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CHESTER ARTHUR BURNETT (HOWLIN' WOLF)

On September 17, 1994, the USPS issued a set of stamps honoring American Musicians. One of that set, Scott 2861, pictures Howlin' Wolf – born Chester Arthur Burnett.



Bro. Burnett was born June 10, 1910 at White Station, Mississippi. After his parents were divorced, he lived with his uncle, a clergyman. He learned how to play the guitar and the harmonica. Among his idols were Jimmie Rodgers, Blind Lemon Jefferson and Tampa Red. During the Second World War, the six foot three, two hundred fifty pounder served in the Army Signal Corps. In 1948 he was on the radio in KWEM in Arkansas. He was soon discovered by Sam Phillips and began to cut some records. In 1952 his Chess Recording of "Moanin' at Midnight" and "How Many More Years" hit the R&B Charts. He continued to sing the Blues under the name Howlin' Wolf until his death January 10, 1976.

An article on the www.howlingwolfphotos.com web site relates that "In August 1968 Howlin' Wolf drove to San Francisco, CA from Chicago. He had to drive in order to keep any money from their low-paid gigs at the Avalon Ballroom and Berkeley Blues Festival. Guitarist Hubert Sumlin, drummer Earl Phillips and his sax player drove out with him. They arrived in a Chevrolet station wagon pulling a two-wheel trailer with the band's equipment. On the back was a sign reading "The Original Howling Wolf and His Orchestra. Once in town they hired a young bass player from the musician's union." The writer, Sandy Guy Schoenfeld also indicated that the entertainer was "friendly and warm, happy, bigger than life actually and incredibly expressive." Further, "beyond his incredible creative talents, he was a family man...sweet and caring, and also very politically hip!"

His biography indicates he was a Mason in Arkansas. Your Editor has written to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge for information on his membership.

-Article contributed by Wor. Norman Lincoln, Eaton, OH with added material extracted from the web site cited.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS: None

ADDRESS CHANGES: None


CLOSED ALBUMS: None






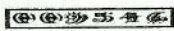
Editor's Note – My computer experienced a total loss of memory about three weeks ago and subsequently “crashed”. During this experience I lost all my previous e-mails so I may be in error in the “None” indications cited above. If you have any entries or comments, please e-mail me at radpm@comcast.net. Hopefully, I will be inundated with messages of new members that want to join.

The first call for the 2004 ATA Convention has been received. It is scheduled for June 11-13 during the National Topical Stamp Show in Memphis at the Holiday Inn Select Memphis Airport. I am sure that any Masonic displays would be appreciated. Incidentally, Don Brenke, ATA Director of Units will be retiring from that position at year end.

FRENCH MASONIC WEB SITE

One of our members has developed a very interesting and impressive web site for our topical hobby. Created by Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesy, it is found at <http://marih.free.fr/> and appears with French and English options. Total access is only possible by subscribing (20 Euros) because the servicing is so expensive. The Opening and Home Pages are shown below. The Dictionary includes an index of “The Philatelic Freemason”. (Thank you, Bro. Vilesy.) Bro. Vilesy can be contacted at jean-claude.vilesy@wanadoo.fr, through the web site or at L'Escandihado No. 23, 13320 Bouc Bel Air, France.

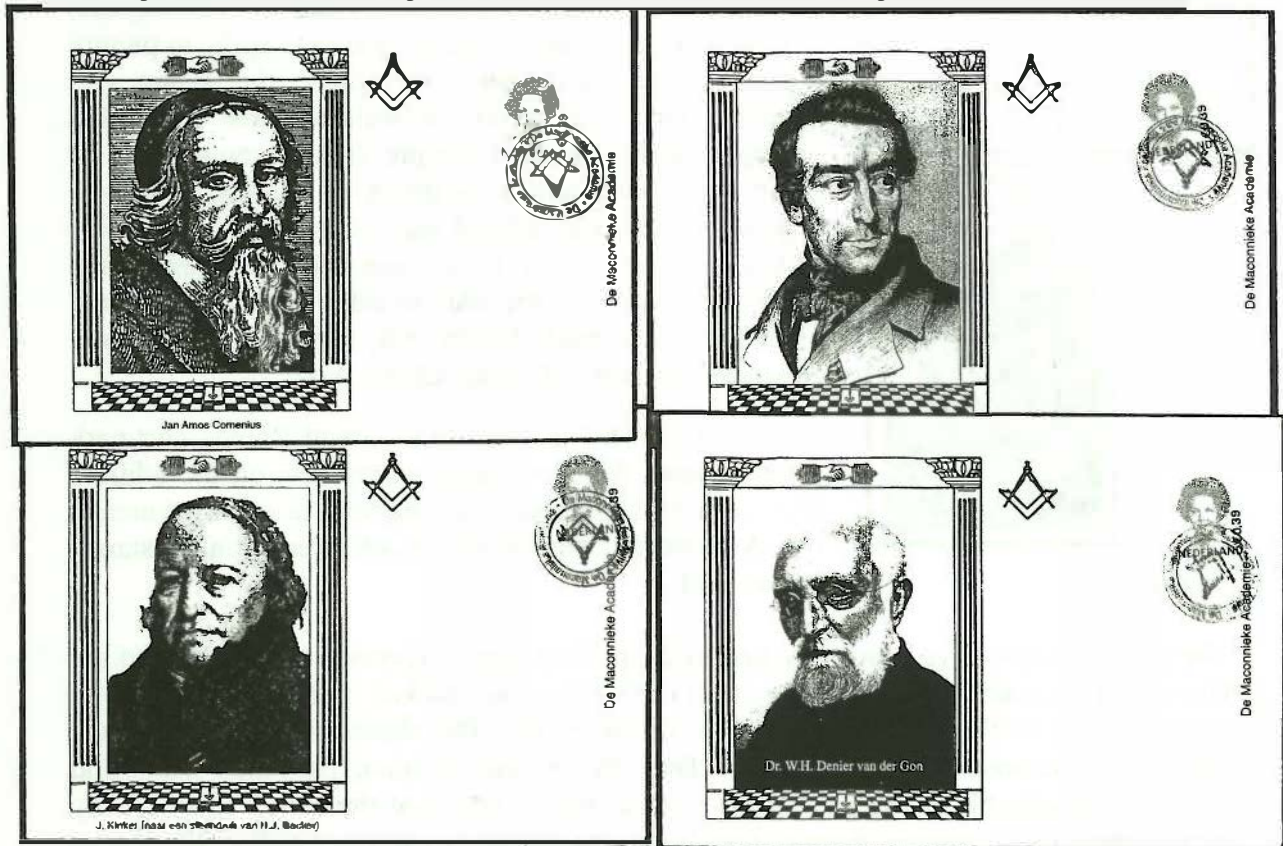
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NETHERLANDS MASONIC COVERS

Bro. Matthieu Regoor, Postbus 494, 5550 AL Valkenswaard, Netherlands, sent in the four Masonic covers shown here. No doubt everyone knows Comenius who lived a long time in the Netherlands. He died in that country and his grave is in the town of Naarden, Holland. Brothers Van Lennep and Kinker were writers of the 19th Century. Bro. Denier van der Gon was a well known member of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands in the 20th Century. Each month there will be a new cover featuring a famous Dutch Mason. The next two will be Falck, a statesman who welcomed the Prince of Orange after Napoleon was beaten and Boerhaave, a famous physician.

His group is willing to exchange these covers with anyone who is interested. They can also be purchased for E3.50 postfree (Ed.- I don't know if this is per cover or for the lot.)



***** ADDED INFORMATION ON BRO. JOE FOSS

An item in the Magazine of the Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain) provided the fact that Bro. Foss died January 1, 2003, in Scottsdale, AZ. This fact supplements the information provided on page 176 of our March-April 2003 Newsletter.

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POSTAL INFORMATION REGARDING A MASONIC POST CARD COMMEMORATIVES PAID THE 3 CENT RATE

The Universal Postal Union 3c rate for postcards carried overseas by ship lasted from Oct. 1, 1925, to Oct. 31, 1953, but the postal history collector may have to do a bit of searching to find examples showing use of that rate. Postcards are most commonly franked with definitive stamps so an even greater challenge is to find postcards sent overseas during the 3c period with commemorative stamps affixed.

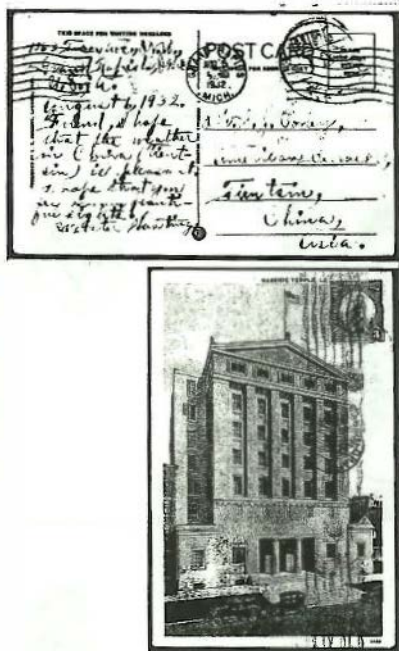


Figure 1

The 3c violet Olympic Games commemorative stamp was issued June 15, 1932, and shows a runner at his starting mark. It was issued primarily for the use of athletes and visitors to the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, CA, so they could have a special stamp to apply to picture postcards sent back home. Of course the stamp was available for other mailers as well. A most interesting example shows the 3c Olympic Games stamp used to frank a postcard sent to a friend in Tientsin, China – Figure 1. The sender affixed the stamp on the picture side of the card instead of in its customary position in the upper-right corner of the address side. It was mailed Aug. 6, 1932 from Grand Rapids, MI, to “Mr. S. J. Coney, American Barracks, Tientsin, China, Asia.”

The wavy line killer bars of the Grand Rapids postmark extend across the unoccupied stamp box on the address side, with additional bars entering into the message area at left. A Tientsin postmark was struck directly on the stamp box as well.

The 3c commemorative is actually tied to the picture side by reversed impressions of the Grand Rapids machine cancel – the result of excess inking picked up by contact with the card’s picture of the Masonic Temple in Lansing, MI. The chance marking across the stamp does the postal history collector a favor by proving the stamp paid the postage and was not affixed after mailing. It is also interesting to note that the stamp was actually used during the Summer Olympic Games it was issued to commemorate. The Games were held from July 30 to August 14, 1932.

The picture postcard shown in Figure 2 is another unusual item from the 3c UPU postcard era, even though the stamp on it has a 2c denomination. The 2c red George Washington bicentennial stamp, Scott 707, is from the set of 12 stamps issued Jan. 1, 1932, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Washington’s birth. At the time, the 2c stamp had limited usage as a prime postage



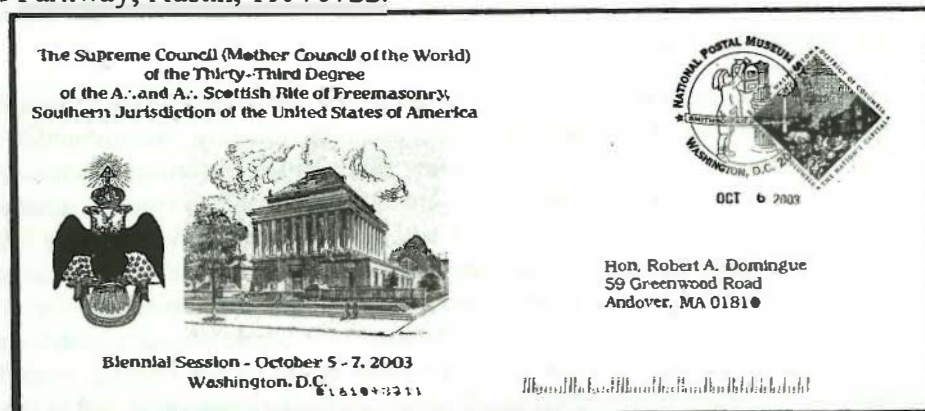
rate stamp, which may indicate that the sender was not aware of the correct rate. There was, in fact, a 3c violet George Washington stamp of nearly identical design issued June 16, 1932, nearly a year and a half before the postcard in question was mailed. The card was mailed Jan. 11, 1934, from Sacramento, CA, to Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire County, northwest of London. When it arrived in New York City before making its overseas journey, the card was marked with a postage due hand-stamp of "10 CENTIMES". It was short-paid 1c for its trip, and with double deficiency charged in such cases, the total due came to 2c, the equivalent at the time of 10 French centimes, the currency used to calculate postage due on international mail. Upon its arrival in Great Britain, the card was marked with a large "ID/I.S.G." hand-stamp. When it was received Jan. 24 at the Berkhamsted post office, the British 1 penny red postage due stamp, Scott J10, was affixed and postmarked.

Picture postcards mailed to other countries during the 1930s can be hard to find because of the widespread effects of the Great Depression. Consider that a loaf of bread at that time could be bought for 5c. The postcard itself probably cost around 2c and with postage at 3c the cost of this simple greeting was equivalent to the cost of buying a loaf of bread.

-Article by Charles A. Fricke, submitted by our Pres. Bro. E. E. Fricks

SCOTTISH RITE COVER FROM BRO. DOUGHERTY

Bro. James G. Dougherty has sent in this beautiful Masonic cover prepared by him for the Biennial Session of The Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction. Information on its acquisition may be obtainable from him at 4205 Wilshire Parkway, Austin, TX 78722.



MORE INFORMATION ON HIRAM DEATS

The well-known philatelist Hiram Deats, who was profiled in the July-August Newsletter, maintained an extensive correspondence with equally well-known British philatelists throughout his life. We are also discovering that many of those British philatelists were members of the Craft.

Some additional data regarding Bro. Deats: Raised on June 16, 1892, he served Darcy Lodge in New Jersey as Worshipful Master in 1898, which would make him a 65-year Past Master at his death on December 16, 1963. He served as Treasurer of Darcy Lodge between 1904 and 1944 and as a member of the Grand Lodge Library Committee from 1902 to 1916.

LUIS ALVES DE LIMA e SILVA, THE DUKE OF CAXIAS

August 25, 2003 marked the bicentennial of the birth of The Duke of Caxias. The Brazilian Postal Services issued a stamp for the occasion. Further, Wor. Bro. Dr. Renato M. Schramm has prepared Masonic covers for this issue and has published a booklet detailing the Duke's life and illustrating all the postal releases honoring the Duke of Caxias. According to Bro. Schramm, The Duke was initiated at the Loja Sao Pedro de Alcantara in 1842 under the Brother's malhete Thomaz Jose Pinto de Serqueira 33. He served as the Grao Mestre of the Grande Oriente do Brasil and of the Supreme Council founded in 1847 until 1854.

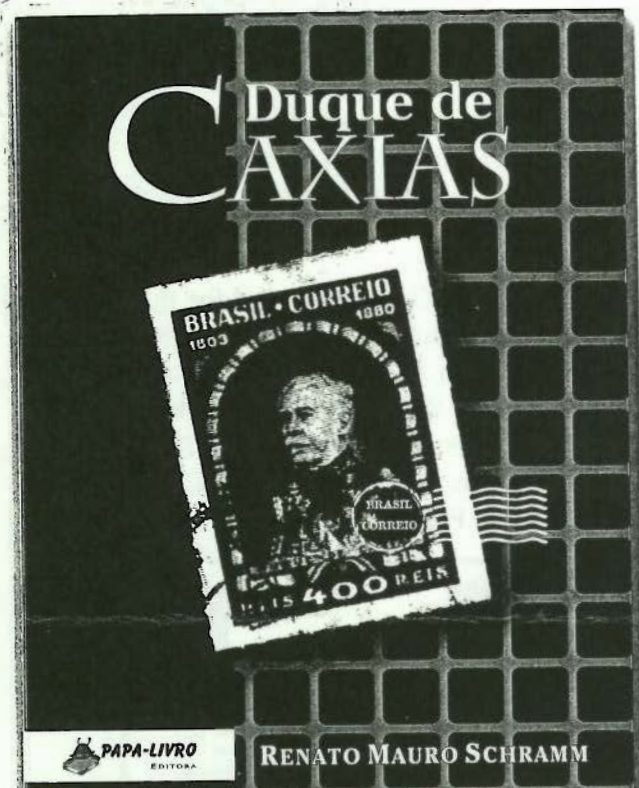
The Postal Release publication states: "On 25 August 1803, Luis Alves de Lima e Silva, the Duke of Caxias, was born in Rio de Janeiro. At the early age of five he became 1st class cadet and in 1817 he pledged allegiance to the National Flag. An entire life dedicated to serving the Fatherland saw Caxias take on many different functions during his career. Three times President of the Council of Ministers, President of two provinces and Senator of the Empire, Caxias, Marshal of the Brazilian Army was no accidental, transitory character in our history. An honorable citizen, notable military leader and outstanding statesman, he transcended all the titles that he so deservedly received.

Just as important as the efficacy of his military actions was the firmness with which he faced challenges and the generosity he displayed towards the adversaries defeated on the battle field. He reestablished order, preserved institutions, recovered national cohesion and saved the unity of the Fatherland. For these reasons he passed into history as "The Pacifier". He personified the Pacifier and Unifier of the Fatherland, incarnating the hero of the Empire and projecting his luminous presence on the Republic that was about to be born. This cultured man was also associated with the Brazilian Geographical Institute, Honorary President of Institut D'Afrique, honorary member of the Brazilian Polytechnical Institute and full member of the Society of Veterans of the Independence of Bahia.

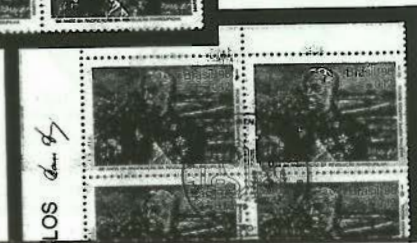
Caxias exercised courage and prudence together with goodness. He stimulated by example and inspired and demonstrated loyalty, abnegation, discipline and responsibility. His invincible sword shone in the pride of reasonable authority, in the sobriety that permeates serious discussions and in the iron disposition not to tolerate indiscipline. He convoked and corrected, understood, oriented and forgave. He headed, led and conquered without possessing, avoiding the lights of success and power that seduce ordinary men. His work lives on in the unification of the heterogeneous national context, inspiring military professionals and accompanying the military family throughout the sacrifices of the soldier's life. Still a present force, Caxias vibrates with the excellence of the work of these people, both in active service and in the reserve, who do not remove their uniform but maintain their loyalty in all senses, in their camaraderie and in the spirit of the mission accomplished. These soldiers represent all segments of society and preserve the respect and admiration of Brazilians for their Army. Inspired in the virtues perpetuated by Caxias, soldiers are imbued with discipline and the sense of duty, and if necessary give their very lives to defend the higher interests of the Fatherland.

In homage to this great Brazilian hero the 25 August celebrates Soldier's Day to revere the figure of the Patron of the Army, Luis Alves de Lima e Silva. This example of citizen and soldier stood firm in conduct, steady in attitude and correct in action. He dissolved revolts without leaving any hatred. His military genius saved the honor of the Fatherland and contributed to consolidating peace among brother countries. The Brazilian Postal Services fulfill its civil responsibility by launching this stamp to perpetuate Brazil's military history, incarnated in the peerless figure of the Duke of Caxias, who dedicated himself to the noble mission of guaranteeing his nation's sovereignty and integrity, and whenever necessary, law and order.

Bro. Schramm's work is an 88 page soft bound book which contains 54 pages of biography of Bro. Caxias and 32 pages of illustrations of stamps, covers and cancels related to the life and remembrance of the Duke of Caxias. It is written in his native tongue, Brazilian or Portuguese and is a very creditable effort. Information on its acquisition as well as the covers illustrated below can be obtained from Bro. Schramm at the web site for the Clube Filatelico Maçonico do Brasil – www.geocities.com/Paris/Palais/5240/index.html, the Club's e-mail clubselo@zaz.com.br, or at P.O. Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, SC, Brazil.



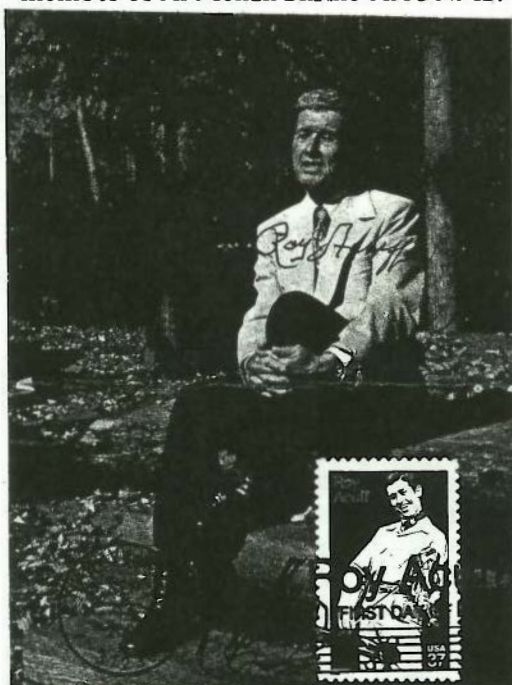
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ROY CLAXTON ACUFF

Roy Acuff, "The King of Country Music", was born Sept. 15, 1903, in Maynardville, TN. He played semi-pro baseball and formed a group known as the Smoky Mountain Boys. Soon they were being broadcast over WNOX radio in Knoxville and making records. Roy cut 316 sides and sold more than thirty million records. During the 1940s he became a star of the Grand Ole Opry where he appeared for more than fifty years. He acted in eight movies. In 1962 he was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame. On Nov. 23, 1992, he died leaving behind a rich legacy of well-loved music.

Bro. Acuff was raised on Feb. 21, 1944, in East Nashville Lodge No. 560. He belonged to the York Rite: Edward G. Corbitt Chapter No. 147, R.A.M., Nashville Council No. 1, R. & S.M. and Nashville Commandery No. 1, K.T. He was a 33rd degree AASR, Southern Jurisdiction and a member of Al Menah Shrine AAONMS.



Shown here is the GWMSC Cover issued for the new USPS Roy Acuff stamp which is available at a cost of \$1.50 plus a #10 SASE from Bro. Stan Longenecker, 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552. Also shown is a card which Bro. Stan had autographed by Bro. Acuff some years ago that he converted into a FDC.



A COUPLE OF PETER WESTBERE'S AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

Here are a couple more covers from Bro. Westbere's autograph collection.



THE HOUSTON ASTROS, FORMALLY THE COLT .45'S, CELEBRATED THEIR 35TH YEAR IN BASEBALL THIS SEASON. THE COLT .45'S PLAYED AT COLT STADIUM FROM 1962-1964 DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASTRODOME, THE COUNTRY'S FIRST DOME STADIUM. A NEW STADIUM MEANT A NEW NAME, AND THE HOUSTON ASTROS WERE BORN IN 1965. THE .45'S HAVE NEVER APPEARED IN A WORLD SERIES, BUT CAME CLOSE IN 1969 AND 1989 BEHIND PITCHING STARS MIKE SCOTT AND NOLAN Ryan.

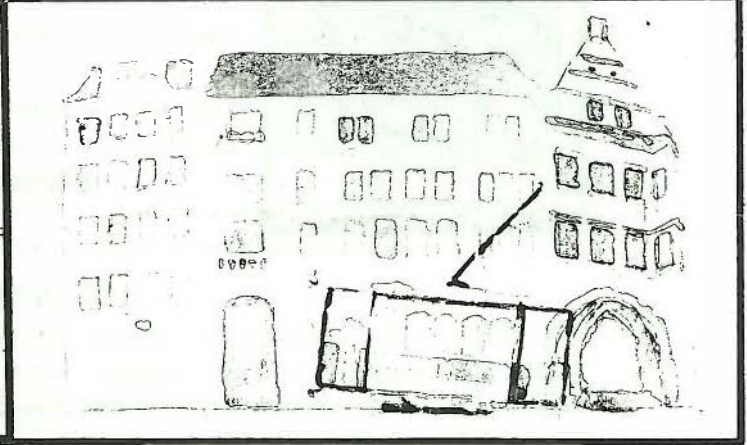
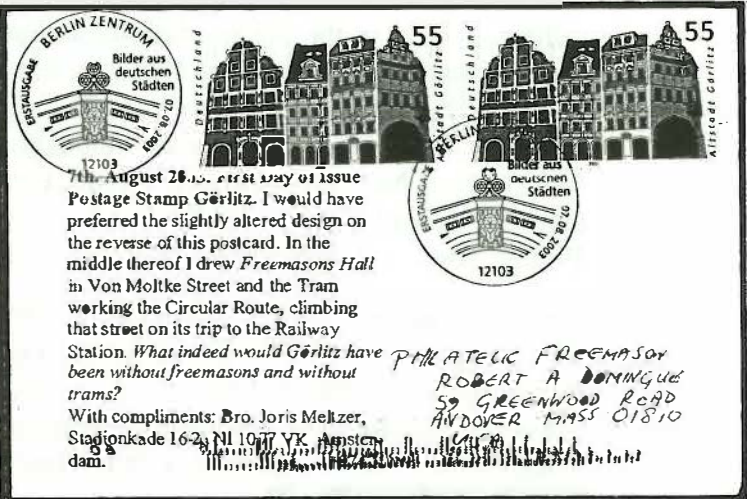


Bobby Beagan
Phillies 1940 41 42
Brooklyn Dodgers 1943 44 47 48



MORE JORIS MELTZER CARDS

Bro Joris Meltzer, Stadionkade 16-2 NL, 1077 VK Amsterdam, Netherlands has favored us with another pair of his postal cards with Masonic significance. Both sides are illustrated and I hope that the printing on the card is legible.



INTERESTING STAMP FROM HAITI

While reviewing some non-Masonic cacheted covers the other day, I came across the AEROPEX Special Event cover shown below. It was only when I examined the Air Post Postal Tax stamp, Scott RAC9 issued in 1966 that I decided it had to be part of my collection. An enlargement of the stamp is shown and one can discern a variation of the Masonic Square and Compasses within the center of the design.



NICHOLAS HERKIMER

General Nicholas Herkimer, a Brigadier General of the American Revolution, was born in 1728. He was brought up in the Mohawk Valley, New York, receiving his schooling in German – the principal language of this area. He was commissioned a lieutenant of militia in 1758 in the Schenectady battalion of the Albany County Colonial Militia. He was in command of Fort Herkimer (his home) when attacked by the French and Indians in 1758. He was made a colonel in 1775 and brigadier general in 1776. At the Battle of Oriskany, Herkimer's troops were ambushed and he was badly wounded – his leg being broken when he was shot off his mount. Dragging himself to a stump, he encouraged his men to the last but sustained the loss of 200 men. He was removed to his home but died 10 days later on August 16, 1777, as the result of an unskilled amputation of his leg,

Bro Herkimer was made a Mason in St. Patricks Lodge No. 8 (now No. 4) at Johnstown, NY on April 7, 1768. The Master of the Lodge was Sir John Johnston who was also the Indian Agent for the British as well as Provincial Grand Master of New York. Joseph Brant, the Indian, was a protégé of Johnson and Col. John Butler was a member of that Lodge. At the Battle of Oriskany, Bro. Herkimer opposed all three.



The USPS issued a stamp on August 6, 1977, Scott No. 1722, to honor Gen. Herkimer and the Battle of Oriskany. Bro. Herkimer is shown directing his troops from his position by the stump of a tree.

-information contributed by Bros. Kirby and Loke

AMOS ANDERSSON

The Finnish Post published a stamp booklet on September 10, 2003. All persons on the stamps were Finnish patrons (or Maecenas), one of whom is Amos Andersson. (In his later years he only used one "s" in his last name.) Bro. Andersson was initiated into St. Johannes Lodge, St. Augustin on Oct. 23, 1931. This Lodge belongs to the Swedish Grand Lodge but works in Helsinki, the Capital of Finland, according to the Swedish system of Masonry. He received his Second Degree on Oct. 20, 1933, within the Swedish system but advanced no further. He remained a member of the Lodge up to his death.



He was born September 9, 1878 and died April 2, 1961. He was a many-sided business man, a manufacturer, a newspaper publisher and editor. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1922 to 1926. He was the author of several books and articles and one play and served as "doctor honoris causa" of Abo Akademi – the Swedish speaking university in Turku. He was a benefactor contributing funds to the Swedish Theatre in Helsinki, the Abo Akademi and the Finnish Rome-Institute "Villa Lante". The Art Museum of Amos Anderson is located in his former home located in the center of Helsinki.

-Article prepared by Eero Tahtinen and appeared in the magazine of the Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain)

MELVIN JONES

Melvin F. Jones was born Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of an Army Captain. While he was still a small boy the family was transferred to St. Louis, MO and then to Quincy, IL. He began his business career in Chicago as an insurance salesman, later opening his own agency. He joined a Chicago businessmen's club and was elected secretary. He proposed club projects for the good of the community and urged similar groups to do the same. He then merged them into a single organization called "Lions" whose purpose was to assist in the betterment of orphanages, youth centers, institutions for the blind and other civic endeavors. Lions clubs worldwide became the International Association of Lions Clubs. Jones gave up his thriving insurance business to give his full time for the next 33 years as Director General of Lions International and editor of "The Lion". After suffering several strokes, he died June 1, 1961, at the age of 82 years at his home in Flossmoor, IL.

At the age of 27, Bro. Jones petitioned Garden City Lodge (now Covenant Lodge) No. 141 in Chicago. He was initiated March 14, passed April 3 and raised July 17, 1906, and remained a life-long member. Several stamps have been issued around the world which picture Bro. Jones. The one shown here was released by Panama on Dec. 5, 1978, Scott No. 593, for the centennial of his birth.



- Article written originally by Bro. Marshall S. Loke

JAMES GUTHRIE



James Guthrie was born Dec. 5, 1792, in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was educated at Bardstown, KY and studied law under John Rowan. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1820 and started a practice at Louisville. He served in both houses of Kentucky State Legislature between 1827 and 1840 and in 1840 was president of the convention that formed the State Constitution. He was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Pierce in 1853 and served until 1857. From 1860 to 1868 he was President of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and was elected US Senator in 1865. He resigned in 1868 because of ill health and died March 13 of that year.

Bro. Guthrie was a member of Clark Lodge No. 51, Louisville, KY and is listed as a Past Master in the proceedings of 1850. He was also a member of Louisville Chapter No. 5, R.A.M. Bro. Guthrie is pictured on the \$50 value Internal Revenue Documentary stamp series of 1940.

- Information furnished by Bro. Marshall Loke and Norman. Lincoln

A Salada tea bag label recently given to your editor by a co-worker states "Philatelists get stuck paying new money for old stamps". Does that sound correct?

NEW ISSUES

New issues of a Masonic interest have been noted in the philatelic media:

- May 13 – Nevis – Teddy Bear 100th anniversary – pane of four se-tenant stamps. A Napoleon Bear is included.
- June 21 – Dominica – Lewis and Clark Expedition – 8 values and two souvenir sheets.
- July 1 – Sierre Leone – Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II 50th Anniversary – eight stamps and a souvenir sheet, one value shows Prince Philip.
- July 2 - Ghana – Aviation 100th Anniversary – four se-tenant stamps. Charles Lindbergh is included.
- July 14 – Gambia – Aviation 100th Anniversary – three panes of four se-tenant stamps. Richard Byrd's flight over the North Pole is honored on one value
- July 14 – Grenada Carnacou & Petite Martinique – First Solo Transatlantic Flight 75th Anniversary – two panes of four se-tenant stamps each – all showing Charles Lindbergh.
- Aug. 25 – Brazil – Duke of Caxias 200th Birth Anniversary – one value
- Sept. 6 – Argentina – Anniversaries and Events – five values, one of which shows Juan Bautista Alberdi's signature and another picturing the emblem of General San Martin Regiment of Mounted Grenadiers.
- Nov. 4 – Tristan da Cunha – William Glass – pane of six stamps telling the story of Bro. Glass starting with his arrival on Tristan da Cunha in 1816.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Brethren, Sisters and Members.: We are in desperate need of some new members. We have an excellent organization and what I think is an above average Newsletter. We provide a significant contribution to the hobby but we are dwindling in numbers. The grim reaper is claiming several. Age and infirmities claim a few others. Interest changes result in a few casualties. Our core cadre must be supplemented with individuals who are active collectors who have a desire to learn and disseminate light from their knowledge.

Many times we think that all the Masons honored philatelically have been discovered – then new ones are uncovered such as we have shown in this issue. Reading and research turn up the most interesting finds and further digging results in a story. It is so rewarding when one can announce that he/she has found a new “case” and that feeling is enhanced when the information can be shared with others who can appreciate it. Please join in the revelations and disclosures and help find new members at the same time.