



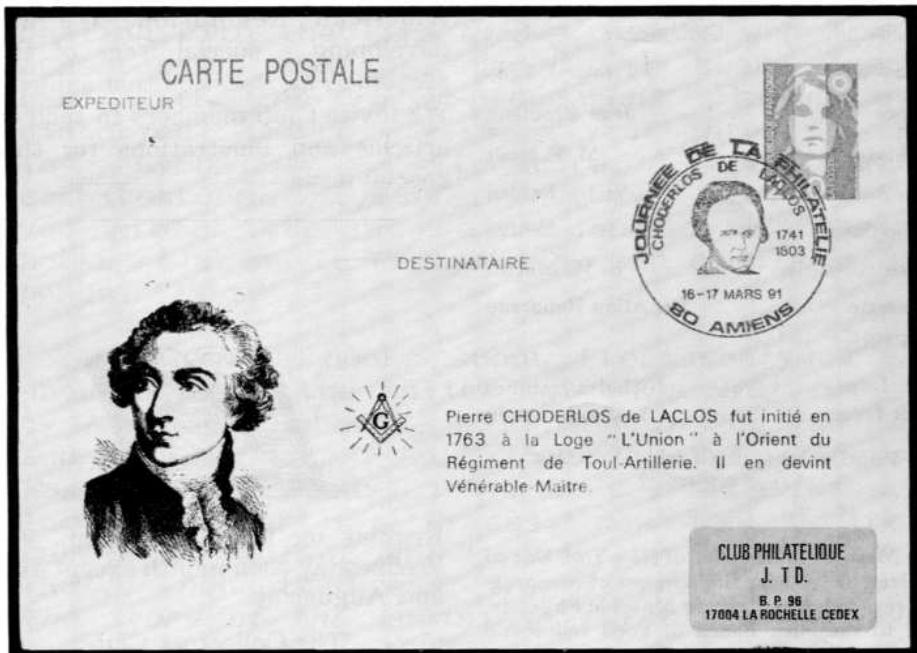
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The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

ON THE COVER

The Carte Postale on the cover comes to us from our Correspondent in France, Brother Jean Prouteau.

Pierre Choderlos de Laclos 1741-1803 was initiated in a military Lodge, L'Union a la Orient du Regiment de Toul-Artillerie and achieved an outstanding career as a military leader and a Mason.

Brother Laclos did not serve with the French Army at Yorktown and elsewhere in North America during the American Revolution.

Many other "Officers Francais Francs-Masons served in the American Revolution. We are developing a special issue of the *Masonic Philatelist* on that subject. We invite Club members to send in articles and illustrations for this special issue.



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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

By Dr. Allan Boudreau

All philatelists are readers. The coming summer months are a good time to get caught up on your reading. Now, have you decided what you are interested in reading? *Postage Stamps and Freemasonry, Guide and Compendium*, by Christopher L. Murphy, 1988, Carlton Press, New York is an excellent handbook for Masonic philatelists and a good place to start.

Is it books about Freemasonry? Books dealing with the life of Freemasons who have appeared on postage stamps, or books that deal with the role Freemasons played in historical events? Perhaps your interest is in symbolism, literature, art and architecture. No matter what type of reading you prefer the increasing number of new books relating to Freemasonry can supply your needs.

If it is books about Freemasonry, how about some of the following? *The Mystic Tie* by Allen E. Roberts, 1991, Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc.; *What Law There Was*, by Al Dempsey, 1991, Dorsey Associates, Inc. (St. Martin's Press), New York; the reprint of *Mozart and Masonry*, by Paul Nettl, 1987, Dorsett Press; *Territorial Masonry, The Story of the Louisiana Purchase*, by Ray Vaughn Denslow, 1990, Missouri Lodge of Research; *Born In Blood, The Lost Secrets of Freemasons*, by John J. Robertson, 1989, M. Evans & Company, New York ; *The Temple and the Lodge*, by Michael Baigent and Richard

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Leigh, 1989, Arcade Publishing, Little, Brown and Company, New York.

Masonic Halls of England, by N. B. Cryer, 1989, 3 Volumes, (The North 147 pp., The Midlands 154 pp., The South 150 pp.), Lewis Masonic, Ian Allan Regalia, Ltd., London, England.

In addition to the works on history there are many books on symbolism and various other phases of Masonic interest. Norman Peterson's *Annotated Book of The Lodge* is a valuable addition to the Masonic literature. Peterson begins with *The Book of the Lodge* as written by Albert Pike in 1872 and provides study aids, annotations, extensive footnotes, and a comprehensive index. Interested Brethren should contact Norman D. Peterson, 3660 N.E. 133rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97230;

A Bridge to Light, by Rex R. Hutchens, 1988, Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ, Washington, D. C.; *The Royal Arch Banners, The Ensigns of the Twelve Tribes of Israel*, by Harry Mendoza, 1989, Lewis Masonic, Ian Allan Group, London, England; *A Dictionary of Symbols*, by J. E. Cirlot, 1991, Translated from the Spanish Diccionario De Simbolos Tradicionales, Second Edition, Dorset Press, is a good reference; *The Way of The Craftsman*, by W. Kirk MacNulty, 1988, Arkana, London and Penguin Books, New York. *A Dictionary of Freemasonry*, by Robert Macoy, 1989 reprint, Bell Publishing Company, New York.

Masonic Odes and Poems, by Rob Morris, 1990, Volume Twenty-one, Masonic Book Club, Bloomington, Indiana; *Freemasons' Royal Arch Guide*, by E. E. Oglove and H. A. Thompson, 1988, Lewis Masonic (England).

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Recent Masonic biography includes *Priest and Freemason the life of George Oliver*, by R. S. E. Sandbach, 1988, The Aquarian Press, England; *George Washington in New York*, by Allan Boudreau & Alexander Bleimann, 1989, Quiz Press, Ord, Nebraska; *The Reluctant King; The Life and Reign of George VI 1895-1952* by Sarah Bradford includes some interesting Masonic comments; *Jolson The Legend Comes to Life*, by Herbert G. Goldman (St. Cecil Lodge No. 568) 1988, Oxford University Press, New York; *Pepper Eyewitness to a Century*, by Claude Denson Pepper (Jackson Lodge No. 1 Tallahassee, Florida) with Hays Gorey, 1987, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York.

Then there is the other side. The anti-Masonic side. Recently there has been a number of such books. Among the most widely publicized are *Behind the Lodge Door*, by Paul A. Fisher, 1989, Shield Publishing, Inc., Bowie, MD; *The Brotherhood* by Stephen Knight, 1984, Dorset Press; *Inside The Brotherhood*, by Martin Short, 1989, Grafton Books, Collins Publishing Group, London, England; *Freemasonry Ancient Egypt and the Islamic Destiny* by Mustafa El-Amin, New Mind Productions, Jersey City, NJ. *Christianity and American Freemasonry* by William J. Whalen, 1987, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., a church organization group. This book is a reprint of the 1958 edition by the same author and repeats much of the misinformation usually found in this type of attack on Freemasonry.

This list could go on for many pages. We will stop here with the hope we have inspired you to visit your local Masonic library, your local public library and/or your neighborhood bookstore.



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Bro. Allan Boudreau
Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y.

Dear Allan,

With this issue (No.30) of the "Bulletin" I enclose a copy of a recent Cover we produced to commemorate the Bicentenary of Knights Templar in the U.K. Please accept same with my compliments for use as you decide.

If you care to publish it in the "Masonic Philatelist" please feel free to do so.

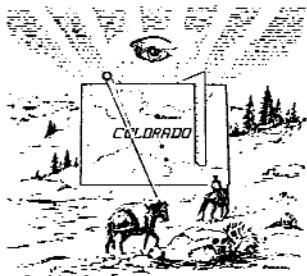
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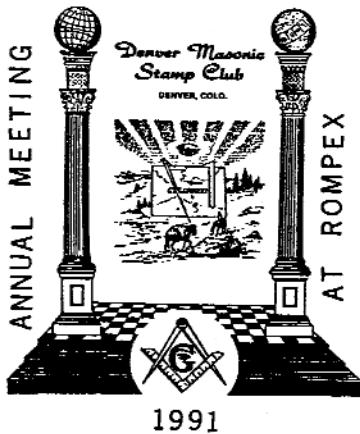
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On May 15th, 1991, the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales celebrated the bicentenary of the Grand Conclave from which it developed. It can thus be claimed to be the longest-established of the several authorities which today control the various degrees and Orders beyond the Craft.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II is the Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

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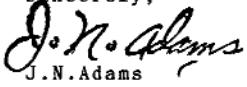
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On May 17, 1991 we issued the above cover for our Annual Meeting at "Rompex". As you will notice, we were lucky enough to make it a First Day of Issue of the new 19¢ postcard stamp.

These covers are available from the writer for \$1.25 each plus a SASE.

Sincerely,


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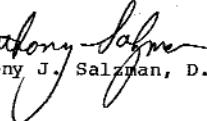
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Dr. Allan Boudreau, Publisher
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Dear Bro. Boudreau:

Just a note to let you know that Bro. Robert Doyle has passed away. In the March 19, 1991 issue you published a letter from Bro. Doyle making an offer of Masonic cancellations. I talked with his wife who advised that he had passed away earlier this year.

Fraternally,


Anthony J. Salzman, D.D.G.M.

AJS/daj

"Remember Our Masonic Home in Your Will"

APRIL 22, 1991

DR. ALLAN BOUDREAU
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DEAR BRO. BOUDREAU,

AS A NEW COLLECTOR (I STARTED ABOUT A YEAR AGO), I LOOK FORWARD TO EACH ISSUE OF "THE MASONIC PHILATELIST".

I WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE LETTER TO YOU FROM BRO. DONALD McKINNEY IN THE MARCH 1991 ISSUE. BRO. McKINNEY ASKS THE SAME QUESTION I HAVE ASKED ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS BUT HAVE NEVER RECEIVED A SATISFACTORY REPLY. BRO. McKINNEY REFERS TO THE JUNE 1988 ISSUE OF "THE MASONIC PHILATELIST"; I REFER TO THE PUBLICATION BY BRO. CHRISTOPHER LEO MURPHY, "MASONIC PHILATELY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA". THE SUBJECT IS THE SAME. CAN ANYBODY SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE GOVERNMENT ISSUE DESCRIBED FOR COSTA RICA 1956 OF "CENTENARIO DE LA MASONERIA"? I CANNOT FIND THIS ISSUE IN THE SCOTT CATALOGS EITHER. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE AN ARTICLE IN THE NEXT "MASONIC PHILATELIST" AS OBVIOUSLY OUR ABILITY TO IDENTIFY THIS ISSUE IS NOT ISOLATED. THANK YOU.

ALSO, THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE BUT I BELIEVE SCOTT #1256 AND #2166 SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE MASONIC COLLECTION. THESE STAMPS DEPICT POINSETTIA PLANTS WHICH WERE NAMED AFTER BRO. JOEL R. POINSETT (1779 - 1851), U. S. SECRETARY OF WAR AND MINISTER TO MEXICO. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BRO. POINSETT MAY BE FOUND IN DENSLOW'S "10,000 FAMOUS FREEEMASONS".

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WIEN,

Dear Brother Allan,

March 7. 1991

What is news in Austria and in PHILA MASONIC CLUB VIENNA: Our new creation are three covers with stamps of our Bro.W.A.MOZART. For your Magazine "The Masonic Philatelist" a article about the new Austrian stamps and Bro.W.A.Mozart:

"Undoubtedly, Bro.Mozart is one of the most popular characters of music history placed between Bro.Haydn and (Bro.?) Beethoven in the Vienna classic period of music. No other musician is universal like him. He created works of utmost quality covering all spheres; serenade music, chamber music and symphony; instrumental music, sacred music and opera, both opera seria, opera buffo and "Singspiel". His permanent receptiveness and adaptive talent led him to pick up each and every idea. The magic of Mozart's music is an external characteristic feature of a mysterious directness, depth, and width. MOZART IS UNDOUBTLY ONE OF THE GREATEST FREEMASON".

And now to the three covers: 1.) Nr.6 is a FDC with a group Tamino (with the magic flute) and Pamina from our Vienna magic flute monument, the same group is on the bijou (engl.jewel) of our Mozart Lodge in Vienna. Special cancel from Vienna.

2.) Nr.7 is a FDC from the complete souvenir sheet with the tapis of the III. degree (masters carpet) from the Mozart Lodge of Vienna. Special cancel from Vienna and Salzburg.

3.) Nr.8 is a FDC with a portrait Mozart's and a center piece of Mozart's birth house with the first and second carpet of the Mozart Lodge of Vienna. Special cancel from Salzburg.

Price of a set (three piece) is UD\$.7,00 and plus US\$ 2.00 for air mail post return. (From USA to Austria US\$ 0,45, from Austria to USA US\$ 1,80 !!!).

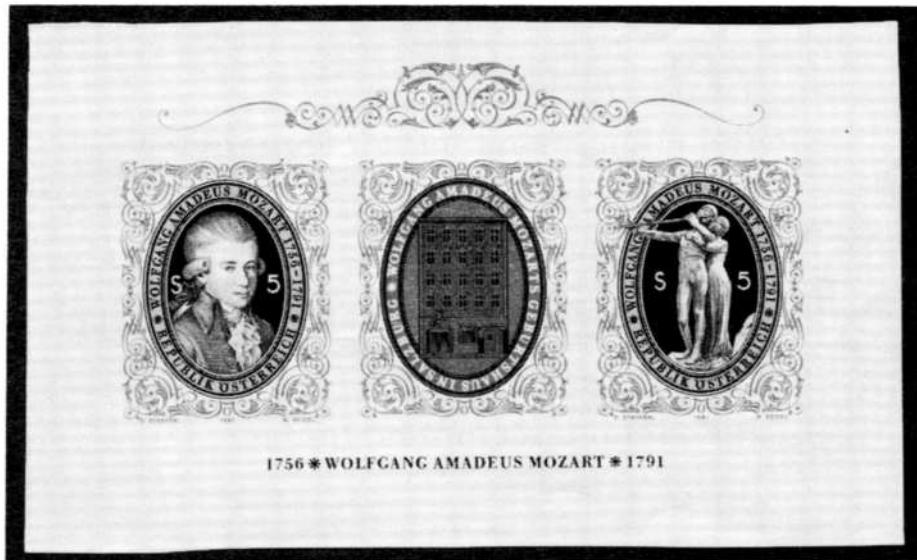
In connexion a special gift for you, a commemorative edition our Mozart Lodge Vienna with a hologramm from Mozart on the first page.

If your members want a Mozart commemorative edition, so must pay US\$ 5,00 plus US\$ 2,00.

I forget our cover Nr.5, the consecration of the POENIX LODGE of Vienna. (US\$ 2,00 + 1US\$ post return).

Best wishes to you all
Yours sincerely and fraternally

Heribert Blumert



"Ich glaube an wil. Mozart und Beethoven." (Richard Wagner)

Mozart ist zweifellos eine der populärsten Gestalten der Musikgeschichte und steht in der Wiener Klassik zwischen Haydn und Beethoven. Er ist universal wie kein anderer Musiker. Er schuf Werke höchsten Ranges für sämtliche Gebiete: Serenadenmusik, Kammermusik und Sinfonie, Instrumentalkonzert, Kirchenmusik und Oper, sei es als *Opera seria*, *Opera buffa* oder *Singspiel*. Seine stete Aufnahmefähigkeit und seine Assimilationsfähigkeit ließen ihn jede Anregung aufgreifen. Der Zauber, der von Mozarts Musik ausgeht, ist äußeres Merkmal einer unbegreiflichen Unmittelbarkeit, Tiefe und Weite.

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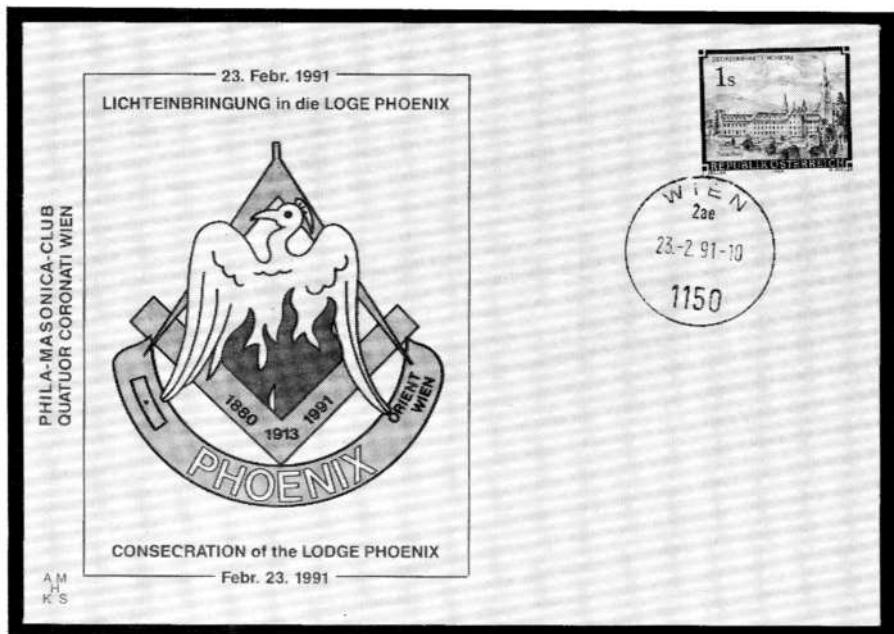
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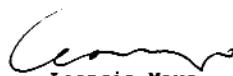
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Dear Mr. Boundreau,

On behalf of your colleague, Juan Sabater Pie, today we have sent you a copy of "Crónica" -the most widely distributed and with major quantity Spanish philatelic magazine on the market- in which one, pages 76, 77 and 78, we have published an article about your topical collecting: Masonry. We hope yo will find it interesting.

With best wishes,

yours faithfully,


Leoncio Mayo
Director

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La Masonería: temática secreta



Por Juan Sabater Pie



urante más de treinta años, desde mis viejos tiempos de oscuras aulas de profesores con sotana y del glorioso Movimiento Nacional, la Masonería y el Comunismo me habían sido inculcados como los responsables directos de todas las desgracias de nuestro sufrido país... De niños, masones y comunistas nos los imaginábamos como diablos con largo cola y cuernos que amedrentaban nuestra pacífica existencia salvaguardada, afortunadamente, por el «Caudillo», que velaba infatigablemente por nuestra integridad física y moral.

Pasados los años, y amante de lo filatelia, un día llegaron a mis manos unos sellos de Cuba (Yvert 440 y A. 133) que representaban su Gran Templo Nacional Masónico... ¡Claro, como que Fidel era comunista...!, pero poco más tarde, otro sello masón de un país tan poco dudoso políticamente como Bélgica (Yv. 2066), ejemplo para la ortodoxia católica de sus monarcas, nos honraba con otro documento filatélico que conmemoraba el 150 Aniversario de la Masonería belga.

Sentí curiosidad y empecé mi larga investigación masono-filatélica, añadiendo nuevas piezas a mi incipiente colección. En Honduras (Yv. 247 y A. 168 y 484/7) pude observar la Gran Logia de Tequigalpa e incluso el interior de su templo Masónico. Otros distintos temas relativos directamente con la Masonería están representados en Francia (Yv. 1.756), St. Kitts (Yv. 593/5), Inglaterra (Yv. 236), Antillas (Yv. 736/8), Luxemburgo (Yv. 922), Brasil (Yv. 1.059, 1.269), Barbados (Yv. 416), Islandia (Yv. 571), Dominicana (Yv. 690, 916 y A. 216),



Guinea (año 1989), Dominica (año 1989), Grenadines (año 1989), Bequia (año 1989) y Turks y Caicos (año 1989)... Todos estos países han emitido sellos puramente masonicos conmemorando acontecimientos de la Orden o mostrando sus grandes templos.

¿Era, pues, una secta altamente perniciosa para la humanidad? ¿Cómo países tan conservadores como Luxemburgo, Inglaterra, Francia, Filipinas, Bélgica o Brasil les dedicaban unos francuecos que se pasea-

ban abiertamente por todo el mundo...? Algo no coincidía entre lo que me habían enseñado y la realidad.

Insistí en mi labor investigadora buscando matasellos conmemorativos que hicieran mención específica a la Fraternidad Masónica y encontré muchísimos de ellos en los antedichos países y en otros como Alemania, Irlanda, Italia, Estados Unidos, Australia o Nueva Zelanda... Y hasta España, en 1989, utilizó uno oblitéracion recordando el 10º Aniversario de la legalización

de la Gran Logia Simbólica Española... Por fin los masones se habían infiltrado en la filatelia peninsular.

Seguí investigando: ¿Quiénes eran los masones? y fue precisamente en mi monografía colección de sellos españoles donde encontré un buen número de personajes que habían pertenecido a lo misterioso Orden: Rafael de Riego, Zomilla, Pi y Margall, Monturiol, Salmerón, Echegaray, Castellar, Tomás Bretón, Fontuny, Sorolla, Isaac Peral, Amadeo I, Dr. Fernández, Ramón y Cajal, Llerroux, Blasco Ibáñez, Juan Gris, De la Cierva y hasta el mismísimo «hermano», don Ramón Franco Bahamonde.

Metido de lleno en mi análisis masonico, leí decenas de libros buscando biografías de francmasones que hubieran sido filatelizados, y fueron bastantes más de mil los que hasta el momento he llegado a recopilar en mis álbumes, con datos fidedignos de las Logias a las que pertenecieron o las fechas en que fueron iniciados. El trabajo es apasionante..., árido pero reconfortante. ¡Valía la pena el esfuerzo!



Reyes, presidentes de Gobierno, políticos, escritores, músicos, militares, revolucionarios, descubridores, sacerdotes, cineastas, investigadores, humanistas, humoristas, artistas y poetas fueron honorables miembros de la temida secta secreta por quien no quiere conocerla.

Vengan unos pocos ejemplos para resaltar la importancia del tema. Fueron masones: el Aga-Khan, Aládin (el primer hombre en la Luna), Salvador Allende, Louis Armstrong, Bartholdi (constructor de la estatua de la libertad), Beethoven, Simón Bolívar, José Bonaparte, Daniel Boone, Búfalo Bill, Lord Byron, Winston Churchill, Citroën, Nat «King» Cole, Rubén Darío, Conan

Doyle, Walt Disney, Eiffel, Fleming, Benjamin Franklin, Clark Gable, Gorbaidi, Glenn (el astronauta), Goethe, Máximo Gómez, Dr. Guillotin (famoso por la guillotina), Oliver Hardy, Víctor Hugo, Júarez, Kipling, Kossuth, La Fayette, Liszt, Lumière (inventor del cine), Grail, MacArthur, José Martí, Mozzani, Mendelson, general Mitre, Mongolier, Mozart, Newton, O'Higgins, Rizal, Rousseau, Sammartín, Sibelius, Anastasio Somoza, Voltaire, John Wayne, George Washington, junto a otros 18 presidentes de los Estados Unidos de América, y la gran mayoría de reyes y príncipes



del norte de Europa... Y así hasta más de mil...

Algo importante debía haber detrás de la Masonería... Para ello profundicé en el estudio de los símbolos masónicos y su significado a través de los sellos, para así conocerlos mejor (compases, escuadras, bibles, triángulos, plomadas, niveles, maletines, reglas, acacias, ojos, columnas, etc.) y de la profunda ideología filosófica de la Orden (Libertad, Igualdad, Tolerancia, Cariñosa, Paz...) Empezaba a saber el

porqué y la causa por la cual había sido cruelmente perseguida por dictadores y fanatismos en tantas y distintas ocasiones.

No termino aquí, ni muchos menos, la labor de búsqueda de datos. La pudimos todavía ampliar con sellos relativos a acontecimientos históricos con fuerte protagonismo masónico: Independencia de las Colonias, Abolición de la Esclavitud y de la Pena de Muerte, establecimiento de la Democracia y el Sufragio Universal, Libertad de Prensa y



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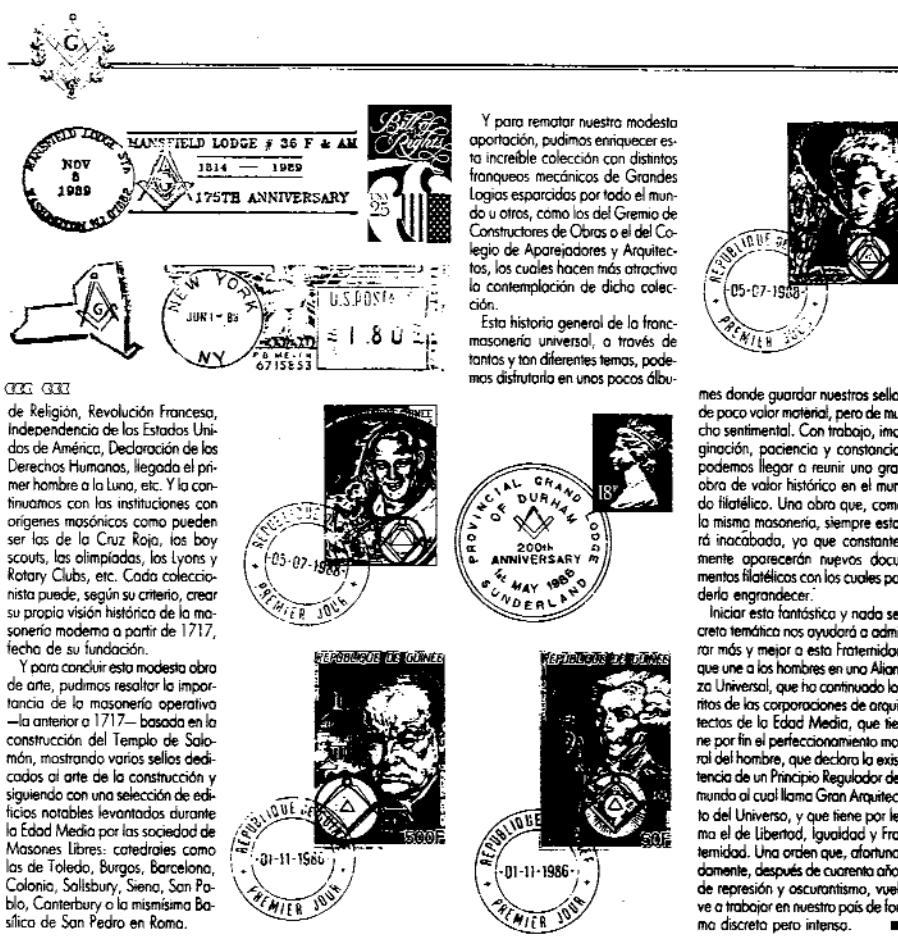
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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to announce to you the forthcoming Philippine stamp issues honoring 2 great masons of the country.

President Jose P. Laurel & Jorge Vargas were both members of the Masonic fraternity. President Laurel was initiated in Batangas Lodge No. 383 under the Gran Oriente Espanol, now Batangas Lodge No. 35, while Mr. Jorge Vargas was member of the Sinukuan Lodge No. 16 and was the moving force in the Boy Scouts movement of the Philippines in its early years.

I am enclosing samples of the covers to be issued June 3, 1991. I am going to prepare several of these covers so that should any member wish to order them, they are available. Price for a set of the two covers is \$2.00.

I best wishes to you all,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Inductivo
Carlos L. Inductivo



NEW MASONIC GOVERNMENT ISSUE

by Trevor J. Fray

As your Correspondent in England I write to inform you, and all the readers of the Masonic Philatelist, of news that came to me via the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau.

The Government of Barbados proposes to issue a set of four stamps connected with Barbados Freemasonry, date of issue later this year.

The set is being designed and the proposed designs are as follows;

- 25c Masonic Building in Bridgetown
- 65c Square and Compass
- 75c Royal Arch Jewel
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