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NEW TRIBUTE TO MASONRY FROM INDIA

The newest pure Masonic stamp was issued on November 25, 2011 by India Post. It honors the Grand Lodge of India and pictures the entrance to the Grand Lodge building.



This issue has already joined the “hard to find” category. When Bro. Larry Burden contacted India Post to check on availability, he received the following message: *“It is highly regretted to inform you that due to limited quota of stamps, the stamp on the Grand Lodge of India is out of stock and hence not available in this philatelic bureau. Manager Philatelic Bureau Mumbai GPO.”* Fortunately, our friend and MSU member in India, Abdul Aziz, has a supply of these stamps and has offered to sell this new stamp to MSU/ATA members for US\$1.00 each and FDCs for US\$2.00 each. Shipping will be by registered airmail and will be an additional US\$2.00 for stamps and US\$3.00 for FDCs or stamps and FDC. Abdul Aziz is a dealer and offers many Masonic items on Delcampe and maintains a store thereon. He will offer a 20% discount on any item purchased from his Delcampe Store. His e-mail contact is rajus2001@gmail.com. His postal address is A-32/146 Chittanpura, Varnasi 221001 India.

Editor’s note – I have been dealing with Abdul Aziz for a few years now and find him to be a very respectable and honorable dealer. We have exchanged and sold/bought material back and forth with the only difficulty being encountered with Customs when a larger than normal parcel was shipped – there was a significant delay induced. At one point in our correspondence I asked if he were a Mason and his response was that he could not be one in his country because he was not of the proper caste. I find this very sad because he has demonstrated to me that he possesses all the positive traits expected of a Mason to his fellow man. Perhaps some day that stigma can be overcome and men like him can join us.

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NONE – How about trying to interest at least one new member in our hobby and Newsletter this New Year?

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- 206. Larry Burden, 3749 Route 127, Bayside, New Brunswick, E5B 2T1 Canada
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Recent correspondence with Bro. George M. Stephen, member 145 of Surrey, British Colombia, reveals that he is quite busy with his duties as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 23 for 1011-2012. Congratulations, Rt. Wor. Brother.

Your editor recently had a scare which would “rattle” any normal individual. On October 29, I had my periodic (5 year) colonoscopy and was told that there was a mass which would have to be removed surgically. The following day I was informed that it was not benign. By November 1, my primary care physician had me set up with the Chief of the colon and rectal surgery section at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. I met with him on the 2nd, had a CT Scan on the 3rd and, following cardiac clearance obtained on the 9th, underwent surgery to remove a section of the upper portion of the colon on the 16th. The welcome words that they got it all out were received on the 29th. I certainly consider myself one of the very lucky ones and will definitely advocate periodic examinations such as I had. My periodic frequency is now every year with a CEA blood test quarterly. I am too busy and having too much fun to depart life this early – I am only going to be 75 in a couple of months.

SOME INTERESTING FRENCH PERSONAL STAMPS AND SEALS

Recently I was able to acquire a very interesting private seal and a personal stamp which emanated from France. The stamp is of fairly recent usage (I acquired an unused stamp and one on cover) but the seal was used on a Lodge identity card of 1904. It is interesting to note that the dealer was Anwar Jamal of Varnasi, India and he happens to be the son of Abdul Aziz. It is a very small world.



DE GETANDE RAND PERSONAL STAMP FOR 2011

Bro. Emiel Crab was able to provide a sheetlet of the De Getande Rand personal stamp which was generated for 2011. The Netherlands group has performed this action for several years as a revenue source for the Club and they sell out very quickly.



GREAT BRITAIN CHRISTMAS ISSUE – THE GREAT LIGHT OF MASONRY

Bro. Trevor Fray has forwarded a copy of the recent souvenir sheet issued by Great Britain for Christmas 2011. The designs feature Nativity scenes inspired by verses from the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke recognizing that 2011 is the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. The Holy Bible is the Great Light of Freemasonry and most all Lodges use the King James Version on their altar.

The scenes featured are based on the following verses:

- 2nd class –Matthew 1, verse 21
- 1st class –Matthew 1, verse 23
- 78p –Luke 2, verse 7
- £1.10 –Luke 10
- £1.65 –Matthew 2, verse 10.



SEALS OF PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER MISIDENTIFIED

Bro. Vic Fabian of Auckland, New Zealand informs us that the seals shown on page 2378 of the previous Newsletter and identified as Russian seals are, in reality, Bulgarian seals. Thank you for the correction, Bro. Vic.

GERALD R. FORD

Our Unit President sent in an article which appeared in the Americana Philatelic News publication pertaining to President Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the US. It cites his recent death (December 26, 2006) and discusses some of the more recent philatelic tributes which include him in the design and postulates that the US release would probably occur on his birthday July 14 – in 2007. In reality, it was not released until August 31, 2007.



The article defines in detail the design of a few of the stamps and souvenir sheets which include Pres. Ford in the design. Rather than repeat that, it might be more effective to provide a listing of all the stamps which have been issued that include him in the design.

Country	Scott No.	Date	Country	Scott No.	Date
Antigua & Barbuda	2581e	7/29/02	Liberia	934	7/15/82
Comoro Is.	None	Unknown	Maldives	2885	2006
Congo	None	2004	Marshall Is.	738b	4/18/00
Dominica	1207c	11/17/89	Marshall Is.	847a1	1/20/05
Equat. Guinea	7573+	7/4/76	Micronesia	747	8/7/07
Gambia	3129	8/7/07	Nicaragua	C912	5/25/76
Grenada	3661/3	7/16/08	Palau	543	3/1/00
Korea	918	11/22/74	Papau New Guinea	1209b	2/22/06
Laos	269D	7/30/75	St. Vincent	444	9/11/75
Liberia	770	9/21/76	US	4199	8/31/07

Bro. Gerald Ford, along with his brothers, was initiated in Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, MI on September 30, 1949, with his father presenting them their lambskin apron. He was passed and raised in Colombia Lodge No. 3, Washington D.C. on April 20, 1951 and May 18, 1951, respectively. These degrees were performed as courtesy work done for Malta Lodge. He did join higher Masonic bodies, receiving some of the York Rite degrees in the Oval Office.

DE GETANDE RAND COVER

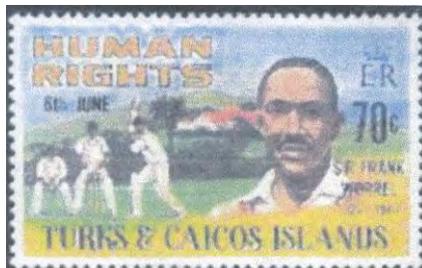
The cover shown here was issued by De Getande Rand to honor the 100th anniversary of the Lodge Ken U Zelfen in Heerenveen, the Netherlands and was procured from Bro. Emiel Crab.



FRANK MORTIMER MAGLINNE WORRELL

Frank Worrell received his degrees in Sussex Lodge No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica. He was initiated on July 21, 1954, passed on August 18, 1954 and raised December 9, 1954 in Lodge of Faith No. 344, Radcliffe after arrangement through the United Grand Lodge of England.. He was exalted in Sussex Chapter No. 354, Kingston on July 9, 1962. He maintained his membership right up to his untimely death from leukemia in 1967.

Sir Frank Worrell was born August 1, 1924 in Bank Hall, St. Michael, Barbados but moved to Jamaica in 1947 to look for work the same year he began playing international cricket. Between 1948 and 1959 he played as a professional in the Lancashire and Dunham Leagues, first for Radcliffe (Lancashire) and then for Norton (Durham). While he was playing league cricket in England, he also studied for a BA in Administration at Manchester University graduating in 1959. After a successful cricketing career which included stints as captain of the West Indies, he became warden of Irvine Hall of the University College of the West Indies in 1961. He was appointed to the Senate of Jamaica in 1962 but left in 1964 when he took up a university warden's post in Trinidad. He was knighted for his services to cricket in 1964 and died on March 13, 1967 in Kingston, Jamaica. He was included in a set of stamps issued by the Turks & Caicos Islands on December 22, 1980 to honor Human Rights. (It is interesting to note that his last name is spelled with only one "L" on the stamp.)



-Article contributed by Bros. John Couldron and Trevor Fray, England

MASONIC COVERS FROM ITALY

Bro. Massimo Morgantini has sent us a set of four covers prepared for the celebrations associated with the 150th anniversary of the Italian Unity. The same cachet was used for covers franked on January 7, June 18, June 25, and October 8 all in 2011. One of them is shown here. Further information may be obtained from him at AIFM – Grande Oriente d’Italia, Via San Pancrazio 8, 00152 Roma, Italia or filatelia.massonica@grandeoriente.it



NEED FOR SOME RESEARCH
JOSEPH WILLIAM “JOE” FRAZIER
“SMOKIN’ JOE”

“Smokin’ Joe” Frazier, an Olympic and Undisputed World Heavyweight boxing champion, passed away on November 7, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA. He was a member of M. B. Taylor Lodge of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. He received his degrees on March 28, 2009 during a one-day class held at Keystone Lodge in Linwood, NJ. It is reported that as the ruffians began their work during the Third Degree, Joe’s cell phone went off and someone yelled “Let’s get Ready to Rumble!!!” and all the attendees laughed. – Masonic information provided by our Unit President, Bro. Gene Fricks.

The research required is to find a stamp which pictures him. We could use the boxing scene which was included in the U.S. Celebrate the Century set of souvenir sheets but there may be another one issued by one of those countries which issue scads of stamps for people and events – even though they have no relationship to the issuing country. Can anyone help us out with this exercise?

Joseph William Frazier was born January 12, 1944 in Beaufort, SC. He won the Gold Medal in Men’s Boxing, heavyweight class, in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and by the late 1960s emerged as the top contender for the US professional heavyweight championship. He became the undisputed champion in 1970 and followed up by defeating Muhammad Ali on points in the highly-anticipated “Fight of the Century” in 1971. He lost the title two years later when he was knocked out by George Foreman. He fought on to his last world title challenge in 1975 but was beaten by Ali in their brutal rubber match. He retired from the ring in 1976 but made a comeback in 1981 for one match. The International Boxing Research Organization rates him among the ten greatest heavyweights of all time. He was inducted into both the International Boxing Hall of Fame and the World Boxing Hall of Fame. After retiring, he made cameo appearances in several Hollywood movies and two episodes of *The Simpsons*. He also trained fighters in his gym in Philadelphia. He was diagnosed with liver cancer in late September 2011 and was admitted to hospice care.

A MORE DIFFICULT REQUEST
CARROLL O’CONNOR

Bro. Allen Formby of Hot Springs, AR, recently learned that the noted television actor Carroll O’Connor was a Mason. He was watching some re-runs of his old television series, *All in the Family*, and on two occasions the camera moved in for a close-up of his left hand – he was wearing a Masonic ring. Can anyone provide information on his Masonic career; if so, we can then work on a stamp.

Carroll O’Connor was born John Carroll O’Connor on August 2, 1924 in Manhattan, NY. He was raised in Forest Hills, NY, joined the Merchant Marines and worked on ships in the Atlantic. In 1946 he enrolled at the University of Montana and moved to Ireland to continue his theatrical studies where he was “discovered”. He returned to New York in 1954, failed to make it on Broadway, and took up teaching. He finally got some attention on TV and landed a role in “All in the Family”. The rest is history.

JOHN ARCHER LEJEUNE

November 10, 2011 marked the 235th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune was the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Known as the “greatest of all Leathernecks” and the “Marine’s Marine”, he served for over 40 years – this service included leading the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division during World War I. He was recognized by the USPS with one of the four stamps released on November 10, 2005 for Distinguished Marines.



Bro. Lejeune was born on January 10, 1867 in the Old Hickory Plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. He attended the preparatory program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge from September 1881 to 1884, leaving to prepare for the entrance exam for the U.S. Naval Academy. He secured an appointment as midshipman and graduated in 1888, rating second academically in his class of 32 midshipmen. At the completion of a two year cruise, he did not want a Navy career and chose the Marine Corps being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on July 25, 1890. He was appointed Major General Commandant of the Corps on July 1, 1920. After that date he did leave his headquarters in Washington several times for inspection tours. Upon the expiration of his second term he indicated his desire not to retire from the Marine Corps but was relieved in March 1929. He retired on November 10 of that year in order to accept the position of Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute and served there until October 1937. He was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant General on the Marine Corps retired list in February 1942. He died on November 20, 1942 and was interred in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Bro. Lejeune received his degrees in Overseas Lodge No. 409 Rhode Island Charter) at Coblenz, Germany on May 3, May 7, and May 17, 1919. He later joined the Scottish Rite and Almas Shrine in Washington, DC.

-information provided by Bro. Dwight Seals, Cincinnati, OH

LEROY GORDON COOPER, JR.

Bro. Seals also provided a very detailed coverage of all aspects of Bro. Cooper’s biography in one of his “Did You Know” e-mails. It covers his personal data, organizations, special honors, experience, NASA experience, and business experience. He was one of the first 7 astronauts selected in April 1959 and piloted “Faith 7” of the Project Mercury flights. He also served as command pilot of the Gemini 5 mission. I managed to delete this e-mail after printing it out but would be willing to mail it to anyone requesting it. Bro. Cooper was a member of Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado.

HENRY ASBJORN LARSEN

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sergeant Henry Larsen was Commander of the St. Roch, the first vessel to sail through the Northwest Passage in both directions. This ship is pictured on a stamp issued by Canada in 1978. Following this famous voyage, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia sent Bro. Larsen a letter of congratulations.



Bro. Larsen was a member of Mount Newton Lodge No. 89 of Sanichton, British Columbia. There is a monument in Coppermine, North West Territory, bearing the inscription: "Here the first regular Masonic Lodge was held north of the Arctic Circle, August 30, 1938, by Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. E. J. Walli of Eldorado Mines was initiated by Dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta." Bro. Larsen served as Senior Deacon during this ceremony. It is interesting to note that the Junior Deacon was W. R. "Wop" May, O.B.E., D.F.C., an air force hero and pioneer bush pilot who played a major role in tracking down the Rat River Trapper.

Born September 30, 1899 in Norway, Henry Asbjorn was a Canadian Arctic explorer and a Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He emigrated to Canada and became a British citizen in 1927 and a Canadian citizen in 1947. He joined the RCMP in 1928 and served as mate on the first voyage of the St. Roch into the Arctic. Once the ship reached the Arctic, he was appointed captain and he commanded this ship for most of the next two decades rising to the rank of Sergeant. In the final years of his career he was the senior RCMP officer in the Arctic. Following his command of the St. Roch, Larsen was promoted to Inspector with responsibility for all Arctic detachments.

For the first twelve years that the St. Roch was in commission, Larsen and his crew took supplies to scattered RCMP posts in Canada's far north. The ship was specially constructed to be able to survive being frozen-in all winter and the crew would use dog sleds to turn the St. Roch into a floating RCMP outpost. In 1940 they were sent on a mission to travel from the Western Arctic to the Eastern Arctic and completed the voyage in 1942 taking 28 months to do so. Following an extensive refit in Halifax, they made the return voyage to Vancouver during the ice-free period completing the voyage in less than 86 days. In 1959 the Royal Canadian Geographical Society awarded Bro. Larsen the first Massey Medal. Henry Larsen died on October 29, 1964 in Vancouver. In 2000, as a millennium project, the RCMP renamed one of its vessels the St. Roch II and sent it to recreate Larsen's first voyage

-Article inspired by Bro. Dwight Seals and one of his "Did You Know" e-mails and augmented by articles submitted by Bros Chris Murphy and Rafael Wulff.

MASONIC COVERS FROM IRELAND

Bro. Frank Elliot of Belfast, Ireland enclosed the seven Masonic cacheted covers he created in 2011 with his annual Christmas card – many thanks. These covers document the installations and special events held within the Masonic bodies of which he is a member. This year, one of them was for him as he was installed to serve again (after 31 years) as Excellent King (First Principal) of Sidon Royal Arch Chapter. That cover and another representative example are shown here. Anyone desiring information on these covers or, perhaps, acquisition should any extras be available, should contact him at 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN No. Ireland.



NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic interest have been reported in the November and December 2011 issues of the Linn's Stamp News.

- Argentina – May 21, 2011 – 2610 – Mariano Moreno, one stamp commemorating the bicentennial of his death.
- Argentina – June 25, 2011 – 2613 – Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, one stamp commemorating the bicentennial of his birth.
- Bangladesh – May 6, 2011 – 7845 – Rabindranath Tagore, four stamps commemorating the 150th anniversary of his birth.
- Great Britain – September 18, 2011 – 2940/6 – British Royalty and History, six stamps and a souvenir sheet including King George VI (2943) and King William IV (2944)
- Liberia – March 28, 2011 – 2698/2701 – British Monarchs, 4 stamps including King Edward VIII (2699) and King George VI (2700)
- Luxembourg – September 27, 2011 – 1322 – Franz Liszt, on stamp to commemorate the bicentennial of his birth.
- Nevis – April 4, 2011 – 1772/5 – British Royalty, 5 stamps including Prince Philip (1662) and King George VI (1665)

While I was recently preparing some pages for my Masonic stamp collection, I was searching the Scott catalog for dates of release of some of the newer stamps, I found out that there were several applicable stamps identified in the catalog that we have not cited here in the Newsletter. Apparently I either overlooked or missed them in my review of the monthly publications or they were added to the catalog without having been cited in the monthly issues. I won't even guess as to the true cause but I do advise caution in thinking that we have all of our interests identified.

JOHN ROBERT FRANCIS WILD

Frank Wild was born April 10, 1873 in Skelton-in-Cleveland, North Yorkshire, England and was educated at Bedford. He joined the Merchant Navy in 1889 at the age of 16 and received his early training in sail in a clipper ship rising to the rank of Second Officer. In 1900 he joined the Royal Navy. He went on five expeditions to Antarctica for which he was awarded the Polar Medal with four bars. In 1901 he was a member of Robert Falcon Scott's crew as an Able Seaman on the *Discovery* along with Ernest Shackleton. He was with Shackleton on the Nimrod Expedition, 1908-09, and was a member of the team that crossed the Ross Barrier and Beardmore Glacier. In 1911 he joined Douglas Mawson's *Aurora* expedition and was in charge of the western base on the Shackleton Ice Shelf. He served as Shackleton's second-in-command on his Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-16. In that position he was left in charge of 21 men on desolate Elephant Island as Shackleton and a crew of 5 made their epic rescue mission to South Georgia aboard a lifeboat. On returning to the United Kingdom in 1916 Wild volunteered for duty during World War I and became the Royal Navy's transport officer at Archangel. Following the war he went to South Africa where he farmed in British Nyasaland. From 1921-22, he was second-in-command of the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition on the *Quest*. He took over command and completed the journey after Shackleton died of a heart attack on South Georgia. He returned to farming in South Africa but after four years of problems, became involved in railway construction. He continued to have problems, was divorced, drifted from one job to another, developed an alcohol problem, remarried and died of pneumonia and diabetes on August 19, 1939 in Klerksdorp. He was awarded the CBE in 1920 and the Patron's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society. His place of burial was unknown but after a seven year search his ashes were found in Johannesburg and were interred along side Shackleton's grave in Grytviken, South Georgia.

Although details of Frank Wild's Masonic membership are not known, it was recorded that he was one of those attending the meeting of Harmony Lodge, Valparaiso, Chile to celebrate the rescue of the explorers marooned in the Antarctic. Bro. Wild can be seen on one of the stamps issued by South Georgia on January 2, 1972 to honor Shackleton – he is pictured helping to launch the lifeboat *James Caird* along with Shackleton and his crew of 5 seeking rescue. On November 25, 2011, the government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands issued a set of eight stamps honoring Frank Wild and other Antarctic explorers – he is pictured on four of them.



- With thanks to Bro. Trevor Fray

IVAN POFILEVIC ELAGIN

Born in 1725, Ivan Elagin was a Russian historian, writer, Senator and member of the Secret Council, Minister for the Cabinet, and confidant of Empress Catherine II and J. A. Poniatowski, later King of Poland. He was born into an established Russian noble family but in 1759 he was banished to Kazan. He had been arrested because of his familiarity with the Bestuzhev-Ryumin case. When Empress Catherine II assumed the role of the nation, he was back in court and became a member of the Russian Academy. From 1766 to 1779 he served as director of the Russian National Theater and tried to carry out reforms in the theater. He founded the Bolshoi Theatre. In 1777 he became the owner of the Melgunov Island which is now known as Elagineiland. He became a member of the Russian Academy in 1783 and died in either 1793 or 1794. Russia has issued several stamps picturing the Bolshoi Theater – in 1946, 1951, 1957, 1965, 1982, 1995, and 1999; the 1965 release is shown here.



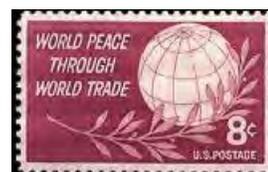
Ivan Elagin was one of the pioneers in Freemasonry in Russia. By 1750 he was initiated in a Lodge which was operating under the English system. He received authority from the English Grand Lodge in 1772 to act as the Provincial Grand Master for Russia, serving in St. Petersburg. He ensured the Provincial Grand Lodge union with the Grand Lodge of Zinnendorf in 1776. He took these Lodges into his system and functioned as the Provincial Grand Master of the United Societies. In 1779 the Berlin system was pushed aside by Sweden and Bro. Elagin reverted back to the original English system which was also called “Rite Anglais/Rite Elagin”. He was opposed to the systems which sponsored the higher degrees although he was Grand Master of the Chapter of the 8th Grade in 1790.

-With many thanks to De Getande Rand, Bro. Emiel Crab and Bro. Henk Godthelp

THOMAS JOHN WATSON, SR.

Thomas J. Watson, Sr. was raised in Valley Lodge No. 109 in Rochester, NY on May 20, 1901. This Lodge is now known as “Valley-Simes”. He received his 50 Year Service Medal in 1952 and two years later he received the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement. He is pictured on a stamp issued by Micronesia in 2000 as part of their Millennium series but that stamp carries several spelling and identification errors. When he was appointed

President of the International Chamber of Commerce he opened a Congress in Berlin and titled it “World Peace Through World Trade”. That slogan was used by the USPS for a stamp released in 1959.



Born February 17, 1874 in Campbell, NY, he worked on the family farm while attending local schools and Addison Academy in Addison, NY. He took a one year course in accounting and business at the Miller School of Commerce in Elmira and took a job as a bookkeeper. He then became a salesman and moved to Buffalo selling sewing machines and then shares of the Buffalo Building and Loan Company. After a brief stint running a butcher shop, he pushed for a job at NCR, was hired as a sales apprentice, and became the most successful salesman in the east. He ran into an anti-trust situation in Rochester but was able to avoid formal charges. On May 1, 1914 he joined the Computing Tabulating Recording Corporation (CTR) and eventually took over as general manager. In 1924 he renamed it International Business Machines and oversaw the company's growth into an international force from 1914 to 1956. He developed IBM's distinctive management style and corporate culture and turned the company into a highly effective selling organization. A leading self-made industrialist, he was one of the richest men of his time and was called the world's greatest salesman when he died on June 19, 1956 in New York City.

-Again, thanks to De Getande Rand, Bro. Emiel Crab and Bro. Henk Godthelp

MASONIC MUSICIANS
(excerpted from *The Masonic Philatelist*)

There is no doubt that there has been and are thousands, even millions, of Masonic musicians over the years since the first documented making of an English Freemason, Elias Ashmole, at Warrington, England in 1646. On 24 June 1717 four London Lodges, which had existed together for some time, came together at the *Goose and Gridiron Tavern* in St. Paul's Churchyard, declared themselves a Grand Lodge, and elected Anthony Sayer as their Grand Master. This was the formal establishment of the Grand Lodge of England.

Most of us are familiar with the famous works, *The Magic Flute*, by Mozart, and the work by Sibelius, both striking examples of Masonic ritual music. We rarely think of all of the musicians – Composers, Conductors, Singers, and Performers, Lodge Organists, and Lodge Brothers joining together in song and group harmony.

We [members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York] are attempting to compile a new list of those most famous Masonic Musicians of all. Those who have been immortalized on a government issued postal stamp. So far we have identified nearly 100 Masons who satisfy those requirements. To date, we have had input from the following members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York:

Christopher L. Murphy, Canada
Robert Domingue, Massachusetts
Trevor Fray, England
Norman Lincoln, Ohio
Massimo Morgantini, Italy
Antonio Guilherme de Paiva, Brazil
Jean-Claude Vilespey, France
Allan Boudreau, New York

We hope to have enough material for this work to be published by the American Topical Association as a Handbook and by the Masonic Service Association as a Digest. Please send in any suggestions you have for this project to the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, 22 East 35th Street, New York, NY 10016-3806 or aabnyc@juno.com and/or murphy101@shaw.ca