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THE EDITOR SPEAKS

This month's cover pictures the 14¢ stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service honoring Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who was a member of the craft.

My thanks to Brother Edmund Forsythe, who sent us an article about a set of Philippine stamps issued in 1964. These are not Masonic, but we are printing it because it was very interesting. Ed, who now lives in the Philippines, is a member of New Hope Lodge No. 730 in Schenectady, N.Y.

Ed Walsh sent us a list of stamps which pictured Masonic symbols. This is printed in keeping with our policy of encouraging our members to start and continue Masonic stamp collections. Our thanks is also extended to Ed for his submission of this list.

To complete the issue we have included another installment listing Masonic cancellations sent us by Dr. Duffield Swan.

Again we are requesting articles. Another reminder of our contest. The judges will be announced in our June issue and the winners will be announced in the September issue.

All items should be sent to Roy T. Ketcham, 1827 East 33rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11234.

FIORIELLO H. LaGUARDIA

Another stamp to be included in the Masonic stamp collection will be released by the U. S. Postal Service on April 24. It is a 14¢ stamp honoring the three-term mayor of New York City, Fiorello H. LaGuardia. He was a member of Garibaldi Lodge of the city of which he was chief executive. This stamp is in the Prominent American series.

LaGuardia served as mayor from 1934 to 1945. He led the New Yorkers through the depression and guided them during the brown-out of the Second World War. He was an able administrator who accomplished much while in office. New parks, slum clearance, parkways, and other improvements were made in New York City during his tenure.

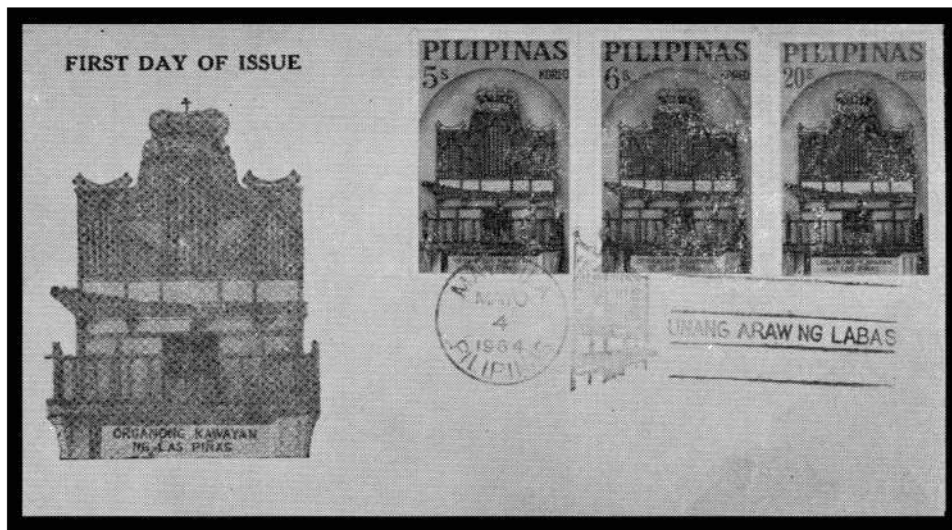
This colorful personality was best known and remembered because of his hat, reading of the comic strips over the radio, and the chasing of fire engines. His nickname was "The Little Flower" which was the translation of his Italian first name.

LaGuardia was elected to Congress in 1916, but left to join the U.S. Air Service during World War I. While in the service, he rose to the rank of ma-

yor. After the war he returned to Washington and served as a congressman until 1933.

He was born in New York City in 1882 and died in 1947.

New York City honored him by naming an airport after him, and now his country is rightfully honoring his memory in the form of a postage stamp.



THE BAMBOO ORGAN

By Edmund Forsythe

On May 4, 1964, the Philippine Republic issued a set of three stamps picturing the famous bamboo organ of Las Pinas. While there is no Masonic significance to this stamp, the history of the organ might be of interest to our brothers.

The organ, which is a tourist attraction in the town of Las Pinas, is not really the first and only one of its kind.

The first bamboo organ was conceived of and created by Friar Diego Cera of the Agustinian Recolets Friars in 1794. This was about the time that the British came to Manila. The organ was fashioned out of bamboo and nipa.

Due to the novelty of the new church musical instrument, the original bamboo organ was shipped to Spain as a gift to the queen. This was the last that was heard of the first organ. Scholars surmise that since there no longer is any mention of it in Spanish journals and historical accounts, the organ must have been destroyed on the way to Spain or the galleon bearing it must have been itself lost or destroyed.

The existing bamboo organ—the second one—was started by Fr. Cera in

1818 and completed in 1821.

Making up the fabled and fabulous organ are some 950 bamboo tubes. To preserve these against bamboo bugs, the reeds were covered with sand from the beach for six months before assembly into the huge organ.

Windpower was supplied by a windmill in the olden days. This was supplanted by an electric blower which was installed in 1932.

In 1862, the organ was badly damaged by an earthquake. It was repaired but 20 years later in 1882, strong winds blew off the roof of the building and the rains that accompanied the storm again damaged the organ. This was partly repaired, but it was not until 1917 that a Belgian missionary, Friar Faniel, completed the work with the help of the townspeople. Because of the age of the instrument and the wear and tear, further repairs were needed in 1943 and 1962.

If any Brother is interested in the cover of the bamboo organ, I will post one by airmail for 60¢ in mint U.S. stamps. Requests should be sent to me at: Putol, Kawit, Cavite, D311, Philippine Republic.

**FOREIGN MASONS
ON POSTAGE STAMPS**

By Marshall S. Loke

The following is the continuation of the list of known foreign Masons who have appeared on postage stamps. Each name is followed by the country that issued the stamp and the Scott catalog number.

- STEFANIK, Milan R.
Czechoslovakia 208, 237, 293, 296, 300,
302, 325; Slovakia 34-37
- STEIN, Heinrich Friedrich Karl, Baron
von — Germany 776; Ger. Dem. Rep.
181, 670
- STENDHAL (Marie Henri Beyle)
France 453
- STRUG, Andrzej
Poland 796
- STUART, John McDouall
Australia 336, 345
- SUAREZ, Jose Maria Pino
Mexico 611, . . .
- SUCRE, Antonia Jose de
Bolivia 52, 62-69, 87, 109, 203; Colom-
bia 347, 492, 528-36, C277; Ecuador
237, 314, 447-51; Venezuela 231-36,
286, 389-91, 799-81, C127, C206-15
- SUVOROV, Alexander Vasiliev
Russia 832-33, 834-35, 845, 847, 898,
1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1888-90
- SWIFT, Jonathan
Ireland 240; Romania 1943
- TALLEYRAND, Charles Maurice de
France B262
- TESSEN, Karl Gustaf
Sweden 331
- THORVALDSEN, Bertel
Denmark 264, . . .
- THURN & TAXIS, Carl Alexander von
Belgium 417
- THURN & TAXIS, Carl Anselm von
Belgium 416
- TUBMAN, William V. S.
Liberia 363, 387, 431, . . . , . . . , . . .
C65, C66, C69, C76, C87, C118, C123,
C141-43
- URBANEJA, Diego Bautista
Venezuela 357-63
- URDANETA, Luis
Ecuador 233
- URQUIZA, Justo Jose de
Argentina 57, 68, 283, 420, 649, 709
- URVINE, Jose Maria
Ecuador 169, 563-65, C236-39
- VANDERVELDE, Emile
Belgium B423, B424, B425
- VENEZIANOV, Alexsy Gavrilovic
Russia 1757
- VENIZELOS, Eleutherios K.
Greece 482-83, 824, 825, 826
- VIEUXTEMPS, Henri Francois Joseph
Belgium B689
- VIEYTES, Juan Hipolito
Argentina 161
- VILLAMIL, Jose Maria
Ecuador 234
- VILLENEUVE, Jerome Petion de
France 390
- VOLIO, Licenciado Julian
Costa Rica 56, 64, 74
- VOLTAIRE (Jean Francois Marie
Arouet)— France B239; Hungary CB4
- VON STEPHEN, Heinrich
Germany 340-43, 578-79, 669, 9N35-41;
Chile 260-61; Nicaragua 731, C310,
CO46
- VORONIKHIN, Andrej Nikiforvic
Russia 2388
- ARTHUR, Duke of Wellington
Dubai Minkus 218; Paraguay . . .
- WENTWORTH, William Charles
Australia 355
- WIELAND, Christoph Martin
German Dem. Rep. Minkus T11-12
- WILHELM I
Germany 64
- WILLEM II
Netherlands 91, 95, 99
- WILLIAM IV
Cayman Islands 69-80; St. Helena 102,
103, 104, 106, 110
- WINDSOR, Duke of
(See Edward VIII)
- WOLFE, James
Canada 100
- XANTHOS, Emanuel .
Greece 510, 525
- XIMENA, Rafael Maria
Ecuador 224
- YORK, Albert, Duke of
Newfoundland 107
- YPSILANTI, Alexander
Greece 354

Outdoor Masonic Meetings In Oregon

By Earl Brunk

There are at least three places in Oregon where Masons have outdoor meetings. The three I know of are at Crater Lake, Malheur Caves and in the Polk County hills west of Salem.

As I recall, the outdoor meeting at Crater Lake and at Malheur Caves are held on Labor Day weekend. Crater Lake is in the Cascade Mountains east of Medford, Oregon. Malheur Caves are in the southeast corner near the Nevada line and about 50 miles east of Burns, Oregon. I never have attended either one of these meetings.

I am quite familiar with the outdoor meeting held in the Polk County hills, located about 10 miles west of Salem and about 10 miles northeast of where I live.

The six Masonic lodges in Salem sponsor this outdoor meeting, which is quite unique. For several years preceding World War II, these meetings were held in the evening in August. After World War II, the meetings have been held during the daytime on a Saturday in July.

The outdoor meeting in 1970 was held in a rock quarry in the heavily timbered hills and canyons about 10 miles west of Pdece, Oregon. This meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and the first section was conferred on the candidate. At the South, West and East Stations there was a large boulder which served as a pedestal for each officer.

The Masons who were present to witness the ceremony sat on small boulders or on slabs of rocks. It was a very warm day and I sunburned while sitting on the rock pile!

One of the Salem Masonic Lodges conferred the first section, after which the brethren were called from labor to refreshments. Immediately after this, a lunch was served near a small stream. About 1:30 p.m., the craft was called from refreshments to labor. Then the second section was conferred and the usual lecture and charge was given. This outdoor meeting was attended by our Grand Master.

In 1971, the Masonic outdoor meeting was held in the Polk County hills about 10 miles west of Salem. This meeting was held on Saturday, July 26 in a

sheep pasture where there is a grove of oak trees. There was a small table at the South, West and East Stations.

The meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and the first section was conferred by one of the Salem Masonic Lodges. After this section was conferred, the craft was called from labor to refreshments at about high noon. Before lodge opened, the Al Kader Shrine Band of Portland, Oregon played several numbers for our listening pleasure. Also, they played several numbers while the lunch was being served. I think there were about 22 players. This band didn't charge for their musical entertainment.

The refreshments were very good. They served all the fried chicken you could eat in addition to bread and butter sandwiches, salad, and three kinds of soft drinks.

A donation of \$1 was gladly accepted to help defray expenses for the lunch.

About 1:30 p.m., the craft was called from refreshments to labor. The second section was conferred by Vista Masonic Lodge. The usual lecture and charge was given. The brother who gave the lecture for the Master Mason degree had a real good delivery and went into every detail. As one Grand Master said, "He dots all the 'i's' and crosses all the 't's'."

The Grand Master complimented the degree team and the brother who gave the lecture.

The meeting was then closed on the Master Mason degree.

I might say a few words about the meeting place. It is held in a grove of oak trees in a sheep pasture in the hills of Polk County. The Masons who attended this meeting brought their own chairs, or folding camp stools or cushions. Also, here is something interesting—there are from one to three Masons who ride their saddle horses in the underbrush which surrounds the meeting place. Their work is to observe the approach of anyone who is not a Mason.

Last year the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master attended this outdoor meeting.

MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

By Dr. Duffield Swan

This article continues, what I have classified as Class III Masonic Cancellations. Again we are listing the post office, postmaster and measurement. An M following the postmaster's name indicates that he was a Mason. The last column indicates the rarity. The number in the first column refers to the cancellation number under the cancellations pictured on the following pages. In our next issue we will conclude the listing and diagrams of the Class III cancellations.

	Post Office	Stamp	Measurement	Postmaster	Mason	Rarity
50	Little America, Ill.	114	17.5x 9.4	John E. Willett		2
51	Little Falls, N.Y.	65	15.2x14.6	Wm. Dorr	M	2
52	Little Falls, N.Y.	65	18.0x17.4	Wm. Dorr	M	2
53	Little Georgetown, W. Va.	213	22.0x23.7	Eli Fleming		1
54	Lone Rock, Wis.	65	14.7x13.3	-----		1
55	Louisville, Ky.	65	21.7x16.1	John J. Speed		1
56	Louisville, Ky.	65	17.8x17.8	John J. Speed		1
57	Lyme, Conn.	158	20.8x21.7	Hiram Beckwith	M	1
58	McConnellsville, Vt.	147	17.2x15.5	-----		1
59	McMinnsville, Tenn.	145	8.3x11.5	Richard Kennedy		1
60	Middlebury, Vt.	145	16.6x15.8	John Cobb	M	2
61	Middlebury, Vt.	147	18.0x18.0	John Cobb	M	2
62	Middletown, Mich.	65	17.8x17.8	John F. Emory		1
63	Mobile, Ala.	65	17.5x18.0	Byron R. Pierce		2
64	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.	114	16.2x15.6	Jas. H. White		1
65	Mt. Union, Pa.	184	22.5x21.6	Thos. A. Appleby		1
66	Mystic Bridge, Conn.	114	14.4x15.2	John A. Rathbun		2
67	Nashua, N.H.	65	18.0x18.0	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
68	Nashua, N.H.	65	17.5x17.5	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
69	Nashua, N.H.	65	16.3x16.5	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
70	Nashua, N.H.	63	19.1x18.2	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
71	Nashua, N.H.	88	18.8x19.8	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
72	Nashua, N.H.	114	20.0x19.0	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
73	Nashua, N.H.	114	19.3x19.0	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
74	Nashua, N.H.	114	16.8x16.8	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
75	Nashua, N.H.	114	18.0x18.0	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
76	Nashua, N.H.	114	17.5x17.5	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
77	Nashua, N.H.	114	17.8x17.8	Geo. W. Swain	M	2
78	New Orleans, La.	65	17.6x19.3	Chas. W. Lowell		1
79	New Orleans, La.	114	17.7x17.0	Chas. W. Lowell		1
80	New Orleans, La.	114	22.2x22.2	Chas. W. Lowell		1
81	Newport, Tenn.	27	15.5x16.4	David Stewart	M	2
82	Newton, Kan.	188	21.2x22.4	Alvarado C. Frederick		1
83	New York, N.Y.	65	23.3x23.3	-----		3
84	N.Y.C. - R.P.O.	114	16.0x15.0	-----		1
85	North Conway, N.H.	65	15.5x17.5	Durgin Eastman	M	2
86	Norwich, Conn.	27	22.5x22.5	Capt. Henry B. Tracy	M	2
87	Old Point Comfort, Va.	65	27.0x22.0	-----		1
88	Painted Post, N.Y.	114	18.8x18.0	Henry D. Edwards	M	2
89	Petersborough, N.H.	158	28.0x22.0	John R. Miller		1
90	Port Huron, Mich.	147	13.0x12.5	Wm. Hartsuff		1
91	Richwood, O.	210	23.7x22.0	-----		1
92	Reliance, O.	65	22.0x23.0	-----		1
93	Rochester, N.H.	114	20.0x21.5	Geo. B. Roberts		1
94	St. Joseph, Mich.	65	19.4x18.6	Henry W. Gustin		1
95	St. Paul, Minn.	147	20.2x20.2	Joseph Wheelock		1
96	St. Paul, Minn.	147	19.8x20.3	Joseph Wheelock		1
97	Salem, Mass.	158	18.1x13.0	Geo. H. Pierson	M	2
98	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	114	23.7x23.7	Benj. F. Judson	M	2
99	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	145	18.5x16.3	Benj. F. Judson	M	2

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