

The MASONIC STAMP COLLECTOR

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WHOLE NO. 13

FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings to all of you. I am sorry that this issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector is so late in going out. Here it is already the middle of November and the September-October issue is still to go out. I know many of you would like for it to go out on time but many times circumstances beyond my control prevent me in doing so. As I said before, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to edit and prepare the Masonic Stamp Collector for the emanation of Masonic information pertaining to stamps and philately for all our members interested in this field of endeavor. However, many times I find myself up to my neck with so many other projects and activities. I am also recorder of my Commandery of Knights Templar and a stamp collector as well as have to earn my living. I do hope all of you will be understanding and bear with me if some of the issues are late. I would have to find myself under a pressure of deadline. This is strictly voluntary on my part, you may say part of my hobby, and I think I can serve you much better if I do not have pressures in preparing same.

Early in October I attended BALPEX '69 in Baltimore, Md. and the 83rd annual convention of the American Philatelic Society. I am very pleased to announce to you that I was elected Secretary of the A.P.S. in which capacity I will serve for the next two years. The new President of the A.P.S. is Mr. Daniel W. Vooy of Canajoharie, New York. After returning back home I concentrated all my efforts to the preparation of NOPEX '69 held in New Orleans, October 24-26 together with the annual conventions of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, Texas Philatelic Association and Southern Philatelic Federation. I was the General Chairman and I don't have to tell you how much work was involved. Anyway, the exhibition and conventions were very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Now that the show is over maybe I can do some stamp collecting and get the newsletter out to you. I am trying to get this newsletter typed out before I go out of town for a few days on business.

I would like to mention that during NOPEX I was very pleased to have with us attending the show, Jerry and Sally Husak from Milwaukee, Wis. As most of you know Jerry is the Executive Secretary of the American Topical Association, parent organization of our Unit. Although I was too busy with the show I did have a nice little chat with Jerry.

Dues - Thank you for your prompt response in renewing your membership. I am very pleased to report that about 90% of our members renewed their dues for one year and many others for more than one year. Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will continue to furnish you with an interesting and informative newsletter.

Bio-Sketch - I would like to receive more Bio-sketches of our members. Don't be modest. Let's here from all of you. I think it makes it very interesting for us to know one another. We would like to know not only your stamp collecting interests but also your Masonic life as well as a little bit of you personally. Of course, I can only print one bio-sketch at one issue but I would like to have them on file for future use. How about it. I don't have anymore bio-sketches in my files therefore your immediate response would be appreciated.

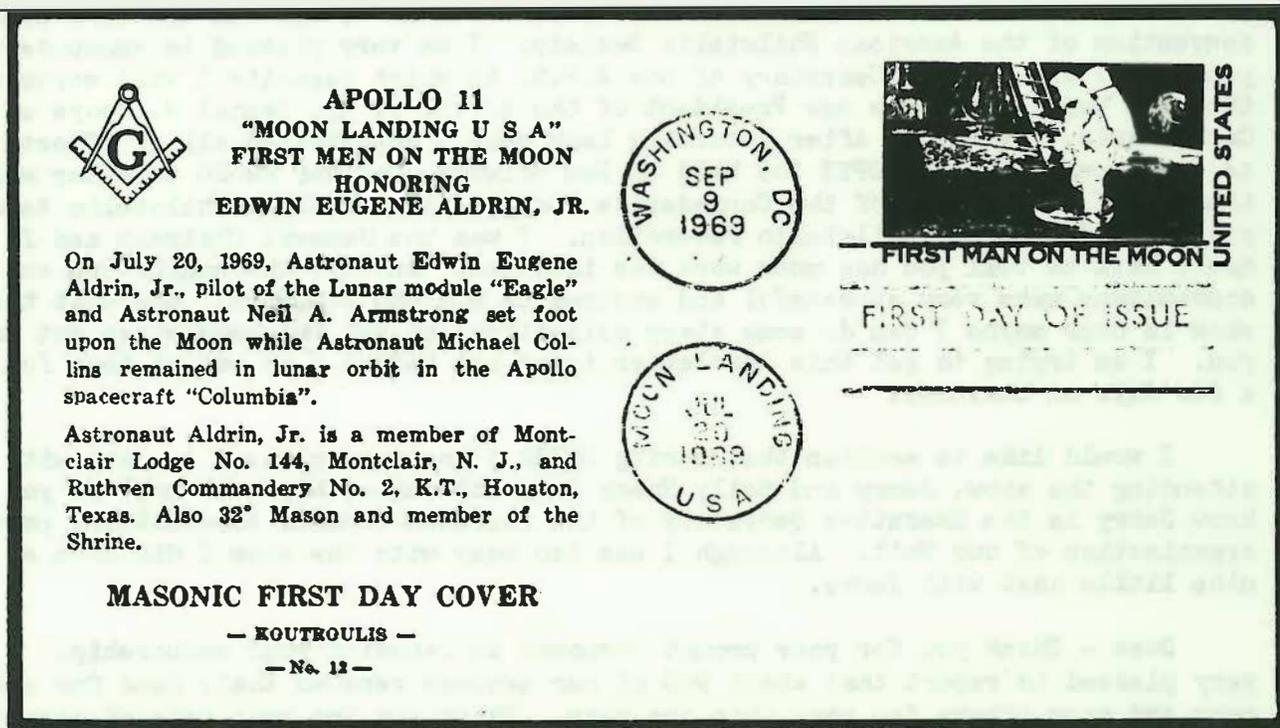
Masonic Album Pages - Many of our members have written me requesting if the Masonic Stamp Unit is going to produce Masonic Album Pages for the use of our members. I have been thinking seriously about it but frankly I have not had the time to pursue it any further. While I was in Baltimore in October during the A.P.S. convention I attended the monthly meeting of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. There I discovered that The GWMSC has for sale Masonic Album pages. For those of you interested, for more information write to Bro. Herman J. Lichty, Secretary, 4532 Forty-seventh St., Washington, D. C. 20016. They have pages for Masonic stamps and Masonic covers. I think they are very attractive and yet not too much art work to distract from the stamps and write-up.

Among our Members - Bro. Fred Jelsema, Rapid City, S.D., elected recently to the Board of Directors of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Association. ----- Bro. Kit Carson Price, APO New York, is the Recorder of Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, K.T. Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

Membership Cards - Many members ask me about membership cards. I am now in the process of having some prepared and printed and will have them ready for mailing to you by next issue.

MASONIC COVER CLUB

The month of September was a very busy one for the Masonic Cover Club. Three issues by the U.S. Post Office Department had connotations of Masonic significance - Apollo 11 (Moon stamp), Dartmouth College Case and Baseball stamp (Brothers of the Bat). Illustrated below is the Masonic first day cover of the Moon stamp for Bro. Aldrin.



This cover is still available but in a very small supply. The price 50 cents each. Other Masonic covers still available as follows:

#1 Illinois Statehood, 35¢; #2 F.D.Roosevelt re-designed coil, 35¢; #3 U.S. Airmail, 40¢; #4 Law and Order, 35¢; #5 Flag series (set of 10) \$3.50 per set (only three sets available); #6 Henry Ford, 41¢; #7 Walt Disney, 35¢; #8 Art Series, 35¢; #9 EFDIMEX Souvenir Sheet, \$1.00; #10 American Legion, 35¢; #11 Apollo 8, 35¢; #12 Apollo 11 Moon Stamp, 50¢; #13 Dartmouth College, 35¢; #14 Baseball stamp, 35¢.

NEW MEMBERS

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CLOSED ALBUM

It is with great regret to announce the death of Bro. John George Connell, MSU #12, Trail, B.C., Canada.

THANKS FOR COVERS

... to Bro. Bruno S. Guglielmi, Sanremo, Italy for a Masonic first day cover for Apollo 11 stamp at Houston. The cachet depicts Grand Master Giordano Gamberini of the Grand Orient of Italy presenting the "Universal Bible" to Grand Chaplain and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. ... to Bro. Jack Gooding, Seattle, Washington for three Apollo 11 covers with NASA emblems postmarked on the day of take off of Saturn V. ... to Bro. Allan M. Evans, Woolloowin, Qld, Australia for a first day cover honoring Australian Prime Ministers including Bro. Edmund Barton.

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Lucio Vicente Lopez (1848-1894) Stamp: Scott No.802

As a great juridical scholar Lucio Lopez was named professor to teach law and social sciences at National University of Buenos Aires. He was secretary of that university in the period that Bro. Juan M. Gutierrez was its chancellor. As a politician Lucio Lopez was among other things a member of the legislative body of Buenos Aires and of the House of Representatives. He was Minister of the Interior as well. His greatest fame, however, Lopez thanks to his literary work. His novel "La Gran Aldea" is one of the most famous of his time. As a journalist he contributed to Bro. Sarmiento's "El Nacional" and to Bros. Mitre's "La Nacion." With a number of liberal friends he founded the paper "Sud America."

Lucio Vicente Lopez was initiated March 14, 1882, in Docente Lodge, Buenos Aires, of which Lodge his illustrious namesake Dr. Vicente Fiedel Lopez had been one of the founders and its first Worshipful Master.

SIR EDMUND BARTON



Sir Edmond Barton was the first prime minister of Australian Commonwealth (1901-03). Speaker of legislative assembly, New South Wales, 1883-87 and attorney general in 1889 and 1891-93. He led the delegation presenting Australian Commonwealth Constitution bill to British Parliament in 1900. Nearly one-third of the members of the first Australian parliament were Freemasons. He was judge of the Australian high court from 1903 until his death in 1920.

Sir Barton was a member of Australia Lodge of Harmony No. 556 (initiated March 3, 1878) which later became No. 5 with the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888. He was invested as senior deacon of the lodge on June 9, 1880. b. 1849. d. 1920.

Sir Edmond Barton is pictured on a 5¢ Australian stamp issued on October 22 1969 which is part of a series honoring the Australian Prime Ministers. Barton is shown on the above cover as indicated by the arrow. The above cover was forwarded to the Masonic Unit by Bro. Allan M. Evans, Woolloowin, Australia.

BRITISH MOON LANDING CANCEL

Bro. John M. Cunningham, Grant Building - 151, U.S. Soldiers' Home, Washington, D.C. 20315, has available for sale the British Moon landing cancel on cover dated 21 Jul 69 at 75c each postpaid. Limit only 2 per person. He also has for sale Fleetwood or Artcraft covers with all U.S. Space theme stamps, cancelled first day of issue 10¢ Apollo 11 stamp, price \$2.00 each. Fleetwood cover, plate block 4, Apollo 11, the Washington cancel falls at position where flag is being planted into Moon soil, price \$1.50 each, Plate Blocks 4, all 4 positions, Fleetwood cover \$5.00. Only 1 per person on this. Bro. John is also the Publicity Chairman of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. Their cover for the Apollo 11 are now ready, price \$1.00 for set of 3. A self-addressed stamped envelope for any of the above will be appreciated.

PHILIPPINE MASONS

Part II

Gen.

Emilio Aguinaldo 1869-1964

Stamps: (1966) #883A-B

Hero of the Philippine revolution. Born March 22, 1869 near Cavite, Luzon, P. I. Died February 6, 1964. He proclaimed Philippine independence June 12, 1898 and on January 23, 1899 he was elected president of the Philippine Republic.

He was initiated January 1, 1895 (at midnight) in Pilar Lodge No. 203 which operated under the Gran Oriente Espanol, in Imus, Cavite; passed, raised and became Master of the Lodge. Later with other members of the fraternity he founded a "Triangle Magdalo" at Kavite, Cavite, P.I., becoming Master. This Masonic club later became "Magdalo Lodge" No. 371.

Aguinaldo became a member of the Scottish Rite in February 1917, being one of the first members of the newly established Lakandola Lodge of Perfection, Burgos Chapter of Rome Croix, Malwampo Council of Kadosh, and Rizal Consistory. He was coroneted a 33^o member of the Rite in 1955. He was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Manila November 26, 1957.

Teodoro M. Kalaw 1884-1940

Stamp: (1949) No. B1 right

Lawyer, statesman, Secretary of the Interior. Born at Lipa, Batangas, March 31, 1884. Died December 4, 1940.

Initiated April 8, 1907 by Nilad Lodge No. 12; passed to Fellowcraft degree March 7, 1911. Served as Master of Nilad Lodge No. 12, Manila.

Served the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as Junior Grand Warden, Grand Orator, Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Wrote the first book on Freemasonry to be printed in the Philippines.

Apolinario Mabini 1864-1903

Stamps: (1944) N34, (1959) 591, (1962) 855,
(1964) 906-08

A law graduate of Santo Tomas University in Manila, stricken with paralysis in 1895 he became known as the "Sublime Paralytic).

When Aguinaldo became president of the Philippine Republic, Mabini was appointed Private Counselor and later head of the first cabinet. It was he who wrote the decrees, manifestos and policies for Aguinaldo

Mabini was a member of Lodge Balagtas No. 149 and was the Lodge's first orator.

When Aguinaldo took the oath of allegiance to the United States, Mabini was unyielding and was deported to Guam, but was repatriated in time to die on home soil in 1903.

Philippine Masons

Manuel Luis Quezon 1878-1944 Stamps: (1936) 408-10, (1940) 458-60,
(1947) 511, 515(SS), C64-66,
(1953) 589, (1960) 812, (1967)

Born in Baler, Tayabas, Quezon, August 19, 1878. Served in Aguinaldo's army. Lawyer, politician. Was President of the Philippine Senate 1916-1935. Was President of the Republic of the Philippines September 14, 1935 until his death on August 1, 1944. He left Corregidor with Roxas and Abad Santos and went to the United States where he died of tuberculosis at Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Quezon was a Freemason most of his adult life and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines 1918-19. He resigned from Freemasonry September, 17, 1930 through the influence of his wife who was a devout Catholic.

Manuel A. Roxas 1892-1948 Stamps: (1947) 512-14, (1948) 525-26, (1963) 878-79,
(1967) B17.

Born January 1, 1892; died April 15, 1948. In 1942 he was a Brigadier General and aide to Gen. MacArthur and was among those who escaped from Corregidor.

He was Past Master of Makawilli Lodge No. 55, Capiz, Unay. He received the 32° A.A.S.R. in Rizal Consistory on November 18, 1923.

Jose Abad Santos 1886-1942 Stamp: (1960) No. 590

Outstanding jurist and statesman. Born February 19, 1886 at San Fernando, Pampango. He was sent to the United States in 1904 to complete his education. He received the Bachelor of Laws degree from Northwestern University and the Master of Laws degree from Georgetown (or George Washington) University*.

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, under Grand Lodge of Philippines, elected him to receive his first degree of Masonry which he received in Washington, D. C. In 1938-39 he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The Philippine bodies of Scottish Rite elected him to receive the 4th to 32nd degrees October 8, 1938 and he was made a Master of the Royal Secret on October 22, 1938. The Supreme Council 33° S.J., U.S.A., nominated Bro. Abad Santos to be invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor at their session in 1941.

After the Japanese invasion in 1942, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos with other leaders of the commonwealth took refuge in the island fortress of Corregidor. On the night of February 20, 1942 an American submarine took them elsewhere; Quezon went to the U.S.A. At his own request Abad Santos with his son was left on the Island of Negros which at the time was not occupied. They were captured by the Japanese on April 11, 1942. He refused to collaborate with the invaders and was cruelly tortured; then he was finally shot at Malabang on Mindanao Island on May 2, 1942. Later the Masons located his grave, cleared it of rubbish and had it properly marked and decorated. The Grand Lodge purchased the lot where the P. G. M. was slain and on May 2, 1959 unveiled a marker.

* (One source says G.W.U., another Georgetown. Obviously both cannot be right)

Philippine Masons

Jose Paciano Laurel 1891-1959 Stamps: N37-39 (1954), (1966) #

Maurel was made a Mason in Batangas Lodge No. 383 (now No. 35) at Batangas, Batangas. He served as Junior Warden of his Lodge.

The Japanese created a puppet republic in the Philippines on October 14, 1943, with Jose P. Laurel as president. The "republic" showed outer trappings of independence -- a cabinet, a flag, an ambassador in Tokyo -- yet in every detail it remained subject to Japanese orders.

In 1954, Philippine Senator Jose P. Laurel and James M. Langley, a New Hampshire newspaper publisher, worked out a tariff compromise for their respective governments known as the Laurel-Langley Agreement.

Epifanio de los Santos 1871-1928 Stamp: (1949) B1 left

Lawyer, critic, writer, musician. His portrait is on stamp at left with Pardo, middle, and Kelaw, right.

His name ranks with those of del Pilar, Rizal, Aguinaldo, etc. Have no other information. Was he a Mason?

Andres Bonifacio 1863- Stamps: (1947) #505, (1958) #600, (1963) #898-900

Compatriot of Aguinaldo, Rizal, del Pilar, Jaena, Mabini. Referred to as Brother Andres Bonifacio. Supposed to have been a Mason. No other information. Was he a Mason?

Very few details can be found regarding these men, when, where or if they received the degrees. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines reports that the records of those initiated in the Philippines were lost during the Japanese occupation. If anyone has additional data to offer, it will be appreciated. Are there other Philippine Masons other than the foregoing?

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, MSU #18, Rochester, New York.

SHAKESPEARE AS A FREEMASON



The universality of Shakespeare's genius is demonstrated by the alacrity with which those in various callings accept him as a brother. He has been claimed by the sailors, the printers, the schoolteachers, the churchmen, the butchers, and the physicians, to mention only a few. Lord Chief Justice Campbell in 1859 published a book in which he declared that only a lawyer could possibly have written the plays.

It seems unlikely that the Great Bard could have followed all of these callings in the twenty odd years of his life that are completely unaccounted for. A plausible explanation is that Shakespeare had an acquisitive genius, such as has rarely if ever, been given to any man.

The fact is clearly shown in regard to the legal profession by a learned study undertaken by Sir Dunbar Plunket Barton and published by Houghton, Mifflin Co. in 1929 under the title "Shakespeare and the Law." By a careful analysis of all references to

the law in Shakespeare's plays, Sir Dunbar demonstrates that while the plays show an inordinate knowledge of legal phraseology, they fall short of the knowledge that would be possessed by a trained lawyer.

We must keep this fact in mind when we read the 284 page book, "Shakespeare, Creator of Freemasonry" by Brother Alfred Dodd and the articles on this subject by Robert T. Clegg to be found The Builder and Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia. The outstanding thesis presented by Dodd is that Shakespeare is the Concealed man of the Great Possessors, who constituted the literary school of Rosicrosse-Masons, and the Revival of Freemasonry in 1717 marked the end of the 120-year period set by that group for the unsealing of its secrets and manuscripts. It would be gratifying to believe that the Great Bard was the one responsible for the literary quality of our ritual but, unfortunately, no known facts to support this view exist.

There are many allusions and phrases in the Shakespearean plays which have a familiar ring to a Freemason. Even if the poet was not of the Craft, these references are of great interest in charting our undocumented history. He wrote more than 100 years before the genesis of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 and his writings certainly give evidence of the age of various ritualistic expressions.

A member of the Craft who reads Shakespeare's plays will discover many expressions and allusions with a connotation with which he is familiar. Here are a few examples.

"Any when they talk...whisper one another in the ear, and he that speaks doth gripe the hearers writst." King John IV 2.

"Come swear to that, kiss the book," The Tempest II 1.

"The singing Masons building roofs of gold." Henry II I 4.

"Both are at the Lodge." Titus Andronicus II 4.

"What! My old Worshipful Master." Taming of the Shrew V 1.

"I am a Brother of a Gracious Order," Measure for Measure III 2.

"Where is the leather apron and they rule?" Julius Caesar I 1.

"Now, by St. John, that news is bad indeed." Richard III I 2.

"Guard the door without. Let him not pass. Kill him rather." Othello V 2.

"Now go and if thy tongue can speak who 'twas that cut your tongue." T.AndronicusII4

"You have made good work, you and your apron." Coriolanus IV 6.

"Being then appointed Master of this design." Tempest I 2.

"Who builds stronger than the Mason." Hamlet V I.

"You shall see him in the triple pillar of the world." Antony & Cleopatra I 1.

"I will find where truth is hid, though it were hid indeed within the center."Hamlet

"Well said, that was laid on with a trowel." As You Like It I 2.

Our patron and brother Pythagoras was by no means unknown to Shakespeare who mentions him by name and alludes familiarly to the theories associated with his school of philosophy.

"To hold opinion with Pythagoras" Merchant of Venice IV 1.

"What is the opinion of Pythagoras concerning wild fowl" Twelfth Night IV 2.

Shakespeare often alludes to the north as the place of darkness and the evil. it is also possible to trace out a great many meanings concerning numbers in Shakespeare. "They say there is a divinity in odd numbers, either in nativity, chance, or death." Mery Wives of Windsor V 1.

Aside from these many ritualistic expressions and allusions, many Masonic students suggest there is a great deal of Craft doctrine displayed in the plays as a whole. Shakespeare was, of course, an artist. He placed life itself on his stage and if the speeches of any particular character were considered alone you could, to paraphrase a well-known expression, "prove anything by Shakespeare."

"There can be no possible doubt that Shakespeare regarded himself as an Ethical Teacher. This fact at once explains his connection with Freemasonry. In the plays we have great epics of moral passions against the crying evils of the times. They are more that works of art. They are tremendous sermons of power couched in a very different from pulpit utterance." says Dodd.

Each member of the Craft will have to answer these questions in his own way and according to his own understanding, but certainly Shakespeare, like The Bible, should be read and not left on the shelf to gather dust.

The above article was submitted by V. E. Allen, MSU #54, Inglewood, Cal. which appeared in the California Freemason and reprinted in The Texas Freemason.

Shakespeare is shown on many stamps among those are U.S. Scott #1250, Gr. Britain #10244

COVERS TO BE CANCELLED AT CAPE KENNEDY DURING LAUNCH FUTURE MANNED SPACECRAFT

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount announced that a special canceling unit will be set up on the day of launch of future manned spacecraft in the Visitors Center at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, to cancel stamped addressed envelopes presented in person. This unit is being established, in cooperation with the NASA, to accommodate collectors interested in obtaining the special philatelic machine cancellation in use at the John F. Kennedy Space Center branch post office.

Collectors unable to be there in person may send stamped, addressed envelopes to NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899, attention: IS-CAS-12, to receive the special philatelic machine cancellation. No more than 5 envelopes from any individual will be accepted through the mails. Only U.S. postage may be used on envelopes submitted, and cash, money orders, or checks in lieu of postage cannot be accepted. The outside envelope should be endorsed "Special Philatelic Cancellation."

Ed. note: The above information is for our members who are interested for this type of service. From time to time I receive such inquiries and the above item should be of useful information to those interested.

FORD UTILITY ON AUSTRALIAN STAMP

Bro. Allan M. Evans, MSU #180, Woolloowin, Qd., Australia, advises the Masonic Stamp Unit that in November there will be issued three stamps to commemorate the flight of Ross and Keith Smith from England to Australia in 1919. One of these stamps shows a FORD utility, used by Hudson Fysh in a land survey across Australia as part of the background for the flight. This stamp may well be included in the Henry Ford Masonic Album page. Will advise more details on this stamp later.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

In 1935, Canada issued a set of pictorial stamps, first "Secret Data" issue. The 10¢ denomination shows a Canadian Mounted Policeman seated on his horse. Relationship to Masonry is the fact that "The Northwest Mounted Police Lodge No. 61 was formed in 1894 at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, by members of that famous organization. There were 14 charter members - all Mounties. Although this lodge is still in existence it is now composed of all Mounties now. Stamp - Scott No. 223.

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HOPLEY YEATON

Bro. Hopley Yeaton (1740-1812) of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H. was the First Commissioned Seagoing Officer of the U. S. Coast Guard. President Washington and Secretary of State Jefferson signed his commission, and he was assigned, as Captain, to the Two-masted schooner "Soanmel".

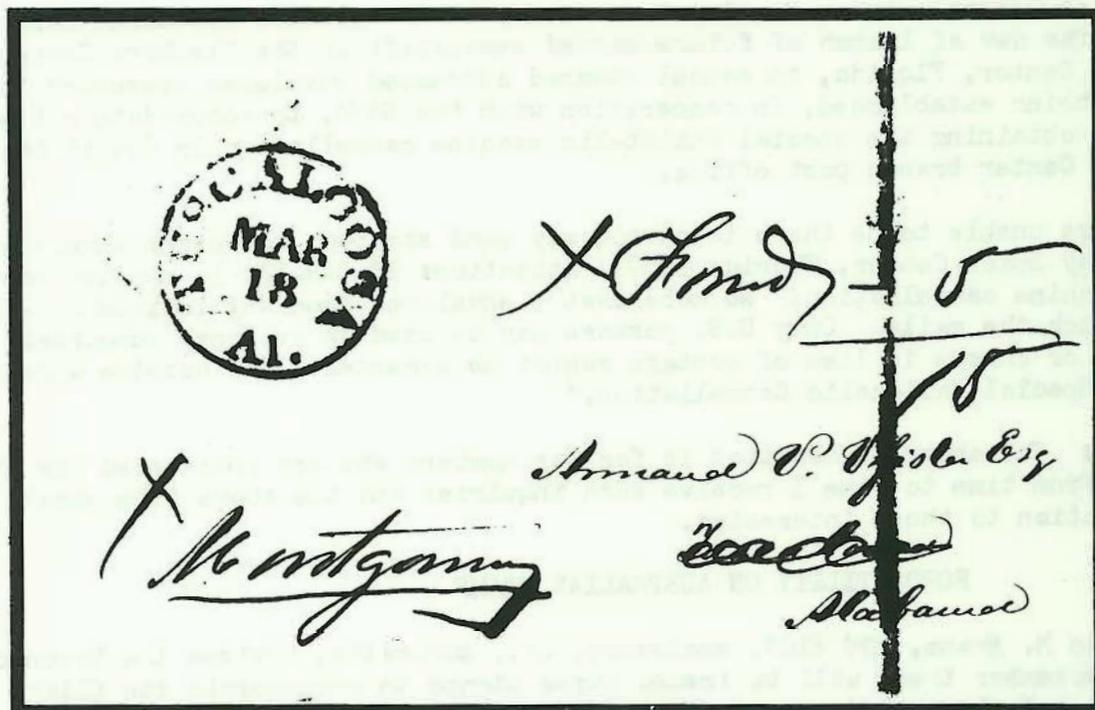
He was the first senior grand steward of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for 8 years.

A Postal card was issued by the U.S. in 1965, Scott #UX52 to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the U. S. Coard Guard.

This item from the Royal Arch Mason magazine.

MASONIC POSTAL HISTORY

TRENTON, N. J. - FEB. 28, 1847, Green Cancel 30^{ms}. - Stampless - 10¢ green



This is an interesting Masonic stampless cover included in a Masonic Postal History collection. The cover was mailed from Trenton, N. J. on February 23, 1847 and addressed to Bro. Arnaud V. Pfister, Esq., (Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama) at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mailed by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey at Trenton, N.J. It should have been sent to Montgomery, Alabama where the Grand Lodge of Alabama was located. It will be noted that 10¢ postage was due (over 300 miles) from Trenton to Tuscaloosa and additional 5¢ postage due was added for forwarding from Tuscaloosa, Al. March 13, the rate being then less than 300 miles. It took more than two weeks for this cover to reach Montgomery.