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WHOLE NO. 95

THE DECEMBRIST REVOLUTION

On December 30, 1950, Russia issued a stamp commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Decembrist Revolution, an attempt at a palace revolution in St. Petersburg by high class guard officers. This stamp pictures the five martyrs who were executed for their role in that uprising - all five were Freemasons.

SC 332, 335
1976



Ryko 4

Peter Kachowski was a Lieutenant in the Russian Army. He had a leading part in the uprising and was the murderer of Gen. Miloradovitsj, advisor to the Czar who tried to negotiate with the rebels. Czar Nicholas wrote of him "He addressed me openly and courageously. His words were bitter and positive. He was a young man who deeply loved his country but he had committed highly criminal actions" He was sentenced and hanged. Bro. Kachowski was a member of the Lodge Amis du Nord at St. Petersburg.

Pavel Ivanovic Pestel, son of a cruel governor-general of Western Siberia, was raised in Germany and later passed his exams with high honors at the Military Academy of St. Petersburg. After taking part in the 1814 campaign against France he embarked upon a brilliant military career. He was seriously wounded at Borodino and later became aide-de-camp to Gen. Wittgenstein. At the age of 27 he was already a colonel and in charge of the Viatski-regiment. He was the leader of the Decembrist uprising in 1825, was described as "a villain in every sense of the word" and was also sentenced to be hanged. Bro. Pestel was initiated in 1812 in the Lodge Les Amis Reunis of St. Petersburg. He later became a member of the Lodges Sphinx and Zu den drei Tugenden but on Nov. 5, 1819 he was dropped from membership in the Order.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

361. David Westherfield, P.O. Box 125, Highland, IL 62249
362. Robert C. Royle, 4 West Holly Street, Cranford, NJ 07016

ADDRESS CHANGES:

117. Susan M. Benfer, 4532 N. Woodburn St., Shorewood, WI 53211
244. Grahame A. West, 12 Dean Way, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 40N
Great Britain
328. Charles A. Orlick, 10104 Mockingbird Lane SW, La Vale, MD 21502
386. George L. Schmidt, 4055 S. Braeswood #309, Houston, TX 77025

RESIGNATIONS:

172. Robert O. Todd, Ft. Myers Beach, FL
268. Frank Polchlopek, Clay, NY

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Don A. Mears, Member No. 37 of Omaha, NE, sent along one of his calling cards with his dues renewal - he is the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Our Unit President, Bro. Stan Longenecker has entered a new phase of his life and says he is very happy. Perhaps we will be hearing more from him in upcoming issues of the Newsletter.

Our Unit Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Otto Steding, recently lost his 23 year old grandson to a cardiac problem. We extend our sincere condolences to you Bro. Otto and to your family.

Bro. Maurice Beazley, Member No. 302 and Editor of the News magazine of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain has been recuperating from a ruptured stomach wall. During this period of inactivity he has managed to inventory his collection - an excellent use of idle time.

Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesy has prepared a master index of all the Masons cited in the various issues of "The Philatelic Freemason". He may add symbols and events to this list and then will make it available to the members. A good job well done Bro. Vilesy - his address is 3, rue de Dr. Rochefort, 78400 Chatou, France.

A non-member, Bro. Robert R. Best, Box 71, Bushton, KS 67427, has written to request the identification of a worthy source of stamps for collectors. He has two large boxes of stamps he accumulated in the 1940s. Can anyone help define a worthy outlet?

Your Editor believes that his application has been accepted for TOPEX '93 in Milwaukee. This convention, exhibition and bourse will be held June 25, 26, 27, 1993 at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel in that city. I will place on exhibit the display I prepared for the World Stamp Exposition '89 held at the UPU Congress in Washington. This 16-page exhibit presents the various aspects of Masonic Philately. If you are in the area, drop in and check it out - all comments welcome.

One of our members is trying to obtain any status information on the Philippines Masonic Philatelic Club and their newsletter. They were cited in one of our 1989 Newsletters but nothing more has been heard from them since. Your Editor would appreciate any information on this group which the members might have.

Bro. Steve Kapp, Member No. 355, of 1180-B Okinawa Lane, Yigo, Guam 96929, has several sets of the Philippines Nilad Lodge sets (3 stamps) and the Philippines Grand Lodge stamp available. He would prefer to trade for other stamps bearing the Square and Compasses to build up his collection. Contact him if you are interested.

THE DECEMBRIST REVOLUTION (CONT'D)

Sergej Ivanovic Muraviev-Apostol was the son of a diplomat and writer. He received his commission as an officer in 1812 and took part in the 1812-14 war. He rose to the role of commander of the 2nd battalion in the 'Cernigov' foot regiment. He assumed the role of leader of the rebels in this Regiment, was wounded on December 26, 1825 in the uprising, was arrested and executed. Bro. Muraviev-Apostol received his degrees in 1817 in the Lodge Trois Vertus and on Nov. 5, 1819, he also was dropped from the active roles of the Fraternity.

Kondratij Fedorovic Rylejev was a Russian author, poet and politician of low origin and very poor. He took part in the war against Napoleon as an ensign bearer and upon his return to Russia lived in the province of Voronesh. He became a civil servant in the Court of St. Petersburg where he began his literary career. His satirical work led him into the role of a forerunner of the Decembrist uprising; he took an active role and being one of the leaders was sentenced to death and hanged in the Peter-Paul Castle. Czar Nicholas did everything possible to provide for his wife and children. Bro. Rylejev was a member of the Lodge Etoile Flamboyante of St. Petersburg.

Mihail Pavlovitch Bestushev-Riumin was an officer in the Russian Army and was one of the leaders of the Decembrist uprising. He led a regiment together with Muraviev-Apostel, was sentenced to death and hanged. Bro. Bestushev-Riumin was a member of the Lodge Michael der Erwaehlte.

-information for article extracted from "Der Verlichte Loep" - Newsletter of the Dutch Masonic Stamp Club.
Thank you Bro. Godthelp, Editor

MORE ON THE OATH OF THE TENNIS COURT

Following appearance of a recent article on "The Oath of the Tennis Court", Bro. Jean Prouteau, Member No. 109 of La Rochelle, France, provided some update information on that activity.

If it is true that J. S. Bailly was not a member of "The Nine Muses" Lodge, it does not mean he was not a Mason. All his life he had a Masonic attitude. Emanuel Joseph Sieyes (1748-1836) and Rabaud Saint Etienne were not Freemasons. In the case of Sieyes, the confusion is due to the fact his first cousin Joseph Barthelemy Sieyes (1749-1830) was a Mason. Regarding Dom Gerle, all that we know is that he was a member of a club "Les Amis de la Constitution" formed with a majority of Freemasons.

Bro. Prouteau does not agree with the first two lines of the paragraph on page 263 which state "It therefore appears that the seven Freemasons pictured in the 'Oath of the Tennis Court' are: Merlin de Thiouville" he states that Merlin de Thionville (1762-1833), a Mason, is not shown on the picture; but Merlin Philippe, Antoine (1754-1833), Grand Officer of the Grand Orient de France, ~~the so-called~~ Merlin de Douai, is pictured on the stamp. The famous Riquetti Mirabeau/Honore Gabriel (1749-1791), shown on the stamp, was never initiated. His own brother, Andre, Boniface, Louis (1754-1795), member of the Lodge Saint Jean du contrat Social was present at the Oath but is not shown.

WITHAM LODGE COVER

To mark the occasion of the Bicentenary of Witham Lodge 297, Lincoln, England, a special cover will be prepared for use on 27 September 1993. One of the two stamps to be used pictures Alfred, Lord Tennyson, whose uncle, R.W. Bro. The Right Honorable C. Tennyson D'Eyncourt, M.P., was the Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire 1827-1849. The other depicts Saint Andrew's Church at Helpringham - built by operative Masons leaving Lincoln Cathedral and moving south through the Fens.



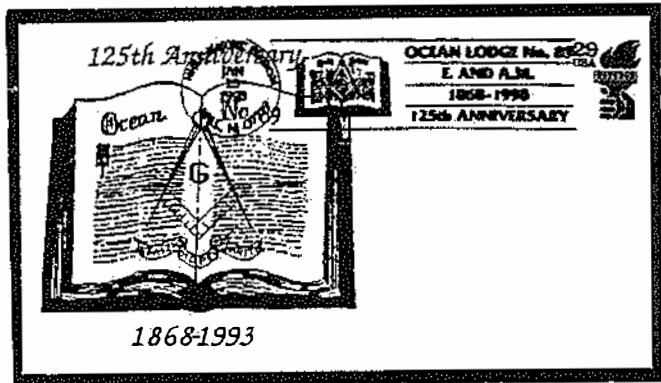
BICENTENARY
1793 - 1993

The cover, including a profile history of Witham Lodge 297 will cost 4.50 pounds each (postpaid) plus 50 p for orders outside the United Kingdom. (Orders for 10 or more will cost 4 pounds each.) The cover will be handstamped by the Royal Mail on 27 September with a Square and Compass logo designed by J. & M. Arlington of London. The number of covers is limited to 500. They may be ordered from: M.A.Gravells, Esq., 29 Parkside, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2RZ, England.

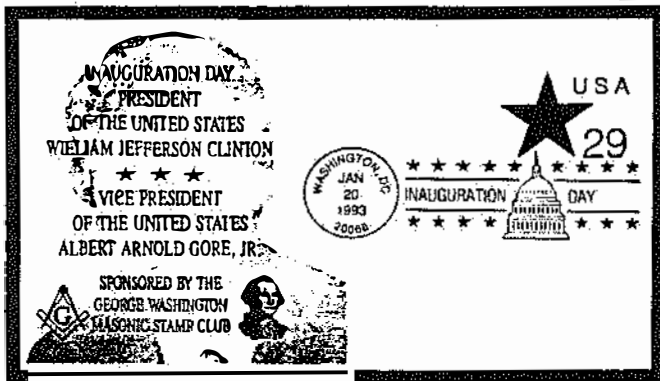
OCEAN LODGE COVER

A Masonic Cacheted Cover has been prepared for the 125th Anniversary of Ocean Lodge No. 89, Wall, NJ, to complement the special USPS cancel authorized for the occasion. They are available at a cost of 3 for \$5.00 (three different color inks for the cancel) from:

R.W. Bro. Dick Mekenian
711 5th Ave.
Spring Lake, NJ 07762.



GWMSC COVER



The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued another in their series of Presidential Innauguration covers. Shown here, they are available at a cost of \$1.25 each from:

Bro. Paul M. Williams
2364 Beaver Valley Pike
New Providence, PA 17560-9622

HAROLD CLAYTON LLOYD

Although there is a rumor that the USPS will issue a Hershfield cartoon for silent stars including Harold Lloyd, we must be content with this special postmark for his birth centennial. Harold Clayton Lloyd was born in Burchard, Nebraska, April 20, 1893.



1893 - 1993
HAROLD LLOYD BIRTHDAY STATION
100 YEARS APRIL 20, 1993
BURCHARD NE 68323
1ST ANNUAL EVENT



His father was a photographer and soon moved to California where Harold graduated from San Diego High School. He entered the movies as an extra working for Mack Sennett where he learned the essentials of silent comedy. In 1915 he joined Hal Roach to create "Lonesome Luke", a character similar to Charlie Chaplin's tramp. After several years, he began a more realistic type of comedy based on an average man faced with humorous situations who always won the girl in the end. His features beginning with "City Slicker" in 1918 and including "Grandma's Boy" in 1922, "Safety Last" in 1923 and "The Freshman and Speedy" in 1928 made him one of the best known and wealthiest actors in Hollywood. He married his leading lady, Mildred Davis, in 1923 and they had three children. During the Great Depression his type of comedy was in less demand and after "Professor Beware" in 1938 he retired to devote his life to community service. A comeback in 1946 with "The Sin of Harold Diddlebock" was unsuccessful. He was awarded a special Oscar in 1952 for his charitable work. A compilation of his silents, "The World of Harold Lloyd", 1962, showed new audiences his comedy was timeless. He died of cancer on March 11, 1971.

Bro. Lloyd was raised in Alexander Hamilton Lodge No. 535, Hollywood, in 1925. He was a member of Signet Chapter No. 47 R.A.M., Los Angeles Council No. 11, R. & S.M. and Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 K.T. He was Past Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America 1949-1950 and Past Sovereign of San Gabriel Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and received the Gold Achievement Award of the General Grand Chapter International in 1962.

-article and cancel contributed by Bro. Norm Lincoln, our Unit Research Chairman from Eaton, OH

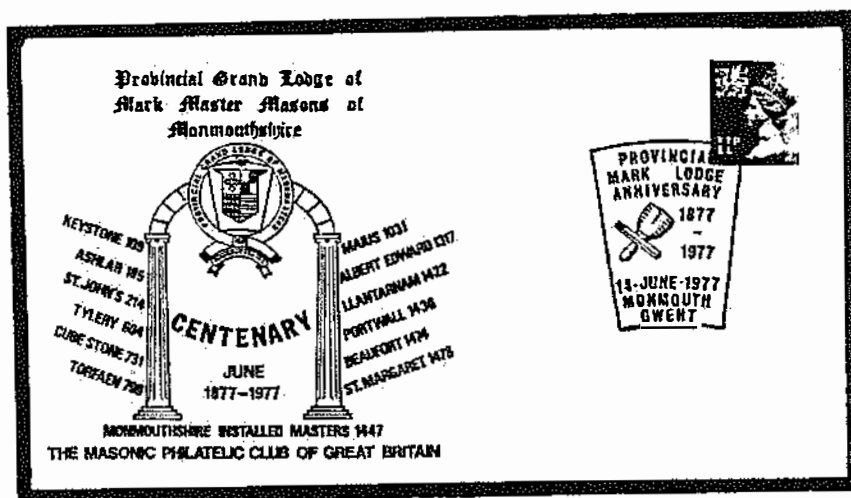
ATA MASONIC HANDBOOKS

As a follow-up to an article which appeared in a recent issue of "The Masonic Philatelist" of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, I wrote to our parent organization to acquire the various Masonic handbooks which they list on their 1993 List of Publications. Five different Handbooks (HB12-Biographies, HB41-Argentine Masons, HB89-Masons and Frigate Constitution, HB103-Cornerstone Laying and HB119-Carl Schurz) are listed but the Order Blank availability listing shows none are available. Do any of our members have copies of these Hand books which might be copied for the benefit of those members who desire a copy?

GREAT BRITAIN COVER

Bro. Grahame West, Member No. 244 and Packet Chairman for the Masonic Stamp Club of Great Britain, informs us that his club still has copies of the cover shown here available for sale. The cost is \$3.00 each and includes airmail postage (with a commemorative stamp). Dollar bills or checks made out to G.A. West are acceptable. His address is:

12 Dean Way
Storrington
RH20 4QN
West Sussex
England



COVERS FOR SALE - SPECIAL OFFER

One of our Members - Bro. J. R. Pidduck of Chateaugay, NY and Canada, has gone through his collection of Masonic Cacheted covers and has divested it of all duplicates. He is offering this excellent grouping of covers for sale through this Newsletter. The accumulation consists of 76 First Days and Special Events and 30 miscellaneous items such as Corner Cards, Post Cards and items of Masonic correspondence. The covers range from 1958 to 1990 and include representations from MSC of NY, GWMSC, Mahdeen, Edsel, Denver MSC and Elliott; about a dozen of the covers are foreign. This grouping is an great deal for a beginner or intermediate collector or as trading items for an advanced collector. The lot can be had for \$75.00; if you are interested, contact the Editor as he has received the accumulation from Bro. Pidduck.

While discussing collections or accumulations for sale, another one will be coming up in the next Newsletter - the Masonic Cover collection of Bro. Robert Krueger. He has decided to dispose of his covers in preparation for a move to a retirement home. Bro. Krueger had purchased the residual material from Bro. Clarence Beltmann some years back and, quite obviously, there are some of his covers included in this lot. There is one complete set of the 23 covers issued by Clarence Beltmann under the original MSU/ATA and two sets missing Nos. 7, 12, 19. In addition there are about 250 Masonic covers (considerable duplication) and 30 different non-Masonic covers. If any member is interested in this material, let your Editor know so that when prices are developed, we can let you know.

There are still some members who have not yet paid their dues for this next year. We hate to lose members to NPD but must keep economics in mind. Please remit to Otto Steding, 1033 Hollytree Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45231

UPCOMING USPS RELEASES

Two letters received recently from two of our members show the diversification of outlooks which can be experienced in our hobby. These letters deal with the outlook of Masonic relationships of the upcoming USPS releases.

Letter from Bro. Norm Lincoln, Unit Research Chairman:

Hard to find anyone connected to the 1993 US issues. Sir Christopher Wren is believed to have been a Mason and there seems to be little evidence one way or the other.

No one connected to Oklahoma has any Masonic connections with the exception of Agnes DeMille the choreographer whose brothers William and Cecil were both members of the Craft. Tex Ritter starred in "Green Grow the Lilacs", the play by Lynn Riggs on which the musical was based.

Fort Recovery, OH, was built at the site of St. Clair's defeat where Jonathan Heart, Master of American Union Lodge, was killed.

I have never heard that Joe Louis was a Mason.

Jerome Kern, the composer of "Show Boat", was a Mason. Paul Robeson who starred in "Show Boat" was a Mason.

Neither of the Gershwins were Masons nor were any of the stars of "Porgy and Bess". No one associated with "My Fair Lady" was a Mason as far as I know. Hank Williams was not a Mason. Bob Wills was not a Mason but he got his start in Texas playing and singing with the Light Crust Doughboys; W. Lee O'Daniel who owned Light Crust Flour was a Mason (Ninnescah Lodge No. 230, Kingman, KS) and later became governor of Texas.

Mark Twain who wrote Tom Sawyer was a Mason. That's all I can find.

Letter from Bro. Edsel Hatfield, Masonic cover producer:

I want to take this opportunity to announce the program for this year. I just sent off the CIRCUS issue for cancellation. Featuring Red Skelton as the Clown, Dan Rice as the animal trainer, Emmet Kelly as the Aerialist, Albert Ringling as the Ringmaster and a very special Plate Block cover featuring Cecil B. DeMille, Producer of and Academy Award winner for "the Greatest Show on Earth". There will be some very limited quantity specials for Tom Mix who married the reknowned Aerialist Mabel Ward, Clyde Beatty the man who set the standard for every Big Cat act to follow, "Pawnee" Bill Lillie, Ringmaster and Boy Scout Leader.

Coming up next will be the Cherokee Strip issue, My Fair Lady, Porgy & Bess, Show Boat, Northern Mariana Islands, Huckleberry Finn, Little House on the Prairie, American sign language and World War II 1993 with ten stamps.

Surprise of the century is the new Postal Artifacts block of four featuring a portrait of Bro. Charles A. Lindberg, Bro. Benjamin Franklin and one stamp with the Bill Cody Pony Express picture. We have been waiting a long time for the USPS to give us a stamp with Lindy on it.

As you have probably guessed by now there is not one single stamp in the Country Singers or the Rock & Roll group that can bwe related to Masonry. Nor could I find even the remotest connection for anyone connected with Oklahoma. I'm sure that somewhere down the list of people in that production there must have been a Mason; possibly the Key Grip or the Best Boy but certainly no one of any consequence.

Surely there must be some very prominent Masons who can be related to the block of four horses - breeding, racing or jockeying. Can anyone help in this area?

MASONIC ENTERTAINERS

Masons in entertainment continue to appear on stamps of the world. Gambia has issued a set of "Baseball Films" stamps which show several films and Brothers which can be used for a Masonic collection.

"Casey at the Bat" has Bro. Wallace Beery - his profile was presented on page 1037 of the previous Newsletter (Mar-Apr 1993). Bro. DeWolf Hopper (1858-1935) spent forty years reciting Casey at the Bat in vaudeville. He was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City.

"Elmer the Great" includes Bro. Joe E. Brown, a member of Rubicon Lodge No. 237, Toledo, Ohio. Further information on this Brother can be found on page 932 of the Nov-Dec 1992 Newsletter.

"The Naughty Nineties" has Bro. Bud Abbott, a Mason and Shriner who was born in Asbury Park, NJ, on Oct. 2, 1898. Incidentally, Abbott and Costello are the only non-players enshrined in Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY. (Owners, writers and broadcasters have a separate category.) They are there because of their classic "Who's On First?" routine seen in the above named film.

"Brewster's Millions" has Bro. Richard Pryor. Richard Franklin Lennox Thomas Pryor III was born in Peoria, IL, on Dec. 1, 1940. At the age of seven he was playing drums and at twelve began an acting career. He became a successful night club comedian using material of questionable taste. His film and television appearances were mixed farce and drama. Among them were "Lady Sings the Blues", "Uptown Saturday Night", "Bingo Long Travelling All Stars and Motor Kings", "Silver Streak", "Stir Crazy", "The Toy" and "Superman III". Bro. Pryor is a member of Henry Brown Lodge No. 22, Peoria, IL, Scottish Rite and Shrine (Prince Hall affiliation).

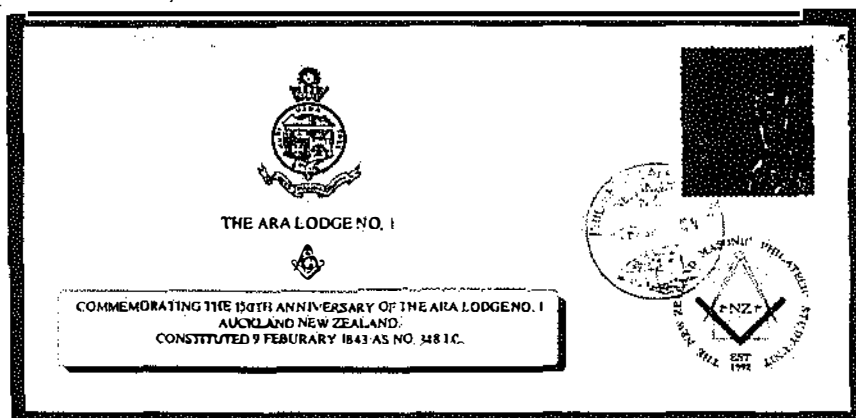
-article contributed by Bro. Norm Lincoln, Eaton, OH

(Note: An article on pg. 34 of Linn's March 15, 1993, issue identifies several stamp sets of the world which picture US entertainers.)

NEW ZEALAND COVER

The New Zealand Masonic Philatelic Study Unit has produced another Masonic cover. Shown here, it commemorates the 150th Anniversary of New Zealand's second Lodge - The Ara Lodge No. 1. This cover sells for \$3.00 U.S. (AU\$4.00, GBP2.00, NZ\$5.00) and is available from:

Phil Reddock
93 Hazlewood Ave.
Karori
Wellington 6005
New Zealand



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bro. Otto Steding has provided the following Treasurer's Report for the previous year - May 1, 1992 to April 30, 1993.

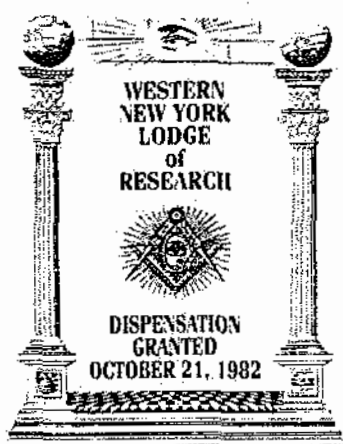
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Receipts		
Dues	\$1,435.73	
Interest	56.75	
Total	<u>\$1,492.48</u>	<u>\$1,492.48</u>
Available Cash		\$4,233.68
Expenses		
Printing Newsletter	\$ 789.18	
Postage for Newsletter	1,028.60	
Envelopes for Newsletter	142.00	
Subscription to Linn's	33.00	
Crown Agents (Stamps)*	100.00	
Secretary expense**	88.62	
Total	<u>\$2,181.40</u>	<u>\$2,181.40</u>
Ending Balance - Cash on Hand		\$2,052.28

*Initial deposit in hands of editor

**Secretary Expense: Dues postage \$70.00
 Misc postage 12.00
 Envelopes (6X9) 2.50
 Print Dues Notices 4.12


NEW YORK RESEARCH LODGE COVER

The Western New York Lodge of Research F. & A. M. has prepared a cover for the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of this Lodge located in Buffalo, NY. Shown here, they are available at a cost of \$4.00 (additional copies at \$3.00 each) from: Courtenay G. Kerruish, 272 Huntington Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214.



**WESTERN
NEW YORK
LODGE
of
RESEARCH**

**DISPENSATION
GRANTED
OCTOBER 21, 1982**



**Western New York Lodge of Research, F.&A.M. Buffalo, New York
Ten Years of Masonic research and study in Western New York.**

In 1981 a group of interested Masons discussed the possibility of forming a Masonic research and study group. After several meetings a petition to form a Study and Research Lodge in Western New York was submitted to then Grand Master M. W. Bruce Widger on April 12, 1982. He replied on May 3, 1982, to acknowledge receipt of the petition and to inform the group that he forwarded it to the Grand Secretary who would discuss it with the new Grand Master, M. W. Ernest Leonard.

On October 21, 1982 M. W. Ernest Leonard granted a dispensation under the name of Western New York Lodge of Research, with W. Alan G. Fowler Master, Brother Melvin H. Lox, Senior Warden and W. Charles L. Ketchum Jr., Junior Warden.

The Western New York Lodge of Research applies principles of scholarship to the study of the historical origins of our Fraternity and related matters.

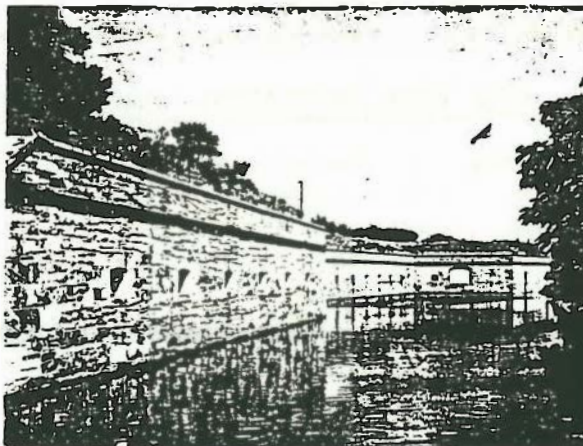
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ARMY & NAVY LODGE NO. 306

One article in the Jan-Feb 1993 Newsletter created a strong sense of nostalgia in the heart and mind of Bro. Jack Welch, Member No. 126 of La Grange, TX, and a lump came up in his throat. He was stationed at Langley Air Force Base for his last tour of Air Force duty. A group of Brothers there would get together on Lodge night and visit their Army Brothers at Army & Navy Lodge at Fort Monroe. They were very friendly and took great care of their Air Force Brothers; periodically, they would be kind enough to feed them also. Sailors from Norfolk, VA, would also visit and they even let civilians in. Available in the Lodge were copies of a poem by a Capt. L. C. Baird which says what a military Brother felt about Fort Monroe and Army & Navy Lodge No. 306.

Even though the Military Lodges had been on bases for scores of years, by 1980 all Military Lodges were banned from operating on military bases - not just stateside but on U.S. bases all over the world. They never caused any trouble, in fact they did a lot of good - not only for the Brothers, but for all on base. Unfortunately, some individuals in the military and in the government were biased enough that they couldn't let them be.

The postcards and the copy of the poem are from Bro. Welch's collection.



ARMY AND NAVY LODGE, No. 306 FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA

By CAPTAIN L. C. BAIRD

The casemate was cool but the greeting was warm
When I entered the chamber below;
Down under the rainbats the brethren met
In the Lodge room at Fortress Monroe.

The Masonry walls said the love vaulted roof,
And massive arched entrance within,
Made the casemate safe from cave-droppers' ears,
And far from the outside world's din.

The altar and columns were fashioned by hands
Of service men on duty there;
The lesser lights shown from the tops of
brass shells,
The jewels and great lights were fair.

The talk was of Panama, Hancock and Banks,
By the same who were old, to come,
The other three hundred were scattered away
To Fort Mills, Fort Riggs and Drum.

The members looked from the utmost parts
Where the flag and the uniform are,
But the bond of the brotherhood welded them all,
There was naught to tranquility man.

Here rank and distinction stayed outside the door;
Only level of manhood was there;
The work was put on in true Army style,
And we closed to part on the square.

My feet have trod thresholds of Lodges afar,
Many Lodges in U. S. I know;
But never before better Hiram's I found
Than the brethren of Fortress Monroe.

MASONIC STATUE AT GETTYSBURG

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is erecting a Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in Gettysburg and will dedicate it as part of a gala celebration on August 21, 1993. This monument will commemorate the virtues of friendship and brotherhood dramatically exemplified during the Civil War and it will honor all Brethren who fought in all wars of the nation. The statue, created by sculptor Ron Tunison, shows mortally wounded Confederate Brigadier General and Brother Lewis A. Armistead passing his personal effects to Union captain and Brother Henry Bingham to give to his long-time friend Union Major General and Brother Winfield S. Hancock. The sketch shown here was done by Harrisburg Artist Frank Hummel.



Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, said, "The Memorial is designed to honor the estimated 18,000 Freemasons who fought on both sides in the Battle of Gettysburg, and to recognize symbolically the many historical acts of love and compassion that occurred in battle despite the political and emotional strains brought on by the Civil War. The inscription 'Friend to Friend - Brotherhood Undivided' on the monument base relates the story portrayed by the expressive statue of a Brother helping a Brother despite their opposing political views."

Placing the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument at Gettysburg is of national significance and important in the history of Freemasonry and of the country. This is the first time that a private organization has been permitted to erect a monument in a National Historic Park.

Editorial Note: I hope that there will be significant Masonic cacheted coverage of this event so that it may be noted in our albums and our collections.

EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

The covers shown here were recently produced by Bro. Edsel Hatfield, Member No. 21, P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Information on their purchase is readily available from him.

