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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.



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Dear Brother

The Mail of Brazil threw a stamp personalized by occasion of the 175 Years of Foundation of the Supreme Council of the Degree 33° of Rito Old Scotsman and I Accept of the Freemasonry for the República Federativa of Brazil that has as Big Sovereign Comendador Bro. . Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres, 33° . Circulation of only 1.000 copies.

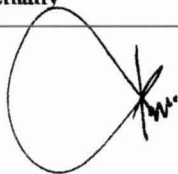
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MASONIC STAMPS

They will be thrown on August 27, 2004, in Brasília DF, a series of four masonic postal stamps, whose drawing is of authorship of the Brother Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil.

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Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, P. M. A.
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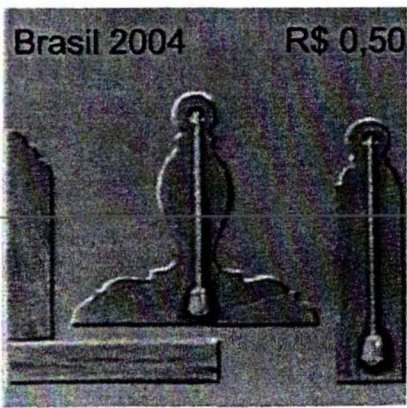
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American Topical Association Offers 101 New Stamp Checklists

By Dr. Allan Boudreau

It was reported in a recent issue of *Linn's Stamp News* that in 2003 the American Topical Association upgraded or added a total of 101 stamp checklists on a wide variety of topics for collectors.

The checklists range in scope and topic from a one-page checklist on the Battle of the Bulge to a new 48-page checklist of saints on stamps. The current listing of 423 subjects covers the full spectrum of topical collecting. Karen Carter, the new service director of checklists for the ATA said, as reported in *Linn's*, "Anyone who is interested in getting into a topical area of philately should take a good look at the checklists that are now available. Many experienced collectors have put in a lot of time in creating these lists and have donated them to the American Topical Association to help other topicalists enjoy their hobby."

Among the newer lists are some that encompass the topicals listed as the most collected by members of the ATA. "Bananas" and "Botanical Gardens" fall within the most popular topic of 2003, "Plants on Stamps."

Lists for Crocodiles, Dinosaurs, Donkeys, Lizards, Pigs, Snakes, Turtles, and Wildlife Conservation represent the second most popular topic, "Animals."

Sports, at number three, has new listings on Golf, Ice Hockey, Volleyball and Windsurfing. The revised River Rafting list represents the fourth most popular topic - "Watercraft and Ships."

Rounding out the top five topics is "Birds on Stamps," for which new or revised checklists are now available on Flamingoes, Ostriches, the Phoenix, and Puffins.

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A free listing of all 423 checklists is available to any interested person who sends an addressed, stamped, Number 10 envelope (SASE) to the American Topical Association, Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-6057. Information on membership in the American Topical Association will accompany the listing of checklists.

The American Topical Association seeks additional lists or updates from collectors at large which brings me to the real purpose I have written up this item for *The Masonic Philatelist*!

Thanks to the ATA and the efforts of Christopher L. Murphy we have produced two ATA Handbooks of interest to Masons. ATA Handbook No 141 *Masonic Philately* and Handbook Number 145 *Masonic Government Issues to 2003*. Both are computer based so that copies can be printed as needed and corrections and updates made as they come to the attention of the author. Notices on these Handbooks appear in this issue of the Masonic Philatelist and we encourage our members to purchase copies from the American Topical Society.

Checklists are another story. To my knowledge there are no Masonic checklists available from the ATA. How can this be with the wide variety of Masonic topics collected?

Can we get together and produce some checklists under the Masonic banner for the American Topical Association? There are a number of checklists that can be produced under the Masonic topic; Masons on United States of America Stamps, Masons on Canadian Stamps, Masonic Symbols on Stamps, Masonic Buildings on Stamps, Masons on French Stamps, Masons on British Stamps, Masonic Cancellations, and more.

No doubt some of these Masonic Checklists already exist! Produced by our Masonic Club members! Please don't hide your light under a basket. Please let us hear from you if you have a Masonic Checklist that you are willing to contribute to the American Topical Association. Contact us at aabnyc@juno.com

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ATA-NY Chapter Newsletter

Sixth Annual Newsletter, September 2004

This one almost did not get done. I couldn't come up with a program or any ideas. Our first meeting will be September 9th. This is our getting re-acquainted meeting. Every one bring something you bought at a show over the summer, or your pet peeve about stamp issuing entities. Postal Peeves and Pet Peeves. I recently purchased something for my collection which I really did have to have. I will have this item or rather these items at the September meeting and everyone can hear my complaints. Okay Lou, stop laughing, you probably know what landed in my mailbox this evening.

I will also re-cap highlights of the **ATA National Topical Stamp Show**, which was held June 11th thru 13th in Memphis, Tennessee. No photos yet, sorry. The film is still in the camera. But I got postcards of the Ducks at the Peabody! We had a great set of judges, but Pharoa still did not get the Grand.

We also now have a postal representative who can keep us abreast of special cancels around the City. Plans for the MEGA Show have to be made.

October Meeting: October 14th is also the first day of the MEGA Show. The show ends 6pm. There are many restaurants between the Javits Center and the Collectors Club. Maybe we will meet at the Stage Door Deli on 33rd and 8th for a NY sandwich. There is a fantastic Irish place also near there so we may bypass our usual Chinese emporium. Warning, I may be picking up strays. It's times like this when I wish we had some money in the kitty instead of that rather large hole we have, then dinner would be included in the evenings activities. After a full day of buying stamps, it would be nice. Linns lists several Holiday issues coming out but my sources say "no Santas", Hanukah and Religious Christmas. Boy are they going to look nice on a cover as a pair!

November Meeting: November 11th Veteran's Day! We're planning a Patriotic Night. The election will be over, Donkeys and Elephants are invited. We will also discuss our plans for our Holiday Party.

December Meeting: December 9th, which nicely follows the Collector's Club party which is December 8th.

January Meeting: January 13th.

February Meeting: February 10th.

March Meeting: March 10th.

April Meeting: April 14th. Anybody have any Revenue stamps in their collection?

May Meeting: May 12th.

June Meeting: June 9th.

I missed the last meeting of the season I still have no data on last June's meeting – attendance, discussion, etc. I do not know if a report went to Ranes Chakrovorthy or not, but Dr. C advised me in Memphis that he paid particular attention to the ATA-NY Chapter when he sent out his notices where to send the monthly reports for Chapter Chatter to all club secretaries. We definitely need a secretary. Computer a plus since both APS and ATA are totally on-line now. The job entails about 10 hours of work per year, maybe 12 tops.

Dues will be due at our September meeting. For those of you who will not be able to make that meeting please send your checks to Mr. Harlan Hamilton, 170 East 83rd Street, Apt. 3L, New York, NY 10028. Dues are still \$10.00.

The first stamp show of the season is the **Metropolitan Stamp Show**, which will be held at the Holiday Inn, 57th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues, September 10th 11th 12th. That's the second weekend in September. It follows the Labor Day weekend and our first meeting of the season.

The Fall **MEGA Show** will be held October 14th – 17th, at the Javits Center. Anyone wanting to know where I am, ask at the APS booth and/or the Washington 2006 booth. Those are my hangouts. I will likely be coordinating a tour of the Collector's Club with Marilyn Nowak's booth. Another stamp club I belong to hangs out there. Then of course, there are the Space People. I'm planning a tribe for dinner! Wherever you end up, remember to get thee to CCNY by 7:30pm. Since the show closes 6pm, that gives up about an hour to eat.

Sorry, no special cancel on this issue. I hope to have it in the mail before the Republicans come to town.

See You In September!

See you at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, NY 7:15-9:00pm





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July 26, 2004

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a copy of a recent Newsletter about the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Alaska to rekindle the light of Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

This project was started in 1993 and is steadily making progress. We have found the Russian families receptive to our efforts.

Brother Vyacheslav "Slava" Dokuchaeva, treasurer of Pacific Rim Lodge in Vladivostok, was killed in a plane crash. A Masonic buckle that he was wearing identified him.

Mrs. Lyuda Dokuchaeva wrote me as follows:

"I know Slava was only the beginner to Masonry, but he wanted to become a real Mason and indeed he was a real Mason in his soul and he was proud of it."

Masonry can and does make a difference.

The Worshipful Masters of the two new Russian lodges, east of the Ural Mountains, were initiated in the United States. One was initiated in Alaska and one in Missouri. They returned home to develop Pacific Rim Lodge #12, Vladivostok and Alpha & Omega Lodge #23, Novosibirsk.

Our Russian Relations committee hopes that you will find the enclosed material of interest. If additional information is desired please do not hesitate to let me know. Photos can be supplied if an item for your journal is considered.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John H. Grainger, Chairman
Russian Relations Committee

M.W. Vladimir Djanguirian, pictured below, was elected Grand Master of the Russian Grand Lodge, April 25, 2004

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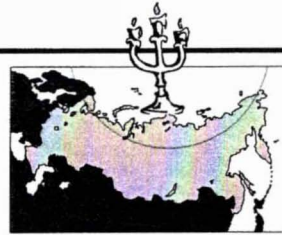
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Vostochny Svet

"Eastern Light"



MW Vladimir visited the Alaska Grand Lodge 2003. He is a long-time supporter of the goals of the Russian Relations Committee.

The Russian Grand Lodge reported "Today, after more than 70 years of sleep period Freemasonry in Russia is in the process of revitalization. It is strengthening the position of society and establishing a high moral value of Equality, Fraternity, Faith, Honor and Tolerance."

Russian Relations Committee Members

MW John H. Grainger.
MW Charles E. Corbin,
WB James R. Griffith
WB Roger Barnstead
WB Donald A. Witsoe
VW William Goodwin
WB Larry Wright
Bro. J. B. Carnahan

FREEMASONRY TO BE STARTED IN KAZAKSTAN, AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC

With encouragement and assistance from Alpha & Omega Lodge #23 in Novosibirsk Freemasonry can eventually be started in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Zhussip Islam, a religious leader in Kazakhstan, has applied for membership in Freemasonry.

WB Sergei Bogolepov, Alpha & Omega Lodge #23, Novosibirsk writes as follows:

Monday, 15 March 2004 - "I had long telephone conversation with Islam yesterday. He is religious leader in his country and has many contacts that make his desire to establish Freemasonry in his country very real.

"The most attractive feature in Masonry for him is universal brotherhood and religious tolerance. I think it is right motif. My plan for year 2004 is to work with Islam, initiate him, and help him to attract new candidates. We plan to initiate new candidates from Kazakhstan as new members of our lodge. As membership increases a new lodge can be started in Kazakhstan."

FREEMASONRY EXPANDING IN EASTERN RUSSIA

April 2003 - "Just received e-mail from young man in Tomsk, a big University City about 300 miles from Novosibirsk. He is interested in Masonry.

February 2004 - "Yes, we believe Alenandr from Tomsk can attract enough qualified candidates to establish a Lodge there. My task is to encourage him to reach out and find prospective candidates". MW Sergei Bogolepov.

Pacific Rim Lodge #12, Vladivostok

Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok is the first Masonic Lodge constituted in Eastern Russia since the Russian revolution in 1921.

The lodge is gaining in new members. Average age of members is 46 years old. They have a well-furnished lodge room.

"Slava", Secretary of PRL #12 wrote: "We received \$600 from the Alaska Russian Relations Committee (supported by Life-time membership fee) to furnish our new lodge. Terry Quarton, a Past Alaska Master and active member of the lodge added \$300.

Expenditure were manufacture of the altar, \$120; Purchase of three chairs for officers, \$214; ten chairs, \$221; Shades and curtain rails, \$116; Lamps, flags, materials for repairing the flat, \$40.

Secretary "Slava" Voitenko wrote: "We initiated new brother Mike Bounakov. He is attorney. Another new Mason in photo is Phillip Rader from Germany. He is an apprentice and has a probation in Russia in Irkutsk, Vladivostok and Moscow and later in China. He has interest in Russian Masonry and writes the articles in German newspaper. We have the plan to initiate also two new apprentices in near future. One is a doctor."



Rekindling Light of Freemasonry

Lodge members furnish Labor. Russian Representative from Maine, RW Richard Rhoda, sent \$150 from Maine Masons for the altar apron. Retired elderly ladies in Vladivostok made the new altar apron

Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok has started a Masonic Charity fund.

Robert Watkins, a Lifetime member from Alexandria, Virginia, visited Vladivostok. He helped with the name "Nezabudka" Russian word as "Forget-me-not" for the charity fund.

Pacific Rim Lodge #567 in Long Beach, California wrote that they would like to send something to Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok. They asked what would the Russian Lodge desire? The answer was "An American Flag".

An American flag was subsequently donated by the California lodge.

Only by enlightening the public about the purposes and principles and dispelling their misconceptions will Freemasonry be able to be accepted in Eastern Russia.



Alpha & Omega Lodge #23, Novosibirsk

Feb 7, 2003 – WM Sergei reported that the lodge Secretary and Junior Warden attended Grand Lodge in Moscow. They reported A&O Lodge was "especially noted for its progress in the right direction and for the charitable CPR training program."

The Russian Relations Committee supported by Lifetime membership fees, sent A&O Lodge two payments of \$800 so they could rent a place to initiate new candidates.

WM Sergei wrote: "I am happy to inform you about degree work we performed in the new apartment we rented for the lodge.

"Egor Savin was initiated. We have done pretty good job. It was even better than degree work accomplished for our lodge last summer in the hotel by brothers from Grand Lodge of Russia. It is because we had a very secure place and nobody disturbed us. Plus we had only one candidate and for 1st degree only. So we were doing the job very carefully.

"All members report sense of awe and excitement. I told them that the ritual was designed to steer these feelings in Brothers.

"There is a part of 1st degree work where candidates are formerly tested by fire. Sorry, but I literally burned his breast hair. Poor guy, but no complaints."

"February 2003 – I have the feeling that you have strong support from Masonic Brothers in your desire to establish real light in Siberia. I have legal right to buy flat but at this point we need to be more prudent in spending funds. My point is that the

spending must be spent in effectively as possible. Let's start with flat renting for some months or half of a year and see what progress we have. I don't want even one dollar spent without tangible benefits for the craft. Yours Fraternally, Sergei."

"September 2003 – My job required short visit to Moscow. I just returned home. Grand Lodge is obviously happy with our work.

"On my flight back one of the passengers had severe heart attack. The crew asked if there are MDs on the board. There were some MDs, but they were pretty shy. I offered my help and used my CPR skills plus some medication that were on board. Luckily the guy gradually returned consciousness and I was invited to the cabin to talk to the captain. He asked me if we need emergency landing. I told him it is practical and we better fly to Novosibirsk where ambulance should be waiting for the patient.

"They accepted my advice. I was promoted to the first class seat and received delicious meals. The crew and the passengers showed their appreciation."

"September 2003 – So good to hear from you. I have paid the rent because the situation was urgent. We were in desperate need to have place to meet with Alexandr Felker from Tomsk, the city 400 miles from Novosibirsk. We had several meetings. Initiated him 1st degree and have done some ritual training for him including opening and closing the lodge; so it was a historical event. We are spreading the Fraternity beyond our city limits. – WM Sergei Bogolepov, Alpha & Omega Lodge #23.

April 2004 – Alpha & Omega Lodge #23 is still experiencing problems finding an affordable place to meet.

Our committee would like eventually to challenge the members of Novosibirsk to match a grant to purchase a building to be used as a lodge hall. But this will have to wait for a later date.

Yes, I want to thank Dr. Cairns and California Grand Lodge for the square and compasses. It gives very special feeling to touch these old Masonic items. I received them from post office on Saturday and used them next day for our 2nd degree work. It was great to show guys how position of square and compasses is changed in the ritual. WM Sergei Bogolepov, A&O Lodge #23.

VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK

Members of Pacific Rim Lodge #12 decided best date for a visit to Vladivostok would be September 23-26. "In August it will be hot. First part of September many international meetings. It will be difficult to reserve hotel or inn rooms. End of September weather not hot but very warm. 'Slava' Voitenko, Secretary."

Gavan Tour Centre Company gavan@vlad.ru can arrange Invitation letter, hotel accommodations and tour package for visitor. (Also extended trips to Lake Baikal or China)

Travel to Vladivostok from the West Coast is via Korea/Japan. Check Delta or Korean Air. It is also possible to travel via Moscow. 2-3 days to St. Petersburg and visit Vladivostok on return trip home.



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September 8, 2004

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Michael J. Morrissey, Worthington, OH

September 22, 2004

British Central Africa, 1891-1907

Colin and Pamela Fraser, Woodstock, NY

October 6, 2004

The Chinese Presence in Tibet

Armand Singer, Morgantown, WV

October 20, 2004

The Sun Never Sets on the British Empire

The British Empire Study Group

November 3, 2004

Airmails of Greece

Constantine V. Politis, Newton Square, PA

November 17, 2004

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December 15, 2004

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Jim Kotanchik, Acton, MA

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Netherlands Military Mail and Related Subjects
1568-1839
Kees Adema, Fairfield, CT

March 16, 2005
Egypt; Five Hundred Years of Philately
Dr. Peter A. S. Smith, Ann Arbor, MI

April 6, 2005
Herb Trenchard

April 20, 2005
Nineteenth-Century Samoa
Jan B. Berg, Stockholm, Sweden

May 18, 2005
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