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## **General Douglas MacArthur The Mason**

by

**III. William C. Councill, 33  
Past Grand Master — Philippines**

Virtually all Americans and most Filipinos above a certain age hold strong opinions about Douglas MacArthur. Most of them knew MacArthur the military genius, capable of masterpieces of strategy, the American Viceroy In Japan and who on his death-bed begged Lyndon Johnson to stay out of Vietnam. But only a very few of these same people knew MacArthur the Mason . . . . .

I have just recently finished reading William Manchester's book, "American Caesar". Mr. Manchester says that MacArthur is "A man endowed with great personal charm, a will of iron, and a soaring intellect". Unquestionably he was one of the most gifted man-at-arms this nation has every produced. And then, Mr. Manchester presents his not so gifted side, "Arrogant and shy, flamingo could not acknowledge errors, and tried to cover up his mistakes with sly childish tricks, and his character, though majestic, was tragically flawed, whose whole life was the Army, yet at the end of it asserted, "I am 100 percent a disbeliever in war".

On the other side of the coin outside of the Philippines and Japan, very few knew that Douglas MacArthur was a tireless working Mason. Again Mr. Manchester in his book does not present this side of MacArthur. In his book, "American Caesar" he devotes two small paragraphs to his Masonic career . . . And even these short references are not quite true from a Masonic viewpoint . . . "like his Father before him he became a Mason, he was inducted into Manila Nile Temple on August 10, 1936". "This threw him more and more with the upper class Filipions". "Like many of them, he became a director of the Manila Hotel, later, rumors of extensive MacArthur investments in the Capital, Manila, were unfounded. It is quite true that his closest relationships were with Filipiono men of property". (American Caesar p. 166)

This paragraph is far from the truth . . . There is no Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the Philippines and never has been. It is true since 1917, three Shrine Temples from the west coast of the United States have held ceremonials in Manila and do so even today. Futhermore, Nile Temple is in Seattle, Washington and he did join after becoming a Master Mason in the Philippines on January 14, 1936 as follows . . .

#### MacArthur made a "Mason At Sight"

In the evening of January 14, 1936, exercising the perogatives of a Grand Master, Most Worshipful Samuel R. Hawthorne, at that time the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, made Douglas MacArthur, then a Field Marshall and Commander of the Army in the Philippines, a "Mason at Sight".

The term "Master Mason at Sight" was misnomer, for the entire ceremonies were several hours in length. All the obligations, considerable of the ritual of the First and Second degrees were put on . . .

He was given the First Degree in short form, Most Worshipful Frederic H. Stevens, Past Grand Master, Presiding. Immediately on the conclusion of that Ceremony, Most Worship Brother Francisco A. Delgado, Past Grand Master conferred upon Brother MacArthur the Fellowcraft Degree, and then the

Grand Master, Most Worshipful Samuel R. Hawthorne, conferred the Third Degree upon him. Practically all of the ritual being given with the exception of the Third Degree Lecture. Whereupon Brother MacArthur affiliated with Manila Lodge No. 1 F. A. A. M. of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines . . . .

Over six hundred Masons crowded the hall following the work which lasted well over two hours, in breathless silence. The Candidate was visibly moved for he had always desired to become a Mason like his father, who commanded the old Philippine Division and was Military Governor of the Islands in 1900-1901. The brilliant service of the father during the War in the Philippines (1900-1902) and of the son during World War II, reflect great credit on the name MacArthur, and it was that fact, the Fathers connection with the craft and the sons connection with an important mission in the Philippines to train the Filipino Armed Forces which, in the Grand Masters opinion, singled General MacArthur out for the honor conferred upon him.

Outstanding features of the ceremonies was the address of Most Worshipful Harry Eugene Stafford, who was the Senior Past Grand Master in the Grand Lodge, to the newly made Mason, telling him of his association with his Father, whose Surgeon Brother Stafford was in the "Days of the War" and the lining in front of the East some twenty grizzled but soldierly looking veterans, All Past Masters, Soujourners who served under General Arthur MacArthur during the Stenious days of the Philippine Insurrection.

We might mention, as one of the coincidences which struck us in reading about the conferrel, that the successor of General and Brother MacArthur, Governor William Howard Taft, like the younger MacArthur was made a "Mason at Sight" by Grand Master of Ohio in 1909...

#### "Scottish Rite Degrees"

Brother MacArthur petitioned for and was elected to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry with the Manila Bodies then under the Jurisdiction of the Mother Supreme Council. He took the degrees at the March Reunion

in 1936...

On March 13, 1936, Brother MacArthur was the exemplar of the 14<sup>o</sup> conferred by Illustrious Frederic H. Stevens, 33<sup>o</sup> Deputy of the Mother Supreme Council in the Philippines. On March 14, 1936, he took the degree of the Manu Chapter of Rose Croix. On March 28, 1936, he took the degrees of Conficius Council, Knights of Kadosh, in the afternoon, and in the evening received the Master of the Royal Secret in Gaumata Consistory.

Brother MacArthur was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1937. The four year provision waived by the Supreme Council...

#### Elected Inspector General Honorary

33<sup>o</sup>

At the biennial session of the Mother Council in Washington, D.C. October 19, 1945, Brother Douglas MacArthur was elected Inspector General Honorary, but due to his activities in Japan as Supreme Commander of the Occupation Forces, he could not go to Washington to be coronated. Therefore, at the biennial session of the Mother Supreme Council in 1947, he was reelected and Ill. Brother Frederic H. Stevens 33<sup>o</sup>, was instructed to confer the Thirty Third Degree upon him in Japan. Brother Stevens being the Deputy of the Mother Council in the Philippines.

On December 8, 1947, at the American Embassy in Japan, the Thirty Third Degree was conferred on Brother MacArthur by Ill. Brother Stevens. Ill. Brother Stevens had the honor of conferring upon Brother MacArthur the first degree as well as the last degree...

The Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Republic of the Philippines came into being on January 1, 1950. Ill. Brother MacArthur was elected a member of the Council and was elected Grand Orator. The only other Masonic Organization that he belonged to was Nile Temple (Shrine) of Seattle, Washington...

## Japan under MacArthur

The first Masonic Lodge on Japan was instituted in Yokohama in 1866 by The Grand Lodge of England, and their Lodges in Kobe and Tokyo followed, but these Lodges were only opened to foreigners. Masonry was not interfered with, but no Japanese National was permitted to join by the government.

When Ill. Brother MacArthur became the Supreme Commander in 1947, he requested permission from the Japanese authorities to allow Japanese Nationals to join Masonic Lodges, which such permission was freely granted. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines in 1947 instituted its first Lodge at the Yokosuka Naval Base and three other Lodges in Tokyo. One Lodge was composed of only Japanese Nationals and they used the traditional ritual, laboriously and lovingly translated into the Japanese language. A few year later, the Grand Master of the Philippines raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Ichiro Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Japan and Yahachi Kawi, President of the House of Counsellors of the Japanese Diet.

## The Grand Lodge of Japan

The Grand Lodge of Japan was formed on June 1, 1957. It now has 21 Lodges and some 4,000 members. The New Tokyo Masonic Center is the idea of General MacArthur who suggested to Tokyo Lodge No. 2 that they buy a site where the Center is now located. The Lodge called upon the Scottish Rite Bodies to join them in financing the purchase. Located in the center and heart of Toyko, the estimated value of the land today is in excess of Fifty Million Dollars. The income of the Complex in 1984 enabled the Temple Association to give more than one Million dollars to charities in Tokyo...

The former Masonic Building in Tokyo, which I have visited many times when I was Grand Master in the Philippines, was formally the Tokyo Naval Officers Club where history had been mapped out. It was in the Library of this building, now preserved intact in the new Temple where the attack on Pearl Harbor had been planned on December 7, 1941...

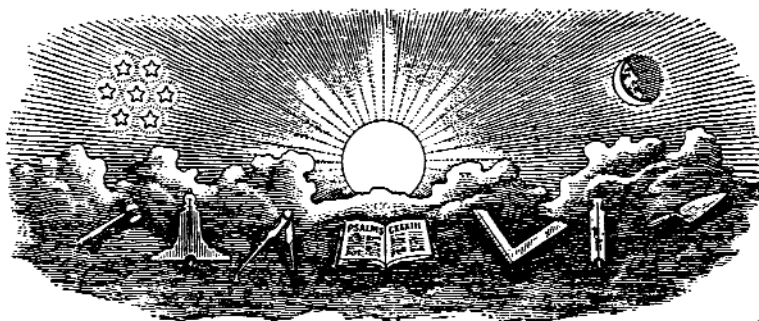
With the cessation of hostilities, Masonry in Japan was given great impetus by the United States Occupation Forces under Brother MacArthur and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Our Brother was not a Mason in name only, but a very active Mason for over forty years. Just before his death on his last visit to the Philippines in 1962, he visited our Grand Lodge and our Supreme Council and spent an evening with us... We were honored indeed to know that he was one of us.

I am in no way finding fault with Mr. Manchesters great book "American Caesar", but this paper is only written to put the facts straight relative to Brother MacArthurs contribution to the craft... Perhaps not appreciated by the average person but certainly by his Brother Masons...

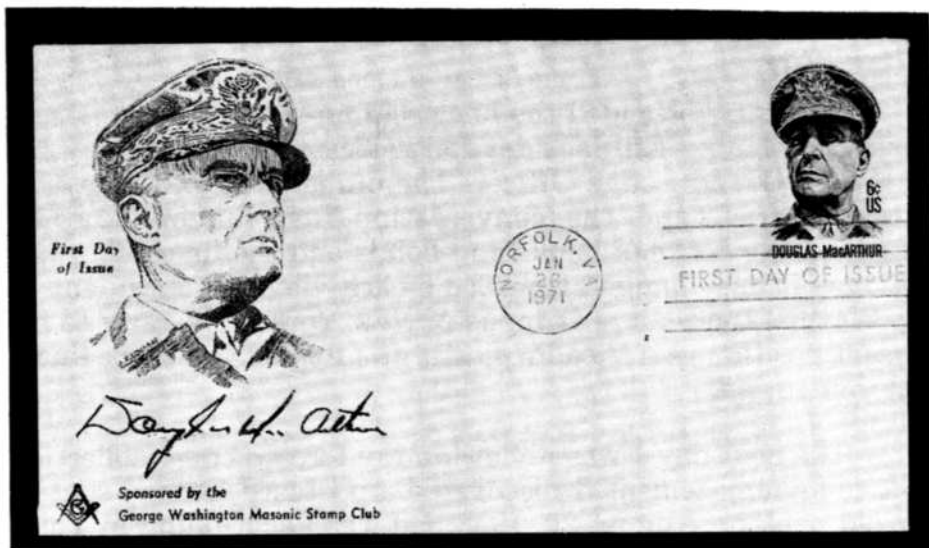
If by chance you have the opportunity to visit Norfolk, Virginia, it would be to your advantage to visit the MacArthur Memorial in center city. You will see on display all of Brother MacArthurs Masonic Regalia, including his apron from Manila Lodge No. 1 given to him on January 14, 1936, fifty years ago this year of our Lord 1986...

All of the material in this paper was researched by the writer from the original records in our Grand Lodge and Supreme Council and from correspondence with my late beloved Brother, Illustrious Frederic H. Stevens, a giant among Masons, who passed away a few years ago at the age of One Hundred and One — A Mason to the end...

So Mote It Be...







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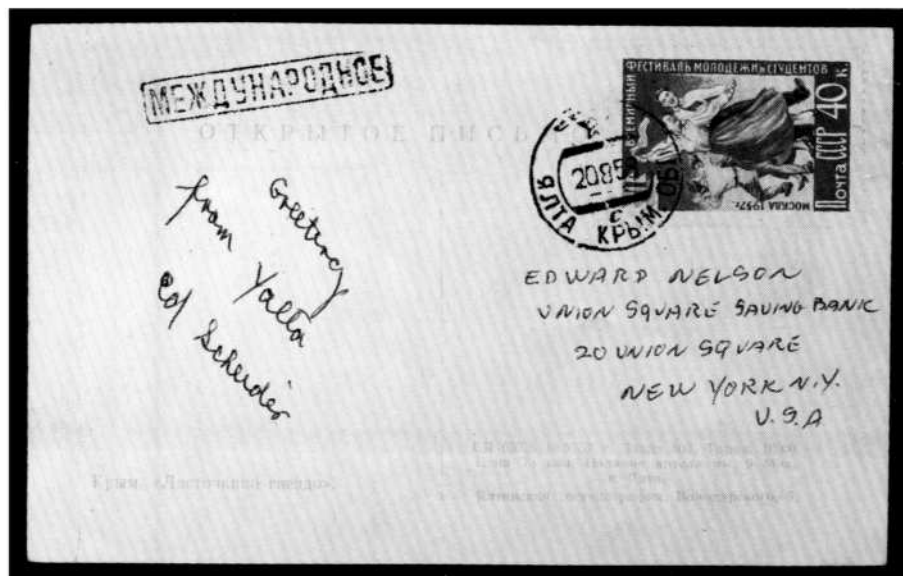
by

George Wettach

Fidelity Lodge No. 113, New Jersey

I recently attended the homecoming ceremonies honoring our Club member Ed Scheider for successfully completing his term as a Grand Lodge Officer. The dinner was excellent, the speeches brief, and the conversation fast moving and interesting. We spoke of banks and bonds and the financial world and how it has changed from Ed's early days as a student at the Washington Square Campus of New York University to his present position as a Vice President of a major New York financial institution.

The next day I was reviewing my foreign cover collection and, to my amazement, I discovered a postcard Ed had sent to my old bank on August 20, 1958. Ed was vacationing in Yalta but, always keeping his friendships in good repair, had sent post cards to his friends in the New York banking world. I don't think the picture side will reproduce well but the Masonic Stamp Club members may be interested in seeing this cover.





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Government issues that indicate actual recognition of the Masonic Fraternity are another matter. We have worked for some time to develop the list here that includes only 17 Masonic government issues, and we are stretching our definition to include the 1946 English "Peace Issue."

**Please let us know if you are aware of any issues that should be included on this list.**

We are also seeking covers, first day or otherwise, so that each government issue can be illustrated "on cover". We ask that anyone who can supply (by gift, trade or purchase) a masonic government issue on cover to advise the Secretary.

## A Preliminary list of Masonic Government Issues

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1941	Serbia	Anti-Masonic, Set of 4 Stamps
1946	England	Masonic Symbols
1956	Cuba	Masonic Temple, Havana
1956	Costa Rica	Centenario De La Masoneria
1970	Dominican Republic	Masonic Symbols
1972	Houduras	Surcharged Anniversary Gran Logia
1973	Brazil	Grand Orient de Brazil 1822/1973
1973	France	Grand Orient de France 1773-1973
1976	Barbados	Prince Hall w/Square & Compass
1977	Brazil	Cinquentenario de Fundacao des Grand Lojas Brasileiras
1983	Dominican Republic	125th Anniversary La Masonia Dominican
1983	Belgium	Grand Orient de Belgique
1985	Netherlands Antilles	Lodge de Vergenowging 150th Anniversary Set of 4 stamps
1985	St. Kitts	150th Anniversary Mount Olive Lodge, S.D. Set of 4 stamps
1987	Republic de Guinee	Lafayette, Churchill & Washington w/Square & Compass; Set of 3 stamps
1987	Republic of the Philippines	75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines

**Frank Lepore**

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**King-Solomon-Beethoven Lodge #232 — New York**

Some forty or fifty years ago, a number of Australians who collected stamps decided to form their own Lodge. Philatelic Lodge in Melbourne received a considerable amount of publicity for being the only Lodge in the world consisting of brothers with a philatelic interest. When about the same time the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was being organized there was talk of organizing a similar Lodge in America. The idea was encouraged by the Grand Master of Masons of New York State who was a prominent philatelist, but nothing came of it.

In 1984, the writer was in Australia attending the International Philatelic Exhibition in Melbourne. I telephoned Masonic headquarters and inquired the meeting time and place. I told them I was visiting from the States, and asked whether they might find someone who would be attending the Lodge. They were kind enough to put me in touch with Bro. John Hawker, who agreed to pick me up at my hotel, and to bring me back. He came right on time, along with some other brothers who were members of Philatelic Lodge.

I did not realize that this would be a historic meeting. Over the years, the stamp collectors in Philatelic Lodge had mostly passed from the scene. Some brother perhaps did not even know what the word "Philatelic" meant. There was to be a proposition voted on that night that Philatelic lodge be merged with Willsmere Lodge No. 887. There was an active discussion on the proposed merger. A few of the older members of Philatelic Lodge spoke sentimentally of the Lodge to which they had belonged for so many years, but others who were not attached to the name saw advantages in having the two lodges join.

A compromise was adopted, and while Philatelic Lodge disappeared, at least its original name would be retained in the new name, Willsmere-Philatelic Lodge No. 887.

My host as chauffeur that night was John H. Hawker, who at the time was Hon. Secretary of the Australian Stamp Dealers' Association. From 1951 to 1980 he had been Editor of Australian Stamp Monthly. He now resides in Cheltenham, Victoria 63.

William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born on February 26, 1846 in Scott County, Iowa. He was raised a Master Mason in Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte, Nebraska on January 10, 1871. He received the Royal Arch degrees in Euphrates Chapter No. 15 in North Platte and appropriately selected a buffalo's head as his mark.



He was knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 13 Knight Templars in North Platte and received the 32<sup>o</sup> Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. Cody dies on January 10, 1917 and was buried with Masonic honors on Lookout Mountain near Golden, Colorado.

Cody's life paralleled the development of the western United States. He worked as a messenger, pony express rider, calvaryman, scout, hunting guide, general in the Nebraska National Guard, a member of the Nebraska Legislature, and eventually organized "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" an elaborate dramatization of the western scene that included cowboys, indians, sharpshooters, and an Ohio farm girl who became an outstanding attraction as a sharpshooter — Anney Oakley.

Much of the myth surround Cody grew from the books, magazines and posters that carried his familiar face around the world. Ned Buntline, the writer, transformed Cody into "Buffalo Bill, King of Border Men" and featured him in many of the popular dime novels.

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Masons are also very much involved in community service and charitable works, providing over a million-dollars-a-day, nationally, to help Masons and non-Masons alike.

Freemasonry (or Masonry) is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. It brings together men from all walks of life for fellowship, the promotion of integrity, and good citizenship.

It is not a political or religious organization, but does require a belief in a Supreme Being.

If you would like to know more, talk to a Mason—your questions will be welcome.

