E. Peary received his degrees in Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City. He was initiated on Feb. 4, passed on Feb. 18, and raised on March 3, all in 1896. He presented this Lodge the Masonic Flag which was raised at Independence Bay, Greenland, May 20-25, 1895. He also presented two specimens of the 90 ton meteorite discovered in North Greenland to the Grand Lodge of New York.

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ELISHA KENT KANE was born on Feb. 3, 1820, in Philadelphia, Penna. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1842 with a medical degree and entered the U.S. Navy on June 21, 1843, as an assistant surgeon. He served in China, Africa and the Mediterranean and in 1850 led an unsuccessful expedition to northeastern Greenland to search for the British explorer Sir John Franklin missing since 1845. After the search he organized his own attempt to find Franklin and also to establish whether or not there was an open sea around the North Pole. Leaving New York City on May 31, 1853, he sailed aboard the "Advance" to northeastern Greenland and entered the sea now called Kane Basin. They became icebound but accomplished much geographical, meteorological, geological and other scientific research. They did not find Franklin nor did they find any open Polar sea. After two winters of hardships they abandoned the "Advance" in May 1855 and began an 83 day journey overland to Upernivik, Greenland. Found by a relief expedition, they returned to New York City in Oct. 1855. Bro. Kane died in Havana, Cuba, on Feb. 16, 1857.

Bro. Elisha Kent received all three degrees in Franklin Lodge No. 134, Philadelphia, Penna. - apparently on April 13, 1853. He was entertained at a reception by Saint John's Lodge, Newfoundland, on June 17, 1853, and was presented a Masonic Flag. Kane Lodge No. 454, the famous Explorers Lodge of New York City is named for him.

PRESIDENTIAL ISSUE FDC'S

The recent issue of 36 Presidential stamps at AMERIPEX has been greeted with very mixed emotions by cover producers and collectors. Many cover producers will profit significantly and many cover collectors will "shell out" quite a bit of money to "be complete". Those of us who are topical are faced with a significant dilemma: is the preparation cost worth it, can we afford the outlay for all the stamps needed and what do we do with the unused stamps. Of the 36 stamps issued, only 14 involve known Masons (using the White House stamp for Pres. Ford). Even adding speculation on Madison and Jefferson and considering L. B. Johnson who never advanced beyond the first degree, we don't even reach the 50% mark. The cost of \$7.92 for \$3.08 of FDC postage provides a lot of everyday postage. Consequently, some of the normal Masonic FDC producers have passed on this issue.

Your editor did not prepare any cachet or covers for this issue (other than for personal use using cachets of others) nor did Bro. Needham. The GWMSC and Frank Cochrane prepared multiple use covers for servicing as shown below; the GWMSC also prepared a set of oversize covers for the four sheetlets. Bro. Edsel Hatfield is also producing a series of covers for the Masonic Presidents and also a set of Masonic Vice-Presidents for the same issue. Since the USPS has extended the date for application of FD cancels to covers done for this issue, there is sufficient time to get covers from the GWMSC and Bro. Cochrane and service them yourselves.

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ANDREW JOHNSON	15 Apr. 1865	3 Mar. 1869
JAMES A. GARFIELD	4 Mar. 1881	19 Sep. 1881
WILLIAM MCKINLEY	4 Mar. 1897	14 Sep. 1901
THEODORE ROOSEVELT	14 Sep. 1901	3 Mar. 1909
WILLIAM H. TAFT	4 Mar. 1909	3 Mar. 1913
WARREN G. HARDING	4 Mar. 1921	2 Aug. 1923
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	4 Mar. 1933	12 Apr. 1945
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TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 1986

Beginning Balance		\$4,639.84
Dues Received	1,710.00	
Interest on Savings	237.21	
Miscellaneous Receipts	6.38	
Available Funds		\$6,593.43
Printing for Newsletter & Postage	1,486.59	
Dues Card Printing	30.38	
Postage for Dues Notices & Cards	64.13	
Misc. Directors' Expenses	42.82	
Balance on Hand June 1, 1986		\$4,954.51

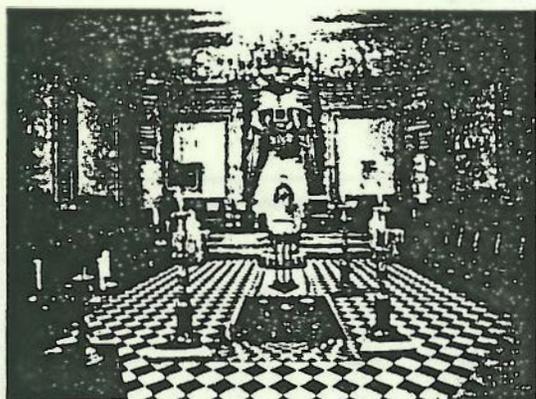
Respectfully submitted,
Ctto L. Steding, Treasurer

WILLEM PIJPER

For a better understanding of the following biography of the Dutch composer Willem Pijper, I think it useful to tell something about a number of important differences between Dutch Freemasonry and the Craft in Anglosaxon countries.

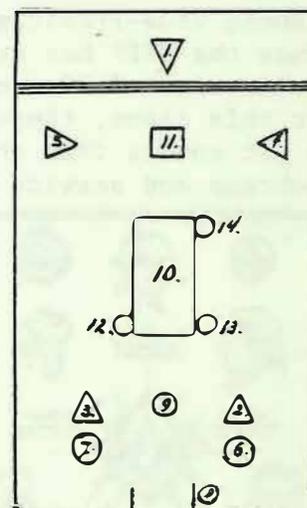
An Entered Apprentice must wait at least a year before he can be passed to the second degree. He is expected to use this time to reflect background and nature of the first degree by study and talks with his fellow brethren. After a period of again at least a year, the Fellowcraft can be raised to the Master Mason degree. This method gives the young Mason during the first period of his Masonic career a strong bond with his Lodge, the more so as weekly meetings are the rule.

Further, there is an important difference in the arrangement of the Temple and in the form of the ritual used in Dutch Freemasonry. The Temple has a slightly different function than the Lodge room. In the Temple only initiations in the three degrees take place and some solemn meetings like Lodges of Sorrow, the celebration of St. John's Day, etc.. All other meetings take place outside the Temple. Both Wardens are seated in the West of the Temple near the columns J. and B.. In the middle of the Temple lies a cloth Tracing Board, with the three Lesser Lights of W., S. and B. around it. Between the Tracing Board and the W.M.'s pedestal the Altar of Truth is found on which are the three Greater Lights: Square, Compasses and Bible.



The Temple of Pijper's Motherlodge
"De Drie Kolommen" in Rotterdam.

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Master | 8. Tyler |
| 2. Sen. Warden | 9. Cend. |
| 3. Jun. Warden | 10. Trac. Board |
| 4. Secretary | 11. Altar. |
| 5. Treasurer | 12. Light of Wind. |
| 6. Column B. | 13. L. of Strength |
| 7. Column J. | 14. L. of Beauty |
| 15. Door | |



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A regular part of the initiation ceremony in the First Degree is the Chain of Union around the Tracing Board. All brethren take part in the ceremony. At the moment when the hoodwink is removed, the candidate sees himself taken up as part of this chain. This is a very imposing moment and is found, as far as I know, only in Dutch Masonry.

The whole ceremony of the E.A. initiation can be split up into six parts; the solemn entrance of the brethren in the Temple and the opening of the Lodge; three journeys of the candidate around the Tracing Board; the Chain of the brethren; the Closing of the Lodge and the Leaving of the Temple by the Brethren. Brother Pijper's Masonic music is based on these six parts.

Bro. Willem Pijper was born Sept. 8, 1894, in Zeist. He studied at the music conservatory in Utrecht and became a music critic in 1920. In that capacity his often venomous pen was feared. He made high demands upon himself and others. In 1930 he was appointed director of the "Toonkunst" conservatory in Rotterdam; however, he found most of his satisfaction in his creative work.

WILLEM PIJPER (Cont'd)

Bro. Pijper had a very delicate health. As a child he could not visit school and was taught by a private teacher. He had to struggle with this handicap all his life. It was certainly also the cause of his critical, often gloomy and solitary minded character which is reflected in his reviews and compositions.

Willem Pijper was initiated June 16, 1938, in the Lodge "De Drie Kolommen" (The Three Columns) No. 13 in Rotterdam. As his passing to F.C. did not take place until 1940, the influence Freemasonry had on his early character and also on his work can only be attributed to the impressions he got from his initiation in the First Degree. In Jan. 1939 he witnessed an initiation in the recently completed Temple in Sneek of the Lodge "Concordia Res Parvae Crescunt". This Temple was held as an example both for its architecture as well as for the beauty of the sound of the musical accompaniment of the initiations. Pijpre's finely strung artistic soul was very much moved. At the end of the ceremony he had a conversation with the then Gransmaster Dr. Marius ten Cate. In it he voiced his intention to compose Masonic music, the more so as he had grave objections against the music that was used. In the months following this visit he indeed composed his Masonic music, later known under the name "The Six Adagios for Orchestra". While composing, Pijper was certainly driven by the overwhelming impression his own initiation had made on him, intensified by a number of other initiations he later witnessed. The way in which he gave form to these impressions proves that the composer really intended this music to be used to accompany the workings in the First Degree in his Motherlodge "De Drie Kolommen". The duration of the "Six Adagios" is exactly timed on the dimensions of the Rotterdam Temple and are meant for the six subdivisions mentioned earlier. Soon after the completion plans were conceived for the recording of this music, all kinds of difficulties prevented the realization of these plans and Pijper never lived to hear the execution of his composition, obviously a great dissappointment.

April 24, 1940, Bro. Pijper was passed to a Fellowcraft. May 10 next The Netherlands were overrun by the German armies. May 14 downtown Rotterdam was annihilated by a bombardment in which Pijper's house was completely destroyed. He lost all his possessions, among which was his music library with many rare manuscripts. Nothing was left of the Temple of the Lodge "De Drie Kolommen" but a smoking heap of ruins. All Masonic workings had to be stopped on account of the German occupation. Pijper left Rotterdam and lost contact with almost all his Brethren. His creativity suffered because of all these misfortunes; after 1940 hardly a composition was finished by him. This effect was also caused by his ever deteriorating health; his Masonic enthusiasm also wore off. When at last after the liberation, Masonic life started slowly in Rotterdam, Bro. Pijper was raised on April 18, 1946. The Temple of his Motherlodge that had so much inspired him to compose his "Six Adagios" had not yet been rebuilt and his raising took place in the Temple of the Lodge "Silentium" No. 30 in neighboring Delft. Only a few times after this occasion was Bro. Pijper able to visit his Lodge. The wasting disease that undermined his body at last prevented all activities; on March 18, 1947, he had to lay down his working tools at the gate of the East Eternal.

I want to stress again that Bro. Pijper's main Masonic work, the "Six Adagios" was inspired exclusively by his initiation in the E.A. Degree. What might his great mind have created when the M.M. Degree, so much deeper in meaning, had touched his artist's soul earlier in his career. The Adagios were first publically executed by the Utrecht Municipal Orchestra Nov. 14, 1951. A music critic (not a member of the Craft) wrote on this occasion: "I hope that one of his friends will keep the date that will have to serve as a starting point for the chapter in Pijper's biography that must explain an evolution that is as remarkable in psychological as in musicological respect".

-Submitted by Bro. Wessel M. Lans, Member No. 74, The Netherlands

FRENCH MSC COVERS

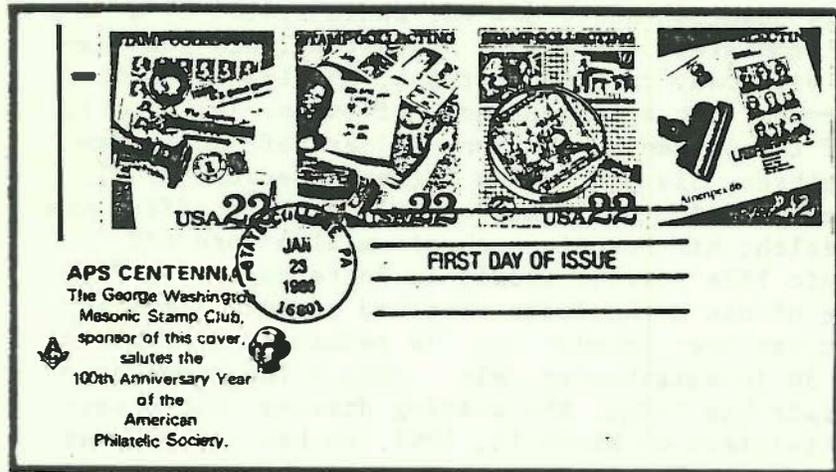
Bro. Jean Prouteau, President of the Club Jean-Théophile Désaguliers, informs us that they have prepared another five Masonic philatelic covers which are for sale. They are:

FDC 1960	Honorat	\$3.00	Special 1985	Greoux les Bains	\$1.00
1986	Front Populaire	2.00	1986	Grand Orient de France	2.00
1986	Louise Michel	2.00			

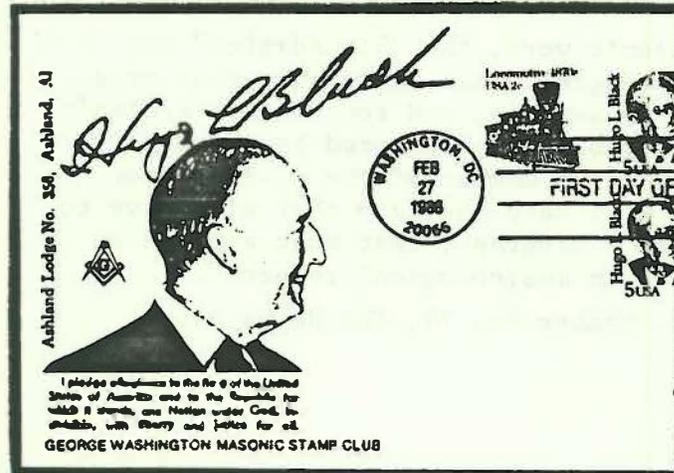
The price includes airmail postage and the covers can be ordered from Bro. Prouteau at 1 rue Verlaine; 17000 La Rochelle; France.



RECENT GWMSC COVERS



In addition to the Presidential covers mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the GWMSC has prepared FDC's for the Hugo Black and William Jennings Bryan stamps as well as the APS Centennial - shown here. The APS Centennial cover was also prepared with both the U.S. and Swedish issues. These covers should be ordered from Bro. Stanley Longenecker, PO Box 7244 Lancaster, Pa. 17604



ANNIE WOOD BESANT

In "The Philatelic Freemason" of Jan/Feb 1982, the editor at the time, Bro. Walter J. Kirby, appealed to our members to write sometime about the Eastern Star for benefit of the lady members. In the next issue Bro. Roy Schwartz wrote an article about Clara Barton; after that, silence has been maintained. We still owe something to "the dis-taff side". To honor the lady members, it is perhaps worthwhile to pay some attention to the famous lady-theosophist Dr. Annie Besant. India dedicated a stamp to her in 1963 - Scott 377.



Annie Wood was born Oct. 1, 1847, in London. She had an emotional life. When she was five years old, her father died and she was raised by Miss Marryatt, sister of captain-novelist Marryatt. In 1867 she married the clergyman Frank Besant. In 1873 they divorced because of her totally changed religious views which led her from a christian to an atheist. In 1889 she came under the influence of Blavatsky and her Theosophical movement to which she devoted herself entirely from then on. In 1893 she went to British India and set to work elevating the Indian people and fighting for Home Rule. Her famous "Central Hindu College" in Benaris became the first British-Indian University for Hindus. She was elected Chairwoman of the Indian National Congress. She founded the Boy Scout movement for Hindu boys which Sir Baden Powell took over at a later date. In 1907 she became Chairwoman of the Theosophical Society. To prepare the coming of a new expected world teacher, the "Order of the Star in the East" was founded. In 1925 Annie Besant declared that her pupil the Hindu Krisjnamurti was the embodiment of the expected new world teacher. In 1929 Krisjnamurti withdrew from her influence and closed the "Order of the Star". Annie Besant died on Sept. 9, 1933.

At the beginning of this century Annie Besant came in contact with the Lodge "Le Droit Humain", founded in France in 1893. This Lodge was accessible for men and women and soon developed into an independent Masonic Obediency. In 1902 Annie Besant was initiated in this Lodge in Paris. She was also granted the 33rd Degree. With her own great energy she applied herself to the propagation of the Mixed Freemasonry in England. In Sept. 1902 the first Lodge in London was founded under the name of "Human Duty" No. 2. In India Annie Besant founded Lodges in Beraris, Bombay, Adyar and Rangoon. Under her influence Krisjnamurti also joined this Order. (It is obvious that this group known as the "Co-Masonry" Order is not recognized as regular by the masculine Freemasonry.)

-Contributed by Bro. Wessel M. Lans, Member No. 74, The Netherlands

TREATISE ON FREEMASONRY

Recently we published an illustration of a page from Bro. Maurice Beazley's collection. He just forwarded a 10 page parody entitled "Freemasonry - Stamps Reveal All !!" It is a well done humorous approach to explaining Freemasonry and should fit well in the current scene of events happening in his country. For information on this work and perhaps a copy, write to him at: 216, West Dyke Road; Redcar; Cleveland; TS10 4JS, England.

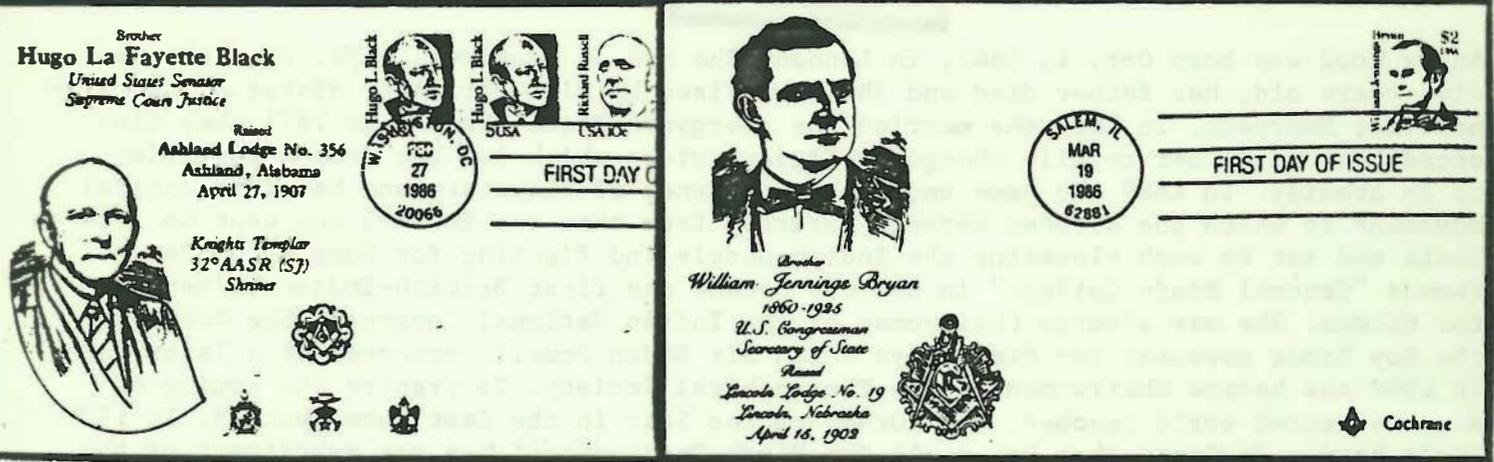
Harry A. Brahmstadt has produced LYRE COVER # 5 for the Mark Twain/Halley's Comet aerogramme. They can be ordered from him at 111 W. 141 St., Riverdale, Ill. 60627 until Aug. 1 and then at 15704 Foxbend Court, Orland Park, Ill. 60402 after that date.

NEW TEMPLE STAMP CLUB COVER

Bro. Robert C. Krueger, Member No. 95, informs us that he has prepared a cover for the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Tripoli Shrine on June 21, 1986. These covers are available for a cost of \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.75 plus the usual #10 SASE from Bro.. Krueger at 4773 N. Sheffield Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wisc. 53211. I have seen a copy of this cover but too late to illustrate herein - it looks good and your efforts certainly shine and are appreciated Bro. Krueger.

RECENT COCHRANE COVERS

Bro. Frank Cochrane III has recently issued FDC's for the Hugo Black and William Jennings Bryan releases as shown below. They are both very well done and information on them can be obtained from him at PO Box 360025, Melbourne, Fla. 32936.



NATAL MASONIC NEWS - ANOTHER ARTICLE BY BRO. MACKENZIE

W. Bro. Colin R. Mackenzie, Member No. 14, sent in a copy of the Feb. 1986 issue of the Natal Masonic News. It contains another excellent article by him on the subject of Masonic Philately. The article dealt with Bro. John Rouse Merriott Chard, the Victoria Cross he was awarded and the John Chard Decoration and Medal. I intend to include this article in a future issue of this Newsletter but those of you who wish quicker information are welcome to write to him at PO Box 47341, Greyville, Durban, 4023 Republic of South Africa.

JAMES HOGG COVERS

Bro. James Hogg, Member No. 231, of Fort Myers, Fla., has issued three Masonic FDC's to date; they are still available at a cost of \$1.25 each plus a #10 SASE. He further intends to issue Masonic related covers for the 14¢ Stamp Collecting Postal Card issued at AMERIPEX '86 and the July 4 Statue of Liberty issue. The covers still available are:

- 11/13/81 - U.S. Capitol Dome
- 1/30/82 - F. D. Roosevelt
- 2/22/82 - George Washington

Bro. Hogg can be contacted at PO Box 06112, Fort Myers, Fla. 33908.

EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Some of Bro. Edsel Hatfield's more recent covers are shown below. He continues his high quality of cover publication and details on purchase can be obtained from him at PO Box 36, Hazelwood, Mo. 63042.

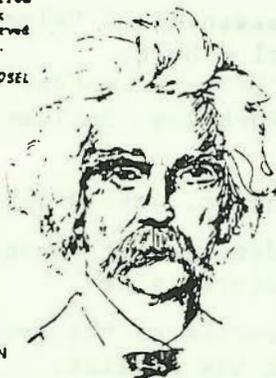
I would like to note that Edsel's wife Jessie has just transcended a rather traumatic medical situation and all is now well. Best of luck and stay in good health Jessie.

Raised July 10, 1861 in Faler Star Lodge No. 79 St. Louis, MO. They have a gavel cast by F.W.M.; it was carved from cedar from the Forest of Lebanon whence Solomon cut timber for his temple. The handle T.M.U.77 himself carved from cedar cut just outside the walls of Jerusalem. Despite criticism of his books for imagined racist slant, they still lead the world in readership. EDSEL

“I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet.”



AEROGramme - VIA AIRMAIL - PAR AVION



WASHINGTON MONUMENT

AN AGE OLD MASONIC was president of the Washington National Monument Society in 1833. Fifteen years later EDWARD GIFFORD G.W. of the G.O.L. of D.C. laid the cornerstone during the presence of Mason JAMES T. M.L.L. The design is a refinement of ROBERT KELLS original concept. Another 17 years saw its completion and dedication on Feb. 21, 1885 during which Masons scattered symbolic earth and wine. Among the honored guests was FREDERICK, his Masonic successors having endured, even though President Buchanan's Presidential Decree, into a second cornerstone in 1888 at a higher level, pressing into the wet cement a coin so which he scratched his initials. This seems a rather trivial act for "The most important, costly, and appropriate monument ever dedicated in honor of one man." EDSEL



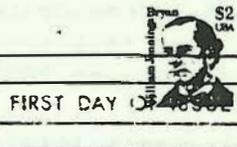
HUGO L. BLACK

Appointed in 1937 as Associate Justice to Court by Brother FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. He became the court's staunchest advocate of civil rights. "I believe it safe government abridge freedom of the Press or speech; anybody talk in this country." Life member Temple Lodge #436, A.L.S., 32 A.A.S.R., R.T. & G.W.



COL. WILLIAM B. TRAVIS

On Feb. 11, just 12 days before the siege began, TRAVIS assumed command of the Alamo. He proved to be the catalyst that resulted in 13 days that will always be remembered. On March 6 he died of a bullet through the head as the Alamo fell to SANTA ANNA'S army of 4,000. Number of Alamo Lodge #3, Claiborne, Alabama. EDSEL



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Best remembered as the fundamentalist lawyer silver tongued oratory was instrumental in the John Scopes of violating Tennessee law by teaching Evolution Theory. He died a few days later but victory was overturned in appeal. The famous "Trial" has been immortalized on film by Holly Haislip in Lincoln Lodge #19, Mo. Later affiliated with Temple Lodge #247, Miami, Florida.



EDWARD "DUKE" ELLINGTON

Wrote or composed over 1,000 pieces of music. Twelve years after his death some extracts still play "Good and Beautiful," "I Don't Want a Thing," "Caravan," "Misty Doll" and "New York New York." Member of Social Lodge No. 1 Prince Hall, Grand Lodge, D.C. EDSEL

NEW ISSUES

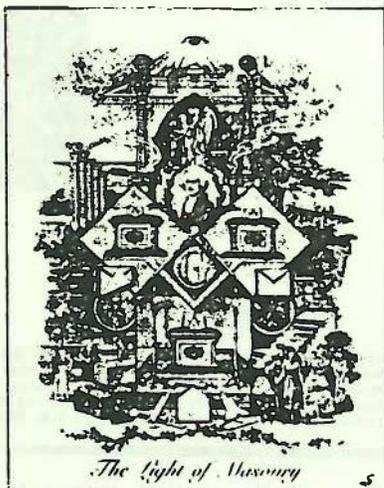
- Nov. 10, 1985 - Barkina Faso - 75th Anniversary of Red Cross, 4 Values, 150 fr is portrait of Henri Dunant.
- Dec. 1985 - Nicaragua - 75th Death Anniversary of Henri Dunant, 2 Values.
- Dec. 25, 1985 - Romania - Discoverers and Pioneers, 8 Values, 3 lei pictures Charles Lindbergh and Spirit of St. Louis , 4 lei Emil Racovita and Robert E. Peary, 5 lei Richard E. Byrd, ship and airplane.
- Jan. 6, 1986 - Grenada - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 4 Values + S/S, 2 values show Statue, S/S also shows Carl Schurz.
Grenada Grenadines - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 4 Values + S/S, S/S shows Statue and John A. Roebling, Builder of the Brooklyn Bridge and a known Mason.
- Feb. 21, 1986 - Philippines - Literary works of Dr. Jose Rizal, 2 Values.
- March 3, 1986 - Luxembourg - Centennial of Federation of Luxembourg Beekeepers' Associations, 1 Value, pictures a bee.
- April 7, 1986 - Belgium - Semipostals for Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, 3 Values + S/S, 24fr+6fr pictures St, John the Baptist.
Mali - Centennial of the Statue of Liberty, 1 Value.
- April 21, 1986 - British Omnibus issue and issues of the independent nations formerly colonies for Queen Elizabeth II 60th Birthday. Several stamps picture Prince Philip:

Antigua & Barbuda - 70¢	Guernsey - 10¢
Barbados - 65¢	Redondo - 60¢
Bermuda - 50¢	Uganda - 140 & 3000 S/S
Dominica - 2¢	Western Samoa - 32s
- July 4, 1986 - U.S. & France - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 1 Value each - twin stamps.

REQUEST FOR STAMPS

Bro. Edwin Long, Member No. 433, recently wrote asking help from the members in the acquisition of stamps he wants for his collection. He has only been a collector for 4 or 5 years and is not sure of how to go about the acquisition task. He is using ATA Handbook 97 "The Bicentennial of American Independence" 1776-1976 commemorated on foreign stamps as a base. He recognizes that this topic is extensive and probably expensive and is looking for help. Contact him at 2502 Anders Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21234 if you can help him out.

MASONIC PRINT "THE LIGHT OF MASONRY"



Although not philatelic, I recently received notice of a re-issue of the print shown here by Bro. W.C.Doyle of Cablesan Publ.. The original was distributed in 1901 by the M.G.Lilley Co. of Columbus, Ohio. This company was founded in 1865 to publish Odd Fellows papers and later added Masonic publications. They merged with Henderson-Ames, Kalamazoo, Mich., in the 1930's to become Lilley-Ames and then faded from the scene. In their peak they employed more than 1000 people.

Bro. Doyle inherited a copy of the 1901 masterpiece and decided to make it available to interested Brethren. For further information and a colorful brochure write to W. C. Doyle, C/O Cablesan Publications, Inc., 1512 Crums Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40216 or call him at (502) 448-7410.