



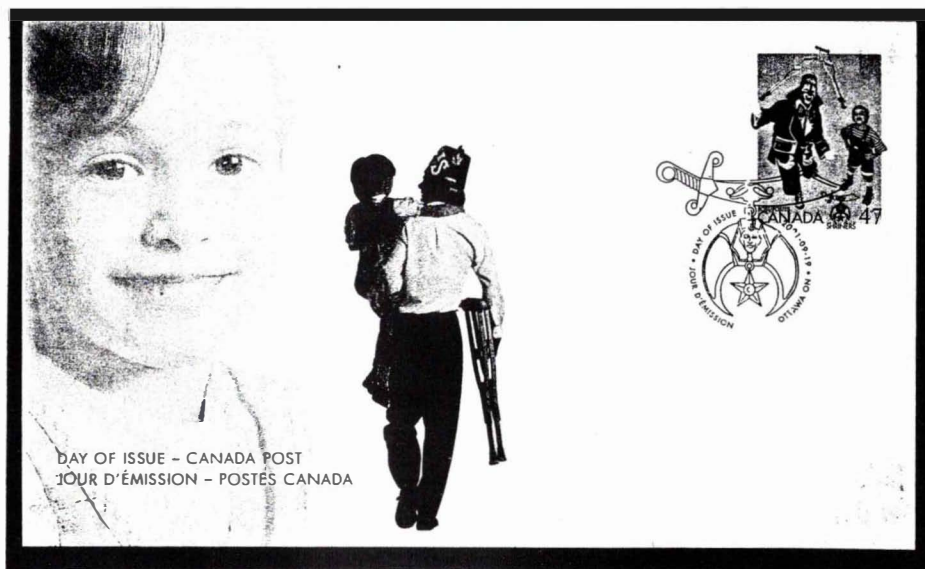
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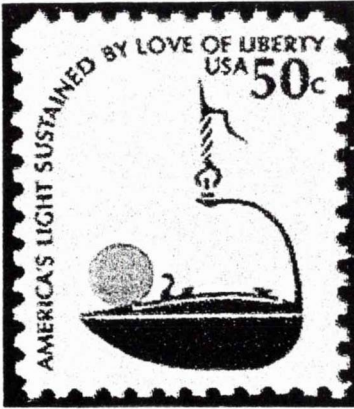


The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
ON THIS DAY IN PHILATELY

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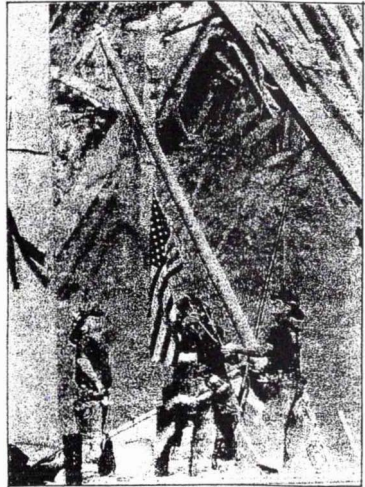


There can be no doubt that September 11, 2001, will live forever in the minds and hearts of every person who experienced or saw the horrors of that day. Trying to make any sense of the events is fruitless; trying to put them from our minds is hopeless. Volumes, I am sure, will be written on the tragedy and its aftermath, which at this writing is yet to unfold.

New York, New York, the most wonderful city in the world has been severely wounded. As I watched its citizens, policemen and firemen rally to the cause with selfless determination, I felt great pride in my connection with that great State.

I have been to New York City a number of times and visited its great wonders – the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and yes, the World Trade Center. For certain, the great towers will rise again and this time become both a new wonder and a fitting monument to the people most of us never knew but will never forget.

On September 11, 1979, the U.S. issued a postage stamp that truly carries an important message to all of us during these trying times, twenty-two years later. What we see on the stamp is an iron “Betty” lamp which lit the way for American pioneers during the 17th and 18th centuries. The lamp would still dispel the darkness in this the 21st century -- and the spirit of liberty we inherited from those that carried it long ago will certainly see us through the darkness of our present despair.



I sincerely hope there will be a stamp issued on September 11, 2002, to honor all of the wonderful people in New York City and the great resolve of America and other countries in the United Nations to rid the world of terrorism. The stamp design I envision says it all.

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**New Masonic Government Issue
Honors Shrine Hospitals**

Dr. Allan Boudreau, BF

The first Masonic Government Issued Postage Stamp in continental North America was issued on September 17, 2001 to recognize the Shriners Hospitals for Children. On September 19, 2001 Canada issued a single domestic-letter rate (47c) postage stamp honoring the Shriners.

The Shrine of North America is an international fraternity of more than 600,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama. The full name, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.), was organized by Freemasons in Knickerbocker Cottage on Sixth Avenue near 23rd Street in New York City on September 26, 1872.

Dr. Walter Millard Fleming, a physician, William Jermyn Florence (the stage name of William Jermyn Conlin) an actor, Charles T. McClenachan and other enthusiastic Freemasons prepared the ritual that was used in admitting other Freemasons into the Shrine. The original plan was to only admit Freemasons who were Knights Templar or 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons. Dr. Fleming served as the Potentate of the first Temple, Mecca Temple in New York City, and also as Imperial Potentate of the United States from 1876-to 1886.

The Shrine is probably best known for its colorful parades, distinctive red fez, often bejeweled, and its official philanthropic entity, The Shriners Hospitals for Children. This network of 22 hospitals in four countries provides expert, free, orthopedic and burn care to children under the age of 18.

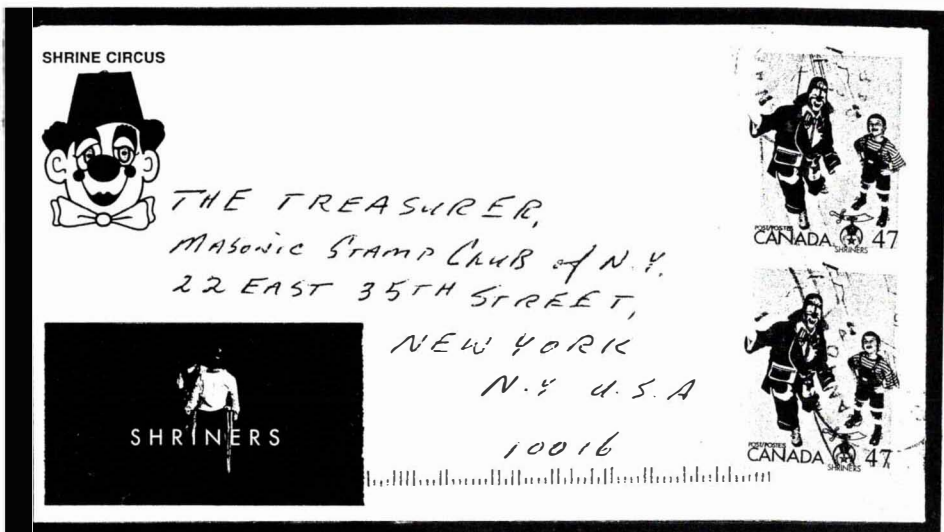
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The stamp pictures a clown in a red fez tossing a pair of crutches into the air and a child wearing braces on his legs. The stamps are available in panes of 16 stamps and the pane's selvage pictures two children at the bottom corners with the words "No one should walk alone" in English and French. The stamps have general tagging on four sides and measure 30mm by 40mm in a vertical orientation.

The scimitar and crescent form the badge or insignia of the Shrine. It appears at the bottom of the stamp between the country name and denomination. It also appears on the selvage at the bottom of the pane of 16 just above the slogan. The crescent is traditionally formed by the claws of a Royal Bengal Tiger, united at the base by a gold setting showing the head of a Sphinx. The crescent is suspended from the scimitar and a five-pointed star is below the Sphinx.



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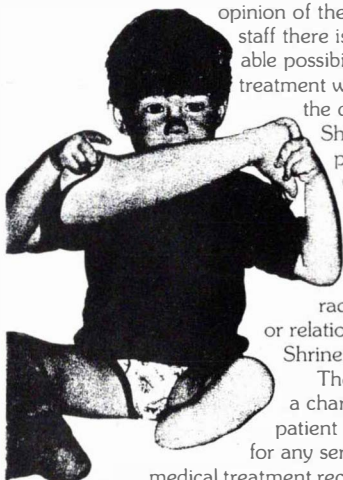
Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 hospitals offering specialized medical care to children. Shriners Hospitals are located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Eighteen of the 22 Shriners Hospitals provide comprehensive pediatric orthopaedic care to children, including outpatient and inpatient care, diagnostic services, surgery, medical care, casts, braces, prosthetics, X-rays, rehabilitation services, recreation and continuation of their education.

Children from infancy to their 18th birthday may be eligible for treatment if in the

opinion of the chief of staff there is a reasonable possibility that treatment will benefit the child.

Shriners Hospitals for Children are open to children regardless of their race, religion, or relationship to a Shriner.

There is never a charge to the patient or parent for any service or medical treatment received at Shriners Hospitals.



The Shrine philanthropy is supported by each Shriner's annual hospital assessment, hospital fund-raising events and by contributions, gifts and bequests of our many friends who want to make an "Investment in Humanity."

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children through gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance and through provisions in wills or trusts.

Please contact the Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, or call toll-free, 1-800-241-GIFT (1-800-241-4438), for specific information on how you can share in the care of children with special medical needs.

For general admission information for Shriners Hospitals, call the toll-free number 1-800-237-5055 (in Canada call 1-800-361-7256).

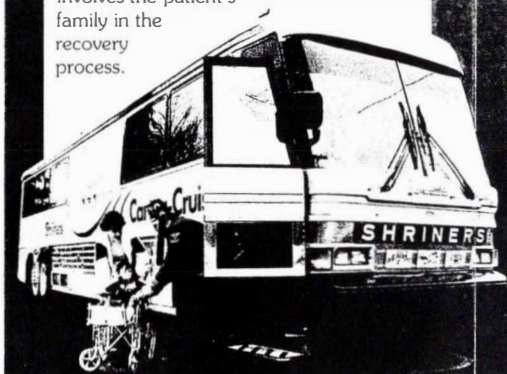
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In 1922, when the first Shriners Hospital opened in Shreveport, La., it marked a commitment the Shrine of North America has continued for generations — helping children build better lives.

The Shrine is an international fraternity that has built 22 Shriners Hospitals, which have become known as the "World's Greatest Philanthropy." This network of no-cost hospitals offers quality care to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, up to their 18th birthday, absolutely free of charge.

What sets Shriners Hospitals apart is that there is never a charge to the patient or family for any care or services provided, and no insurance monies, third party payment or U.S. government funds (federal, state or local) are accepted for medical services or treatment at Shriners Hospitals.

In addition to offering a complete range of specialized medical and rehabilitation services, Shriners Hospitals use a unique family centered treatment approach which involves the patient's family in the recovery process.



This philosophy stresses that while medicine might heal the child's body, tending to the child's sense of well-being is equally important to his recovery.

With the help of outstanding hospital personnel, exceptional medical facilities, comfortable environments and the close companionship of other patients, children are provided with the support and encouragement they need to meet the many challenges they face.

Shriners Hospitals are equipped and staffed to care for children with congenital orthopaedic deformities, problems resulting from orthopaedic injuries and diseases of the bones, joints and muscles. Some of the common orthopaedic problems treated at Shriners Hospitals include:

- Scoliosis (curvature of the spine)
- Osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease)
- Orthopaedic problems of cerebral palsy
- Hand problems
- Back problems
- Limb deficiencies and growth problems

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- Orthopaedic problems of spina bifida with myelodysplasia (paralysis of limbs due to faulty congenital development of the spine and spinal nerves)
- Club foot and dislocated hip
- Leg length discrepancies
- Orthopaedic problems resulting from neuromuscular disorders
- Legg-Perthes disease (development problems of the hip)
- Rickets
- Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

The hospitals also treat patients with healed burns who, as a result of those burns, may have developed orthopaedic complications, scarring and deformity of the limbs.

Each year, Shriners Hospitals spend millions of dollars on specialized research and the development of new treatments for crippling diseases which afflict children.

Shriners Hospitals are highly regarded as leaders in the field of orthopaedic medicine, surgery and research, and a great many



orthopaedic surgeons receive their training at Shriners' facilities.

Shriners Hospitals also treat children with spinal cord injuries. One of the nation's first spinal cord injury rehabilitation units for children was established at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia in 1980. Today, the Shriners Hospitals in Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento provide long-term rehabilitative spinal cord injury care.

How to Obtain an Application Form:

Application forms can be obtained from any Shriner, Shrine Temple Recorder, Shrine Club, Shriners Hospital, or by calling toll-free, 1-800-237-5055 (in Canada, call 1-800-361-7256). The completed forms should be returned to the nearest Shriners Hospital.

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Hospital Directory

Orthopaedic Care

Canadian	1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6
*Chicago	2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707
Erie	1645 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16505
Greenville	950 W. Fans Rd., Greenville, SC 29605
Honolulu	1310 Punahou St., Honolulu, HI 96826
Houston	6977 Main, Houston, TX 77030-3701
Intermountain	Fairfax Ave. at Virginia St., Salt Lake City, UT 4103
Lexington	1900 Richmond Rd., Lexington, KY 40502
Los Angeles	3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020
Mexico City	Suchil No. 152, Col. El Rosario Del Coyoacan, 04380 Mexico, D.F. Mexico
*Philadelphia	3551 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140
Portland	3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201
St. Louis	2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131
Shreveport	2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71103
Spokane	517 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204
Springfield	517 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104
Tampa	12502 N. Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612
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Boston	51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114
Cincinnati	3299 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229
Galveston	815 Market St., Galveston, TX 77550

Burn Care

Orthopaedic and Burn Care

*Northern California	2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817
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* Includes Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Unit.



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Known for their distinctive red fezzes and colourful parades and circuses, Shriners are members of an international fraternity dedicated to philanthropy, fellowship and fun. The Shrine of North America was established by a group of Freemasons in 1872 and now comprises more than half a million men in 191 chapters in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Panama.

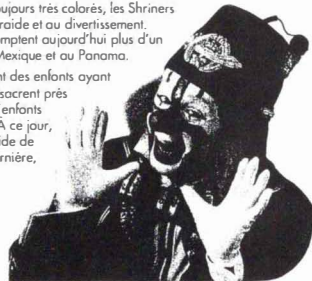
In 1922 the Shrine opened its first hospital for children with physical disabilities. Today, 22 Shriners Hospitals spend approximately \$1.5 million a day to provide free medical care to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal-cord injuries. The hospitals, which are funded through grants, bequests, donations and special events, have treated over 600,000 children. Last year marked the 75th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

Reconnus à leurs traditionnels fez rouges, ainsi que pour leurs défilés et leurs cirques toujours très colorés, les Shriners sont membres d'une association internationale vouée à l'action philanthropique, à l'entraide et au divertissement. Établis par un groupe de francs-maçons en 1872, les Shriners d'Amérique du Nord comptent aujourd'hui plus d'un demi-million de membres dans 191 sections réparties au Canada, aux États-Unis, au Mexique et au Panama.

C'est en 1922 que les Shriners fondent un premier hôpital spécialisé dans le traitement des enfants ayant des déficiences physiques. Aujourd'hui, les 22 centres hospitaliers de l'organisme consacrent près de 1,5 million de dollars par jour à la prestation de soins médicaux gratuits auprès d'enfants ayant des problèmes orthopédiques, des brûlures et des lésions à la moelle épinière. À ce jour, plus de 600 000 enfants ont été traités dans ces hôpitaux pédiatriques, financés à l'aide de subventions, de legs, de dons et d'activités destinées à recueillir des fonds. L'année dernière, l'hôpital Shriners de Montréal a célébré son 75^e anniversaire.



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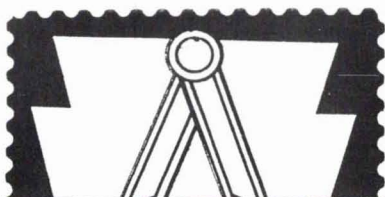
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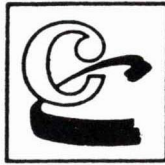
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Dear Dr. Boudreau,

The Collectors Club gratefully acknowledges the Masonic Stamp Club of New York's generous contribution to the Capital Fund. Your donation helps make possible the Club's many activities in our newly renovated building, and promotes a cause both our groups hold dear: the pleasure, camaraderie, and intellectual enrichment that come with philately. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Christopher Harman, London

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Email Directory

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Today, many of us are using Email. We find it to be an extremely swift and effective way to carry out our correspondence with our philatelic friends throughout the world. Some months ago we initiated an Email directory for the members of the MSCNY. The results have been quite promising. To date we have the following members of the MSCNY included in the Club Email Directory! Members from 15 states, 10 countries and five continents are on the list!

The Club Email directory is printed here for your information and use. Please review your name and Email address carefully. There have been quite a few changes and typing Email addresses is difficult. Please let us know of any mistakes. **Please send changes and additions to aabnyc@juno.com.**

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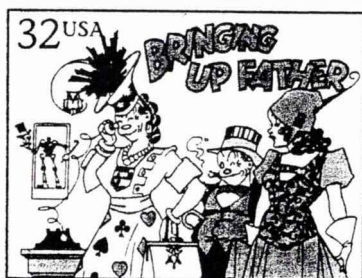
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COMIC CONNECTIONS

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Certainly, few things match comic books in jogging our memory to the bygone days of our childhood. I can remember when every corner store had a rack of comics and I had at least a yard of books stacked up in my bedroom. Trading comics with the neighborhood kids was serious business. I can also remember when my mother had to arbitrate arguments between my brother, sister and myself as to who would get to read the weekend newspaper comics first. Looking at the 1995 **Comic Strip Classics** issue brings back many memories. Three of the stamps may be included in a Masonic collection as the cartoons were created by Brother Freemasons. As such, the stamps are what I term Class III Masonic stamps -- stamps that show something created by a Freemason. The three stamps are shown below along with pertinent Masonic information and stamp identification.

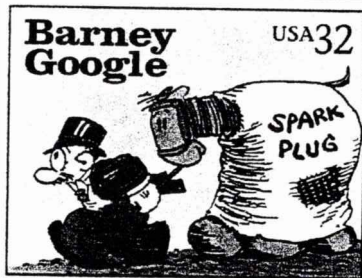


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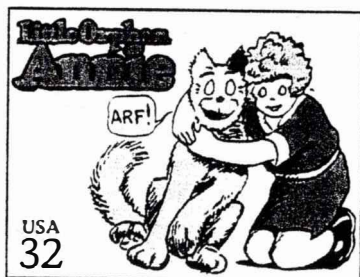


WILLIAM DeBECK (1890-1942)

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Barney Google

North Shore Lodge No. 936, Chicago, Illinois
USA, Scott No. 3000i, Issued 1995



HAROLD LINCOLN GRAY (1894-1967)

Creator of

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The Masonic Study Unit of The American Topical Association

The American Topical Association was organized in September 1949 by a handful of optimistic stamp collectors. Today, The American Topical Association (ATA) is the largest philatelic society devoted to a specific phase of stamp collecting. The official bi-monthly journal, *Topical Time*, contains 92 pages of illustrated and informative topical articles.

The Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association was one of the first study units organized. In 1977 Jerome Hudak served as facilitator for the re-activation of the Masonic Study Unit which had previously thrived under the leadership of Bro. Clarence Beltman in the 1960's and Bro. Nick Koutroulis in the 1970's. Prominent Masonic Philatelists were contacted to provide the nucleus for the group. Bro. Walter J. Kirby was appointed Editor and proceeded with the publication of a 10-page, bi-monthly *Newsletter* serving the growing membership. Bros. Marshall Loke and Richard Needham were significant contributors to the *Newsletter*.

Bro. Kirby was called to the celestial Lodge above in 1984 and Bro. Robert Domingue took on the Editorship. Since then the Unit has maintained a fairly constant membership - hovering around the 300 mark. The *Newsletter* has grown to 12 pages and is still published six times a year and distributed to members around the world. The Editor tries to make the *Newsletter* a publication of and by the members - counting on articles, bits of information, covers, stamps, etc. to satisfy the interests of the majority. Each issue tries to include a balance of stamps with articles on individuals pictured, Masonic Cacheted Covers, new world-wide stamps of interest to a Masonic Philatelist, Masonic post cards and other items considered to be of interest to the hobby as well as information on the membership.

The Unit is a correspondence group only - relying upon the *Newsletter* for its cohesion. Periodically some of the members do get together but not as a function of the MSU/ATA. Membership is US\$8.00 a year for North America and US\$14.00 for all others. Membership in the ATA is not mandatory nor is membership in the Masonic Fraternity. Applications should be sent to Otto Steding, 1033 Hollytree Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231. Information requests can be forwarded to the Editor, Robert A. Domingue, 59 Greenwood Road, Andover, MA 01810.

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