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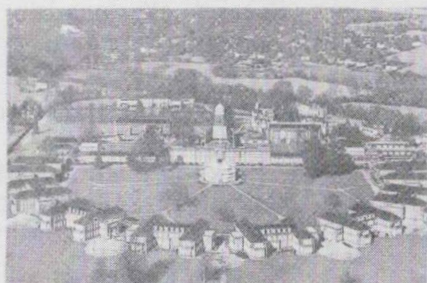
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved 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.

Rickmansworth Masonic School

Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth
Herts, England

by Dr. Allan Boudreau

Brother Grahame A. West, a veteran member of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc., and also Packet Secretary of the Masonic Philatelic Club (England) , has sent in the attractive Masonic collectible cover displayed on the cover of this issue of the *Masonic Philatelist*. The Masonic Philatelic Club (England) recently held an exhibition (on October 8, 1994) at the Royal Masonic School for Girls. The Masonic Philatelic Club produced this attractive philatelic cover to commemorate the occasion.

Originally founded for the daughters of Freemasons, the Rickmansworth Masonic School is now a fully independent educational establishment open to all. The School is a member of the Girls School Association. It offers the best features of English public school life to a wide range of students. The spirit of the original founders is still honored by the full and generous provision made for the daughters of those Freemasons who, for reasons of health or disability, are unable to support their families.

The Rickmansworth Masonic School occupies 315 acres of park land on the edge of Chiltern Hills. London is a 30 minute train ride. The M25 (beltway) less than a mile from the School links the major motorways to Heathrow Airport only 12 miles away. Purpose built boarding houses, a chapel, classrooms and 16 well equipped science laboratories are grouped around the beautiful circular library which is at the heart of the school. The fine estate and the elegant and spacious buildings have a subtle but far reaching effect on the quality of life at the School.

Girls between the ages of 7-11 years are housed and taught in the two adjacent buildings of the Junior School. There are five Senior Houses for girls aged 11-16, and the Sixth Form House. The majority of the present pupils are fee-paying boarders or day girls, admitted on the basis of the school's own entrance examination. Open scholarships are offered at various levels, for academic ability or special aptitude in Music or Art.

Brother West advises that the Postal Cancellation is the school Badge with the Latin inscription, "**CIRCUMORNATAE UT SIMILITUDO TEMPLI**" which he translates as "May our daughters be as the polished stones of the temple." The commemorative covers are available from Brother West for a contribution of US \$5.00 which includes all postal charges. Payment in US dollars is an effective way to secure this cover and contribute a small amount to the charitable efforts of The Masonic Philatelic Club.

When you send in for a cover I recommend that you ask Brother West for an application for membership in the Masonic Philatelic Club. The current annual subscription is L6 (six pounds) for members residing outside the United Kingdom and is payable by January 1 each year. The Masonic Philatelic Club produces a fine magazine, *The Masonic Philatelic Club Magazine* issued quarterly and containing a wealth of information of value to all philatelic collectors interested in the Masonic theme.

For full and complete information and details regarding this cover offer and The Masonic Philatelic Club (England) I suggest that you write today directly to Brother Grahame A. West at the following address;

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Australia's Wartime Prime Ministers

By S. W. Martin
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For many years now, Masonic Philatelic enthusiasts have been awaiting the issue by Australia Post, of a stamp bearing the portrait of Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, Australia's eleventh Prime Minister and Freemason. He was the only one, in that category, not previously depicted on a stamp, and despite many enquiries and requests to Australian Post, myself included, no satisfactory answer or reason was forthcoming.

However, on August 11th last, our patience was rewarded, for a se-tenant set of five stamps plus a First Day Cover was produced, - two of the Wartime Prime Ministers being included, viz. Sir Robert Gordon Menzies and Sir Arthur William Fadden, both were Freemasons. The latter was previously depicted on an Australian stamp in 1975 (S.G. No. 593) and articles on his career have appeared in several Masonic Club Magazines

Brother Sir Robert Gordon Menzies (1894-1978) had an outstanding and notable political career - Australia's longest serving Prime Minister covering a period of 17-1/2 years - from 1939 to 1941 as United Australia leader and again from 1949 to 1966 as Liberal/Country coalition Prime Minister.

It was he who announced the news to the Australian people in 1939 that the nation was at war. Born in the town of Jeparit, Victoria, the son of a storekeeper, he was educated at Wesley college, Melbourne and the University of Melbourne where he studied law, gained his degree as Batchelor of Law and was called to the bar in 1918. he was appointed a King's counsel in 1929.

Australia's Wartime Prime Ministers

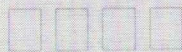
In September 1939 Australia joined Britain in declaring war on Germany. In the six years of World War II life in Australia went from 'business as usual' to an 'all in' war effort. Leadership of the country passed between five men. It fell to the newly instated Robert Menzies to inform the Australian people that their country was at war. Arthur Fadden, who had acted as Prime Minister when Menzies was overseas, took over the position for a short time after Menzies resigned. John Curtin, heading a Labor government, took power in October 1941.

The bombing of Pearl Harbour, the fall of Singapore and continued Japanese aggression in south-east Asia, brought the war to our doorstep. Australia became the base for Allied command in the south-west Pacific. The whole economy was directed to the war effort, involving civilians as never before. The strain of office eventually took its toll, and Curtin died just a few months before Allied victory in the Pacific. His loyal deputy, Frank Forde, acted briefly as Prime Minister before Ben Chifley, the architect of Labor's post-war reconstruction plans, was elected to the position.

"Fellow Australians, it is my melancholy duty to inform you officially that, in consequence of the persistence by Germany in her invasion of Poland, Great Britain has declared war upon her, and that as a result, Australia is also at war with her." 3 SEPTEMBER 1939



Australia's
Wartime Prime Ministers



Menzies held Cabinet rank in successive Australian Party governments between 1928 and 1934 and became a Liberal Member of the House of Representatives for Kooyong, Victoria from 1934 to 1966. He served as Attorney-General under Prime Minister Joseph Lyons from 1934 to 1939, but resigned from the Lyons government in 1939 in a protest of policy, but inherited the United Australia Party leadership after Lyon's death a few months later, and held the position of Prime Minister for eighteen months. However, dissension between the Coalition Parties, and in particular his Country Party partner, Arthur Fadden, forced his resignation in 1941. (Remember both these men were Freemasons at this time!)

In opposition to Prime Minister Fadden, in 1941 Menzies founded the Liberal Party in 1944, and was again elected Prime Minister in 1949 which position he held until 1966. Brother Menzies was an ardent royalist and champion of the Commonwealth of Nations especially in the period when a majority of its members retained links with the British Crown. His authority as Liberal Party leader was unchallenged through the period of his second Prime Ministership, and the long period of stable conservative government assisted economic development. The expansion of university education also owed much to his initiatives.

The declaration of war by Great Britain in 1939, brought an automatic similar response by Prime Minister Menzies, who maintained that "If the United Kingdom went to war, Australia went with her. The peace of Great Britain is precious to us, because her peace is our peace, is she is at war, we are at war" - he said. Under constitutional monarchies who follow the British Westminster system of government, the announcement of war would have been the responsibility and prerogative of the Australian Governor-General, however, the responsibility was taken by the Prime Minister. The early years of the War presented many problems to Brother Menzies, such as the despatch of troops and materials to Britain in some cases, against the wishes of the people.

Brother Robert Gordon Menzies was Initiated into Freemasonry on the 10th of March 1920, in Austral Temple Lodge No. 110 Victorian Constitution, Passed on the 13th of October 1920, and Raised to the

third Degree on the 9th of February 1921. He was presented with his 50 Year Jewel in his hospital bed in 1972.

Brother Sir Arthur William Fadden (1895-1973) - Prime Minister of Australia from 29th August 1941 to 7th October 1941 (Only 40 days). Born at Ingham, Queensland; worked as an office boy and clerk in a sugar mill. After serving as a City Councillor he entered the Queensland Parliament in 1932. Leader of the federal Country Party from 1940 to 1958; Treasurer and member of the Australian War Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition from 1941 to 1943.

When Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies resigned in August 1941, Brother Fadden became Prime Minister but after only 40 days in office, he was forced to resign after the Opposition voted against his Budget. He was succeeded as Prime Minister by John Curtin, but continued as Leader of the Opposition until 1943 when Brother Menzies took over the position.

When the Menzies government regained office in 1949 Fadden served as Deputy Prime Minister and treasurer. He was created a Privy Councillor in 1942, and a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG) in 1951.

The portrait of Sir Arthur William Fadden, as appears on the stamp was painted by Sir William Dargie - also a Freemason. Masonically, Brother Fadden was Initiated in Caledonia Lodge No. 737 Scottish Constitutions, (now No. 34 of the United Grand Lodge of Qld) on 20th July 1915, Passed on 24th August 1915 and Raised on the 21st of September 1915. On the 1st July 1920 he affiliated with Unity Lodge No 300 U.G.L.Q. and on the 3rd December affiliated with Lamington Lodge No. 110 U.G.L.Q. He received his Fifty Year Jewel on the 5th June 1968.

The First Day Cover bearing the five portraits of Australia's Wartime Prime Ministers shows a reproduction of the first four Australian Armed Services stamps of 1940 - Stanley Gibbons Numbers 196 to 199 whilst the stamps show an overlay of the 1940 issues plus the signature of each wartime leader.

Memo from -
J. STANLEY PARKIN

Dear Bros Turkmen and Catalias

I apologize for
not remitting my dues in an
appropriate philatelic manner.

I'm afraid I'm not a good stamp
"collector" - more of an "accumulator".

with strong Masonic blessings.

I do appreciate the
Masonic Philatelist and wish
to congratulate its working brothers
on a very craftsmanlike job.

Fraternally

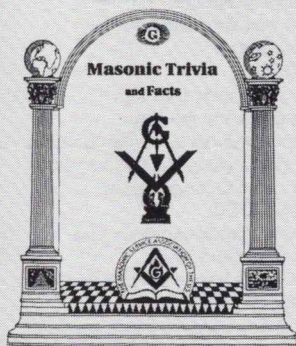
Stanley Parkin

Masonic Trivia and Facts, by Allen E. Roberts

Cloth covered; 215 pages; over 600 questions and answers including
a comprehensive index; published by Anchor Communications;
distributor, MSA; (\$18.95 PPD.)

This book has been written mainly for The Masonic Service Association
to help finance its activities for Freemasonry.

Allen E. Roberts'



It's available from The Masonic Service Association,
8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Of this book, Wallace McLeod, FPS, Professor of Classics,
says: "There are good books, and then there are bad books.
And once you begin to browse, you will keep on bumping into
one Masonic writer that you can depend on. And Allen E.
Roberts has done it again."

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101 WAYS TO SAY "VERY GOOD"

1. You're right!
2. Good Work!
3. Well done.
4. You did a lot of work today!
5. It's a pleasure to work with you.
6. Now you have it.
7. Fine job!
8. That's right!
9. Neat!
10. Super!
11. Nice going.
12. That's coming along nicely.
13. That's great!
14. You did it that time!
15. Fantastic!
16. Terrific!
17. Good for you!
18. You out did yourself.
19. That's better.
20. Excellent!
21. That's good.
22. Good job (name).
23. That's your best work yet.
24. Good going.
25. That's really nice.
26. WOW!
27. Keep up the good work.
28. Outstanding!
29. Much better.
30. Good for you!
31. You're really talented.
32. Good thinking.
33. Exactly right!
34. You make it look easy.
35. I've never seen anyone do it better.
36. You're doing much better today.
37. Way to go.
38. Superb!
39. You're getting better every day.
40. You're right on target.
41. I knew you could do it.
42. Wonderful!
43. You're great!
44. Beautiful work!
45. You've worked hard.
46. That's the way!
47. Keep trying.
48. That's it.
49. Nothing can stop you now.
50. You're very good at that.
51. You're learning fast.
52. You certainly did well today.
53. I'm happy to see you working like that.
54. Keep it up!
55. I'm proud of you.
56. That's the way.
57. You're learning a lot.
58. That's better than ever.
59. Quite nice.
60. You've figured it all out.
61. Perfect!
62. Fine!
63. Your brain is in gear today.
64. You've got it.
65. You figured that out fast.
66. Very resourceful.
67. You are really improving.
68. Look at you go.
69. You've really got that down pat.
70. Tremendous!
71. I like that.
72. I could not do better myself.
73. Now that is what I call a fine job.
74. You did that very well.
75. Impressive!
76. Sharp!
77. Right on!
78. That's wonderful.
79. You mastered that in no time.
80. How nice.
81. Congratulations!
82. That was first class work.
83. Sensational.
84. RIGHT!
85. You don't miss a thing.
86. You make my job fun.
87. You must have been practicing it.
88. I'm glad I assigned this to you.
89. You came through again.
90. DYNAMITE!
91. I knew I could count on you.
92. You deserve a raise.
93. How can I help you with this?
94. Go for it!
95. You bring sunshine into my life.
96. You have my complete support.
97. MARVELOUS!
98. Clever idea.
99. You are really on the ball.
100. I am glad you are on our team.
101. I love your work.

SAN FRANCISCO IS.....PACIFIC 97



WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT.....W.E. Tinsley

The Organizing Committee of PACIFIC 97 is honored to be able to stage this World Philatelic Exhibition, which also marks the 150th anniversary of the issue of the first United States postage stamps. We are pleased that the USPS, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the National Postal Museum will have a major presence at PACIFIC 97, with special events and exhibits appropriate for this major USPS celebration. PACIFIC 97 also marks the occasion of being the first World Philatelic Exhibition under FIP patronage ever held in the Western United States. Because of this, special emphasis will be placed on the Pacific Rim countries.

The exhibition will include 4000 frames, with each holding 16 standard size exhibit pages, and an international bourse, including postal administrations, of over 300 booths. An exceptional Court of Honor, especially selected to portray the historical Western and Pacific Rim aspects of philately, will be on display.

We are fortunate to be able to have San Francisco's Moscone Center as the venue for PACIFIC 97. It is one of the most modern and adaptable facilities for an event such as this. On behalf of myself, the Organizing Committee, and Staff, I invite you to attend PACIFIC 97 and I feel sure that you will have an enjoyable stay while in San Francisco.

THE VENUE.....MOSCONE CENTER

Location--location--location! No words could be truer of Moscone Center. Located in the heart of the City's new financial district, South of Market Street, the center is just four blocks from Union Square (the City's vibrant shopping district) and the Powell Street cable car to Fisherman's Wharf. The underground Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and Muni Metro stations are within two blocks.

Two-thirds of the City's 30,000 hotel rooms are within walking distance to the center, not to mention the City's finest restaurants, theater row, the architectural gems of Jackson Square, and the beauty of San Francisco Bay.



WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

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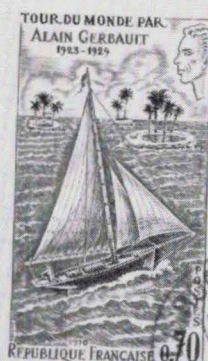
PACIFIC 97 has contracted with the San Francisco Marriott, ANA, Sheraton Palace, Westin St. Francis, and King George Hotels. These hotels are within convenient walking distance of Moscone Center and over 25,000 room nights are blocked. Hotel reservations can be obtained through the San Francisco Visitors and Convention Bureau starting about mid-1996.

Golden Gate Club at PACIFIC 97

In the manner of other recent FIP World Philatelic Exhibitions, PACIFIC 97 will have a membership-only club situated within Moscone Center where members can congregate for refreshments, dining, and conversation in a comfortable atmosphere. Members will receive season admissions and special souvenirs. The "early-bird" fee is \$150 per individual until May 31, 1996, after which fees are \$250 per individual and \$350 per couple. Join early, memberships are limited.

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Vaudeville Lodge

OF
Mark Master Masons,

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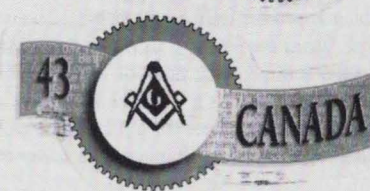
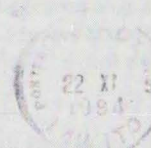
BY-LAWS.

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This Lodge shall meet at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. 2, on the Second Tuesdays in the months of March, May, July, September and November, not later than 8 p.m. The Lodge is primarily intended for the benefit of those who are intimately connected with the Entertainment Professions (i.e. Vaudeville, Musical, Dramatic, etc.).

**BROTHER
GEORGE
FORMBY**

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September 23, 1994

Dear Brother Murphy,

I am writing this note to thank you for writing The Masonic Specialist and making it available. So far I have received Book One up to "M" and parts of other sections and I am looking forward to completing the set. I have spent the last year cataloging and accumulating stamps from around the world that fit the six point Masonic Stamp Classification system that you have described. I am now starting to assemble these stamps on pages that I have designed. My hope is that I will be able to present a history of America, a history of Freemasonry, famous Masons, their works and Masonic symbolism, while staying true to the technical ideal of a stamp collection ie. proper stamp documentation and a well rounded selection of good quality stamps.

It is my ultimate plan to photograph my collection and produce a slide presentation when it is reasonably completed and use these to illustrate a talk about my collection and the history, works, and personality etc. of Masons. I hope to stimulate interest for the formation of a Masonic Stamp Club in my State.

I am enclosing copies of a selection of completed pages and one actual page, to give you some idea what my collection will look like. As you can see, the paper stock that I am using is a quality 24 lb electronic media paper in approximately an 80 % grey I believe that this displays the stamps to their best advantage. I use Word Perfect v. 6.0, Aldus Page Maker and Corel Draw through Windows to design these pages and produce them on a HP550C Desk Jet printer. The pages are kept in archival safe sheet protectors. As a writer, I don't have to tell you about the agony one goes through trying to decide on the "look" of a particular work. I have been working on this collection for almost two years and have less than a dozen completed pages.

I am passionate about this endeavor and hope that in some way it will add a small glimmer of Light to Masonry. The Masonic Specialist has been a major tool for the formation of my collection and for stimulating other ideas about stamp collecting. It has given me many ideas, including; the idea to not only use stamps but Bank Notes, covers and possibly other old documents even historic photographs as well. Your work should not only be of great value to Masonic Stamp Collectors, but to *any* serious Stamp Collector. Thank you very much.

Fraternally,



STEPHEN D. POTTER

17 West Stephen Drive
Newark, Delaware
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SENIOR DEACON

ARMSTRONG LODGE #26 AF&AM
Newport, Delaware

October 12, 1994

Allan Boudreau
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22 East 35th Street
New York, New York
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Dear Brother Boudreau,

I have received your letter of October 6, 1994 concerning my correspondence to Chris Murphy of Vancouver. If you believe that my effort to produce a worthy collection of stamps honoring Masonry will be of interest to other members of the Masonic Stamp Club then I would be very proud for you to use whatever material you may wish for publication. I do not remember exactly which pages I sent to Brother Murphy, but it is important to me that my Lodge affiliation be mentioned in whatever is published in the Masonic Philatelist. I am sending the cover page to my collection in case it was not included in the material that I sent to Chris Murphy.

Chris Murphys work on the Masonic Specialist has been of considerable help to me in researching my collection. I would also like to extend my highest praise to the Masonic Stamp Club and the Masonic Philatelist.

If I may be of any further help or if you would like any other submissions please write me.

Fraternal Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephen D. Potter'.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES



U.S. # 771 BLOCK OF FOUR



U.S. # CE2 BLOCK OF FOUR

The Great Seal of the United States which appears on the One Dollar Bill, exhibits many principals familiar to Freemasons.

At the top of the obverse side is the Glory (note the design in which the 13 stars are placed), the Glory is a heraldic representation of Deity. Beneath it is the Eagle, a symbol of the spirit. Clutched in the Eagle's talons is the symbol of paired opposites; the laural of peace and arrows of war.

The Eagle carries the form of the Nation represented by it's "arms". The four levels are completed on the reverse of the seal where the motto says that the Nation, which rises from a broad, diverse base to a single divine center (the All Seeing Eye) which is it's source, is to be a "NEW SECULAR ORDER".



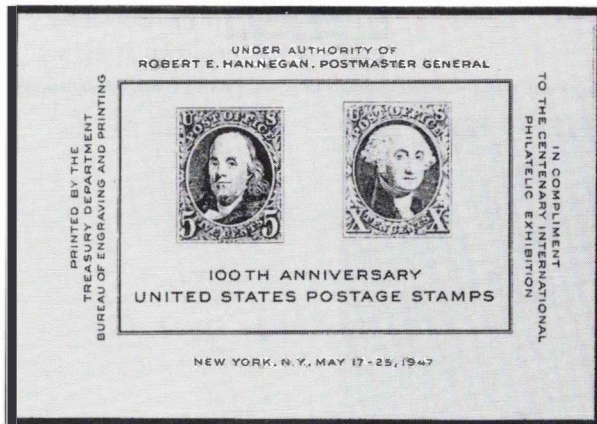
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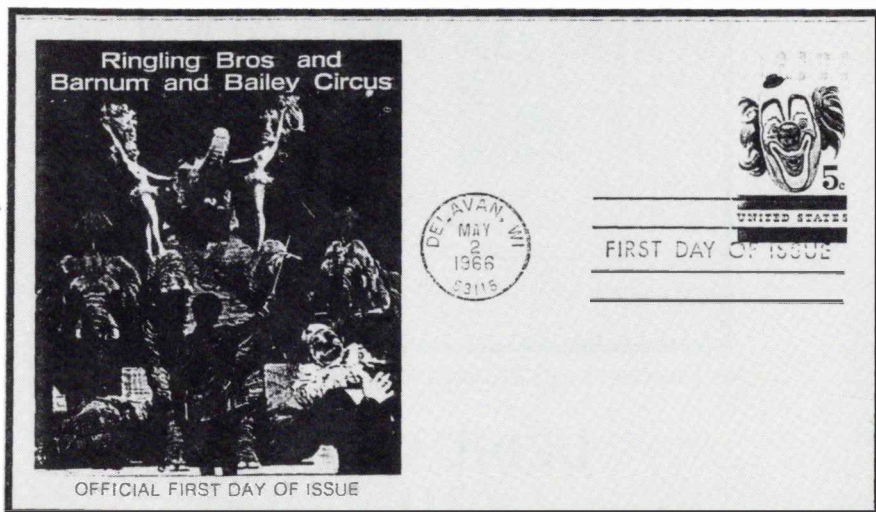
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AUGUST RINGLING, was
the father of the seven brothers.
All were raised in Baraboo
Lodge # 34 in Wisconsin.



U.S. # 1309

This stamp was issued in 1966,
to honor the American Circus on
the Centennary of the birth of
John Ringling



JAMES HOBAN WHITE HOUSE ARCHITECT 1762 - 1831



IRELAND # 504



U.S. # 1935

These James Hoban Commemorative Stamps were issued simultaneously by the United States and Ireland in 1981



U.S. # 1936

James Hoban designed and supervised construction of the White House, Washington D.C. 1792 - 1800. Hoban also collaborated with William Thornton in constructing the U.S. Capitol Building. It is not known where he received his degrees.

Although a devout Catholic, he was ardently interested in Masonry. Under his leadership, a group of Irish Catholics and Scotch Presbyterians organized Federal Lodge No. 1 in Washington D.C., he was its first Master. He was also a Royal Arch Mason.



U.S. # 990

P HILATÉLIE

Par le R.F.Jean
PROUTEAU

LES NOUVEAUTÉS

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Le Club Philatélique Jean Théophile Desaguliers a édité un très l'occasion de la Consécration de la R.L. "La Bannière Etouillée n° 900" de la G.L.N.F.

SUÈDE :

Dans le cadre de la Commémoration des relations culturelles France-Suède, ce dernier pays a émis le 18.03.94 un bloc sur lequel deux Francs-Maçons sont honorés; il s'agit de:

- GUSTAVE III Roi de Suède de 1771 à 1792.
- BERNADOTTE Jean, Prince de Pontecorvo, Roi de Suède en 1818 sous le nom de Charles XIV et fondateur de la dynastie encore régnante.

AUTRICHE :

Le timbre n°1516 "Art Moderne en Autriche" représente une œuvre d'Oskar ASBOTH (1925-1991). Cet artiste peintre autrichien fit ses études aux Beaux Arts de Budapest. Il fut initié à la Loge "Donau" de Vienne le 25.03.1972, passé le 30.05.73, élevé le 13.03.1974.



ETATS-UNIS :

Le 22 Février 1994 une Oblitération temporaire a marqué l'anniversaire de naissance de George Washington.



PHILIPPINES :

Le 12 Juin 1994 Le Ministère des Postes des Philippines a émis un feuillet en vue de la commémoration du centenaire de l'Indépendance de ce pays en 1998. Sur ce feuillet figurent les maisons de trois des héros de l'Indépendance.

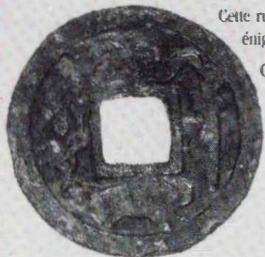


- AGUINALDO Emilio (22.03.1869 - 06.02.1964) fut Président de la République. Il fut initié le 01.01.1985 à la Loge "Pilar n° 203". Il devint Vénérable Maître de la Loge "Magdalo n° 371" qui prit par la suite le nom de "Loge Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial n° 31". Fait 33° du R.E.A.A. le 12.02.1955.

- RIZAL Y ALONZO (1861-1896). Ce médecin et écrivain est une très grande figure de la lutte pour l'Indépendance. Il fut fusillé par les Espagnols. Il fut initié en 1889 à la Loge "Acacia n° 9" de Madrid. Il devint par la suite membre de la fameuse Loge "Nidad" de Manille.

- MABINI Apolinario (1864-1903). Cet écrivain, juriste, philosophe est connu en politique sous le nom de "Sublime Paralytic". Il est considéré comme un des cerveaux de la Révolution de 1896 et fut conseiller personnel du Président Aguinaldo. Il fut initié en Septembre 1892 à la Loge "Balagtas n° 149" du Grand Orient d'Espagne.

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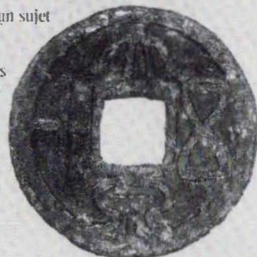


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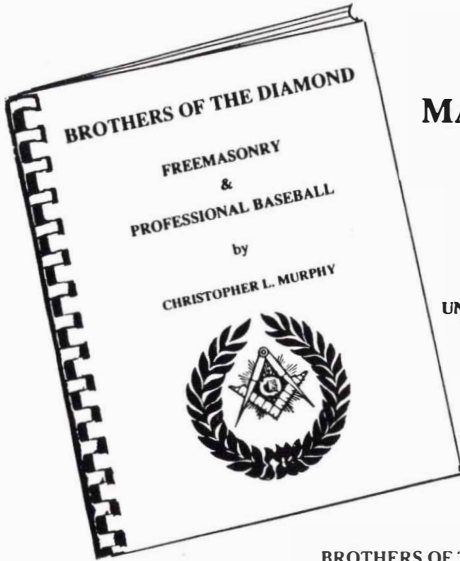
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Late in 1938 the Club petitioned President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mason, stamp collector, and member of the Club, to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington (also a Mason) as the first President of the United States. The following year this stamp (Scott's # 845) was issued. When it became known that the stamp would be released, the Club prepared a special envelope as a Masonic souvenir. On the day of issue, April 30, 1939, first day covers were mailed to Masons all over the world, who paid the sum of ten cents for each cover. The proceeds of this effort were contributed to support the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan, New York.

The Club outgrew various meeting rooms at Masonic Hall and in 1944 initiated meetings at the Collectors Club in New York City where they meet today through the courtesy of the Collectors Club. In the early 1940's members of the Club initiated the serious of Masons on postage stamps and the term Masonic Philately was born. In March 1944 a small Club publication was begun and entitled, *The Masonic Philatelist*. This journal has grown to a substantial quarterly periodical and a well respected authority in the field of philately. Membership now numbers in the hundreds and is scattered all over the United States on six continents.

The first Masonic topical collection to draw a major prize was the Masonic Philately Exhibit during the May 1947 Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition (CIPEX) in New York City. Interest in the Masonic area of philately has grown to the extent that Masonic Philately is now a recognized specialty and exhibited at many of the major stamp shows. The American Topical Association (USA), British Thematic Association (England), and the American Philatelic Society recognize the Masonic Philately field of study. The Masonic Stamp Club of New York continues its long standing practice of participating in the major American Stamp Dealers Association events in New York City.

Over the years the Masonic Stamp Club has sponsored many first day covers as well as other cachets honoring Masons and Masonic events. George Washington, Fiorella La Guardia, Harry S. Truman, and the St. John's Lodge No. 1 (New York City) Bible are some of the more popular cachets issued. Many of these attractive mementos are given away and serve to develop a positive interest in Freemasonry. All proceeds from the donations received are directed to charitable objectives. The Club has encouraged the establishment of other stamp clubs and a source of Club pride was the establishment of George Washington Chapter No. 1 (Washington, D.C.), now the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club.

It may be well to mention at this point, that the Club is open to Master Masons in good standing with an interest in stamp collecting and especially to those interested in Masonic Philately. Brothers interested in membership which includes *The Masonic Philatelist* are invited to send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc., The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, New York 10016.

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