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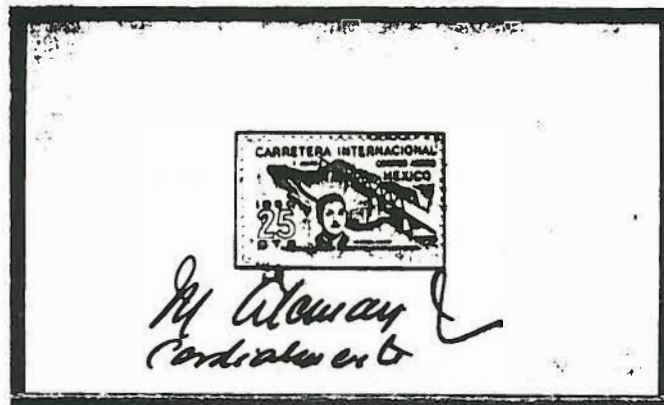
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WHOLE NO. 83

MIGUEL ALEMAN



Miguel Aleman, President of Mexico at the time, was pictured on a stamp issued by that country on May 21, 1950, to commemorate the completion of the International Highway between Ciudad Juarez and the Guatemala border. He was born on Sept. 29, 1900, in Sayula, Veracruz, where his father was a village shopkeeper and subsequently a revolutionary general. By selling papers, he worked his way through the law school of the National Autonomous University and on graduation set up a thriving law business primarily with labor unions and individual workers. His public life began as an attorney for the Department of Agriculture then as Magistrate of the Superior Court of Appeals. He was appointed senator from Veracruz and in 1936 became governor of his native state. He resigned in 1940 to manage the successful presidential campaign of Manuel Avila Camacho and was rewarded with the position of Minister of the Interior. He became the official candidate for the presidency in 1946 and easily won. His administration from 1946 to 1952 saw a **slowdown** in agrarian reform but greatly accelerated industrial development. He was the first civilian president of Mexico. In 1961 he accepted the appointment as head of the Mexican National Tourist Council and held that position to his death on May 14, 1983.

Miguel Aleman petitioned Antiquities Lodge No. 9 of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico on Sept. 25, 1930, was initiated on Oct. 20, 1930, passed on Apr. 27, 1931, and raised on July 31, 1931. He later demitted to City of Mexico Lodge No. 35. He received his AASR degrees on Nov. 24, 1942, at the hand of Grand Commander Antonio Arceo, and was made a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Anezeh Temple of Mexico City on Nov. 27, 1945.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

- 272. James W. Brodt; 11 Grand Ave.; Washington, NJ 07882
- 274. F. van Tricht; Bachstraat 3; 5283KK Boxtel; Netherlands
- 285. Bill Bartlett; 5559 Ackerman Cove, Bartlett, TN 38134
- 287. Vernon E. Musser; 511 Selby Blvd. N.; Worthington, OH 43085
- 288. Burton Lewis; 927 Townline Rd. #131; North Fairfield, OH 44865
- 289. Jack L. Dryden; 30 Marine Parade South; Foxton Beach; New Zealand

Welcome, Brethren! Wor. Bro. Lewis is Past Master of Fairfield Lodge; M. Wor. Musser is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and is currently Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge.

RESIGNATIONS:

- 158. M. A. C. Beekman, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 424. Kenneth G. Flook, Tucson, AZ

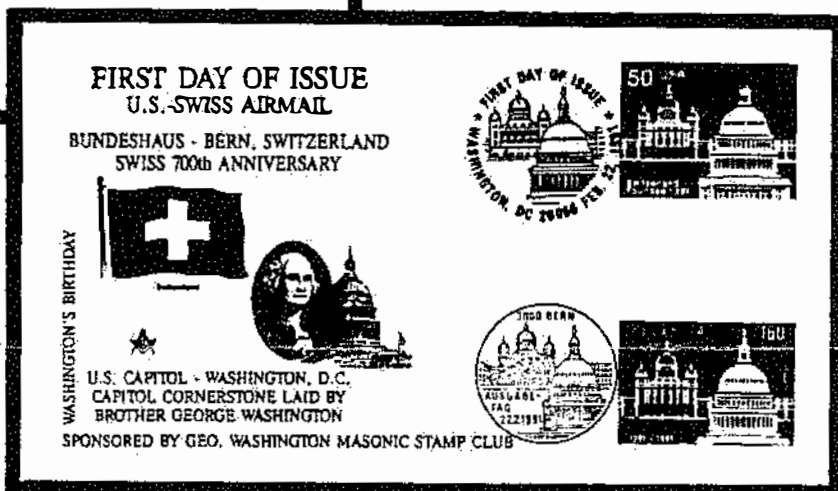
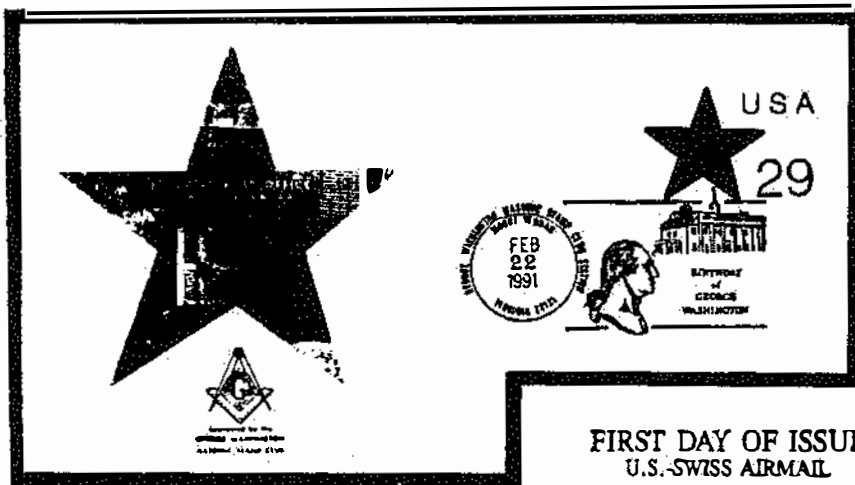
It is with a great deal of sadness that I report the very sudden death of Jessie Hatfield, wife of our Charter Member Edsel Hatfield, on Feb. 28 of this year. It was my pleasure to have met Jessie on several occasions - both in St. Louis and here on my turf. She was a very pleasant, amiable individual and together with Edsel they made an ideal couple. Both had similar interests and complimented each other well in everything they did. They were championship dancers having participated in competitions around the country. She shared Edsel's love for his Masonic Cacheted Covers and was an active participant in the gathering of the data and the actual preparation of them. Edsel feels the loss considerably. I am sure that I speak for the entire Unit when I extend our deepest and sincerest sympathies at this dark period in your life, Bro. Edsel. Have faith and keep looking forward.

ROMPEX 91 will be held on May 17-19 at the Holiday Inn, 15500 E. 40th Ave., (I-70 & Chambers Rd) Denver, CO. It is sponsored by several stamp groups in the Denver area, one of which is the Denver Masonic Stamp Club. As in previous years, the Denver MSC will be sponsoring a ROMPEX cover for the event; copies are \$1.25 and will be available from J. N. Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80210. The Denver MSC will also have a meeting at the show at 2 P.M. on Sunday the 19th.

FOR MOST MEMBERS THE ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN APRIL - HAVE YOU PAID UP?
DO IT NOW SO THE SECRETARY/TREASURER DOESN'T HAVE TO SOLICIT

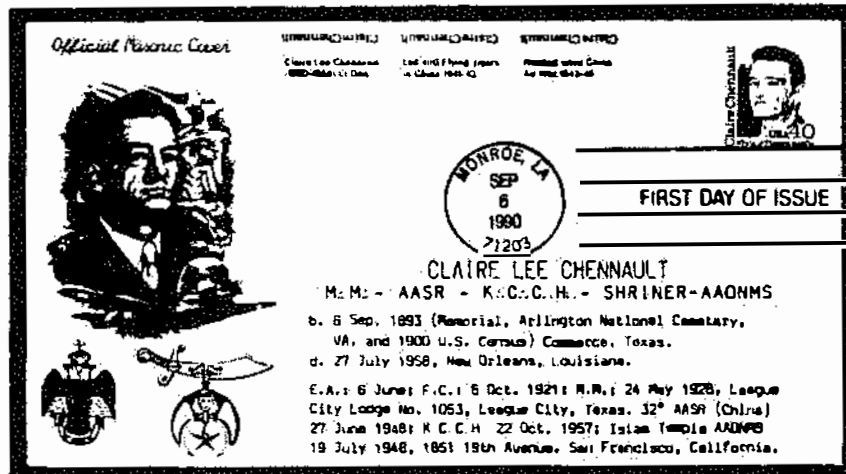
GWMSC COVERS

The two covers shown below were recently released by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. The US-Swiss Airmail cover also exists in non-combo form, i.e. with either the US or the Switzerland stamp. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Bro. Stanley Longenecker, P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, PA 17604.



JMC COVER

Bro. John Cunningham's latest cover - prepared for the Claire Lee Chennault issue - is shown below. It can be purchased from him at U.S.S.A.H. Box 45; 3700 No. Capitol St., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20317.



OATH OF THE TENNIS COURT

One of our members recently asked about the Oath of the Tennis Court stamp recalling that he had seen an article which identified some of the individuals in the painting and their Masonic affiliation. Digging back in the archives, the referenced article can be found in the May 1970 issue, Vol. 26, No. 6, of The Masonic Philatelist - newsletter of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. Written by our late member, Bro. Wessel Lans of the Netherlands. I am taking the liberty of excerpting from it here. The center fragment of the painting has been identified and is reproduced below.



Fragment of the painting.



1. Jean-Sylvain Bailly
2. Emanuel-Joseph Sieyes
3. Jean-Paul Rabaut Saint-Etienne
4. Dom Christophe-Antoine Gerle
5. Jerome Petion de Villeneuve
6. Joseph-Ignace Guillotin

The stamp was issued by France in 1939 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the French Revolution. The painting by Jean Louis David, "Le Serment du Jeu de Paume" (Oath of the Tennis Court), hangs in the Museum in Versailles, France.

The well-known Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs" existed during the time of the Revolution in Paris. The central group on the painting is nearly totally composed of members of this Lodge.

Jean-Sylvain Bailly - Born in Paris Sept. 15, 1736. Astronomer and statesman who was admitted to the Academy of Sciences in 1763, became a member of the French Academy in 1784 and the Academy of Inscriptions in 1785. He was the first president of the National Assembly in 1789 and was elected mayor of Paris in July of that year. He offended the Jacobins by commanding the National Guard to fire on a riotous crowd in July 1791 and resigned his office soon after that date. After insulting treatment during the Reign of Terror he was guillotined Nov. 12, 1793. He was a member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs".

Emanuel-Joseph Sieyes - Although thought by many to be a Mason (see page 863), his membership is doubted by many more (see page 878).

Jean-Paul Rabaut Saint-Etienne - Born in 1743. He was a protestant clergyman who also died by the guillotine in 1793. He was a member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs".

Dom Christophe-Antoine Gerle - (1736-1801) The legendary Carthusian monk who was seated in the "Etsats Generaux" as a representative of the clergymen and who later joined the "Third Estate". He was a member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs".

Jerome Pétion de Villeneuve - (1753-1794) A lawyer and politician. He succeeded Bailly as mayor of Paris in 1791; his opponent at the time was Napoleon. He was also a member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs".

Joseph-Ignace Guillotin - Born May 28, 1738, at Saintes, France. He died March 26, 1814, in Paris of natural causes. He was a doctor who, in 1778, founded the Society which later became the Academy of Medicine. He became famous by being the individual to recommend the machine which bears his name as being the most merciful method of execution during the French Revolution. This machine had been used previously in Italy, Germany and England.

Dr. Guillotin was one of the founders of the "Grand Orient de France". He was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge "La Concorde" and was a member of the Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs".

MASONIC SYMBOL??

Scott Stamp Monthly of March 1991 poses an interesting question in the article on "Sunny Symbols":

"Smiling suns, however, are not usually a part of serious or formal artwork. In [the U.S. Energy stamp design] the skillful use of brightness and shading conveys the presence of the sun. Nevertheless, this is not so with Canada's first postage stamp issued in 1851 (Scott 1). Here, Sir Sandford Fleming, the stamp designer, deliberately placed a tiny sun face in a very formal arrangement.



"Fleming's little sun provokes an amusing question. The sun, with its customary face, is an important symbol in the Masonic Order. As Fleming was a Freemason, is his sun a hidden symbol?"

-Thanks to Bro. Jim Brodt for pointing this article out.

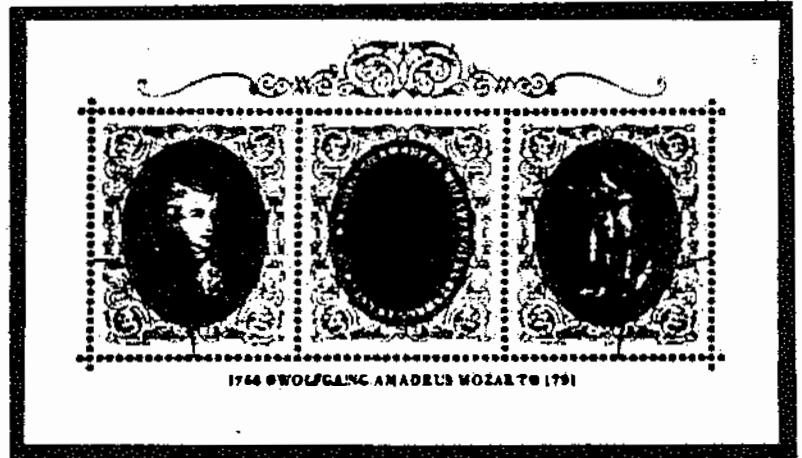
FLOPPY DISC OFFER

Linshaw Enterprises Inc. has prepared a Masonic Research Database on a floppy disc (either 3.5" or 5.25" is available). It contains over 130 different items of Masonic interest and the ability to configure the colors and data storage; it comes complete with manual. Judging from the demo which has been provided, it appears to be a good base for an individual's research - assuming more entries can be added as is implied. (If anyone would like to borrow the demo, just let me know.) The cost of the disc and printed manual is \$19.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling U.S. or \$24.95 plus 4.00 shipping and handling Canadian. It can be obtained from Linshaw Enterprises Inc; PO Box 55118 Temple Postal Outlet; Calgary, Alberta T1Y 6R6, Canada.

NEW ISSUES

The following New Issues of Masonic Interest have been noted in the philatelic press:

- Oct. 25, 1989 - Comoros - 200th Anniversary of the French Revolution - 4 values + S/S - 75 franc value depicts Dr. Joseph-Ignace Guillotin.
- Oct. 4, 1990 - Venezuela - 50th Anniversary of the Central Bank of Venezuela - four single-value stamps - 15b value shows George Washington medalion, 50b value shows small portrait of Simon Bolivar.
- Nov. 16, 1990 - Venezuela - EXFILVE 90 - 2 values - one pictures Simon Bolivar
- Nov. 27, 1990 - Czechoslovakia - Artwork from the National Gallery - four values with accompanying S/S - 4ko value depicts detail from Slav Epic by Alfons Mucha.
- Dec. 15, 1990 - St. Helena - 150th Anniversary of the Removal of Napoleon's Body - one value.
- Jan. 21, 1991 - Tunisia - Second Anniversary of the Maghreb Arab Union - one value (see below for use in symbols section of collection)
- Mar. 7, 1991 - Falkland Is - Second Visit of the Duke of Edinburgh - overprint on 1 pound Stamp World London S/S.
- Mar. 22, 1991 - Austria - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - Souvenir sheet, containing two stamps and a portrait (shown below)



DON'T FORGET - DUES ARE DUE

GET ANOTHER MEMBER TO JOIN - HELP US GROW

U.S. NEW ISSUES UPDATE

Final identification of the comedians who will be pictured on the five-stamp U.S.P.S. booklet to be released in September has been made. The final list is:

- Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy
- Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy
- Jack Benny
- Fanny Brice
- Bud Abbott and Lou Costello

As mentioned on page 894 William "Bud" Abbott and Oliver Hardy were Freemasons. Bro. Harold Lloyd, originally thought to be part of the "finalists" was dropped along with Buster Keaton in favor of Edgar Bergen and Fannie Brice.

The design for the Bro. Hubert H. Humphrey Great American's issue to be released June 3 of this year. Bro. Humphrey's Masonic details were also cited on page 894.

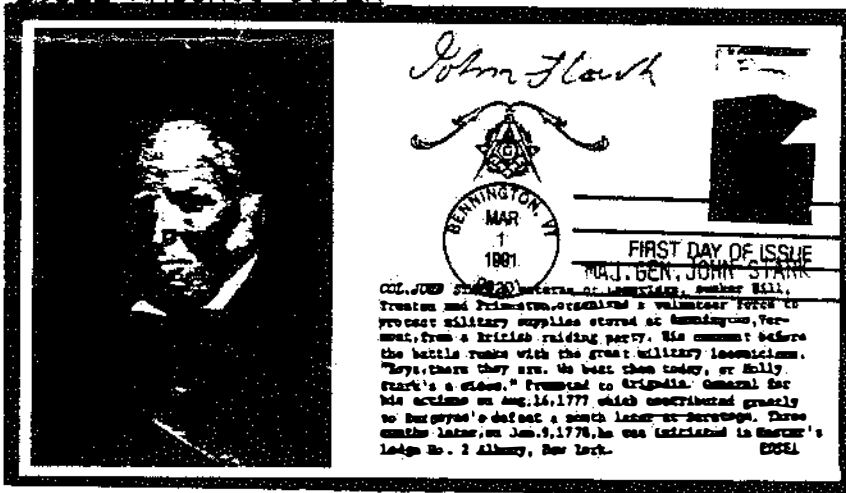
As was the case with the C. L. Chennault stamp, the data printed in the selvage of this issue is in error. It cites HHH as being vice president from 1964 to 1968 - the proper dates were 1965 to 1969.



EDSEL MASONIC COVER

Bro. Edsel Hatfield's latest Masonic Cacheted Cover is shown here. Information on acquisition of this cover can be obtained from him at:

P. O. Box 36
Hazelwood, MO 63042.



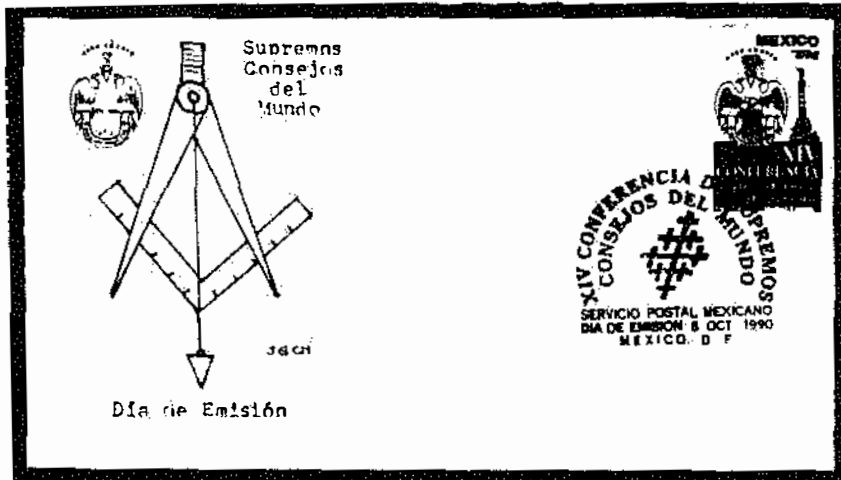
DONALD CRISP

Donald Crisp was born in Aberfeddy, Scotland, in 1880 and died in 1974. He attended Oxford University and came to the United States in 1906. He assisted Bro. David W. Griffith direct two masterpieces: Birth of a Nation and Intolerance. He directed Bro. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., in The Mark of Zorro and The Black Pirate. He later became the consummate character actor and won an Oscar as best supporting actor for How Green Was My Valley (1941). He was a member of Henry S. Orme Lodge No. 458, Los Angeles. He is the actor standing next to Charles Laughton in a scene from Mutiny on the Bounty issued by Tonga in 1985 (Scott No. 607b).


-contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln

MEXICAN SCOTTISH RITE STAMP

Acquisition of the Scottish Rite stamp recently issued by Mexico and covers thereof has caused some unfavorable reactions by at least one of our members yet a statement of "no problem" by another. The stamp under concern is shown here along with the First Day Cover offered for sale by Bro. Donald R. McKinney; 3462 Plantation Ridge; Acworth, GA 30101 - the costs are 50 cents for the stamp and \$2.00 for the cover.



On the other side of the coin is the unpleasant saga which Bro. John Cunningham experienced in his attempt to acquire copies of First Day Covers. Bro. McKinney used the services of a local dealer for his purchases. Bro. Cunningham wrote to the Mexican Stamp Agency, was told



Fecha de emisión: 8 de octubre de 1990
 Diseñador: M. C. García Graedós
 Motivo: Técnica mixta
 Tintas utilizadas: Morado, plata, oro y verde
 Tipo de impresión: Litografiado rotativo
 Tamaño: 34 x 40 mm.
 Perforación: 14, de peine
 Hoja: Con 50 estampillas
 Papel: Couché blanco engomado, Justificante 97/mis.2
 Impresión: PNR. Talleres de Impresión de Estampillas y Valores
 Tiro: 1.000.000
 Valor facial: \$ 1.500.000

Del 8 al 10 de octubre de 1990, tendrá lugar en esta Ciudad de México, la XIV Conferencia de Supremos Consejos del Mundo.

A estas reuniones, han concurrido en las diferentes capitales en que se han celebrado, los máximos Dirigentes de la Masonería Mundial constituyendo, tanto por su concurrencia, como por los trabajos y estudios que en ella se realizan, verdaderos acontecimientos de trascendentes repercusiones internacionales.

La anterior Conferencia se llevó a efecto en la Ciudad de Washington, D.C., a la que precedió la de la Ciudad de París.

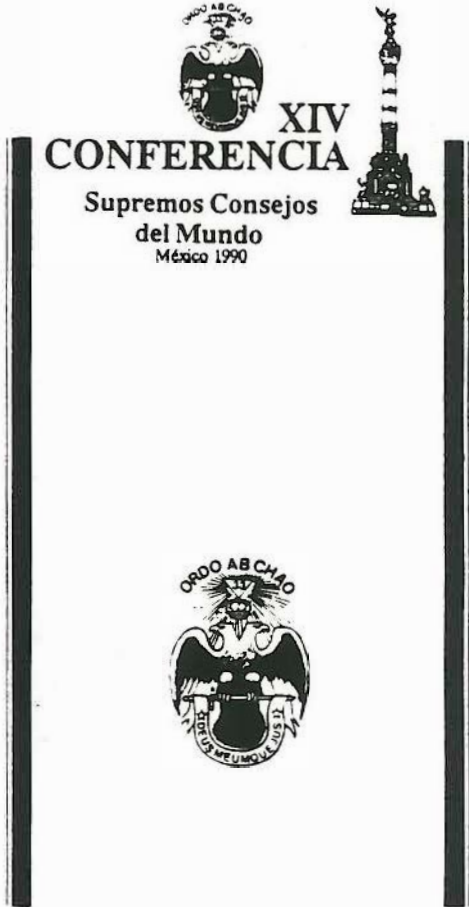
Los Supremos Consejos del Mundo de la Masonería Filosófica, cada cinco años, reunidos en Conferencia, eligen el país sede de la siguiente Conferencia Mundial.

Los Supremos Consejos participan profundamente en el bienestar y desarrollo intelectual mundial y nacional de cada país, y el objetivo es coadyuvar al progreso del género humano.

En esta XIV Asamblea Mundial, se reunirán los máximos Dirigentes de la Masonería Filosófica para exponer sus problemas e inquietudes y lograr soluciones constructivas, ya que la Masonería fundamenta sus principios en el ideal de la fraternidad universal, en el vivir según las leyes de honor y practicar la justicia, el amor a sus semejantes; trabajar sin descanso por la felicidad humana y proseguir su emancipación pacífica, progresiva y democrática, así como el respeto al derecho ajeno.

there were no copies available and so he applied directly to the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. To quote Bro. John he "got 'taken' totally. They do not practice Masonry on the level and square and will take you 'hook, line and sinker'. They led me to believe I was dealing in value of 'peso' and they charged dollars." He had to pay \$20.00 each for the folders which are illustrated here - he would be very happy to sell any amount of these to interested members for his cost. This offer will extend to July at which time he will donate them to a Masonic organization to be able to 'write off' his loss. Bro. John wanted me to warn other members of the apparent practices of our Brethren below the border. His address is:

U.S.S.A.H. Box 45
 3700 No. Capitol St., N.W.
 Washington, DC 20317



RICHARD ARLEN

Richard Arlen's film career spanned 53 years. He was born as Richard Van Mattimore in Richmond, VA on Sept. 1, 1900. He attended St. Thomas Military College in St. Paul then joined the Royal Flying Corps in Canada. He got a job as a film developer and graduated from extra roles to bit parts to a contract with Paramount Pictures. William Wellman cast him as David Armstrong, the doomed pilot in Wings (1927); it was the first film to win the Oscar for Best Picture. His next good role was as Harry Feversham in Four Fathers (1929). He was excellent as Steve in The Virginian (1929) opposite Gary Cooper. He was content to be a leading man and never aspired to be a star; therefore he was able to work steadily in more than 200 films. He died of emphysema on March 28, 1976.

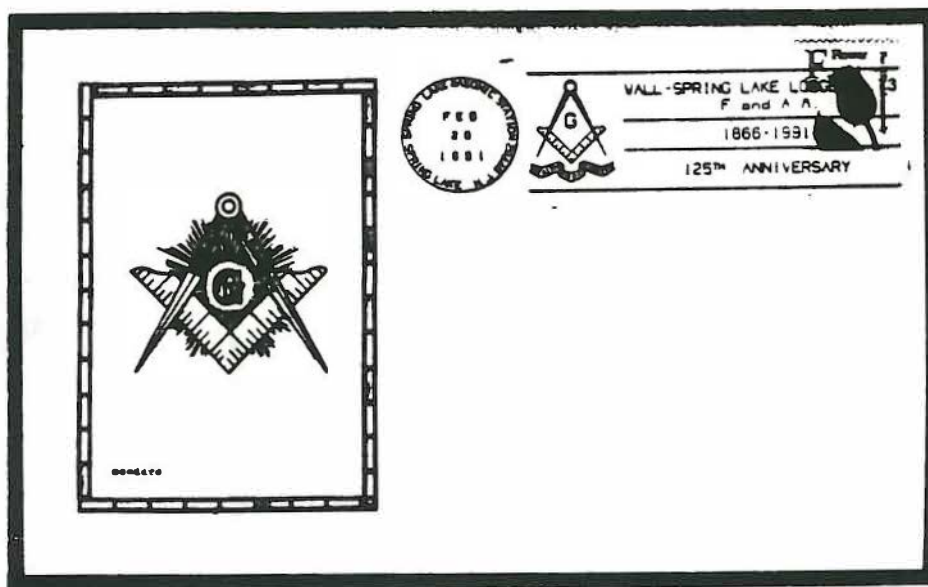
Richard Arlen was a member of Utopia Lodge No. 537, Los Angeles. He is pictured on a stamp of Fujeira issued in 1972 which shows a scene from Wings - the stamp is non-Scott listed.

- contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln

This space is really too small to be used for an article but I hate to see it go to waste. - Ed.

WALL-SPRING LAKE LODGE NO. 23 CANCEL

The Maxim card shown here is offered by Joel E. Smitman of Huntington Station, NY. The cachet is hand painted - a factor which results in increased prices in today's cover market (perhaps understandably) but that is not the key item of interest to your editor. The special cancel, approved by the USPS, was to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Wall-Spring Lake Lodge No. 23 of Spring Lake, NJ, on Feb. 28, 1991. Here it is now - two months later - and there is no evidence of any covers being issued by or for that Lodge. Does any member know of any? It would be a surprise if this Lodge was philatelic-minded enough to request the special cancel and then not use it to full benefit. Please let us know where such covers might be acquired.



JUAN DE LA CIERVA

Juan de la Cierva (Codorniu) was born Sept. 21, 1895, in Murcia, Spain. He was an engineer and invented the autogiro (forerunner of the helicopter). In his youth he was highly interested in aviation and he drew and designed gliders and ordinary planes. Because of an accident he had in 1919 with a three-engined plane, he attempted to build a safer and more stable plane. In 1923 he made his first successful flight with his "wonder plane" C4 in Getafe, Spain, and in 1924 he demonstrated his autogiro on the Aerodome de Cuatro Vientos in Madrid. In 1925 he left for England and the AVRO-works built some planes after his design. In 1928 one of his autogiros finished the London-Paris flight and in 1934 went from Great Britain to Spain. In the 1930s the RAF had a special squadron of these autogiros. He died on Dec. 19, 1936, in London as the result of a plane crash - the type of crash which his autogiro was designed to prevent. The Cierva-type autogiros were used in France, Germany, Japan and the U.S. until World War II when they were replaced by helicopters.



Bro. Cierva was a member of the Lodge Vigilancia No. 35 in Murcia under the Grand Orient of Spain.

-article from De Verlichte Loep - newsletter of "De Getande Rand"

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THE CRUSADES

Bro. James Brody also pointed out another article in the March 1991 Scott Stamp Monthly - one entitled "Duty and conquest: the great crusades". It provides a very good tie-in between the story of the Crusades of the 12th century and later and the philatelic displays of those campaigns. There are references to the Knight Templars, the heroes of their age, who were executed en masse, and to the last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay who was burned at the stake in 1314. It makes interesting reading and could be used to help develop a page or two devoted to this organization within the York Rite and/or to our younger body, DeMolay.



Another page from the display of Bro. Grahame West.

Symbols of Masonry

on stamps



All Seeing Eye



Hoodwink



Point of a sharp
waxlike instrument



Cable Tower



Scales of Justice



Emblems of Mortality



Grip or Token



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