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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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Wien/Vienna 17. May 1999

Dear Brother Boudreau,

Thank you for your letter 12. April 99 with your desire.

Here is a commemorative leaf with the FDC from Luxembourg as gift for you. But sorry in German.

A short translation: The first work in the temple was 11. March 1848 in the Orient Echternach in french ritus under the „Supreme Conseil Maconnique“ for the grand-duke-territory Luxembourg. After revolutions-troubles was the charter of the lodge on 2. Febr. 1851. From 1854 till 1856 works in German language. In spite of support (assistance) the logdes „Blücher zur Wahlstatt“ and „Zu den 3 Weltkugeln“ grow weary about religious animosity. 1948 „Esperance“ again active. One of the 3 lodges (+ Parfaite Union“ + Enfants de la Concorde fortifie) of the Grande Lodge of Luxembourg. The member of goverment Dr. Ch. Munchen and the composer of the nationalhymn J.A. Zinnen are member of the „Espérance“. The embleme (symbol) above is from the German Quatour Coronati.

My best regard to Bernard Nathan and many thanks for the letter of our anniversary.

All the best. Yours sincerely and fraternally

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Schmid', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Herbert Schmid
President of PMC Vienna

Gedenkblatt



1848 150 1998
Jahre

**Respectable Loge Saint Jean de l'Espérance
Johannisloge „Zur Hoffnung“
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Musées III



PHILATELIC BULLETIN

The Philippine Postal Corporation will issue a stamp to commemorate the Diamond Anniversary of the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc. (MCCCI).



Kind of Issue	:	Commemorative
Denomination & Quantity	:	P5.00 — 75,000
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On July 29, 1924, prominent Masons met at the Masonic Temple at the Escolta and decided to house the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children at the Mary Johnston Hospital in Tondo, Manila. This ward opened its doors to five children on September 23, 1925.

Except for a brief period during World War II, the ward has operated continuously and has increased its capacity to 20 beds. It is managed by the MCCCI which is supported by annual assessments on Philippine Masons and run by a 9-member Board of Trustees. It also receives donations and legacies.

The Masonic Ward is operated and maintained by orthopedic surgeons with extensive training and experience here and abroad.

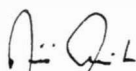
On November 26, 1987, the Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled awarded the prestigious Apollinario Mabini Award to the MCCCI. Then President Corazon C. Aquino presented the award in special ceremonies held at Malacañong.

The MCCCI, through its free surgical and medical program, has helped rehabilitate thousands of children suffering from poliomyelitis, congenital deformities like clubfoot, tuberculosis of the bones, bone tumors, and other deformities. It has other units in Davao, Cebu, Iloilo, Baguio and Cabanatuan.

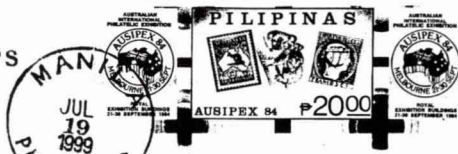
Stamps and Official First Day Covers will be available on 5 July 1999 at the Philatelic Division, Money Order Building, Liwasang Bonifacio, 1000 Manila and all Regional Offices of the Philippine Postal Corporation.

Price: FDC \$1.50
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MASONS IN PHILIPPINE STAMPS



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JUAN LUNA: Filipino Painter and Patriot,
joined a Masonic Triangle in PARIS of
Logia Solidaridad No. 153.



July 5, 1999

The Masonic Philatelist
Collectors Club
22 East 35th St.,
New York, NY 10016

Dear Sir:

To honor the 75th Anniversary of the Masonic Charities in the Philippines, the Bureau of Posts has issued today a commemorative stamp with a denomination of 5 pesos. Pictured is the Masonic Emblem, A Mason in Apron, and crippled Children.

Enclosed is a mint stamp & FDC for you. If anyone wish to order, the amount is \$3.00 for Stamp, FDC & Airmail postage.

Best wishes!



Yours faithfully,

Ysmael Inductivo

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28 June 1999

New York Masonic Stamp Club
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Dear Brother Allan Boudreau

The "Masonic stamp" of the New Zealand Art Deco set apparently created a lot of interest among Masonic Philatelists and I have received several inquiries seeking further explanation.

As you mentioned, earlier this year an Art Deco set of four stamps was issued by New Zealand Post. One of them is depicting the Masonic Hotel in the city of Napier, which is on the eastern tip of the North Island if you want to locate it.

It is simply the name of a hotel. It has never has been a Masonic building nor has any Masonic signs or symbols on it and has no other connection to the craft than its name. Almost every town in New Zealand has a hotel called Masonic Hotel.

The stamp on the Branding Iron cover that was in the previous issue of this magazine is also from the Art Deco series, and the only one that I could get presently that shows something from Auckland. Since the ceremony was held in Auckland, I had no choice.
This is also the basic value for posting within New Zealand, 40 cents.

Back to the Art Deco stamps. It is the style of architecture that was popular in the 1930's. After the earthquake that destroyed much of Napier in 1931, the great rebuilding was done in that style and similarities were drawn between Napier and Santa Barbara of California that was rebuilt in this style after their earthquake and was called the most beautiful city in California.

Napier is often called the Art Deco Capital of the world. Other towns in New Zealand also have buildings in this style. The enclosed stamps show examples of this building style from other areas in New Zealand.

Fraternally



Vic Fabian



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June 14, 1999

To: Editors of Masonic Publications:

The Tournament of Roses Parade Committee of the Grand Lodge of California is pleased to report that the Family of Freemasonry float for 1999 was awarded the Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for the "most beautiful entry by a non-commercial sponsor". This is the first award received by the Family of Freemasonry in the nine years of participation in the Rose Parade.

In addition, we also did most of the decoration of the California Sesquicentennial float which received the Governor's award for the "best depiction of life in California". These successes placed us in a very favorable position with the Tournament of Roses officials.

We are very pleased and honored to be invited to enter a float in the Parade on January 1, 2000. After consultation with the float builder, we have settled on a *50 foot high STATUE OF LIBERTY* surrounded by a bed of floral flags. This float concept is quite compatible with the Parade theme which is **Celebration 2000 - Visions of the Future**. The float will be titled **Liberty for All**. There will be no riders on this float because we feel that the Statue itself provides a powerful message. The media will be provided with information about the role played by French and American Freemasons in the history of the Statue from 1865 to 1984. Details of the design are shown in the enclosed flyer.

We would appreciate your assistance in publicizing the float and the need for financial support in one or more of your issues. The cost of this float is somewhat higher than previous floats because of its size and design.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stanley L. Channon
Stanley L. Channon, PGM
Chairman

Alvin J. Weis
Alvin J. Weis
Deputy Grand Master

Ray Rosenbaum, Editor

Summer 1999

FLOAT FLASHES

NEWS & INFORMATION ON THE MASONIC FLOAT IN THE 2000 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

STATUE OF LIBERTY SYMBOLIZES FREEMASONRY IN "2000" PARADE

A replica of America's most famous symbol, a treasured gift from the French and a monument closely aligned with the Masonic fraternity, will represent the Family of Freemasonry in the year 2000 Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

The Statue of Liberty, cheered and cried over by millions of arriving immigrants since she took her place in New York harbor 114 years ago, will be recreated on a majestic float sponsored by the world's largest fraternal organization, according to Stanley Channon, float committee chairman and a Past Grand Master of California Masons.

Rising 50 feet above Colorado Blvd. with Miss Liberty's torch held high, the float symbolizes "Celebration 2000 — Visions of the Future," theme for the parade.

Whereas immigrants provided her first audience in New York in 1886, the Statue is sure to draw the praise of TV viewers in 90 countries on New Year's Day, totaling more than one-half billion people internationally, including a live crowd of one million along the five-mile parade route.

"We feel that the Statue represents a magnificent celebration of 'Liberty For All,' our float's title, and a beacon of hope for generations to come," said Alvin Weis, who is in line to become Grand Master of Masons in California in October.

The biggest display of flowers will be around the rectangular base of the Statue, which will be surrounded by a brightly-blooming flower garden, according to Bill Lofthouse, of Phoenix Decorating, designer and builder of the Masonic entry.

His company created the fraternity's 1999 float, which won the Nathrop K. Leishman award for the most beautiful non-commercial float.

"We believe this float will also be considered favorably by the judges," said Chairman Channon. The Statue was originally going to be 40 feet high, but it will stand 10 feet higher to provide a more imposing image, he explained. It will be fashioned from dry material to get the correct texture and coloring of the actual Statue's copper finish.

Its torch will be illuminated with special yellow iridescent flowers with brightened tips. And the base, displaying flags from around the world, will be a swirl of roses, gladioli, irises, carnations, orchids and baby's breath. The flags will be produced with dried and fresh petals.

This float probably won't make you cry, but it should make you cheer.

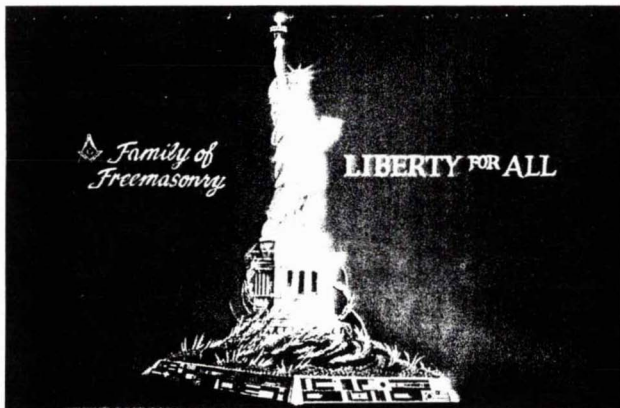


PHOTO BY JIM PADEN

STRONG TIES BETWEEN MASONS AND LIBERTY

Freemasons have always been associated with freedom and liberty, and their connection with the Statue of Liberty, soon to be recreated on the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses New Year's Day parade, has long been recognized.

In 1865, France accepted a proposal by Edouard Lefebvre de Laboulaye that a suitable monument be presented to America in recognition of the friendship between the two countries.

A young artist, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a Freemason, created the concept of a goddess with a torch held high above her head as a gesture of welcome to the land of freedom.

A Franco-American union was then formed in Paris under the leadership of Henri Martin, a noted French Mason, for the purpose of raising funds for the statue, to be called "Liberty Enlightening the World." Many of the sponsors were Masons.

France contributed one million francs, much of it coming from school children, but American support for construction of a pedestal was insufficient until our students responded to a plea by Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World.

The statue was presented to America and was officially accepted by Congress on the anniversary of George Washington's birthday in 1877.

Completed in Paris in 1884, the monument waited there until the foundation and the 65 foot granite pedestal were built by the Americans. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone on August 5, 1884, in pouring rain, in a traditional Masonic ceremony, with the Grand Master proclaiming, "No institution has done more to promote liberty than has Freemasonry."

On the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone-laying ceremony in 1984, the Grand Lodge of New York reenacted the ceremony. America's Freemasons contributed \$2 million toward the restoration of the statue and the Ellis Island complex, once again joining together in the cause of liberty.

Contributions Needed

Masons throughout the world are asked to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the Family of Freemasonry float. You may do so by sending your donation to Robert C. Coe, Treasurer, P.O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567. Merchandise order forms are also available. Please note that contributions are not deductible.

ROSE PARADE MASONIC FLOAT VIDEOTAPES

The Rose Parade Masonic Float Committee of the Grand Lodge of California has produced a series of videotapes which document the construction and decoration of the floats and the television coverage as the floats moved along the Parade route. In addition, a brief description of some aspects of Freemasonry is included. Each video may be viewed by Masonic organizations and the general public as an informative and entertaining program to show how Freemasonry is organized and what it does for the community.

FLOAT YEAR	TITLE	DONATION
1993	Masons in Music (20 minutes) Three costumed groups of musicians playing music composed by Masons.	\$10.00
1994	Builders of Democracy (20 minutes) Working tools, Freemasonry's role in establishing democratic societies. Features George Washington, Eastern Star, DeMolay 75th anniversary.	\$10.00
1995	Service through Sports (29 minutes) Shrine East-West Football Game and Shrine Hospitals with leaders of Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. 75th anniversary of Job's Daughters.	\$15.00
1996	We Support Youth (21 minutes) Humpty Dumpty and children from the Masonic Home as representatives of all children helped by the FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY charities.	\$15.00
1997	Follow Your Rainbow (15 minutes) Seven Grand Worthy Advisors of Order of Rainbow for Girls under huge rainbow recognizes the 75th anniversary; scholarship recipient from Order of Amaranth celebrating its 100th anniversary.	\$15.00
1998	Fantasy on Wheels (26 minutes) The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe fairy tale was modernized with the shoe as a roller blade shoe housing two "old women" and ten children in roller blade attire.	\$15.00
1999	A Century of Roses (16 minutes) A replica of the first Hunt Club horse-drawn carriage with prominent riders, winner of Lathrop K. Leishman trophy for "most beautiful entry from non-commercial sponsor".	\$15.00

VIDEO ORDER FORM

Robert C. Coe, Treasurer, Float Committee
P. O. Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567

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Please send me the following video(s):

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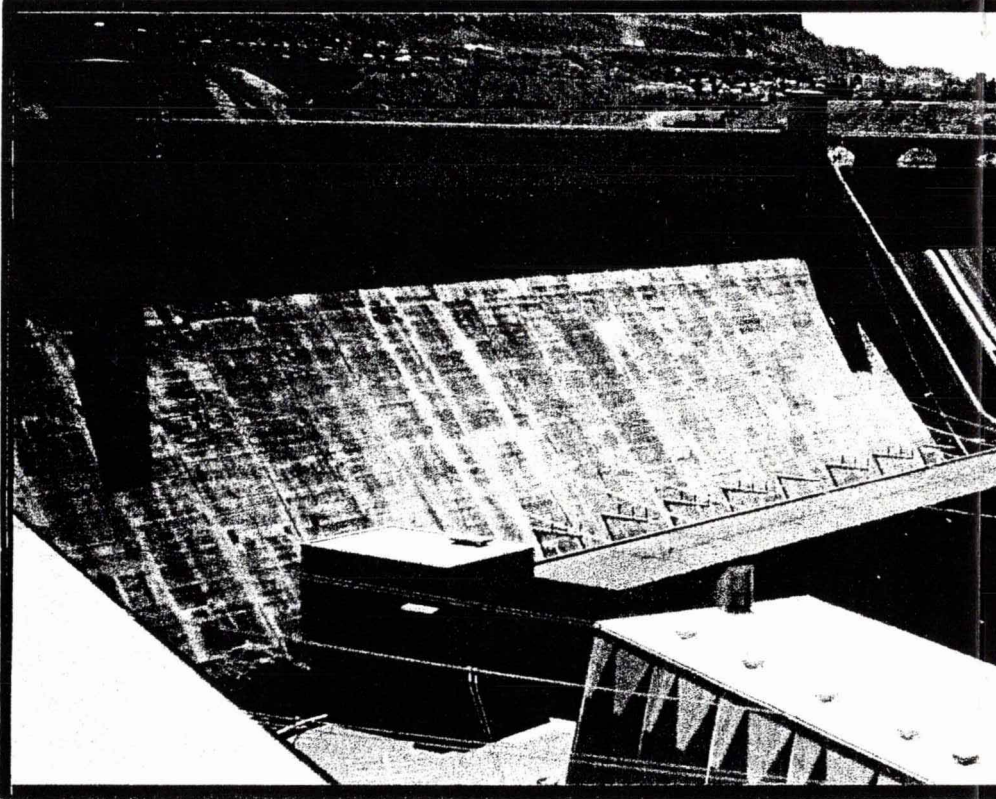
Make check payable to Rose Parade Masonic Float.

Add \$3 per video for shipping

*Presently sold out - may be special ordered

FREEMASONS AND THE

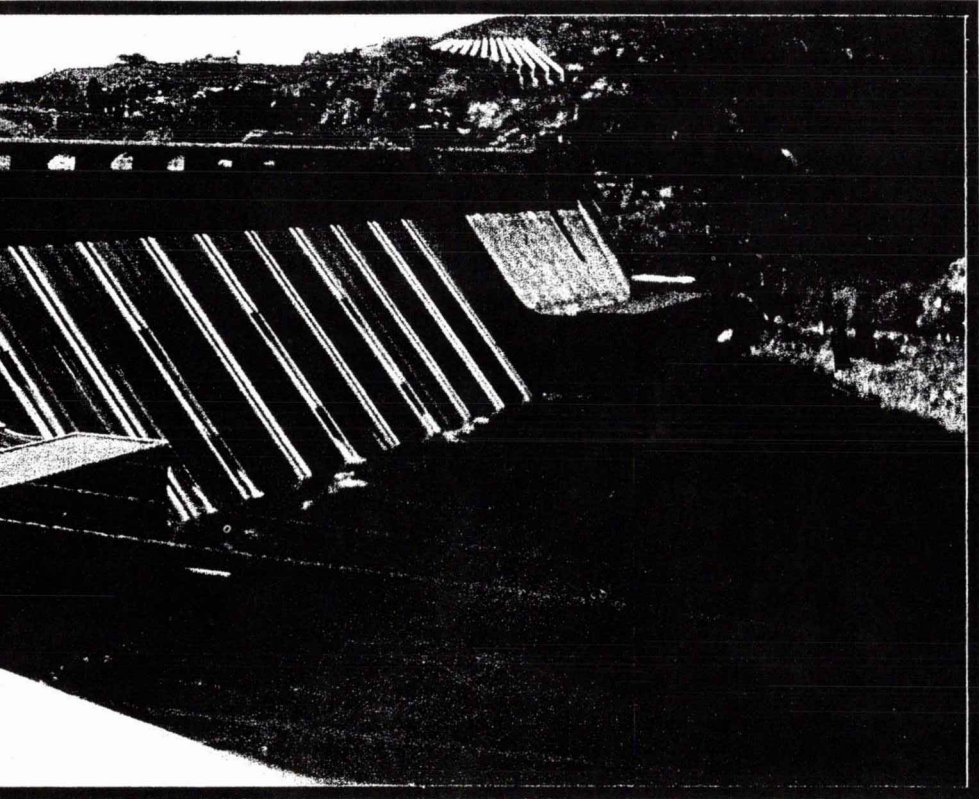
by
Christopher L.



What is the world's largest concrete structure? Surprisingly, it is not one of the magnificent skyscrapers that tower above the busy streets of New York City. Comprising almost 12 million cubic yards of concrete, Washington State's Grand Coulee Dam claims the prize. If all of this concrete were

GRAND COULEE DAM

Murphy, BF



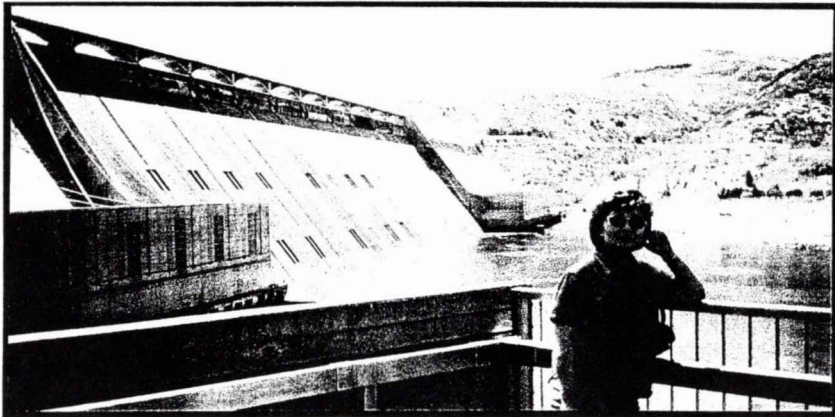
placed on an ordinary city block, it would create a structure over two and one-half times the height of the Empire State Building. The main dam barricade is 5,233 feet long. It rises 550 feet above bedrock, forming the 151-mile **Lake Roosevelt**. A pumping station lifts water 280 feet to **Banks Lake**, a holding reservoir for the half-million acre Columbia Basin Irrigation Project.

The dam was originally completed in 1941. It was later modified by the addition of a 1,170-foot forebay dam along the right abutment. Lake Roosevelt and Banks Lake perpetuate the names of two remarkable Freemasons who were major players in the construction of Grand Coulee -- President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Frank A. Banks. The project commenced under Roosevelt during the Great Depression. He personally attended the opening ceremonies. The wheelchair used by the president at the site is on display at the visitor's center. Roosevelt was a member of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, New York. Frank Banks was the supervising engineer for the Grand Coulee project. He was a member of American Falls Lodge No. 58, American Falls, Idaho.



The illustrated postage stamp (Scott #1009, issued 1952) shows Grand Coulee before the addition of the forebay dam on the far-side. At this location, one can now take a guided tour of the third power plant. A glass-walled elevator descends at a 45-degree incline down the outside dam wall. Inside the plant, one views some of the largest hydropower units in the world.

As Julie and I traveled on and the great dam faded from view, I reflected on the awesome building project. In many ways the dam is a monument to the dedication of a great president and the many men and women who made a dream a reality. Incidentally, Grand Coulee is over three times as large as the Great Pyramid of Egypt.



My wonderful lady Julie Cho on the third power plant observation deck.

-M1-

MASONIC POSTAGE STAMP LISTING

Property of J. David F. McKee,

The definition of a "Masonic Stamp" is open to a degree of interpretation. Generally speaking, there are three basic categories of Masonic stamps, as follows:-

[A] Stamps and issues that relate deliberately and directly to Freemasonry, either favourably or unfavourably; [B] Stamps that depict people, places or things that are directly connected with Freemasonry, although the subject of the issue is not Masonic [e.g.: a non-Masonic opt. on a Masonic stamp]; and [C] Stamps that depict people who happen to be, or to have been, Freemasons; or places or things that, *coincidentally*, have Masonic connotations. There is considerable overlap between Categories B and C, and it is entirely up to the individual collector where he sets his own limits. This Checklist, however, concerns itself only with Categories A and B.

ANTIGUA and BARBUDA

1993 **32nd MASONIC ISSUE.** Four values in a set of 18 marking "Anniversaries and Events": SG.1829, 1831, 1834 & 1838. These values mark the 150th Ann. of St. John's Lodge No. 492, and depict a Mason in Grand Inspector's regalia: another ditto: a previous Masonic Hall; and the present Hall. (16 Aug)

ARUBA

NOTE: Formerly Netherlands Antilles.

1985 **15th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 3 values: SG.876-8. Marks the 200th Ann. of Lodge No. 22, "de Vergenoeging" ["Happiness"], in Curaçao, under the **Grand East of the Netherlands**, a very Regular Body, and depicts a Square & Compasses on 3 steps: two pillars flanking a door, on 5 steps; and a Star at the top of 7 steps. The total value of the three stamps [200¢] equals the Anniversary [200th] being celebrated. (21 Feb)

1996 **38th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 2 values: SG. Marks the 75th Ann. of Lodge "El Sol Naciente" (Rising Sun) and depicts S. & Cs. against a sunrise, and Celestial & Terrestrial Globes on pillars. Each value bears a surcharge (26 Jul)

AUSTRALIA

1956 **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** One value from a set of 4 marking the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne: SG.292. The 1/-d [shilling] value depicts Collins Street, Melbourne, and the red-domed building clearly visible on the left was then the HQ of Freemasonry in Victoria. (31 Oct) *NOTE: The set of 4 was issued as a "semi-official" Imperf. MS, normally pre-cancelled, and with its stamps slightly smaller than the original stamps.*

BARBADOS

1976 **10th MASONIC ISSUE.** One value from a set of 4 marking the Bi-centennial of the USA: SG.564. The \$1 value depicts Prince Hall, the founder of Black [or African] Freemasonry in the United States, which is now known as "Prince Hall" Masonry. Although the foundation of this branch of the Order was by Charter from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was not regarded as Regular until 1995. The design includes a Masonic symbol. (17 Aug)

cont.

-M2-

(Masons)

(Barbados cont.)

1991 **24th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 4 values: SG.956-9. Marks the 250th Ann. of
Bar-2M Freemasonry in Barbados, and depicts a square & compasses against a globe;
a Royal Arch jewel (front & back view). (17 Sep)

BARBUDA

1994 **33rd MASONIC ISSUE.** Four values in a set of 16 marking "Anniversaries and
Bar-1M Events": SG.1505, 1507, 1510 & 1514. These values mark the 150th Ann. of
St. John's Lodge No. 492 in 1993, and are the stamps from Set AnB-1M above,
Optd. "Barbuda". (21 Apr)

BELGIUM

1982 **13th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.2713. Marks the 150th Ann. Of the
Bel-1M Grand Orient of Belgium, **which is not a Regular Body.** Depicts a Mason,
apparently naked, stand g between two cubical stones and implements, whilst
making a symbolic gesture. (16 Oct)

BEQUIA

*NOTE: An island in the Grenadines Group, part of the Grenadines of
St. Vincent*

1989 A sort-of Masonic stamp: NOT CAT. One value (\$6) in a set that marks the 1989
Beq-1 "Philexfrance" stamp exhibition, depicts the Disney character, Donald Duck, in the
dress of the late 18th Century, and inscribed "Donald McDuck, Grand Master Mason"!

BERMUDA

1970 **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** One value from a set of 4 marking the 350th Parlia-
Ber-1M -mentary Anniversary: SG.266. The 4¢ value depicts the State House, St. George's,
which was taken over in 1815 for use as a Masonic Temple by St. George's Lodge.
(12 Oct)

BRAZIL

1973 **8th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.1453. Marks the 51st (!) Ann. of
Brz-1M the Grand Orient of Brazil, which is a Regular Grand Lodge: indeed, it is the
only Regular Grand Lodge of the fifteen or sixteen Grand Lodges in Brazil.
Depicts a Square & Compasses on a dark blue circle. (24 Aug)

1977 **11th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.1670. Marks the 50th Ann. of the
Brz-2M Grand Lodge of Brazil, which is **not a Regular Body**, and was founded by the
[irregular] "Masonic Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree of Brazil". Depicts a
Square & Compasses, and "G", over a map of Brazil, on a Globe. (18 Jul)

1988 **19th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.2307. Marks the 150th Ann. of the
Brz-3M death of the statesman Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, a Freemason. Depicts
de Andrada against a background of symbols, including Masonic. (6 Apr)

1992 **28th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG. . Marks the 70th Ann. of the
Brz-4M Grand Orient of Brazil, and depicts Masonic emblems, and the Masonic temple,
and a Square & compasses. (20 Aug)

cont.

-M3-**(Masons)****(Brazil cont.)**

1997 **40th MASONIC ISSUE.** A Postcard marking the 175th Ann. of the Grand Orient of Brazil. The PC depicts a Masonic crest, and with an imprinted stamp that repeats the Crest.. (12 Jun)

CHILE

1997 **39th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.1783. Marks the 50th Ann. of the Confederation of Inter-American Masonry, and 17th Grand Assembly, Santiago de Chile, and depicts Masonic symbols between two pillars.
Chi-1M A MS @ \$1200, depicting a Sq. & Css., bible and pillars. (8 Apr)

CUBA

1956 **4th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 2 values: SG.770-1. Marks the Grand Lodge of Cuba, still a Regular Body despite political changes in Cuba. Depicts the Grand Lodge building from different angles. (5 Jun)

DOMINICA

1989 **22nd MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 4 MS, each containing 6 stamps: SG.1283-1306. Marks "World Stamp Expo '89", and the Bi-centenary of the United States Presidency (and therefore of the inauguration of George Washington). Each value portrays a President, and where the President in question is, or had been, a Freemason, there is a Masonic symbol in one corner of the stamp. The sheetlets depict :-
 [{"Masonic" Presidents are underlined.}]
 [A] G. Washington, J. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe & J. Q. Adams:
 [B] Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, A. Johnson & Grant:
 [C] T. Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge & the famous presidential carvings on Mt. Rushmore:
 [D] L. B. Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan & Bush.
 This set may be regarded as a set of 4 MS, each of Masonic interest, or as 4 MS incorporating 24 values, of which 9 are Masonic stamps. (17 Nov)
NOTE: A similar and related issue from Turks and Caicos Islands depicts the rest of the US Presidents.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1970 **6th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 2 values: SG.1082-3. Marks the 8th Inter-American Masonic conference, held in Santo Domingo, and depicts a Masonic Coat of Arms amidst various symbols. (2 Mar)
DmR-1M

1983 **14th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.1544. Marks the 125th Ann. of Freemasonry in the Dominican Republic, and is similar to the design of Set DmR-1M above, but much more colourful. (24 Oct)
DmR-2M

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FRANCE

- 1973** **9th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.2004. Marks the 200th Ann. of the
Fra-1M **Grand Orient** of France, an irregular or quasi-Masonic Body, and depicts a triangle in orbit about a World Globe. (12 May)
- 1993** **31st MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.3117. Marks the 100th Ann. of
Fra-2M another irregular or quasi-Masonic body known as "Le Droit Humain" (which is open to both sexes), and depicts the Square & Compasses, above portraits of the founders. (3 Apr.)
- 1994** **34th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.3230. Marks the Centenary of
Fra-3M the irregular Grand Lodge of France, and depicts the badge of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of France, surrounded by Masonic symbols. (5 Nov)
- 1995** **37th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.3284. Marks the 50th Ann. of the
Fra-4M "Womens' Grand Lodge of France" (Grande Loge Féminine), and depicts a rose in a triangle between two pillars. (9 Sep)

GUINEA, Republic of

- 1986** **17th MASONIC ISSUE.** Two values from a set of 6 values honouring
GnR-1M "Celebrities": the 50Fr value (SG.1304) depicts Lafayette, the French and American revolutionary, with a Sq. & Cs. symbol enclosing a triangle; and the 500Fr value (SG.1309) portrays Winston Churchill with the same emblem. Oddly, the set includes George Washington, (a very famous Freemason: SG.1307 300Fr) but without any Masonic symbols! P. & Imp. MS of the two Masonic values, also P. & Imp. *NOTE: Although the stamps are inscribed "1987", and apparently issued on 1st Nov. 1987, FDCs seen are cancelled 1/11/86 for the stamps, but 1/11/87 for the MS. (1 Nov)*
- 1988** **20th MASONIC ISSUE.** Two values from a set of 6 values honouring
GnR-2M "Celebrities": the 300Fr value (SG.1348) depicts Mozart with Masonic symbols; and the 450Fr value (SG.1350) portrays Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the American astronaut who was the second man to walk on the Moon, with Masonic symbols: P. & Imp. Each value also appears in sheetlets of 6. (5 Jul)

HONDURAS, Republic of

- 1935** **1st MASONIC ISSUE.** The low value [1¢] in a set marking the Universal Postal
HnR-1M Union: SG.365. Depicts the Masonic Temple in Tegucigalpa. (12 Jan)
- 1949** **3rd MASONIC ISSUE.** One value [1L] from a set marking the Presidential
HnR-2M Inauguration: SG.480. Depicts the interior of a Masonic Lodge Room, which happens to be in the Temple illustrated in Set HnR-1M above. The view is from the West. (17 Sep)
- 1951** **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** A single value: SG.497. From a set of 10 marking
HnR-3M the Foundation of the National Bank, the 1L value from Set HnR-2M above, optd. with the text (in French) in red. (27 Feb)
- 1965** **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** A single value: SG.645. From a set of 8 stamps
HnR-4M revalued for airmail use, the 1L value from Set HnR-2M above, revalued to "L 0.40". (2 Nov)
- 1967** **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** A single value: SG.717. From a set of 3 stamps revalued
HnR-5M for airmail use, the 1L value from Set HnR-2M above, revalued to "L 0.10".
- 1970** **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** A single value: SG.750. From a set of 19 stamps revalued
HnR-6M for airmail use, the 1L value from Set HnR-2M above, revalued to "L 0.12". (1 Feb)

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-M5-**(Masons)****(Honduras, Republic of, cont.)****1972****HnR-7M**

7th MASONIC ISSUE. A set of 4 values: SG.765-8. Marks the 50th Ann. of the Grand Lodge of Honduras, a **Regular Body**, and consists of an opt. of appropriate legend, and the Square & Compasses, on 4 values from a 1969 set of 10 values marking the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing. The L 0.20 and L 0.24 values are also revalued to L 1.00 & L 2.00 respectively. **NOTE 1:** *The un-overprinted Lunar Landing set is a "Black Blot" issue and is not listed by the major catalogues. The overprinted set, however, was properly issued. A minor note: the L 0.24 value from this set, without the Masonic opt., also appears as one of the surcharged Air Mail stamps in the set to which item HnR-6M belongs. (15 May) FLAW:* The L2.00 value exists with a break in the left-hand end of the Square in the Opt.

JAMAICA**1992****Jam-1M**

27th MASONIC ISSUE. A set of 4 values: SG.808-11. Marks the 250th Ann. of the appointment of the first Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica under the English Constitution, and depicts a Past Master's Jewel: a stained glass design: a Bible, Square and Compasses; and an Eye in a Triangle. A MS of the 4 values. (1 May)

JERSEY**1991****Jer-1M**

INDIRECTLY Masonic. One value in a set of 4 marking "Anniversaries": SG.552. The 3 lp value marks the 150th Ann. of the laying of the foundation stone for Victoria Harbour. It is based on a painting of the scene, and the central figure is William Hinchliffe, PM of the Merchants' Lodge No.306 (now the Duke of Normandy Lodge No. 245). He is wearing a collar & apron, and carrying a cushion supported by a sash about his neck. On the cushion are the VSL, square & compasses. (16 May)

LUXEMBOURG**1978****Lux-1M**

12th MASONIC ISSUE. A single value: SG.1012. Marks the 175th Ann. of the Grand Lodge of Luxembourg, a **Regular Body**, and depicts a large cube resting on a mountain-top, with a stylised city in the background. (11 Sep)

→ 1998**Lux-2M**

41* MASONIC ISSUE. A single value: SG.1479. Marks the 150th Ann. of Lodge St. Jean de l'Espérance, and the 50th Ann. of its reactivation in Luxembourg. Depicts Pillars, Cube, square, compasses etc. (21 Sep)

MALDIVÉ ISLANDS**1992****Mal-1M**

30th MASONIC ISSUE. One value in a set of 6: SG. Marks the 200th Ann. of the death of Mozart, and the Rf.5 value depicts a Viennese Masonic seal next to a vignette of Mozart.

MEXICO**1990****Mex-1M**

21st MASONIC ISSUE. A single value: SG. Marks the 14th Conference of Supreme Councils of the World (i.e., of ruling bodies usually associated with the A. & A. ["Scottish"] Rite), and depicts the double-headed eagle symbol of the A. & A. Rite beside a columnar statue in Mexico City. (8 Oct)

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NEW CALEDONIA

1994 **35th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.1026. Marks the 125th Ann. of
NwC-1M Freemasonry in New Caledonia, and depicts a Masonic Symbol over a tropical
scene near a temple. (15 Sep)

→ **NEW ZEALAND**

1999 **INDIRECTLY Masonic.** One value from a set of 4 marking Art Deco
NwZ-1M Architecture. SG.2229. The \$1 value depicts the facade of the Masonic
Hotel in Napier. (10 Feb)

PHILIPPINES

1987 **18th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.2061. Marks the 75th Ann. of the
Phi-1M Grand Lodge of the Philippines, a Regular Body, and depicts Masonic symbols,
Masonic HQ, and Dr. Jose Rizal. (19 Dec) **NOTE:** *Exists on white, and on
noticeably creamier, paper.*

1992 **29th MASONIC ISSUE:** A set of 3 values: SG.2409-11. Marks the Cent. of
Phi-2M Lodge Nilad, the first Masonic Lodge in the Philippines, and depicts Masonic
symbols on each value, and (respectively) a Square & Compasses: A. Lima; and
M. H. del Pilar. (23 Aug)

St. KITTS

1985 **16th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 4 values: SG.177-80. Marks the 150th Ann. of
StK-1M Mount Olive Lodge No.336 [Scottish Constitution], and depicts a Mason in
full regalia: the Lodge Banner: Masonic symbols; and the Lodge Charter
[Warrant] of 1835. (9 Nov) *Exists with "Specimen" Opt. FLAW:* The 15¢ value
exists imperf.

SERBIA

NOTE: *Previously an independent State, Serbia [sometimes "Servia"] was
occupied by Germany during World War II. It then became part of Yugoslavia,
and is now an independent (though not universally recognised) State again.*

1942 **2nd MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 4 values: SG.G54-7. Marks an Anti-Masonic
Ser-1M Exhibition dated 22nd Oct., 1942 [during German occupation], and depicts a hooded
figure covering before the light: a hand crushing a snake on a Masonic badge: a
wheat-sheaf and a complicated Cross, splitting a hammer & sickle; and a sturdy
peasant breaking two pillars inscribed, respectively, "B" and "J". This set is clearly
anti-Semitic and anti-Communist, as well as anti-Masonic. (1 Jan) **FLAW:** The
0.50 + 0.30 value exists with a Cyrillic "s" beside the value

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SURINAM

1961 **5th MASONIC ISSUE.** One value from a set of 10 values illustrating Famous Buildings in Surinam: SG.485. The 20¢ value depicts the facade of a terraced building that is the home of the [Regular] Lodge of Concord ["Lodge Concordia"] in Paramaribo. (1 Apr)

TANZANIA

1992 **25th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 3 values: SG.1328-30. Honours Lord Baden-Powell, and depicts a silhouette of B.-P. on the left, with badge and wild animals: Scouts in boats at Brownsea Island; and John Glenn's space capsule. Each value also bears a Square & Compasses. A MS with a 4th value depicts a Scout, but has no Masonic reference. (1 Aug) *NOTE: There is no evidence that Baden-Powell was a Freemason. All the evidence is against this. The error of including a Masonic reference is probably explained by considering the following set, which is very similar in overall design. The Square and Compasses from that set were probably included in this set by accident, particularly as the date of issue was the same for both sets*

1992 **26th MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 3 values: SG.1332-4. Marks the 200th Ann. of the Death of Mozart. Each stamp depicts a profile of Mozart, and a Square & Compasses with, respectively, a portrait of the singer Marcella Semberich: the planet Jupiter; and the great tenor, Luciano Pavarotti. (1 Aug)

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

1989 **23rd MASONIC ISSUE.** A set of 3 MS, each containing 6 stamps: SG.953-70. Marks "World Stamp Expo '89" and the Bi-centenary of the United States Presidency (and therefore of the inauguration of George Washington). Each value portrays a President, and where the President in question is, or had been, a Freemason, there is a Masonic symbol in one corner of the stamp. The sheetlets depict :- ["Masonic" Presidents are underlined.]
 [A] A. Jackson, van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk & Taylor:
 [B] Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison & McKinley:
 [C] Hoover, F. D. Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and a statue of George Washington. (19 Nov)

This set may be regarded as a set of 3 MS, each of Masonic interest, or as 3 MS incorporating 18 values, of which 4 are Masonic stamps. *NOTE: A similar and related issue from Dominica depicts the rest of the US Presidents.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1992 These are really labels: a block of 6 1954 Ben Franklin ½¢ stamps has been seen with various Opts., including Lions, Rotary, Shriners, Scouts, and (on one value) a Square & Compasses. NOT CAT. ()

WALLIS and FUTUNA ISLANDS

1994 **36th MASONIC ISSUE.** A single value: SG.652. Marks the Centenary of the Grande Loge de France, an irregular Body, and depicts Masonic symbols on a Bible, surrounded by further symbols. (24 Nov)

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