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WHOLE NO. 68

HENRY HARTLEY ARNOLD

X The USPS is releasing a 65 cent regular issue stamp on November 5, 1988 to honor "Hap" Arnold. Prior to this issue the only stamps which could be used to note him in a Masonic Stamp collection were those picturing the early air mail planes for which he was the pilot.



Henry Hartley Arnold was born on June 25, 1886, in Gladwyne, Penna. He was graduated from West Point in 1907 and served as a 2nd Lt with the 29th Infantry in the Philippines until 1909. His next tour of duty was at Governor's Island, N.Y., which lasted until 1911 when he was detailed to an embryo aviation division of the Signal Corps. Learning to fly as part of this duty, he was one of the first U.S. military aviators. On June 1, 1912, he established an altitude record (6540 feet) in a Burgess-Wright plane; he was awarded the MacKay Trophy in 1913 and again in 1935. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1934 as one of his many military medals. He served with the Aviation Service of the Signal Corps during World War I and had advanced to the position of Commanding General of the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for Air in 1940, Chief of the Army Air Force the following year and Commanding General in 1942. He reached the rank of full general in 1943 and retired in 1946. General Arnold died on January 15, 1950, near Sonoma, Calif. He acquired his nickname "Happy" - referring to his disposition - while at West Point.

Henry H. Arnold received his degrees in Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, Kansas, being initiated on August 15, 1927, passed on September 15, 1927, and raised on November 3, 1927. He remained a member of this Lodge to his death. He received his 32nd degree AASR on April 11, 1929, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was honored with the 33rd degree on October 19, 1945, in Abdallah Shrine. A living memorial was provided with the naming of "Gen. Henry H. Arnold Lodge No. 791" chartered at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., which later moved to the nearby town of Rosemond.

- from the Editor's files

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JACK WELCH'S NEW HOME

When Bro. Jack Welch informed me of his move, he provided some of the details. I believe they bear repeating here for those brethren who feel "penned in" in a city or suburban environment. His new abode sounds idyllic for nature lovers or those who just enjoy the wide open spaces.

"Houston and all its related problems kept encroaching on the small town we lived in before (La Porte). When we first moved there 20 years ago it was a nice small town, but over the years more and more houses and chemical plants built up around us. Then they began building toxic waste plants in the area. Lots of traffic and more and more crime. So, we decided it was time to go. We now live about 60 miles south of Austin, about 15 miles from La Grange, Texas, - population 3847. We have a log cabin on one acre in a pine woods about 2 miles up a dirt road from the paved county road. Peaceful, quiet, clean and beautiful. We have neighbors but only can tell by their lights shining dimly through the trees at night. Deer pass within a couple hundred feet or less on their way to water, so we sit on the porch and enjoy them."


FRANK COCHRANE'S LATEST COVERS

Bro. Frank Cochrane has sent in his latest series of Masonic Cacheted First Day Covers. He has indicated that as soon as the series for the thirteen original colonies is completed, he will retire from the role as cover producer. The quality of this series demonstrates that a void will be created in the hobby if he follows through on that "threat". Information on their purchase can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 360025, Melbourne, FL 32936.

Right Worshipful
John Hammerton
First Appointed Provincial Grand Master
1736 - 1737

Right Worshipful
James Frazer
First Elected Provincial Grand Master
1737 - 1738

Most Worshipful
Thomas W. Bacot
First Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina
1817 - 1820
Postmaster




May 14, 1788
South Carolina

**STATEHOOD
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE
BICENTENNIAL**

COLUMBIA SC
MAY
23
1988
29201

We the People

Most Worshipful
John Sullivan
1740 - 1765
First Grand Master
1789 - 1790
Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Hampshire
Lawyer
Major General, Continental Army
Attorney General of New Hampshire
Governor of New Hampshire
Judge, U.S. District Court, New Hampshire




June 21, 1793
New Hampshire

**STATEHOOD
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE
BICENTENNIAL**

CONCORD, NH
JUN
21
1988
3301

We the People

 Cochrane

Most Worshipful
John Blair, Junior
1732 - 1800
First Grand Master
1778 - 1784
Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Virginia
Lawyer and Judge
Member House of Burgesses
Chief Justice of Virginia
Signer of U.S. Constitution - 1787
Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court



June 25, 1788
Virginia


**STATEHOOD
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE
BICENTENNIAL**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA
JUN
25
1988
3185

We the People

Right Worshipful
Reverend William Walter
First Provincial Grand Master
1701 - 1703

Most Worshipful
Robert R. Livingston
1746 - 1813
First Grand Master
1784 - 1800
Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New York
Member, Continental Congress
Charter of New York
Unsuccessful Catholic First President of U.S.
Unsettled in France




July 26, 1788
New York

**STATEHOOD
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE
BICENTENNIAL**

ALBANY, NY
JUL
26
1988
72268

We the People

 Cochrane

RAFAEL URDANETA

In addition to the new issue identified later in this newsletter, Gen. Rafael Urdaneta has been philatelically honored by Venezuela on stamps of 1911 (Scott No. 252-3) and 1946 (Scott No. 393, C217).



Rafael Urdaneta was born on October 24, 1789, in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He joined the campaign of Cundinamarca in 1811. In 1819 he was a member of Congress in Angostura. He died in Paris on August 23, 1845. Unfortunately, this is all the information I have been able to gather on this Brother. It was in the late Bro. Marshall Loke's files and was provided by Bro. Wessel Lans. Can any of you add to this biography?

Gen. Rafael Urdaneta joined Masonry in a Lodge in Venezuela. In 1812 he founded the Lodge "Hermanos Regeneradores" in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He later became Venerable Master of this Lodge - in 1824-25.. He later affiliated with Lodge "Fraternidad Bogotana" NO. 1 in Bogota in 1822. In 1824 he received the 32nd degree in the Supreme Council of Columbia

DOMINGO FAUSTINO SARMIENTO

Domingo Faustino Sarmiento has been pictured on stamps of Argentina issued in 1888 (Scott No. 62, 72), 1911 (#176), 1935 (#419), 1951 (#733) and 1962 (#742); issued by Mexico in 1975 (Scott No. C466) and by Romania in 1961 (Scott No. 1445). The new issue identified later in this newsletter adds to this list of honors.



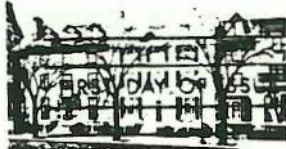


Domingo F. Sarmiento was born on Feb. 15, 1811, in the city of San Juan, Argentina. His education was irregular and often interrupted but at the age of fifteen he began to teach in an elementary school. In 1829 he emigrated to Chile for political reasons and earned a meager living there by teaching and working as a miner and storekeeper. He entered the field of journalism and in 1852 returned to Argentina. He became governor of his local province, minister to the U.S. and, in 1868, president of the Republic. He retired in 1874 and died on Sept. 11, 1888, in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Bro. Sarmiento was initiated on July 31, 1854, in Union Fraternal Lodge in Valpraiso, Chile.. He was a founder and the first Lecturer of Union del Plata Lodge No. 1 in Buenos Aires. Affiliating with Obedience to the Law Lodge No. 13 in April 1882, he assumed the role of Grand Master of Argentine Masonry the following month.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM'S LATEST COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham's latest Masonic cacheted cover venture is shown below. Using the Blair House postal card, it ties Bro. Harry Truman's association with the building as a resident there while the White House was being renovated. It recalls the discovery and disposition of certain stones with Masonic symbols carved on them. Information on the purchase of these cards should be addressed to Bro. John Cunningham at Grant 211, 3700 No. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C.. Extra card backs are also available for display of both sides at once.

<p>Harry S Truman</p>  <p>U.S. Postage 8 cents</p> <p>35th President U.S.A. Grand Master, No. 1940.41</p> <p>The President's Guest House, Washington, DC</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">Blair House USA15</p> <p>Resident: November 1948 - March 1952 While White House undergoing extensive renovation</p> <p>MASONIC DATA: Age 26 Petitioned Belton (No.) Lodge No. 450, 21 Dec. 1908 E.P. 9 Feb. F.C. 9 Mar. A.M. 19 Mar. 1909 MSP 157 Valley Grand Div. No. 31 Mar 1917 MSPS Grand Shrine Temple, 2 Apr. 1917 M.A.H. Grand Chapter No. 102, 15 Nov 1919 K.T. Palestine Comendy #17, 15 Jun 1923 ES Charter Master Grand View Chapter No. 355, 12 Jul 1943 Red Cross Constantine No. 3, 26 Oct 1945 33° 19 Oct 1945 (See Back Side of Card)</p>
<p>In a letter dated 22 Nov. 1952 to the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C.:</p> <p>"In the rebuilding of the White House a number of stones with Masonic symbols carved upon them, apparently the signatures of the members of the Craft who wished to associate their Fraternity with the construction of the building, were discovered.</p> <p>These stones, I believe, should be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the Nation.</p> <p>There is one particular place where one of the stones needs to be placed and that is in the repository of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. (Shown right)</p> <p>This symbolic association with the great memory to our first President is most fitting and proper and I should like to see it done."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harry S. Truman President, U.S.A.</p>	

JOHN'S NEW OUTLET

As many of you know, Bro. John M. Cunningham resides at the Soldier's and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., and has been able to maintain a very active hobby role there. Recently, the administration has made some changes in the home layout and has eliminated the "Stamp Room" which John used so much - not only for meeting with friends and fellow collectors but also for storing his many covers which he prepares and sells. Consequently, he had to find a new outlet location. Your Editor is fulfilling that role and has, to date, received several cartons of covers - some of which have yet to be printed. This will be a pleasant chore to assemble them into a "dealers stock" arrangement and to handle the sales for him. My first duty will be to compile a priced inventory so we know what is available. Any member who is interested in receiving a copy of this listing should send me a #10 SASE. Please specify whether you want the U.S. list or the foreign list (or both). I will try to conduct the business as if it were Bro. John doing the work himself. I must admit it is a treasure trove of Masonic covers.

ATA JOINS APS

Our parent organization, the American Topical Association, has now become a member of the American Philatelic Society. This is an affiliation which we undertook several years ago under the Editorship of Bro. Walter Kirby. The ATA action makes it the largest national philatelic society in the U.S. to join with 157 APS Affiliates in a cooperative venture to unite the hobby of stamp collecting.

BOB MATHIAS HONORED BY DEMOLAY

Former Olympian Bob Mathias will be inducted into the International DeMolay Hall of Fame at the 1989 Hall of Fame Banquet, April 14, in Kansas City, Missouri. The banquet is a part of a weekend long convention which marks the 70th anniversary of DeMolay International. A permanent plaque will be displayed in the DeMolay Hall of Fame at the DeMolay Service and Leadership Center in Kansas City.

Bob Mathias, initiated into Tulare Chapter in 1945, was an outstanding track and field athlete who won the decathlon championship at the 1948 Olympic Games in London. He repeated the achievement four years later at Helsinki, Finland. In 1949, he was awarded the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy presented annually to the "amateur who, by performance, example and good influence, advanced the cause of good sportsmanship".

Anyone interested in more information on the Hall of Fame or the International Convention should address their requests to Robert W. Murphy, DeMolay Service and Leadership Center, P.O. Box 901342, Kansas City, Missouri 64190.

-News Item supplied by the DeMolay Center

Are there any stamps picturing Bob Mathias??

Is he a Mason??

Can anyone help???

AMANE SHUSUKI NISHI

A recent issue of the "New Age Magazine" reported on the first Japanese Mason, Amane Shusuki Nishi. Born in 1829, he was the son of a samurai physician. After studying at Japanese universities he was invited to go to Leyden University in the Netherlands by Professor Simon Vissering. He then became the first professor of International Law at Tokyo University. He supported the Meiji Restoration in 1867 and later served in the Diet (Congress). He was one of the first Japanese to espouse Western ideas and philosophy and thus was influential in leading Japan from its feudal era into the modern world.



Pictured on a stamp issued by Japan in 1952 (Scott No. 492), Bro. Amane Shusuki Nishi became a member of Lodge La Vertu No. 7 in Leyden, the Netherlands, on October 20, 1864.

-Article submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln,
Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio

HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY

In addition to the new issue cited in this newsletter, Bro. H. H. Humphrey has previously been pictured on stamps released by Ajman in 1964 (Scott No. 65), Ecuador in 1978 (Scott No. C635) and Jordan in 1965 (N.S.).

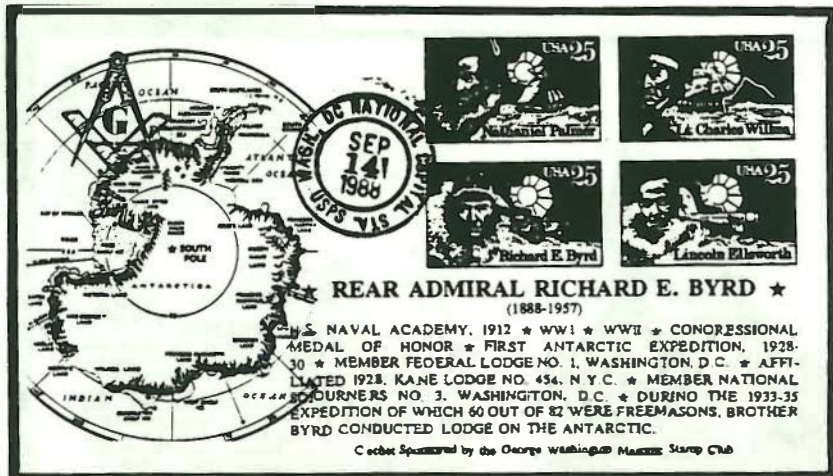


Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Jr., was born May 27, 1911, at Wallace, South Dakota. Receiving his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1939 and a M.A. degree from Louisiana State University in 1940, he began his career as a pharmacist following in his father's footsteps. He held his South Dakota license until his death. His political career started with a three year term as mayor of Minneapolis and in 1948 he was elected Senator from Minnesota. From 1961 to 1964 he was majority leader whip of the Senate. In 1964 he was elected Vice President under Lyndon B. Johnson, serving in this office for the full four year term. The Democratic Presidential nominee in 1968, he was narrowly defeated by Richard Nixon. After holding a shared professorship at the University of Minnesota and Macalester College, he returned to the Senate. He died at his home in Waverly, Minnesota on January 13, 1978.

Bro. Humphrey received his degrees in Cataract Lodge No. 2 at Minneapolis on November 13, December 7 and December 18, 1946. He was exalted in St. Anthony Falls Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., on April 30, 1948, and was a member of Zuhrah Shrine Temple. He was the recipient of the Grand Lodge of New York Distinguished Achievement Award in 1973.

NEW GWMSC COVER

A new GWMSC cover shown to the right was prepared for the recent Antarctic Explorers issue for Bro. Richard E. Byrd. Information on its purchase can be obtained from Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence PA 17560.



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RECENT EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Recent Masonic cacheted covers prepared and released by Bro. Edsel Hatfield are shown below. He continues to achieve high quality in the content and preparation of these covers. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042

COL. WILLIAM F. CODY
BUFFALO GIU.

America the Beautiful

Buffalo Bill's
The Buffalo Bill
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COL. WILLIAM F. CODY became known as the "BILL" because he contracted to furnish steam blains to the Kansas Pacific road and in 18 months he killed 4,280 to feed the hungry. Raised in Platte Valley Lodge #32, Neb. When he received his Mark Master Degree Chap. No. 13 at North Platte, he appropriatly chose the buffalo head as his work.

W.F. Cody

COODY, W.F.
JUN 6
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

COL. WILLIAM F. CODY

COL. WILLIAM F. CODY became known by the name "BUFFALO BILL" because he contracted to furnish meat of the American Bison to the Kansas Pacific road builders and in 18 months he killed 4,280 to feed the hungry workers. Raised in Platte Valley Lodge #32, North Platte, Neb. When he received his Mark Master Degree in Euphrates Chap. No. 13 at North Platte, he appropriately chose the buffalo head as his work. EDSEL

CONCORD NH
JUNE 21 1988
0330

WE THE PEOPLE
STATEHOUSE
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
BICENTENNIAL

PHILADELPHIA PA
SEP 17 1987
19104

25 USA

U.S. Constitution

John Sullivan
New Hampshire

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

JOHN SULLIVAN, MAJ. GEN.

Revolutionary hero, born in New Hampshire after the war, Master of the Gr. Lodge

Gen. Lausens

25 USA

May 21 1988
South Carolina
BICENTENNIAL

GEN. LAUSENS

Planter and Army Surgeon General between 1776 & 1817 resided in the House of Lords from S.C. during the Revolution. **GEN. LAUSENS**, V.P. of S.C. in 1776 & President of the Continental Congress, 1777-78, was a member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Charleston, S.C. On a ministerial voyage to Holland, he was captured by the British & imprisoned for treason in the Tower of London for eighteen months. EDSEL

22 USA

ATLANTA GA
JAN 6 1988

WE THE PEOPLE
STATEHOUSE
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CENTENNIAL

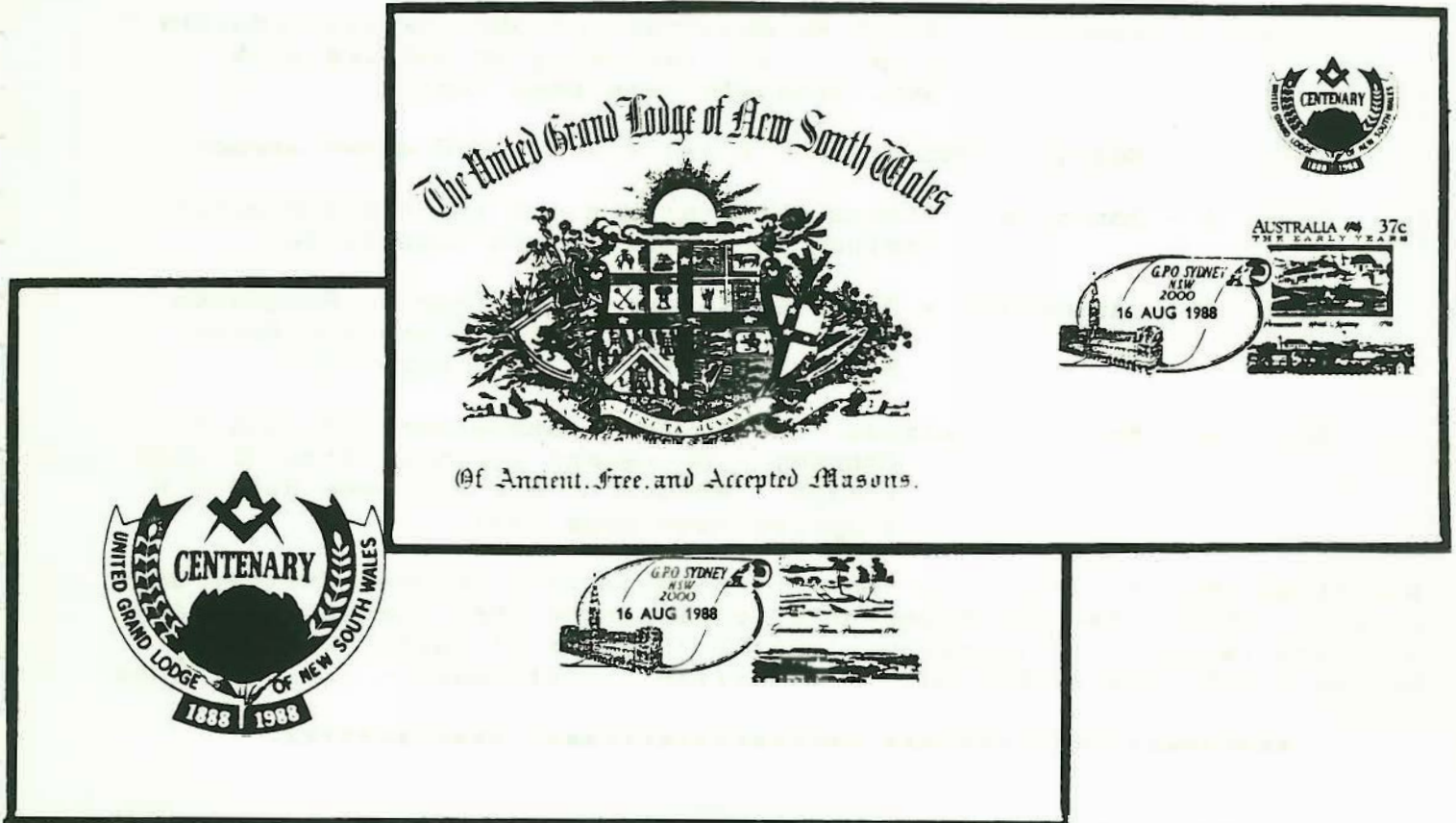
Geo Walton

GEORGE WALTON

Twice Gov. of GA, 1779 & 89. Member of the second Continental Congress, 1776-81, and signed the Declaration of Independence along with the infamous Button Chismers (Gwinnett Co., near Atlanta) who had been acting President of GA from Feb. to Mar. 1777, died of gunshot wounds in May 1777 (not a Mason). Doubts re WALTON's degree were removed when he took degree a second time in Solomon's Lodge, Savannah, GA, 1783. WALTON estimated first degree taken in 1775. EDSEL

NEW SOUTH WALES COVERS

Bro. Sid Martin, Editor of the Masonic Stamp Club of South Australia has provided copies of the recent covers prepared for the Centenary Celebrations of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The designs of these covers were not revealed until the day of issue and as shown below have been expertly executed. The Coat of Arms of the Grand Lodge and the red waratah floral emblem of the State comprise these cachets. They are available from Bro. Martin at a cost of \$3.00 (US) for the pair which includes airmail postage. This is an excellent offer. His address is 4 Barrow Crescent, Lockleys 5032 South Australia.



JUAN LUNA

Juan Luna was born on October 26, 1857, and was noted for his paintings as well as his strong role as a hero of the Philippines. Most of his paintings were produced in Europe. "Spolarium" (Shown on Philippines Scott No. 639) won a gold medal at the Madrid Exposition of 1888 and hangs in the Barcelona Museum.



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Bro. Juan Luna was initiated in Paris where Antonio Luna, Dr. Pardo Tavera and others were working under the Lodge "Solidarid" at Madrid. He is pictured on a Philippine issue of 1961 (Scott No. 839) as well as the stamp of 1957 above.



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NEW ISSUES

The following new issue pertinent to a Masonic Philatelic collection have been identified in the philatelic media.

- June 15 - Philippines - Luna-Hidalgo Memorial Exhibition - 1 Val. pictures Juan Luna and Felix Resurreccion Hidalgo (see page 731).
- June 27 - Sovereign Military Order of Malta - St. John - 1 Val. detail from "St. John the Baptist as a Child" by Murillo.
- July 1 - Venezuela - Birth Bicentenary of Gen. Rafael Urdaneta - 5 Val. - all picturing or dealing with Gen. Urdaneta (see page 726).
- July 11 - Bequia - Explorers - 8 Val.+ S/S - S/S shows anchor.
- Sept. 8 - Dominica - Famous Entertainers - 8 Val.+ 2 S/S which include \$1 - Clark Gable (see below).
- Sept. 10 - Argentina - Death Centenary of Domingo F. Sarmiento - 1 Val. - shows Sarmiento and the North School's cathedral (see page 726).
- Nov. 22 - Marshall Islands - 25th Death Anniversary of John F. Kennedy - se-tenant strip of five 25 cent stamps - design of one includes Hubert H. Humphrey (see page 729).

For those who still believe that future ages will uncover further data on Capt. Cook's Masonic membership, please note that issues picturing him were released by Tuvalu on June 15 (Voyages of Capt. Cook - 5 Values + S/S) and by Kiribati (Australian Bicentenary - 1 of 4 Values + S/S).

CLARK GABLE

For thirty years Clark Gable was the undisputed "King" of Hollywood. Born February 1, 1901, in Cadiz, Ohio, he was raised by grandparents in Meadville, Pa. While taking classes at the University of Akron, he was bitten by acting fever. For five years he learned his trade in bit parts throughout the country. His big break came when he was selected by RKO to play a villain in "The Painted Desert". MGM then signed him to a contract and put him in ten films within a year. He won an Academy Award for best actor in "It Happened One Night" (1934) and his fans demanded that he play the role of Rhett Butler in "Gone With the Wind" (1939). During World War II he served with the Eighth Air Force winning the Distinguished Flying Cross. He died of a heart attack on November 16, 1961, in Hollywood less than two weeks after completing his last film.

Bro. William Clark Gable received his degrees in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, Hollywood, on September 19, October 17 and October 31, 1933.
-Article submitted by Bro. Norman Lincoln

"MASONIC NOTE" EXPLAINED

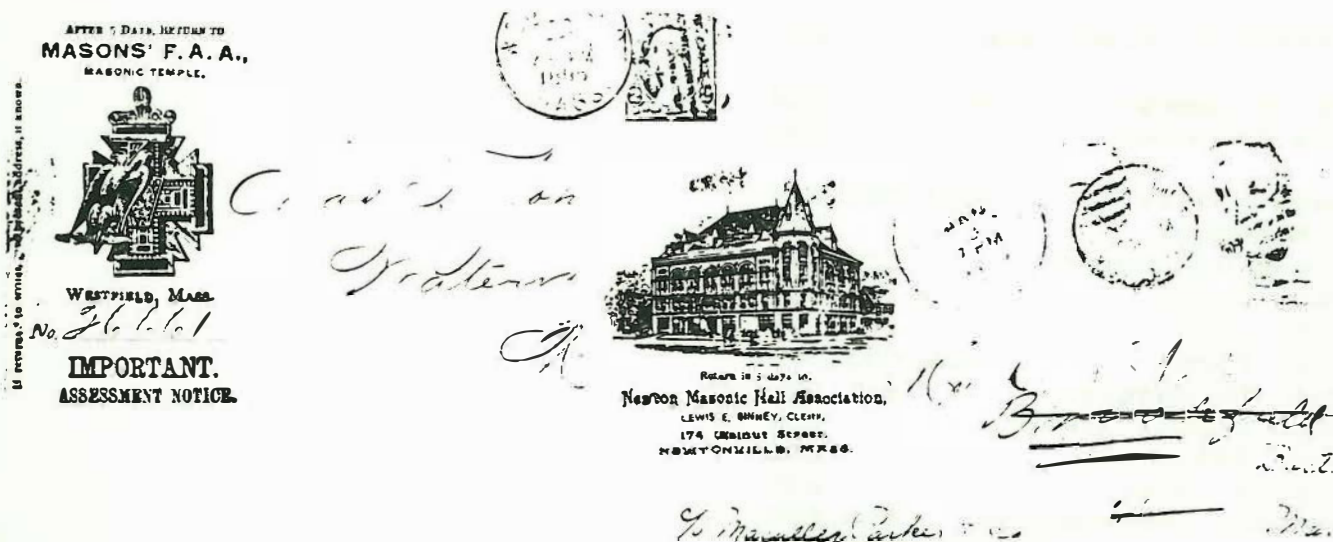
Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel, Member No. 402 of Bonn, Germany, has provided the details on the "Masonic Note" shown in the previous newsletter. This item is actually scrip money of Konigswinter, a little town near Bonn. He can identify almost all aspects of the item except the coat-of-arms on the bottom right side. Square, compasses and plumb are not Masonic in this sense. Operative stone masonry has a tradition of nearly one thousand years in Konigswinter. The stones for many a famous Rhine castle were cut here and then shipped to the places where needed.

After World War I the issue of scrip money was necessary as there were no small coins. Up to this time many small coins were silver and were hoarded. Moreover, the inflation of the German money was speeding up. Strictly speaking this item is not real money but a "Gutschein" which means a credit note, and it states: "This credit note will be cashed (or converted) by the savings bank of Konigswinter.". Other items are explained on the illustrations below. Thank you Bro. Wolfgang.



MASONIC ADVERTIZING COVERS

The advertizing covers shown below were submitted by Bro. Don Wilder, Member No. 366 of Peaks Island, Maine.



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