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ROY LONGMORE

The fourth Australian Legends series, released January 21, 2000, pays tribute to the last Anzacs. Roy Longmore, Walter Parker and Alec Campbell were, on the date of issue, the last surviving Australian soldiers who fought at Gallipoli, where the Anzac tradition was born. Although all three fought at Gallipoli, none came ashore on April 25, 1915. Gallipoli is seen as a defining moment in the emergence of the Australian nation. About 50,000 Australians went to Gallipoli and 8,700 were killed there. The term Anzac stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.



At the time of the stamp issue, Roy Longmore was 105 years old - his birthday was April 29. (Ed. - I believe I have read that he has since passed away). He was too blind to see the stamp but his family states he continuously talks about the war. His memories were still vivid of what he went through at Gallipoli and in France, where his war finally ended in a blast of machine-gun fire. Working on his Victorian farm when war broke out in 1914, he immediately joined up and celebrated his 21st birthday in Egypt and arrived at Gallipoli on Oct. 12, 1915, with the 21st Battalion, 2nd Division. With both sides tied down in bitter trench warfare, he was given the dangerous task of tunnelling through the hills to place mines under enemy trenches. He survived to fight in the terrible trenches of France and it was there, one month before the end of hostilities, that the bullets he dodged for four years caught up with him. His mates thought he had been killed but after the skirmish was over, he moved and was evacuated. Unable to work on his farm after his return home, he managed a car-hire business and later worked as a driver.

Bro. Longmore received his degrees in Acanthus Lodge # 400, Blackburn City, under the Grand Lodge of Victoria. He was initiated on Dec. 3, 1934, passed on Mar. 4, 1935 and raised on Sept. 2, 1935. He "called off" (resigned) on March 3, 1947.

-article contributed by Bro. Grahame Cumming, Australia, through Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Barcelona, Spain

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Members: NONE!!!

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23. Gladys Vogel, Port St. Lucie, FL

222. Albert Hanson, Woodbridge, NJ

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Members Activities:

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Spain, indicates that he could be Grand Master some day but doubts it because the Grand Master must support and fund all of his own activities in that position - it is not a paid position such as we have with many of the Grand Masters here in the US. Very unfortunate as many great Masons lose out on that opportunity.

Bro. Thomas C. Ehlers of Seattle, WA, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, is presently serving as General Secretary for the Seattle, Washington, Scottish Rite Bodies. He also points out that Henri La Fontaine, a Mason, is pictured on a recent joint Sweden and Belgium stamp issue of Sept. 30, 1999. These issues picture Henri La Fontaine and Auguste Beernaert, Nobel Prize winners of 1913 and 1909, respectively. A corresponding article can be found later in this Newsletter.

A letter from Bro. Willie Lightbody of Strathclyde, Scotland, outlines his various Masonic associations and involvements; on March 11, 2000, he was installed into the Chair of "Clutha" Conclave No. 434, Order of the Secret Monitor. He has sat "in the Chair" of at least five Masonic bodies, some more than once and his appointment calendar is chock full - including many conflicts and overlaps. Good luck keeping up, Bro. Lightbody.













Your editor is recovering quite well from his knee replacement. I am enjoying the time out of work to get caught up on some tasks but I have tended to "overdo" the Physical Therapy. I have learned that more is not good in that field (to wit, a bit of tendonitis). I attended Blue lodge election of officers and Past Master's Night three weeks after the operation and regretted it the next morning. But all is well and I should be back in full swing by the end of July. Thanks for the several cards and well wishes I have received from the thoughtful membership.

MASONIC COVERS - FLORIDA TO MASSACHUSETTS

Bro. Dick Mekenian, 711 5th Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07782, has prepared and won approval of two new Masonic Special cancels. The first was for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, held in Orlando, FL, June 14-18, 2000. He published five Masonic Cacheted Covers canceled on the 17th, shown below, that are available with black, red or blue cancels. The cost of the set of 5 is \$20.00 with all proceeds going to the DeMolay organization.

He also has prepared a special cancel for the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the Supreme Council Headquarters and the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage to be held at Lexington, MA, on July 29, 2000. (For this cancel the USPS is insisting on applying all cancels themselves - in Boston - and we are not sure what the result will be. We are hoping for the best.) Two of the cachets prepared for use with this cancel are shown below with mock-up application of the cancel. Proceeds from the cost of \$15.00 for this set will be donated to the Children's Learning Center.

I talked to Bro. Mekenian the other day regarding these covers and you could tell by the sound of his voice how much he enjoys being able to donate the proceeds from these sales to the charities indicated and he thanks the membership for their great participation.

 <p>INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER ROSS VAN NESS BAYER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL ORDER OF DEMOLAY ORLANDO, FLORIDA JUNE 17, 2000</p>	 <p>DeMolay International Supreme Council Session and International DeMolay Cong June 14 - 18, 2000 Orlando, Florida</p>	 <p>M. W. Ross Van Ness Bayer, P.G.M. of New Jersey INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL ORDER OF DEMOLAY ORLANDO, FLORIDA JUNE, 2000</p>	<p>Celebrating the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay June 17, 2000 Masonic Station Orlando, Florida 32809</p> 
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 <p>Celebration of the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the Supreme Council Headquarters and the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage July 29, 2000 Lexington, Massachusetts</p>	<p>Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Celebrating the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the Supreme Council Headquarters and the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage Masonic Station: July 29, 2000 Lexington, MA 02420</p> 	<p>The 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage July 29, 2000 Lexington, Massachusetts</p> 	<p>Ancient Accepted Celebrating the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the Supreme Council Headquarters and the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage Masonic Station July</p> 

Most Wor. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Master of the Philippine Islands

The eagle eye of Bro. Ralph Herbold of Ashland, OR, noted the addressee of the "Bourse Find" which was illustrated on page 1549 of the previous Newsletter. His connection with M.W. Comfort is a long story but he sent along information on this illustrious Mason. "Owing to destruction of public and Masonic records during the Japanese invasion in 1941, it is possible that no dignitary in the history of Philippine Masonry is less well known than Past Grand Master Newton C. Comfort. In preparing a biographical sketch of him, P.G.M. Wm. H. Taylor, one of his intimate friends, noted that he was a bachelor, but was unable to cite his birthdate, birthplace or date of death. Even the dates of his incumbency in high Masonic office were somewhat vague. He was in government employ all during his life and he died in its service. He was Master of Corregidor No. 3 and after his term as Grand Master was Grand Secretary for many years."

Independent records, however, show he was Master of Corregidor Lodge No. 386 (now No. 3) when that Lodge filed its first returns in 1907. He was elevated from the office of Grand Lecturer to Grand Master at the Annual Communication of 1914 and the following year was elected Grand Secretary. To him goes the greatest credit for the unification of Masonry in the Philippines. This was accomplished by fusion of the American Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, organized in 1912, with the native, or Regional Grand Lodge, five years later. To accomplish this effort, Comfort enlisted the aid of Taylor, an intimate friend of the Filipino leader, Bro. Manuel Quezon, who became first President of the Commonwealth. Taylor was elected Grand Master of the Philippine Islands through Comfort's effort in 1916 and Taylor accomplished the fusion by Feb. 14, 1917.

Thanks for the insight, Bro. Herbold.

New Information on South American Leaders

A recent paper in the 1998 volume of *Ars Quatuor Cornatorum*, the publication of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 in London, raises serious questions about the Masonic membership of several notable South American leaders. Philatelically, this has the most impact for Jose San Martin, Bernardo O'Higgins and Francisco de Miranda.

Bro. Leon Zeldis, in "Freemasonry's Contribution to South American Independence - A Factual Approach", analyzes the *Grand Reunion Americana*, *Sociedad de Caballeros Racionales* and the subsidiary *Lautaro* Lodges which have been purported to have played a crucial role in the Liberation struggles of South America. Bro. Zeldis demonstrates that the reputed memberships of the three leaders cited relies on very tenuous information. For San Martin, it is the existence of a commemorative medal issued in the 1830s by a Lodge group in Belgium that had gone dark some half-decade previously.

Racionales, while superficially sharing some organizational features with Masonic Lodges, functioned like an underground revolutionary cell with a very circumscribed membership and very unmasonic regulations. Even giving allowances for the fact that the *Lautaro* Lodges were organized in Latin America and might not have strictly followed an English model of organization, other regular Lodges organized in Spain and other Latin countries operated democratically.

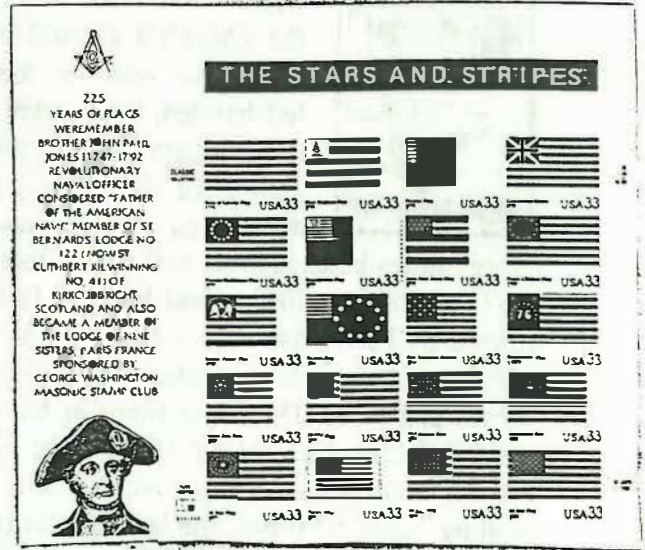
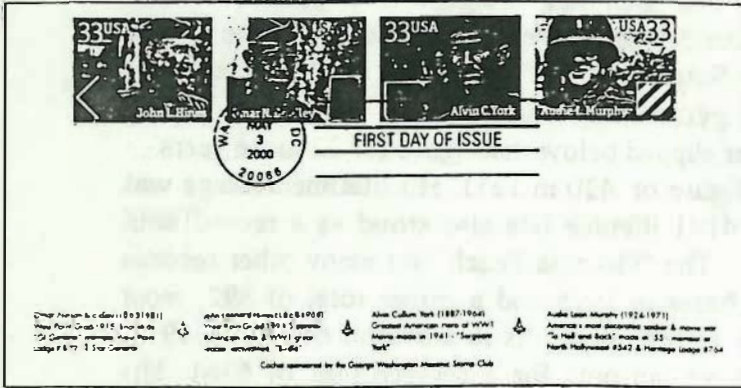
Bro. Zeldis does show, however, that although Simon Bolivar was unquestionably a Mason, Freemasonry played no part in his writing or activities. No evidence exists that he ever affiliated with any of the Lodges in Venezuela, Columbia or Ecuador. On Nov. 8, 1828, after uncovering a plot against him (in which Freemasonry was not involved), he outlawed all private societies, including Freemasonry. As Bro. Zeldis observes, "Not every day do you find a Freemason closing down an institution with whose ideals he was presumably in full agreement."

-article provided by Bro. Gene Frick, Clementon, NJ

Any comment on this issue from any of the members?

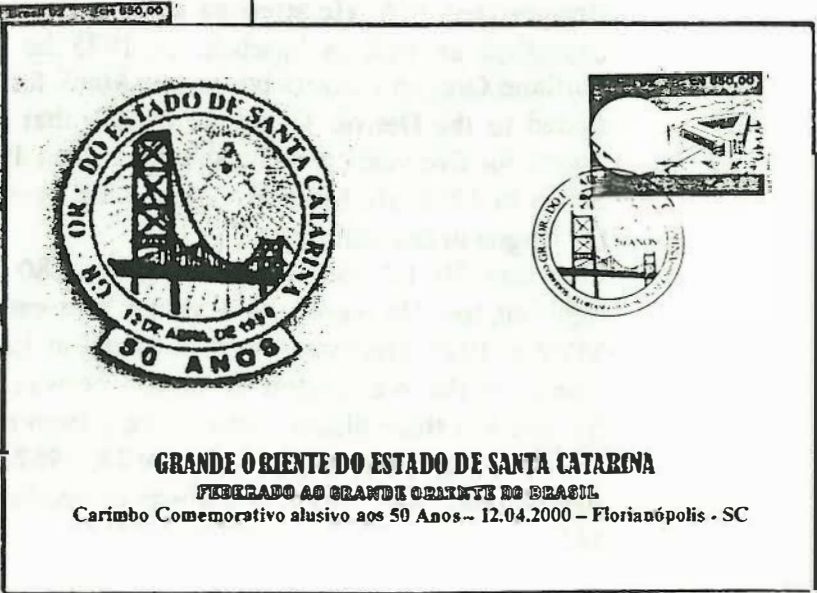
NEW GWMSC MASONIC COVERS

The GWMSC has prepared Masonic covers for the Military Leaders and Flag issues. They have elected to use the complete issue for each rather than single out the "applicable" Masonic stamps. The monarch sized cover for Bros. Omar Bradley and Audie Murphy is available for a cost of \$2.50 each, plus a #10 SASE. The Flags sheet, done on card stock to honor Bro. John Paul Jones, is available at a cost of \$12.00 each, postpaid. (This issue would make a nice wall hanging in a picture frame.) Orders should be placed with Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Vally Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.



BRAZILIAN MASONIC COVERS

The "Clube Filatelico Maconico do Brasil" has prepared some covers for the 50th Anniversary of the Grande Oriente do Estado de Santa Catarina, examples shown here. They are available from Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President, at Caixa Postal 3085, CEP 88010-960, Florianopolis, SC, Brasil.



YOU CAN'T TELL THE MASONS WITHOUT A SCORECARD

Eleven of the twenty baseball immortals to be honored by the USPS this July were members of the Masonic Fraternity. These brethren were Ty Cobb, Mickey Cochrane, Eddie Collins, Jimmy Foxx, Rogers Hornsby, Christy Mathewson, George Sisler, Tris Speaker, Pie Traynor, Honus Wagner and Cy Young.



Often considered the greatest baseball player of all time, **TYRUS RAYMOND COBB** was born in Banks County, GA, December 18, 1886. He was six feet one inch tall, weighed 175 pounds, batted left-handed, threw right-handed and played centerfield. He broke in with the Augusta Club in the South Atlantic League and in 1905 played 41 games for the Detroit Tigers batting only .240. In 1906 he raised his average to .320 and never slipped below that figure for 22 more years.

Three times he exceeded .400 with a top figure of .420 in 1911. His lifetime average was .367, the highest in baseball history. His 4191 lifetime hits also stood as a record until topped by Pete Rose who was a DeMolay. The "Georgia Peach" set many other records which have since been broken: 96 stolen bases in 1915 and a career total of 892, most games played - 3034, most times at bat - 11429, most hits in a season of 248 in 1911, most RBIs in a career of 1961, most career put-outs for a centerfielder of 6361. His lifetime record of 2245 runs scored still stands. He was a relentlessly aggressive player, stealing home 50 times, the last time at the age of forty. In 1911 against the Philadelphia A's, he stole second, third and home on consecutive pitches. Not a power hitter, 47 of his lifetime 118 home runs were inside the park. In 1925 he told reporters he would deliberately swing for the fences on May 5; he hit 3 home runs, one double and 2 singles. He managed the Tigers for six years but never won a pennant. He died July 17, 1961. *Bro. Cobb joined Royston Lodge #52, Royston, GA, in 1907. He also joined the Scottish Rite in Detroit in 1912 and Moslem Shrine Temple the same year.*

GORDON STANLEY COCHRANE was born April 6, 1903, in Bridgewater, MA. He attended Boston University playing football and basketball as well as baseball. In 1925 he was purchased from the Portland Oregon Beavers by Connie Mack for \$50,000. In 1934 he was traded to the Detroit Tigers for double that amount. He managed the Tigers for five years winning the pennant in 1934 and taking the World Series in 1935. He had a lifetime batting average of .320 but never led the league in any category.



Five feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, he batted left-handed and threw right-handed. He played 1451 games as a catcher during his 13 year career and was the MVP in 1928. His career was shortened in 1935 when he was "beaned" by Bro. "Bump" Hadley of the Washington Senators - he was unconscious for ten days and his skull was fractured in three places. After retiring from managing in 1958, he served as a coach and scout for the Yankees. He died June 28, 1962. *Bro. Cochrane joined Fellowship Lodge in Bridgewater, MA, in 1925 and was a member of the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, Billings, MT.*



EDWARD TROWBRIDGE COLLINS played second base for the Athletics and White Sox for 25 years. Known as a good fielder, he holds lifetime records for most games played, most putouts, assists and total chances for a second baseman. He was born May 2, 1887, in Millertown, NY, stood 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed 175 pounds. He was a left-handed batter with a fine .333 career average. He was a graduate of Columbia University when few baseball players finished high school.

He began his career at Rutland, VT, in 1906. Between 1910 and 1919 he appeared in 6 World Series. He led the American League in stolen bases in 1910 with 81 and in 1912 he twice stole 6 bases in a game. He managed the White Sox in 1925 and 1926, finishing fifth each year. He finished his career with 3311 hits and died March 25, 1951. *Bro. Collins was raised in Solomon's Lodge #466, Tarrytown, NY, in 1911.*

JAMES EMORY FOXX was probably the best right-handed slugger of all time. If not for Lou Gehrig, he would be rated the top first baseman of all time. He was born in Sudlersville, MD, on Oct. 22, 1907, was 6 feet tall and weighed 195 pounds. At age 17 he was playing for the Easton, MD, team in the Class D Eastern Shore League. He was then brought up to the Athletics where he was a pinch hitter and catcher until 1929 when he became a regular player hitting .354 with 33 homers and 117 RBIs.



His career totals were 534 home runs, 1921 RBIs and a .325 batting average. He hit 344 in 3 World Series and .316 in 7 All Star Games. He was named MVP in 1932, 1933 and 1938 and won the triple crown in 1933. In 1936 he was sold to the Red Sox for \$150,000 and in 1938 hit 50 homers, had 175 RBIs and an average of .349. He died July 21, 1967. *Bro. Foxx was raised in George M. Bartram Lodge #298, Media, PA in 1931 but was suspended in 1946.*



From 1920 to 1929 **ROGERS HORNSBY** had a batting average of .382. For 6 of those years, 1920 to 1925, he led the National League in hitting. His lifetime batting average was .358, second only to Bro. Cobb. He played second base for 23 years for the Cardinals, Yankees, Braves, Cubs and Browns. Many consider him the best second baseman of all time. Born April 27, 1896, at Winters, TX, he was 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 175 pounds, batted and threw right-handed.

He played in the Texas League before being called up to the Cards by Bro. Branch Rickey. In 1924 he batted .424 - the highest average in modern baseball history. He was named the MVP in 1925 and 1929. For 11 years he was a playing manager and after his retirement as a player, he managed in the Texas League. He died January 5, 1963. *Bro. Hornsby was raised in Beacon Lodge #3, St. Louis, MO, in 1918. In 1922 he became a member of Bellefontaine Chapter #25 and Ivanhoe Commandery #8.*

In 1909 **CHRISTOPHER MATHEWSON** pitched John McGraw's Giants to the pennant and into the World Series against Connie Mack's Athletics. His performance in that series was as close to perfection as a pitcher could get; he started 3 games and pitched three 9 inning shut-outs giving up 14 hits and walking one while striking out 18. The 6 foot 1 1/2 inch tall right-hander weighed 195 pounds and was born Aug. 12, 1880, in Factoryville, PA.



He graduated from Bucknell University and spent 2 years in the minor leagues before his contract was purchased from Norfolk for \$1500. He then spent 17 years with the Giants winning 375 games and losing only 188. In 1916 he was traded to the Reds with Bros. Edd Roush and Bill McKechnie for Bros. Buck Herzog and Red Killefer. He managed the Reds for 3 years before enlisting as a Captain in the Chemical Warfare Division of the Army. His lifetime earned run average was 2.13, he struck out 2502 and pitched 435 complete games with 80 shutouts. His seasonal records were staggering; four times in his career he won more than 30 games, 37 in 1908 being the high. His 1.14 ERA in 1909 is the 4th best on record as is his 12 shutouts the previous year. His success was his screwball. He was a gentleman when most players were rowdy; he refused to pitch on Sunday. He died of tuberculosis on Oct. 7, 1925, a direct result of having been gassed during the first World War. *Bro. Mathewson was raised in Architect Lodge #519, New York City, in 1903.*



GEORGE HAROLD SISLER, born March 24, 1893, in Manchester, OH, had a year in 1922 which every left-handed first baseman would envy. He batted .420 to lead Ty Cobb by 19 points with 42 doubles (tied for third with Cobb), 18 triples to lead the league, scored 134 runs to lead the league, had 105 RBIs and stole 51 bases to lead the American League. The 5 foot 11 inch fielder also had the most assists for a first baseman with 125. The 175 pounder had 257 hits in 1920 - a mark often challenged but still the best in a season by anyone.

He had a lifetime batting average of .340 for 15 years; unfortunately, most of them were spent with the St. Louis Browns who didn't win a pennant until 14 years after he retired in 1930. He came into the majors as a pitcher but soon switched to first base. In 1924 he was named manager of the Browns but was unable to turn them into a contending team. In 1931 he played for the Rochester Red Wings in the International League. He died March 26, 1973. *Bro. Sisler was a member of Rose Hill Lodge #550, Creve Coeur, MO.*

TRISTRAM E. SPEAKER revolutionized the method of playing center field. Before him, outfielders played back near the fence and many balls hit just over the infield would drop in for hits; he played in close to cut off the short flies. Often considered the best fielding outfielder, he set or approached many records in his 22 year career. He holds the record in putout assists (448) and double plays (139). Born April 4, 1888, in Hubbard, TX, the 5 foot 11 1/2 inch, 193 pounder was also a great hitter.



His 793 lifetime doubles leads the major leagues and he is in the top 10 in hits, triples, runs scored and batting average. The left-hander began his career in Cleburne, TX, in 1906, moved to Houston then Boston (Red Sox) the following year; He helped the Sox to World Series wins in 1912 and 1915. He was traded to Cleveland for Bro. Sad Sam Jones and Frank Thomas and \$55,000. In 1919 he was named manager of the Indians and went on the following year to lead them to a World Series win, a feat not repeated in his 8 years as manager. Called "The Grey Eagle", he made four unassisted double plays, a rare feat for an outfielder. Following retirement, he was part owner of the Kansas City Blues. He died Dec. 8, 1958. *Bro. Speaker was a member of Hubbard City Lodge #530, Texas.*



Before Brooks Robinson and Mike Schmidt came along **HAROLD JOSEPH TRAYNOR** was considered the best third baseman of all time. Born in Framingham, MA, Nov. 11, 1899, he stood six feet 1/2 inch and weighed 175 pounds. He earned the nickname of "Pie" because of his love for pastries. His 17 year playing career was entirely with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He managed the team for six years but his best finish was second in 1938.

He led the league in putouts for third basemen 7 times and had a lifetime batting average of .320; he played in two World Series. He died March 16, 1971. *Bro. Traynor was raised in John Abbott Lodge, Somerville, MA, in 1925.*

Few will argue that **JOHN PETER** (better known as **HONUS WAGNER**) was the best shortstop of all time. He could bat, field and run equally well. At one time he owned more records than any other player. Born in Carnegie, PA, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 200 pounds, he started his career with Louisville in 1897. He was a versatile athlete and played every position except catcher. For 17 of his 21 years in the major leagues he batted over .300 winning 8 batting titles.



He stole 722 bases during his career leading the league 5 times; he even stole 5 when he was 43 years old. He also ranks among the top ten all-timers for times at bat, hits, doubles and triples. He was not a power hitter but did have 45 inside the park home runs. He helped Pittsburgh get to the first World Series in 1903 but they lost; in 1909 they defeated the Tigers to become World Champions. After managing the Pirates for 5 games and losing 4, he decided managing was not for him. His baseball card is worth more than \$100,000. He died Dec. 6, 1955. *Bro. Wagner was raised in Centennial Lodge #544, Carnegie, PA, in 1919.*



The best pitcher in each league is awarded the Cy Young Award. This is fitting since **DENTON TRUE YOUNG** was undoubtedly the best pitcher of all time. Born March 29, 1867, in Gilmore, OH, the 6 foot 2 inch 210 pounder began pitching in Canton, OH, where he earned \$40.00 a month and had a record of 15 wins and 15 losses. In 1890 he was pitching for the Cleveland Spiders. In 1899 he went to the St. Louis Cardinals and 2 years later jumped to the Boston Pilgrims of the new American League for a salary of \$3,500.

In 1909 he was released, signed with the Cleveland Indians and was traded to the Boston Braves in 1911. During his 22 year career he never once had a sore arm. Lifetime records held are most wins (511), most losses (313), most complete games (751) and most innings pitched (7356). He also had 76 shutouts, 2799 strike-outs and only 1217 walks, his ERA was 2.63. The only time he appeared in a World Series was in 1903 when he won 2 games and lost one; his best pitch was his slider. A good fielder, he scored 2013 assists. On May 5, 1904, he pitched a perfect game, allowing no one to reach base. He died Nov. 5, 1955. *Bro. Young joined Mystic Tie Lodge #194 Urichsville, OH, in 1904. He was also a member of Cyrus Chapter #114, Gebal Council #56, St. Bernard Commandery #51, the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite and Alladin Shrine, Columbus, OH.*

This tremendous article providing the insight on these Masons recently honored by the USPS was contributed by our Unit President, Bro. Norman Lincoln, Eaton, OH

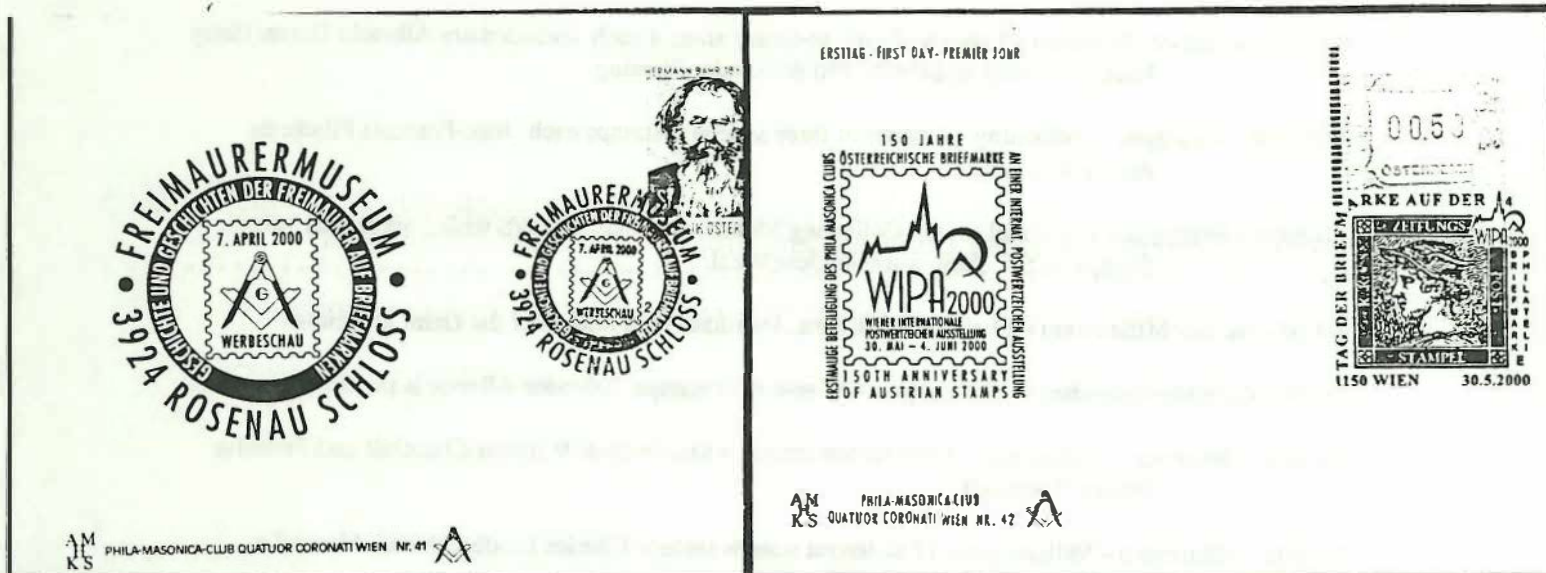
EDSEL MASONIC COVERS FOR COUNTRY MUSIC

Bro. Edsel Hatfield has recently prepared a series of 15 Masonic Cacheted Postal Cards using the March 18, 2000, card featuring the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN. The singers featured are: Roy Acuff, Eddie Arnold, Roy Clark, Wilma Lee Cooper (OES), Jimmie Davis, "Little" Jimmy Dickens, Benj. F. "Whitey" Ford, Louis "Grandpa" Jones, Pee Wee King, Charlie Louvin, Jimmie Rodgers, "Hank" Thompson, Mel Tillis, Charlie Walker and "Teddy" Wilburn. Some are shown here. Information on purchasing this set, or selected items, can be obtained from Bro. Edsel at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042

	 <p>ROY ACUFF King of Country Music</p> <p>Always a favorite with the rural folk his eight films also established him with the movie going public. His continuing popularity opened the door to the art world of the public for the dozens who followed him. Member East Nashville Ldg. # 520, A.A.R. & Noble in Al Manah Shrine, also later joined all the York Rite bodies in Nashville</p> <p>EDSEL</p>
	 <p>ROY CLARK</p> <p>The most accomplished guitarist and all round musician of all time. From 1961 to 1973, Lend O Le Blues player of the year 1977, Country act of the year 1989, 70-71, Country Music Star of the year 1973, Gospel group (The Hill Gospel quartet) of the year from 1971 through 1977. Pastoral Member of Jesus Lodge #487, Tulsa OK I.L.A.M. & K.T. 53-ASR designated Architect of Alton Shrine E D S E L</p>
	 <p>WILMA LEE COOPER</p> <p>The first & foremost Lady in Bluegrass Music, whose work is preserved in the Library of Congress & The Smithsonian. She and her "Coca-Cola Mountain Clan" are true predecessors of the traditional West Virginia mountain music. She is a rarity in a country as male form of music Member of the "Order of Eastern Star"</p> <p>EDSEL</p>
	 <p>MEL TILLIS</p> <p>Always supreme in Eastern MO after it moved his show there and built his own audience where he now gives musical benefits for charitable causes. His efforts have earned him 30+ and subsequently inducture as, Grammy trophy for Country Music and a Nightly Industrial award for Fraternity in the Grand Old one</p> <p>EDSEL</p>

AUSTRIAN MASONIC COVERS

Bro. Herbert Schmid, head of the Austrian Masonic Philately Group has forwarded some covers recently prepared for the Rosenau Freemason's Museum in conjunction with WIPA 2000. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at Hackenberggasse 29/33/3, A-1190 Wien, Austria.



HENRI LA FONTAINE

Henri La Fontaine, Senator of Belgium and Nobel Prize Winner, is pictured on a recent joint Sweden and Belgium stamp issue of Sept. 30, 1999. These stamps picture Bro. La Fontaine and Auguste Beermaert, Nobel Prize winners of 1913 and 1909, respectively.

La Fontaine, a lawyer and politician was a Senator in 1895. He was a strong advocate of international arbitration and of the Permanent Court of International Justice. The Bulletin of the International Masonic Congress of 1917 lists him as a Freemason but no details are offered. An article by Terry Waghorn, MPC of GB, states that he was quite definitely a Freemason (although probably irregular) as he was one of the leaders of the Universal League of Freemasons who met at Basle, with a central office in Vienna. The League tried to foster good relations and maintained an International Masonic Press Bureau. The advent of World War I brought their activities to a halt.

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- article prompted by Bro. Thomas C. Ehlers; information from the files of Bro. Marshall Loke.

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NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic interest have been noted in the philatelic press.

1999 - Honduras - National Congress, 175th anniversary - one value, pictures statue of Francisco Morazan

3/2/99 - Papua New Guinea - PhilexFrance - 5 stamps. One pictures Count de Bougainville

9/10/99 - Chad - Millennium - 5 sheets of nine se-tenant stamps each. Included are Albrecht Durer, Harry Houdini, Laurel and Hardy and Alexander Fleming

11/12/99 - Nicaragua - Ballooning - 4 panes of three se-tenant stamps each. Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier is included.

11/29/99 - Philippines - National Stamp Collecting Month - 4 values plus S/S with 2 additional values. Stamps on S/S show works by Jose Rizal.

1/4/00 - Nevis - Millennium - 17 se-tenant stamps. Jonathan Swift and Peter the Great are shown

2/1/00 - Grenada-Grenadines - Millennium - 17 se-tenant stamps. Salvador Allende is pictured

3/13/00 - Dominica - Millennium - 17 se-tenant stamps which include Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

3/13/00 - Micronesia - Millennium - 17 se-tenant stamps include Charles Lindbergh and Alexander Fleming.

3/28/00 - Micronesia - Peacemakers of the 20th Century - 24 se-tenant stamps include Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

4/15/00 - France - 20th Century/Sport - pane of 10 stamps includes Charles Lindbergh

4/18/00 - Marshall Islands - US Presidents - panes of 6 se-tenant stamps to cover all Presidents

5/22/00 - Ireland - Oscar Wilde - block of four se-tenant stamps

5/22/00 - Isle of Man - Battle of Britain 60th Anniversary - 3 pairs of stamps with label between and one S/S. Designs include Lord Nelson, Duke of Wellington, Viscount Kitchener and Winston Churchill

5/23/00 - St. Helena - 500th Anniversary of Discovery - 4 values which include Napoleon on one

June 00 - St. Vincent - Anniversaries and events. These releases included 2 se-tenant stamps marking the 175th Anniversary of the Stockton and Darling Railway and Robert Stephenson, builder of the John Bull locomotive is included.

6/16/00 - Ireland - Millennium/The Arts - 6 se-tenant stamps which include Beethoven

7/16/00 - Dominican Republic - Account of Juan Pablo Duarte. His portrait is shown