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## JOSEPH FRIEDRICH PERKONIG



Josef Friedrich Perkonig was born on August 3, 1890, in Ferlach, Carinthia, Austria. He was an important writer of novels, novelettes, essays and folktales in which the hard mountain life of Carinthia played a significant role. His literary efforts cover nearly 50 books, a highlight of which was his 'prisoner-of-war' novel, "Mensch wie du und ich", published in 1932. This book earned him the Great Austrian National Prize in 1935 but in 1942 was prohibited by the Nazis and the balance of the edition was destroyed. Republished in 1954, the book sold well in the German-speaking territories. Another of his titles was "Heimat in Not" in which he described the struggle for freedom of Carinthia from Yugoslavia. At the age of 60 he was made an honorary citizen of Ferlach. He died on February 2, 1959, in Klagenfurt.

Bro. Perkonig was one of the first initiates of the Lodge Paracelsus, Klagenfurt, in 1931, it having been founded that year. Freemasonry flourished in Austria in the 1920's and new Lodges were established throughout the country. Paracelsus Lodge existed until 1934 when it was opposed by the profane world. A Lodge of the same name presently exists in Villach having been consecrated in 1933; the Lodges of Villach meet in the same building as those of Klagenfurt. Bro. Perkonig demitted to the Lodge 'Zu den drei Saulen' in Klagenfurt in 1947 and became Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1955.

-article extracted from "De Verlichte Loep",  
newsletter of "De Getande Rand", Netherlands

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

107. Francis Delon; L'Oree Du Parc; 37, Rue Clavel; 75019 Paris France

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

None (can you believe it?)

## MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Member No. 243 of Barcelona, Spain, has written an article on Masonic Philately for "Cronica Filatelica". This appears to be a major, monthly philatelic magazine in Spain consisting of some 80+ pages. Unfortunately I am not conversant in Spanish but I am told that the three page, profusely illustrated article is well written. A copy of the magazine was sent to our Vice-President, Bro. Patrick Palmer. Bro. Pie is to be congratulated for this effort which does a great deal to promote our hobby as well as Freemasonry.

Speaking of Bro. Palmer (who, incidently joined your Editor in the ranks of the unemployed when Eastern Airlines went out of business), he has been working with Bro. Robert Allardice, Member No. 178 of Lachine, Quebec, Canada, over the past year or so to develop a computer generated checklist of Masonic related stamps. We can all appreciate the enormity of this task but they have succeeded in attaining a comprehensive list of all such stamps on computer disc and are arranging them by country. Progress on the task has been slowed by Bro. Palmer's return to college but will be resumed shortly. Both of these participants should be commended for this effort; Bro. Allardice had suffered a stroke about a year and a half ago and recently underwent coronary by-pass surgery. When the effort is complete it is to be made available to the Unit for sale as a fund-raising activity. Many, many thanks Bros. Bob and Pat, you have truly led the way in sharing light.

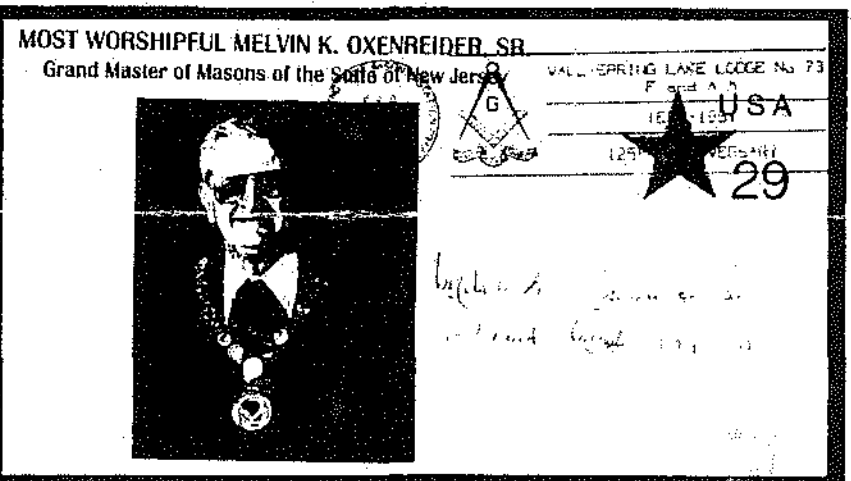
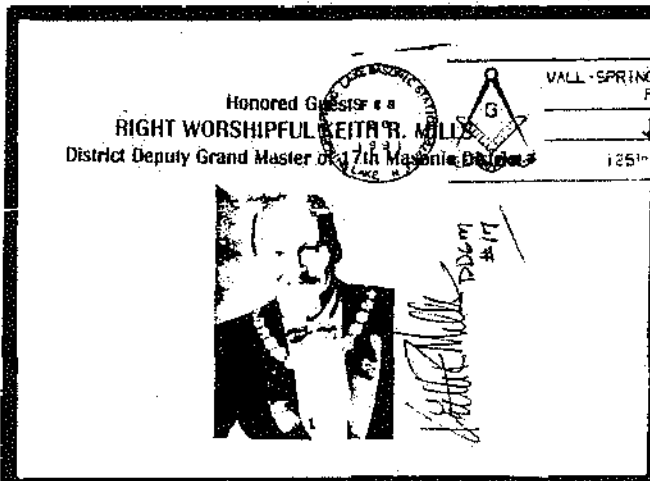
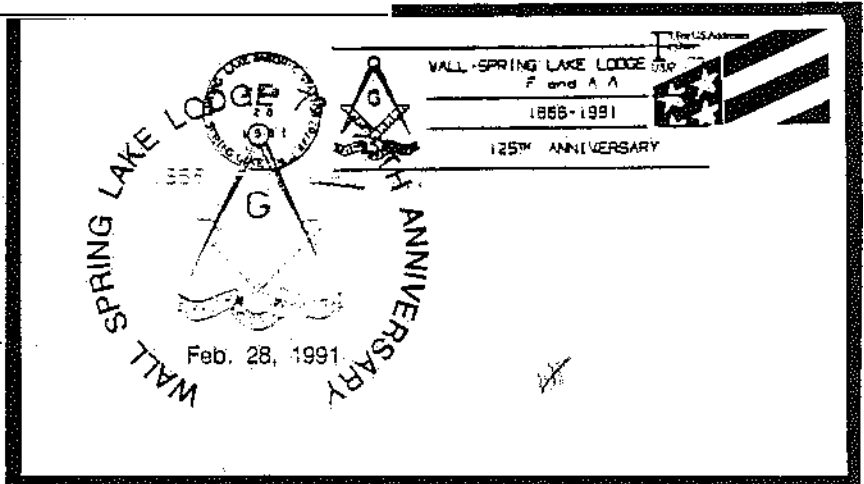
TOPEX '91 was held in Denver, CO, at the end of June. I wonder if there were any Masonic displays. The awards committee was again authorized to award the "Marshall S. Loke Memorial Trophy for Masonic Philatelic Research and Presentation". This award was established in 1985 but has yet to be awarded - there have not been any Masonic displays in a TOPEX since that time. It would be an excellent opportunity to provide visibility as well as earn a trophy.

The Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum located at Regis College, Weston, MA, recently held 'An Evening of Philatelic Camaraderie' in the form of a reception and viewing of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Philatelic Exhibit. The event was held on April 27 at the JFK Memorial Library in Boston and a program was generated for the event. Our Unit took an ad in this program to promote itself and hopefully to attract new members. The ad is shown in reduced size to the right; it was 1/4 page and measured 2" X 5".

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| Continued Success to                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| CARDINAL SPELLMAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| MASONIC STUDY UNIT OF THE                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
| AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            |
| A Correspondence Unit consisting of world-wide philatelists interested in learning more about Freemasonry through their hobby. Membership in the Fraternity is not a pre-requisite for joining this Unit. |                                            |
| BI-MONTHLY JOURNAL THE PHILATELIC FREEMASON                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
| FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| EDITOR:                                                                                                                                                                                                   | SECRETREASURER:                            |
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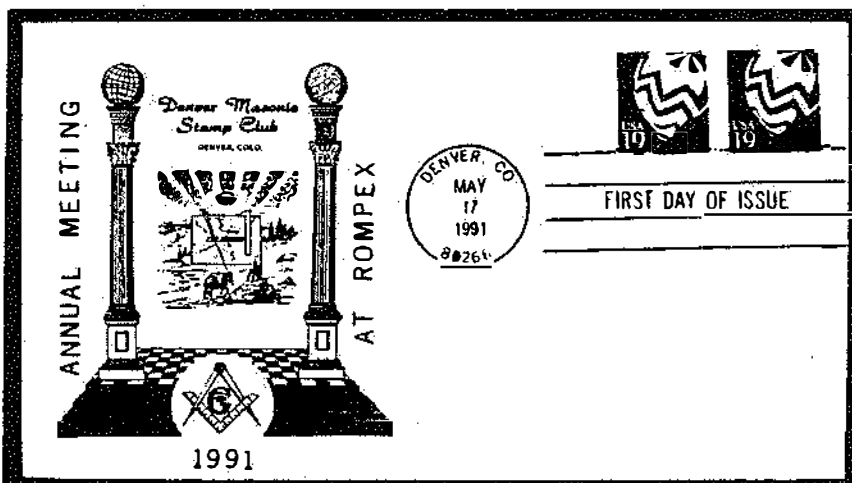
## WALL-SPRING LAKE LODGE COVERS

W. M. Michael R. Mekenian, Past Master of Wall-Spring Lake Lodge No. 73 of Spring Lake, NJ, prepared a series of cacheted covers for his Lodge's 125th Anniversary. The basic design is shown here and exists with two different frankings - the "F" Flag stamp (shown) and the "F" Flower stamp. These are available at a cost of \$3.00 each. There are also some "special" covers featuring the Grand Master and the D.D.G.M. and their signatures which are in short supply and sell for \$5.00 each (representative samples shown below). Bro. Mekenian can be reached at 711 Fifth Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762. A SASE is requested with each order and checks/money orders should be made out to Wall-Spring Lake Lodge No. 73.



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## ROMPEX '91 COVER

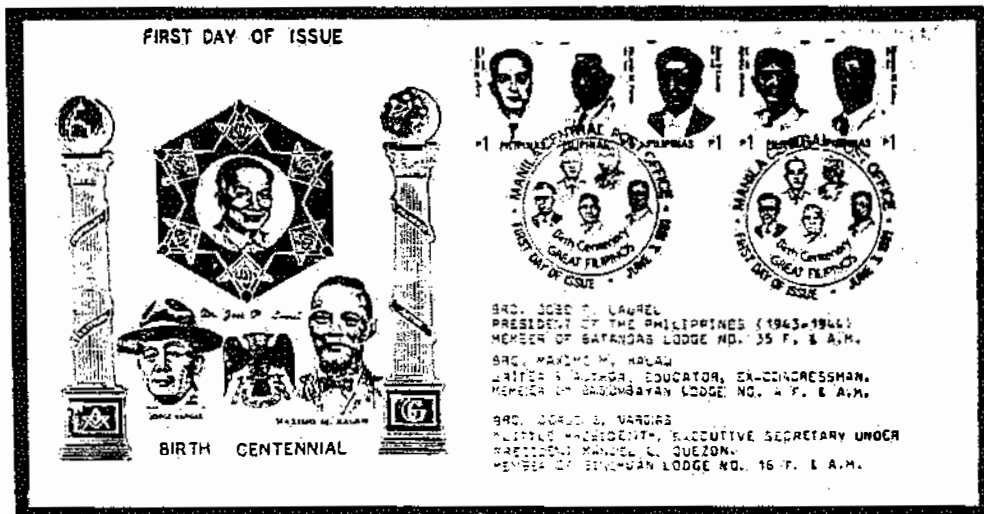


The cover issued by the Denver Masonic Stamp Club for ROMPEX 91 is shown here. These covers are available at a cost of \$1.25 each plus a SASE from:

Bro. J. N. Adams  
2685 So. Sherman St.  
Denver, CO 80210.

## PHILIPPINE FREEMASONS

The Philippine Postal Service issued five se-tenant definitive stamps on June 3, 1991, to mark the birth centenary of great Filipinos; this release is part of the celebration of the "Decade of Filipino Nationalism, 1989-1998".



Three of the five persons depicted on this se-tenant strip were Masons - Bro. Jose P. Laurel, Bro. Maximo M. Kalaw and Bro. Jorge B. Vargas.

Dr. Jose P. Laurel, President of the Philippines (1943-1944) and founder of the Lyceum of the Philippines. On October 14, 1943, he assumed the Presidency of the Republic of the Philippines under the Japanese occupation. At its darkest hour, Bro. Laurel led the nation as the result of instructions from Pres. Manuel L. Quezon.

Born in Tanauan, Batangas, on March 9, 1891, Dr. Jose P. Paciano Laurel y Garcia was the son of Judge Sotero Laurel, a distinguished lawyer and Secretary of the Interior in Gen. Aguinaldo's cabinet, and Jacoba Garcia, a very religious woman and excellent housekeeper. He grew up in the midst of great nationalist struggles - first the revolution against Spain and then the War of Independence against the United States. He was an honor law student at the University of the Philippines and was awarded expensive law books for submitting the best thesis. He placed second in the bar examinations of 1915 and won a scholarship as "government pensionado" to study in the U.S. At Yale, his dissertation on Constitutional Law was adjudged the best. He was among the first Filipinos to win academic honors abroad during his lifetime and was admitted to the prestigious District of Columbia Bar. He was accorded the honor of practicing his law profession before the United States Supreme Court. No other Filipino leader has had the honor of serving with distinction in all branches of the government - judicial, legislative and executive as Bro. Laurel did. He will always be remembered for his labors as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Senator and President of the Second Republic. He was chairman of the Board of the Philippine Banking Corporation from 1956 until his death on November 6, 1959.

Bro. Laurel was raised on September 23, 1943, in Batangas Lodge No. 35, F. & A.M. (previously No. 383 under the Gran Oriente Espanol) under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and served as Junior Warden.

Dr. Maximo M. Kalaw Born in Lipa City, Batangas, on May 10, 1891, he

finished his secondary education in his hometown. He went to Manila to enroll in the Normal School where he studied in 1908-09. Later he studied at the University of the Philippines, College of Liberal Arts, from 1909 to 1910. His political career started suspiciously in 1911 when he served as private secretary to Pres. Manuel L. Quezon. As the years progressed, he served as technical advisor for an important independence mission to the U.S. During the bright and triumphant years up to 1933, Dr. Kalaw was a recognized authority on public affairs, Philippine government and politics. A former Assemblyman, Secretary of Public Instruction and Information, he was Chairman and Manager of the Philippine Coconut Corporation (now PHILCOA). He passed away on March 23, 1954.

Bro. Kalaw was a member of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 F. & A. M. under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He was a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

Jorge B. Vargas Born in Bago City, Negros Occidental, on August 24, 1890, his long and historic association with Pres. Manuel L. Quezon began in 1918 when he became Executive Secretary of the first Philippine Independence Mission to the U.S. (1918-1919) of which Quezon was the Chairman. He served as Secretary to Senate President Quezon until he joined the executive branch in April 1920, first as Secretary to the Director then as acting Director of the post, member and secretary to the second Philippine Independence Mission (1922), acting Director of the Militia Commission and, from 1928-35, as Undersecretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As Executive Secretary (with Cabinet rank) during the six years of the Commonwealth Government, Bro. Vargas organized and presided over 18 divisions of the Office of the President. He was known as "The Little President" for his executive genius. He died on february 22, 1980.

Bro. Vargas was a member of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16 F. & A. M. under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

-article and cover provided by Bro. Vincente Antonio Cu  
copies of the cover are available from him at a cost of  
\$2.00 (U.S.). His address is P.O. Box 1443; 1099 Manila,  
Philippines.

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### PHILIPPINE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION COVER

Bro. Cu, at the address cited above, also has another cover available. Shown to the right, it commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. These are available at a cost of \$1.00 each, airmailed upon receipt of order with remittance.



## HEINRICH SCHLIEMANN

Two German stamps have been issued which picture Heinrich Schliemann - East Germany on October 2, 1990, and West Germany/Berlin on October 11, 1990



Heinrich Schliemann was born in Neubukow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, on January 6, 1822. A German archeologist, he was the first to undertake archeological research in countries around the Mediterranean. He became wealthy through his trade occupation and could therefore fully concentrate on his archeological studies in 1836. He wanted to identify and look for the places mentioned in Homer's poems and went south for that reason. He settled in Athens in 1868.

From 1870 to 1882 he researched a hill of Hissarlik (Asia Minor) and discovered the ancient city of Troy. He donated his finds to the Museum for Pre- and Early History in Berlin; unfortunately they were destroyed in 1945 during the occupation of Berlin. In 1876-1877 he explored Mycene where he discovered the famous palace with its shaft graves and beehive tombs. He died in Naples on December 26, 1890.

Bro. Schliemann was initiated in a Lodge in Paris. In 1890 he took part in a St. John's Lodge in Athens. Bro. Galani gave him a special toast to which he replied under general acclaim.

- article extracted from "De Verlichte Loep"

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## BALBO STAMP

Back in the May-June 1986 issue of The Masonic Philatelist there was an article on Italo Balbo submitted by Bro. Andre Demets. The illustration for that article was an Italian Air Mail Cover. The "De Getande Rand" newsletter has identified a stamp which pictures this Italian Freemason - it is a 1966 issue of Paraguay (not listed in Scott). It is shown here for reference purposes.



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## DESERT SHIELD GENERALS

The U.S. will issue a stamp for Desert Shield Operations on July 2. Lt. Gen. Walter Boomer, USMC, Commanding Gen. 1st Marine Expeditionary Force is a Mason - a member of Temple Noyes Cathedral Lodge No. 32, Washington, D.C.. Maj. Gen. William Keyes, USMC, C.G. 2nd Marine Division and Maj. Gen. John Hopkins, USMC, C.G. 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Rear) are also Freemasons - Lodge not yet known. Gen. Powell and Gen. Schwartzkopf are not known to be Masons.





## AUSTRALIAN MASONIC COVER

Bro. Sid Martin of the Australian Masonic Philatelic Study Group has provided us with the latest Masonic cover from his homeland. It was prepared for the 200th Anniversary of the Knights Templar in the United Kingdom. It is available from him at a cost of \$US3.00 each including airmail return.

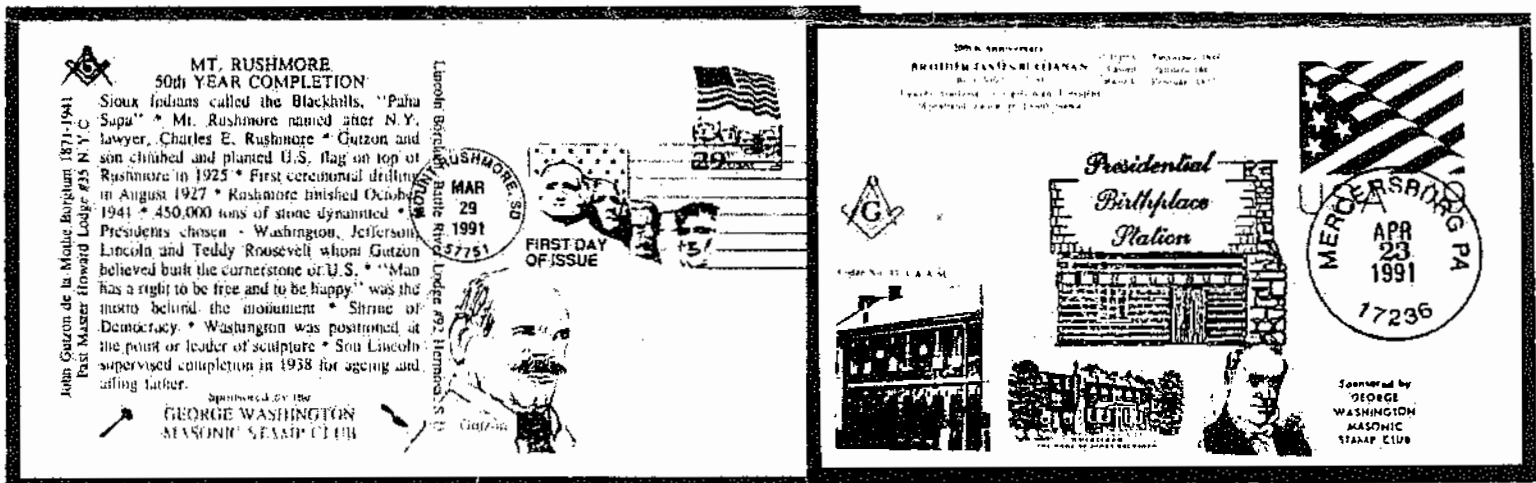
His address is:  
4 Barrow Crescent  
Lockleys  
South Australia 5032



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## GWMSC COVERS

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has sent along copies of the two most recent Masonic releases from this active group. Shown below, they can be ordered from Bro. Stan Longenecker, P.O. Box 7244, Lancaster, PA 17604. I believe the cost is \$1.00 or \$1.25 each + SASE.



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## "COST OF COVERS, PLEASE"

A request has been received from one of our members that the price for each of the covers illustrated for sale be defined. This would serve to eliminate at least the cost of one stamp - the one on the letter asking the cost. With today's postage costs, those on a fixed/limited budget must cut expenses where ever they can.

I will be glad to comply where ever I can. In some selected instances, a cover is sent to me for mentioning with no price indicated. If such is the case, I will so state; otherwise, I will indicate the cost as identified to me. Thanks for the suggestion.

## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues bearing interest to the Philatelic Freemason have been identified in the philatelic media.

- 1989 - July 14 - Vietnam - 200th Anniversary of the French Revolution - 7 stamps + S/S - one 50d stamp shows J.L.David's "Oath of the Tennis Court"; one 100d stamp shows "The Death of Marat" by J.L.David.
- 1989 - Dec. 23 - Sao Tome and Principe - Christmas/Religious Paintings - 4 stamps - one is by A. Durer.
- 1990 - Dec. 17 - Philippines - 100th Anniversary of the Publishing of Rizal's "Philippines After 100 Years" - 1 value - shows Manila of 1890 and 1990, Rizal.
- 1991 - Feb. 2 - Czechoslovakia - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart and Reopening of the Estates Theater in Prague - 1 value - portrait of the composer and the theater.
- Mar. 11 - Maldives - Historical Events and Anniversaries - 8 values + 2 S/S - 12rf value shows Winston Churchill (25th Death Anniversary).
- Mar. 20 - Yugoslavia - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - 1 value - portrait as a young boy by P. A. Lorenzoni.
- April - Guinea - WW II Anniversaries - 6 values + 2 S/S - 300fr - Gen. George S. Patton et al  
450fr - Gen Douglas MacArthur et al  
1500fr S/S with gold foil stamp - Winston Churchill et al
- Apr. 29 - France - 200th Death Anniversary of Mozart - 1 value - shows globe with silhouette of the composer and various winged creatures surrounding the globe.
- May 23 - Vatican City - 100th Anniversary of the Rerum Novarum - 3 values - all show Pope Leo XIII who wrote encyclicals against Freemasonry.
- June 4 - San Marino - Basketball's 100th Anniversary - 2 values - 100 lire shows James Naismith and two basketball players.
- Nov. 1 - United States - Great Americans issue - 75 cent value to picture Earl Warren.



Several issues have been released within the British Empire (and former British Colonies) in conjunction with the royal birthdays which picture Prince Phillip. 1991 marks the 65th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II and the 70th birthday of the Prince. These include:

June 10 - Tristan Da Cunha - 70th Birthday - 4 values, different pictures of the Prince.

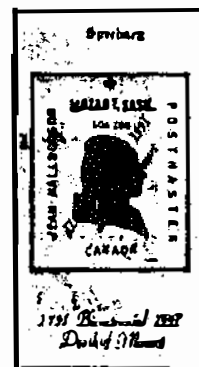
June 17 - Ascension Is. - 2 stamps - one 25p shows the Prince  
 - Bahamas - 2 values - 15 cent shows the Prince  
 - Belize - 2 stamps - one \$1 shows the Prince  
 - Bermuda - 2 values - 55 cent shows the Prince  
 - Kiribati - 2 values - 70 cent shows the Prince  
 - Mauritius - 2 stamps - one 8r shows the Prince  
 - Pitcairn Is. - 2 values - 20 cent shows the Prince  
 - St. Helena - 2 stamps - one 25p shows the Prince  
 - St. Kitts - 2 values - \$1.20 shows the Prince  
 - Seychelles - 2 stamps - one 4r shows the Prince  
 - Solomon Is. - 2 values - 90 cent shows the Prince  
 - So. Georgia & So. Sandwich Is. - 2 stamps - one 31p shows the Prince  
 - Vanuatu - 2 values - 75 cent shows the Prince  
 - Zil Elwannyen Sesel - 2 stamps - one 4r shows the Prince

July - The Gambia - 5 Values + S/S - 12 dal & S/S show Prince  
 - Maldives - 4 Values + S/S - 8rf & S/S show Prince  
 - Sierra Leone - 4 Values + S/S - 250 l & S/S show Prince  
 - Uganda - 4 Values + S/S - 70/- & S/S show Prince

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### MOZART HANDSTAMP

Those desiring postally related items for Mozart's 200th Death Anniversary might be interested in a handstamp and cachet which are being used from June 1 to December 31 in Mozart, Saskatchewan, Canada. The cachet and two line handstamp are shown here. The design measures 2 1/2 by 1 3/4 inches; collectors should leave adequate space for the handstamp on addressed covers or cards. Orders should be directed to Jean Halldorson, Postmaster, Mozart, Saskatchewan, S0A 2S0 Canada. All requests must include an International Reply Coupon or proper Canadian Postage.



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Ross

Wetreich

Cover



WILLIAM FLEMING (1734-1824) American patriot, physician, farmer, and jurist. A graduate of William and Mary College in 1763. He was a member of the House of Burgesses and the Virginia conventions in 1775-76 and was a member of the committee on independence in May, 1776. He became a judge of the general court and presiding judge of the Court of Appeals. He served as a delegate from Virginia to the Continental Congress in 1779-81. His lodge is not known, but he attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Oct. 1791.

## FREDERICK MASONIC LODGES

Bro. Stan Longenecker has sent along a picture post card of a Masonic Temple in Frederick, MD, and two Lodge Communication notices which all relate together in an interesting tale. The GWMSC meets every May in this Temple which was built in 1902. This Temple houses two separate and distinct Lodges - Columbia Lodge No. 58 and Lynch Lodge No. 163. One of these Lodges consists of brethren north of Frederick, the other, brethren south of Frederick. It seems that originally they were part of one Lodge and the disagreements which broke out bordered on another Civil War. To resolve the issue another Lodge was formed and the membership was divided accordingly. Interesting!!

**Columbia  
Lodge  
No. 58  
A.F. & A.M.**



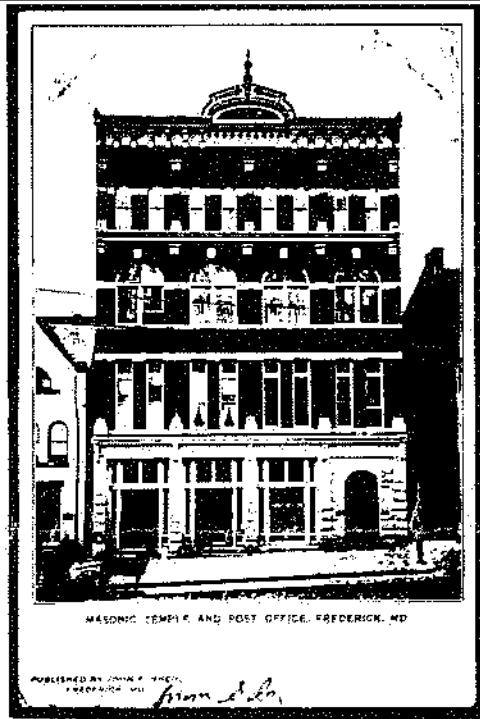
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REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS  
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS  
IN EACH MONTH

DAVID F. DAWSON  
Worshipful Master  
13814 John Clark Road  
Smithsburg, Maryland 21756  
Phone 293-1991

GEORGE W. SHUMARD  
Secretary  
10500 Clarksburg Road, Suite  
100, Adelphi, Maryland 20781  
Phone 563-4000

MASONIC TEMPLE  
FREDERICK, MARYLAND



**Lynch Lodge  
No. 163  
A.F. & A.M.**



REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS  
SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS  
IN EACH MONTH  
7:30 P.M.

CONRADO G. CELESTIAL  
Worshipful Master  
102 Clade Boulevard  
Walkersville, Maryland 21793  
845-2565

ALSTIN L. BAUMCARDNER, SR. P.M.  
Secretary  
19 Frederick Avenue  
Frederick, Md. 21701  
Phone 662-1662

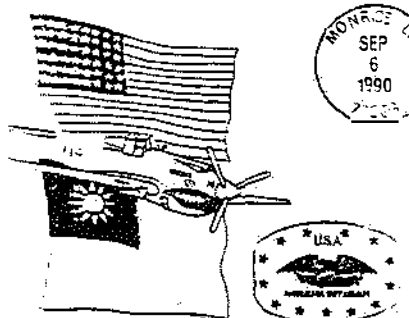
MASONIC TEMPLE  
24 W. Church Street  
Frederick, Md. 21701  
Phone 663-5721

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## ATA AMERICANA UNIT COVERS

Donald Brenke, Member No. 451, is the Cachet Chairman for the ATA Americana Unit. He has sent along two covers which his Unit has prepared for men who were Masons. Although not Masonic per se, he offers them for 1.50 for the Chennault cover and .50 for the Stanford card. His address is: P.O. Box 179, Washington, DC 20044.

**CLAIRE CHENNAULT**  
Commander of American air forces in  
the "Flying Tigers" - 1941-45



MONROE, LA  
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## AUSTRIAN PHILA-MASONICA CLUB

Dr. Herbert Schmid, a member of Mozart Lodge of Vienna, Austria, has written to inform the Unit of the existence of Philamasonica-Zirkel Quatuor Coronati Wien (a Philatelic Masonic Club). Founded in November 1989, they issued No. 0 of their Newsletter, "Phila-Masonica Club", in November 1990. The Unit has also issued eight (8) Masonic Cacheted covers as follows:

|    |               |                   |               |
|----|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Nov. 10, 1989 | A. H. Fried       | \$2.00 (U.S.) |
| 2. | Dec. 27, 1989 | G.L. of Hungary   | \$2.00        |
| 3. | Apr. 6, 1990  | Mozart - Emblems  | \$2.00        |
| 4. | Aug. 3, 1990  | Josef F. Perkonig | \$2.00        |
| 5. | Feb. 23, 1991 | Phoenix Lodge     | \$2.00        |
| 6. | Mar. 22, 1991 | Mozart - Statue   | \$2.00        |
| 7. | Mar. 22, 1991 | Mozart - Emblems  | \$2.00        |
| 8. | Mar. 22, 1991 | Mozart - Emblems  | \$3.00        |

The covers can be obtained from Dr. Schmid at the indicated prices plus \$US1.00 for return airmail postage (no checks please). If anyone wants to exchange stamps or covers or information on the Club, they should write to him at:

Hackenberggasse 29/33/3  
A-1190 Wien  
Austria

A representative cover is shown below.



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## GIUSEPPE MEONI

An Italian Masonic cover was illustrated in the November-December newsletter (page 879). with no narrative. The cachet pictured Giuseppe Meoni. Since that time, De Getande Rand has published an article on this brother in their newsletter - excerpts are included here for our members.

Giuseppe Meoni was born on November 8, 1879, in Prato. His Masonic career started in 1921 - he was passed on May 21 and raised on October 22 of that year. He later became Grand Master of the Grande Loggia de

Rite Symbolica d'Italia and "Pro" Grand Master of the Grand Oriente d'Italia (1919).

Bro. Meoni studied at the 'Collegio Nazionale di Cicogni' in Prato and went on to earn his doctorate in literature and philosophy at the University of Florence. He devoted himself to the furthering of education in Prato and Florence and also contributed to various progressive daily newspapers. He moved to Rome in 1909 and devoted himself totally to his journalistic activities. He was a critic with a great sense of drama, a fervent democrat, and a brilliant speaker. He succeeded in bringing the journalists together in the foundation of "Casa Mutua" and drew up the first collective wage agreement for journalists. As a representative to the National Federation of the Italian Press he led the effort against fascism and was an uncompromising opponent. Banished to his home-town, he was later arrested and then, upon his return to Rome was constantly watched and harassed. His spirit remained unbroken but his body weakened and wore out from this persecution until he died on June 29, 1934. Only his wife and children were allowed to follow his bier to his burial place.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

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|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Balance June 1, 1989 |               | \$4,462.76      |
| Receipts             |               |                 |
| Dues                 | 3,302.00      |                 |
| Interest             | <u>412.21</u> |                 |
| Total                |               | <u>3,714.21</u> |
| Net Available        |               | \$8,176.97      |
| Disbursements        |               |                 |
| Newsletter Printing  | 1,674.77      |                 |
| Postage              | 2,137.74      |                 |
| Envelopes            | 328.00        |                 |
| Spellman Museum Ad   | 60.00         |                 |
| Linn's               | 28.00         |                 |
| Misc.                | 16.49         |                 |
| Treasurer's Expenses | <u>90.00</u>  |                 |
| Total                |               | <u>4,335.00</u> |
| Balance May 31, 1991 |               | \$3,841.97      |

As indicated, this Treasurer's Report is for the past two years. (I neglected to publish one last year.) Bro. Otto has done a commendable job maintaining the finances of this organization.

The disturbing factor, however, is that these figures provide serious and solemn reflections for the rational and thinking mind. When one realizes that there are only about 300 members in the Unit and that the non-North American members number about 1/6 of the total and then applies the proper mathematics, he comes up with a North American dues requirement of \$6.25 and \$11.75 for our overseas members. The bottom line is obvious - we must bolster our ranks or dig a little deeper if the Unit is to continue. We are not in danger of extinction this year but a decision must be made at the beginning of 1992.

ACT NOW! - GET SOME NEW MEMBERS.