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YOUR EDITOR MOVED TO DALLAS, TEXAS

Due to a Company transfer your editor and his family moved their residency from New Orleans, La. to Dallas, Tx., in July. He has been promoted to Sales Manager of the Company's Dallas office in charge of five Southwestern States - Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and a portion of North Louisiana. He is employed by Strachan Shipping Company, Steamship Agents and Stevedores, with offices and operations throughout the Gulf and Atlantic ports as well as offices in the interior points throughout United States. Please note new address: 7877 Alto Caro Drive, Dallas, Tx. 75240.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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OLD NORTH CHURCH

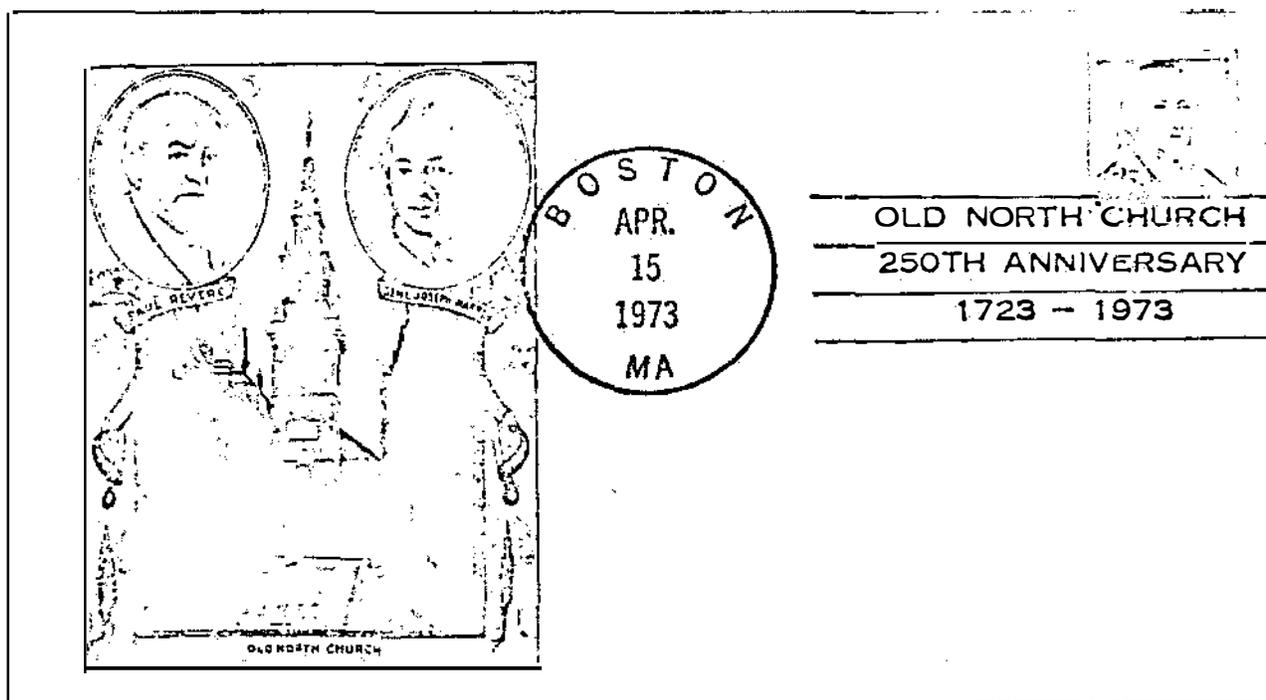
A special cacheted envelope commemorating the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Old North Church was issued in Boston, Mass. April 15, 1973, by the U. S. Postal Service. It was from the steeple of that historic church that lanterns were hung signaling the start of Paul Revere's famous ride.

The cachet was dedicated in ceremonies at the Old North Church on April 15, following the morning service. The cachet features a vignette of the statue of Paul Revere in the foreground of the church. The artist is Clark Goff of Sudbury, Mass. A stamp in the American Revolution Bicentennial Series was affixed to the cachet and cancelled on April 15, 1973. The cancellation reads, "Old North Church 250th Anniversary 1723-1973."

Requests for the Old North Church cachet at 35¢ each and 3 for \$1.00 were to be made to "Old North Church," P. O. Box 1776, Boston, MA 02109. Proper remittance and a self-addressed No. 10 stamped envelope was to be included. If you don't have this cover send for it to the above address. They may still be available.

The cover illustrated here is not the official USPS cachet. It was done privately. It depicts the Old North Church together with the portraits of Paul Revere and Gen. Joseph Warren. Much is known and has been written about Paul Revere but on Brother Joseph Warren this is quoted from "Freemasonry and Early America" by E.V. Gregory, as appeared in the Royal Arch Mason Magazine and submitted to us by Bro. John M. Cunningham of Washington, D. C.

Joseph Warren, the Provisional Grand Master of Boston and later first Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mass. was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. His patriotism stirred the fires of John Hancock's own zeal. He was master of his Lodge (Lodge of St. Andrews) and was credited by the British provincial council as being the ring leader of the tea party (Boston Tea Party). John Hancock and Paul Revere, both active members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, were also credited with being promoters of the affair. Of the Old North Church, this is known. At the Green Tavern on the evening of April 16, 1775, one of Paul Revere's scouts reported to Warren that a British expedition had been organized to seize John Hancock and Samuel Adams, who were hiding at Lexington, and to destroy the stores of munitions at Concord. Warren, chairman of the committee on safety, and his Masonic associates made plans to forestall the British. Paul Revere was to ride and spread the alarm. To gain a good start, he was rowed across the Charles river by friends, given a horse, and there awaited for arranged signal. John Pulling Jr., a vestryman of the Old North Church, a Mason and close friend of Revere, was charged with the duty of sending the signal from the tower, by display of lanterns, "one if by land and two if by sea", as immortalized in Longfellow's poem. Revere was chased by a British patrol on the morning of April 17 and reached Lexington barely in time to awaken Hancock and Adams and help them escape.



MONACO ISSUE - MASONIC INSIGNIA

In May a stamp was issued by Monaco for the 350th birth anniversary of Blaise Pascal, 50¢, portrait and emblem of church with cross and Masonic Insignia. Can anyone furnish further details on this?

PAGE PRINTED UPSIDE DOWN

Page 294 of the last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector was printed upside down. Very sorry! It was too late by the time it was discovered and nothing could be done about it.

LOUIS KROHN WINNER MASONIC AWARD AT ROMPEX-TOPEX '73

Bro. Louis Krohn, MSU #88, Utica, New York was again the winner of the Masonic award for his Masonic exhibit at TOPEX '73. Congratulations Bro. Krohn. We believe this is the third or fourth consecutive year that Bro. Krohn won it. This is the "William E. Staat Memorial Award for Masonry" which was donated to the Masonic Stamp Unit in 1961 by the Tri County Chapter of the ATA located in Plainfield and Somerville, New Jersey. It is constructed in the shape of an open book and all winners have their names inscribed each year. For the past 12 years it passed to several winners at TOPEX exhibitions. We believe this trophy traveled well and it is time to retire it. In view of the fact that Bro. Krohn has won it for the past consecutive several years, he gets to keep it permanently. This trophy will no longer appear in future TOPEX exhibits.

DR. EDWARD JENNER - NEW STAMPS ISSUED

Since the article on page 146 of the Masonic Stamp Collector, a few more stamps have been issued for him. Guinea (1970), Scott No. 557; Zambia (1970) Scott No. 64 and Liberia issued June 26, 1973 Scott No. (?).

JEAN LOUIS JOSEPH LEBEAU, 1794-1865

This Belgian statesman was born January 3, 1794 at Huy, Belgium, in the province of Liege. He studied law, practiced as an advocate with great success, and founded the "Journal Politique de Liege" in 1824, which was influential in dissolving the union with the Netherlands. He was sent to Brussels to appeal to the Prince of Orange for separation of Belgium from Holland.

As a member of Congress in 1830 and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1831, he opposed annexation to France. He advocated the election of Leopold and served under him as Minister of Justice until 1834. Before retiring, he was called once more to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1840-41. He died at Huy March 17.

Lebeau was a member of the Lodge "Les Amis de la Parfaite Intelligence" at Huy. He was Orator of the Lodge. The Lodge was founded June 20, 1809.

Lebeau is depicted on Belgium (1965) Scott No. 604.

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

DADABHOY NAOROJI

The portrait of Dr. Dadabhoj Naoroji, 1825-1917, mathematician and statesman, appears on India (1969) Scott No. 376.

He was made a Mason in the "Rising Star of Western India" Lodge No. 342 (S.C.) apparently in 1859, as he was registered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on 29 December that year.

He was a founder and first secretary of the "Marquis of Dalhousie" Lodge No. 1159 in 1867. The Lodge was formed by military and civilian officers of the Indian Civil Service. He was Worshipful master of this Lodge in 1871, but does not appear to have remained a member after that year (nor did any of the other founders or early members up to 1871).

He joined "Crusaders" Lodge No. 1677 on 15 February 1893 and resigned from it in October 1902.

(according to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England)

Submitted by Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

HERMANN BRUNO OTTO BLUMENAU, 1819-1899

Hermann Bruno Otto Blumenau was born December 26, 1819 in Hasselfelde in the Hartz Mountains of Germany. He studied pharmacy in Eifurt and in Erlangen when he received the doctor of pharmacy degree in 1840. He studied chemistry 1844-46 at Erlangen University and received the doctor of chemistry degree in 1846. That same year he went to Brazil to lay the groundwork for a settlement of German immigrants and in 1850 his name was given to the city of Blumenau in the state of Santa Catarina on the Itajai River.

Hermann Blumenau was initiated in Braunschweig in 1845. Although there was more than one Masonic Lodge in Braunschweig at the time, it is almost certain that Bro. Blumenau was initiated in the Lodge "Carl zur gekronten Saule". He was passed and raised in the Lodge "Absalom zu den drei Nesseln" in Hamburg in 1865 which is the oldest lodge in Germany.

He is said to have been a founder of the Lodge of "Zur Friedenspalme" in Blumenau, Brazil. According to van Dalen's "Kalender fur Freimaurer", edition of 1894, he was W.M. of Lodge "Zur Friedenspalme" as early as 1883, although the lodge was constituted and installed in 1885. He returned to Germany and died in Braunschweig on October, 1899.

In 1950 Brazil issued a commemorative stamp No. 699 for the centenary of the founding of Blumenau; and his portrait is on Brazil No. 1149 in 1969.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

WILHELM OSTWALD, 1852-1932

Wilhelm Ostwald, winner of the Nobel prize for chemistry in 1909, was professor of physical chemistry at Leipzig University.

He was initiated in the Lodge "Zu den drei Ringen" in Leipzig on February 15, 1911 by the Grand Master of the independent German Grand Lodge "Freimaurerbund zur aufgehenden Sonne". After receiving the F.C. and M.M. degrees, he became Deputy Grand Master in 1911, and in 1914 he was elected Honorary Grand Master. He is reported to have "withdrawn from the Lodge" in 1917 in order to devote himself exclusively to his studies of the theory of colors. It is not clear whether he demitted or that he merely retired from active Lodge and Grand Lodge work.

Stamps: Sweden (1969) Scott Nos. 242, 245.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

FRANCOIS CHRISTOPHE KELLERMANN, DUKE OF VALMY

General Francois Kellermann, one of the ablest cavalry officers in the French army, was born May 28, 1735 near Rothenburg in Bavaria. He entered the army as a volunteer, served in the 7-years war and in Louis XV's Polish expedition of 1771, and by 1791 had attained the rank of general.

On September 20, 1792 while in command of the army of the center, he was forced to give battle to the allies on the heights of Valmy. General Kellermann's dash and bravery led his troops to one of the most important victories of the period. It secured France from invasion. Napoleon conferred the title Duke of Valmy on him in 1804.

A 1971 stamp of France, Scott No. 1306, commemorates the Battle of Valmy. Kellermann is presumably the horseman pictured right, in the center, detached from the other five horsemen.

In 1814 Kellermann voted for the deposition of Napoleon and was appointed a Peer of the Kingdom of France under the royal government by Louis XVIII. After the "Hundred Days", he sat in the high chamber and voted with the Liberals. He died September 12, 1820.

Kellermann was an active Freemason and a member of "La Respectable Loge Ecosaise de Saint Napoleon" in Paris. No data could be found regarding his initiation. Other members of the Lodge included Massena, Murat, Brune and Gantheaume. Kellermann was the most influential participant in founding the Supreme Council of the A & A Scottish Rite in 1804 (presumably in Paris), and was Chief Administrator of the Grande Loge Generale Ecosaise which emerged from it.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

THE FREEMASON WHO INVENTED BASKETBALL - DR. JAMES NAISMITH

A stranger, privileged to meet him, would soon sense that he was a friendly, kindly gentleman with a great interest in people--especially young people. But few would suspect that he was anything more than an amiable midwesterner. And he would have been the last to indicate, or even to admit, that he had ever done anything out of the ordinary

Yet he had. He was Dr. James Naismith, who in 1891 invented the game of basketball--a game now played by 20 million men, women, boys and girls throughout the world. At the time he invented the game he was employed by the School for Christian Workers (now Springfield College) of Springfield, Mass. He was challenged to devise a game which could be played indoors after the weather became too severe for football, baseball and other outdoor sports. The success of his effort is evident nearly everywhere today.

Born at Almonte, Ontario, Canada, on November 6, 1861, and early ordained a Presbyterian minister, Dr. Naismith earned the baccalaureate degree in three years at McGill University in Montreal, finding time also to play rugby on the side. Several years later, after another three years of study, he was awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree by the Gross Medical College. Typical of his life philosophy, he bypassed the remunerative field of medicine to work more closely with a greater number of people. Throughout his life, his spare time was devoted to serving small churches, both in Canada and the U.S., most of whom could scarcely afford a minister. He became convinced, however, that, in his vocation, he could accomplish more by working with young people, especially young men, than by preaching to adults. So it was that in 1898, at the age of 37, he accepted a position with the University of Kansas, at Lawrence as both director of physical education and chaplain. Exerting a great moral influence on his students through his straight-from-the-shoulder lectures, he worked with the University for the rest of his life, except for a seriously-needed social hygiene unit, in France, during World War I, working mostly in the front-line trenches.

Basketball, Dr. Naismith's answer to a challenge some years earlier, was beginning to "catch on" with the public, and the good doctor remained amazed at the wide acceptance of the game up until the time of his death on November 28, 1939. He had never realized he had done anything outstanding in inventing the game.

Aside from all his religious and athletic activities, Brother Naismith had a very active career as a Mason. He received the degrees in February, March and April of 1894, in the Roswell Lee Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in Springfield, Mass. On January 9, 1922, he was admitted to Lawrence (Kansas) Lodge No. 6, which he served as Master in 1927. He received the Scottish Rite degrees between Jan. 19 and April 28, 1927 in Lawrence, Kansas. These bare facts fail to do justice to his long Masonic service during which he led or participated in a variety of community, church and Lodge programs of social betterment.

Thus our own humble Dr. James Naismith, faithful Mason, loyal Presbyterian, member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, will be remembered for all time for his inestimable contributions to both the physical and spiritual welfare of the youth of our land. Of him it can truthfully be said, "To live eternally in the hearts of those who live is not to die."

Stamp: U.S. No. 1189. Submitted by Bro. Ron Vanderlum, Anderson, Indiana.

MASONIC COVER CLUB - NEW ISSUES.

The covers shown below are the latest issued by the Masonic Cover Club.
 No. 36, Harry S. Truman first day of issue May 8, Independence, Mo., 50¢ each.
 No. 37, Commemorating The Boston Tea Party, block of four design, Boston, Mass. July 4, 65¢ each. Order from the Editor. Supply is limited.



Honoring
HARRY S. TRUMAN
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 GRAND MASTER
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 - KOUTROULIS -
 No. 36

Harry S. Truman



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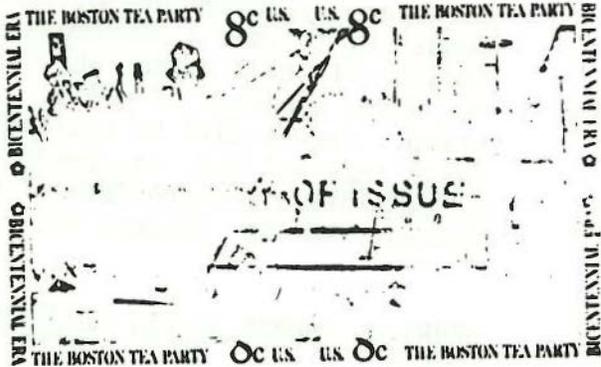


Commemorating
THE BOSTON TEA PARTY
 1773
 Bicentennial American Revolution Series

The design of the four stamps depicts the scene of 1773 when enraged colonists dumped chests of tea from British ships into the harbor in protest of the English-levied tax.

The planning was made in the famous historical Green Dragon Tavern, home of Lodge of Saint Andrew No. 82. On that very night the records written by the Secretary state that Lodge of Saint Andrew closed until the next night "On account of the few members in attendance" and then the entire page is filled up with the letters T made large. An authentic record of the persons taking part in The Boston Tea Party is not available for obvious reasons. Comparison of several published lists with the roster of the Lodge found a number of names identical in both.

MASONIC FIRST DAY COVER
 - KOUTROULIS -
 No. 37



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



MASONIC LABEL

This Masonic label is sent to you with the compliments of Bro. Jack A. Gooding. It depicts the Washington Masonic Home in Zenith, Washington. If you are interested in receiving more of this Masonic label send \$1.00 with SASE to Bro. Gooding, 4408 - 242nd Pl. S.W., Mountlake Terrace, Washington, 98043. The cost of \$1 is for a sheet of 50 labels

OTHER MASONIC STAMP CLUBS

From time to time we receive inquiries from members who would like to know the address of other groups interested in Masonic philately. Below we list two of the Masonic Stamp Clubs actively engaged in the study of Masonic stamp collecting. The Masonic Stamp Club of New York publishes bi-monthly an interesting journal called the Masonic Philatelist and the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club issues Masonic first day covers and cachets for special Masonic events. From time to time the MSCNY also issues Masonic first day covers.

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club
Herman J. Lichty, Secretary
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Washington, D. C. 20016

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York
Charles Morris, Secretary
22 East 35th Street
New York, N. Y. 10016

MASONIC CACHET - ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

On Wednesday, November 28, 1973, Abington Royal Arch Chapter #245, Jenkintown, Penna. will issue a commemorative envelope marking their 100th Anniversary. The Cachet will be a design which has been used on the monthly notice to its members for quite a number of years. It will be franked with a current commemorative stamp. Covers will be available at 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. Please supply a large size S.A.S.E. to speed filling of orders. All orders will be sent as soon as possible after the 28th of November date and may be ordered from: Carl J. Dunlap, 3464 St. Vincent St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19149.

HARRY S. TRUMAN IN THE ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

The Spring 1973 issue of the Royal Arch Mason magazine is devoted entirely to the life of M.W. Harry S. Truman. It contains 32 pages of articles and pictures of the various states of life of Bro. Truman. Everyone should have a copy of this issue, whether you are a Royal Arch Mason or not. Copies are available at 40¢ each or 25 cents each when ten or more copies are sent to one address, as long as the supply lasts, from The Royal Arch Mason, Box 529, Trenton, Missouri 64683. TRUMANISM: "If you can't stand the heat-stay out of the kitchen

Bro. John M. Cunningham has the above magazine with the cancellation on the reverse (back page below HST petition with Truman stamp first day) and on front page with the painting issue Missouri statehood. \$1.00 each postpaid. He also has large picture in color of HST with his stamp first day cancelled suitable for framing, \$2.50 each postpaid. The picture alone costs \$1.00

CENTENNIAL BRISBANE GENERAL POST OFFICE - JOHN PETRIE

On September 28, 1972 a special postmark was used on mail posted in a special posting box at the GPO, and special philatelic mail was carried by pack-horse between the South Brisbane Postoffice and the GPO Brisbane, franked with a special cachet and the special postmarker to mark the Centenary of its occupation of the building. The front facade of the old building is featured in the postmark, which is the part that was built by John Petrie.

Brisbane's historic GPO was first occupied on 28th September 1872. The contract for the erection of this two-storey colonial building was awarded on 20 Dec. 1871 to John Petrie, builder, at a price of £7,450. Using freestone from Murphy's Creek, Helidon, and Albion Heights, with bricks from Petrie's clay-pit at Clayfield, the imposing building was completed in the spring of 1872. John Petrie also built the additional wing and clock tower, completing this in August 1879, so that the entire old building in Queen Street was erected by him.

John Petrie was born Jan. 15, 1822 in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of Andrew Petrie, who had been born in Fifeshire in June 1798. Andrew was also a Master Builder, Explorer, and had of the famous family whose name has been given to several local places. They migrated to Sydney in 1831 and came to the Moreton Bay Settlement (later to become Brisbane in the new State of Queensland in 1859) in 1837 on the steamer "James Watt", probably the first steamer to enter these waters. John became the first Mayor of Brisbane in 1859 and was re-elected to this position in 1860 and 1861. He also became Chairman of many public associations, and was a leading Freemason in the latter half of the 19th Century.

John Petrie became a Mason on August 10, 1859 in North Australian Lodge No. 1098 (later No. 796, E.C. and now No. 1 U.G.L.Q.). He was made a Master Mason on November 11, 1859. He became Worshipful Master in 1861. He became a Royal Arch Freemason (Prince of Wales Chapter) in 1865, a Mark Master Mason in 1866, a Companion of the Royal Arch Chapter in 1867 and a Knight of Malta in 1871. He assisted in the Consecration and foundation of several Lodges in this State, being an active Freemason from the time of his Initiation.

Submitted by Bro. Allan Evans, Woolloowin Brisbane, Qld., Australia.



GRAND LODGE OF HONDURAS - MASONIC STAMPS ISSUE, C501-4

On page 275 of the Masonic Stamp Collector we illustrated four over-printed stamps of Honduras with a Masonic conotation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Honduras. We now have a translation of a resolution issued by the Minister of State in the Offices of Communication and Transportation. This resolution is interesting and contains some background facts of Masonry in Honduras and the reason of the issuance of the Masonic overprints. In addition, it gives details as to the printing and quantities issued.

"RESOLUTION No. -211,-4 of April 1972."THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC; CONSIDERING: That Masonry is a philosophical, progressive, civilizing and philanthropic institution, working for the moral, intellectual and social betterment of humanity; CONSIDERING: That Masonry in our country dates from 1898, the year in which General Terencio Sierra and other illustrious Hondurans founded in this city the first Honduran Masonic Lodge, which was active until 1906, and that in 1911 Ex-President of the Republic, Dr. Francisco Bertrand, founded Igualdad Lodge #1, one of the 3 Lodges which on the 15th of May, 1922 consituted the Greater Lodge of Honduras; CONSIDERING: That on the 15th of May of this, Honduran Masonry will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the Greater Lodge of Honduras, an Institution which in actuality is composed of several Lodges in different parts of the Republic; CONSIDERING: That Masonry is a universal fraternity and that the next anniversary of the Greater Lodge of Honduras will be an event not only nationa, but also international for which reason it is fitting and proper to issue a Resolution authorizing the overprinting and surcharging of postage stamps with the characterisitics which are set forth in the actual resolution; THEREFORE, RESOLVES: To authorize the overprinting and surcharging of postage stamps which will bear the Masonic Emblem and the following legend, "ANNIVERSARY GREATER LODGE OF HONDURAS 1922-1972", and the denominations L.1.00 and L.2.00 will be overprinted correspondingly on the L.0.20 and L.0.24 denominations of the "Trip to the Moon" issue as set forth below:

DENOMINATIONS	QUANTITIES	DENOMINATIONS OVERPRINTED
L. 0.05	300,000	on same denomination
L. 0.12	300,000	on same denomination
L. 1.00	20,000	on L.0.20 denomination
L. 2.00	10,000	on L.0.24 denomination

The printing will be done at the "Ariston" Press of this capital city and under the vigilance of persons designated and authorized by the Ministries of State in the Offices of Treasury and Finance, communications and Transportation, the General Accounting Office of the Republic, the Central Bank of Honduras, and the General Post Office. The color that will be used for the printing will be black, "negrito" type, and the legend should be of visible size. The plates used for the printing should be destroyed in the presence of the delegates, who shall make a corresponding Record. SO BE IT BROADCAST:
RAMON E. CRUZ, the Minster of State in the Offices of Communications and Transportation. ROBERTO CANTERO."

Translated by Paul L. Johnson Jr. SPA translator and submitted by John Cunningham.