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## MASONIC KINGDOM OF KAFIRISTAN

In the September/October timeframe a dealer was offering “pure Masonic stamps” from the Masonic Kingdom of Kafiristan on eBay. Your Editor was intrigued by these offerings and was able to acquire one of the five sets which the dealer had of the first issue offered. This Cinderella set consists of four stamps of 1, 2, 3 and 5 rupees, is not intended to represent any real stamps, and has no postal value. The inks are color fast and do not come off if the stamps are soaked. Centering varies widely. The stamps measure about 1.5” x 1.75”.

The Masonic Kingdom of Kafiristan was featured in the Rudyard Kipling story *The Man Who Would Become King*. Kafiristan was a historic name of Nurestan (Nuristan), a province in the Hindukush region of Afghanistan and Pakistan, prior to 1896, and is not a stamp issuing entity.

A second set of “stamps” was also issued from Kafiristan with the same denominations but of a different design; your Editor did not try to acquire them – one set was enough. Illustrations of both sets are shown here “for the record.” The dealer who offered these Cinderella stamps was Matthew Gore, P.O. Box 144, Ellendale, TN 38029 with an e-mail address of [leylander1962@aol.com](mailto:leylander1962@aol.com) (I have no financial interests in citing this source.)



First Set

Second Set

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

375. Tom Kilkelly, P.O. Box 92, Jefferson, NH 03583

376. Steven Aberblatt, 6820 Horrocks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

211. Dwight Seals, 4510 Clearwater Place, Unit #1, Cincinnati OH 45248

233. Marvin Scheer, P.O. Box 125, Gates Mills OH 44040

Wor. Bro. Dwight Seals has established a Masonic "Did U Know" information e-mail network which apparently is fairly widely distributed and forwards various biographies of noted Masons and information on items of a Masonic nature. (His e-mail address is [djseals@verizon.net](mailto:djseals@verizon.net)) I will be using some of his writings in this Newsletter for those of a philatelic tie. Thank you, Bro. Dwight, for your efforts. As a sideline report, he recently sent a report on his wife's battle with breast cancer. It sounded positive and I wanted to pass some of it on to the readers. Unfortunately on October 19, I had a major crash when my computer lost the internet signal during a Microsoft update prior to closing down. It took me about a week and a half to recover but I lost over 1000 e-mails, many of which I was saving. Fortunately, all of my creations are on memory sticks but I did not do the same for my e-mails. Regardless, we wish your wife continued positive progress in he battle, Dwight, and pray for complete recovery.

Just as a point of information, your Editor has finally retired from his position of Secretary for his Blue Lodge, St. Matthew's Lodge of Andover, MA after 19 years – thereby disproving that the only way Secretaries can leave their post is by dying in office. It is a very time consuming position and the past three years have been very trying as a mediator. Hopefully, I will be able to devote more time to my collection and Masonic Philately research. I believe I am young enough (72) and in good enough health to be able to continue to exist for some years yet.

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### **REQUEST FOR MASONIC INFORMATION**

A request was received for some information on the Masonic membership details regarding the present young Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Ismail Shah. He is pictured on a set of three Malaysian stamps issued on February 29, 2004 to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his reign.

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### **OTHER OPINIONS REGARDING PADEREWSKI'S MEMBERSHIP**

A note from Bro. Norman Lincoln states that both he and Bro. Robert Gilbert believe that it was unlikely that Ignacy Jan Paderewski, documented on page 2213 of the July-August 2009 Newsletter, was a Freemason. He was a Roman Catholic in an era when few of that faith joined the Lodge. Does anyone have any information to support or contradict this belief?

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## RECENT GREAT BRITAIN RELEASES

Bro. Trevor Fray was kind enough to provide a copy of the recent Great Britain issues for Bro. Arthur Conan Doyle and Bro. Donald Campbell.



Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was initiated on January 26, passed on February 23 and raised on March 23, all in 1887, in Phoenix Lodge No. 247, Portsmouth, England. He resigned from membership in 1889, rejoined in 1902 and finally resigned in 1911. He did not progress beyond Master Mason and there is no record of his joining any other English Lodge. In 1901 he became an Honorary Member of St. Mary's Chapel No. 1, Edinburgh, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, now Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1.

Born May 22, 1859 in Edinburgh, Scotland, he was sent to the Roman Catholic Jesuit preparatory school, Hodder Place, at the age of nine. He went on to Stonyhurst College but by the time he left the school in 1875 he had rejected Christianity to become an agnostic. From 1876 to 1881 he studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh and, while studying, began writing short stories. Following his term at university he served as a ship's doctor on a voyage to the West African coast and completed his doctorate in 1885. He set up practices in Plymouth and then Portsmouth and while waiting for patients, he again began writing stories and Sherlock first appeared in 1887. He played football, under the pseudonym of A. C. Smith, and also cricket, bowling and golf. He studied the eye in Vienna and moved to London in 1891 to set up a practice as an ophthalmologist but in 1893 started devoting more time to his historical novels. Knighted in 1902, he ran twice for Parliament but was not elected. He fought hard to right cases of miscarriages of justice, successfully reversed two, and established a way to correct other miscarriages of justice. Following the death of his second wife, son, brother, two brothers-in-law and two nephews, he sank into depression and found solace supporting Spiritualism. He died of a heart attack on July 7, 1930 in his house in Crowborough, East Sussex, England.

Bro. Donald Campbell was initiated in Grand Masters Lodge No. 1, London, on February 16, 1953. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter there in 1954.

Born in Horley on March 23, 1921, he was trained as an engineer and shared his father's interest in racing. Like his father he was one of the three men who have held the land and water speed records simultaneously. He set the land speed record of 403.14 mph on Lake Eyre salt flats, Australia in 1964. Between 1955 and 1964 he broke the water speed record seven times, going from 202.32 mph on Lake Ullswater to 276.279 on Lake Dumbleyung in Australia on December 31, 1964. On January 4, 1967 he made his last, and fatal, attempt on Coniston Water when his boat was wrecked on the return run. On the first run he achieved a speed of 328 mph.

## RECENT NETHERLANDS MASONIC COVERS

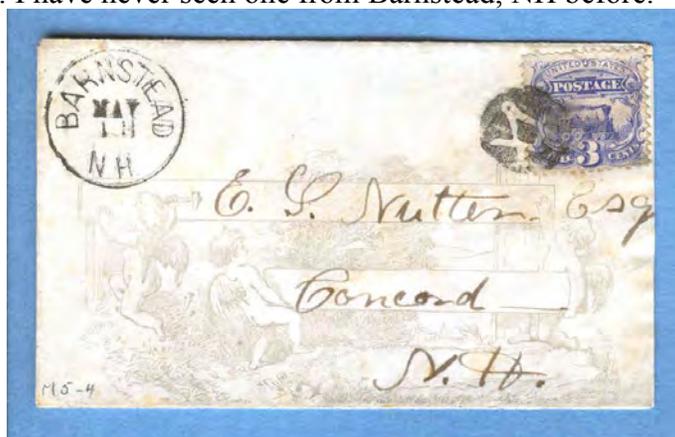
Bro. Emiel Crab has forwarded these Masonic Cacheted Covers recently produced by the Netherlands Masonic Study Group – De Getande Rand. Information on their acquisition may be obtained from Bro. H. J. Godthelp, Weurden 53, 7101 NH Winterswijk, The Netherlands, e-mail: [bepgodthelp@versatel.nl](mailto:bepgodthelp@versatel.nl) or Bro. Emiel Crab, Nothomblei 8, 2930 Brasschaat (MTH), Belgium, e-mail [emiel@emicra.be](mailto:emiel@emicra.be)



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### US MASONIC FANCY CANCEL

I was fortunate in being able to acquire this fine example of a Masonic Fancy Cancel at a recent stamp bourse. I have never seen one from Barnstead, NH before.



## SHRI BALASAHEB GANGDADHAR KHER

Bro. Kher was initiated in the Lodge Islam No. 587, English Constitution, now No. 27 of the Grand Lodge of India. He is pictured on a stamp issued by India on March 8, 1989.



Born August 24, 1888, in Ratnagiri, India, B. G. Kher came from a middle class family. He spent part of his youth in Kundgol in the state of Jamkhandi and then moved on to Puna in order to study at the new English school. In 1908 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude at the Wilson College in Mumbai and also received the Bau Daji Lad prize for his excellence in Sanskrit. He started his political career in 1922 and became a well known participant in the independence movement. In 1923 he was elected Secretary of the Bombay branch of the Swaraj party – part of the Congress Party of India. This Swaraj party adhered to the Mahatma Gandhi concept for Indian independence which was in direct conflict with the British political and social systems causing great tension in India. Kher was known for his many social works and involvement and was frequently called Sajjan (good and gentle). He was very involved in improving the living conditions of the tanners of Bandra, a place at the city limits of Bombay, and also participated in the Great Civil Uprising in the State of Gujarat in 1928. His political career had its peak in the 1937-39 period and he was twice elected Prime Minister of the State of Bombay. He played a very important role in the writing of the Indian Constitution. Because of his activism he was arrested and imprisoned four times by the British in the 1930-45 period. When he decided to no longer take part in elections in 1952 he was elected by the legislative assembly of Bombay as a member of the Indian House of Lords. Within the United Kingdom, he held the position of High Commissioner for India. For his contributions to his country, Kher was distinguished by the award of the Padma Vibushan in 1954. In 1956 he was appointed President of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, a fund that keeps the memory of Gandhi alive by founding museums, granting scholarships, giving lectures, and support of studies and research in many branches of science. He died on March 8, 1957 in Puna, India.

-with thanks to Bros. Emiel Crab and De Getande Rand

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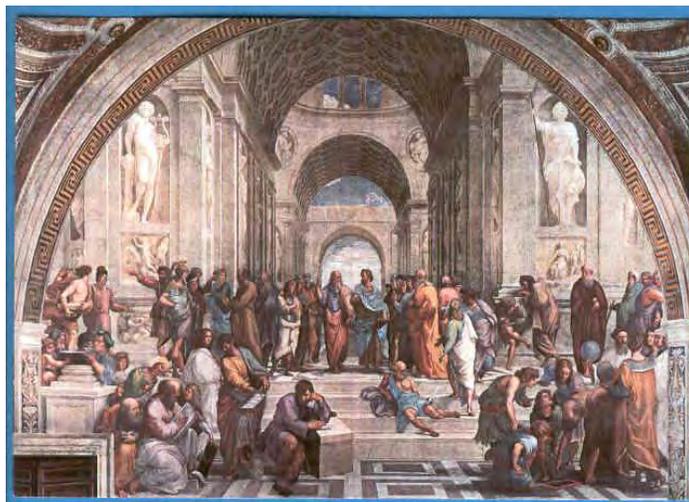
## AN INTERESTING COVER FROM BRO. NORMAN LINCOLN



Bro. Norman Lincoln has sent in this interesting cover using a personal stamp picturing Wor. Bro. Steve VanSlyck, Past Master of New England Lodge No. 4, Worthington OH. He is a lawyer and former submariner. The picture shows him when he was in grade school in Chicago.

## ITALIAN MASONIC CACHETED COVERS & CARDS

The covers and card shown here have been provided by the Associazione Italiana di Filatelia Massonica of the Grande Oriente d'Italia. Further information may be obtained from Bro. Massimo Morgantini, AIFM-Grande Oriente d'Italia, Via San Pancrazio 8, 00152 Roma – Italia.



## KUMAR SHRI RANJITSINHJI

K. S. Ranjitsinhji was initiated in the Lodge Kathiawar No. 59 in Rajkot. He served this Lodge as Master for two consecutive years. He is pictured on a stamp issued by India on September 29, 1973.



Kumar Ranjitsinhji was born September 10, 1872 in Sarodar, a small village in the western province Kathiawar, now in the State Gujarat. His was a rich Indian family of princely status, the Jadejas clan, and Rajput warriors. Before his arrival at the University of Cambridge, he had never played cricket but it was soon discovered that he had an extraordinary talent. He became test cricketer for the English cricket team and played the sport at the highest level for the University of Cambridge. Following his graduation in 1895, he played for the County of Sussex team. At the end of 1904 he returned to India but came back to England later that year and in 1912 in order to play two complete seasons for Sussex. He was considered one of the best batsmen of his time – having exceptionally quick reactions and an unorthodox technique, he started a new manner of batting, a revolution to the game. Following his death, the most important cricket tournament in India was named for him and the Ranji Trophy was established in 1935 by the Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala.

On March 10, 1907 he became Maharaja jam Sahib of Nawaganar and played an important role in the improvement of the living conditions in his province. He changed society by completely modernizing the infrastructure. He built the port of Bedi, installed a complete network of roads and railways, completed a large number of irrigation projects, built hospitals and a large number of public and private buildings. He created a new plan for the city of Jamnagar and executed it. He also founded a number of nature reserves for birds and animals.

He made a career in the army becoming a lieutenant in 1898 and at the outbreak of World War I he was a major, being promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1918. He sent several platoons of armed forces of Nawaganar to the western front as well as a fleet of vehicles used by the British forces as ambulances. He also made his house available for use as a hospital. He receiving many meritorious awards and was Chancellor of the Indian Chamber of Princes, representing India at the League of Nations following World War I. He died in Gujarat, Jamnagar, India on April 4, 1933.

-again, thanks to Bro. Emiel and De Getande Rand

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### **OOPS!! DORIE WAS NOT A WOMAN**

On page 2221 of the previous Newsletter, in the discussion of the 2010 USPS Stamp Releases, I identified “Doris” Miller, one of the distinguished sailors, as being a female and, therefore, not a Mason. I have been informed by several of our members that this sailor was named Doris but was called Dory or Dorie; he was male, 6ft 2in tall, weighing about 200 pounds.

## JOHN ALEXANDER McCCLERNAND

John A. McClernand was born in Breckenridge County, Kentucky on May 30, 1812. After his father died, his mother took him to Shawneetown, IL where he studied law. After serving as a private in the Black Hawk War, he was a trader on the Mississippi River. In 1835 he started the "Shawneetown Democrat". He then entered politics and was elected to the Illinois State House in 1836, 1840, 1842 and 1843. In 1840 and 1852 he was Democratic elector at the nominating conventions. Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1843, he served until 1851 when he moved to Jacksonville, IL. Five years later he moved to Springfield and was again elected to the US House in 1859. He resigned in 1861 when he was appointed a Brigadier General of Volunteers. He served under General Grant at Fort Donelson. Promoted to Major General he was at Shiloh in 1862. He then became second in command at the siege of Vicksburg. He captured the Arkansas Post and commanded the XIIIth Corps until relieved for insubordination. He resigned his commission in 1864 and returned to Springfield to practice law. In 1870 he was named Circuit Judge and served for three years. In 1876 he presided over the Democratic Convention. He was a political general who allowed his jealousy of West Pointers to destroy his career. He died September 20, 1900 and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

John A. McClernand was raised in Central Lodge No. 71, Springfield, IL in 1864. On July 21, 2009 Grenada issued a pane of three stamps showing photographs of Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War. One of them shows him with General McClellan (a member of Willamette Lodge No. 2, Portland, OR) and another with Gen. McClernand.

-thanks to Bro. Norm Lincoln for this article

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## BRIAN THOMPSON'S BIBLE

Bro. Gene Fricks has forwarded this portion of an article from a Methodist Philatelic Society Newsletter with the comment that anyone who has received the Royal Arch Degree or the Scottish Rite 13<sup>th</sup> Degree will recognize the quotes from Ezra and Nehemiah.

Ezra 1:1-4

*In the first year of Cyrus of Persia ... sent out a herald throughout his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: "Thus saith King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord has, the God of Heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and has charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people – may their god be with them – are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel who is in Jerusalem."*

In 1971 Iran issued 8 sets of stamps marking the 2500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Persian Empire. The 5r stamp of the 8<sup>th</sup> issue shows a clay tablet found in Babylon bearing the proclamation of Cyrus written in cuneiform writing.



Nehemiah 3:14

*Malchijah son of Rechab ruler of the district of Bethhaccherem, repaired the Dung Gate; he rebuilt it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars.*

In 1972 Israel commemorated Jewish Independence Day with a second set of stamps featuring the gates of Jerusalem. The 45a stamp features the Dung Gate.

## BERNARD CYRIL FREYBURG

Sir Bernard Freyberg was born March 21, 1889 at Richmond Hill, Surrey, Great Britain but in 1891 emigrated with his family to New Zealand. Educated at Wellington College, he gained renown as an outstanding sportsman, especially at swimming. He trained as a dentist and practiced at Morrisville. While there, he swam down the Waihou River from Te Aroha to Paeroa, about fourteen miles. In 1912 he was gazetted as a second lieutenant in the 6<sup>th</sup> Nauraki Regiment but resigned only two months later on moving to Levin. In 1914 he went to San Francisco but upon the outbreak of World War I, he went back to England as a volunteer and joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Naval Brigade. He fought on the Belgian front in September 1914; in April 1915, his Brigade transferred to the Dardanelles where he volunteered to swim in the Gulf of Sarnos in order to create a diversion and trick the Turks. Although he was under heavy fire, he was not hit and earned his first D.S.O.. The Brigade moved back to France and on November 15, 1916, while commanding the Hood Battalion at Beaumont Hamel, he won the Victoria Cross; he was wounded four times in this action. By the end of the war he was a Temporary Brigadier with the 29<sup>th</sup> Division, won the V.C., the D.S.O. with two bars, the C.M.C., had been wounded nine times and mentioned in dispatches six times. Following the war he attended the Staff College at Camberley, commanded a Battalion from 1929-31, was Assistant Quartermaster General, Southern Command and finally a General Staff Officer at the War Office until he retired in 1934. In November 1939 the New Zealand government invited him to command the New Zealand Division in the Middle East and he was forced to evacuate Crete and lead the New Zealanders in the African and Italian Campaigns, gaining a third bar to his D.S.O. in 1945. He served as Governor-General from 1946 to 1951 when he was raised to the Peerage. He was appointed Deputy Constable and Lieutenant Governor of Windsor Castle in 1953 and died there on July 4, 1963.

Bro. Freyberg was initiated in the Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614 which met at Prince's, Piccadilly, on February 27, 1922, was passed on April 24, 1923 and raised on April 30, 1923. He resigned from the Lodge on February 23, 1931 and remained unattached for the next 15 years. On April 26, 1946 he became a joining member of the New Zealand Lodge No. 5175, London. He was made an Honorary Member of this Lodge on January 20, 1961. He joined Westminster Lodge No. 308, Wellington on August 16, 1946 and was installed as Master on September 17, 1948; he remained a member to his death. He is pictured on a stamp issued by New Zealand on May 16, 1990 as part of a set honoring New Zealand heritage.

-thanks to the members of the Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain)



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### AN OFFER FROM THE EDITOR

Your Editor is considering downsizing his Masonic collection to just stamps, fancy cancels and Masonic Cachet Covers. As a result I have many Masonic corner card envelopes and Masonic postal cards which I am willing to part with. If anyone is interested, please contact me at the e-mail or snail mail address cited in the masthead on the front page.

## ROBERT WILLIAM ANDREW FELLER

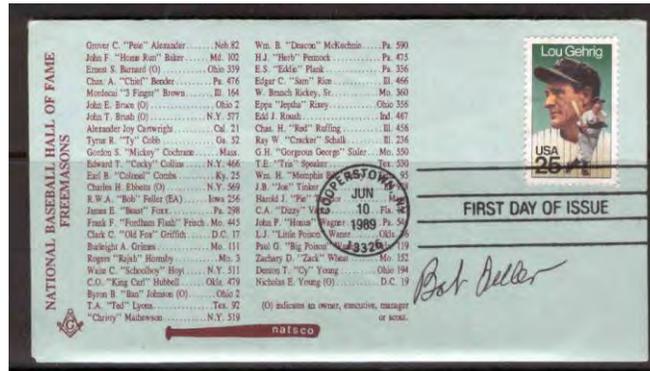
Bro. Bob Feller is pictured on a stamp issued by St. Vincent on July 23, 1989 as part of a set honoring baseball Hall of Famers. He was a member of Fortitude Lodge No. 256, Van Meter, Iowa.



Robert Feller was born November 3, 1918 in Van Meter, Iowa. At the age of 17 he struck out eight members of the St. Louis Cardinals in three innings of an exhibition game. After this awesome display of pitching, he was advised to seek voluntary retirement from high school in order to sign a professional baseball contract. He was signed by the Cleveland Indians as an amateur free agent in 1936 and pitched his debut on July 19, 1936. As a rookie, he struck out 15 batters in a single game, which at that time was an American League record. In 1940 he became the first American League pitcher to throw a complete game no-hitter on opening day. For 20 years this teenage phenomena was known as “Bullet Bob” and “Rapid Robert”.

At the age of 23, his career was interrupted by his four-year enlistment in the Navy. Upon entering the Navy, he became an anti-aircraft gunner aboard the U.S.S. Alabama and came out a highly decorated war veteran. He then re-entered Major League Baseball to regain his dominance on the mound. Even though his military career consumed four prime baseball years, he ranks 28<sup>th</sup> in history with 266 wins. He remains the Indians all-time leader in shutouts (46), strikeouts (2,581), innings (3,828) and All-Star appearances (8). He pitched his final game on September 30, 1956 and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

-extracted from “The Official Site of Bob “*Bullet*” Feller



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## JONAS FURRER

Born March 3, 1805 in Winterthur, Switzerland, Jonas Furrer received his education at Zurich, Heidelberg and Göttingen. He practiced as a lawyer in his native city near Zurich starting in 1832. He was elected to the Grand Council in 1842 and was Mayor of Zurich in 1845. He was the president of the “diet” from April 2, 1845 to December 31, 1845. When the unification of the Swiss Confederation took place in 1848 he was one of the seven initial members of the Federal Council and was elected President of the Federal Government serving from November 21, 1848 to December 31, 1849 and also in 1852, 1855 and 1858. He headed

## JONAS FURRER (CONT'D)

the Department of Justice and Police in 1850-51, 53-54, 56-57 and 59-61. He died while still in office on July 25, 1861 in Bad Ragaz.

Jonas Furrer was initiated on January 16, 1830, passed on January 7, 1837 and raised on September 2, 1837 in the Lodge Akazia No. 34 in Winterthur, Switzerland and served this Lodge as Orator from 1844 to 1946. He was later an Honorary Member of Modesta cum Libertate Lodge No. 38 in Zurich and played a leading role in founding the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland in 1844; he served as a Grand Officer.



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## DOMINGO FRENCH

Born November 21, 1774, Domingo French spent his childhood and early years between studies, commercial activities and helping his father in his business. In 1802 he became the first mailman of Buenos Aires. During the first English invasion, he organized, along with Juan Martin de Pueyrredon, the corps of Husars. Because of his bravery he was named a lieutenant colonel by the Viceroy Santiago de Liniers in 1808. Prior to the May Revolution, he supported the movement with enthusiasm. On May 21 some 600 men, headed by French and Antonio Luis Beruti, occupied the *Plaza de la Victoria* shouting for the removal of Viceroy Cisneros. The Viceroy agreed to an open cabildo and meeting with French, he stepped down. French then joined with the followers of Mariano Moreno and created an infantry corps which accompanied Jose Castelli to Cordoba Province and took part in the execution of Liniers and his accomplices. After the Junta Grande was formed, there was a shift of emphasis in the country and Cornelio Saavedra (a rival of Moreno) was their leader. French, along with many of his comrades were stripped of their posts and power and exiled to Patagonia. He returned in 1812 and rejoined the army. He took part in the siege of Montevideo in 1814 and in the Army of the North in 1815. Later he opposed the policies of the Directorio, denounced the conspiracy of Carlos Maria de Alvear in Brazil and rejected Director Juan Martin de Pueyrredon. He was persecuted and exiled to the United States in February 1817. He returned to Buenos Aires in 1819 and again rejoined the army. He fought in the Battle of Canada de la Cruz where he was taken prisoner. After regaining his freedom he retired to Buenos Aires where he died on June 4, 1825.

Domingo French was a member of the famous Lautaro Lodge. He is pictured, along with Antonio Beruti on a stamp issued by Argentina on February 28, 1941.



## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues have been announced in the October, November and December issues of Scott Stamp Monthly.

Austria – 6/4/09 – 2210 Battle of Aspein & Essling, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Napoleon is pictured

Belgium – 5/11/09 – 2366 Various Composers including Joseph Haydn

Dominica – 6/10/09 – 2684 Souvenir Sheet for Haydn – includes Mozart

Grenada – 1/22/09 – 3698/3701 Space Exploration – includes Aldrin (3698b)

Grenada – 4/29/09 – 3726 – Souvenir Sheet for Haydn – includes Mozart and Beethoven

Mali – 7/2/99 – 1051 – Millennium sets – include Lindbergh

Marshall Is. – 4/14/09 – 936 – Explorers – includes Kane, Peary, Henson, Greely

Marshall Is. – 4/28/09 – 938 US Military Heroes of the Air – S/S of 16 – includes Chennault, Doolittle, Rickenbacker, Arnold

So. Georgia & So. Sandwich Islands – 8/14/09 – 380/91 Ernest H. Shackleton

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### MICHAEL JACKSON'S MASONIC RESTING PLACE

Michael Jackson is said to be interred in his final resting place today at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Few people know that amidst the statues and reliquaries stands a lonely Masonic memorial, one of the largest sculptures on the grounds. Once, Freemasonry was huge in Los Angeles – so big in fact that it managed to carve out a section of the now prestigious cemetery of the stars. There, in a quiet and somewhat isolated corner of the park, stands a lone Masonic memorial surrounded by hundreds (maybe thousands) of grave markers decorated with the Square and Compasses. It is no surprise that the founder of the Memorial Park was a Mason himself. As quoted in Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons*:

*Hubert Eaton (June 3, 1881 – September 20, 1966) Originator of the "memorial-park" plan for cemeteries, substituting tablets set level with the lawn for tombstones, providing art collections, historical buildings, thereby revolutionizing cemeteries throughout the U.S. He is known as "the builder" of Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California which is noted for its collection of stained glass works of American sculptors and recreations of the Last Supper and Calvary. Born June 3, 1881 at Liberty, MO he graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty in 1902. A chemist, he was associated with many of the main mining companies of America. He was raised in Euclid Lodge No. 58, Great Falls, Montana in 1905 and became a member of Southern California Lodge No. 278, Los Angeles. He was also a member of Liberty Chapter No. 3 R.A.M., Liberty, MO, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, K.T., Al Malaikah Shrine of Los Angeles and the Shrine Patrol.*

-with thanks to Bro. Milton Youmans