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WHOLE NO. 32

JULES VALLES (1832-1885)—

On June 7, last, France issued a stamp honoring Jules Valles, journalist and writer, who was born in Paris June 14, 1832. Valles was not a doctrinarian but a great pamphleteer. His first book, "L' Argent", was written in 1857, followed by "L' Enfant" in 1879, "La Bachelier" in 1881 and "L' Insurge" in 1886. He contributed to many newspapers—"La Revue Europeenne", "La Liberte", "L' Epoque" and "La Figaro". In 1869 he began publishing "Le Crie du Peuple".



A member of the Commune", in 1871, he became a mojour of the "Garde Nationale", where he exercised great influence for a direct participation of the Freemasons in the revolutionary action of 1876. For an important part in the demonstration in behalf of "Le Commune" on April 26, 1871, he was sentenced to death, but escaped to London. Granted immunity, he returned to France in 1883. Following his death in Paris on February 14, 1885, his funeral was the opportunity of a great Socialist demonstration.

Jules Valles was a member of "Le Justice" Lodge in Paris, a lodge of the Grande Orient de France.

— Jean Prouteau.

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STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS (1813-1861)—

Stephen A. Douglas was born in Vermont but moved to Illinois where he was admitted to the bar in 1834.

He was Judge of the Illinois Supreme Court in 1841, and a representative in Congress from 1843 to 1847, when he was elected to the United States Senate, serving til 1861. He was defeated by Buchanan for the Democratic nomination for president in 1856. Nominated by the Democrats in 1860 he was defeated by Lincoln after a heated series of debates. A gifted orator, but small of stature, he was known as "The Little Giant".



"Stephen A. Douglas — Freemason" by Wayne C. Temple, 33^o, published by The Mssonic Book Club of the Illinois Lodge of Research, states that Douglas was raised in Springfield Lodge on June 26, 1840. On October 20, following, he was named Grand Orator of the Illinois Grand Lodge, but declined to serve. On December 28

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of that year he was elected Junior Warden of Springfield Lodge No. 4, later receiving the Royal Arch degrees. Following his death, Masonic services were held the evening prior to his funeral. On June 7, 1861, following a funeral parade, he was buried on the Douglas estate. President Lincoln declared the day "A Day of Mourning" in Washington.

"The Little Giant" is pictured on the 4¢ issued August 27, 1958, Scott's No. 1115. In this scene of one of the famous debates he is standing directly behind Lincoln, and is dressed in a dark suit.

— John M. Cunningham.

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EDMOND HAMMOND HARGRAVES (1815-1891)—

Edmond Hammond Hargraves, gold prospector, was born in England, but went out as a youth to Australia, then to the California gold "diggins" in 1849. There he had some success before returning to Australia, where, from geological formations, he felt that gold might be found. Finding gold in the Blue Hills of New South Wales in 1851, he was appointed Commissioner of Crown lands and received a government award of 10,000 pounds. A year after his return to England he published "Australia and Its Gold Fields".



Hargraves was initiated and passed in Leinster Marine Lodge No. 2, United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on April 4 and raised May 9, 1853. On December 17 of that year he was invested as Senior Warden of his lodge.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919)—

Theodore Roosevelt was the son of a successful glassware importer who gave his sickly son the advantages of extensive foreign travel and a Harvard education. He was born October 27, 1858, and in his boyhood began his career as a freelance writer with a book about the War of 1812. Beginning in 1881 he had his first taste of politics as a member of the State Assembly. He took time off in 1884 to manage a cattle ranch in Dakota Territory and to write more books. A man of diverse interests, in 1859 he was appointed a member of the U. S. Civil Service Commission and six years later headed the Board of Police commissioners in New York City. He was Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President McKinley.



During the Spanish-American War he organized a volunteer cavalry regiment known as the "Rough Riders" and became a national hero when he led a charge up San Juan hill near Santiago de Cuba. On his return he was governor of New York, 1898-1900, then drafted to be vice-president. When President McKinley was assassinated in 1901, Roosevelt became the 26th President.

As president he spent a great deal of time at his Sagamore Hill estate at Oyster Bay, New York, in much the same way recent presidents have used Camp David. In 1905 the house was a center of world diplomacy in the mediation between representatives of Russia and Japan. Sagamore hill had all the advantages of space,

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quiet, familiarity and distance from the official capital.

His love for the outdoors and strong belief in conservation brought about important additions to the National Park system. He sponsored secession of Panama from Colombia as a means of ensuring construction of the Panama Canal. He was elected president in his own right in 1904. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for his efforts in settlement of the Russo-Japanese War.

At the expiration of his presidency in 1909, Roosevelt "retired" to Sagamore Hill but took time for extensive travel in Africa, Europe and South America. He participated in an exploration of Brazil where he contracted illnesses from which he never fully recovered. He wrote voluminously. He died at Sagamore Hill on January 6, 1919. Sagamore Hill is now a National Historical Site, a memorial to his varied achievements.



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Theodore Roosevelt was a member of Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, N.Y., where he received the degrees on January 2, March 27 and April 29, 1901, shortly after his election to the vice-presidency, and he was made an honorary member of Pentalfa Lodge #23, Washington, D. C., on April 4, 1904. Probably no other president took part in so many cornerstone laying as did Roosevelt. Among the many, he delivered the address at the laying of the cornerstone of the American War College February 21, 1903. He attended the Masonic cornerstone laying of the House of Representatives' Office building, Washington, D.C., April 14, 1905, delivering the address. He was present in Masonic regalia for the laying of the cornerstone of the Pilgrims' Memorial Monument, Provincetown, Mass., on April 20, 1907, and delivered an address. These are only a few of those he attended.

Roosevelt was present at memorial services by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on April 19, 1906, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. Visiting the Grand Lodge of New York May 11, 1917, he made an address. He visited lodges in many parts of the world, including Africa, Europe and South America. He was a proud and active Freemason.

The United States has honored Roosevelt with Scott's #557 (1922), #830 (1938), #856 (1939) and #1039 (1954). Sagamore Hill is pictured on #1023 (1953). Cuba pictures him on #610 (1958), Canal Zone on #138 (1946) and #150 (1958) and Panama pictures him on #C61 (1939) and #403 (1955).

— Marshall S. Loke.

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DID YOU KNOW—

The oldest existing written record of our Craft is a manuscript written by some unknown Brother in England about 1390, nearly six centuries ago, but the document itself, known to be copied from one much earlier, shows that even then Freemasonry was very old.

At the time this document was written nearly all Freemason were Operatives. Evidence indicates that "Freemasons" were those builders of superior skill who designed, supervised and erected the great cathedrals and other marvelous structures.

— Borrowed.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS—

One of the most difficult questions confronting the average collector just starting a Masonic stamp collections is "Where do I start?"

A lot of good data has been compiled in a handbook published by the American Topical association and available today. This was compiled by Mr. Clarence Beltman, who secured much of his information from Masonic libraries in Wisconsin and South Dakota. One of the best sources at the present time is copies of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON. This material is very authentic and has required many hours of research. Stamps that are listed can be found in Scott's catalogs.

If you are interested in sports you will find Masonry well represented in any of them — basket ball, football and other games. Music, art, theatre, radio and television — wherever you turn you can always find a Masonic connection.

Freemasonry is growing — America is growing and becoming greater every day and we are an essential part of that creative process. This also applies to other parts of the world. Words cannot begin to describe what Masonry means to us, and we can find no better way to honor our favorite heroes than with a STAMP COLLECTION.

Leonard W. Kemp
Unit President

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NEW MEMBERS—

Following are new members received since our last issue:

- 302 Maurice H. Beasley, 216 W. Dyke Rd., Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 4JS, ENGLAND.
- 303 Wolfgang Laube, AM Dengelberg, #7411 Trochtelfingen, WEST GERMANY.
- 304 Wm. A. Mumpower, RFD #5 (3 Oaks Drive), Calhoun, Ga. 30701
- 305 Grahame H. Cumming, 11 Bishop Ave., W. Pleasant Hills, New South Wales, #2120
- 306 Robert W. Orr, 1840 Winona Blvd., Apt. #102, Los Angeles, Cal. 90027 AUSTRALIA
- 307 Glenn Gomez, 7650 Granada Blvd., Miramar, Fla. 33023
- 308 Calvin E. Bennett, 5516 W. Williamette Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97203
- 309 James S. Rockwell, P. O. Box 44105, Phoenix, Ariz. 85064
- 310 Robt. J. Wojcikowshi, SSN 309-58-0342 MMC (SS), USS Silversides, New York 09587
- 311 Donald L. Huggins, 8001 No. Lydia, Kansas City, Mo. 64118
- 312 Richard A. Bruder, 1213 Lillian Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40208
- 313 C. Donald Allen, 7465 Plum Blossom Drive, Cupertino, Calif. 95014
- 314 Joseph E. Jackovich, 1st AG Co., Fort Riley, Kans. 66442
- 315 Douglas M. Messimer, 10906 Newlands Ave., Richmond, Va. 23233
- 316 Ms. Yvonne Perry, 99 Lupine, #202, San Francisco, Calif. 94118

CLOSED ALBUMS—

- 139 John N. Hoffman, 2501 "Q" St. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20007

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PLEASE DO NOT overlook the ballot inside the wrapper on the issue of the PHILATELIC FREEMASON. Complete it and mail to Sec. Neeham TODAY!

FOR SALE OR TRADE — WANTED—



This First Day Cover of the Jules Valles stamp (See Page 311) is available from Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France, at \$1.00 each plus SASE. Bro. Prouteau can also furnish this cover commemorating the Battle of Chateau Thierry during World War I, and especially Honoring our own General John J. Pershing. These are priced at \$1.50 each, plus SASE. Payment may be made in dollar bills at the sender's risk. Covers are standard size, but are shown here in reduced size to conserve space.

Arthur Judson, Postfach 250, 7000 Stuttgart 70 FRG, West Germany, would like to buy or trade for mint or used stamps and cacheted covers pertaining to Franklin D. Roosevelt. He would also like to buy your duplicate Latin American stamps, mint or used, and cacheted Masonic covers of Latin America.

Genarino J. Petracco, 6504 Willow Ridge Rd., N.W., Huntsville, Ala. 35806, is interested in Masonic cork cancels in use a century or more ago. If you know of anyone having these for sale, please contact him.



Your editor has a few of the Dirksen, Franklin D. Roosevelt and George Washington First Day Covers with the Unit's Masonic cachet. These are priced at \$1.00 each plus SASE. Address on front page.

RICHARD M. NEEDHAM — A BIO-SKETCH—

Born Chicago, Ill., 1917. Served in U.S. Army five years in World War II with Hq. Co., 166th Inf., 37th Inf. Div.; 37th Sig. Co., 37th Inf. Div.; 30th Sig. Co., 30th Inf. Div.; Class #22, O.C.S., Ft. Benning, Ga.; 98th Sig. Bn., Pacific theatre, and 43d Sig. Co., 43d Inf. Div. Attained rank of Sergeant. Member 37th Div. Vet. Assn. and 37th Sig Co. Vet's Assn.

Sec. Treas. Masonic Study Unit since its organization. Life member of American Topical Assn., Society of Philatelic Americans, Arizona Philatelic Rangers and George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. Charter member American First Day Cover Society. Collect United States stamps, singles, plate blox and First Day Covers on Artcraft cachets. Specialize in U.S. First Day Covers with Masonic cachets, producing these under the name of MAHDEEN MASONIC CACHETS since 1950.

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Raised in Pataskala Lodge #404, F. & A.M., 1946; dimitted to Lancaster Lodge #57 1977, and have been Tyler since 1979. Eminent Commander Lancaster Commandery #2, K.T., 1961-62; Excellent High Priest Lancaster Chapter #11, R.A.M., 1969-70; Past Captain of the Guard (1961) of Lancaster Council #88, R. & S.M., member 50th anniversary Class, Scioto Consistory, Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, Ohio, 1950, life member of same. Member Aladdin Temple Shrine, Coulmbus, Ohio since 1975 and member of Tarhe Shrine Club, Lancaster, for same period and member of membership committee.

Retired from Ohio State Government but still serving as Special Deputy Sheriff of Fairfield county; president of Fairfield County Special Deouty Sheriffs' Association. Married, no children.

Part-time occupational hobby: Printer and proprietor of MAHDEEN PRESS, producer of Masonic cachets since 1950.

(EDITOR'S NOTE — In order that we may become better acquainted, let us have a biographical sketch of yourself. We will publish these from time-to-time as space permits.)

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SWAMI VIVEKANANDA (1863-1902)—

India issued a 15 paise stamp in 1963, Scott's No. 370, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great Hindu philosopher, Swami Vivekananda.

"Swami Vivekananda" is the religious name of Marendranath Datta, who was born in Calcutta, India, in 1863. Datta became a disciple of Ramakrishna, 1836-1880, whom he succeeded as an interpreter of Vendanta, one of the six orthodox philosophies of Hinduism.



In 1893 he attended a religious congress in Chicago where he made a great impression by his oratorical ability. He became well known in the United States and Europe through his lectures, teachings and writings and gained many followers. (The Vendanta Society of America, for example, with international headquarters near Calcutta, claimed some 1500 members in the late 1960s.) The Vendantas believe in one indivisible nonsectarian and omnipresent Being pervading all existence.

Vivekananda died in Calcutta in 1902. He was a member of the Masonic "Anchor and Hope" Lodge No. 1 in Calcutta, where he was initiated February 9, passed April 15, and raised May 25, all in 1884.

— Marshall S. Loke.

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SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE we have received a number of letters congratulating the Editor on our award won at TOPEX '80. The PHILATELIC FREEMASON is what our members make it, and YOU deserve the credit. Nevertheless, we DO appreciate the kind words you have given us. Let's make the PHILATELIC FREEMASON Still better!

— Editor.

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS SUGGESTED—

By-laws of the Masonic study Unit may be changed by a vote of 2/3 of the members voting. Our By-laws have become slightly outdated, and the following changes have been suggested:

MASONIC STUDY UNIT OF THE A. T. A. BY-LAWS

I. NAME: The name of this organization shall be the MASONIC STUDY UNIT of the American Topical Association.

II. PURPOSE: The purpose of the Unit shall be: 1. the collecting and study of philatelic material portraying various aspects of Masonic personages, artifacts, and incidents: 2. the dissemination of this knowledge to the Unit members and to other interested persons.

III. MEMBERSHIP: Any person who is interested in the topic of Masonic Philately shall be eligible for membership in this Unit. Membership in the A.T.A. or even in Masonry is NOT a prerequisite for membership in this Unit. Rate of dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Application for membership shall be submitted in writing, (usually on the 8¹/₂ x 11 form provided) to the Unit Secretary and accompanied by dues for at least one year. Annual dues shall be \$5.00 per annum (for those living on the North American continent — Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico). Overseas members' dues shall be \$10.00 per annum for airmail delivery of their newsletters. Fiscal year begins MAY 1 (runs to April 30) of each year.

IV. OFFICERS: The Unit officers shall be President, Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer. The term of these officers shall be for two fiscal years. Election by mail ballot with a majority of the votes cast being necessary for election.

A: PRESIDENT: The president shall have general charge of the business and affairs of the Unit, shall preside at all meetings and shall appoint all committees authorized by the Board of Directors.

B: VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-president shall serve as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in his absence or inability to serve. He shall perform such additional duties as delegated to him by the president.

C: SECRETARY-TREASURER: The secretary-treasurer shall conduct correspondence relative to the welfare of the Unit and shall keep records of the membership and the Unit's activities and shall receive all monies in the name of the Unit and shall pay out monies authorized by proper voucher.

V. DIRECTORS: Two Directors acting with the officers shall constitute the Board of Directors. Their term of office shall be for two years as for the officers.

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- VI. PUBLICATION:** The name of the official publication of the Masonic Study Unit shall be THE PHILATELIC FREEMASON. The editor of this bulletin shall be appointed by the President (or by the Board of Directors), whichever is feasible.
- VII. AMENDMENTS:** These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the members voting, providing that notice of the proposed change has been sent in writing to each member at least one month in advance.
- VIII. DIRECTORS:** The Director has the responsibility to assume the duties given him by the President or the Vice-president. He will vote with other officers for appointed offices. He will oversee the Historian and the Librarian.
- IX. EDITOR** The Editor is appointed by the President (or the Board of Directors) and shall be designated on a bi-yearly basis.
- X. REPRESENTATIVES:** Representatives will act as the Unit's personal touch in their immediate area. They can give the Unit better exposure in local publications and can contact the secretaries of local Lodges and stamp clubs.
- XI. HISTORIAN:** The Historian is appointed by the President (or a Director) on a 2-year basis. He is responsible for the History of the Unit and its functions, per se, a scrap book.
- XII. RESEARCH:** Research Chairman is appointed by the President (or a Director) on a 2-year basis and functions to answer questions that are asked of the Unit pertaining to Masonic Philately. He will also keep, maintain, and make available for other members the Unit's research library (if one is ever compiled).

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On the cover sheet of this issue you will find a ballot. Please mark it "For" or "Against" the adoption of this changed By-Laws, and return to Secy. Needham AT ONCE. If adopted, these changes will be effective May 1, 1983.

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SOME NEW ISSUES WITH MASONIC CONNECTIONS—

Benin	10/9/81	#513	Henrik von Stephan
Germany	2/18/82	1369	von Goethe
Germ. Dem. Rep.	3/9/82	2245a	von Goethe
	3/9/82	2245b	Schiller
Great Britain	6/16/82	994	Lord Nelson
Indonesia	1/7/81	1111	Henrik von Stephan
Liberia	4/7/82	923	William H. Taft
	4/7/82	926	Warren G. Harding
	4/7/82	930	William McKinley
	4/7/82	931	Theodore Roosevelt
Mali	2/8/82	C446	George Washington
Samoa	2/26/82	529	George Washington
Zaire	12/21/81	1036	Henrik von Stephen

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THE HIGHEST can not be spoken; it must be acted.

von Goethe.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—

Q. 21. Was Italy's Niccolo Paganini (1782-1840), famous Musician, a Mason?

Q. 22. Were any of the following presidents of Costa Rica Masons?:

- a. Rafael Angel Calderon Guardia (1940).
- b. Teodoro Picado Milchalski (1944).
- c. Jose Figures Ferrer (1948).
- d. Otillo Ulata Blanco (1949).
- e. Mario Echandi Jiminez (1958).

Q. 23. Can someone give us Masonic information on the following persons on stamps of Honduras?:

- a. Terenzio Scerra, Scott's #151.
- b. Dionisio de Herrera, #211.
- c. Vincenti Mejia Calindres, #257.

Q. 24. Was Great Britain's Sir Malcolm Sargent a Mason?

ANSWERS to previous questions:

Q. 11. The Battle of Newmarket Heights (or Fort Harrison) resulted in severe losses to both the Union and Confederate forces. Many officers on either side were Masons, but none have appeared on stamps.

Q. 13. There was never a Grand Lodge in Latvia or any of the Baltic countries, but at one time a lodge was active in Latvia. No one appearing on a Latvian stamp is listed as a Freemason in any standard reference work on Masonry. (Can anyone answer Q. 12 and Q. 14?).

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THE EDITOR SPEAKS—

Several times the editor has asked our members to send us stories for our PHILATELIC FREEMASON, and still urges you to do so, as the newsletter is what YOU make it.

But there is a limit to what we can use. Article II of the Unit's By Laws says. "PURPOSE: The purpose of the Unit shall be: 1. the collecting and study of philatelic material portraying various aspects of Masonic personages, artifacts and incidents.—"

A member recently sent us three pages of information on persons who have never appeared on anything philatelic, and probably never will. Yet when this was not used a letter was sent to one of our officers bitterly criticising the editor and the unit as a whole.

Please, gentlemen, give us stories of the proper type, and if they do not find their way into the first issue, don't be surprised. We can only use so much copy, but please don't depend on two or three to furnish all.

Your editor greatly appreciates the copy sent, and would like to see more of our members furnish copy.

ONE MAN'S ALBUM — AGAIN!! —

In our last issue we showed you a page from the album of Bro. Genarino J. Petracco of Huntsville, Ala., together with a story of his showing of 35 pages having been awarded a silver medal at HUNTSPEX '82 in his home town.



HUNGARIAN MASON



FRANZ LISZT

Franz Liszt was a famous Hungarian piano virtuoso and composer. He was initiated September 18, 1841 in Lodge Zur Einigkeit (union Lodge) at Frankfurt-on-the-Main which was founded in 1742. This Lodge was one of the first German Lodges which stood for a long time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Liszt received his second and third degrees in Lodge Zur Eintracht in Berlin, Germany in February 1842.



Masonic Philately

Undaunted, "Pete" entered his exhibit in GADSPLEX '82 at Gadsden Ala., July 9-10, where he won a coveted GOLD. Congratulations

A letter from Bro. Petracco states that he will increase his exhibit to 42 pages and enter in COLPEX '82 at Jacksonville, Ala., October 2-3.

Still not satisfied, he will increase his exhibit to 45 pages and exhibit at MEMPHLEX '82 at Memphis October 23-24.

At the shows he has shown in to date, Bro. Petracco states that his has been the only Masonic exhibit.

We commend him for his persistence, as well as for changing the exhibit from time to time. Having seen many of his pages, your editor feels that he has done an excellent job on his collection. We also feel that he is doing a great thing to promote Masonic philately in his area, for we know there are Maons who should be collecting this topic, as there is bound to be MANY who just have'nt found the joy of topical collecting.

More power to you, Pete, and

I assure you that your brother-collectors are behind you!

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APPEASEMENT may be good or bad according to circumstances. Appeasement from strength is magnanimous and noble, and might be the surest and perhaps the only path toward peace.

— Winston Churchill.