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GWMSC

- Inspiration for the presentation: George Washington Masonic Stamp Club
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GWMSC First Cover



GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER No. 1



Masonic Stamp Club of Washington, D. C.

In honor of the second inauguration of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as the thirty-fourth President of the United States, on January 21, 1957, the George Washington Chapter No. 1 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York in Washington, D. C., has sponsored this cover to mark the event.

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(SCOTTISH HERALDRY ISSUE)



JAMES I, KING OF ENGLAND from 1603 to 1625, was already King James VI of Scotland when he came to the English Throne as the first of the Stuart Line. He was the son of the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots and of her second husband Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley. James Stuart — King James VI of Scotland was initiated into the "Lodge of Scoon and Perth" through their Maister John Mylne who was "The Kings Maister Meason", on 15th April 1601.

ROBERT THE BRUCE



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Arms of His Royal Highness
The Duke of Rothesay

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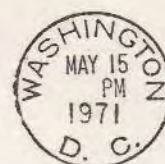
ROBERT I (1274-1329). Known as Robert The Bruce, King and Liberator of Scotland. There is a legend that Robert The Bruce founded The Royal Order of Scotland. It is said that at the dissolution of the Order of the Temple some of those persecuted individuals took refuge in Scotland placed themselves under the protection of Robert The Bruce, and assisted him at the Battle of Bannockburn. After the Battle the Royal Order was founded. It was originally the Order of Saint Andrew of the Thistle to which he afterwards united that of Heredom and Rosy Cross, for the sake of the Scottish Freemasons who made a part of the 30,000 men who fought with him. He reserved forever to himself and his successors the Title of Grand Master.



DONN EISELE
 Died today, Dec. 2, 1987, age 57, in Tokyo, Japan. Along with Bro. **WALLY SCHIRRA**, flew Apollo 7, the first 3-man mission in space. Member, Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, Ohio. **EISELE**



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Honoring 29th Conference S.:G.:C.:
33° AASR the Hague, Netherlands, May
22-23 1981 celebrating 225th anniver-
sary, Grand Lodge Netherlands (26 Dec
81), Dr. Th. Boesman, Grand Master
Dr. E.A. Boerenbeker, Gr. Secy. Celebrat-
ing 200th Anniversary: Diplomatic Re-
cognition U.S.A. by Netherlands Henry
C. Clausen, 33° S.:G.:C.:S.:G.:I.:
G.: California USA.
Elmer F. Stein, 33° Grand Master (1982)
D.C. USA.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



Provincial Grand Lodge of
Mark Master Masons of
Monmouthshire



Founded 22 Feb. 1821.

Charles E. Scheurich

Grand Master

P. Vincent Kinkead

Deputy Grand Master

Frank A. Arnold

Grand Secretary

“ I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet. ”

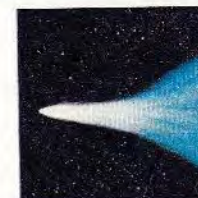


SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS
— MARK TWAIN —

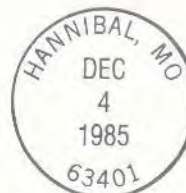
born: Nov. 30, 1835, Florida, Mo.

died: Aug. 21, 1910, Redding, Conn.

Well Known Author and Humorist.



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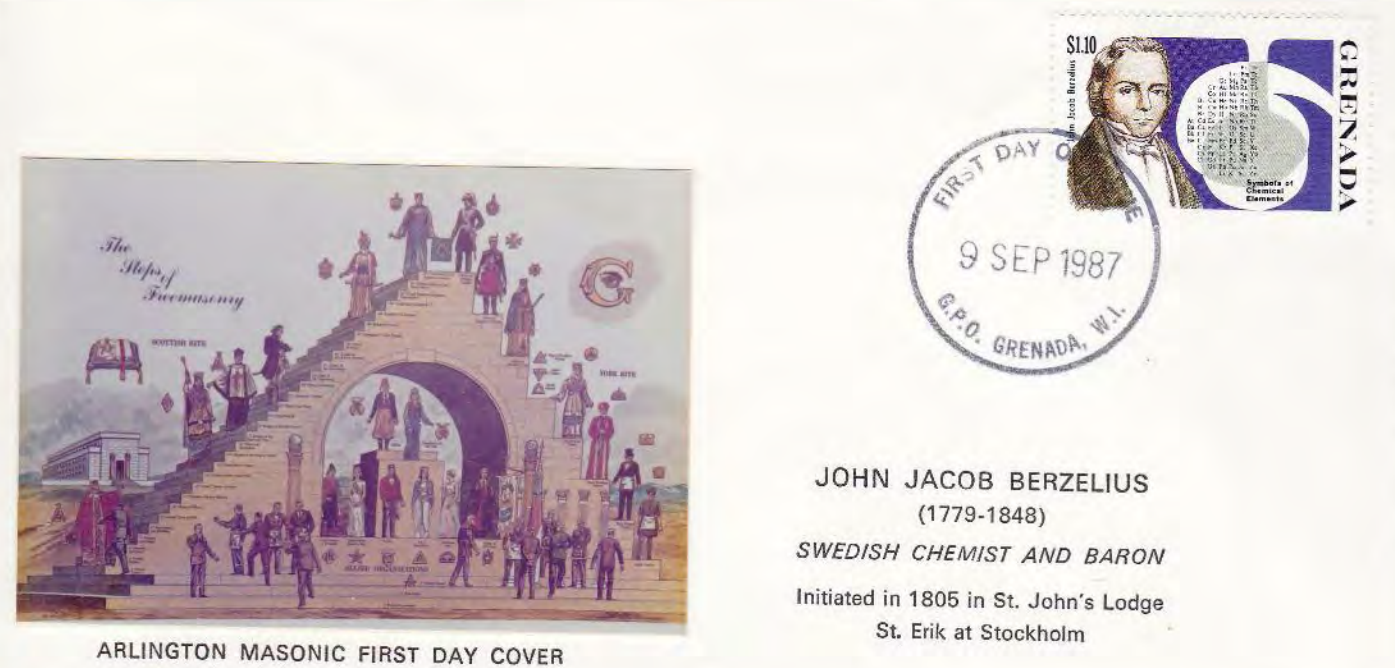
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Received his degrees in Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, Mo.

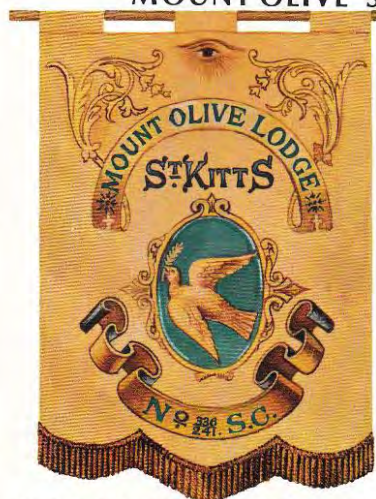
Initiated	May 22, 1861
Passed	June 12, 1861
Raised	July 10, 1861

Acted as Junior Deacon of Bear Mountain Lodge No. 76 at Angels Camp (a Calif. Mining Camp) on Feb. 8, 1865.

AEROGramme * VIA AIRMAIL * PAR AVION



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MASONIC LODGE
MOUNT OLIVE SC

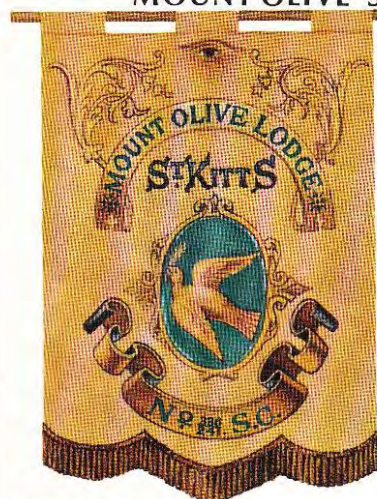


OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



IMPORTANT MASONIC SYMBOLS. The Bible, Square and Compasses are perhaps the best known symbols in Freemasonry. The Bible shown was presented to the Lodge about 30 years ago in memory of James Derrick Cardin M.B.E., an outstanding Freemason featured on the 15c value. The Square and Compasses in regular use at the Lodge originally belonged to Masonic Lodges founded in St. Kitts at the end of the 18th Century.

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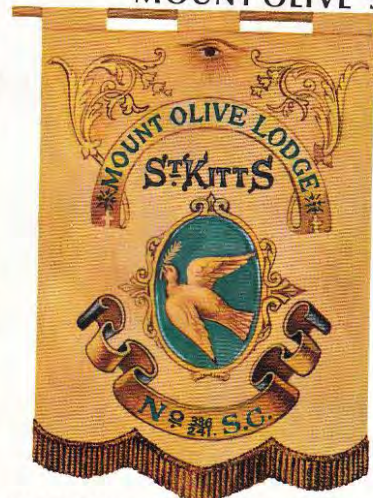


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BANNER OF MOUNT OLIVE LODGE. Many years ago, Freemasons here in St. Kitts used to march in procession to St. Georges Church on the 27th day of December in each year. This is the feast of St. John's and is an important day in the Masonic Calendar. The Standard Bearer of the Lodge carried the Banner at the head of the Procession. There are masonic symbols on it which will be recognised by Freemasons. The date on which the Banner was first obtained is not known, but it is believed to date from about 1850. Freemasons seldom appear in public now, but the banner is an interesting relic.

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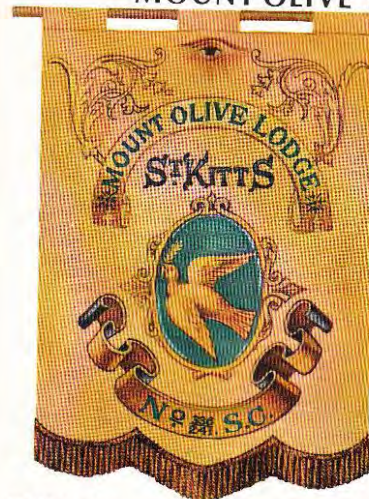


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BROTHER JAMES DERRICK CARDIN M.B.E P.M. 1871-1954
THE GRAND OLD MAN OF FREEMASONRY IN ST. KITTS.
A man of great character and determination, James Derrick Cardin the father of modern Freemasonry in St. Kitts re-organised procedures in Mount Olive Lodge and raised money to repair and restore the Lodge building. He was the first Freemason in St. Kitts to be honoured with Honorary Rank by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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THE CHARTER ISSUED 1835. A Lodge's Charter is its most treasured possession. The present charter was issued to Lodge Mount of Olives No. 407 on the 9th November, 1835 and has remained as the symbol of authorisation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland since that time. In 1848 the name of the Lodge was changed to "MOUNT OLIVE" and the number 336 was finally allocated.

George W. Norris

Senator from Nebraska

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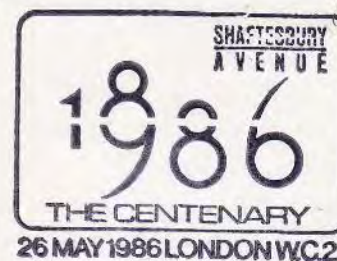
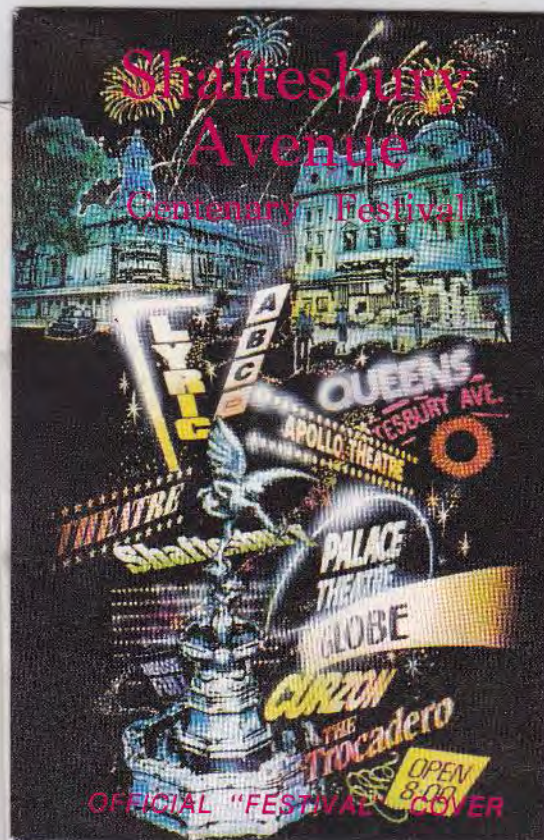


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THE PLAYGOER'S LODGE

No. 2705

CONSECRATED 28th APRIL, 1898
HOLDS REGULAR MEETINGS AT
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EDWARD VIII

50th Anniversary Abdication 1936-86

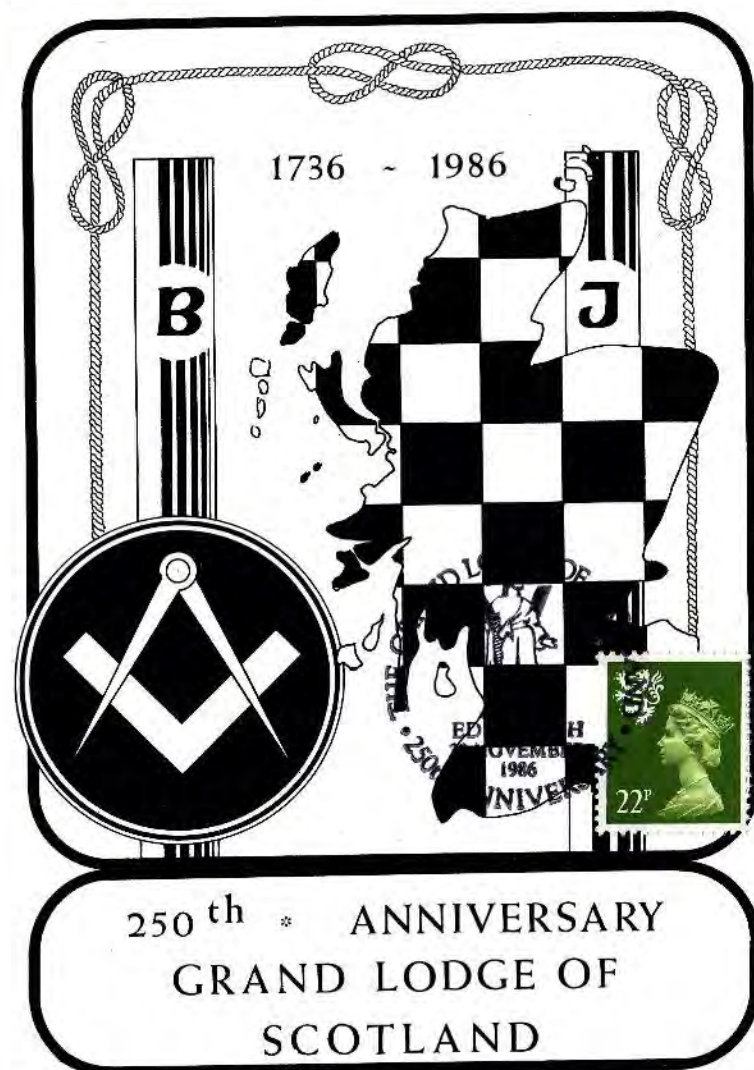
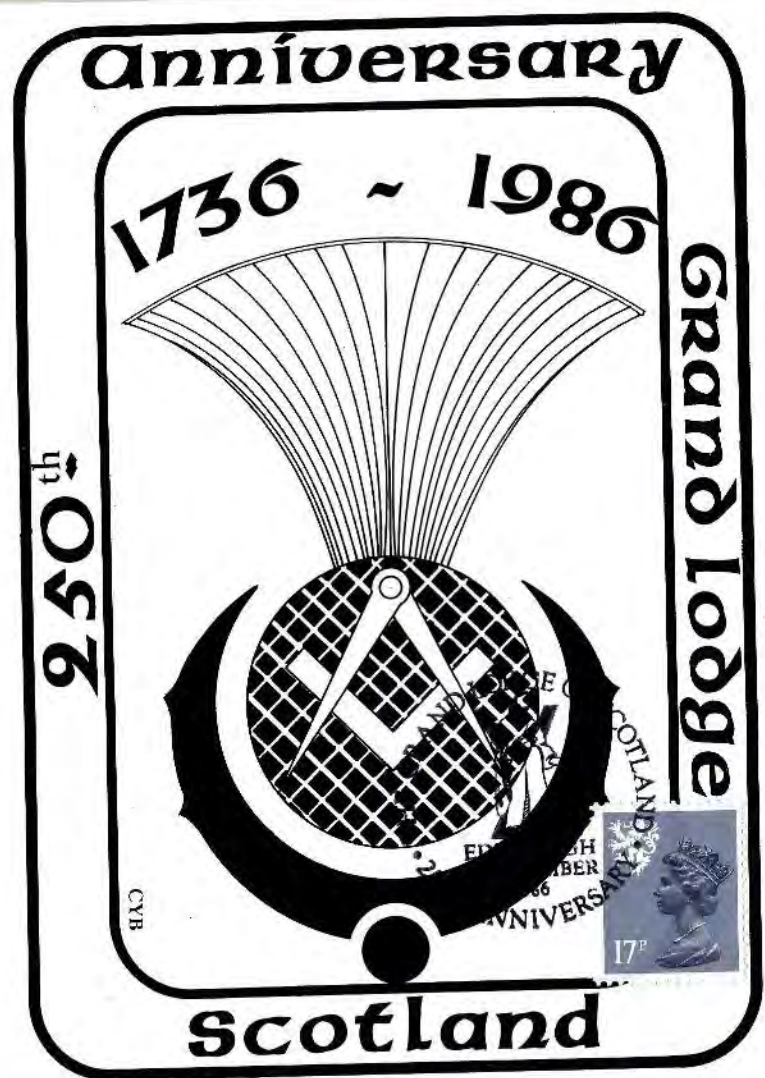


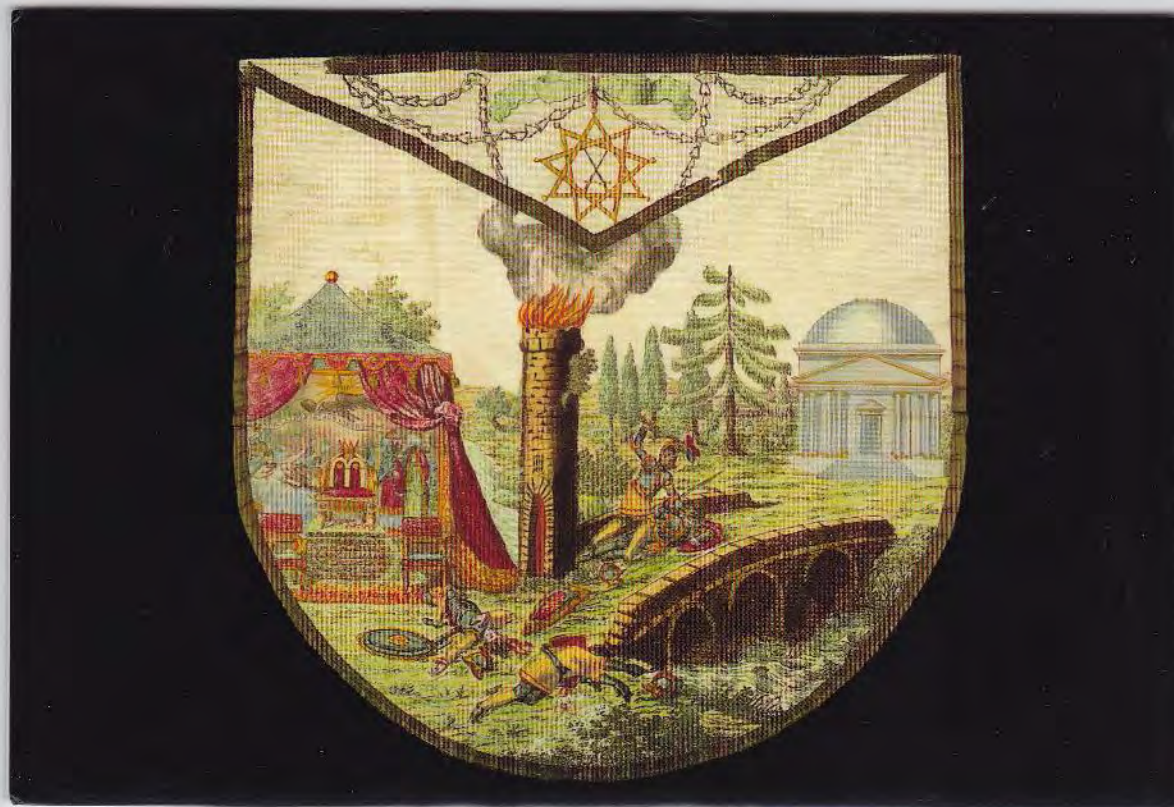
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EDWARD VIII created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester in 1911. Was initiated by H.R.H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn on May 2nd 1919 in the Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614. On Oct. 25th 1922 he was installed as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and was named Provincial Grand Master for Surrey on July 22nd 1924 and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1936.



Arlington Masonic Cover





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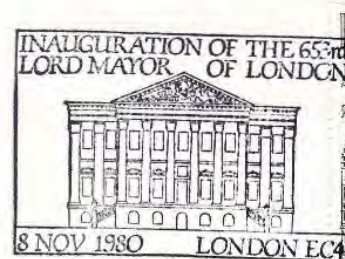
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d'une tradition...*

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du 16 mai au 31 août 1997



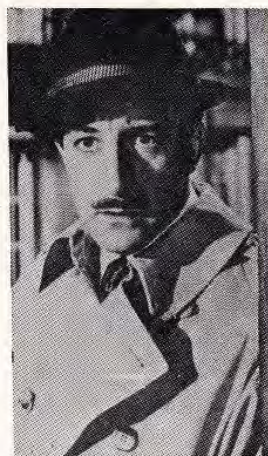


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LAISSE PARLER LES HOMMES.

Le Vénérable du G. A. exerce dans les bonnes mœurs.
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Ne fide pami ton frère c'est que malhonnête.
Si tu fides la terre crains qu'il ne la corrompe.

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Ne le hante sur le compte qu'il te donne.

Sois pour un instant censeur de la divinité.
Pais-toi jusqu'à 10 ans il te craigne.

Que jusqu'à 20 ans que jusqu'à la mort il te respecte.
Jusqu'à 10 ans sois son maître.
Jusqu'à 30 ans son père. Jusqu'à la mort son ami.

Las et peiné, vote et sois réfléchi et travaille.
Apprends tout à l'imitation de tes forces.
C'est la voie de la sagesse.

Sois le bon père de la conscience.
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Ne juge pas légèrement les actions des hommes.
ne sème point le feu en la terre.

C'est au G. A. de l'U. qu'il sonde les cœurs à apprécier son ouvrage.

TABLES DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

APPRÉHENDÉES PAR LA CONVENTION NATIONALE

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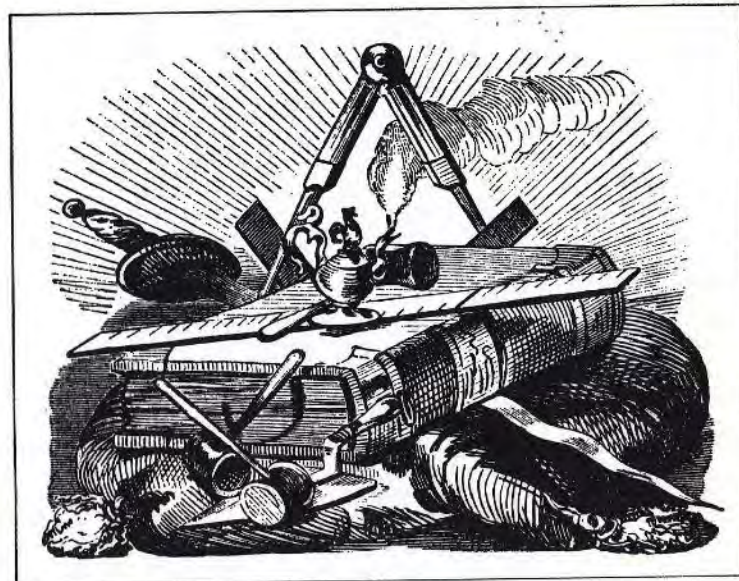
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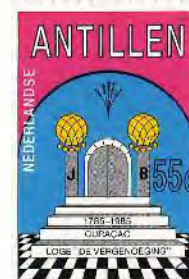
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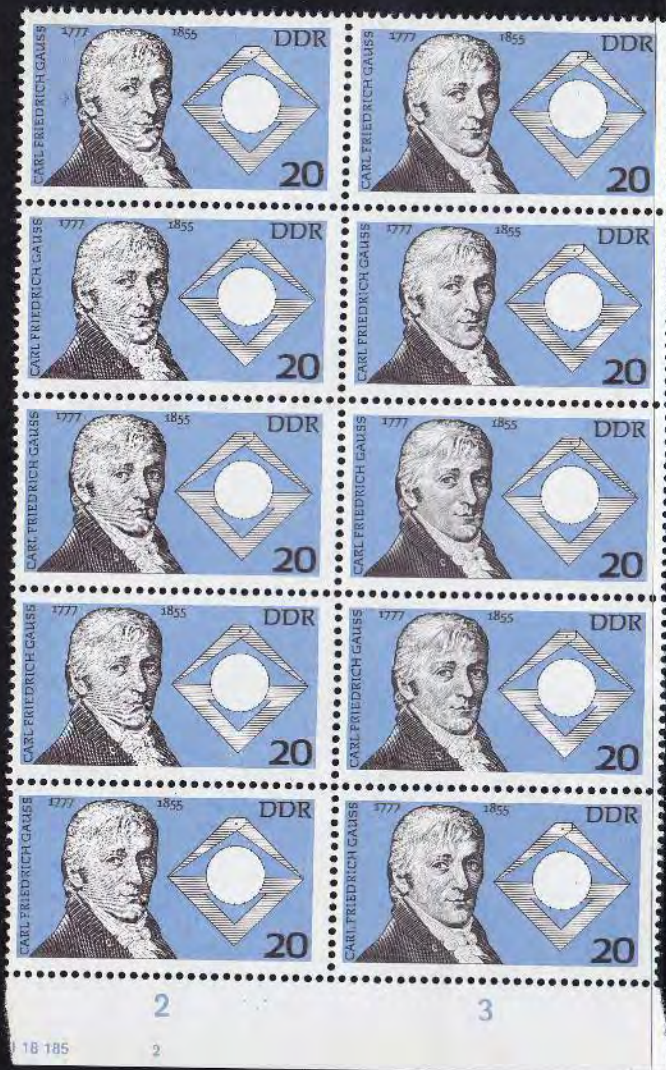


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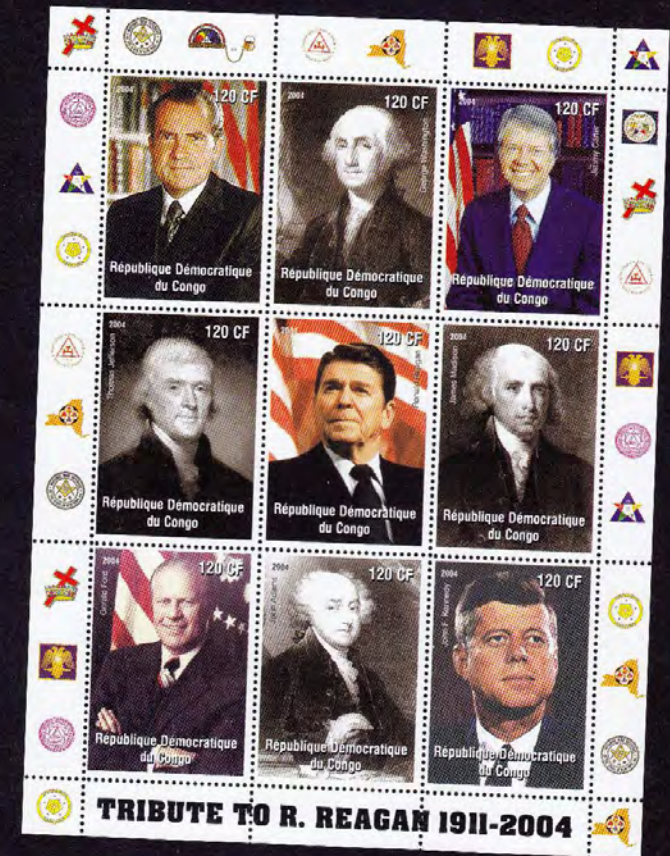
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Are they
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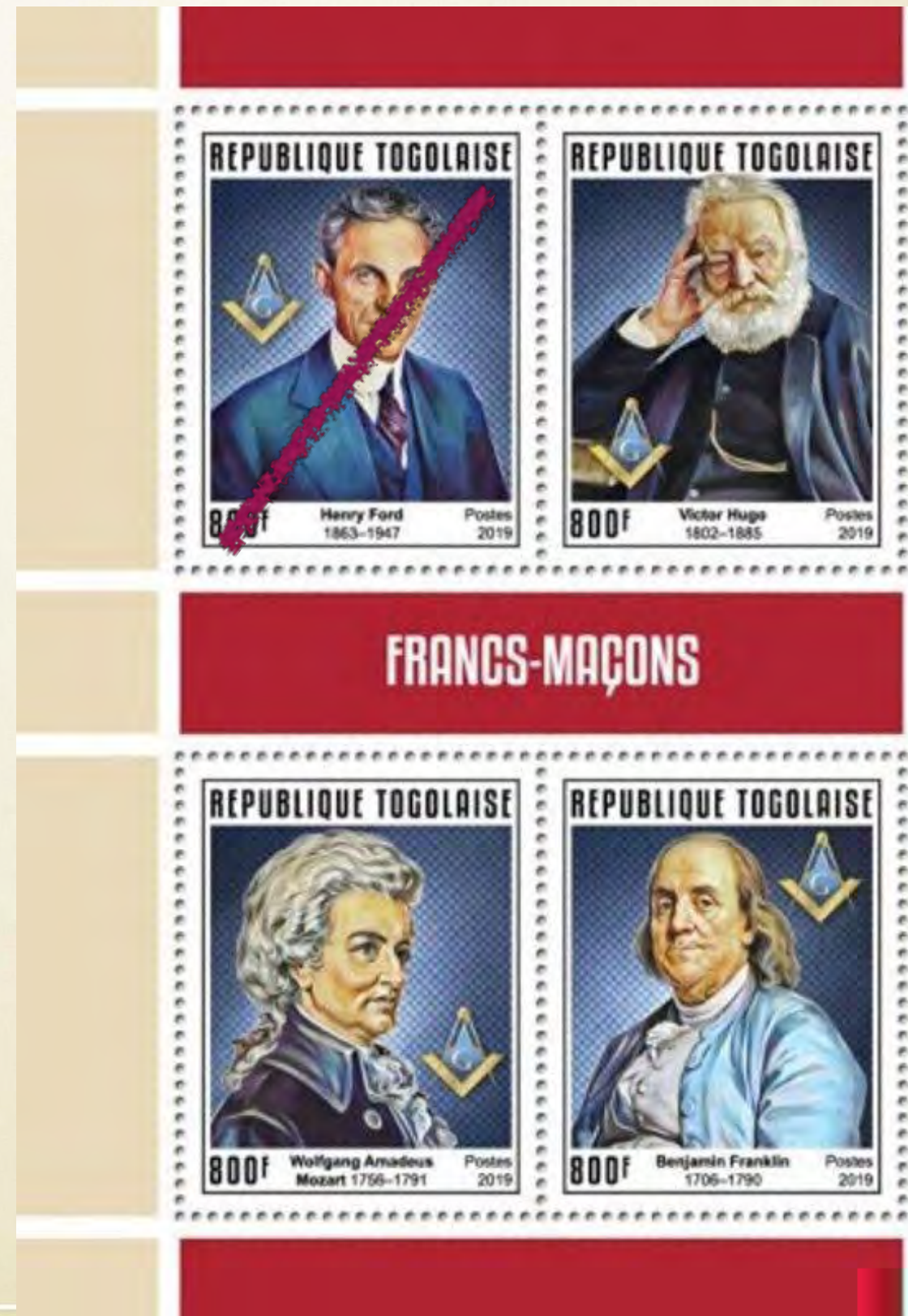




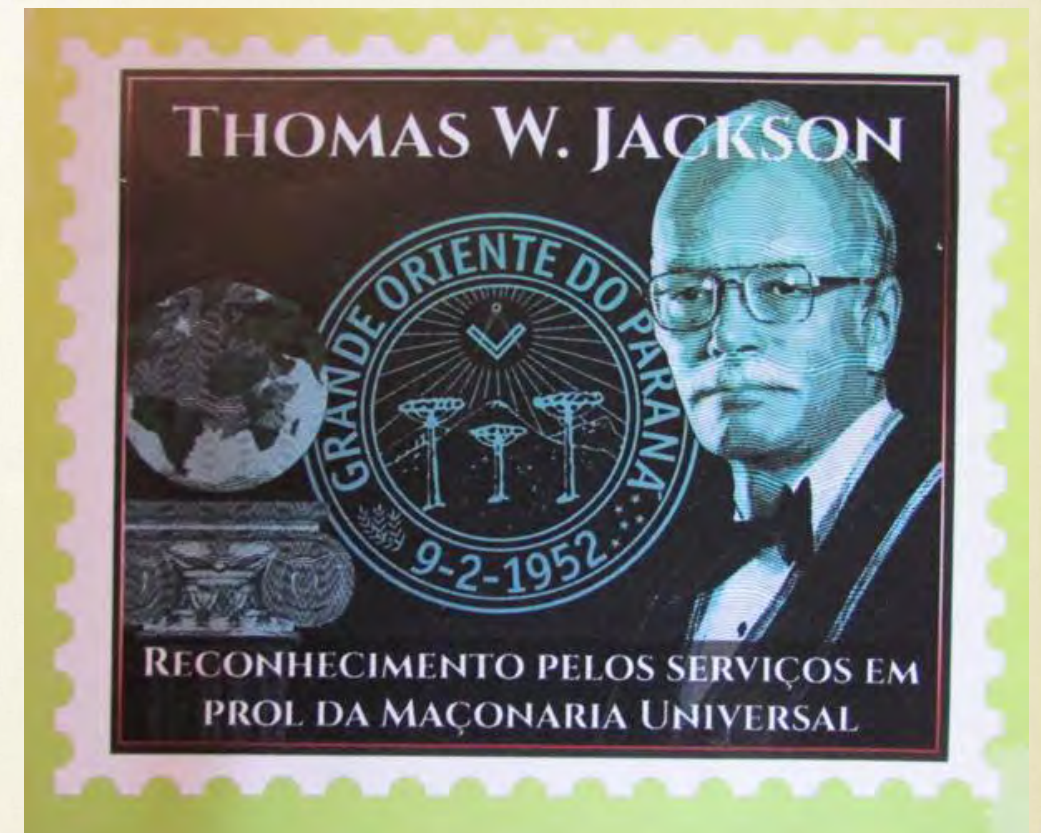
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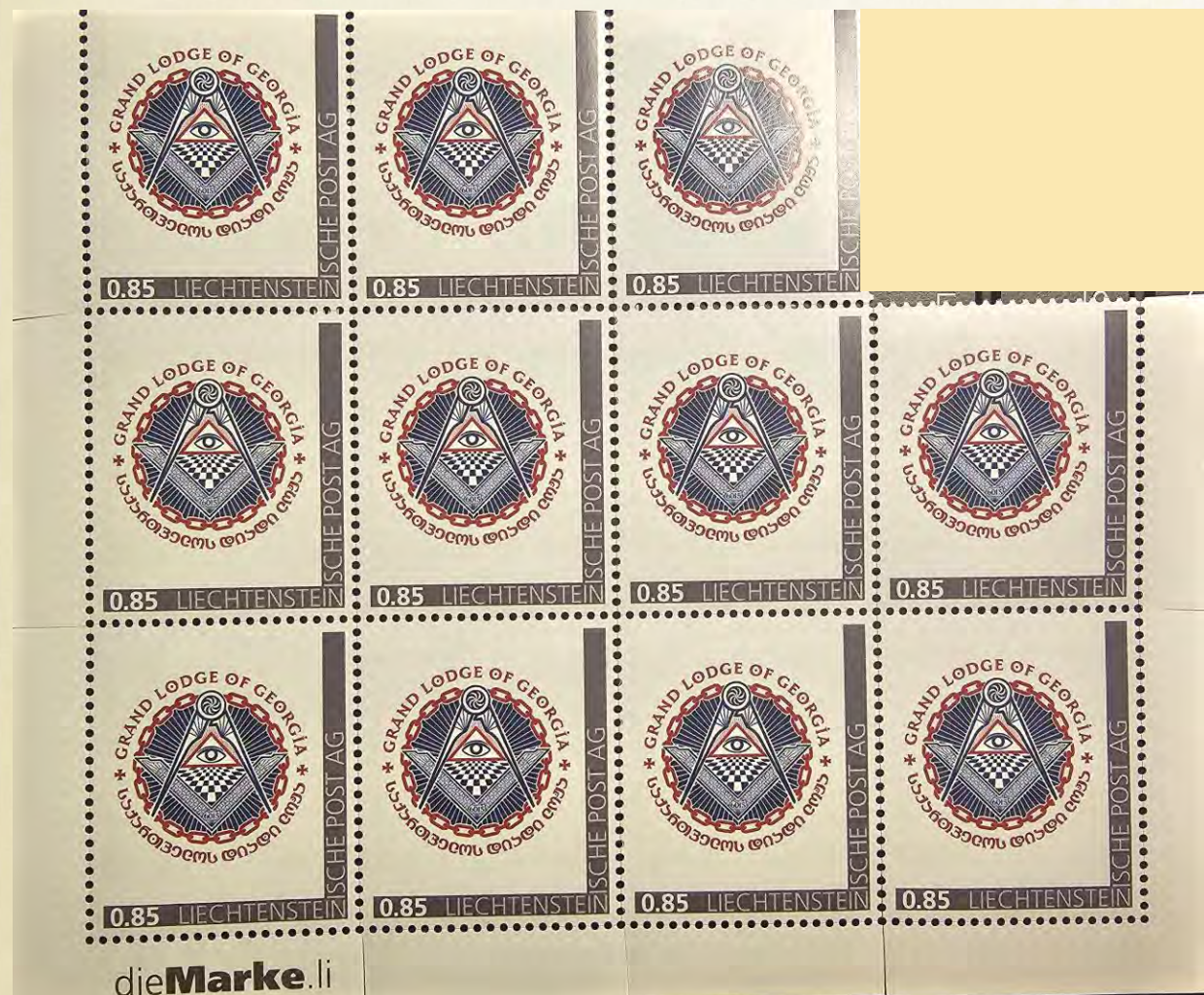
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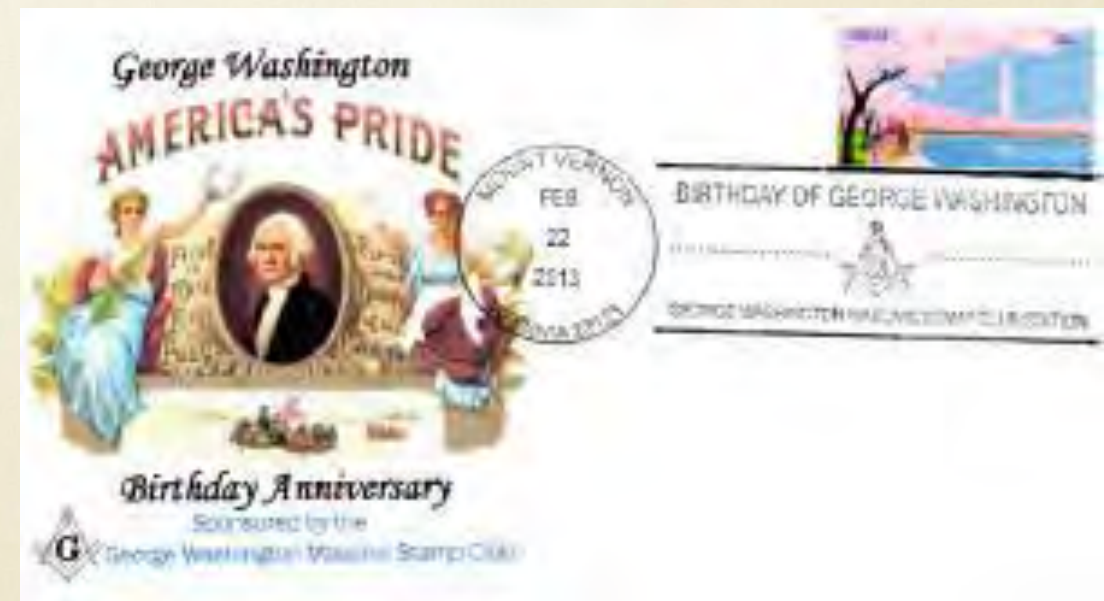
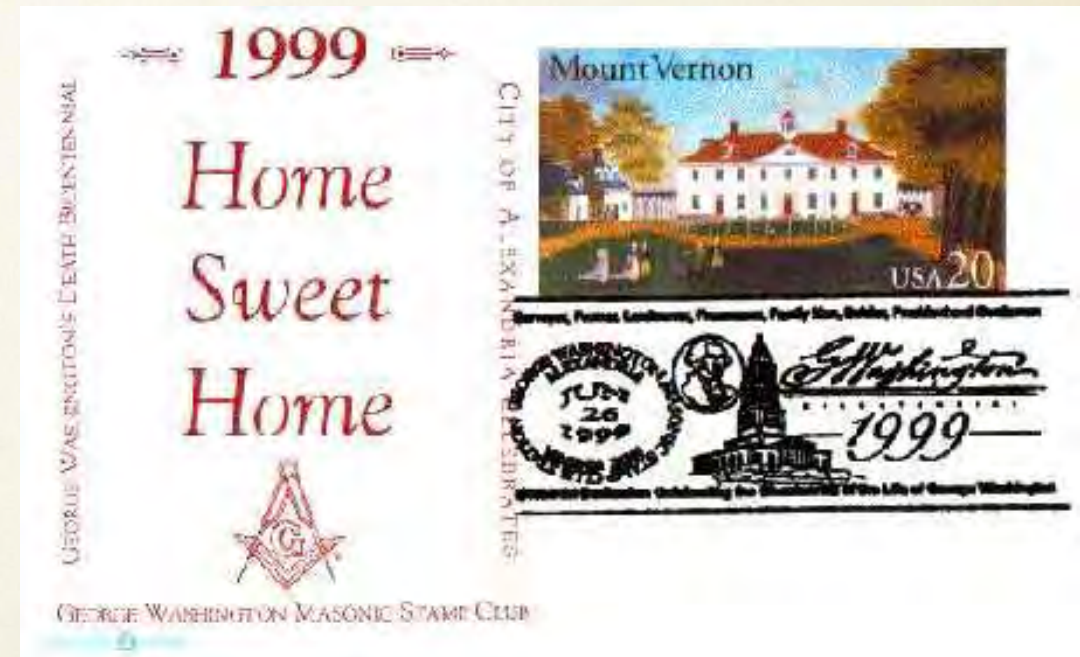
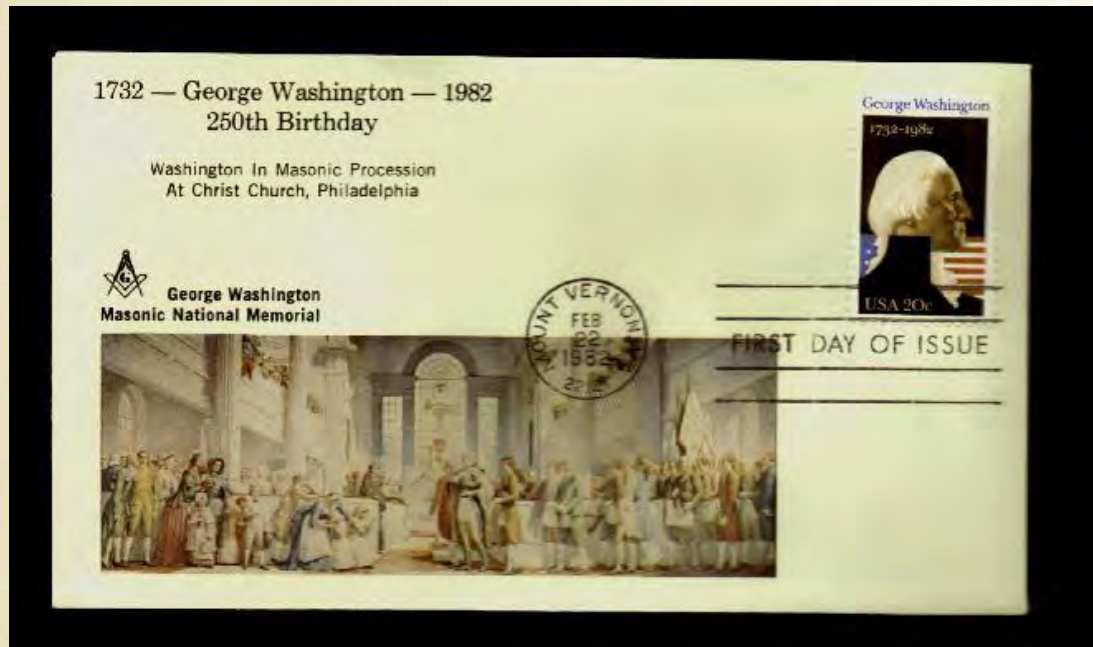
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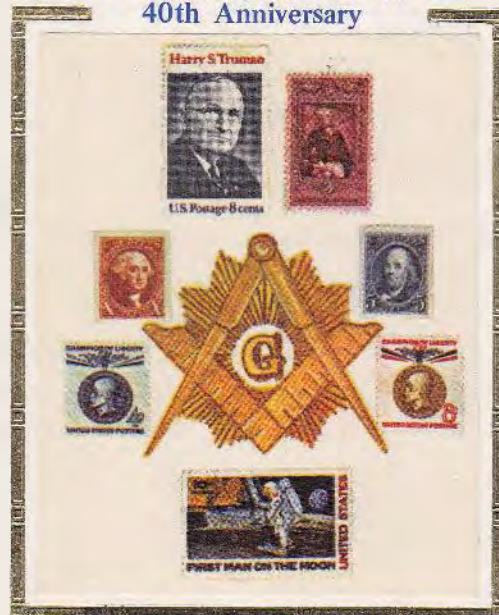
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

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John A. Mirt,
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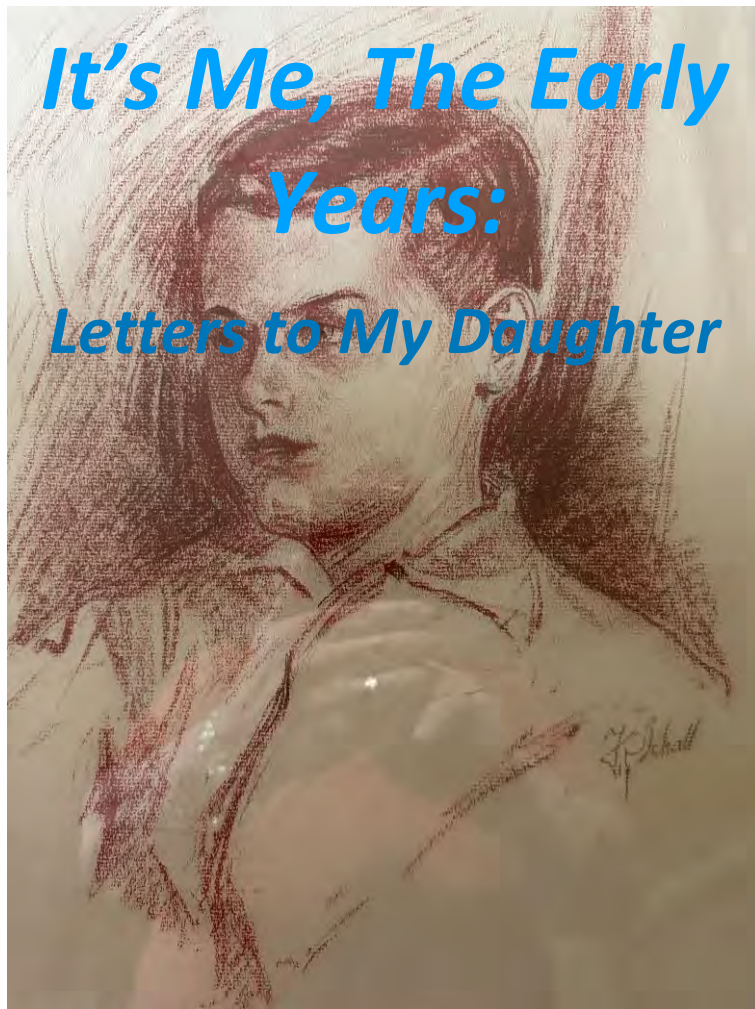
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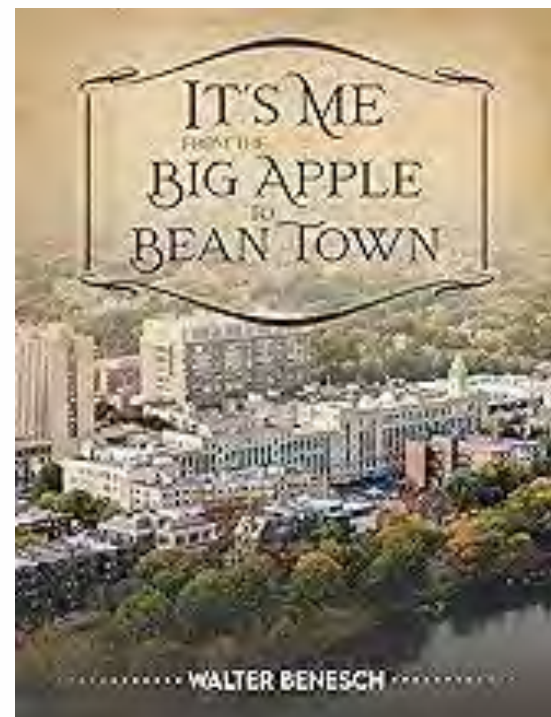
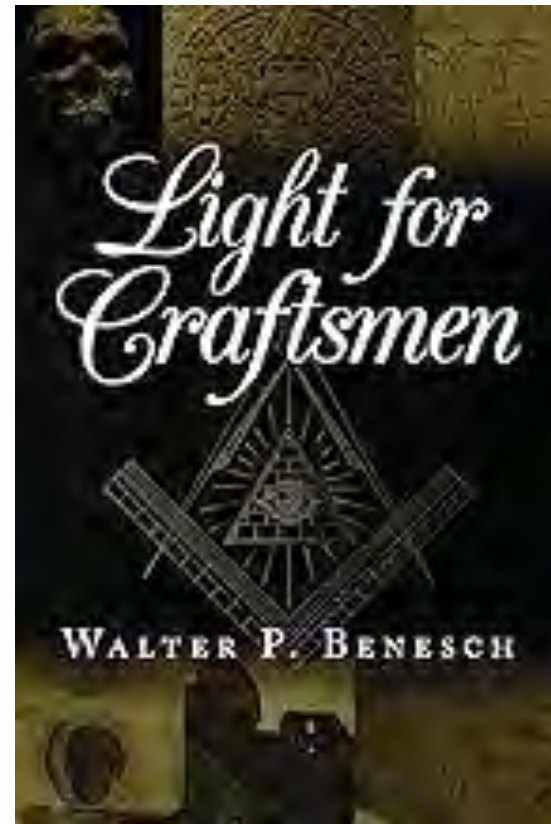




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