



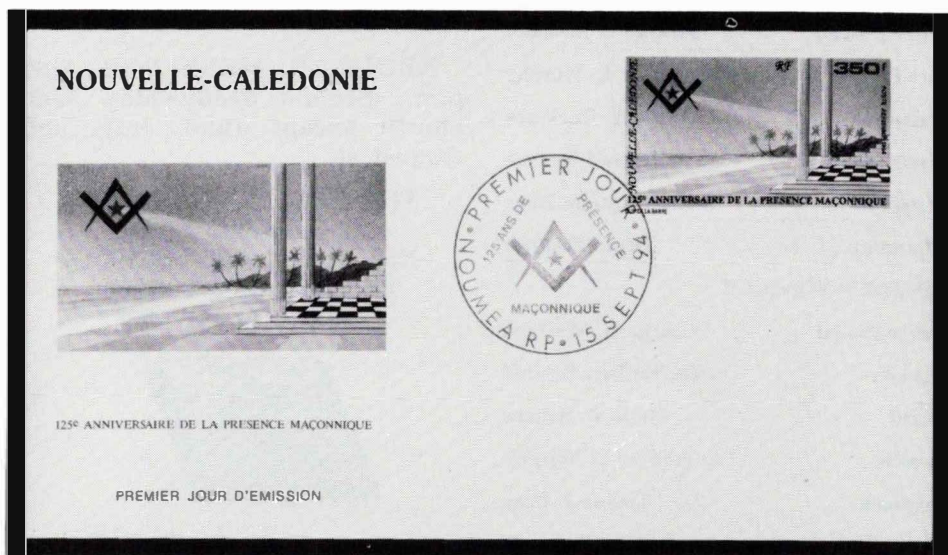
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved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

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The Philatelic Lodge No. 552 Consecrated 1944

United Grand Lodge of Victoria

by Herman (Pat) Herst, Jr.

**King Solomon - Beethoven Lodge No. 232
New York, New York**

There are Quite a few Masonic Stamp clubs, not only in the United States, consisting of Masons who are stamp collectors, but there has been only one Lodge organized by philatelists, whose membership was based on their stamp collecting hobby. This Lodge was in Melbourne, Australia. It was founded in 1944m with its first meeting on September 28, of that year.

Philatelic Lodge No. 552 held regular meetings under that name until 1984, a forty year period. In the intervening years most of the original founders died, moved, or for some reason discontinued their Masonic interest.

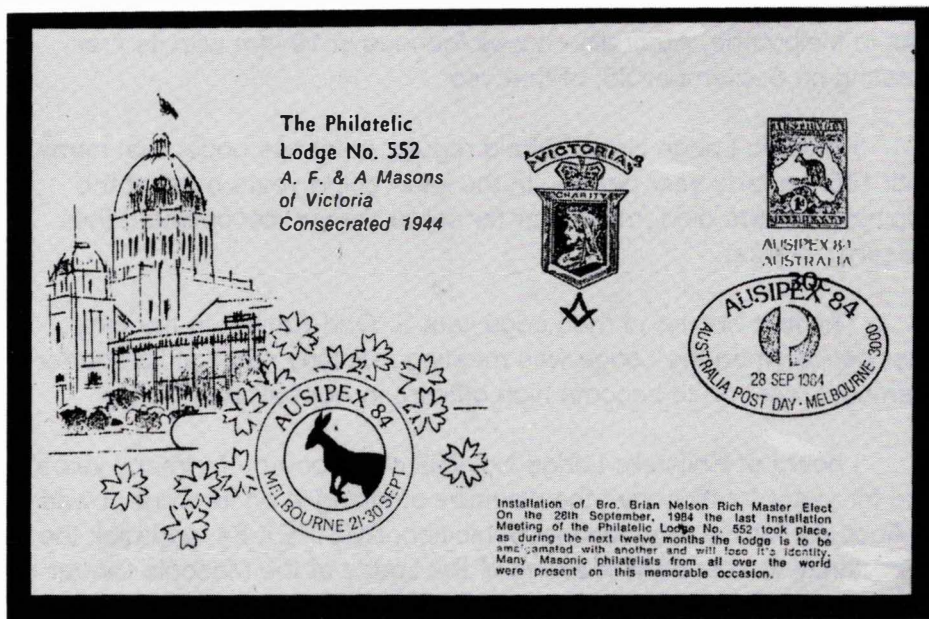
The first Master of the Lodge was S. Orld-Smith. In the forty year period when the Lodge was meeting regularly many of its charter members went on to become high officers in Australian Masonry.

I heard of Philatelic Lodge No. 552 of Melbourne for many years, and for years I anticipated the pleasure of sitting in on its work. I was in Australia for the International Exhibition, AUSIP opportunity to attend the meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Center in East Kew in Melbourne on September 28, 1984, exactly forty years to the day since the Lodge was consecrated.

Alas, it was also the final meeting of Philatelic Lodge No. 552. Too many of the members who had joined the Lodge saw little significance in the name, since there were no stamp collectors among the members in 1984.

It was not mere chance that I was attending, but I was given the opportunity to wish the new Lodge, not yet named at that time, the best wishes of the Masons in the United States. There was no opportunity to express the regret that philatelists might have at losing a Lodge with that name.

Henry Murray, the London Mason who has prepared so many Masonic covers, saluted the ending of Philatelic Lodge No 552 with a cover which he had backdated with the special cancel of the International Exhibition.



Dedication of Herst Philatelic Library

The January 7, 1995 issue of ***STAMPS, The Weekly Magazine of Philately*** carried the following article which will be of interest to many of our Club members.

On Monday, December 19, 1994 the dedication of the Herman Herst Jr. Philatelic Library took place at the Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. Prominent Florida philatelists attended the dedication, as well as post office officials and officers of the City of Boca Raton and the County of Palm Beach.

Donations of philatelic books and sums of cash have been contributed to the Library in honor of Mr. Herst whose cash gift to the University has provided for its establishment. This was not Mr. Herst's first substantial cash gift to the University. The school for Judaism, recently announced at F. A. U., has had the quarters for the Library of books on Judaism dedicated in honor of Mr. Herst's maternal grandparents, Harris and Betsy Myers of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Herst's grandparents were early citizens of Portland, arriving there in 1855. Harris Myers was one of the founders of Temple Beth Israel, the first Temple in the Pacific Northwest. He was also Master of the first Masonic Lodge in the Pacific Northwest. His embroidered jeweled Masonic Apron presently hangs in the local Boca Raton Masonic Lodge No. 328.

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PRESENCE MAÇONNIQUE EN NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE

MASONRY IN NEW CALEDONIA

125^e anniversaire de la présence maçonnique en Nouvelle-Calédonie

«L'arrêté du Gouverneur Guillaud du 10 octobre 1868 autorise la création d'une loge maçonnique du Grand Orient de France sous le signe distinctif «Union Calédonienne». Cette société discrète participe à la vie de la Nouvelle-Calédonie jusqu'en 1940, à la fois par la formation intellectuelle et morale de ses membres et par son implication dans les œuvres sociales et scolaires. En parallèle, une loge rattachée à la Grande Loge des Nouvelles Galles du Sud, «Western Polynesia Lodge», fonctionne de 1878 à la fin du dix-neuvième siècle. Il faut attendre les années 1950 pour que l'activité maçonnique reprenne sur le Territoire grâce au Grand Orient représenté quatre obédiences. Les anciens conflits avec certaines autorités religieuses se sont apaisés et la persécution vichyste fait partie du passé, mais les francs-maçons n'apparaissent plus en tant que tels sur le parvis du temple, privilégiant étude et symbolisme.»

125th anniversary of the Masonry in New Caledonia

«The decree the establishment of a masonic lodge of the Grand Lodge of France under the distinguishing name of «Caledonian Union». This discreet society participated in the life of New Caledonia until 1940, both by the intellectual and moral training of its members and by its involvement in social and educational works. Concurrently, a lodge attached South Wales, the «Western Polynesia Lodge», functioned from 1878 to the end of the 19th century. In New Caledonia it was not until the 1950s that masonic activity was able to resume, thanks to the Grand Lodge of France and today there are six lodges representing four obediences. The earlier conflicts with certain religious authorities have been allayed and Vichy persecution is a thing of the past, but one Freemasons are no longer seen frequenting the church as masons, but give their attention rather to study and symbolism.»

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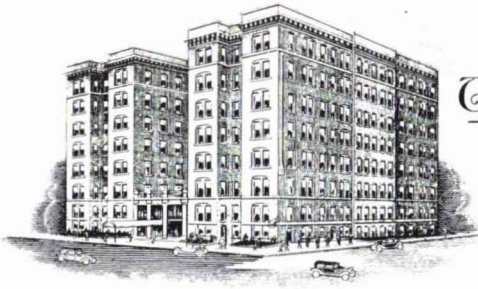
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Aydin Y. Turkmen, Treas.

Dec. 12, 1994.

Dear Bro. Turkmen enclosed please find
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Due to one of my covers being pictured in
an issue of the Masonic Philatelist I have gained
the acquaintance of a fine Brother from South
Africa, Stief Rootman, P. M. We have been corres-
ponding and exchanging items of Masonic interest.

Feeling there maybe other Bros. who wish to
establish contact and exchange Masonic info, maybe
trade stamps, I suggest a page be made available
to list their name.

Although. having disposed of my Masonic
collection, I would be glad to receive and then
list names of Bros. who wish to make contact. I
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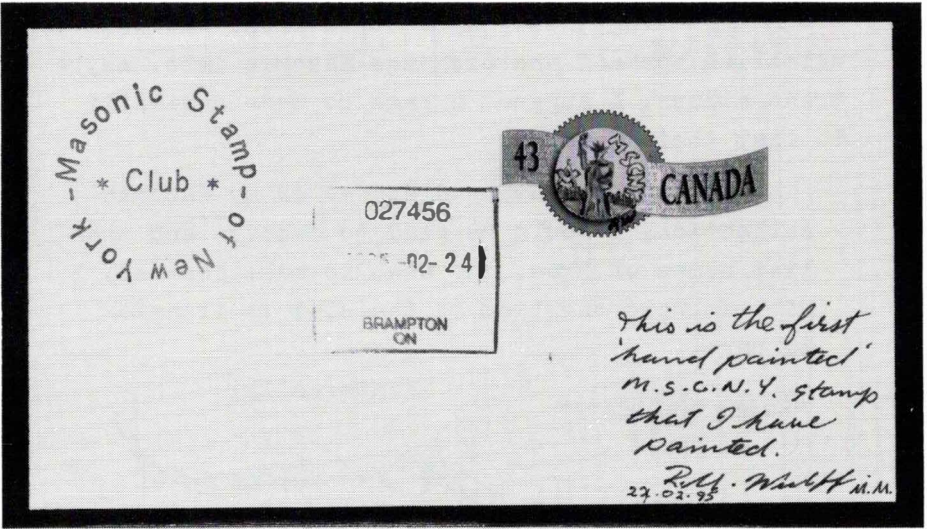
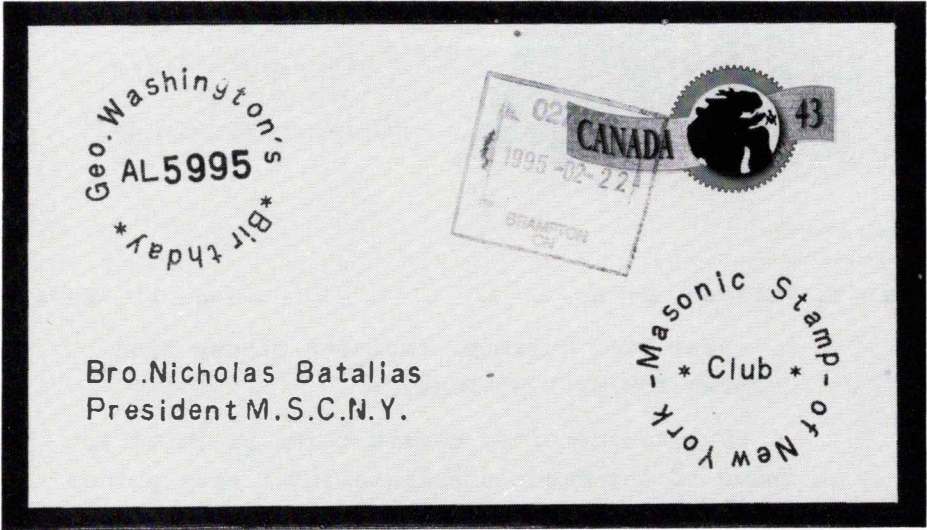
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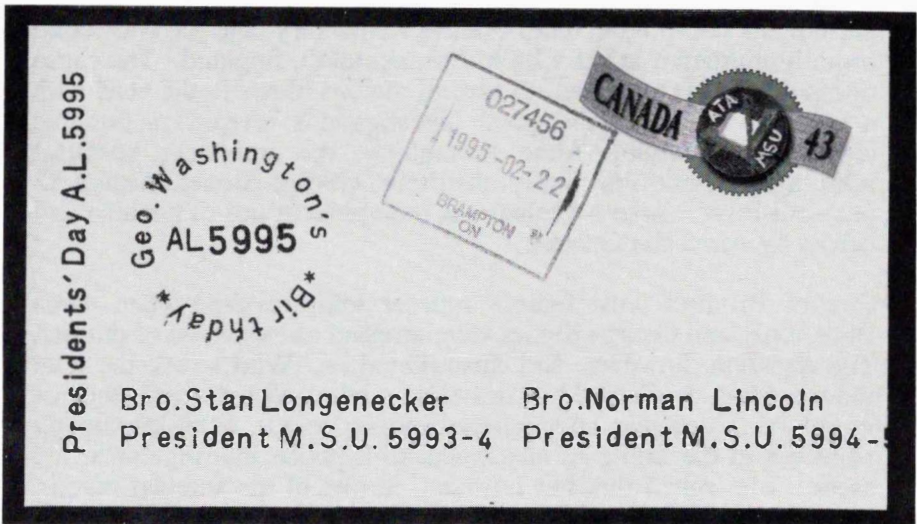
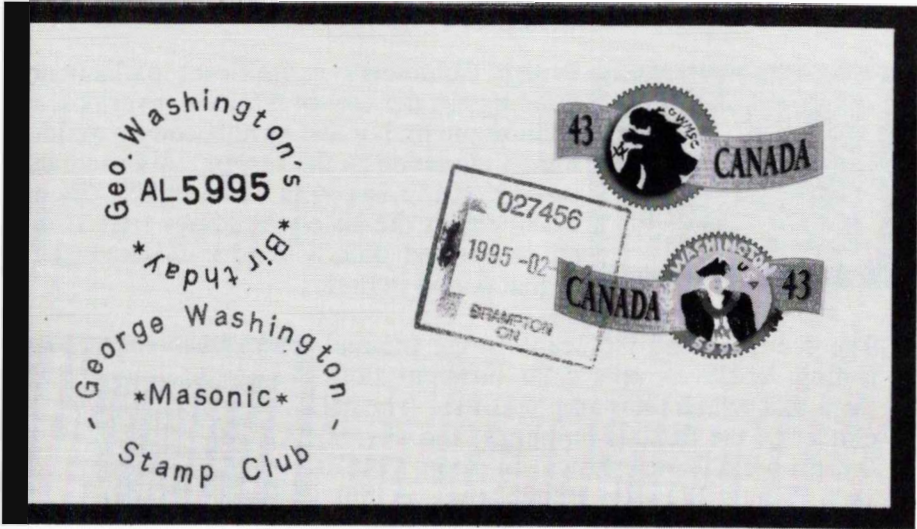
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The Broken Column

by

Christopher L. Murphy



British Columbia's magnificent parliament buildings in the city of Victoria, overlook a picturesque harbor and have become a major tourist attraction in the region. A Canadian postage stamp issued in June, 1935 (Scott #226) shows the stately buildings framed in an ornate and orderly border characteristic of that period in time.

The scene behind the scene in the tranquil setting, however, tells a far different story from that which the stamp portrays. The architect of the famous buildings, and also of the Empress Hotel shown on Scott #1467, was Francis Mawson Rattenbury. A brilliant and talented architect, Rattenbury had an eye for beauty, as evidenced by both his work and his beautiful bride, Alma.



On the morning of March 24, 1935, (just three months prior to the parliament stamp issue date) Francis Rattenbury, age 68, was found brutally murdered at his villa in Bournemouth, England. The cause of his death was attributed to several vicious blows to the head with a wooden mallet. Subsequent investigations revealed a possible conspiracy involving Alma Rattenbury, the architect's beautiful wife, age 39, and the family chauffeur, George Stoner, Alma's 18 year-old lover. Also revealed was the apparent use of cocaine and heroin by Alma and George.

One of Britain's most famous murder trials resulted when Alma Rattenbury and George Stoner were arrested on suspicion of murder. The question, however, still unanswered is: Who struck the fatal blows, Alma or George? Curiously, while under the influence of morphine which was administered by her doctor, Alma apparently admitted to the crime in statements to a police investigator at the scene. She stated that her husband, in one of his suicidal moods, dared her to hit him with a mallet. Francis, it appears, taunted his wife with the words, "you have not got guts enough to do it." Alma, thereupon, hit him several times and hid the mallet. After the questioning, Alma is alleged to have asked the inspector, "He is not dead is he? Are you the coroner?" But then, after coming to her senses, she told the inspector "my lover did it," and tried to bribe him with ten pounds to keep silent.

This evidence, however, was not used in the trial because it was reasoned that Alma was not capable of a proper statement at the time due to the morphine injection. As the trial progressed, Alma implied that Stoner was responsible for the crime. The implications, coupled with Alma's situation as a respectable woman with children, resulted in the blame for the crime being fully directed to Stoner, a single, uneducated drug addict. With no funds for a proper defence, Stoner was quickly convicted for the murder.

On May 31, 1935 Stoner was sentenced to death by hanging and sent to prison to await execution. Four days later, apparently distraught over her lost love, Alma committed suicide. She stabbed herself several times with a dagger after wading into the Avon River. This act was witnessed by a local dairy worker who tried in vain to save the troubled woman.

In an ironic and amazing twist of fate, now that Alma was dead, public sympathy was directed to Stoner, with nearly 350,000 signatures pleading for his reprieve. Consequently, he escaped the gallows on the basis of insanity occasioned by the influence of cocaine. The death penalty was thereupon commuted to penal servitude for life. A model prisoner, Stoner served only seven years of his sentence. After release in 1942, he joined the armed forces and took part in the Normandy landing. He was reported as still being alive in the year 1988.

George Stoner alone knows what really happened on that fateful day in March, 1935. And it does not appear he plans to enlighten the rest of the world. However, we can be certain a part of over five million postage stamps and many stately stone buildings will echo his name for generations to come in connection with his grim secret.

The records of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia show that Francis Rattenbury was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7, Vancouver, B.C. on April 14, 1893. He was turning 26 years old at the time. He is shown as an Entered Apprentice in the Grand Lodge proceedings for Mount Hermon Lodge for each subsequent year up to the year 1898 where he is shown as suspended for nonpayment of dues. He was awarded the contract for the parliament buildings on March 15, 1893 (one month prior to his initiation in Mount Hermon Lodge), so perhaps herein lies the reason for his failure to advance further in the Order.

Murphy Proclaimed a Blue Friar

Brother Christopher L. Murphy, Vice President of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc., was proclaimed the Blue Friar for 1995 at the Forty-eighth Annual Consistory of the Society of Blue Friars in Washington, D. C. on February 24, 1995.

The Society of Blue Friars is a honorary association for Masonic authors. Since the establishment of the Society in 1932, 79 individuals have been honored by their selection as a Blue Friar. Included among the Active Friars are several Brothers who may be familiar to Masonic philatelists; Allen E. Roberts (Virginia), William G. Peacher (California), Frederick H. Smyth (England) Gerald D. Foss (New Hampshire), Mervin B. Hogan (Utah), Forrest D. Haggard (Kansas), Bruce H. Hunt (Missouri) Wilmer E. Bresee and Dr. Allan Boudreau (New York), Wallace McLoud (Ontario), Fred Lamar Pearson (Georgia), Stanley Maxwell (Massachusetts), John Hamill (England), John H. Van Gorden (Florida), Stewart M. L. Pollard (Maryland), Keith Arrington (Iowa), Cyril N. Batham (England), Charles S. Guthrie (Kentucky), Joseph E. Bennett (Texas) and Christopher L. Murphy (British Columbia)..

Wallace McLoud, Grand Abbot of the Society, reported that Brother Murphy is the author of more than thirty articles and over a dozen books, both Masonic and non-Masonic. Brother Murphy delivered a beautifully illustrated and very entertaining paper on the topic of "North America's 'Most Masonic' Postage Stamps."

Brother Murphy's current publication is *The Masonic Specialist*. six volumes of this monumental encyclopedic work on Masonic Philately have been completed. Volume seven will soon be distributed to subscribers. Any one not familiar with this work should communicate directly with Brother Murphy at Pyramid Publications, Dept. 291 - 720 Sixth Street, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada V3L 3C5, Phone 604-522-9982, FAX 604-522-3841.



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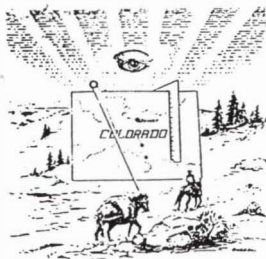
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appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen M. Galatan-Stone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Helen M. Galatan-Stone
Capital Fund Chairman



Denver Masonic Stamp Club NEWSLETTER

SPRING - 1995

NUMBER 19



Well, we have a brand new year and the economy is up (they say) so here's hoping you all have a great year and find all those "Masonic" items you've been looking for.

They report that all the recalled "Legends of the West" stamp sheets have been sent out, sorry to say, I was not one of the lucky ones, hope some of you had better luck.

This year it seems we are to have six "Masonic" issues-

James K. Polk, the 11th President of the United States.
He was raised September 4, 1820 and was a member of Columbia Lodge #4, Columbia, Tenn. He was a member of Lafayette Chapter #4, R.A.M., Columbia. He was elected Jr. Deacon of Columbia Lodge in October 1920 and elected Jr. Warden December 3, 1821 and he assisted in the laying of the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., May 1, 1847.

Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th President of the United States.
In 1859, Capt. U.S. Grant petitioned Occidental Lodge #163 of St. Louis, MO. He was elected for membership but never presented himself for initiation.

David G. Farragut:
While Farragut's Masonic connection is beyond doubt, his lodge has not been identified. Surgeon Gen. John Mills Browne of the Navy who was Grand Master in California as well as Master of Naval Lodge and an active 33° mason was intimate with Farragut in California and remembered him as a Mason and promoter of Masonry, however, he could not remember the name of his lodge. The lodge that conducted Farragut's funeral had no record of his affiliation, he was buried with Masonic honors.

Clara Barton:
She was the founder of the American Red Cross and a proud member of the Order of Eastern Star. While engaged in her noble relief work during the Civil War she was initiated at her request, by Dr. Robert Morris, founder of the order, the degrees were communicated to her and the lectures

given in her home in Oxford, Mass. in the presence of a few masons. In June of 1906 she joined the Clar Barton Chapter of Oxford, taking the degrees in the regular fashion.

Daniel Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong:

He was a member of Montgomery Lodge #18, New York City in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

James Hubert "Eubie" Blake:

He was a member of Medina Lodge #19, (Prince Hall)

Didja Know - William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey was a member of Kenwood Lodge #800, Chicago, Ill.

Didja Know - Harold E. Stassen was a member of Shekinah Lodge #171, St. Paul, Minn. and Master of the same in 1939, while Governor of the state. He was a 32° AASR (NJ) and received KCCH in 1945.

Didja Know - Barry M. Goldwater was raised in Arizona Lodge #2, Phoenix, Ariz. in April 1930, and was made a 32° AASR (SJ) at Tucson and the 33° in October 1959. He was a member of the Shrine and Eastern Star.

Didja Know - Eddie Cantor was initiated in Munn Lodge #190, New York City on November 6, 1919 and raised on June 23, 1921.

Back in July 1948 I was instrumental in forming the Denver Masonic Stamp Club & fortunate enough to be it's 18 charter members and growing to at one time to 65 members, but time has taken it's toll with deceased members, lack of local members, therefore, no new blood or ideas, lack of officers and workers to keep the club going, so it is with deep regret and a feeling of sadness that I have to announce that we are going to suspend operations for the time being until we can obtain more local membership to manage the club.

I have enjoyed being a member and writing the "Newsletter" and have made some wonderful Friendships, and while I won't be continuing with the "Newsletter" should any of you care to keep in contact you would be most welcome.

If in the future we can reorganize and become active once more, I'll let you know, meanwhile, thanks to all of you for your assistance and support.

Fraternally,


J.N. Adams

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club



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NOTE: This is the annual newsletter sent to all members of the GWMSC who are on the active list. All information that was published in the Fall Update sent to local members is repeated here. If you live in the local area and plan to attend one or more meetings please let me know so I can place your name on the local mailing list. Due to the reduced meeting schedule the next newsletter will be in late August and will cover the September and November meetings, primarily to make any changes in meeting dates or locations.

Because of the low attendance at some meetings, the club decided to reduce the number of meetings. The annual meeting and banquet will be in February on the SUNDAY closest to Washington's birthday. There will be other meetings - in April (usually in the York/Lancaster, PA area); June (Frederick, MD) and September (BALPEX - Labor Day Weekend). Meetings are usually on the fourth Saturday. The club will have only 4 meetings per year according to the above schedule - February, April, June, and September.

We still need candidates for the office of First and Second Vice-President. These are two year terms. With the reduced meeting schedule and set locations, the job of President should not be too demanding. If anyone is interested please let me know.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

SUNDAY - 19 FEBRUARY 1995 Please note SUNDAY meeting date. Annual banquet and awarding of Master of Philately degree at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. Meeting time is 2 P.M. Those desiring to tour the memorial should arrive by 12 noon. Any member who desires to obtain the Master of Philately Degree must inform the Secretary NOT than 1 week prior to the meeting. Our annual banquet will be at GADSBY'S TAVERN, 400 CAMERON ST & N. ROYAL - across from the City Hall. Underground parking in the immediate area. Our speaker will be COL Richard B. Baldwin USA RET. He is the PDDGHP in Virginia. He will talk on the "Heritage of George Washington".

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! Call your representative or drop a card to the Secretary. You may pay at the door but let us know if you are coming.

SATURDAY - 22 APRIL 1995. Intercourse, PA. Meet in the Harvest Drive restaurant at 2:30 P.M. Dinner at the restaurant, family style. This restaurant is about 2 mi. past the Bird-In Hand Restaurant, turn rt. on Leacock Rd., then left on Harvest Drive. See map last page. Speaker to be determined.

SATURDAY - 24 JUNE 1995. Meet at the Masonic Temple in the first block of West Church Street in Frederick, MD. Meet at 2:30 P.M. Program or speaker to be determined. Following the meeting there will be an attitude adjustment hour at the home of the Secretary. Dinner will be at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in the VFW Country Club at the intersection of Rt. 40 West and Rt 40A just west of the Fredericktown Mall. We will order from the menu. Please let me know if you plan to go to dinner so I can notify the restaurant NLT 1 week prior to the meeting date.

JULY and AUGUST 1994 - No meeting. Have a great summer!

SATURDAY - 2 SEPTEMBER 1995. BALPEX, Hunt Valley Inn off I-83 north of Baltimore. Meet at 2:30 P.M. Check TV display or program for meeting room. Dinner at a local restaurant to be decided.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1995 and JANUARY 1996. No meeting. The club officers wish you happy holidays and good health in the coming year.

NOTE: Some of the following information is repeated from the Fall Update.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Paul L. BAILEY	- change ZIP to 80920-4435
James W. COUTTS	- 7 Platt Street., Swanton, VT 05488-1209
Ed FOUCHE	- 205 Charles St., SE, Vienna, VA 22180
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A. B. MCILQUHAM	- 215 Saint Pierre St., Worthington, OH 43085-2262
William S. PATTERSON	- 945 W. Palma de Pina Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704-3758
Donald A. WILDER	- 11682 SW 79th Circle, Ocala, FL 34481
Fred ZINN	- 1233 E. Prospect St., York, PA 17403

MAIL RETURNED - No address available. Transfer to inactive list:

Warren D. DAVIS	- Plymouth, MA
Lloyd T. HAYWARD	- Montpelier, VT
David K. LEVY	- Brooklyn, NY

RETURN TO ACTIVE LIST:

Robert S. CARTER	- 2538 Veraview Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45244-2833
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NEW MEMBERS:

Wallace E. ENNIS Jr.	- 8501 Fredonia Rd., Richmond, VA 23227
Max L. LYNDIS	- P.O. Box 100, Monticello, ME 04760
William R. ROBERTSON	- 2130 Hoffman Lane, Napa, CA 94558
Charles D. VOGEL	- 4704 Sanders Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030-5409

CLOSED ALBUMS:

James F. BUCKNER	- Dumfries, VA	23 Jul 94
Leroy GREER	- VA.	Aug 94
Edgar Lars GRESHAM	- Silver Spring, MD	Jul 93
Oakley T. HAYDEN 33	- Richmond, VA	28 Mar 94
Clarence KLINGER	- Malvern, OH	?
C. Max LENTZ	- Sunnyside, GA	Dec 93
Spencer C. SANDS	- Gahanna, OH	12 Apr 92
Robert L. WELTY	- Zionsville, IN	?
Ray WEIGAND(P.Pres)	- York, PA	31 Aug 94

SPECIAL NOTES:

Bro. Bill Ellenberger still has some foreign stamps he would like to dispose of. Almost all are mint and in good condition. The list of countries is too extensive to list here, but if you collect certain countries please drop him a card to see if he has any that you collect. His address is: William J. Ellenberger, 15234 Sky High Road, Escandido, CA 92025-2401.

Collection of 642 postally used covers and cards - all with Masonic significance. Most are cacheted. Over 500 are mounted on Masonic pages and are housed in seven 3-ringed Masonic albums. There are a few duplicates among the unmounted covers. Suggested price \$500.00 Write or call Howard W. Cantwell, 2412 Lakewood Road, Baltimore, MD 21234-2928. Phone 410-665-1599.

Mel Rodermond is interested in additions to his DOANE cancel collection - RFD cancels with or without "Postal Wagon" in the cancel. Dec 1899 RFD routes by wagon in Westminster, Carroll County, MD were started and then spread over the US mail service area. 3111 Eastern Blvd, York, PA 17402-4442

CLUB COVERS: The February 22, 1995 club cover will have the same cancel as before (Mt. Vernon Club cancellation). Price \$1.50. Free to members attending the annual meeting. Masons on stamps for 1995 will feature Bro. James K. Polk. Bro. Alexander Winton will have his Winton 1889 car pictured as one of five antique auto stamps. Price not known at this time. Order from Bro. Paul Williams - address on heading.

CLUB PIN: The club still has GWMSC pins available for \$3.00 (US residents) and \$3.50 for foreign mailings, postpaid. Send your check to the Secretary, made out to the club.

A PERSONAL NOTE: My wife Ann had open heart surgery on 29 November 94 to replace the mitral valve and repair the tricuspid valve. She had complications and developed fluid around the heart and then a reaction to an antibiotic. After 3 weeks at the Washington Hospital Center she came home on 20 December. She is slowly recovering but this will take an estimated 3 to 6 months. Thanks to all who sent cards and good wishes.

The club notes with sadness the death of our past president - Ray Weigand. Ray was active in scouting and many civic activities. He was an active member of the club. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Our current president Henry Scott recently had by-pass surgery. He is slowly recovering. We wish him well and hope he will soon be active again.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

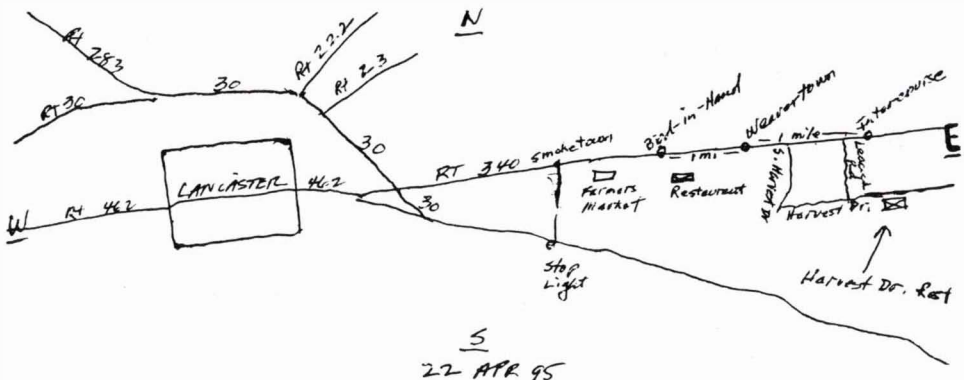
YORK AREA: Mel Rodermond, 3111 Eastern Blvd. York, PA 17402.

BALTIMORE: Henry Scott, 706 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228-4442.
(410-747-0706).

VIRGINIA: Ken Hanson, 7303 Pioneer Rd., Springfield, VA 22150 (703-971-4040)

The current list of available club covers is enclosed. Follow instructions on the list when ordering.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE FALL UPDATE ISSUED IN AUGUST 95. THE NEXT ANNUAL NEWSLETTER WILL BE IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1996. ALL INFORMATION IN THE FALL UPDATE WILL BE REPEATED WHERE APPROPRIATE. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY NLT MID-JANUARY 96. DON'T FORGET TO NOTIFY SECRETARY IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS.



GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC STAMP CLUB

SPECIAL EVENT COVERS

7/4/59 George Washington Capitol Cornerstone
 3/18/67 Dedication P.O., Dover, PA
 7/16/69 Apollo II Moon Mission - 1.50
 7/20/69 Moon Landing, Aldrin - 1.50
 12/30/70 100th Anniversary Scot. Rite
 5/15/71 Demise of the 6¢ Stamp
 12/1/71 50th Anniversary Phil. agency
 5/13/72 100th Anniversary Union Bridge, MD
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew Inaug. Invite - 2.00
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. Invite
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. Picture
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew Inaug. Pictures
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. picture - 2.00
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew picture Inaug. - 2.00
 6/4/75 100th Anniversary Corps Engs.
 5/28/76 Geo. Wash. Mt. Vernon Fr. light bell
 5/28/76 Geo. Wash. Mt. Vernon Fr. light Eagle
 10/12/76 G.W. appointed 6-star gen.
 1/20/77 Carter-Mondale Inauguration
 1/20/77 Carter picture
 1/20/77 Mondale picture
 7/4/78 B&O R.R. cornerstone
 8/4/78 225th Anniversary G.W. M.M.
 1/27/79 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Palestine Lodge
 3/24/79 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Lancaster, PA
 7/20/79 10th Anniversary Apollo II
 1/20/81 Reagan Inauguration
 3/28/81 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Lancaster, PA
 10/24/81 G.W. M.S.C. 25th Anniversary
 3/27/82 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Baltimore, MD
 5/12/82 50th Anniversary G.W. Mas. National Mon.
 11/4/82 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Fredericksburg, VA
 Washington, the Master Mason
 12/23/83 Geo. Wash. Surrenders Commis.
 1/26/84 H. Truman - centennial
 1/20/85 Reagan Inaug.
 1/21/85 Reagan Inaug.
 6/28/86 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Intercourse, PA
 8/30/86 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Balpex Post Card
 4/25/87 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Philanthropic Lodge
 No. 168 - 14¢ Post Card
 3/26/88 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Springfield, VA
 Post Card - 1.00
 4/30/88 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at York, PA
 199th Anniv., Washington Inauguration
 5/20/89 Settling of Oklahoma Post Card
 Club Meeting, Frederick, MD
 6/24/89 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Intercourse, PA
 Club Logo
 9/2/89 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Balpex, MD
 Club Logo
 4/28/90 G.W. M.S.C. mtg. Red Lion, PA
 3/23/91 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Bird-In-Hand, Pa. - 1.50
 4/23/91 Bro. James Buchanan post card, Presidential
 Birthday Station cancel, Mercersburg, Pa. also
 Lancaster, Pa. Downtown Station - 1.00
 Philatelic center cancel
 1/27/92 Apollo One Memorial Station P.C.
 Gus Grissom - 1.25
 6/27/92 G.W. M.S.C. mtg. P.C. Bird-In-Hand, PA - 1.00
 10/13/92 Cornerstone White House Bicentennial - 2.25
 10/24/92 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Savage, Md. - P.C. - 1.50
 1/20/93 Inauguration Cover Clinton & Gore - 2.25
 U.S.P.S. Postal Stationary Env. and
 29¢ White House stamp cancel

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY COVERS

2/22/63 Jewel & Cordon
 2/22/67 Geo. Washington at Fredericksburg Lodge
 2/22/70 Washington Mas. Medal
 2/22/71 Lodge Bible
 2/22/72 Geo. Washington Statue
 2/22/73 Geo. Washington picture
 2/22/74 Washington on Horse
 2/22/75 18th c. Mt. Vernon
 2/22/76 Geo. Washington commander-in-chief
 2/22/77 Birthday anniversary
 2/22/78 Mt. Vernon
 2/22/79 Geo. Washington National Mem.
 2/22/80 Geo. Washington the surveyor
 2/22/81 249th Birthday - Wakefield, VA birthplace
 picture, Alexandria, VA cancel
 2/22/81 249th Birthday - Washington picture
 Mt. Vernon cancel
 2/22/82 250th Birthday National Memorial picture
 Alexandria, VA cancel
 2/22/82 250th Birthday - Washington picture - Dual
 cancel - FDC & birthday, Mt. Vernon - 2.00
 2/22/84 Mount Vernon Ladies Association
 2/22/85 Washington Cap. Mon. & Gavel
 2/22/86 Monument towering over other monuments
 as he towered over other men
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Mt. Vernon cancel
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Popes Creek, VA
 Cancel with flag or love stamp
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Dual cancel
 Mt. Vernon & San Francisco, CA - 2.00
 2/22/88 Happy Birthday Club Logo
 2/22/89 Geo. Washington, Seal, State of Washington
 Club cancel, Mt. Vernon, VA - 1.25
 2/22/89 Also dual cancel Mt. Vernon &
 State of Washington - 2.50 F.D.C.
 2/22/90 Geo. Wash. Birthday. Picture on 25¢
 Piece - 1.50. Also dual cancel - 2.50
 2/22/91 Star cachet Mt. Vernon, VA
 Birthday unofficial cancel - 2.50
 2/22/91 Star cachet U.S.P.S. Postal -
 Stationary Env. - 1.50
 2/22/92 Geo. Wash. Mt. Rushmore - 1.50
 2/22/93 Washington Crossing the Delaware - 2.00
 U.S.P.S. Postal Stationary Env.
 2/22/94 Washington National Cathedral P.C. - 1.00
 2/22/95 George Washington Birthday

BANQUET PROGRAMS - 1.00

Stamped and Cancelled*

1981*	1985*	1988*	1991 - \$2.50	1994 - \$2.00*
1983*	1986*	1989	1992 - \$2.00*	1995 - \$2.25*
1984*	1987*	1990	1993 - \$2.00*	

All Post Cards - 75¢ except as marked

All Covers \$1.25 except as noted plus postage.

George Washington Club Loose Leaf Binders:

1½" Binders - \$5.25 Lapel Pins - \$3.00

1" Binders - \$3.50

Pages - 10¢

2½" Self-Stick Club Labels (blue on white) 15 for \$1.00

1½" Self-Stick Club Labels (blue on white) 15 for \$1.00

2/22/82 F.D.O.I. Presentation card 7x9 - 1.50

Order from: Paul M. Williams
 2364 Beaver Valley Pike
 New Providence, PA 17560-9622

Do not send check. I will bill you by invoice.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC STAMP CLUB

FIRST DAY COVERS

7/11/61	George W. Norris	1/23/86	Stamp Collecting (pane of 4) - 2.25
11/14/62	Higher Education	1/23/86	Stamp Collecting dual cancel
11/23/62	George Washington		Sweden & U.S. (full panes) - 4.25
3/22/63	Andrew Jackson	2/27/86	Hugh Black
5/21/66	Sipex (stamp)	3/19/86	William Jennings Bryan - 3.00
4/17/67	National Grange	5/23/86	Stamps - The Universal Hobby post card
11/17/67	George Washington	5/28/86	Polar Explorers - 2.00
7/20/69	Moon Landing Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.	7/4/86	PTT Garteoste dual cancel
9/9/69	Moon Landing Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.		large post card - 3.00
11/24/70	Dav. 50th Anniversary	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card - 5 Diff.
1/26/71	MacArthur	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card F.D.C. with Pa. Statehood stamp cancelled 8/26/87 - 1.00
3/12/71	Blood Donor	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card with Unofficial cancel of Constitution signing, stamp cancelled 9/17/87 - 1.00
5/21/71	A. Durer 500th Anniversary German	8/26/87	Statehood PA Ratification Station Dual cancel - 3.50
3/1/72	Yellowstone Park	8/28/87	Constitution Drafting (full pane) - 2.00
7/4/72	Col. Crafts Paul Revere	8/28/87	Constitution Drafting single stamp or set of five singles - Set 4.00
10/13/72	Tom Sawyer - Twain's Gavel	9/17/87	Constitution Signing - also Unofficial Cancel
10/12/72	Tom Sawyer - Steam Boat	3/28/88	Buffalo Bill Cody Dual cancel post card - 1.50
11/17/72	Stamp Collecting - Ben Franklin	5/4/88	Blair House post card, F.D.C. & Unofficial
5/8/73	H. Truman	9/14/88	Richard Byrd-Blk. of 4 F.D.C. & Unofficial - 3.50 each Single - 1.25
7/4/73	Boston Tea Party - L. Pair	11/5/88	Hap Arnold - 1.50
12/16/73	Samuel Adams P.C.	2/22/89	Seal State of Washington
5/4/74	Skylab		Olympia, WA cancel
7/4/74	Continental Congress - 2.00		Washington Statehood stamp
7/4/74	Continental Congress - Dual cancel with constitution signing - 3.50	4/4/89	Birthday Anniversary
3/25/75	Haym Salmon	4/6/89	House of Representatives - 2.00
1/3/77	Geo. Washington at Princeton bust cach.	4/6/89	U.S. Senate - 2.00
1/3/77	Geo. Washington at Princeton soldier cach.	4/4/89	Dual cancel on Monarch envelope
7/4/77	Col. Crafts - BK/4 1.25	4/6/89	House of Representatives & U.S. Senate - 2.50
10/21/77	Geo. Washington at Valley Forge	4/16/89	Washington Bicentennial, Exec. Branch Inaug. - Washington Constitution Series, First Inaugural Journey Station cancel, Mt. Vernon - 2.00
1/20/77	Capt. Cook (pair) Anchorage - 1.50	6/20/89	20th Anniversary Moon Landing F.D.O.I. - 5.00
1/20/78	Capt. Cook (pair) Honolulu - 1.50	6/20/89	Same - "Bullseye cancel"
5/19/78	J. Hancock Post Card	6/20/89	Same - Priority Mail Label
6/30/78	Fort McHenry 15¢ Reg.	2/2/90	John Marshall - 1.50
7/13/78	George Cohan	3/23/90	Classic Films (Blk. of 4) - 2.50
9/23/79	John Paul Jones	9/6/90	Clair Lee Chennault - 2.00
10/11/79	C. Pulaski Post Card		F.D.C. - Hand cancel and machine cancel
1/29/80	W.C. Fields	2/22/91	U.S. Swiss Airmail Wash. D.C. cancel - 1.50
5/5/81	Isaiah Thomas Post Card	2/22/91	U.S. Swiss Airmail Wash. D.C. cancel - 3.50 and Switzerland cancel
10/31/81	J. Hoban U.S.	3/29/91	Flag over Mt. Rushmore, single stamp - 1.50
10/31/81	J. Hoban U.S. & 18¢ Irish - 1.50		coil pair - 2.00, 3 pair - 2.25
1/30/82	Roosevelt	6/3/91	Hubert H. Humphrey (Great American) - 2.00
2/12/83	Ogelthorpe Post Card	7/4/91	Flag over Mt. Rushmore - 1.50
3/24/83	Swedish/American Treaty	8/29/91	Comedians Bud Abbott & Oliver Hardy (Booklet Pane) - 4.00
3/24/83	Swedish/Americans Treaty Dual cancel with constitution signing - 2.50	9/3/91	World War II mini sheet of 10 designs - 7.00 p.p.
7/13/83	Henry Clay	9/7/91	F.D.C. Dist. of Columbia Bicentennial - 1.50
9/2/83	Treaty of Parish signers		Blk. of 4 - 2.25
9/2/83	Treaty of Paris signers French - 2.00	3/9/92	Earl Warren, Single - 1.50
9/2/83	Treaty of Paris Dual cancel with constitution signing - 2.00		Blk. of 4 - 2.50
4/16/84	National Archives	4/23/92	White House Bicentennial, Single - 1.50
5/23/84	Douglas Fairbanks		3 stamps - 2.25
5/31/84	R. Russell	5/29/92	Space, Blk. of 4 - 2.50, Set of 4 Singles - 3.00
9/2/84	Frank Lauback	8/19/94	George Washington & Andrew Jackson - \$5.00 stamp
1/23/85	Jerome Kern		
3/29/85	Large flag over capitol cachet Wash. cap. Mon. & gavel (single stamp)		
3/29/85	Same as above (full pane) - 2.00		
5/25/85	Amperipex 86		
6/11/85	Harry Stutz		
7/18/85	F.A. Bartholdi		
7/25/85	Henry Knox - Blk. of 4		
11/6/85	Washington & Monument (2 coil) - 1.25		
11/6/85	Washington & Monument (3 coil) - 1.25		
12/4/85	Samuel F. Clemens - 1.50		

INAUGURATION COVER

1/20/89 George Bush



HILATÉLIE

Par le R.F.Jean
PROUTEAU

LES NOUVEAUTÉS

FRANCE



Notre pays a honoré la mémoire de Joséphine Baker (1906-1975) par l'émission d'un timbre-poste le 17 septembre 1994. Cette artiste de music-hall d'origine américaine connue la renommée comme chanteuse, danseuse et animatrice de revues. Elle fut initiée à la R.L. «La Nouvelle Jérusalem» à l'Orient de Paris le 6 mars 1960 à la Grande Loge Féminine de France.

ALLEMAGNE



Un timbre a été émis le 11 Août 1994 pour le 250^{ème} anniversaire de la naissance de Johann Gottfried Herder (1744-1803).

Théologien, philosophe, poète, il est à l'origine du néo-romantisme. Il fut initié en 1776 à la R.L. «Zum Schwert» de Riga en Lettonie.

NOUVELLE- CALÉDONIE



Ce territoire d'outre-mer a célébré le 125^{ème} anniversaire de présence Maçonnique dans l'île par l'émission d'un très joli timbre de 350 C.F.P.

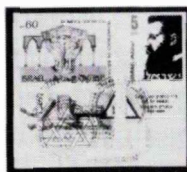
le 15 Septembre 1994.

ANGLETERRE



Une très belle oblitération Maçonnique a été mise en service le 8 octobre 1994 à l'occasion de la première exposition philatélique Maçonnique qui s'est tenue à Rickmansworth, Herts.

ISRAËL



Pour le vingt-cinquième anniversaire de la fondation du Grand Chapitre de l'Arche Royale de cet État une oblitération fort originale a été utilisée.

PHILIPPINES

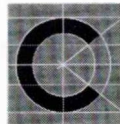


L'administration postale de ce pays a récemment émis un bloc de quatre timbres à l'occasion du cinquantième anniversaire du débarquement de Leyte. L'un des timbres représente un illustre Maçon : le Général D. Mac Arthur.

MONACO



Le 17 octobre 1994 a eu lieu dans la principauté le premier jour d'un timbre rendant hommage à Voltaire une des grandes figures de la Franc-Maçonnerie française.



CHERCHONS ENSEMBLE

Nous publions les deux lettres reçues pour trouver la vérité dans la rubrique "cherchons ensemble", nous en remercions les auteurs :

Le Dr. Denis Colin M.M. de la R.L. Thebah N° 97 à l'Or. de Paris

a répondu ainsi à notre énigme:

«Cherchons ensemble» propose une pièce chinoise dénommée «sapèque» utilisée depuis la haute antiquité jusqu'à la révolution chinoise en Chine.

Elle symbolise le monde matériel, qui est la partie comprise entre le ciel «rond» (temps cyclique voûte céleste ...) et la terre «carrière» (4 orientés à égale distance du centre).

Robert Escallier - numismate - membre de la R.L. Le Verbe 711 à l'Or. de Juan-les-Pins.

D'après la documentation que je possède il s'agirait d'une amulette chinoise entrant dans la catégorie des amulettes démonifuges et protectrices. Il s'agirait d'une amulette dite «des Quatre esprits»; elle daterait du XIX^{ème}.

Son avers (la face présentée à droite) correspond à une monnaie de Wang Mang, 9 - 23 PC sur laquelle je n'ai aucune autre précision.

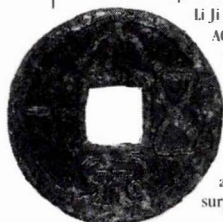
Son revers présente une épée à droite qui pourrait être l'épée magique de Xi Wangmu, épée magique qui écartait les ombres dite aussi «Épée de soufre qui agite les essences».

A droite sont représentées les sept étoiles du Boisseau du Nord, constellation qui est un élément faste renforcé par le pouvoir démonifuge de l'épée.

En haut on y voit un serpent et en bas une tortue. Ces deux éléments qui sont d'habitude représentés enlacés sont appelés «Le Guerrier Sombre» et constituent une puissance protectrice, qui règne sur le nord du ciel et du monde, et dont le nom est Xuan Wu.

D'après le mémoire des Rites

Li Ji datant du I^{er} siècle AC, un étendard portant ces trois derniers emblèmes devait être porté devant l'empereur, mais encore flotter à l'arrière des armées afin de prévenir toute surprise.



Masonic Philately Publications Available

The Masonic Service Association of the United States produces a wide range of printed material of value to Masons. Included in the treasure of Masonic publications issued over the years are a number of excellent items relating to Masonic Philately. Many of these philatelic items are out-of-print and no longer available. There are, however, two publications still in stock that could prove of value to a Masonic Philatelist.

The first item is the Short Talk Bulletin **Masonic Postage Stamps**, originally issued in January 1949 and reprinted in March 1989, a well written homily on the combination of Masonry and postage stamps and, believe it or not, still selling for only 40 cents. The second publication is the booklet, **Masonic Philately in the United States and Canada** sells for \$2.50. Containing fifty pages of basic information for the Masonic collector it was written in 1989 by Christopher Leo Murphy. Brother Murphy is a Vice-President of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, and a well respected authority in the field of philately, his writings are frequently found in the major philatelic publications.

These publications are well worth the modest cost. We recommend that anyone wishing to obtain copies of these two items send US\$5.00 to cover the cost of postage and handling to:

Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary
The Masonic Service Association of the United States
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