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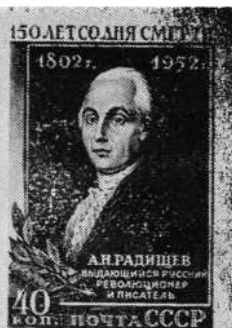
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Paul I

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By the sign of the Gavel

Even though I was unable to attend the last meeting, I have been told that it was very interesting. Dr. Paul F. Norris' collections have always been of pertinent import to our organization. Those who did not come out missed one of the highlights of the year. While on this subject, I wish to say that our greatest problem is to increase the attendance at our meetings. We would like to invite prominent philatelists to talk to us, but hesitate when we can count on only a handful of faithful, dedicated brothers to attend.

We have asked for your suggestions

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month
Collectors Club Building
22 East 35th Street, N.Y.C.
9th Meeting—May 4, 1962
Guest Speaker—Ira Seebacher
“Sports Depicted on Stamps”

of “what you would like to see or hear at our meetings.” We had a few replies and hope to incorporate the ideas in our program for next year. We again request you to cooperate by sending in programs that have been successful in your local clubs. Your plan may be the one we need.

On the personal side, I am working on tracing of all Masonic Cancellations recorded to date. If any of you have original covers with Masonic Cancellations from the following towns, please lend us the covers or make tracings of them and give the date and other important details:

Asbury Park, New Jersey
Bartow, Florida
Brookfield, Massachusetts
Columbus, Ohio
Grandview, Illinois
Norwich, Vermont
Pontiac, Michigan
Rockaway, New Jersey
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts
Springfield Crossroads, Pennsylvania
Zanesville, Ohio

I had tracings of these cancels, but they have either been damaged or lost. We have assembled about 250 different cancellations at present, and over 200 have been identified. — S. Duffield Swan.

WELCOME

We welcome our new members:

ARTHUR B. BESNECKNER
400 Cornell Avenue
West View, Pittsburgh 29, Pa.
Avalon Lodge No. 657
BURTON S. GOLDSTEIN
1347 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn 30, New York
Fallsburg Lodge No. 1122 (South
Fallsburg, N.Y.)
JOHN A. McLENNAN
837 Hornby Street
Vancouver 1, B.C., Canada
Emerald Lodge No. 134
RAYMOND F. SMITH
80 Russell Avenue
Elmont, L. I., New York
Cathedral Lodge No. 1031
C. DANNY WILSON
10833 Ruth Ann Drive
Dallas 28, Texas
Roy Stanley Lodge No. 1367

Freemasonry In Russia

By W. M. Lans, The Hague, Netherlands
Part Two

In this second article some details interesting to collectors of "Masons on Stamps" will be given.

PAVEL IVANOVIC PESTEL was born on July 5, 1793 in Moscow. He was the son of the Governor-General of Siberia. He studied abroad; participated in the war of 1812; had a successful military career and became a colonel in 1821. During this same period he developed revolutionary democratic ideas. In his book, "Roeskaja Prawda" (Russian Truth), he developed his plans for reformation, which testified to his warm heart and high intelligence. In 1817 he founded "The Union of true and loyal sons of the Fatherland," and later founded "The Union of the South." He was the life and soul of the Dekabrista Rebellion of December 14, 1825. He was arrested and on July 25, 1826 was hanged in St. Petersburg. His formal association with Masonry was as follows:

He was initiated in the Lodge "United Friends" in 1812; was raised March 1, 1812; became a member of the "Three Virtue Lodge" in February 1817; received the fourth degree in the Lodge "Sphinx" in 1817. He was removed as a member on November 5, 1819.

KONDRATIY FEDOROVIC RYLEEV was born in St. Petersburg on September 29, 1795. He was an author and a poet. As an officer he participated in the campaigns of 1814 and 1815. Later he obtained a position with the Court of Justice in St. Petersburg. He wrote poems, especially satires. He was a member of "The Union of the North." In 1825 he participated in the Rebellion of the Dekabrists, and was hanged with four others in 1826.

He was initiated in 1820 in the Lodge "The Flaming Star." Ryleev was a dedicated Mason who kept the documents of the Lodge after the outlawing of 1822, and destroyed them only after the rebellion.

SERGEJ IVANOVIC MURAVIEV-APOSTEL was born in 1796, studied in Paris, became an officer in 1812 and participated in the War of 1812-1814. He was a member of "The Union of the South." He was wounded during the revolt and imprisoned at St. Petersburg. He was sentenced to death and executed in July 1826. His Masonic affiliation was as follows:

He was initiated on January 2, 1817

in the Lodge "Three Virtues;" passed April 24th and raised June 10th, 1817. He was removed as a member on November 5, 1819.

ALEKSEJ GAVRILEVIC VENECIANOV, 1780-1847. He was a member of the Academy of Plastic Arts. He was a portrait and landscape painter. He was initiated in March, 1821 in the Lodge "The Dying Sphinx" in St. Petersburg.

A stamp (#1757) was issued in 1955 to commemorate the 175th anniversary of his birth.

VASILIJ IVANOVIC BAZENOV, 1737-1799. He was an architect, studied at the University of Moscow, and in 1758 became a student at the Academy of Plastic Arts in St. Petersburg. He lived abroad from 1760 to 1765. After his return he became a member of the Cabinet of Empress Catherine II. He designed several important structures, among which was the Imperial Palace of the Kremlin. He was a member of the Lodge "Latone" in St. Petersburg, and "Deucalion" in Moscow.

In 1949 Russia issued stamps (#1386/7) in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of his death.

ALEXANDER SERGEVIC GRIBOEDOV, 1795-1829. He studied at the University of Moscow and received his Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as a degree in law. He studied for his doctorate. Because of his connection with the Rebellion of the Dekabrists, he was arrested, but was soon acquitted. In 1816 he was a member of the Lodge "United Friends."

Russian stamps issued in his honor are—1944 (#968/9); 1954 (#1690/1) and in 1959 (#2175).

ALEXANDER NICOLAEVIC RADICHTCHEF, 1749-1802. He studied law in Leipzig, Germany, and became acquainted with the literature of the West. In 1790, his book "Journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow" was published. It was a protest against the despotism of his time. This resulted in his arrest and condemnation to death. This sentence was later changed into deportation to Siberia. Emperor Paul I pardoned him, and Emperor Alexander I restored his rights and titles. He made a draft of a new constitution, based on liberty and equality before the law for all. He also proposed an independent judiciary. This plan aroused much disapproval and, out of fear of another deportation, he committed suicide in 1802 with nitric acid.





The records indicate that he visited the Lodge "Uranic" in St. Petersburg during 1794.

Russia issued stamps honoring him in 1949 (#1388/9) and in 1952 (#1642).

ALEXANDER SERGEIVITCH PUSHKIN, 1799-1837; born in Moscow. He became one of Russia's greatest poets, dramatist, novelist and historian. He wrote "Ruslan and Lyudmila," six parts of "Eugene Onegin," "Boris Godunoff," etc. Some of these are Russian prose in its highest degree of perfection. His humor was gentle and his wit was keen; his epigrams are among the best produced in any language.

Denslow cites Telepneff in his "Russian Freemasonry during the reign of Alexander I" as crediting Pushkin with being a Mason, although details are not supplied.

Our current listing of "Foreign Masons on Postage Stamps" indicates that stamps honoring Pushkin were issued by Russia (#590, 1121); Czechoslovakia (#388); Hungary (#B306) and Romania (#704).

CANADIAN MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

The article on the above subject, which was printed in the preceding issue of The Masonic Philatelist, contained a request for members to furnish any supplemental information. We are now pleased to report a very prompt response from Brother W. A. G. Huxsel, of Montreal, Canada. He advises that he contacted the Grand Lodge of Canada, located in Ontario, and established that the following were definitely members of the Fraternity:

DONALD BRUCE MCKINNON (Blyth) was initiated November 16, 1864 in Clinton Lodge No. 84 and became a charter member of Blyth Lodge No. 303. He was its first Junior Warden. (Please note correct town spelling is Blyth, not Blythe.)

WILLIAM HARGRAVE (Woodstock) was initiated March 13, 1867 in Oxford Lodge No. 76, located in Woodstock. He was deputy postmaster of that town.

The other postmasters mentioned in the preceding article are not Masons of Record, but it is possible that some may have been members of the Craft prior to the formation of Ontario's Grand Lodge and never affiliated with the Lodges of that jurisdiction.

Thank you, Bro. Huxsel, for your usual splendid cooperation.

— S. Duffield Swan.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER May 25, 1962

Our Annual Dinner will be held on May 25, 1962 at 6:30 p.m., at the Masonic Club, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City.

The Guest Speaker will be Rt. Wor. Wendell Walker, who is Director of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York Library and Museum, and also Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. This should be a most interesting event, as Bro. Walker is possessed of a terrific fund of Masonic knowledge, and has always been of invaluable service to our serious researchers.

The Toastmaster for the evening will be our Past President Bro. Carl H. Pihl, newly elected President of the Society of the Sularians, which is a New York newspapermen's fraternity.

This affair is always one of the highlights of our Club year. As it is not limited to members, you may wish to bring guests with you. If you have not already done so, please mail your reservation, with remittance of \$5.00, to Dr. Irwin Yarry, 31-12 54th Street, Woodside 77, New York, N.Y.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1

The third stated meeting of the Chapter was called to order at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 8, 1962 at Week's Stamp Shop, 815 17th St., Washington, D.C. In the absence of President Bruns, who telephoned that he was unable to attend, the Vice-President presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting held February 22, 1962, which were carried in full in the March 1962 issue of The Masonic Philatelist (page 3), were read and approved.

Reports from the treasurer and secretary were read and approved. Some letters requesting information on Masonic Philately were referred to the New York Club.

Under new business, the chairman appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 1962-63, to be balloted upon at the next meeting. According to custom, he appointed members serving as officers this year to form the committee. Bros. Wong (chairman), Salomon, Christenson, Weeks and Pihl were appointed to this committee with instructions to begin work at once. Any prospective candidates for office should contact members of the committee.

There being no further business, the presiding chairman announced that the fourth and last stated meeting of the

year will be held on Sunday, June 10, 1962, at 2:00 p.m. at Weeks' Stamp Shop. He urged members to have their prospective candidates ready early for conferral of the M. P. Degree at this meeting. Members and candidates can contact Mr. Weeks at his shop during business hours for further information.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks for the use of their shop as a meeting place, and to thank the Masonic Philatelist for reporting the last meeting of our Chapter.—L. W. Christenson, Secretary.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

The regular third Wednesday of the month meeting of Lake Erie Chapter #2 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was held on Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 p.m.

The dutch treat dinner preceding the meeting was enjoyed by 12 members. A total of 17 members and one visitor were present at the meeting.

A letter of appreciation from The Crippled Children's Hospital in Philadelphia for the stamps sent to them, was read.

A letter from Franklin Rudd requesting that we go on record and write to the proper authorities to have more flag stamps in the future, was read. All members were asked to write their Congressman accordingly.

A first day cover from New Concord, Ohio, Glenn's home town, was received from James Nello Johnson.

The proposed amendment to the By-laws raising the annual dues to \$5.00, starting July 1st, was adopted.

A motion to request the Parent Club to eliminate the \$1.00 initiation fee on affiliate members was proposed. After discussion a motion to that effect was passed unanimously.

Several packages of stamps and two catalogs were received to be sent to the Children's Hospitals.

Bro. Pahl next read a letter which was sent to one of the Congressmen requesting that the Great Seal of the United States be considered as a motif for the flag of the United States since a new design or format is being considered. This letter explaining the wording and symbols on the Great Seal and in what way they pertained to Masonry.

A spirited auction was again held by our Bro. James Lambert, who as usual, was able to dispose of all entries.

Bro. Paul T. Skove of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club entertained us with a talk and display of covers of Ohio, especially Cuyahoga County. He showed

many covers from his collection, many of which were from post offices no more in existence.

Next month Bro. James Lambert will entertain us with a display and talk on his "Grand Award Winning" collection of Perforated Officials of the World. This collection won the Grand Award at the Garfield Perry Exhibition.—Harry A. Pahl, Corresponding Secy.

OUR APRIL MEETING

The meeting was opened by Vice-President Shelton Osterlund, in the absence of Dr. Swan, who was out-of-town. Among those present were Bro. Rank and his son-in-law, Mr. Luke, from Berwick, Penna.

Bro. Carl Pihl mentioned that any member wishing to join the George Washington Chapter No. 1 would be kindly received. Membership fee is \$3.00 for life membership, a special consideration for MSCNY members at this time.

Committee appointments were announced as follows: Nominating Committee, Brothers Reggel, Pihl and Yarry. Finance Committee, Brothers Brooks (chairman), Sehlmyer and Ehrig.

We were then entertained with a very interesting talk and exhibition by Bro. and Dr. Paul F. Norris, who showed and described his extensive prize-winning collection of Match and Medicine stamps. This had won a gold ribbon at the Valley Stamp Club. His display contained many mint copies which are quite rare.

Bro. Pihl complimented Bro. Norris on his presentation and opened a discussion about some of his remarks concerning these stamps.

Our Official Photographer, Bro. Nordheim, then presented to Dr. Norris an enlargement of a picture of Bros. Yarry, Norris and Salomon, which had been taken at the Masonic Club during the evening of the recent "Bro. Harold Gunter Night."

Bro. Phil Rosenbaum asked about what progress had been made concerning his suggestion about supplementing our Club activities to include numismatic items. He was answered by Dr. Yarry.

Dr. Yarry urged all present to reserve the evening of May 25th, the occasion being the Annual Dinner of our Club, and stated that complete details would be announced at our May 4th regular meeting.—Stanley A. Salomon, Secretary.

WASHINGTON PILGRIMAGE

On pages 4 and 5 we show some of the interesting pictures taken by our roving photographer, on the occasion of the February 22nd visitation of delegations from New York and Cleveland to the George Washington Chapter.

Among the many who attended are shown Brothers Christenson, Pihl, Osterlund, Reggel, Ehrig, Bruns, Weeks, Wong and Sehlmeier. The gracious lady is Mrs. Paul Weeks who assists in the management of Bro. Paul's Stamp Shop.

FOREIGN MASONS ON POSTAGE STAMPS

A checklist compiled for The Masonic Philatelist through the cooperation of Brothers Walter R. Harbeson, W. M. Lans and Marshall S. Loke.
(Continued)

Tolstoy, Leo N.	1828-1910	Russia	577, 1673
		Hungary	CB11
Toro, Manuel Murillo		Colombia	510, 514, 618
Torres, Camilo	1766-1815	Colombia	331, 340
Travera, Trinidad Pardo		Philippines	B1
Trujillo-Molina, Rafael L.	1891-1961	Dominican Republic	286, 299, 323, 369, 377, 462, 466, 497, C94
Tubman, William Vacanarat Shadrach	1895-	Liberia	C65, C69
Tyre, Miroslav		Czechoslovakia	187, 191
Urbaneja, Diego Bautista	1782-1856	Venezuela	357
Urdaneta, Luis		Ecuador	233
Urdaneta, Rafael	1789-1845	Venezuela	393, C217
Urquiza, Justo Jose de	1800-1870	Argentina	57, 68, 283, 649
Vanicek, Jindrich		Czechoslovakia	351
Vandervelde, Emile	1866-1938	Belgium	B423
Van Swieten, Gerhard Freiherr	1700-1772	Austria	B156
		Netherlands	B115
Vasquez, Horacio	1852-	Dominican Republic	249
Venecianov, Aleksy Gavrilov	1780-1847	Russia	1757
Venizelos, Eleftherios K.	1864-1936	Greece	482
Victor Emanuel	1820-1878	Italy	175
Videla, Gabriel Gonzales		Brazil	671
Vieytes, Juan Hipolito	1762-1815	Argentina	161
Villamil, Jose Maria	1789-1866	Ecuador	234
Volio, Licenciado Julian	1827-1889	Costa Rica	56, 64, 74
Voltaire	1694-1778	France	B239
		Hungary	CB4
Von Stephan, Heinrich	1831-1897	Chile	260
		Germany	340, 578, 669, 9N35/41
		Nicaragua	731, CO46
Wilhelm I	1797-1888	Germany	64
Willem II	1792-1849	Netherlands	91, 95, 99
William IV	1765-1837	Cayman Islands	69
		St. Helena	102
Wolfe, James	1727-1759	Canada	100
Ximena, Rafael Maria		Ecuador	224
Ypsilanti, Alexandros	1792-1828	Greece	354
Zelaya, Jose Santos	1853-1911	Nicaragua	C329, CO30/36