

## *Others May Care To Know . . .*

**Sonny Shortlegs**

The most Masonic of all flags is the new Jewish flag which is blue and white with a design, in the center, of two interlaced triangles forming a sixpointed star, Solomon's Seal of the Shield of David (Magen David).

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George Washington, the soldier, Benjamin Franklin, the statesman and Robert Morris, the financier — it has been said that but for these three patriots and Masons, the American Republic would not have been born, and the United States would still be under the rule of Great Britain.

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According to Bro. Silas B. Wright, the oldest lodges in existence are in Scotland and he gives the following list: No. 0, Mother Kilwinning; No. 1, the Lodge of Edinburgh; No. 1-bis, Melrose St. John. These three were instituted before 1598. No. 1-ter, Aberdeeen (instituted before 1670); No. 2 Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh (instituted 20th December, 1677); No. 3, Scone and Perth (instituted before 1658).

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The oldest Lodge in the Far East is "De Ster in her Oosten" ("The Star in the East"), which was founded in 1769. It is located at Batavia and is under the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

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The late Count Leo Tolstoy, who did much for the downtrodden peasants of Russia was an ardent Mason.

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The earliest record of the word "Freemason" is now traced back to the year 1325, according to W. M. George T. Lawrence of Cathedral Lodge, England.

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The "portraits in granite" of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln in Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota were conceived, designed and sculptored by the late Gutzon Borglum of Idaho, a Master Mason.

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Frederick the Great was made a Mason in a Lodge at Brunswick in 1738.