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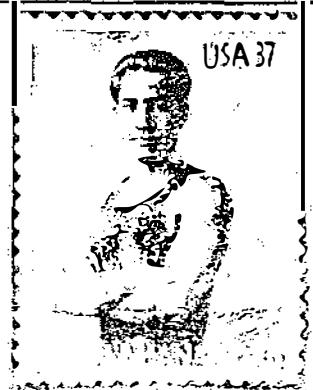
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WHOLE NO. 151

DUKE KAHANAMOKU

On August 24 the USPS issued a stamp for Bro. Duke Kahanamoku on the occasion of his 112th birthday. Born on August 24, 1890, the son of a Hawaiian police officer, he became known as the father of surfing. He was also an outstanding Olympic athlete and a law enforcement officer. He had a minor career in movies. The GWMSC has prepared a Masonic Cacheted Cover for this issue, available at a cost of \$1.50 plus a SASE from the cover chairman (see later in this issue for his address).



Duke was taught to swim at a very early age in the traditional manner when he was rowed out to sea in an outrigger canoe and thrown into the surf. He developed into a remarkably powerful athlete with large hands and feet, well suited to propulsion through the water. As a teenager, he dropped out of high school and became the leader of a group of boys who hung out at the beach of Waikiki which became Hui Nalu, the first surfing club. He developed lighter surf boards to improve maneuverability and transportability. He started his competitive career in 1911 in Hawaii's first Amateur Athletic Union-sponsored swim meet in which he beat the world record in the 100-yard freestyle and tied the record in the 50-yard freestyle. Later that year he qualified for the 1912 US Olympic team. During those events he won a gold and a silver medal. In the 1920 Olympics, he captured two gold medals. He was one of the first three inductees into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, in 1965 and in 1994 was placed on the Surfer Walk of Fame in Huntington Beach, CA.

He broke into films in 1925 in *Adventure*, a silent film based on a Jack London novel, and had minor roles in more than 30 films. In 1925 he became a real-life hero when he boarded to the rescue of 12 of the 29 passengers who were thrown from a fishing vessel in rough surf. He was annually elected city and county sheriff of Honolulu from 1934 to the abolishment of the post in 1960, after which he was appointed as the Official Greeter of Honolulu. He died of a heart attack at the age of 77 in 1968. His wife, a Cleveland-born dance instructor at the Royal Hawaiian who he married in 1940, survived him by nearly 30 years. They had no children.

Bro. Kahanamoku was known to have been an outstanding Mason in Hawaii but I have not yet uncovered the details. On Valentine's Day in 1997 he was made an Honorary Member in perpetuity of Hawaii Chapter #9, National Sojourners.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

NEW MEMBERS:

- TBD. Donald L. Saint, CMR 452, Box R-502, APO AE 09045 (Past Grand Master of the American Canadian Grand Lodge in Germany)
- TBD. Darry L. Longenecker, 1288 Old Line Road, Manheim, PA 17545
- TBD. Louis A. Rediger, P.O. Box 1581, Springfield, IL 62705
- 150. Roger W. Davis, 525 Main St., New York Mills, NY 13417

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 149. Norman C. Venzke, 717 Fleet Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

RESIGNATIONS:

- 491. Winfield Chatto of Rockland, ME - legally blind
- 21. Edsel Hatfield of Hazelwood, MO – no reason given and my attempts to contact him via e-mail, phone and mail have been unsuccessful. Does any member know what the issue is? Edsel and I go way back, so I don't want to lose track of him.

LAST ISSUE'S AUCTIONS

The unique cover prepared by Bro. Longenecker was won but there were no bids for the covers/cards offered by Bro. Janzow. If anyone has a follow-up interest in them, please contact the Editor.

MASONIC CELEBRATION STATION



This year's cancel for the Florala, AL, Annual Masonic Celebration Station is illustrated here. From the contents of this cancel over the past few years, I have wondered if it was truly Masonic, as we would consider it. An "error" in the Postmark Pursuit column of Linn's led to the clarification of this issue. Two cancels were offered in that column – a "downtown" cancel on June 24 and a "pier" cancel on June 29. I sent some covers for both cancels. "Jeanie" of the Florala Post Office informed me that "We only have one cancel which is the "pier" cancel. The 24th of June celebration fell on a Saturday this year which happened to be the 29th of the month. It is referred to as the 24th of June, but the celebration is always on Saturday. Sorry for the inconvenience." This is apparently a St. John's Day celebration – too bad they couldn't include the Square & Compasses in the design.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I attended the APS Stampshow in Atlantic City near the end of August and came away with some definite impressions. The show was relatively well-attended, most of the dealers seemed busy (most of the time), some visitors even took time to go through the exhibits. Even the young woman with the electric blue spiked hair, black garters and 4 inch spike heels The show had something for every taste. Even television showed up to cover the proceedings.

APS provided a dozen booths for philatelic groups. The cost was \$150, refundable if the group manned the booth for the duration of the show. Several ATA affiliates took advantage to greet members, make new members and sell publications. Had I sufficient presence of mind, we could have had a booth, since a number of our members spent most of the week at the show. If you all think this is something you'd like to support at a big show, we will need some workers to pull it off. Let me know via postal card or e-mail.

Most of the booths were plain vanilla in terms of attracting visitors and potential members. We would need to put together a one-frame display to explain what we are about. Also, some publications to entice. The *PF* is an attractive publication, an assortment of back issues serves.

Since exhibits seem to attract few public viewers, putting up an exhibit in the competitive part of a show to explain Masonic thematic philately appears to offer disappointing returns on the invested time and effort. Displays/articles in non-philatelic publications seem to do much better. I encourage all of you to offer something to your Grand Lodge or appendant group editor(s). Those of you who are members of the Scottish Rite Northern US Jurisdiction see Bob Domingue's stamps column in the *Northern Light* each quarter. Many of you could offer something similar to all the other Masonic publications.

Thematic philately tells stories. Even "non-Masonic" stamps can contribute with a bit of applied imagination. For example, there is a French issue from the 1930s on the theme of friendship. Nothing overtly Masonic about it, but it contributes to the tale. Many aspects of modern life exhibit Masonic influences, whether, for example, in the organization of government or in the spoken expressions we use.

Freemasonry's fundamental 'business focus' is the 'virtue business'. Since the lectures from the ritual can be found in most well-equipped public libraries today, we have available lots of information to explain the symbology and purposes of the Craft. Each of these can be illustrated with stamps. At the end of each story, we can plug the MSU. The Study Unit needs new members, Bob needs material for the *PF*, each of you needs an outlet to be creative. Sounds like a match to me.

Gene Fricks

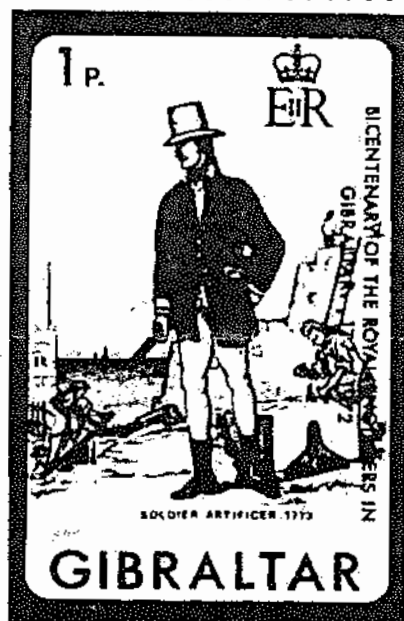
Editor's comments – Bro. Gene's remarks are very timely. If anyone would like to support a show – local or major – with a MSU presence, I would be pleased to be able to provide back copies of the *PF* for distribution. Just let me know. Yes, I need articles.

ALFRED GEORGE RYMAN

Bro. Ryman is a noted English designer and painter who has designed the greater part of the stamps issued by Gibraltar over the past several years. One series which is more representative of his work was the series for the Bicentennial of the Royal Engineer Regiment. In the design of the 1 pence value he subtly included various Masonic implements.

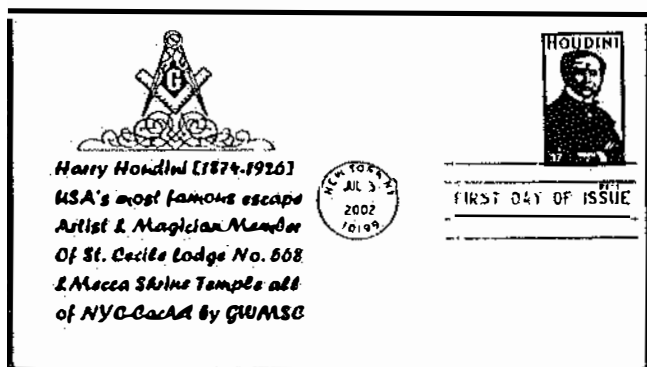
Bro. Ryman was initiated on April 19, 1960, passed on May 27, 1960 and raised on June 20, 1960. Although the name of the Lodge was not identified, Bro. Pie believes it was in Coronation Lodge, No. 934 in Gibraltar.

Various stamps which Bro. Ryman designed are shown here as well as an enlargement of the 1 pence stamp to show the Masonic implements.



-article and illustrations submitted by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, V.P. of Barcelona, Spain

GWMSC COVER FOR HOUDINI



The GWMSC has issued a Masonic cover for the Harry Houdini stamp as shown here. They can be obtained from Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560 at a cost of \$1.50 each plus a #10 SASE.

VALENTIN VODNIK

Valentin Vodnik, a poet of Slovakia, was born February 3, 1758, in Laibach and died January 8, 1819, in the same city. He studied philosophy and theology and became a Franciscan priest. He served as a teacher and school inspector and in 1781 published his poetry in the first Slovak almanac, *Pisance*. He established the literary Club of Baron Zois and published the first Slovak newspaper, the *Ljubljanske Novice*. He held many cultural positions in the short-lived Illyrian Kingdom (1809-1813) which had been established by Napoleon. About this time he composed his "Iliria Ozivljana" (The Revival of Illyria) but sympathizing too much with the French, he incurred the wrath of the Austrians. When they came back into possession of the territory, he was deprived of his posts and in 1815 became a pensioner, thanks to his being a Freemason. He continued his writing as the first national poet of the Slovaks but died in poverty.

Bro. Vodnik was a member of the Lodge "Franco-Illyrienne des Amis du Roi de Rome et de Napoleon" in Laibach (Ljubljana). He is pictured on a Yugoslavia stamp issued in 1943, **Scott #1K5**, which was considered valid on ships of the Yugoslavian Navy and the Mercantile Marine.



-thanks to De Verlichte Loep for assistance in this article

GERMAN FREEMASON'S MUSEUM STAMP

De Verlichte Loep has offered a lot of information regarding the new German release for the Freemason's Museum in Bayreuth. On the stamp can be seen some attributes relating to Freemasonry as well as the façade of the Museum. A faint light blue closed chain in a circle can be seen on the stamp.

Identifications of the attributes were confirmed by the Freimaurermuseum and, from left to right, are:

- The brown colored bowl is a so-called English coconut beaker from about 1790. There is some unknown family coat of arms on it and Freemasonry symbols.
- A Jewel of the Lodge "Victoria zu den drei gekronten Thurmen" (Victoria to the 3 crowned towers). This was a Johannis Lodge in E. Marienburg, DDR. During the Nazi regime this Lodge had to close in 1935 and they have not yet reopened. The jewel dates from 1799.
- Façade of the Museum building in Bayreuth. This building was erected in 1880-81 as a Lodge building being inaugurated August 18, 1881. The Museum has been located here since 1902.
- Wearable badge of monarch Carl Alexander von Thum und Taxis. He wore it after 1799 as the Grand Master of the Mother Lodge "Carl zu den drei Schluseln" in Regensburg.
- An apron from Hungary dated about 1850.
- A glass belonging to a Brother from Munich about 1925.

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SALVATORE QUASIMODO

On August 20, 2001, Italy issued a stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Salvatore Quasimodo – it pictures his birthplace.

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Born August 20, 1901, in Modica, Sicilie, Italy, he came from parents originally from Syracuse, Italy. He started writing in his early childhood but his parents led him into technical studies sending him to a technical school in Palermo and then to the Polytechnic High School in Rome. He had no money to further his education so he took a job in civil services in the Italian government from 1926 to 1938. He learned Latin and Greek by himself and was able to graduate with a degree in literature history. In 1938 he was the editor of the weekly magazine "Tempo" and taught Italian literature at the G. Verdi Conservatory in Milan until 1941.

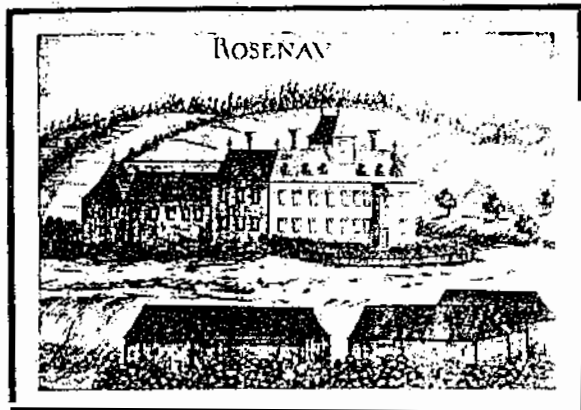
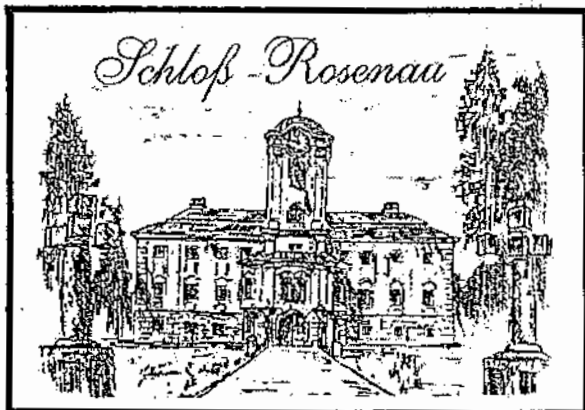
Because of his anti-fascist activities he was imprisoned during World War II. After the war he was a member of the Italian Communist Party for a short time but left because they forced him to write political poems. He became the most important and famous poet in Italy with his first book of poems being published in 1930 and many more following it. He also translated works of Shakespeare, Moliere and others. He won several Literary prizes including the 1959 Nobel Prize for Literature and the 1953 Etna-Taormina International Prize in Poetry. He suffered a stroke during a poetry contest and died in Naples, Italy on June 14, 1968.

Bro. Quasimodo was a member of Lodge Arnaldo da Brescia No. 959 of the Grand Orient of Italy, in E. Licata, Sicilie, as was his father. He was initiated in this Lodge on March 31, 1922 – prior to his 21st birthday.

-taken from the De Verlichte Loep (kindly translated by Bro. Henk Godthelp)

MUSEUM POST CARDS


Bro. Peter Westbere has submitted a couple of post cards which depict the Schlofs Rosenau Masonic Museum located in Austria. I would imagine that many of our European Brethren have been there but for many of us in the United States it is a goal.



BASEBALL PLAYER AUTOGRAPHS

With the baseball players about to strike again, these autographs collected by Bro. Peter Westbere may be relics from an ancient sport.

National Exhibition Co
New York Baseball Club
104 West 42nd Street
New York, City



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Marv Grissom

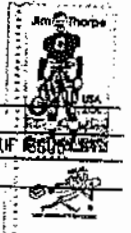
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Marv Grissom – NY Giants & St. Louis Cardinals
Vesper Lodge #84, California

Glenn S. (Pop) Warner



Yale Lury
HOF. 790




SHIRAZ, IRAN
MAY 24 1984
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Yale Lury – Detroit Lions Football Club
Football Hall of Fame – Alamo Lodge #44, Texas

BOSTON AMERICAN LEAGUE
BASEBALL COMPANY
FENWAY PARK
BOSTON, MASS.



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Charlie Wagner

Bobby Doerr

Charlie Wagner – Boston Red Sox
Reading Lodge #549, Pennsylvania
Bobby Doerr – Boston Red Sox, Hall of Fame
Junction City Lodge #128, Oregon

PITTSBURGH ATHLETIC COMPANY
SUITE 419 FLANNERY BUILDING
PITTSBURGH, PA.



NEW YORK NY
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Gus Sahr
1920-39

Bob Friend
1951-1965

Gus Sahr – Pittsburgh Pirates
Burlingame Lodge #400, California
Bob Friend – Pittsburgh Pirates
Franklin - St. John's – Trinity Lodge #2, Penna.

1933-1983

THE GREAT BABE

50th anniversary

ALL-STAR GAME

REMEMBERED

Shipper of the Nationals, from the World's Champion St. Louis Cards, Bro. Whitty Herzog.



CHICAGO IL
JUL 6 1983
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Galen Cisco

Herb Moford

Galen Cisco – Player and Coach
NY Mets, Kansas City Royals, Toronto Blue Jays
Philadelphia Phillies – Mercer Lodge #121, Ohio
Herb Moford – New York Mets
Brooksville Lodge #159, Kentucky

Brooklyn National League Baseball Club, INC.
ESBETS FIELD
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK



NEW YORK NY
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Carl Erskine
August 1948-1957

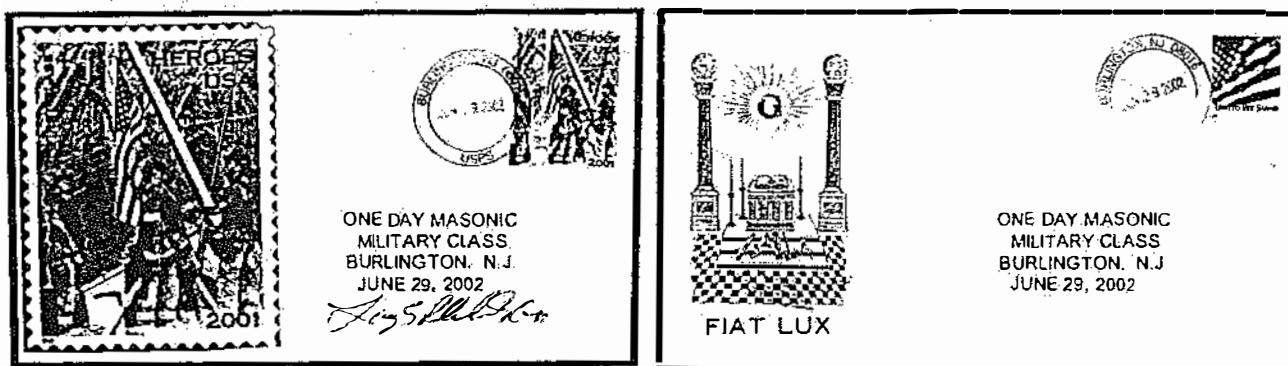
Ernie Koy
1933-1940-1941
1937

Carl Erskine – Brooklyn Dodgers
Fellowship Lodge #681, Indiana
Ernie Koy – Brooklyn Dodgers
EA only – Lodge 239, Texas

COVERS FOR NEW JERSEY'S FIRST ONE DAY CLASS

During the Dec. 1, 2001, N. J. Feast of Sts. John annual dinner, the guest speaker for the evening, Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazer, Adjutant General of NJ, was impressed with the fellowship and good will around him and made it known that he wanted to join the Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons. A One Day Class was devised, a date of June 29, 2002 was set and 131 candidates – all in military service – were present. Gen. Glazer was the exemplar for all three degrees. Held at the NJ Grand Lodge's Fellowship Center in Burlington, it was an exciting day for everyone present.

Bro. Dick Mekenian prepared a pair of covers to commemorate this event. They sell for \$10.00 for the pair and are available from him at 711 5th Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762. The monies collected will go to the Order of DeMolay.



ETIENNE (STEPHANE) MALLARME

Born March 18, 1842, in Paris, his parents called him Stephane in spite of his Christian name, Etienne. His mother died when he was 5 years old and his father remarried 5 years later. He was sent off to boarding school and he only liked languages there. This caused a split in the family because his father and grandfather worked at French Civil Services. He studied English in Great Britain and met his wife there. He started writing poetry early in life and was published in several magazines starting in 1862. He developed friendships with many other poets of his time and from 1880 on, he held Tuesday evening meetings at his home with many notables of his time – Victor Hugo, Verlaine, Verhaeren, Gide, Valery, Reyes, Proust and Degas. His works were not understood by many – too difficult and very modern. He retired to Valvins, France and died there on Sept. 9, 1898.

Bro. Mallarne is positively cited as having been a Mason in “Dictionaire Universel de la Franc-Maconnerie” (vol. LET_Z), page 819, but no facts are offered. Can any of our members in France help here?

France issued a stamp on Sept. 7, 1998 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his death.

-“borrowed” from De Verlichte Loep

STANISLAUS MALACHOWSKI & KASIMIR NESTOR SAPIEHA

Brothers Stanislaus Malachowski and Kasimir Nestor Sapieha are pictured on a stamp issued by Poland on October 16 1988. **Scott 2872**, SG 3180, Yvert 3167, to commemorate the Four Years' Sejm (Parliament) Bicentennial.



Stanislaus Malachowski was born August 24, 1736 in Konskie, Poland. He served as President of the Sejm Diet from October 1785 to May 1791. At his election to this post he stated: "I want to go with my colleagues, wherever their light will send me." In 1791 he presented a law which advocated modernization and reformation in Parliament as well as Civil Rights. The next year this law was dissolved and he was forced to leave the country. He later returned and from 1807 to 1809 he was President of the Senate in Warschau, Poland. He died in that city on December 29, 1809.

In Lennhoff-Posner's work. Internationale Freimaurer Lexicon, it is claimed that he was an active Mason but no details are offered.

Kasimir Nestor Sapieha, a prince, general and Great Marshall of Lithuania was born in 1750. He was deputy of Lithuania during the time of the Four Years' Sejm and was well known as a patriot – a political and social reformer. He died in 1794.

Bro. Sapieha was Worshipful Master of the Lodge "Tugendhaft der Sarmati" in Warschau. He served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Poland in 1787 and two years later was elected the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Poland. The animosity between Poland and Russia was so great that the Lodge named "Catherine under the Northern Star" (named after Catherine the Great of Russia) was changed to "Stanislaus Augustus under the Northern Star"

-again from De Verlichte Loep

APOLINARIO MABINI

Apolinario Mabini has been pictured on several Philippine stamps – including the one shown here released on May 13, 1962, **Scott 855** when he was acknowledged to be the "Brain of the Revolution".



Bro. Mabini was one of the leading Freemasons in the Philippines. He was a member of



the Lodge "Balagtas" No. 149 of the Grand Orient of Spain in Manila. He served as the first Orator of this Lodge.

Born into a farmer family on July 23, 1864 in Talaga, Philippines, he studied in Manila at the College of San Juan de Letran and then studied Law at the University of Santo Tomas in 1894. He was stricken with paralysis in 1895 and could help the revolution only from a cripple's chair. It is said that he wrote the laws for the Republic in 1898-99 and when Aguinaldo became President, he was his right hand man and became the head of the first Cabinet. At the time that the U.S. annexed the Philippines, Mabini fought with Aguinaldo for the Philippine Independence. Unlike Aguinaldo, Mabini would not take the oath of allegiance to the U.S. and in December 1899 he was imprisoned by American troops and banished to Guam. He was allowed to return to the Philippines a few months before his death on May 13, 1903 in Manila.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of note to a Masonic Philatelist have been identified in the philatelic media.

2001 – Cambodia – Millennium, 6 values and two S/S. Includes Enrico Fermi

Nov. 26 – Philippines – Philippines-Switzerland Relations 150th Anniversary, 2 values and S/S. Includes Jose P. Rizal

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June 1 – Turks & Caicos Islands - Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee, 16 se-tenant stamps. Includes Prince Philip.

June 10 – Marshall Islands – Benjamin Franklin issue, 1 value

June 17 – Tuvalu – Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee, 4 se-tenant stamps plus a S/S. Includes Prince Philip.

July 1 – Bequia - Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee, 4 se-tenant stamps plus a S/S. Includes Prince Philip.

July 1 – Monaco – Alexander Dumas 200th Birth Anniversary, 2 values.

July 15 – Antigua & Barbuda – 75th Anniversary of Lindbergh's Solo Flight, 3 values plus a S/S.

July 15 – Dominica - 75th Anniversary of Lindbergh's Solo Flight, 2 values plus a S/S.

Aug. 12 – Micronesia – Queen Mother issue, 4 values plus a S/S. Includes King George VI.

Editor's Postscript. I will be getting a metal hip on the right side on Sept. 24 to match the metal knee I got two years ago. I should be in great condition in time to prepare the next Newsletter. I am told it is a quicker recovery although I will be on crutches for 6 weeks. It sounds like lots of time to get caught up on my collecting.