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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

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.

B'nai B'rith
(Sons of the Covenant)
150 Years of Fellowship

By Dr. Allan Boudreau



Fraternal philatelists will have a special interest in a stamp honoring B'nai B'rith's 150th anniversary in October 1993. The 1.5 NIS (about \$0.50 US) stamp displays the B'nai B'rith menorah and was designed by Aharon Shevo and Gad Almaliach, the result of over two years of effort and two rounds of competition.

B'nai B'rith is the world's oldest and largest Jewish organization. Worldwide membership is now approximately 500,000 (over 150,000 in the United States) organized in 75 state and regional groups. The national office, located in Washington, D.C., publishes the *National Jewish Monthly* and other periodicals. A budget of over 25 million supports education, social services, youth activities, and a variety of other community programs.

B'nai B'rith was founded in 1843 by 12 young German Jews at Sinsheimer's Cafe on Manhattan's Lower East Side with the purpose "to provide service to their own people and to humanity at large." Patterned on the structure of the Masonic Lodges then operating in that neighborhood, B'nai B'rith's early proceedings, both oral and written, were conducted in the German language. One of its first acts was collecting \$60 for a fund to support widows and orphans.

Today's broad based programs undertaken by B'nai B'rith embrace a wide cross-section of American Jewry. The Anti-Defamation league was founded in 1913 and is now a separate entity with a strong B'nai B'rith presence on its governing board. The Hillel Foundation was established 1923 to assist Jewish college students.

Other programs include B'nai B'rith Women, Housing for senior citizens, and the Senior Resources Network and Caring Community to provide referrals for housing, medical care, and other services for the elderly. To provide a source of bonding between grandparents and their grandchildren, B'nai B'rith recently instituted another program called Grand Explorers, which will organize trips to Washington, New York and Israel for family members

Stamps can be purchased in the United States from local distributors of the Israeli philatelic service and from the Klutznick National Jewish Museum.

The Masonic Lodge was the pioneer of Fraternal organizations in the United States and attempted to preserve the code and spirit of the medieval guilds. The lodge system of local organization and meetings and the use of symbol and ritual offered men companionship and common interests.

Among the many groups that based their structure on the Masonic Lodge model were the oldest college Greek letter society, Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia; the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry (the Granger Movement) an agrarian organization founded for educational and social purposes by Oliver H. Kelley and six associates in 1867; The Benevolent and Protective order of Elks (BPOE) founded in New York City in 1868; and the Knights of Columbus, an American Roman Catholic Society for men, founded at New Haven, Connecticut in 1882.

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November 11, 1993

Dear Brothers,

I enjoyed the latest issue of our paper, and I'm glad to enclose my dues, together with a small contribution above that sum in order to help the treasury along.

I also enclose a couple of items you may want to reproduce in a forthcoming issue. I've collected Masonic memorabilia for better than 50 years, but not until recently were they in an album. I simply threw them into a large carton, and two weeks ago I starting sorting and mounting.

Here are two items you may want to reproduce. One is a letter from 1690 from one Mason to another owing money. I think anyone who reads the letter can understand the Masonic references in it.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from John Quincy Adams. When he ran for President, the only thing at issue was Masonry, and he was elected on an anti-Masonry ticket. He wrote the letter in 1838.

I also found an original copy of Morgan. I would be glad to do a story on that for the paper if you can use it.

Best fraternal wishes, and I hope all goes well with you.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is also enclosed for the covers.

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John Hollows Esq New York

Quincy 2 Nov^r 1835

Sir

Accept my ~~very~~ ^{heartfelt} thanks for your obliging Letter, dated in September last, and which I duly received, together with a very learned work upon the mysteries of the Ancient Egyptians Pythagoreans and Druids, and an inquiry into the origin, history and purport of Free-Masonry -

Considering the institution of Free Masonry as founded upon Imposture, Historical, Religious, Moral and Political, every historical research, relating to it becomes interesting to me - because no honest enquirer after truth can come to any other conclusion concerning it - That the only means of wiping away the stain I present attached to the Society, is a total abandonment of the Oaths. I am happy to find ^{this} is your unequivocal opinion; and as the Oaths are the vital part of the Institution, I trust the good sense of its members will at no distant day induce them to abandon with the Oaths the whole system of fantastical absurdities connected with them.

I am with great Respect Sir your obed^t Serv^t

John Quincy Adams

John Fellows Esq^r New York

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Dear Masonic Editor:

This year is the bicentennial of the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in Masonic ceremonies on September 18, 1793. The event gained major media attention (an estimated 100 million viewers!) when a Masonic reenactment was telecast from the west front of the Capitol on September 18, 1993.

Also, on October 23, a large general celebration, with Masonic representation, will be held in Washington, DC, and should include many high government officials, including the President.

As part of this Masonic bicentennial event, The Supreme Council, 33°, S.:J.:., commissioned an original oil painting of the 1793 ceremony. Enclosed is a description of the art print made from the painting, a small color reproduction of the painting, and a 4"x5" black-and-white glossy photograph of the painting. Probably, the text of the card provides you with adequate text for any article you may be able to publish.

I request you feature this information and an image of the painting in your publication as a service to the Fraternity and America. *Please note that a framed copy is now available as an economical and convenient service to the Brethren.* The framed, double-matted, and glazed copy, described in the enclosed reprint, costs \$195.00 complete. The cost of the print and its shipping/handling charges are included in this one price.

Thank you for your consideration of and timely attention to this matter.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

J. W. Boettjer
Managing Editor



George Washington Laying the Cornerstone of the United States Capitol



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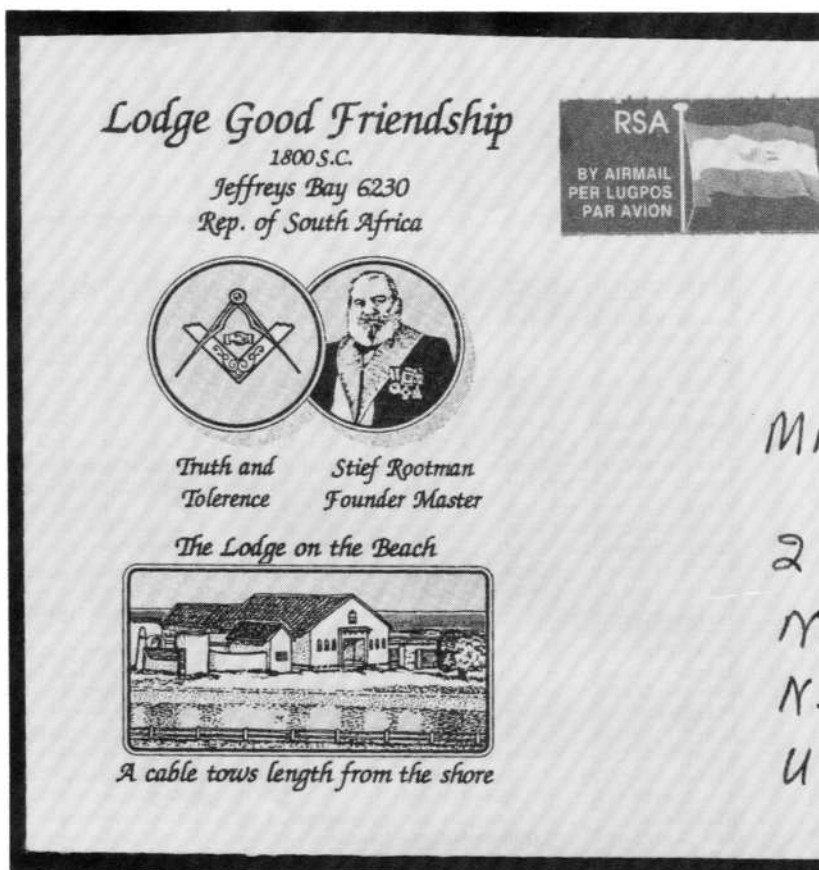
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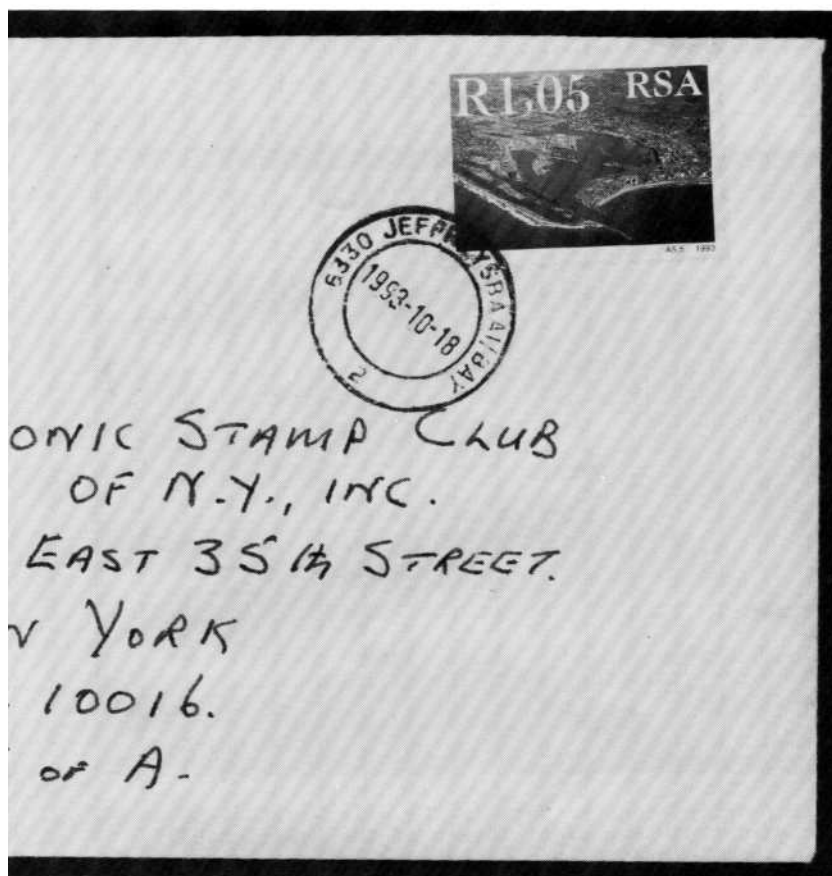


Jeffreys Bay is a town on the South East coast of South Africa. It is near to Port Elizabeth which is also the biggest harbour city in the Eastern Cape.

Originally it was popular for the good sea-fishing and Captain Jeffreys established a trading post and a fish curing facility here. For many years it was known as "the Fishery" and up country farmers obtained supplies of dried fish from here to supplement the diets of their labourers. Today, it is still the hub of a very lucrative squid (calamari or "white gold" as it is referred to by the locals) fishing industry.

Shell collectors consider the area a world renown paradise and our museum boasts with a superb shell collection. The surfing and its popular beaches is unsurpassed and attracts enthusiasts from all over the world. Annual competitions form part of the international world wide tournament circuit.

It is a very popular holiday and retirement venue. The tranquil and quiet community really comes to life at holiday times when the population is increased dramatically. It is and has been, for a number of years, the most rapidly growing town in the country.



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Many Freemasons retired to Jeffreys Bay from other centres in the country and during 1991 thirty Masons got together and formed a new Masonic Lodge. Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as "Lodge Good Friendship No. 1800". The Lodge was consecrated in 1992 and obtained the use of a derelict swimming pool's changing rooms as Lodge rooms. This facility is on the beach at the mouth of the Seekoei (Hippopotamus) River adjoining the town. It is claimed that these are the only Freemasons Lodge rooms in the world that are situated on a beach. As the members of Lodge Good Friendship say "A cable tow's length from the shore". A cachet was released to mark this event.

Members of Lodges in amity with the Grand Lodge of Scotland are most welcome and are invited to make visitations.

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October 13, 1993

DR. ALLAN BOUDREAU
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Dear Bro. Allan:

I received your last letter where you say that have the last number of "CRONICA FILATELICA", with the article about FILOSO FIA MASONICA.

It's very pleased for me that you enjoy it. There are not any problem for reprint it in a future issue of our Club Magazine.

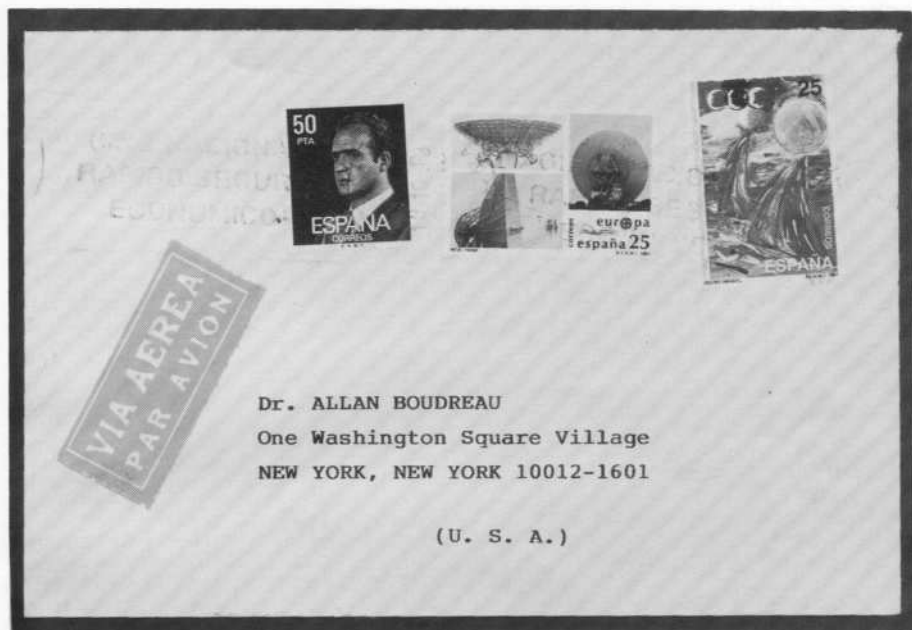
Here, in Spain, write about Masonry is the only way that I can utilized for to diffuse the hight ideals of the Craft. Behalf this articles there are some people that ask information, and three of this are initiated in several lodges.

Today is a pleasure to send you a photography of some members of my Lodge. You can see that I am in the center, with the mallet in my hand.

I do hope to hear from you very soon.

Fraternally,

JUAN SABATER PIE





Filosofía masónica

Juan Sabater Pie

Como continuación a los anteriores artículos y para conocer más íntimamente la filosofía interna de la Francmasonería moderna, debemos adentrarnos más en este mundo pseudo-misterioso que, para algunos, es esta enigmática Orden.



Carta prefilatélica fechada 12/12/1815, circulada en Cataluña, plegada masónicamente y con simbología masónica

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Lo primero que observamos en cualquiera de sus comunicaciones internas y documentos oficiales son una larga serie de iniciales seguidas de unos extravagantes ... con los que a menudo se ha identificado a los masones, denominándolos los Hermanos Tres Puntos.

AL. G. D. G. A. D. U.

Cualquier trabajo realizado por un miembro de la Orden, sea cual fuese su cargo o condición, así como en la apertura de todas las reuniones celebradas por los masones de todo el mundo, siempre se abre con una clásica invocación dedicada a la Existencia Suprema, Creadora e Indefinible a la que los profanos llaman Dios y cuyo estudio es una de las bases de análisis de la Masonería y que éstos denominan simbólicamente el Gran Arquitecto del Universo, Autor y Ordenador de todo lo que en el mundo existe.

Millones de francmasones esparcidos por los cinco continentes inician toda su actividad y correspondencia con esta abreviatura



arriba reseñada y que significa "A la Gloria del Gran Arquitecto del Universo" y con la cual quieren manifestar que, siempre y en todo lugar, el masón ofrece un testimonio y homenaje de agradecimiento a este Ser, Inteligencia o Energía Superior al que corrientemente denominamos Dios y que en la simbología masónica es representado por diversos elementos:

Volumen de la Ley Sagrada: Libro sagrado de cualquier religión.

Estrella de cinco puntas: Emblema de la Divinidad.

La letra "G": Abreviatura de "God", Dios.

El ojo: Simbolizando a Dios contemplando su propia creación.

A continuación de este universal recordatorio dedicado al Ser Supremo, en numerosas comunicaciones masónicas aparecen tres nuevas iniciales que extrañan a los profanos: L., I., F..

Se trata de la divisa inconfundiblemente masónica de Libertad,



La letra "g" como abreviatura de God (Dios, en inglés).

El ojo, símbolo de Dios.

la Ley; sus ideales morales están contenidos en aquella sublime máxima que la Masonería coloca en un primer término: Lo que no quieras para ti, no lo quieras para los demás.

La Igualdad es el segundo de los tres altos ideales que forman el lema ternario masónico. La Orden reconoce que todos los hombres han nacido iguales y, por lo tanto, proclama que no debe existir ninguna diferencia entre ellos, sin importar clase social, raza o religión, ya que a todos sus miembros los identifica con el cariñoso nombre de Hermanos. La lucha contra el racismo y la discriminación de

Igualdad y Fraternidad, por las cuales, desde hace doscientos años, miles de Hermanos han entregado gustosamente sus vidas en la lucha para la consecución de estos tres derechos inviolables del hombre y que componen el lema emancipador y regenerador de la

Puede utilizarse cualquier libro sagrado de los distintos religiones.



La estrella de cinco puntas es un emblema de la Divinidad.



Francmasonería, y que la misma Francia adoptó como trilogía propia durante su Revolución de 1789, prueba evidente de la participación de la Orden en aquel hecho histórico.

La Libertad es el primero y el más importante de los tres principios que componen la triple divisa masónica y que nos concede la facultad de obrar como mejor nos parezca, con la cual somos dueños y responsables de nuestros propios actos. La libertad tiene la Naturaleza por principio, a la Justicia por regla, por salvaguarda a

clases ha sido una constante en la historia de la Francmasonería, la cual propugna total igualdad entre el que manda y el que obedece, entre el que produce y el que consume, entre el que paga y el que cobra: unos y otros, formados por el mismo Principio Creador, compuestos de una misma materia, sujetos a las mismas afecciones y a las mismas causas de destrucción, deben respetar la posición y creencias de todos los hombres prescindiendo de su raza, ideas religiosas o nacionalidad.

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Filosofía masónica

procedemos de un Padre común. El Amor "se da", pero nunca puede exigirse. Lo mismo debe decirse de la Fraternidad, que no puede ser sino una manifestación de Amor. Ninguna verdadera y sincera manifestación de Fraternidad puede obtenerse si no es cuando verdaderamente se siente y realice interiormente: Un masón se hace verdadero Masón y Hermano según sienta en sí mismo el Ideal Masónico y se reconozca como

La divisa masónica
Libertad, Igualdad
y Fraternidad.



El mérito, el talento, la sabiduría, la virtud y el trabajo son las únicas distinciones que la Masonería admite voluntariamente. Sin querer trastornar el equilibrio social, ni igualar fortunas, ni despojar a los unos en beneficio de los otros, pero preocupándose por el bienestar de todos, la Orden reconoce que el Hombre no puede ser venturoso si no tiene la seguridad de encontrar en su trabajo el pan cotidiano para él y su familia y si no se le pone en plena posición de todos los derechos que son inherentes a una persona. "La Igualdad natural de los hombres, es la primera base de sus derechos y el fundamento de toda verdadera moral" (Condorcet).

La Fraternidad es el tercero y último pedestal que configura la divisa de la Masonería y concierne a la obligación moral de todos sus miembros de ayudar a sus Hermanos y, consecuentemente, a todos los seres de la Tierra, ya que todos

Hermano de los demás. Este Amor fraternal no sólo se debe dirigir a los demás miembros de la Orden, sino a todas las personas que nos rodean. Esta es la Fraternidad de los Iniciados y de los verdaderos Maestros.

Además de estos tres pilares básicos, existen otros varios objetivos



Todos los hombres han nacido iguales, no importa su clase social, raza o religión.

de perfeccionamiento que la Orden propugna para sus miembros y para la Humanidad en general:

La Paz, aspiración suprema y preciada virtud que aspira a la tranquilidad, el amor y el sosiego, en contraposición a la perturbación, al odio y a las pasiones. La paz, es el ideal primordial de la Masonería, pues sin ella no es factible ni el desarrollo ni el progreso de las Naciones.

La Francmasonería como delantera en las campañas pacifistas por la paz, el desarmamento y por la creación de Organismos Internacionales que velasen por la conciliación y el equilibrio entre los países, fue la promotora de instituciones como la Sociedad de Naciones, el Tribunal Internacional de La Haya y el Consejo de Europa, entre cuyos fundadores figuraron un gran número de masones.



El más importante de los tres principios de la triple divisa masónica.

La Caridad es otro de los grandes objetivos de la Orden y uno de los primeros deberes del Masón, consignado en los Antiguos Limites del año 1717. Efectivamente, la principal actividad externa de la Francmasonería es la Caridad, ya que sus miembros jamás abandonan una de sus "Tenidas" sin haber depositado previamente alguna cantidad voluntaria y secreta en una colecta en beneficio de algún acto filantrópico y humanitario.

Los francmasones como sinceros buscadores de la verdad, consideran a la justicia como la principal de todas las virtudes y a la tolerancia como la base para respetar siempre las opiniones ajenas.

La Francmasonería en su lucha constante contra el fanatismo, la ignorancia y la superstición, combatiéndolos bajo las banderas de la Libertad, la Igualdad y la Fraternidad, ha logrado, en el transcurso de cientos de años, grandes conquistas democráticas que quedan reflejadas en los últimos sellos que hoy aparecen en este artículo y que resumimos en los siguientes: Abolición de la esclavitud y la pena de muerte, Declaración de los Derechos Humanos, el logro del sufragio secreto y universal, y en la oficialidad de las libertades de culto, prensa y expresión.

El futuro de la Masonería pasa por distintos problemas sociales y políticos. La lucha actualizada contra los fanatismos religiosos, el apoyo a los débiles en los países del Tercer Mundo donde todavía existen guerras fratricidas que solucionan, las campañas sociales contra la droga, la prostitución y el medio ambiente... Hay todavía muchísimo trabajo a realizar... Y en nuestro país, una joven Masonería, ilusionada en un mañana mejor, trabaja silenciosamente desde la legalidad y el anonimato, sin ningún descanso, para conseguir, sin prisas pero sin pausa, los altos objetivos que se ha propuesto, hasta alcanzar este mundo mejor y más solidario que todos anhelamos.

Los interesados en esta temática pueden consultar los números de "Crónica" 76 (marzo/81), 81 (septiembre/81) y 90 (junio/82) donde se publicaron anteriores artículos sobre la Masonería.



THOMAS (TOMMY) CLEMENT DOUGLAS, PRAIRIE CLERGYMAN, STATESMAN AND MASON

by Christopher L. Murphy

Few men in Canadian politics have achieved the popularity of the colorful and innovative Tommy Douglas. Born in Falkirk, Scotland in 1904, Douglas came to Canada with his family in 1910. His first job was working as a printer in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He attended McMaster University (B.A., 1930) and the University of Chicago (M.A., 1933). After being ordained a Baptist Minister in 1930, he moved to Weyburn, Saskatchewan.



A gifted orator, Douglas entered politics and became leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) party. He was elected premier of Saskatchewan in 1944 and was returned to office in the next four elections.

It was Tommy Douglas who introduced government-financed health care which became the model for Canada's health-insurance scheme. During this time, he became a member of Weyburn Lodge No. 20, Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Douglas resigned as Saskatchewan's premier in 1961 to serve as the first federal leader of the New Democratic Party. This position led him to British Columbia where he was elected to the House of Commons in 1962. While in British Columbia, Douglas affiliated with Zenith Lodge No. 104, Burnaby, B.C. He continued in politics until 1979. Brother Douglas passed on to the Grand Lodge above on February 24, 1986.

There are a number of Canadian postage stamps that may represent Tommy Douglas in a Masonic collection. The illustrated stamp is Scott #863 which effectively shows the vast expanse of Brother Douglas' political domain. Other equally applicable stamps are CDN #203, 425, 828, 961 and 1023.

MASONRY BY DESIGN OR ACCIDENT?

by Christopher L. Murphy



I am certain I am not the only Masonic philatelist who has been asked about the British Peace Issue of 1946 (Scott No. 265). This stamp has two obvious Masonic symbols and many Masons believe it is a true Masonic stamp.

Because the stamp was not issued for a Masonic purpose, I have been quick to correct this belief. I have classified this stamp as one that inadvertently shows symbols that may be associated with the Masonic Order. Officially, I am correct. The Scott Catalog shows that the stamp was issued to commemorate the return to peace at the close of World War II, Freemasonry is not mentioned.

There is, however, more to this stamp than meets even the most trained eye. A few weeks ago, a lodge brother, Charlie Oddstad, telephoned me and asked if I were aware of an article about this stamp that appeared in our Grand Lodge bulletin back in 1977. I did not recall the article so Brother Oddstad sent me a copy. I was quite astounded by the information the article contained. Just how "Masonic" is this stamp? I offer the information here for my fellow brother philatelists to consider:

1. This stamp shows King George VI who was a Freemason. He was a member of Navy Lodge No. 2612, London, England.
2. The stamp was designed by King George VI himself.
3. The stamp was released in 1946, the year King George was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England
4. The stamp shows the square and compasses and a trowel which are Masonic symbols. There is also a brick wall showing cement which also has Masonic connotation.
5. The stamp has a curious ribbon that ties the King and the various symbols together; much like a cable-tow.

6. The ribbon can be said to form five (5) figure 3's. The numbers three (3) and five (5) are very significant numbers in Freemasonry.

7. The position of the square and compasses indicate the Fellow-Craft Degree. This degree was the King's favorite degree.

8. If the top of the stamp is considered North, King George is situated in the East.

9. The square depicted is an older form of the instrument (the arms are not equal in length). This form of the square is often portrayed on the jewel worn by the Master of a lodge. Also, the form represent the Greek letter "G" or "Gamma" denoting God or the Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

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A further comment is made about the dove carrying a sprig of acacia. However, I have difficulty with this statement. Acacia is quite different in appearance and the branch shown on the stamp has berries or "fruit" which would indicate the traditional olive branch.

The evidence appears overwhelming that King George had Freemasonry in mind when he designed this stamp. But we will never know for certain - the secret is now safely stored in the archives of the Grand Lodge above.

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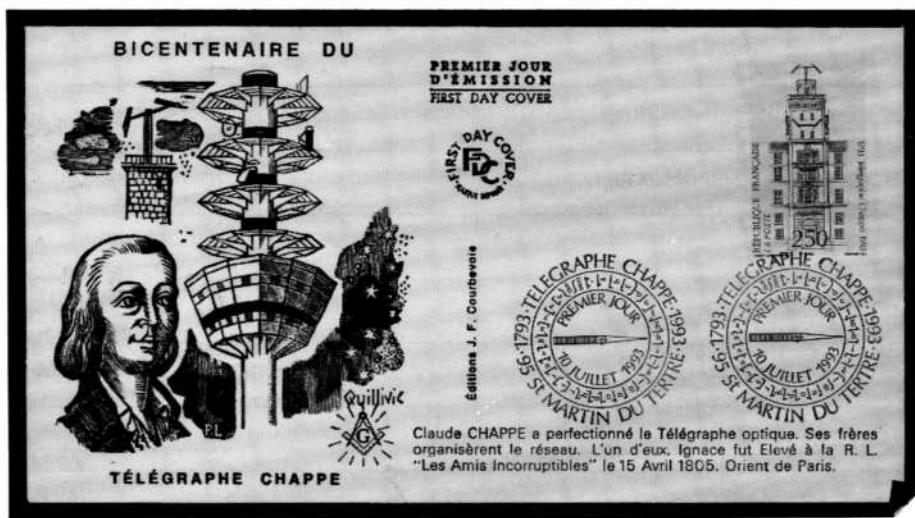
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Pierre, René, Abraham, took care of the management of the system
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