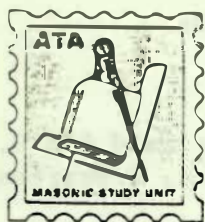


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WHOLE NO. 55

WILLIAM DREES x

William Drees was born in Amsterdam on July 5, 1886. Educated at Commercial School, Amsterdam, he was appointed stenographer to the States-General (Parliament) in 1907 and remained in this function until 1919. An active member of the Social Democratic Labour Party (S.D.A.P.) since 1904, he was elected to the Hague Town Council in 1913 and was an alderman from 1919 to 1933. In 1919 he also became a member of the Provincial States of Zuid-Holland. In 1933 he became a member of Parliament and from 1939 he was chosen chairman of the Labour group in the Second Chamber of Parliament.

When the Germans occupied the Netherlands during World War II, Drees was imprisoned in the concentration camp of Buchenwald for a year for trying to organize resistance. Released in 1941, he rejoined the resistance movement and presided over the Vaderlandse Comité which prepared the first governmental measures after the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945.

He served as minister of social affairs in the governments of William Schermerhorn (1945-1946) and Louis Beal (1946-1948). In 1946 Drees and Schermerhorn had combined to form the "Party van de Arbeid" (Party of Labour). As premier from Aug. 6, 1948, he formed ministries that were coalitions of his own party and the "Katholieke Volksparty" (Catholic People's Party). Drees resigned on Dec. 12, 1958, and retired from active politics. He was made a Minister of State.

Under Drees' leadership The Netherlands joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Economic Community. As minister of Social Affairs, Drees layed the foundation for the "Algemene Ouderdomswet" (Old Age Pension Act) in 1947 which guaranteed every Dutch person a basic pension at the age of 65. In 1948 the Rotterdam Economic University conferred an honorary degree in Economics on him.

✓ From 1918 until 1933 Willem Drees was a member of the Lodge "Silentium" in Delft. He was initiated on April 16, 1918, passed on May 14 and raised on May 28 of that year. In 1933 he resigned from the Order.

Dr. Drees celebrated his centenary on July 5, 1986. His supporters and opponents alike honored this event with a commemorative stamp issued on July 1, 1986, for this respected and valued politician.

Source: The archives of "The Grand East of The Netherlands".

- Contributed by Bro. Wessel M. Lans of The Netherlands

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

- 401. Al Resnick, 957 Broadway, Bayonne, N.J. 07002
A. Boers, Grebbeweg 3, Veenendaal 3902 HG, The Netherlands.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 72. Kit Carson Price, 309 Moo 1, Tambon None Soong, Udorn Thailand 41330.
- 310. Robert J. Wojcikowski, Security Dept. W2, NAVSUBASE Bangor, Bremerton, Wash. 98315.

INFORMATION ON MEMBERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES:

Our Historian, Sister Dorothy Walker of Atlanta, Ga., is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 262, Order of Eastern Star, where she is serving as Associate Conductress. She has been a member of the Star for seven years having been initiated on March 5, 1979, and is also Historian of her Chapter.

Bro. Richard M. Needham of Lancaster, Ohio, recently celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary - along with his bride of course. They were honored by a dinner arranged by their two nieces and families. Glad to hear everything is going well for our former Secretary-Treasurer.

Congratulations to Bro. Stanley Longenecker of Lancaster, Pa., on his election to the Presidency of the GWMSC. We all wish you the best in your two year term - let us know if we can help in any way. Other newly elected officers of this group are Paul Williams, 1st Vice President, and Ken Hanson, 2nd Vice President; Ken is an occasional producer of Masonic cacheted covers.

Your editor decided to take an extra two weeks vacation this year when he fought with a heavy lifting job and lost. On June 24, I had a cervical laminectomy (neck disc removal) but refused to let it get me down - a week in the hospital, a week at home (spent on the beach in Maine) and then back to work and the distribution of the July-Aug. Newsletter. All turned out very well and I have regained most of the use of my right hand.

MSU/ATA POLAR EXPLORERS COVER

A cancelled copy of the Polar Explorers issue Club cover is shown to the right. Copies are still available at a cost of \$2.00 each (plus a #10 SASE) They can be ordered from the Editor.

Copies of all the MSU/ATA covers issued under the present editorship are still available except #3 and #3A. Cover #12 is \$1.50, #14 is \$3.25, #16 is \$2.00, all others are \$1.00 each. When ordering please include a #10 SASE or IRC.

NEW ISSUES



- Apr. 4 Cuba - 150th Birth Anniversary of Maximo Gomez, 1 value.
- Apr. 9 Redondo - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 4 values + S/S - \$4.00 pictures Al Jolson.
- Apr. 20 Albania - Famous People, 4 Values + S/S - 2.40 lek pictures Franz Liszt.
- Apr. 21 Barbuda - Queen Elizabeth 60th Birthday - \$1.00 value pictures Prince Philip.
- Apr. 28 Niue - Queen Elizabeth 60th Birthday - \$1.10 & 1.50 values picture Prince Philip.
- May 7 Belize - 150th Anniversary of Belize/American relationships, 6 values + S/S 10¢ G. Washington, 1.50 J. Monroe, S/S G. Washington (also 30¢ T. Jefferson, 50¢ J. Madison).
- Statue of Liberty Centennial - 25¢ F.A. Bartholdi, 50¢ Head of statue, 75¢ & \$4.00 Statue.
- May 15 Maldive Islands - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 4 values + S/S - S/S includes Stan Laurel.
- Jun 4 St. Vincent - Queen Elizabeth 60th Birthday - S/S shows Prince Philip.
- Jun 12 Norfolk Islands - Queen Elizabeth 60th Birthday - 90¢ pictures Prince Philip.
- Jun 19 Niger - Statue of Liberty/ F. A. Bartholdi, 1 value.
- Jun 20 Fed. Rep. of Germany - 100th Death Anniversary of Franz Liszt, 1 value.
- Jun 24 Sovereign Military Order of Malta - St. John the Baptist, 1 value.
- Jun 27 Aitutaki - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 2 values + S/S - Statue & head.
- Jun 27 Penrhyn - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 3 values - building, installing and 1876 proposal.
- Jun 28 Algeria - Blood Donor & Heart, 1 value.
- Jun 30 Greece - 50th Death Anniversary of Eleftherios Venizelos, 1 value.
- Jul 1 Netherlands - 100th Birth Anniversary of Willem Drees, 1 value.
- Jul 4 Cook Islands - Statue of Liberty Centennial - same as Aitutaki of 6/27.
- Jul 4 Niue - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 2 values + S/S - partly assembled and unveiling.
- Aug. 1 Brazil - Stamp Day - Dom Pedro II, 1 value.
- Aug. 14 West Germany - 200th Anniversary of Death of Frederick the Great, 1 value.
- Aug. 14 Fed. Rep. of Germany - same as above.
- Aug. 28 Isle of Man - Queen Elizabeth 60th birthday and Prince Philip's 65th birthday - Prince shown on one of se-tenant pair.



ALL PURPOSE CACHETED COVERS AVAILABLE

Bro. Richard M. Needham informs us that he has seventeen different cacheted covers available for sale for use as all purpose covers. These cover designs include all the symbols of Freemasonry at the Blue Lodge and higher bodies (insignia). They are available at a cost of 35¢ each, 2 for 55¢, 3 for 80¢, 4 for \$1.00, 6 for \$1.50, 10 for \$2.75, 15 for \$4.00, etc. Order from him at 708 N. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON MASONS AND THE TEXAS REVOLUTION

In the most recent issue of our Newsletter there appeared an article on Masons and the Texas Revolution which I wrote. There were items in the article which have given rise to some questions. The first item questioned was the statement "Bro. Sam Houston was a former Senator". He wasn't! An error was made - Bro. Sam Houston was a former Congressman. He had been the representative from the Ninth Tennessee District to the U.S. Congress.

The second item questioned has also been argued in the newspapers here in Texas during this our sesquicentennial year. In the article I wrote "Sam Houston, etc... and soon to be second President of the Republic of Texas". Several people disagree with this by saying that Sam Houston was the first President of the new republic. Some sources refer to Bro. David G. Burnet as the first president while others cite Bro. Sam Houston as the first. Let me explain the situation:

Ref. #1: In Debrett's book "Texas Peerage" the first chapter is titled "David Gouverneur Burnet, First President of the Republic of Texas". In this chapter it states "Elected by the delegates first president of the republic at the convention after the Declaration of Independence was adopted. His conservatism made him unpopular with Texas soldiery so in the 1836 election Sam Houston was elected second president of the republic by popular vote."

Ref. #2: "First Ladies of Texas" by Mary D. Farrell and Elizabeth Silverthorne. The book begins with Mrs. Hannah E. Burnet and continues through to Mrs. Betty Jane Briscoe (1975) wife of Gov. Briscoe. In the first chapter the authors write "Recognizing their need for a leader the convention that met in Washington on the Brazos for Texas Independence in March 1836 chose Burnet to be ad iterim president of the newly created republic. He was inaugurated on March 17, 1836."

Ref. #3: In her book "Sam Houston, The Great Designer" Llerna Friend writes "on March 2, 1836, Sam Houston's 43rd birthday, the independence of Texas was declared. On March 4th Houston was appointed Major General of the Army of the Republic of Texas. The convention set up an ad iterim government, electing David.G. Burnet, President of the Republic of Texas." Burnet was elected president on March 16, inaugurated at 2:00 PM on March 17 and resigned on Oct. 22, 1836, before his term was completed.

Ref. #4: In her book titled "David G. Burnet, First President of Texas" by Mary W. Clarke, she writes of several lengthy reports of the Battle of San Jacinto written by "Sam Houston as Commander in Chief of the Texas Army to His Excellency, David G. Burnet, President of the Republic, Sir...". Sam Houston certainly acknowledged Burnet as President.

Ref. #5: An article in the Waco, Texas, Tribune Herald by the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.& A.M. published on July 2, 1976, goes to the crux of the problem. The article pictures "All the Presidents of the Republic of Texas" with President Burnet pictured first. However, the article explains that "Masonic President David G. Burnet was elected to serve the ad iterim government of Texas. Sam Houston is pictured second with the article stating "Houston was the first elected president". Masonic President Mirabeau B. Lamar served as the second elected President of the Republic. Anson Jones, also a Mason, was the last elected President of the Republic.

In a nutshell, Burnet was elected by convention delegates, Houston and the others were elected by popular vote of the people - a matter of semantics. First, second, third or last, the important fact to me is that all four Presidents of the Republic of Texas were Freemasons.

LIONEL HAMPTON - JAZZ GIANT

Lionel Hampton was born in Louisville, Ky, on April 12, 1913. He was brought up in Birmingham, Ala., and Chicago, Ill., where he played drums and piano in the Chicago Defender Boys' Band. After attending the University of Southern California, he became a professional musician. While with Les Hite's band in 1930 he was encouraged by Louis Armstrong to play the vibraphones, an instrument for which he is best known. In 1936 he was playing at the Paradise Club in Los Angeles when Benny Goodman's Band came through on a tour. Lionel Hampton sat in with him and soon joined the Quartet to earn a place in jazz history.

Bro. Hampton left Benny Goodman's Band in 1940 to form his own orchestra for which he recorded many classic tunes such as his theme "Flyin' Home". He appeared in the movie "The Benny Goodman Story" in 1955 and then began a world tour. He won awards in polls by Metronome, Downbeat, Esquire and Playboy. He has received four honorary college degrees and belongs to the Elks and Friars Club. Married to Gladys Riddle since 1936, Lionel Hampton has earned a place in every popular music lover's heart for his dedication to his profession.

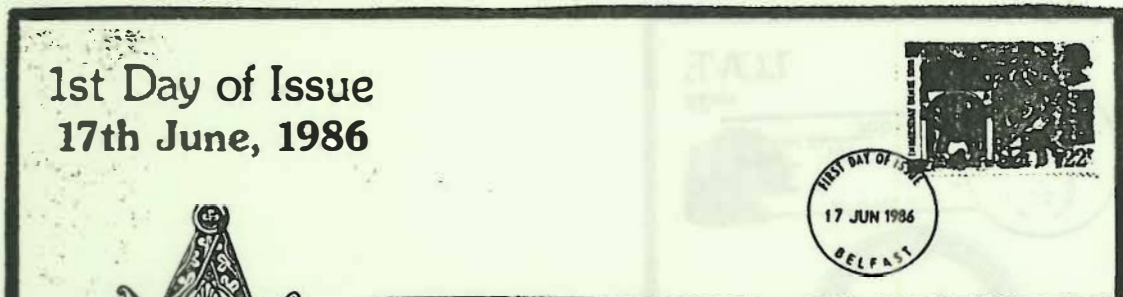
Lionel Hampton is a thirty-third Degree Prince Hall Mason and a Shriner.

A recent stamp of Gabon pictured this great musician.

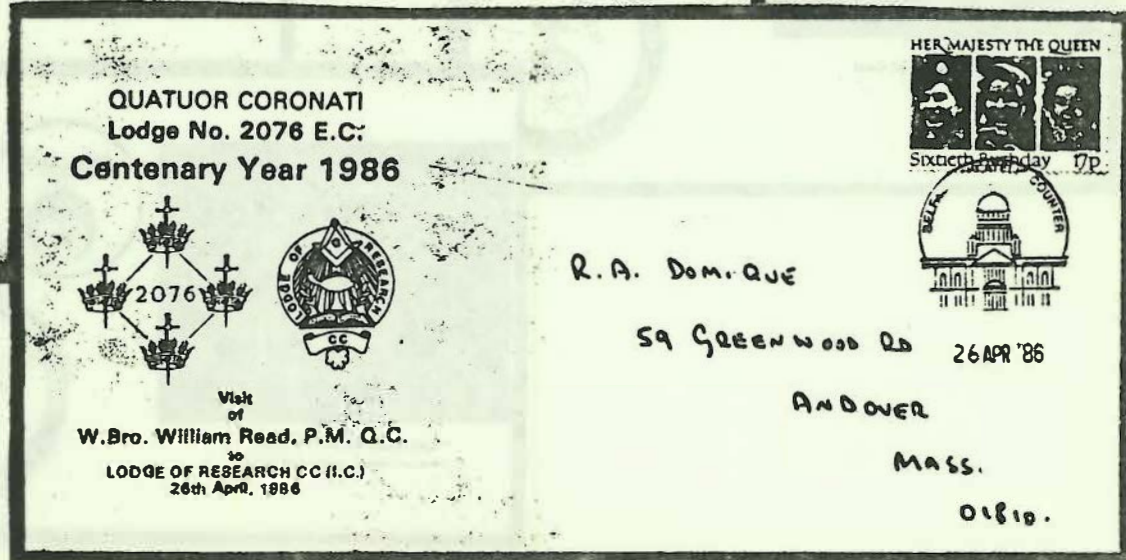
- Submitted by Bro. Norman G. Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio

COVERS FROM IRELAND

Illustrated below are some of the covers being prepared and issued by Bro. Frank H. Elliott. For availability/ordering information write to him at 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, No. Ireland.



A Man Freeborn



NEW BOOK BY OUR VICE PRESIDENT

News was recently received regarding the release of another book by Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., our Unit Vice President. It is entitled "Jno. G. Lewis, Jr. - End of an Era: The History of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana 1842-1979".

This 413 page paperback book with 22 pictures and illustrations depicts the life of Blacks and the Lewis family during the period immediately after the Civil War. The book also portrays the integral part played by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the panoramic setting.

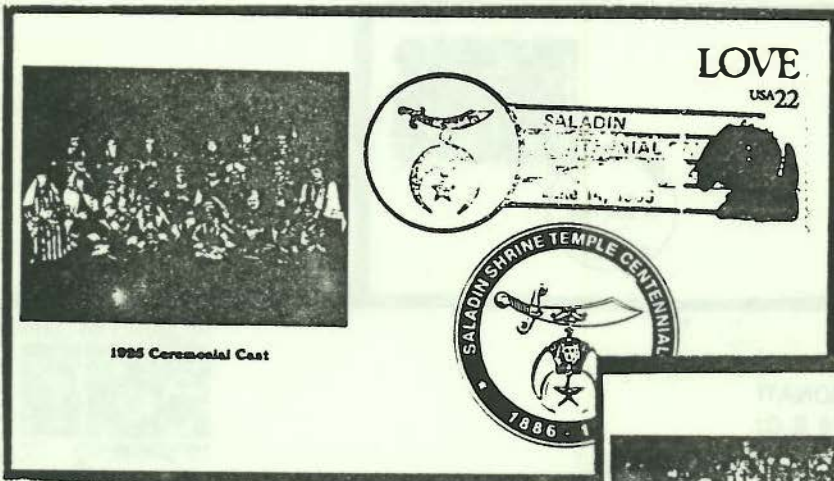
It is available for a price of \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage from Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana, P.O. Box 2974, Baton Rouge, La. 70821.

WANTED - MASONIC COVERS

Our Unit Historian, Dorothy Walker, writes to request Masonic covers of all the Presidents and covers of any women who belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. If any member can help, contact her at 1916 Castle Way Lane, N.E.; Atlanta, Ga. 30345.

SALADIN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COVERS

A set of three commemorative covers were issued by the Saladin Shrine Chanters to mark the centennial celebration of the Saladin Shrine Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich. The covers feature three different photos of old-time Saladin Shrine activities and are numbered with a gold foil stamped centennial seal on each. Two of these covers are shown below. The entire set of three covers cost \$5.00 plus a #10 SASE. They can be ordered (check made out to "Saladin Chanters") from William E. Walker, 1770 Oxford S.E., East Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506.



PRINCE HALL

In 1976 Barbados issued a set of stamps commemorating the American Bicentennial. One stamp depicts the "likeness" of Prince Hall who according to the author P.G.M. William H. Grimshaw, author of "The Official History of Freemasonry Among the Colored People in North America" was born in 1848 in Barbados. Today we know that there is no proof that the Masonic Prince Hall was in Barbados, and evidence points to his birth being in 1735. Grimshaw in fact acquired the year of birth and other information to include the "likeness" that was used for the stamp from the list of the three Prince Hall's that had served in the Continental Army. One being recorded from Medford, Mass., beginning his term of service April 20, 1778, was 30 years old, 5 foot 3 inches in stature. The information was taken from The Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution. There is a certificate of Manumission in the Boston Athenaeum reportedly of the Masonic Prince Hall but this paper has turned out to be a copy or transcript and therefore cannot be accepted as an official document.

Prince Hall and several others addressed a petition protesting against the existence of slavery in the Colony to the Massachusetts Legislature. This document was dated Jan. 13, 1777. He with others also forwarded a petition to the legislature protesting against the kidnapping and subsequent sale into slavery of a number of Blacks who had been kidnapped and taken from Boston on a ship to the West Indies. This petition was dated Feb. 27, 1788. The men were returned to Boston after being detained by the Governor of Maine who complied with the request of the Governor of Massachusetts.



Prince Hall was made a Mason March 6, 1775, and Prince Hall Freemasonry traces its history to that date. While there remains some controversy as to how Prince Hall was raised, there is one truism: from the first Lodge of Blacks in America, African Lodge 459, chartered by the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) and with its warrant any irregularity of the Blacks ceased. While a number of Masonic writers have questioned the granting of that warrant, it must be recognized that the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry was not about to grant warrants to just anyone. The charter reached Prince Hall April 29, 1787, and was recorded in the local newspapers. Prince Hall died in 1807 and today there are approximately 260,000 Prince Hall Freemasons; at one time the order had grown to over 500,000. These members belong to 48 Prince Hall Lodges in the United States, Canada, The Bahamas and the Republic of Liberia.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge has the actual warrant #459 which is the only charter from the Grand Lodge of England in the United States. They also have the documents that accompanied the warrant and Prince Hall's Letter Book which appeared in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 (EC), Vol. 13, Prince Hall's gavel and apron.

MASONIC PRESIDENTS

In light of the recent USPS issues picturing the deceased Presidents, I have been asked to summarize the Masonic information on those leaders of our nation who were members of the Fraternity.

- ✓ George Washington (1732-1799) 1st Pres. He received his degrees in Fredericksburg Lodge, Va. - initiated Nov. 4, 1752, passed March 3, 1753, raised Aug. 4, 1753. He served as Master of Lodge No. 39, Alexandria, Va., from May 29, 1788, until his death on Dec. 14, 1799.

James Madison (1751-1836) 4th Pres. Although there are some reports of Masonic activity there has not been sufficient proof of his membership to be universally accepted.

- ✓ James Monroe (1758-1831) 5th Pres. He was initiated in Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Williamsburg, Va., on Nov. 9, 1775, while a student at the age of 17. The exact place and date of his other two degrees is not known but suspected to be in St. John's Regimental Lodge. He visited Cumberland Lodge No. 8, Nashville, Tenn., as a properly qualified Mason on June 8, 1819.
- ✓ Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) 7th Pres. The dates and Lodge of his degree conferrals are not known. He was a member of Harmony Lodge No. 1, Nashville, Tenn., in 1800 and served as Grand Master of Tennessee from Oct. 10, 1822, to Oct. 4, 1823.
- ✓ James Knox Polk (1795-1849) 11th Pres. He received his degrees in Columbia Lodge No. 4 (or 21 or 31), Columbia, Tenn; initiated on June 5, passed on Aug. 20 and raised on Sept. 4, 1820. He served as Junior Deacon in 1820 and Junior Warden in 1821.
- ✓ James Buchanan (1791-1868) 15th Pres. He was initiated on Dec. 11, 1816, passed and raised on Jan. 24, 1817, in Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa. He served as W.M. in 1823 and as the first D.D.G.M. of his district in 1824.
- ✓ Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) 17th Pres. He was raised in Greenville Lodge No. 119 (now No. 3) Greenville, Tenn., in 1851.
- ✓ James Abram Garfield (1831-1881) 20th Pres. He was initiated in Magnolia Lodge No. 2, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1861, and passed Dec. 23, 1861. He was raised by Columbus Lodge No. 30, Nov. 22, 1864, by request of Magnolia Lodge. He affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 40, Canton, Ohio, and then became a Charter Member of Eagle Lodge No. 431, Canton, in 1867 or 1868.
- ✓ Theodore Roosevelt (1838-1919) 25th Pres. He was a member of Matinecook Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, N.Y., where he received the degrees on Jan. 2, Mar. 27 and April 29, 1901.

William Howard Taft (1857-1930) 26th Pres. He was made a Mason "at sight" on Feb. 18, 1909, by Charles B. Hoskinson, Grand Master of Ohio. Two months later he affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, Ohio.

- ✓ Warren Gamaliel Harding (1865-1923) 28th Pres. He was initiated on June 28, 1901, passed on Aug. 13, 1920, and raised on Aug. 27, 1920, in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio.

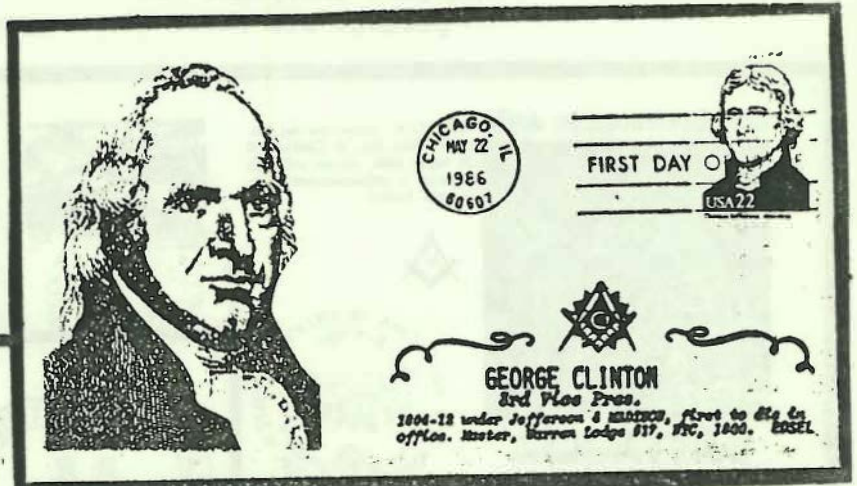
MASONIC PRESIDENTS (Cont'd)

- ✓ Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) 31st Pres. He received his degrees in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City; initiated on Oct. 10, passed on Nov. 14 and raised on Nov. 28, 1911.
- ✓ Harry S. Truman (1884-1972) 32nd Pres. He was initiated on Feb. 9, 1909, and raised on March 9, 1909, in Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Mo. He helped organize Grandview Lodge No. 618 and served as the W.M. under dispensation as well as during the first and fifth terms under charter. He was D.D.G.M. from 1925 to 1930 and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1940.
- ✓ Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973) 35th Pres. He was initiated on Oct. 30, 1937, in Johnson City Lodge No. 561, Johnson City, Texas. He never advanced further in the Fraternity.
- ✓ Gerald Rudolph Ford (1913-) 38th Pres. He was initiated in Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Mich., on Sept. 30, 1949. The second and third degrees were conferred by Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., as a courtesy to Malta Lodge. He was raised on May 18, 1951.

EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

As mentioned in the most recent newsletter, very few Masonic cover producers handled the Presidents issue. Bro. Edsel M. Hatfield did process two different sets of covers for this issue - one for Masonic Presidents and one for Masonic Vice Presidents. The President set includes not only the 14 "normally accepted" Masons but also J. Madison, A. Lincoln and L.B. Johnson. The Vice President covers are franked with the corresponding Presidents stamps and include G. Clinton, D.D. Tompkins, R.M. Johnson, G.M. Dallas, W.R. King, J.C. Breckinridge, S. Colfax, A.E. Stevenson, G.A. Hobart, C.W. Fairbanks, T.R. Marshall, H.A. Wallace and H.W. Humphrey.

Information on these covers can be obtained from Bro. Hatfield at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, Mo. 63042.



COVERS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

There will be two special Masonic cancels forthcoming from Great Britain this year. The first, scheduled for 25 Sept. 1986, will be for the Centennial of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man. Official covers will be prepared by the Isle of Man Province of Freemasons Centenary Committee. The cancel will feature a dove design. Covers offered are L3.00 signed by the D.G.M. and P.G.M.; L2.00 signed by the P.G.M. and L1.50 unsigned. They will be available from G.V.Crosby, Lynton, The Crescent, Baldrine, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The second cancel is scheduled for 30 Nov. 1986 and will honor the "Grand Lodge of Scotland 250 Anniversary". Covers bearing the signature of the Grand Master Mason will be available for L5.00 and unsigned copies for L3.00. They can be ordered from Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh, EH2 3DH Scotland.

Bro. George K. Gilberry has extended an offer to the members of the Unit to obtain impressions of the special postmarks on blank covers. He would put British stamps on pre-addressed covers for the cost of the postage. Quite understandably, the offer applies only to personal collectors and not for commercial resale. In the case of the Isle of Man cover each cover would require 22p postage and would have to be received no later than 11 Sept. For the Scotland cover the postage would be the same with a 14 Nov. cut-off date.

ITALIAN MSC COVERS

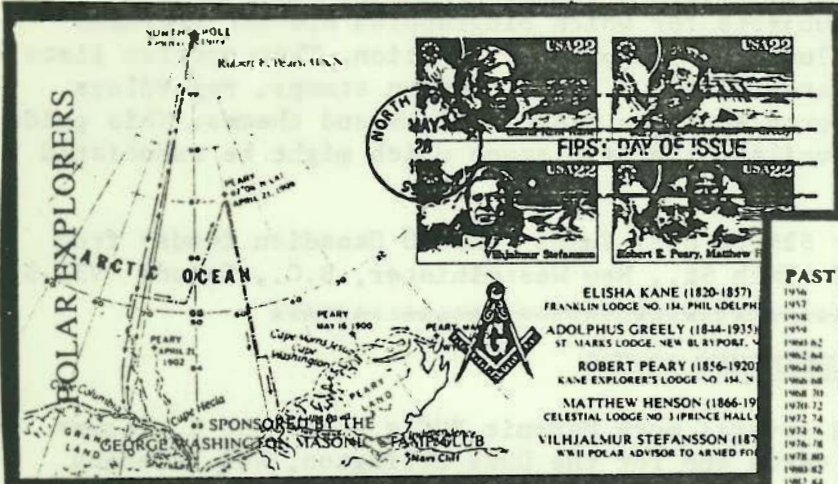
The Italian Masonic Stamp Club - Club Filatelico Internazionale D.T.M. - has issued four covers recently. The first is a F.D.C. for the Hugo Black Issue. Information on its availability and purchase can be obtained from Mrs. Dina Ricci, Casella Postale 39 I-48022 Lugo (Ra), Italy. The other three, also available from her are for sale as follows:

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Battaglia di Bezzeca FDC | \$2.00 |
| 32° Conf. Rito Scozz. | \$2.00 |
| Martiri Independ. FDC | \$3.00 |
| postage for these three covers | \$2.00 |



RECENT GWMSC COVERS

The most recent GWMSC covers are shown below - the postal card honoring the Club's Presidents and the FDC for the Explorers issue. With the death of Bro. Wilner, the cover chairmanship of the Club reverted to Bro. Stan Longenecker but his recent elevation to the role of President of the Club will undoubtedly affect that role. Until further definition is received, however, I believe it best to contact him for information on these covers. His address is P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, Pa. 17604.



MASONIC SEALS

Shown here are a few Masonic seals which I found in some unmounted stamps I had tucked away in my desk drawer.

Serapions Orders Building Fund Denmark - 1913



Freemasons Lodge Odense



Grand Lodge Denmark



POSTAGE STAMPS AND FREEMASONRY
GUIDE AND COMPENDIUM

Your Editor has received information on a book prepared by C. L. Murphy of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada, entitled "Postage Stamps and Freemasonry, Guide and Compendium, United States and Canada". It is a 300 page, 8 1/2X11 vertical format hard bound book which took him two and a half years to compile. In addition to a guide to collecting postage stamps, biographies on eighty Masons pictured on stamps, alphabetical listings of additional subjects for which biographies are not included and Masonic symbols on stamps, it includes a "Stamp Guide" section. This section lists in alphabetical order most men associated with U.S. and Canadian stamps, regardless of any Masonic affiliation, and all North American stamp designs and themes. This guide allows one to quickly determine the availability of a stamp which might be associated with a known Mason.

This book is available, postpaid, for \$26.00 U.S. Funds (\$35.00 Canadian funds) from Pyramid Publications, Dept. 291 - 720 Sixth St., New Westminster, B.C., Canada V3L 3C5.

NEW CUNNINGHAM COVERS

Bro. John M. Cunningham has published several more Masonic FDC's - for the I. Thomas and Salt Lake City (B. Young) postal cards and for the Duke Ellington, WWI Veterans (J.J. Pershing), W.J. Bryan and Texas stamps. Some are shown below. Information on these covers can be obtained from him at Grant 205, 3700 No. Capitol St, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317

BRIGHAM YOUNG
PRESIDENT OF CHURCH

born: Jan 1801 - Whittegham, VT
died: 29 Aug 1877 - Salt Lake City
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BRIGHAM YOUNG - Established Mormon Church, Utah, Terr. in 1846. Made a M. M. on March 1847 in Logg House 2 P.M., Ill. In less than 6 months, 256 candidates joined to Mr. M. in this lodge. The Mormon Church has many Masonic symbols and signs but prohibits Masonic membership. (Ref: Coll's Masonic Encyclopedia)

SALT LAKE CITY, UT
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SALT LAKE TEMPLE, U.S.A. 10c

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

PLAQUES AT THE ALAMO

THE BIRTHPLACE OF FREEMASONRY IN WEST TEXAS

ESTABLISHED - 20 Dec 1837
Presided over by S. Houston
(1966) G. M.: Perry M. Parker
G. Secy: Murray C. Byrd

SAN ANTONIO, TX
MAR 2 1986
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FIRST DAY

USA 22
Republic of Texas

WASHINGTON ON THE BRIDGE
MAR 2 1986
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William Jennings Bryan
Politician, Orator
GREAT AMERICAN STAMPS - 1986
"THE GREAT COMMONER"

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
Born: 19 Mar 1860 - Salem, Ill. Died: 26 Jul 1925 - D.C.
U.S. Congressman. Three nominations for President (1896, 1900 and 1908). Sec'y of State 4 Mar 1913.
Received degrees Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Ill.
Petitioned 3 Dec. 1901, Initiated 28 Jan. 1902, P.O. 1902, Raised 15 Apr. 1902.

Grand Master: Charles W. Amidon
Grand Sec'y: Paul R. Pierce, P.G.

SALEM, IL
MAR 19 1986
62881

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Isiah Thomas
Firebrand of the Republic

Made a Mason at Boston, Mass., before 1775. Master of Trinity Lodge in 1783. First Master of Morning Star Lodge, Worcester on 11 June 1793. Jr. and Sr. Grand Warden, G.L. of Mass., - 9 Sep 1793 to 11 Dec 1797. Grand Master - 27 Dec 1802 to 26 Dec 1806 and 27 Dec 1808 to 26 Dec 1810. During his terms 18 new lodges formed. St. Andrew's Lodge (Scottish Constitution, Boston) admitted. Lafayette visited.

Member of St. Andrew's R.A. Chapter and 1st Regt. Templar. Served as Grand High Priest R.A.M. in Mass.

Worcester, MA
MAY 5 1981
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

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