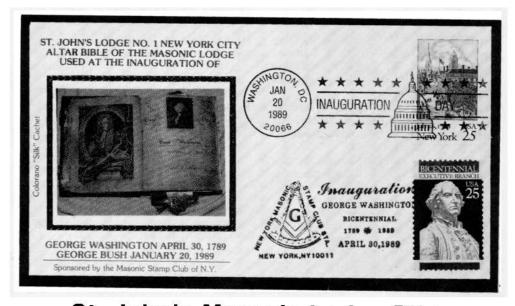


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The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

ON THE COVER

Our MSCNY Colorano Silk Cachets for the Bicentennial of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States feature dual cancellations.

One cachet features January 20, 1989 in Washington, DC and April 30, 1989 in New York City. The New York cancellation is at the Masonic Stamp Club Station, Masonic Hall, NYC.

The second cachet features the January 20, 1989 Washington, DC cancellation together with the April 16, 1989 Mount Vernon, VA "First Day of Issue" cancellation.

Dual cancellations are difficult to accomplish. We thank all who worked on this project and we congratulate them on a very attractive pair of Bicentennial Covers.

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FREEMASONRY AND THE TELEPHONE

A NEARLY FORGOTTEN CONNECTION

by Christopher L. MURPHY

Strange as it may seem, the word "telephone" actually preceded the invention as we know The word, which means "far sound", was used to describe any apparatus for conveying sound and dates back to 1796. discovery of electronic sound transmission in 1837, sparked all sorts of speculation on the transmitting of voices and music by this method. This started a race to invent a practical "telephone" instrument, brought to the forefront several notable inventors.



ANTONIO MEDICIT



Among these inventors was the Freemason, Antonio Meucci (b.1808) an Italian, who immigrated to Havana, Cuba. There, between 1837 and 1841 Meucci invented a device which electronically carried the human voice through a wire.

This device he apparently used to communicate with his invalid wife from the basement to the third floor of his home.

Meucci subsequently moved to Long Island, New York, making a living as a candlemaker. Here, he extended his fraternal friendship to Giuseppe Garibaldi (also a Freemason) who had taken refuge in the United States. Meucci took Garibaldi into his own home and gave him work in his candle factory (1850–1853).



From 1860 to 1870 Meucci searched in vain for investors to further develop and market his invention. He filed a provisional patent for his device in 1871 and presented his ideas and documents to the Western Telegraph Company. It is from this point on that a series of "mysteries" develop. Western Telegraph did not reply to Meucci, and when he asked for his documents back, they told him the files had been lost.



Meucci, apparently disillusioned, did not renew his patent. Five years later (February 6, 1876), another inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, filed his historic patent, and the Bell organization grew rapidly in power and stature. Meucci subsequently challenged Bell on his patent and, in fact, sued him for fraud.

In the proceedings, one account states that Bell "conscientiously swore falsely under oath" (exact issue not stated). The matter escalated and the U.S. government initiated an inquest. This was appealed by the Bell Company and the resulting turmoil forced President Cleveland to suspend his campaign.

The case is pursued further and the issue of Meucci's missing documents becomes public knowledge. Also, it is disclosed that Bell had heavy involvement with Western Telegraph, apparently agreeing to give Western 20% of the benefits of his invention. This amounted to \$2 Million between 1881 and 1885.

The case dragged on and eventually the court declared that Meucci's original patent had priority. However, as Meucci's patent had expired in 1873, and as he had achieved no practical results with his invention, Bell was allowed to proceed. Italy, however, has never forgotten their native son, and the Encyclopedia Italiana still lists Meucci as "inventor of the telephone".

What actually became of Antonio Meucci? The Encyclopedia Italiana concludes their account as follows:

"In 1882, after Garibaldi's death, the owner of the house in Long Island, F. Bachmann, donated it to the Italians under the condition that Meucci could stay there for the remainder of his life; and the inventor spent the last seven years in peaceful poverty".

Meucci died in 1889. From this statement it is apparent he rented the house in which he lived. The "Italians" referred to was a group of individuals that assisted Meucci in his battle against the Bell Corporation.

Meucci's actual lodge is not known. There is, however, evidence to support that he was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. The Italian stamp illustrated is Scott #909. All U.S. and Canadian stamps, of course, commemorate the life or inventions of Alexander Graham Bell. Nevertheless, the Masonic connection will continue to "ring" as a footnote in history until the last telephone is answered.



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SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL Valley of Milwankee 790 North Van Buren St. Milwankee, WI 53202

July 17, 1989

Dear Brothers:

On June 21, 1989, The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee celebrated its 50th Arniversary. On that date we issued a special cached envelope commemorating this event. We are enclosing a copy of our envelope.

On June 28, 1989, thirty two members and guests gathered at the wurst House restarant and ajnoyed a very fine lunch and a few hours of fellowship.

Our speaker was Allan Iding, Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Brother Allan gave us an outstanding discussion regarding the possibility that the French Dauphine became a Mason after the French Revolution. We will try to obtain a copy of his presentation and will send a copy to all members who were not present.

At the time of our luncheon, we installed the officers for the 1989-90 year. They were Herbert Matter, President Richard Dueno, Vice President Carl Cerull Sec. - Treas. and Richard Metz. Governor Governor

for three years.

You will have more news about this event in our next newsletter edited by David Cerull.

Wayne E. Claflin, Past President

P. 5. This same cover is available to members with the George Washington, Senate or House of Representatives stamp at 31.00 each plus SASE #10. Sorry, we can't afford to send you one of each for free.



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August 22, 1989

Hasonic Stamp Club of New York Masonic Hall - Box 10 46 West 24th Street New York, MY 10010

Dear Brethren;

The thrust of this letter is to let you know that the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee is issuing two new covers.

The first is a First Day Cocer for the postal carrier's stamp to be issued on august 30, 1989. Because of the design of the stamp, we have a very compatible caricature of a postman delivering a Special Delivery piece of mail using a pogo-stick. We hope that it will be well received as a cachet.

The second cover that we are issuing is a commemorative cover to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of take Park Chapter No. 202, OLS which is very close to us because they were started at Kenwood Temple while many of us where members there. The anniversary will be October 17, 1989. The cachet will be the five-pointed star emblem of the OES in their usual five colors. The stamp will be the current LOVE stamp because of the symbolism of one of their tenets. An appropriate Filler will be used.

Any help to promote this covers will be very greatly appreciated!!

Both covers are priced at \$1.25 apiece, or three for \$3.50 plus a large (\$10) SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for the return of the cover(s).

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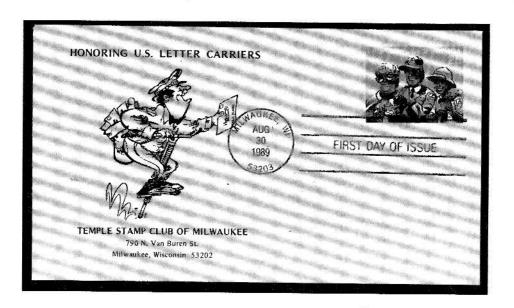
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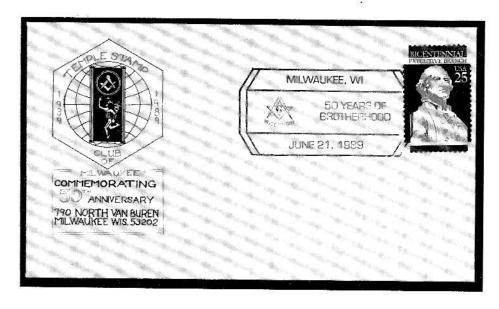
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Dec.10.1988

Dr.Al.Boudreau
"The Masonic Philatelist"

Dear Brother Boudreau,

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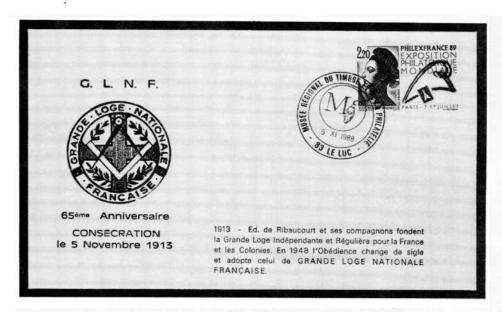
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I thank you very much for your assistan $\boldsymbol{\omega}$

and cooperation.

Kindest Regards Fraternally Yours

Jean Prouteau





Brother Vic Fabian from New Zealand visiting a Hungarian speaking Lodge in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



Dr. Allen Boudreau 1 Washington Square Village New York, NY 10010-4103

Dear Brother Allen:

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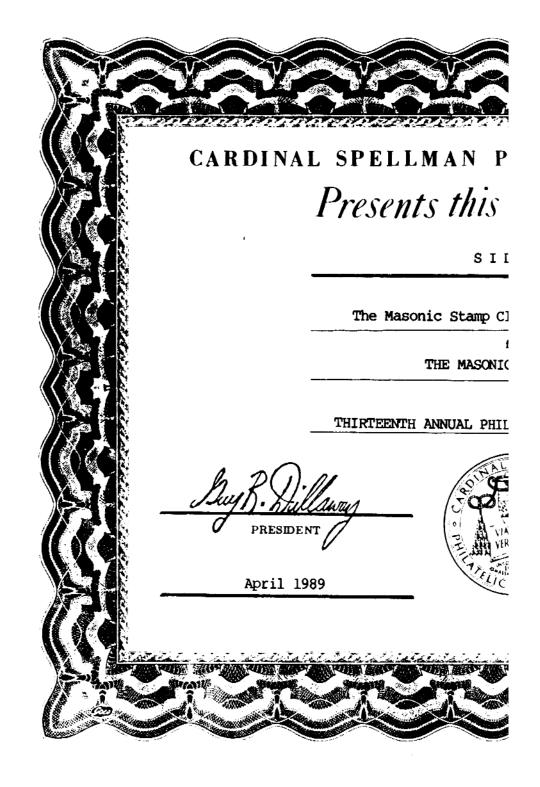
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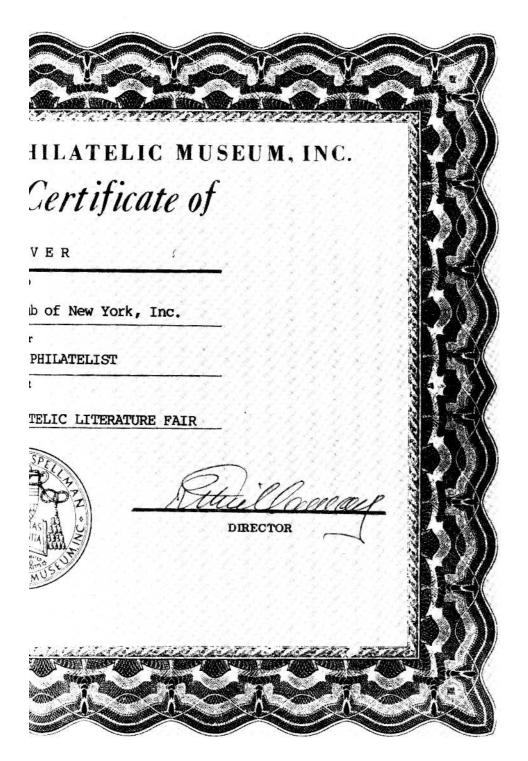
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Enclosure





Dicente Antonio Cu P. O. BOX 1443 1099 MANILA, PHILIPPINES

May 2, 1989

Dear Bro. Batalias,

On May 8, 1989, the Philippine Post Office will issue a set of five (5) stamps commemorating the birth anniversary of the "Greatest Filipino" : Leandro H. Fernandez, Camilo Osias, Don Tomas Mapua, Dr. Olivia Salamanca, Dr. Francisco Santiago.

Camilo Osias was the 38th Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (1955).

Don Tomas Mapua, Member of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. Raised: March 3, 1915. Junior Deacon 1916, Marshall 1917, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. The source of this two brother is included in this letter. On that day I will mail you the FDC.

Please put this two FDC in our next issue newsletter. The two covers cost \$3.00 including the return postage. Upon receipt of order with remittance, don't sent check.

Enclosed is a list of Grand Lodge Officers for the Masonic year 1989-1990. I just returned from Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines.

Well, I must close this letter now, Hope to hear from you soon.



Sincerely and fraternally yours

Vicente

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications POSTAL SERVICES OFFICE

Manila SPS-22

PRESS BULLETIN

The Philippine Postal Service will issue on May 18, 1989, se-tenant definitive stamps marking the Birth Centenary of Great Filipinos to coincide with the celebration of the Decade of Filipino Nationalism 1989-1998, pursuant to Proclamation No. 269, dated June 10, 1988.

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1th. July 1989

Mr. NICHOLAS BATALIAS 27-05 Urban Place FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410

Dear Brother:

The last 10th. of June we celebrate in Spain the TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the new legalization of our Order in my Country, after the funest dic tatorship of General Franco. Now, after fifty years, we can work with all liberty...

Our Gran Lodge Symbolial Spaniard, between anothers importants events, edit an special envelope witch famous brother born in Spain: NARCISO - MONTURIOL, inventor of one submarine Ship.

Besides, a temporaly post-oficce work during this day an special post-Mark, where you can read the name of my Lodge and see the square socket and the compass. & Is the first time that this event is possible in -Spain in more of fifty years...

All brothers in the world interested for this philateclic document, can write to:

GRAN LOGIA SIMBOLICA ESPAÑOLA Brother JOAN SABATER Apartado de Correos, 236 08080 BARCELONA (Spain)

and successively we will send it.

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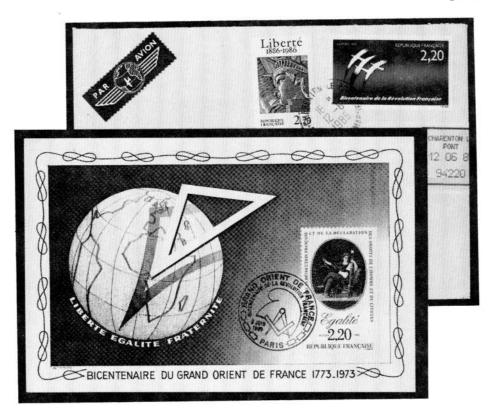
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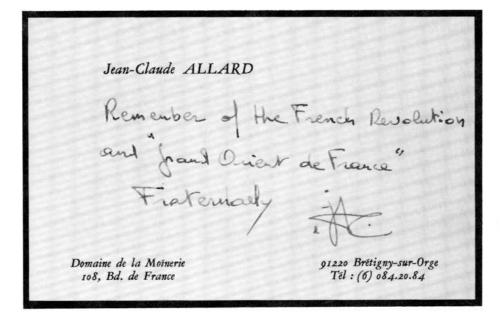
Sincerely,

Dickey B ↑ Rustin Director and Exhibition Manager

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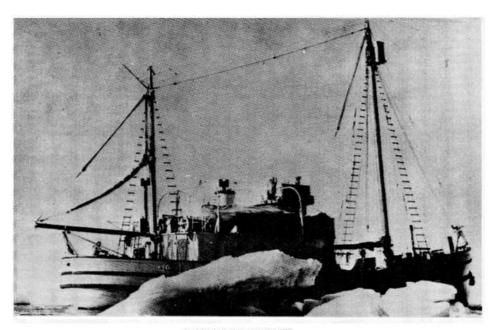
by CHRISTOPHER L. MURPHY

Described by her own commander as the "ugly duckling", the St. Roch carried the intrepid Henry Larsen and his crew on two of the most fantastic voyages in world history. The initial voyage, which was from Vancouver, British Columbia to Halifax, Nova Scotia, via Canada's northern shores, was the first west to east voyage through the North-West Passage. The return trip, via the same route, marked the first time a ship had made the trip both ways.

Henry Larsen, member of Mount Newton Lodge No. 89, Saanichton, British Columbia, was the first to attempt the North-West Passage since Road Amundsen had conquered it in his epic voyage of 1903–1906. Larsen's voyages, however, which were made in the early 1940's, were for a different reason. With a world gripped in war, Canada needed to reinforce her sovereignty over her vast and hostile Northern territory. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police were given the task and Sergeant Henry Larsen was selected to make the journey.

Larsen and his crew overcame remarkable hardships in Canada's frigid north. On two occasions during the outward journey the ship was frozen in for a total of 21 months. At other times, the seas were so rough that one could touch the water from the Crow's nest. The outward journey took 28 months; the return journey 87 days! Such is the way of the Sea.

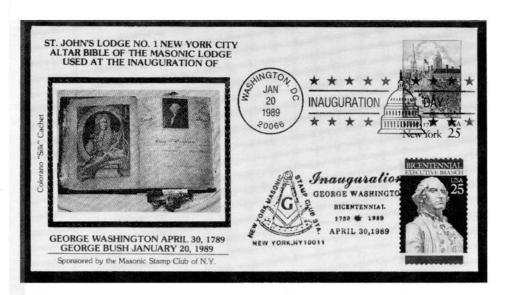
Larsen himself, a Norwegian by birth (b. 1899), was a very gentle man. He undoubtedly had a deep respect and understanding of his fellow man as may be evidenced by the following extract from his journal:

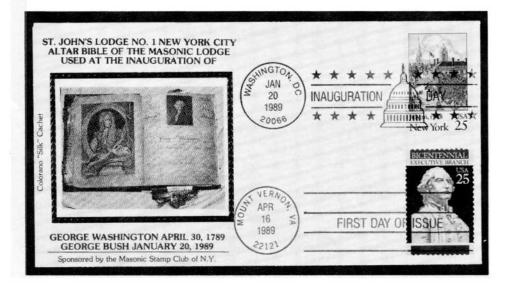


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"One cannot help but like and admire the Eskimos; especially so the more primitive groups among them, whom we have contacted; their helpfulness to one another, their resourcefulness in hard times, and their fondness of children. As far as I have seen there is no such thing as the unwanted step-child. If a child's parents die or are unable to care for it, the child is immediately adopted by someone who can, and he fares the same as their own children. In their primitive way of life they need one another in order to hunt, live and exist. Some of their customs perhaps do not agree with our way of thinking, but they are no worse than many among civilized people."

The St. Roch is now quietly nestled in a maritime museum in Vancouver, British Columbia; Brother Larsen sailed on to the Grand Lodge above in 1964. There is no doubt, however, that his story lives on in Eskimo lore in that land of the midnight sun.





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