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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.

## GOVERNMENT ISSUE MASONIC STAMPS

### INTRODUCTION

Christopher L. Murphy, BF & Allan Boudreau, PhD, BF

For some months, work has been underway on a Club presentation showing government issue Masonic stamps. An excellent French publication, *Philatélie & Franc-Maçonnerie*, by Bro. Jean-Claude Allard, based on the work of Bro. Jean Claude Vilespy, was used as the basis for research. We are now pleased to provide our presentation to Club members with a special thanks to Bro. Steve Kapp for helping with some of the illustrations.

Our definition of a “government issue Masonic stamp” is, “a stamp issued expressly for a declared Masonic purpose.” In other words, the Masonic Order is being specifically recognized for some purpose by the government that issued the stamp. We certainly include in this category stamps related to concordant Masonic bodies such as the Shriners (AAONMS). While most of the stamps in this presentation are in this classification, some stamps are “borderline,” with an implied Masonic purpose rather than a declared Masonic purpose. We have included these stamps so that the collector may make his or her own decision on including them a “government issue” collection.

Further, there are a few stamps that are so closely tied to the Masonic Order that their inclusion appeared fully justified. These stamps go beyond the mere depicting of a Freemason or several Freemasons. A full explanation is provided for these stamps so that again the collector may make his or her own decision.

Certainly, as time goes on, there will be additional stamps that we can include. If we have missed a previous issue, we would appreciate hearing from you so that it can be included in a future presentation.



## GOVERNMENT ISSUE MASONIC STAMPS

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**IMPORTANT:** *Not all of the stamps in this presentation were issued expressly for a declared Masonic purpose.*

### ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

#### St. John's Lodge No. 492, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(10c)



(30c)



(40c)



(60c)

(10c) #1732, ISSUED 1993, W.K. Heath, Grand Inspector, 1961-62

(30c) #1733, ISSUED 1993, Present Masonic Hall

(40c) #1734, ISSUED 1993, First Masonic Hall

(60c) #1735, ISSUED 1993, J.L.E. Jeffery, Grand Inspector, 1953-61

### ARUBA

#### El Sol Naciente Lodge, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(60c+30c)



(100c+50c)

(60c+30c) #B43, ISSUED 1996, Square & compass, mosaic pavement

(100c+50c) #B44, ISSUED 1996, Pillars, terrestrial and celestial globes, mosaic pavement

**BARBADOS**  
**American Bicentennial**



(\$1)

(\$1) #443, ISSUED 1976, Square & compass with Prince Hall, founder and Grand Master of African Grand Lodge, Boston, 1790-1807

**Freemasonry in Barbados - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



(25c)



(65c)



(75c)



(\$2.50)

(25c) #803, ISSUED 1991, Masonic building, Bridgetown

(65c) #804, ISSUED 1991, Square & compass on globe

(75c) #805, ISSUED 1991, Royal Arch jewels

(\$2.50) #806, ISSUED 1991, Pillars, apron, centenary badge

**BELGIUM**

**Grand Orient Lodge of Belgium Sesquicentennial**



(10fr)

(10fr) #1132, ISSUED 1982, Man taking oath

## BRAZIL

### Freemasons of Brazil, 1822-1973



(1cr)

(1cr) #1303, ISSUED 1973, Square & compass

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Brazilian Grand Masonic Lodge



(1.30cr)

(1.30cr) #1517, ISSUED 1977, Square & compass, map of Brazil on globe

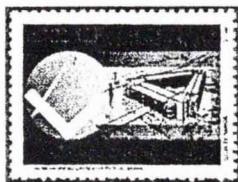
### Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva Armorial



(20cz)

(20cz) #2131, ISSUED 1988, Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva (c.1763-1838), Grand Master, with square & compass and other emblems

**Grand Orient of Brazil**



(650cr)

(650cr) #2388, ISSUED 1992, Square & compass, lodge building

**CANADA**

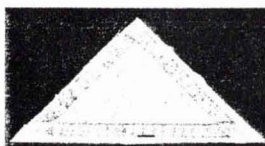
**Shriners (AAONMS), "No one should walk alone"**



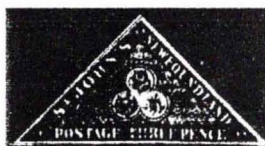
(47c)

(47c) #1917, ISSUED 2001, Shrine symbols, Shiner clown and child

**CANADA**



(3d of 1857)



(3d of 1860)

(3d of 1857) #3, ISSUED 1857, Flowers in circles and background pattern; taken from a Royal Arch (Masonic) apron

(3d of 1860) #11A, ISSUED 1860, Same design as #3 but darker color

**NOTE:** This stamp also has a watermarked variety (#11A/i).

## CHILI

### Inter-American Masonic Confederation, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(\$250)



(\$1200)

(\$250) #1208, ISSUED 1997, Pillars with globes, square & compass, globe map showing South America

(\$1200) #1209, ISSUED 1997, Pillars, square & compass, Bible (Souvenir Sheet, contains one 48x60mm stamp)

**COSTA RICA:** The famous 1965 Costa Rica Masonic “Cinderella” is presented on the last page.

## CUBA

### Grand Orient of Cuba at Havana



(4c)



(12c)

(4c) #558, ISSUED 1956, Masonic Temple, Havana (ground view)

(12c) #C135, ISSUED 1956, Masonic Temple, Havana (aerial view)



## DOMINICA

### U.S. Presidents, Historic Events and Monuments



(60c - Washington)



(60c - Monroe)



(60c - A. Johnson)



(60c - Buchanan)



(60c - T. Roosevelt)



(60c - Harding)



(60c - L. Johnson)



(60c - Ford)

(60c- Washington) #1204a, ISSUED 1989, George Washington, square & compass, first inauguration

(60c - Monroe) #1204e, ISSUED 1989, James Monroe, square & compass, "freed slaves settle Liberia"

(60c - A. Johnson) #1204e, ISSUED 1989, Andrew Johnson, square & compass, polar bear, purchase of Alaska from Russia

(60c - Buchanan) #1205c, ISSUED 1989, James Buchanan, square & compass, Pony Express stamp with Buffalo Bill Cody as express rider

(60c - Roosevelt) #1206a, ISSUED 1989, Theodore Roosevelt, square & compass, construction of the Panama Canal, 1904

(60c -Harding) #1206d, ISSUED 1989, Warren G. Harding, square & compass, airship USS *Shenandoah* at Lakehurst, NJ

(60c - L. Johnson) #1207a, ISSUED 1989, Lyndon B. Johnson, square & compass, "Space Exploration" **NOTE:** Lyndon B. Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Degree only.

(60c - Ford) #1207c, ISSUED 1989, Gerald R. Ford, square & compass, tall ships in New York Harbor for Operation Sail, 1976, U.S. bicentennial celebrations

**NOTE:** Other Freemasons are honored in this series, however, the square & compass is not shown on the stamps. Further, the same type of stamp design was used by the Turks and Caicos Islands (which see) to honor other American presidents.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### 8<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Masonic Conference, Santo Domingo, March 1-7.



(6c)



(10c)

(6c) #672, ISSUED 1970, Pillars and other various Masonic symbols

(10c) #C177, ISSUED 1970, (Same design as #672)

### Freemasons, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(4c)

(4c) #888, ISSUED 1983, Pillars and other various Masonic symbols

## FRANCE

### Bicentenary of the Freemasons of France



(90c)

(90c) #1368 (90c), ISSUED 1973, Masonic Lodge emblem and globe

**Human Rights, International; Mixed Masonic Order Centennial**



(3.40fr)

(3.40fr) ISSUED 1993, Square & compass, mosaic pavement, human figures

**Grand Lodge of France Centennial**



(2.80fr)

(2.80fr) #2446, ISSUED 1994, Masonic symbols in triangles

**Women's Grand Masonic Lodge of France, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



(2.80fr)

(2.80fr) #2494, ISSUED 1995, Columns, triangle, rose

### Lodge Liberation No. 8



(10c)

(10c) #2179, ISSUED 1990-1992, Marianne De Bria; square & compass and "Lodge Liberation No. 8" printed on a center section between stamps (i.e., not on the stamp itself).

### **GREAT BRITAIN**

#### Peace Issue



(3p)

(3p) #265, ISSUED 1946, King George VI and symbols of peace and industry  
**NOTE:** This stamp was not issued for a Masonic purpose. However, it shows a square and compass together with a trowel. These symbols, coupled with the fact that King George VI was a Freemason, have effectively rendered the stamp a "government issue Masonic stamp."



## GUINEA (REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE)

### Famous Men



(50fr)



(500fr)

(50fr) #1041, ISSUED 1987 (50f), Marquis de Lafayette, square & compass  
(500fr)

### Famous People



(300fr)



(450fr)

(300fr) #1097, ISSUED 1988, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, square & compass  
(450fr)

## HONDURAS



(1c)

(1c) #328, ISSUED 1935, Masonic Temple, Tegucigalpa

**Masonic Grand Lodge of Honduras, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



(5c)



(12c)



(20c – L1)



(24c – L2)

(5c) #C501, ISSUED 1972, Rocket blast off, MASONIC OVERPRINT

(12c) #C502, ISSUED 1972, Spacecraft, MASONIC OVERPRINT

(20c) #C503 ISSUED 1972, Astronaut and module on moon, horizon, MASONIC OVERPRINT

(24c) #C504 ISSUED 1972, Lunar landing module, MASONIC OVERPRINT

**NOTE:** #C503 and #C504 have overprinted surcharges of L1 and L2 respectively.

**Presidential Succession for the 1949-1955 term**



(1L)

(1L) #C178, ISSUED 1949, Recinto Hall (interior of a Masonic Lodge room; Surcharged L 0.12 in 1965)

**NOTE:** It appears this stamp honors the fact that Juan Manuel Galvez, the president for the term indicated, was a Freemason.

**ICELAND**

**International Order of Good Templars (IOGT) Centenary**



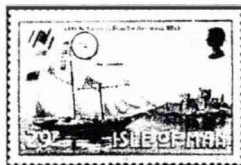
(10k)

(10k) #592, ISSUED 1984, Good Templars headquarters, Akureyri

**NOTE:** This Order is associated with the Masonic Order. It was established in the United States in 1852. It is a temperance organization.

## ISLE OF MAN

### Historic Ships built on the Isle of Man



(29p)

(29p) 368, ISSUED 1988, Vixen leaving Peel for Australia, square & compass on flag, main mast, as indicated

## JAMAICA

### First Provincial Grand Master of English Freemasonry in Jamaica, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(50c) (\$1.10) (\$1.40) (\$25)

(50c) #768, ISSUED 1992, Square & Compass

(\$1.10) #769, ISSUED 1992, Stained glass window

(\$1.40) #770, ISSUED 1992, Square & Compass on Bible

(\$25) #771, ISSUED 1992, All-Seeing Eye in Triangle

## JERSEY

### Victoria Harbor, 150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



(31p)

(31p) #566, ISSUED 1991, Masonic ceremony; opening of Victoria Harbor in 1841

**NOTE:** There are five Freemasons shown. The Mason officiating is identified as Rev. John Andrew of Farmer Lodge.

## LUXEMBOURG

### Masonic Grand Lodge of Luxembourg, 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(6fr)

(6fr) #617, ISSUED 1978, Squared stone emerging from rock, City of Luxembourg

### St. Jean de L' Esperance, Grand Lodge of Luxembourg, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



(16)

(16f) #995, ISSUED 1998, Pillars, square & compass, ashlar



## MALDIVE ISLANDS

### Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Death Bicentennial



(5r)

(5r) #1602, ISSUED 1991, Mozart and Viennese Masonic seal

## MEXICO

### 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Supreme Counselors (AASR)



(1500p)

(1500p) #1667, ISSUED 1990, AASR symbol, monument

## NETHERLANDS - ANTILLES

### Curacao Masonic Lodge Bicentennial



(45c)



(55c)



(100c)

(45c) #531, ISSUED 1985, Sun, moon, square & compass, 3 steps, mosaic pavement

(55c) #532, ISSUED 1985, Doorway, pillars and 5 steps, mosaic pavement

(100c) #533, ISSUED 1985, Star, 7 steps, mosaic pavement

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125 Jahre ☐ Freundschaft Or. Wien

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
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125<sup>th</sup> Anniversaire  
loge Freundschaft (Amitié) Or. Wien



Lichteinbringung am 20. Jan. 1877  
Or. Pressburg (Pozsony) damaliges Ungarn

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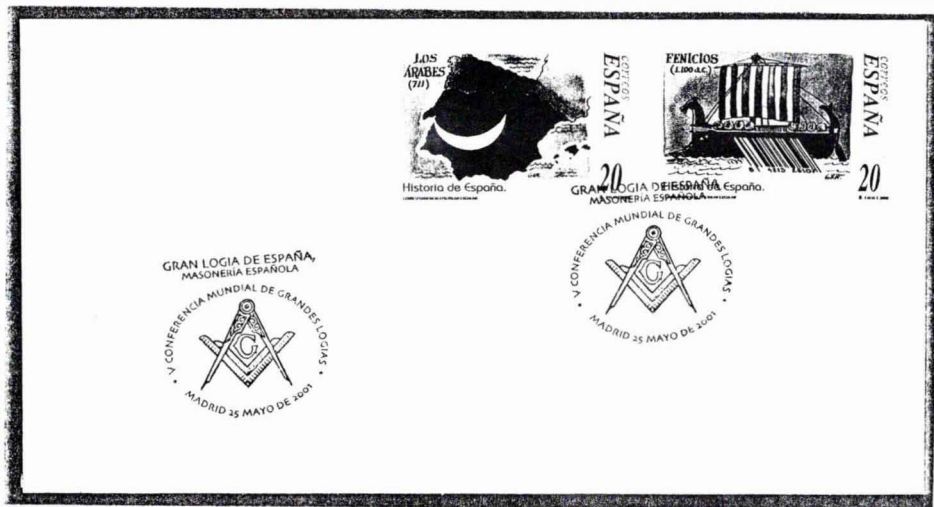
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