

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS -- HAPPY NEW YEAR

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

As I prepare this issue of the Newsletter, I look forward to the holiday season and wish each one of you a Happy Holiday and a prosperous New Year. As you read this issue of the Newsletter, the festivities will be behind us and we are all embarked on the new year. I sincerely hope that each one of you made the resolution to provide an input to your Editor at least once this year fou use in your Newsletter. As you can tell from the following pages, the inputs were very meager over the past two months and this issue is <u>my</u> Newsletter and not <u>your</u> Newsletter. You are all aware that Masonic Cacheted Covers are my primary (but not sole) field of interest and in the absence of inputs I have taken the lazy man's "out" and used a larger than normal proportion of cover material to non-cover information. The pre-holiday activity level also had something to do with eroding my available time to perform the research required to provide a meaningful article. With your help I intend to reverse the cover/non-cover ratio for the next issue.

The other night I received a call from Rt. Wor. Bro. Allen Boudreau, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, Past President of the MSC of NY and Publisher of "The Masonic Philatelist". Among other things, he discussed the desire of the Club to reach out further for member's interests. This subject is discussed further in their latest newsletter which has been distributed and one of the possible areas of interest would be the presentation of the Master of Philately Degree in a locale other than New York City. He stated that about 30 years ago they did that in Washington, D.C. and the end result was the formation of the GWMSC. This degree has considerable significance to the Masonic Philatelist (and to the Philatelic Freemason). I received this degree back in the mid 1960's in N.Y.C. and we discussed the possibility of staging such an activity in the Greater Boston/New England area with his Club members doing the honors. Perhaps some other areas within reasonable travelling distance from New York City might also want to consider such an activity. If anyone has any ideas on this subject, I am sure that Dr. Boudreau would be very happy to hear from you. Contact him at Masonic Hall-Box 10, 46 West 24th St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Don't forget - Please contribute to this - your - Newsletter!!!

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

477. Theodore Heitsche, P.O. Box 63, Church St., Collins, Ohio 44826
478. Jess W. Gern, 5637 So. Louthan, Littleton, Colo. 80120
479. Mary Ann Robinson, P.O.Box 411, 13004 Rt. 113, Collins, Ohio 44826
480. W. Bruce Pruitt, 14101 Manuella Rd., Los Altos Hills, Cal. 94022
481. William H. Miller, 3107 Mosshall Way, San Jose, Calif. 95135-1125
482. David M. Carlson, 512 Roberts Ave., Nashwauk, Minn. 55769

### ADDRESS CHANGES

58. Warren B. Bezanson, 1702 Canterbury Rd., Greenville, N.C. 27858 (ZIP Diff.)
 78. A. Wallace Howard, 3483 Meadowlark Dr., Edgewood, Ky. 41018
 87. William Otenti, 4 Crystal St., Wakefield, Mass. 01880
 141. Harold R. Mullin, 19-2 Silverwood Circle, Annapolis, Md. 21403
 230. Donald L. McClenahan, 101 Old Valley Rd., Brewster, Mass. 02631
 251. Ralph Staley, 760 Larry Ave., Graham, N.C. 27253
 428. André Demets; 3221, Forest Hill, No. 14; Montreal, Que. H3V 1C4 Canada

#### MEMBER NEWS

Sorry to hear that <u>Bro. Don Wilder</u>, Member No. 366, of Peaks Island, Maine, underwent a back operation in the early part of December in Boston. It is the fifth such operation he has experienced in his "disability retirement". Best of luck Bro. Don and keep hanging in there.

Bro. Earl Dixon, Member No. 7, of Seal Beach, Calif., was recently elected President of the Seal Beach Leisure World High Twelve Club No. 543 for 1987. He was installed in this office on Nov. 15, 1986. Congratulations, Bro. Earl.

Bro. Gordon B. Garrett, Member No. 101, now of Albuquerque, N.M., recently exhibited 10 frames of 19th Century Masonic material at ALPEX in that city during October. He proudly reports that he garnered one of the three Golds awarded at the show and adds that it did draw a great deal of interest at the show. Hopefully, it may attract some more members to the hobby. Good Show, Bro. Gordon.

Bro. James Hogg, Member No. 231, is up for election for Illustrious Master in his Council, King in his Chapter and Captain General in his Commandery for 1987. It looks like he will be very busy this next year.

Congratulations are in order to <u>Bro. Ben Rutman</u>, Member No. 90, and his wife who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 3, 1987.

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### STATUE OF LIBERTY PROGRAMS

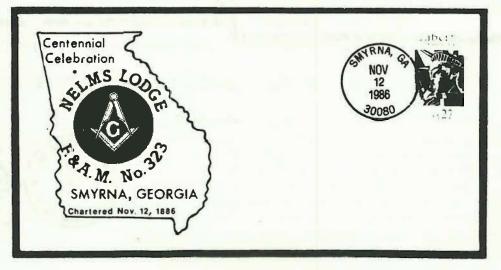
Rt. Wor. Wilfred O. Greenway, Member No. 332, graciously sent me a couple of copies of the Grand Lodge of New York concert program distributed on the eve of the 100th Anniversary of Lady Liberty. All of the music played during that concert was composed by Masonic composers. Information on obtaining a copy of this program should be requested of Bro. Greenway at 181 So. Franklin Ave., Suite 101, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581. Bro. Andre Demets, Member No. 428 of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, has joined the ranks of Masonic cacheted cover producers with his initial issue shown below. He prepared a limited issue of 200 of these well executed covers, numbered on the back, and offers them for sale to Unit members at a price of \$3.00 each (including postage). Anyone interested in acquiring a copy should write to him at his address shown on the previous page. I think Bro. Demets should be commended for his excellent initial forray.



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# BRO. MCKINNEY'S FIRST MASONIC COVER

Another member, Bro. Donald R. McKinney, No. 431, has also tried his hand at issuing a Masonic cacheted cover ob his own. (He contributed a poem to Bro. Edsel Hatfield for use on a cover as shown elsewhere in this issue.) His Lodge's Centennial Celebration on Nov. 12, 1986, was the subject and the end product is shown below. An excellent job well done, Bro. McKinney. These covers are available from him at 3462 Plantation Ridge, Acworth, Ga. 30101, for a cost of \$1.25 each plus a ç10 SASE.



# GREAT BRITAIN COVERS

I have received word from a Great Britain Masonic Philatelist - not a member of our study group - that he has some copies of local Masonic cacheted covers available for sale or trade:

27 June 1977 - 10th Anniversary of the Installation of G.M. (Duke of Kent)

5 Dec. 1977 - 10th Anniversary of Initiation of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh

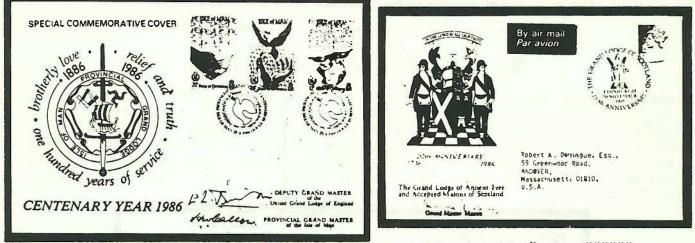
22 May 1982 - Ecntenary of Grove Lodge No. 1957.

His cost for the first two is 50p each and £1.00 for the third one (plus postage of course but he would much rather exchange them for Masonic covers of similar value. Contact him directly if you are interested - Graham Hornsby, 84 St. Aidan Road, Bridlington Y016 5SJ England.

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### RECENT GREAT BRITAIN COVERS

Two of the recent Great Britain Masonic covers mentioned in previous issues of the newsletter have finally arrived and can be illustrated here. The Isle of Man Centenary Year cover and the cover for the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are shown below.



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SPECIAL CANCEL FOR NEW JERSEY GRAND LODGE BICENTENNIAL

The Dec. 8 USPS Stamp News Philatelic Release No. 83 identifying miscellaneous cancellations approved for use in various Post Offices included a Masonic cancel for the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on Dec. 18, 1986. The cancel is illustrated to the right. Not much advance notice was given to allow order placement; hopefully brethren in that area had made plans to put this cancel to good use by applying it to some suitably prepared cacheted covers. Can any of our New Jersey brethren shed any light on this activity?



### SEPEX - TOPEX '87

Our parent organization, the American Topical Association, has scheduled its annual convention and exhibit, TOPEX, to be held in conjunction with SEPEX '87 on June 26-28, 1987, at Columbia, South Carolina.

<u>EXHIBIT</u>: Anyone who wishes to enter an exhibit in this all-topical exhibition is strongly encouraged to do so. A prospectus can be obtained by sending a çlO SASE to Mr. Harry McDowell, SEPEX-TOPEX '87 General Chairman, 3130 Longleaf Rd., Columbia, S.C. 29205.

As previously identified, the MSU will offer a plaque trophy for the best Masonic topical exhibit at the ATA annual convention exhibit. The Marshall S. Loke Memorial Trophy for Masonic Philatelic Research and Presentation was defined in the May-June 1985 Newsletter but there have not been any competitors for it yet.

DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST AWARD nominations are now being accepted. If anyone in the Unit would like to nominate an ATA member for:

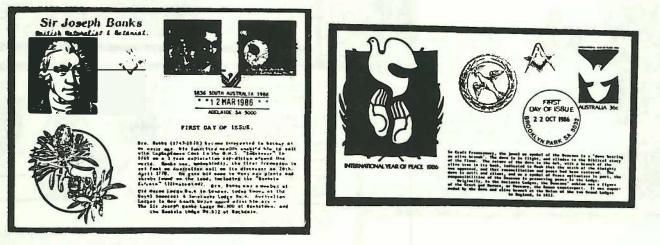
Outstanding contributions for the advancement of topical philately in general, and

Similar contributions for the advancement of the ATA and its activities, he may do so by submitting that nomination along with a brief outline in duplicate of the nominee's efforts to promote topical philately and the American Topical Association. All nominations must be submitted by Jan. 20, 1987, to Mrs. Margaret R. Hackett, Chairman, DTP Committee, 111B Constitution Blvd., Whiting, N.J. 08759. The two persons selected by the committee to receive this award will be announced at the 1987 ATA Convention during SEPEX - TOPEX '87.

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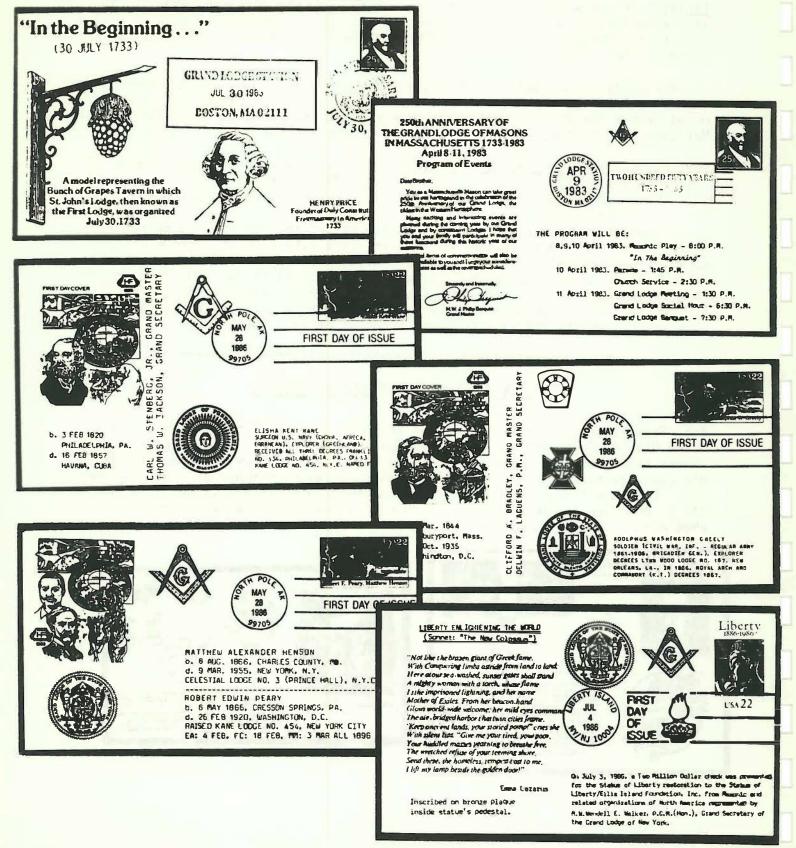
# NEW AUSTRALIAN MASONIC COVERS

Bro. Sidney Martin, Member No. 60 and Editor of the Newsletter of The Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia (Correspondence Study Group), has prepared two new covers from "the land down under". These covers shown below, continue to show his good creative ability and are available for sale from him at 4 Barrow Crescent, Lockleys 5032, South Australia. The Banks cover is available for a cost of \$A2.50 each and the Dove FDC is \$A1.50 each - postage costs (via airmail) are A90¢ each or both. Thanks for the offer Bro. Martin:



# MORE COVERS FROM BRO. JOHN CUNNINGHAM

Some recent Masonic cacheted covers published by Bro. John M. Cunningham are shown below. Information on their purchase can be obtained from him at Grant 205, 370 No. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C..



How many of our readers have ever heard of a Unity Pin? I never had until recently when I was provided with an article announcing the presentation of one to Father Al Simon of San Luis Obispo, Cal., on Sept. 20, 1986. This pin is presented to someone who is a member of both the Masons and the Knights of Columbus. The pin for this particular presentation was donated by our Bro. John M, Cunningham, Member No. 13, of Washington, D.C., and is a combination of the symbols of the two Orders.

Father Al Simon, who is originally from Bismark, N.D., was initiated into the third Degree as a Knight of Columbus in Bismark in 1943. He was inducted into the 4th Degree of the Knights in 1951 at Minot, N.D.. He was received into the Lewis and Clark Lodge No. 132, also in Bismark, in 1978. When Father Al came to San Luis Obispo, he became a member of King David's Lodge No. 209 and was received into the York Rite - the Royal Arch Chapter No. 62, the Cryptic Masons Council No. 38 and the Knights Templar San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27. In 1985, he was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine Masons at the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles and now belongs to the San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles and Five Cities Shrine Clubs.

It is most fitting that the freedom of these United States, embodied in the Constitution of our country, be heralded by the celebration of this freedom to belong to both the Masonic Order and the Knights of Columbus, and in the spirit of reconciliation to turn the animosity , hatred and division recorded in the past into the cooperation, mutual respect, loving brotherhood and honest understanding that we gladly witness today in shared membership.

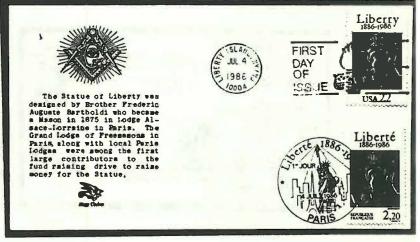
Father Al Simon, together with two of his Catholic Priest friends, Father Alvin Kartes and Fred Woodford, are committed to tearing down the walls of hatred and division and building bridges of love and respect and understanding with them, as happy and appreciative members of the Knights and the Masons.

I wonder if Brother Al Simon is a philatelist?

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# JAMES HOGG LIBERTY COVER

Bro. James Hogg, Member No. 231, has prepared and issued a distinctive cover for the French and U.S. Liberty stamps of July 4, 1986, as shown to the right. Only 50 of these gems were created but he still has a few available at a cost of \$1.75 each plus a #10 SASE. (He also produced 250 covers using the U.S. stamp only and a BPOE cachet which are available at \$1.50 each plus the SASE). Contact Bro. Hogg directly at P.O. Box 06112, Fort Myers, Fla. 33906.



<u>UNITY PIN</u>

# HENRI DUNANT - NOT A MASON

Some time ago Bro. André Demets, Member No. 428, sent in a copy of page 120 of "Revue maçon, ALPINA, of the year 1962 which states that Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and sometimes thought to be a Mason, was definately not a member of the Craft. Specifically:

"Nous pouvons donc conclure que Dunant n'a pas été Maçon, à moins qu'il n'ait été initié dans une Loge de France, lors de l'un de ses nombreux séjours dans ce pays, ou d'Angleterre, lors de son séjour de 1872, quand il alla y exposer son projet pour une Haute Cour d' arbitrage international. Ces hypothèses sont néanmoins peu vraisemblables, car à son retour en Suisse, Dunant n'aurait certainement pas manqué de contacter officiellement les milieux maçonniques de son pays natal.

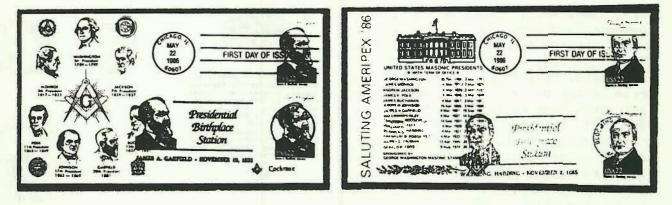
Loosely translated this paragraph states that it has been concluded that Henri Dunant was not a Mason.

Upon checking into Bro. Loke's files, I find that there have been only two sources which claim Dunant to be a Mason - Denslow's 10,000 Famous Freemasons and Lennhof in "International Friemeurer Lexicon" - no details are given in either source. There are several citings of extensive researches by Harry Carr of England, Paul Vogel of Bern, Switzerland, Wessel M. Lans of the Netherlands Theo Marti of Switzerland and Bro. Wenizer, Jr. Secretary of the "Grande Loge Alpine" which have failed to uncover any positive data on possible Masonic membership. Consequently, we must drop Henri Dunant from our lists of Masons pictured on stamps if we were not previously convinced to do so. Alas!

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## DUAL CANCEL COVERS FOR PRESIDENTS ISSUE

An interesting adjunct to the AMERIPEX Presidential series released earlier this year is the acquisition of dual cancels using the normal FDOI cancel applied on May 22, 1986 and the special Presidential Birthplace cancels being used for each President. The sequence, date and location for each of these birthplace cancels was defined a couple of months ago by the USPS. Unfortunately, as of this writing the date of use for three or four of the Masonic Presidents has gone by. Those who did have the advance notice might be able to build a worthwhile set using the covers available for the May release. A couple of examples are shown below. I'm sure several of the major cover dealers will also try to capitalize on these dual cancel covers.



# EDSEL MASONIC CACHETED COVERS

Some of Bro. Edsel Hatfield's more recent Masonic Cacheted Covers are illustrated below. Information on their purchase can be obtained from him at P.O.Box 36, Hazelwood, Mo. 63042.



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# MASONIC CACHETED COVER CATALOG - SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

At long last I have completed the second supplement to my Masonic Cacheted Cover Catalog. Those who own the basic catalog and supplement No. 1 have already been informed of its release through direct mailing; those of you who are not aware of this effort, allow me to define it.

The basic catalog was prepared in 1981 and contains 195 pages of illustrations of Masonic FDC's and Special Event covers (over 1500 covers), 40 pages of cover data tabulations for record keeping/inventory and 11 pages of information on Masonic Cacheted Cover producers. In 1982 I issued my first supplement to this catalog - it contains 46 pages of illustrations and 10 pages of data tabulation. The latest release contains 132 pages of illustrations which show about 1000 more covers and a tabular summary of 25 pages. There is also a catalog of Foreign Masonic Cacheted Covers which was published in 1984 with 68 pages of illustrations and 22 pages of tabular summary. All catalogs are loose leaf in a vertical 8 1/2 X 11 format (the basic catalog is slightly oversize - by 1/4 inch), printed on both sides using photo offset for the basic and conventional copying for all others. The basic, foreign and first supplement are already three-hole punched, the second supplement is left unpunched but can be done so if desired.

The costs of the various catalogs/supplements are as follows:

Basic Catalog Supplement No. 1 Supplement No. 2	12.95 3.25 8.00	15.50 Combined
Foreign Catalog	6.00	

The mailing costs are best estimated using the following guides for total package estimates:

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Basic & Supp. No. 1	1.50	2.75	2.00	7.50
Supp. No. 2	1.00	2.75	1.50	5.50
Foreign Catalog	1.00	2.75	1.00	4.00

Should any member desire any of these catalogs please contact me and let me know your wants.

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## CARL VON OSSIETZKY - 1889-1938

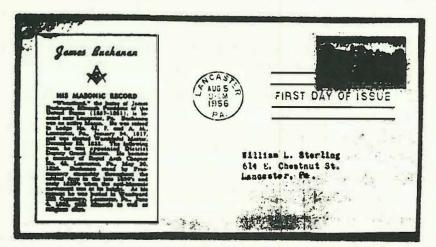
Carl von Ossietzky served in the German army in World War I and later worked on newspapers. Editor of the leading antimilitarist paper and secretary of the German peace organization, he was imprisioned in 1931 for allegedly betraying military secrets. Freed in the amnesty of 1932 he was sent to a concentration camp when Adolph Hitler came to power the following year. When he was later released in broken health, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1935. The Nazi government was infuriated and forbade German citizens accepting Nobel prizes thereafter.

Ossietzky was initiated in April 1919 in the Lodge "Menschentum" in Hamburg, a lodge later under the jurisdiction of the "Freimaurerbund zur Aufghenden Sonne"irregular before World War II but then received into the Grand Lodge of Germany.

In addition to the new Sweden issue defined on page 604, Bro. Ossietzky is shown on German Democratic Republic stamps of 1964 (Scott 718) and 1975 (Scott 1206).

Our Unit President, Bro. Thomas Gardner, has sent a copy of a cover in his collection which has not yet been cataloged and for which he has no information on its producer. It is very similar to the John Mirt cover for the same issue but does not call out the producer as Mirt did. The top part of the cachet is somewhat different from the Mirt creation.

If any member is familiar with this cover and can provide any more information on it, please let Bro. Tom or myself know the details so we can pass it on.



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## MASONIC RELIEF, ASSESSMENTS, INSURANCE

Bro. Jack Welch, Member No. 126 of La Porte, Texas, sent in a couple of penny postcards which he had found that have Masonic Relief and Insurance transactions on the message side. I also have several of these in my own collection and have often wondered how such organizations functioned since the principles of the fraternity are not and have not been oriented in that manner. I have started to research this aspect of 19th Century Freemasonry but have not gone too far yet. I hope to gather sufficient data on this subject to develop an article on this subject for a future newsletter. If any of the brethren have any information on this subject, I would appreciate knowing of it.

One additional (and confusing) factor relating to the two cards shown is that although they concern Minn. and N.H. "transactions" they were mailed from Canada and were franked with Canadian small Queens.

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## NEW\_ISSUES

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The following new issues which have interest to a Masonic Philatelist have been reported in the philatelic media:

- , July 30 Mexico i Value for the 175th Anniversary of the death of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla
  - Sept. St. Helena Ships and Explorers 12 Values fl value shows James Cook and "Endeavour"
  - Sept. 29 Venezuela 5 definitives with Simon Bolivar portrait
- Oct 21 Hungary 4fo Value for the 175th Anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt showing his portrait and a piano
  - Nov. Dominica Christmas paintings by Albrecht Durer 4 Values
  - Nov. Uganda Christmas paintings by Albrecht Durer and Titian -4 Values and S/S - 2 Values and S/S are by Durer
  - Nov. 25 Sweden Nobel Laureates/Peace five 2.90 kr stamps one shows Carl von Ossietzky, his publication "Die Welbuhne", flames and a swastika
  - Nov. 26 San Marino Christmas triptych two of the values have a Masonic interest: 450 lire St. John the Baptist, 650 lire St. John the Evangelist
  - Dec. 25 Cuba 1 Value for the 25th Anniversary of the Literacy Campaign pictures Jose Marti in the background of the design
  - Jan. or Feb. British Antarctic Territory four stamps to mark the 75th Anniversary of Capt. Robert Falcon Scott's arrival at the South Pole.

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## ERANZ LISZI

On October 17, 1986, Austria issued a 5 schilling stamp commemorating the 175th birthday of Franz Liszt, composer and pianist. He was born in Raiding, Hungary, on Oct. 22, 1811. He died at Bayreuth, Germany, on July 31, 1886.

He was initiated on Sept. 18, 1841, in Loge Einigkeit (Union Lodge). This Lodge was founded in Frankfort, Germany in 1742 as one of the first German Lodges and stood for a long time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Franz Liszt was also reported as being a member of Harmony Lodge and Concordance Lodge of Germany.

Article submitted by Bro. Jack Welch, La Porte, Tex.