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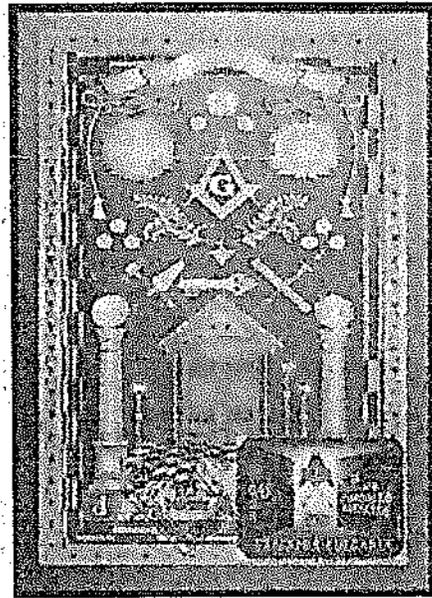
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## MORE PURE MASONIC ISSUES – GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE

Now that Bulgaria has “broken the ice” with their release in December 2003, they have issued another pure Masonic stamp. This one is to commemorate 125 years of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. I have not yet determined the exact release date but I believe it was in September. Illustrations of Maxim cards offered on eBay are shown here. I have ordered copies of this stamp but they have not arrived yet. In the next issue of the Newsletter I will provide the details of acquisition for those who are interested.



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### MASONIC SYMBOL STAMPS FROM BRAZIL

In the previous Newsletter I mistakenly credited the design of these stamps to Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil. I have been corrected by a couple of members as well as the official brochure for the set. The stamps were designed by Joao Guilherme.

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### NEW CONGO SHEET

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has issued another souvenir sheet (undoubtedly also speculative) as a tribute to Ronald Reagan. There are Masonic symbols in the margin as was the case for two previous issues however most of the individuals shown were not Freemasons – Reagan, J. Carter, R. Nixon, J. F. Kennedy, G. Washington and G. Ford are included. I am not illustrating it – the option to buy it is yours.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### ADDRESS CHANGE:

175. Emil Crab, Berlageplan 125, NL 2728 EE, Zoetermeer, The Netherlands  
323. Stephen Hill, 754 Sun creek Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91913

### RESIGNATION:

284. Ing. Th. J. de Gier, Bilthoven, The Netherlands

Bro. Hill informs us that he just recently had the pleasure and honor of attending the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, INC. Jurisdiction of Virginia where his brother Kenneth Hill was elected to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master on September 18, 2004.

Bro. Stan Longenecker has announced that he will be participating as a member of the German Regiment in the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "March In" of the troops to the Morristown encampment at the Morristown National Historical Park in Morristown, NJ, on December 4-5, 2004. The activities include presentations each day at the Pennsylvania Line huts, firing demonstrations and activities at the Ford Mansion (Washington's Headquarters) as part of Morristown's traditional "Holly Walk". He invites all members who are in that area to drop by and enjoy the festivities.

Our President, Bro. Gene Fricks has a new e-mail address – [genefricks@comcast.net](mailto:genefricks@comcast.net)

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### BRAZILIAN MASONIC SEAL/STAMP



Bro. Antonio Guilherme de Paiva has been able to secure a significant quantity of the personalized stamp which honors the AASR in his country. I have purchased a small quantity of them from him that I will offer for \$2.00 (plus SASE) for the pair of the personalized stamp and the regular issue as shown here. Bro. Antonio entertains orders – probably for about the same price. His address is Rua Capitaó Vilarim, 25 – Fabricas – 36301.008 – S.J. Del Rei/MG/Brasil. He can also be reached through his daughter's address: 12335 Shadowpoint Dr., Houston, TX 77082.

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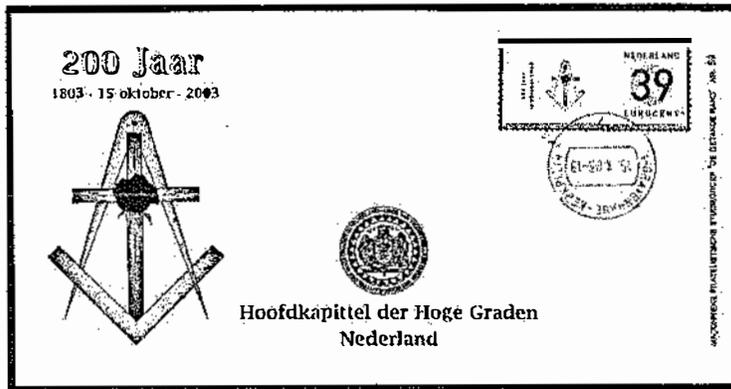
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## PERSONALIZED STAMPS FROM THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Masonic Stamp Club, De Getande Rand, was able to take advantage of the personalized stamps of their country and issue sheets with the logo design of the club. They were printed in sheets of ten stamps and a full size illustration is shown to enhance the "readability" of the design. Thank you for sharing this with us.



Use of this stamp on a Masonic Cacheted Cover has also been demonstrated to us.



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## AUSTRIAN PERSONALIZED STAMP

You will recall that in the previous Newsletter, an Austrian Stamp or Seal was illustrated. Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath informs us that this is a personal stamp which is valid for postage within Austria and any European country. The price for this personal stamp was high so the Club was only able to afford 1500 of them – they were issued on May 3, 2004.



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## JOHN WAYNE ISSUE BY THE USPS

September 9, 2004 marked the release of the Legends of Hollywood stamp and sheet in honor of John Wayne. The first-day ceremony was held at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, CA. The design of the stamp by Derry Noyes of Washington, DC, is based on a painting by Drew Struzan of Pasadena, CA which ties to John Ford's *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962). The selvaige art is also by Struzan and depicts Wayne in another Ford film *The Searchers* (1956).



John Wayne, born as Marion Morrison in Winterset, Iowa, in 1907, was a member of McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, Arizona.

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### LEWIS & CLARK LIFE ON CHRISTMAS DAY – 200 YEARS AGO

Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded a Lewis & Clark calendar page for December 1804. It is interesting to note what they did on Christmas Day during their famous trek.

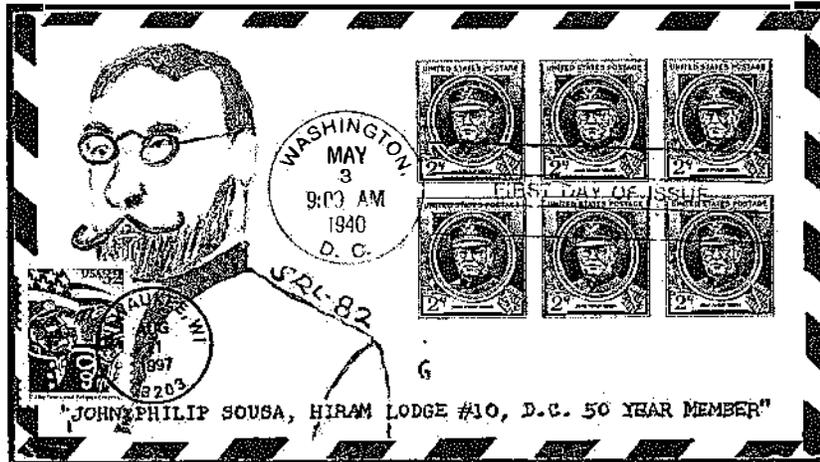
*Celebrating Christmas in the style of the time, the enlisted men and civilian boatmen all fire off three volleys of gunshots in the morning, awaking the captains. Clark authorizes a round of rum, and allows the cannons to be fired when the flag is raised. Although some go out to hunt, others spend the day dancing and "frolicking" until 9 P.M.*

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Please try to promote our Newsletter to other Masons and Philatelists. We need new members.

## JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded this unique hand-painted cover which he did in 1982 for the John Philip Sousa issue of May 8, 1940. He also provided a chronological history of highlights of his life. Bro. Sousa was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, DC. He petitioned the Lodge on June 3, was initiated July 15 and raised November 18, 1881. He was also a member of Eureka Chapter No. 4 R.A.M. in Washington, DC and was knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2, K.T. December 10, 1886. He was a Shriner in Almas Shrine Temple, also in Washington, DC.



Born November 6, 1854 in Washington, DC, he was the third of ten children of John Antonio (born in Spain) and Maria Elisabeth Trinkhaus (born in Bavaria). His father played trombone in the U.S. Marine Band. He began his musical study around the age of six, studying voice, violin, piano, flute, cornet, baritone, trombone and alto horn. His father enlisted him in the Marines at the age of 13 as an apprentice after he attempted to run away to join a circus band. He published his first composition, "Moonlight on the Potomac Waltzes" in 1872 and three years later was discharged from the Marines to begin performing on the violin, touring and then conducting theater orchestras.

He married in December 1879 and the following year returned to Washington, DC to assume leadership of the U.S. Marine Band. After serving in this role from 1880 to 1892 he was convinced to resign and organize a civilian concert band. The first Sousa Band concert was performed September 26, 1892 at Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, NJ. His first successful operetta, *El Capitan*, debuted in 1895 and he received the inspiration for *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, while on a return voyage from Europe in 1896. He toured Europe and the rest of the world with his band from 1900 to 1910 and in 1917 he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve at the age of 62 being assigned the rank of lieutenant and paid a salary of \$1 per month. After the war he continued to tour with his band and championed the cause for musical education. He died in 1932 at the age of 77 after conducting a rehearsal of the Ringgold Band in Reading, PA. The last piece he conducted was *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION



Bro. Norman Lincoln was able to perform some detailed research into the scene depicted on the Washington Inauguration stamp of 1939. Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887) painted the picture. The persons are identified, from left to right, (by Bro. Christopher Murphy) as Robert Livingston, Arthur St. Clair, Samuel Otis, Henry Knox, Roger Sherman, George Washington, Baron von Steuben and John Adams. Also believed to be in the picture are John Jay, Henry Lee, Meriwether Lewis, Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg and George Clinton. It is interesting to note that most of these individuals were Masons.

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## FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB

In 2005 the Rotary Club will celebrate its centennial. Two of the four founders of Rotary were Masons. Paul Harris is well known. Augustus Henry Loehr, 1864-1918, is not. The Club was started in his office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street in Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905. He was a mining engineer and jeweler. He was raised in Lakeside Lodge No. 739 in 1886.



Bro. Norman Lincoln was able to gather this information from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Rotary International websites.

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## LAST OF THE GAR and UCV VETERANS



The September 13 issue of Linn's carried an article on the last survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Civil War Union Army. It includes this picture of James Hard, who died March 11, 1953 in Rochester, NY at the age of 111, the oldest living Union soldier at the time of his death. He is pictured with his great-grandson at a meeting of the Masonic war veterans post named in his honor. The Masonic emblem is visible on the great-grandson's shoulder patch and hat.

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## LEROY GORDON COOPER

Bro. Leroy Gordon Cooper, one of the Original Seven Astronauts, died of natural causes October 4, 2004, at the age of 77 in his Ventura, CA home. As one of the nation's first astronauts, he became a hero to a generation of Americans in the early 1960s as the country tried to catch the Soviet Union in the space race. On May 15, 1963, he piloted Faith 7, the Mercury program's last flight, circling the globe 22 times in 34 hours and 20 minutes. He was also the first astronaut to sleep in space. A serious glitch materialized in Faith 7's final orbits when a short-circuit left its automatic stabilization and control system without electric power. With carbon dioxide levels rising in both Cooper's suit and the cabin, he issued the classic understatement, "Things are beginning to stack up a little." He then radioed that he would pursue a manual re-entry. Fellow Mercury program astronaut, Bro. John Glenn, recalled that the onboard clock was not working properly. Cooper relied on Glenn's voice for a manual countdown for the timing of the firing rockets that would ensure landing in the right spot.

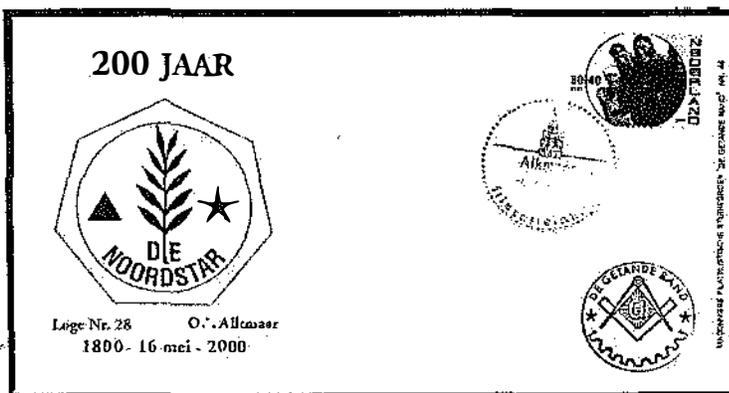
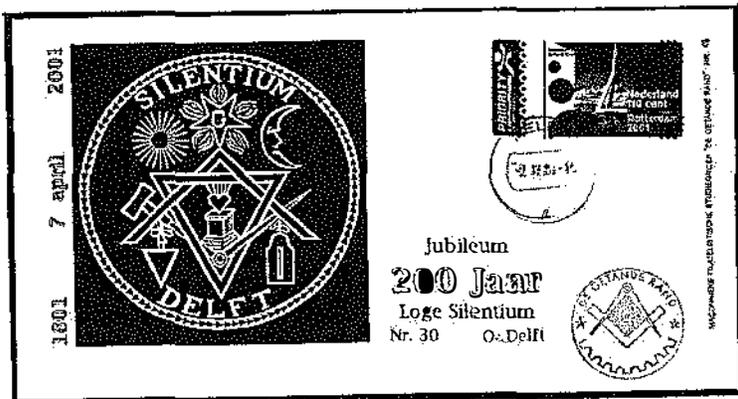


Bro. Cooper was a member of Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Colorado

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## COVERS FROM DE GETANDE RAND

Two very attractive Masonic Cacheted Covers have been published by the Netherlands Masonic Stamp Club, De Getande Rand. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Ing. H. J. Godthelp, Weurden 53, 7181 MH Winterswijk, The Netherlands.



## NEW ISSUES

The following releases of Masonic note have been announced in the philatelic media:

Nov. 5, 2003 – Dominican Republic – Jose Marti, 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value

Jan. 28, 2004 – Cuba – Jose Marti, nine values

June 15 – Sri Lanka – World Blood Donors Day, one value

June 22 – Nicaragua – Painting by Ruben Dario, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one value

July 1 – Grenada Carriocca & Petite Martinique – D-Day, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, four stamps,  
Two panes of 4 se-tenant stamps and 2 S/S – include W. Churchill

Aug. 20 – Brazil – Masonry. Block of four se-tenant stamps

Aug. 20 – San Marino – Characters from Literature, three values – include Oscar Wilde

Aug. 24 – Marshall Islands – Lewis & Clark Expedition, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, se-tenant strip of three stamps

Aug. 25 – Singapore – A Stamp Journey, three values – includes King George VI

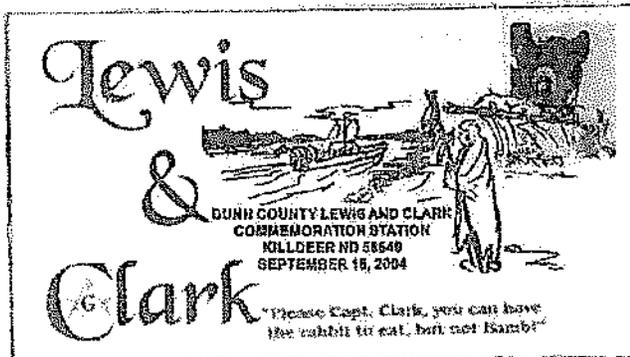
Sept. 7 – Grenada – Lewis & Clark Expedition, pane of three se-tenant stamps

Sept. 9 – Marshall Islands – John Wayne, sheet of twelve.



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### BRO. STAN “MAKES” LINN’S



Did everyone catch Bro. Stan’s unique cover shown in the Oct. 25 Reader’s Opinion column? He used his Lewis & Clark all purpose cachet and added “Please Capt. Clark, you can have the rabbit to eat, but not Bambi.” The stamp used for franking was the Bambi & Thumper Disney stamp and the special cancel was the Dunn County Lewis and Clark Commemoration Station, Killdear, ND slogan of Sept. 18, 2004. Clever!!

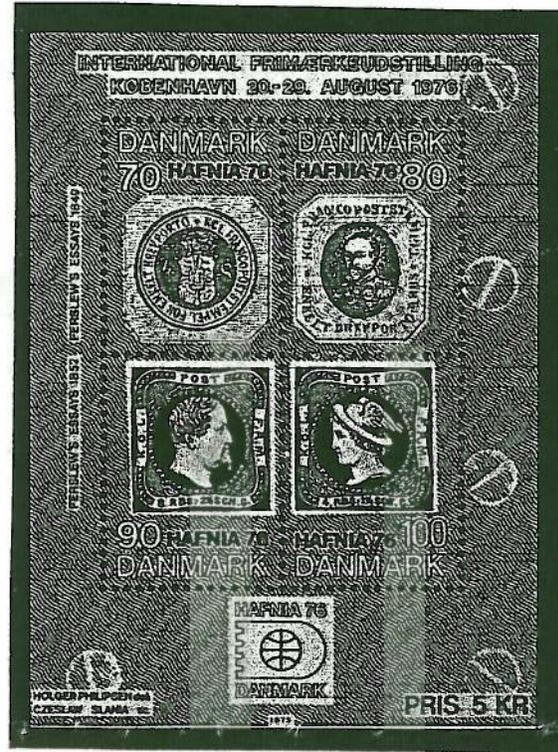
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Bro. Ing. Godthelp informs us that Nikolaj Andrejevitsj Rimsky-Korsakov was not a Freemason. This finally eliminates the guessing and puts this question to rest

## KING FREDERICK VII

Frederick VII, King of Denmark from 1848 to 1863 was born Oct. 10, 1808, in Copenhagen. He was the son of Bro. Christian VIII (1786-1848) who had been initiated in 1817 in Castle Odense in the Lodge "Maria zu den drei Herzen" – he was the patron of Freemasonry from 1836 to 1848. Frederick VII was initiated into Freemasonry in 1827 in Geneva and in 1839 he was installed in the Lodge "Maria zu den drei Herzen" by his father. As soon as he became King of Denmark in 1848, he also became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

Excellent Master Helsingor of Kosmos Lodge asked the permission of Frederick to work in the Scottish Rite. Since Frederick had been initiated into the higher degrees of the Swedish Rite by King Charles XV of Sweden, he approved use of the Swedish system by the Danish Lodges in 1855. Under Frederick's guidance, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, "Danske Store Landsloge" became the VIIth Provincial Grand Lodge of the Swedish Rite in 1858.



Frederick VII was the first Constitutional King of Denmark and the last male descendant from the elder bough of the House of Oldenburg. Both of his marriages were childless – he had become divorced. In 1848 he approved the Constitution for Denmark which was necessitated because of a rebellion in the duchies of Sleswijk and Holstein. In 1855 this Constitution was also adopted by the duchies. He died on Nov. 15, 1863 in Glucksburg and was buried in the cathedral of Roskilde where most of the Danish Royalty was buried.

-article "copied" from De Verlichte Loep the Newsletter of the Netherlands De Getande Rand – many thanks to Bro, H. J. Godthelp

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### ANDRE HONNORAT



Andre Honnorat, a French philanthropist, was born in 1868. He served as a Deputy and a Senator and was a strong advocate of public education. He was initiated on December 13, 1900, in the Lodge Les Trois Amis, in the Grande Oriente de France, in Paris. He died on November 19, 1950.

-again thanks to Bro. Godthelp and De Verlichte Loep

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## FREIHERR FERDINAND VON HOMPESCH

Born in 1744 in Dusseldorf, Germany, he was the last Grand Master of the Roman Catholic Maltese Order – Order of the Knights of St. John of Malta. In 1797 he became the first and only German Grand Master of the Order and he and all the other knights were expelled with force from Malta by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1798. He fled to Triest where he and his companions were under the protection of Austria.

The Knights of the Grand Priory of Russia which included many French emigrants, looked to the Protector of the Order to help them. The Protector, the Czar, wanted to be Grand Master of the Order; therefore the Russian Knights deposed Ferdinand Von Hompesch on July 6, 1799. In September 1798, Czar Paul I became Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of St. John but the election was declared a farce because only the Russian Knights had voted for him. From 1799 on, the Knights from the other countries tried to induce Von Hompesch to resume his command as Grand Master but he died in 1805 in Montpellier, France.

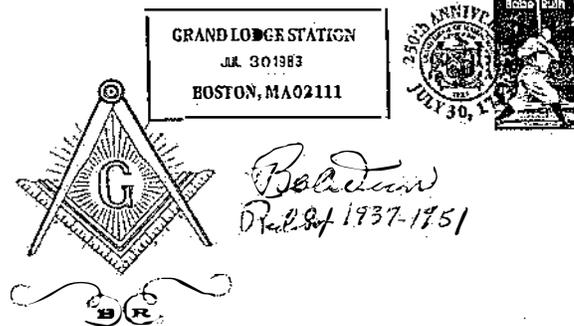
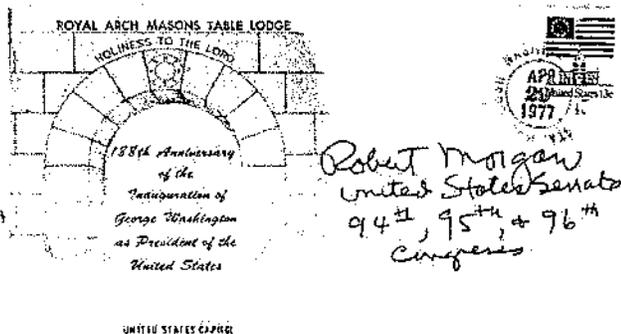


Ferdinand Von Hompesch became a member of the Lodge La Parfaite Amitie in East Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1765.

-once again thanks to Bro. Godthelp and De Verlichte Loep

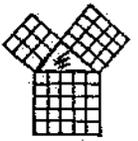
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### AUTOGRAPHED COVERS FROM PETER WESTBERE



Robert Morgan – U.S. Senator  
Lillington Lodge 302, Lillington, NC

Bobby Doer – Boston Red Sox, Hall of Fame  
Juncton City Lodge 128, Junction City, OR



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## TOM MIX

January 6, 2005, marks the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Tom Mix in El Paso County, Texas. In his early life he was a cowboy in Texas, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana. In the Spanish-American War he served in the Army in the Philippines and in China in the Boxer Rebellion. In the Boer War he served with the British. Returning to America, he served as Sheriff of Montgomery County, Kansas and Washington County, Oklahoma. He went on to serve as a deputy US Marshal and a Texas Ranger. He then served some time as a livestock foreman in Bliss, Oklahoma and as a member of the Sells-Floto Circus where he won national riding and roping contests at Prescott, AZ (1909) and Canon City, CO (1911). His motion picture career began in 1910; he did not become famous until he joined Fox in 1917. He promoted an image of a rugged he-man who loved his horse, Tony, and seldom used his guns. He did not drink, smoke or curse on screen and his appeal was widespread becoming the most popular Western hero of the 1920s. In 1933 he organized his own Tom Mix Circus and Wild West Show making appearances in the U.S. and Europe. He was killed in an automobile accident in Florence, Arizona, on Oct. 12, 1940.



Tom Mix was raised in Utopia Lodge No. 57, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 21, 1925. He was so pleased to be a Mason that he paid ten years dues in advance. He was an active member of the "233 Club" taking part in conferring Blue Lodge Degrees with that group of Mason-actors. He was buried with Masonic honors on Oct. 16, 1940.

Article and cover provided by Bro. Stan Longenecker, Mount Joy, PA

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

113. Franco Herrera G., Allende 305, Pachuca, Hidalgo 42000, Mexico  
115. Stanley Isaacson, 96 Mountain Road, Albrightsville, PA 18210

### CLOSED ALBUMS:

68. Willem F. Smit, late of Heelsum, the Netherlands  
233. William Phelps, late of Beaver Dam, KY

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

65. Lucas L. Lee, Jr., 102 Latta Circle, Durham, NC 27712  
139. Richard O. Wright, 2449 Brittany Court, Lodi, CA 95242  
226. Christopher Murphy, Suite 903, 7171 Beresford St., Burrnaby B.C. V5E 3Z8 Canada  
285. William R. Bartlett, 1895 Woodchase Glen Drive, Cordova, TN 38016

### Missing – Mail Returned:

398. Edmun V. Ralph, last reached in Dons Mills, Canada

### Members Activities:

Bro. Joseph Harowitz of Norfolk, VA was scheduled to be elected Master of bis Lodge this past month of December. He was Junior Warden and the Senior Warden dropped out of line for personal reasons. He is 84 years old and was last Worshipful Master in 1986. He does not expect much of a problem because he has the support of the Past Masters. Best of luck, Bro. Joseph.

Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Brazilian Masonic Stamp Club, is searching for copies of the stamps issued which picture Masonic buildings (Iceland, Honduras, Surinam) and those which picture the Masonic Square and Compasses along with known Masons (Dominica 1979, Turks & Caicos 1989, Guinea and Tanzania) and the Maldives issue for Mozart. Anyone who can help him out is encouraged to contact him at Caixa Postal 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis – SC, Brazil.

## CANADA POST MASONIC CANCEL

Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesy has forwarded a copy of a recent Canadian cancel which includes the Masonic emblem. It was used to commemorate 100 years of Freemasonry in the Yukon Territory and was dated September 23, 2004 (or Sept. 2 to 3). Does any member have any further details? Were there any covers issued in association with this event?



## BRAZILIAN SYMBOL STAMPS

In the previous Newsletter I credited Bro. R. M. Schramm as being the designer of the four stamps issued by Brazil which pictured Masonic Symbols. Unfortunately, he did not design the stamps actually issued – that honor rested with Joao Guilherme. I was not too far off, however, as Bro. Schramm had submitted a set of designs for the stamps. Shown here, they were not that much different from the final product. Thanks for the clarification, Bro. Schramm.



## MAXIM CARDS ISSUED BY BRO. SCHRAMM



Bro. Dr. Schramm requests that anyone who is impressed by the Masonic issues produced by Brazil signify their approval of recognition of the Fraternity through testimonials or other formal recognition to Brazilian Company of Mail and Telegraphs, Department of Philately, SCS – Quadra 4 – Lote 36 – Bloco A No 256, 70300-500 BRASILIA, DF, BRAZIL. It would be appreciated as there is a great deal of effort required.

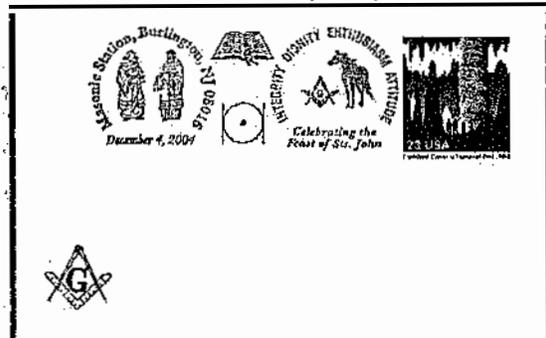
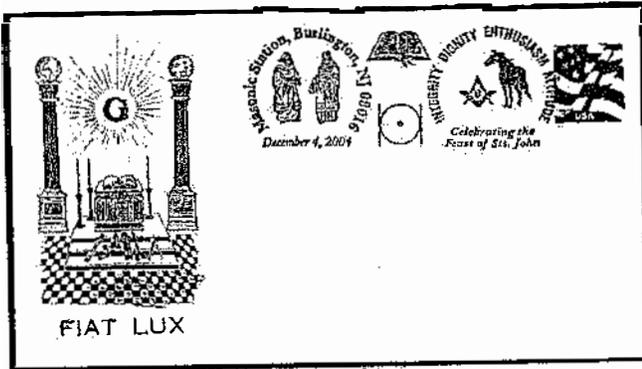
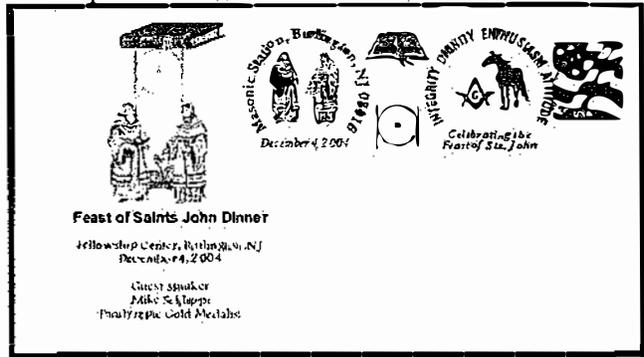
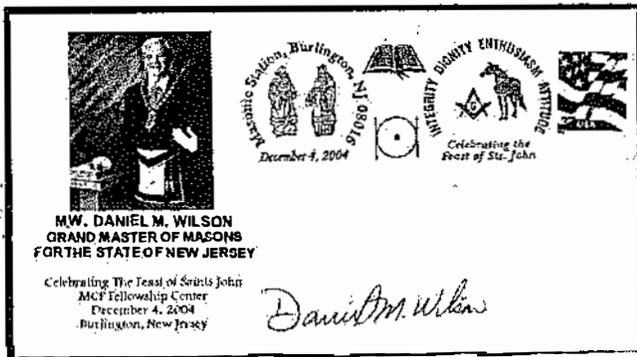
**COMPLETE SET OF NICHOLAS KOUTROULIS MSU COVERS**

One of our long standing members has a set of the Masonic covers which Nicholas Koutroulis produced while Editor of the MSU Newsletter. They are numbered 1 through 38 with 10 individual covers associated with #5 (the 10 historic flags of 1968); a total of 47 covers. All but four are US stamps/cancels; EFIMEX '68, Sir Walter Scott (GB – 1971), Capt. Robert F. Scott (GB – 1972) and the Silver Wedding Anniversary (GB – 1972) are the exceptions. They span the years 1968 to 1974, are unaddressed (except for Walter Scott which has a stick on label) and in mint condition. I hesitate to offer them on eBay because I fear the true value will not be recognized. I believe that \$150.00 is a fair and reasonable value and offer them to the first bidder for that price.

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**ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINTS JOHN COVERS**

Bro. M. Richard Mekenian, 711 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762, has prepared a set of four covers for this year's Grand Lodge of New Jersey Feast of Saints John held on Dec. 6, 2004, at Burlington, NJ. They are available from him at a cost of \$10 for the set. All proceeds from the sale of these covers goes to Masonic Charities.



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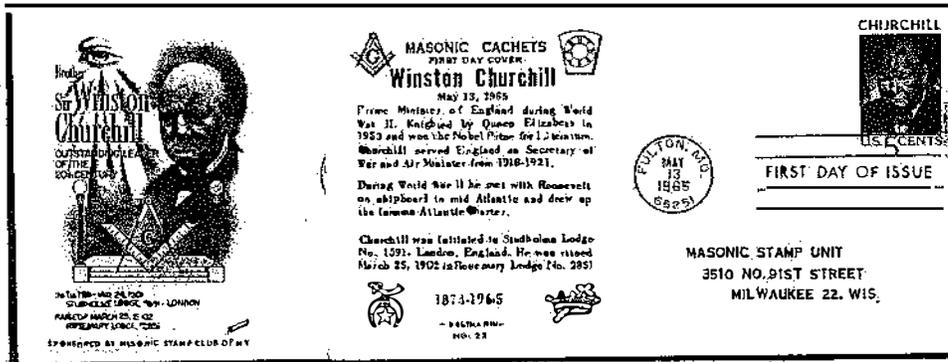
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## WINSTON CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill was initiated in Studholme Lodge No. 1591, London, England. He was raised March 25, 1902 in Rosemary Lodge No. 2851. He has been pictured on many stamps that have been issued around the world. Shown here are the MSC of NY and Beltmann Cacheted Covers for the US issue of May 13, 1965. 2005 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death year.



Winston Churchill was born in Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, on November 30, 1874. After being educated at Harrow, he went to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He joined the Fourth Hussars in 1895 and saw action on the Indian north-west frontier and in the Sudan where he took part in the Battle of Omdurman (1898). While in the army he supplied military reports for the Daily Telegraph and wrote books. After leaving the British Army in 1899 he worked as a War Correspondent. While reporting the Boer War in Africa he was taken prisoner by the Boers but made headline news when he escaped.

He was elected as the Conservative MP for Oldham in the 1900 General Election but changed to the Liberal Party in 1904. In the 1906 General Election he won North West Manchester and immediately became a member of the new Liberal government as Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies. He was promoted to the President of the Board of Trade in the cabinet in 1908. Following the 1910 General Election he became Home Secretary and in October 1911, First Lord of the Admiralty where he helped modernize the navy. He held many different positions during World War I and after being blamed for the failure at the Dardanelles Campaign in 1915 he rejoined the British Army and commanded a battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers on the Western Front.

He jumped in and out of politics and newspaper work for the next decade or so and by the mid 1930s was advocating that Britain and France should form a military alliance with the Soviet Union to counter the Nazi Party. Appointed Prime Minister in 1940, he proved to be the leading factor in Great Britain and worked closely with Franklin D. Roosevelt. He lost the 1945 General Election to Clement Attlee but was returned to power after the 1951 General Election. After winning the Nobel Prize for Literature for his six-volume "The Second World War", his health continued to deteriorate and he died on January 24, 1965.

-article and covers provided by Bro. Stan Longenecker, Mount Joy, PA



## D-DAY SOUVENIR SHEETS - MALDIVES

The Maldives issued a series of five sheets of six stamps and five Souvenir Sheets on May 19, 2004, to commemorate D-Day. Several US Masons are shown on these issues. Do any of our readers know of other military leaders which are pictured who were Masons?

Our President, Bro. Gene Fricks believes that Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe was a Mason but I can find no substantiation of this belief. Any inputs???

Gen. George Catlett Marshall – Born Dec. 31, 1880, in Uniontown, PA. He was a student at Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned in 1901 as an Infantry lieutenant. He advanced to the rank of major general in 1939 and general of the army in 1944. He served with the AEF during World War I, was chief of staff 1939 to 1945 and appointed Ambassador to China in 1945. He served as US Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and President of the Red Cross. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953 he was made a Mason “at sight” on Dec. 16, 1941 by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. He never affiliated with a Lodge.

Winston Churchill – see previous page

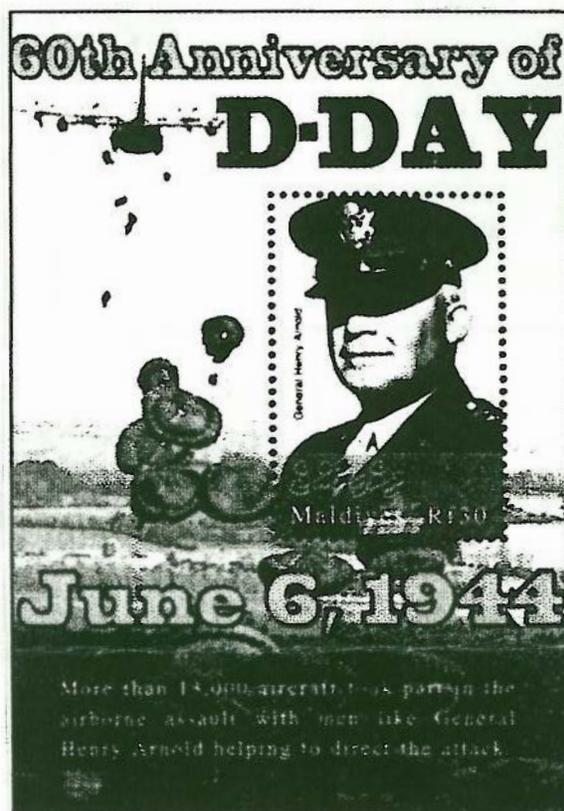
Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley – Born Feb. 12, 1893 at Clark, MO. He was graduated from West Point in 1915; he advanced to brigadier general in 1941 and general of the army in 1950. He served as Chairman, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1949 to 1953. He was raised in West Point Lodge No. 877, Highland Falls, NY in 1923.

Gen. Henry Hartley Arnold – Born June 25, 1886 in Gladwyne, PA. He was graduated from West Point in 1907 and advanced to full general in 1943. He was Commanding General of the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He received his degrees in Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, KS in 1927 and his 33<sup>rd</sup> degree on Oct. 19, 1945.

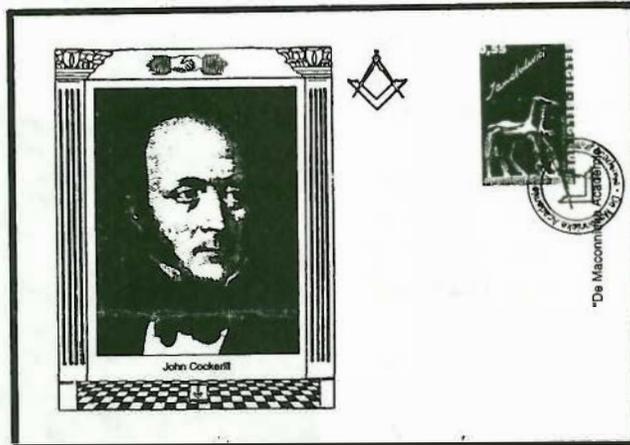
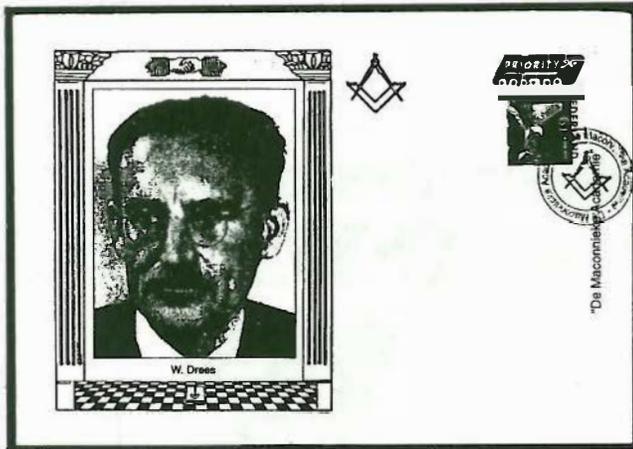
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### MEMBERSHIP DATE CODE

Several members have asked for clarification of the Membership Date Code on the mailing label. The four digits are YYMM – Year and Month. Please stay current.



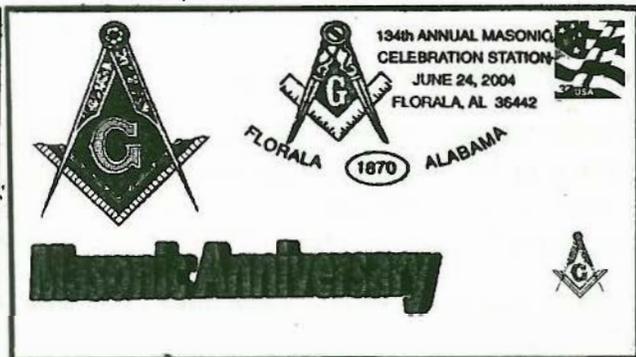
**MORE COVERS FROM "DE MACONNIEKE ACADEMIE"**



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**INTERESTING CACHETS FOR THE FLORALA, AL, CANCEL**

I was able to acquire these on eBay from a Jeff Brotzman, Vineland, NJ.



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**NEW ISSUES**

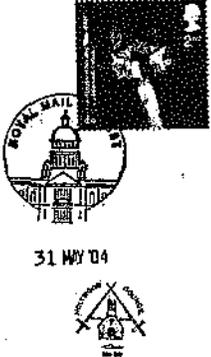
Not many new issues of Masonic note cited in Linn's Weekly over the past two months. I believe I will switch over to reporting based on the Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal.

Oct. 2004 – St. Helena – Christmas/The Saints. Four stamps including St. John.

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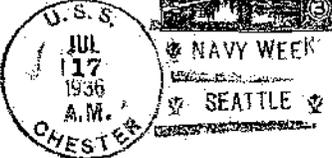
## IRELAND COVERS FROM BRO. FRANK ELLIOTT

Many thanks to Bro. Frank H. Elliott, 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, Northern Ireland for his annual Christmas card and letter which contained his specially prepared Masonic Cacheted Covers. There were several nice ones honoring events within his Masonic sphere. Two are shown here. Anyone who might be interested in acquiring these for their collection should contact Bro. Frank. He has let up on his Rugby Football involvement so he has "plenty" of time to correspond.

<p style="text-align: center;">Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim <b>Fisherwick Masonic Lodge No. 505</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Constitution and Dedication</b> by Right Worshipful Brother John S. Dunlop <i>Provincial Deputy Grand Master</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worshipful Master</i> Worshipful Brother David Penpraze, P.P.G-Inspector</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freemasons' Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th November 2003</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grand Council of Knight Masons <b>HOLYWOOD COUNCIL</b> OF KNIGHT MASONS No. 36 1944-2004</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diamond Jubilee Celebrations</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Excellent Sir Knight PHILIP RANKIN <i>Excellent Chief</i> in the presence of Most Excellent Sir Knight MERVYN W. MORRISON <i>The Most Excellent Great Chief</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">McCannon Memorial Masonic Hall Sullivan Place, Holywood, Co. Down 31st May 2004</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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## TWO MORE INTERESTING COVERS

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## BOB WILLIS CANCEL

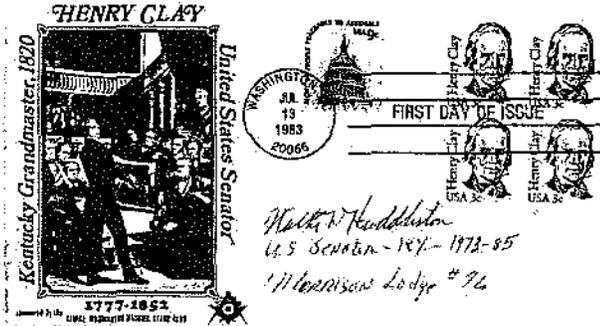


1940 ANNUAL BOB WILLIS  
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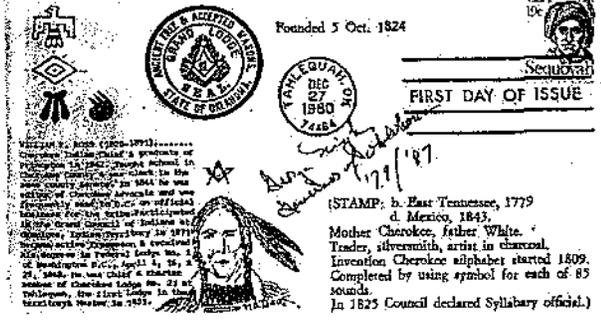
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Pres. Fricks sent in this special cancel for Bob Willis and stated that he was a Mason. Unfortunately, I have no information on this individual – Masonic or profane. Any Help out there???

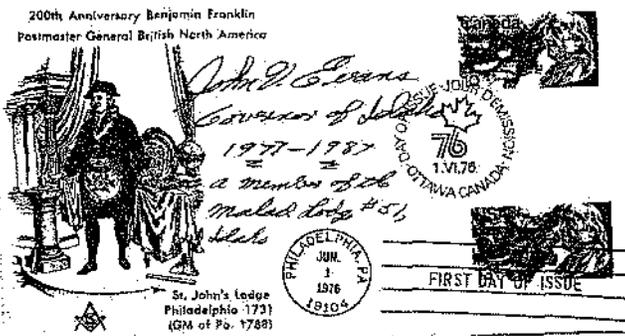
**INTERESTING AUTOGRAPHED COVERS FROM BRO. PETER WESTBERE**



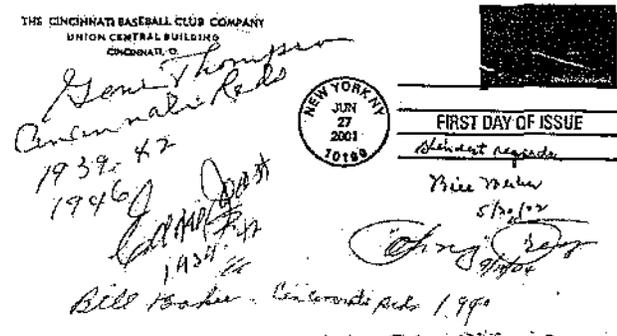
Sen. Walter D. Huddleston  
 US Senator from Kentucky 1973-95  
 Morrison Lodge #76  
 Elizabethtown, KY



Gov. George Nigh  
 Governor of Oklahoma 1999-87  
 South McAlester Lodge #96  
 McAlester, OK



Gov. John V. Evans  
 Governor of Idaho 1977-87  
 Malad Lodge #51  
 Malad, ID



Cover signed by the last five surviving members of the 1940 World Series Champion Cincinnati Reds  
 Two are Masons – Bill Werber, Stansbury Lodge #8, Washington, DC, and Gene Thompson, Macon Lodge #8, Decatur, IL

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**GIUSEPPI GIOACCHINO BELLI**

This popular Italian poet was born Sept. 10, 1791 in Rome. After a very unhappy youth he became a clerical worker; he became anti-clerical later in his career. He married a very rich widow in 1816 and was able to pursue his desires to create poetry. He wrote many satirical poems which he lived to regret in later life and he wanted to burn them before he died. He wrote more than 2000 sonnets in Roman dialect. The complete collection was edited by Morandi in six parts (1866-1889). These poems present a good portrayal of Rome in his time. After several years he went into service to the Pope and again wrote religious poems. He died Dec. 21, 1863 in Rome and a monument to him was erected in 1813.



Bro. Mathieu Regoor states he was a Mason but has no details. He is pictured on a 1991 stamp issued by Italy.

Thank you to Bro. Godthelp and De Verlichte Loep

## DECISION TIME

As we near the end of another term of the Masonic Study Unit, I would like to ask the membership to make a decision as to the course we wish to follow. The original MSU/ATA groups were run by a single individual – John Mirt, Clarence Beltmann and then Nicholas Koutroulis. Each of those groups ran quite effectively until the lead person encountered conflicts with his working career and the unit was disbanded. In 1977, when the concept was revived for the third time, the organizers established an appreciable slate of officers and Directors. Over the ensuing 28 years we have had several capable Presidents, two Editors and at least two Secretary/Treasurers. Bro. Walter Kirby served as Editor from 1977 until he suffered his third heart attack in April 1984 and passed away. I assumed the role that month and have served since. I am only 67 3/4 years old, a cardiac catheterization this past summer has shown my heart is in great shape and I believe I can continue for many years yet – I really enjoy the research, writing and corresponding. I should be entering that phase called retirement within the next three months so I will not run into work conflicts.

I must admit that the assumption of the role of Secretary/Treasurer has not added any complexity to my service to the Unit – in fact, I believe it has made things a bit easier. I don't have to ask the Secretary/Treasurer who has paid, who should be dunned and who should be dropped – I am able to maintain those records quite readily. I thank those who have offered to take over the Secretary/Treasurer role, but it really is easier the way it is. The books are always open for inspection should anyone have any questions. The financial report which will be provided in the next Newsletter will show we are in fairly good shape. I just wish we had more members. Having a President of the Unit does have its advantages – someone to look up to, to lead us in the research and reporting.

I would like to ask the members if they would entertain a change in the By-Laws to combine the Editor and Secretary/Treasurer positions. It could be made an elective position. Also, should we continue to have a President? I guess the bottom line is do we want a single individual organization or a two person structure. I am definitely not dictatorial but I am comfortable in the role I am presently filling. Please let me know your feelings. Thank you.

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### INTERESTING LODGE FUNERAL NOTICE

Back when postal cards could be delivered the same day that they were mailed, Lodges could send out notices\* regarding Masonic funerals and expect a good turn-out. This example was issued by Temple Lodge #248, Tunkhannock, PA in 1899.



Secretary's Office Temple Lodge,

No. 248, F. & A. M.

Tunkhannock, Pa., May 30, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

Brother Absalom L. Carey died at his residence in South Eaton this morning, after a short illness. There will be an informal meeting of the Lodge at Masonic Hall on Friday, June 2d, at one o'clock p. m. Carriages will be in waiting to convey the Brethren to South Eaton, where the funeral of our late Brother will be held at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in charge of the Lodge. Interment in South Eaton Cemetery. Let as many of the Brethren be present as can possibly go.

By order of

CHARLES E. TERRY, W. M.

Attest : BRADLEY W. LEWIS, Sec'y.

## RADEN SALEH SARIF BASTAMAN



Saleh was born in Terboyo, Semarang in 1813. Although some sources set his birth year as between 1807 and 1814, he stated that he preferred not to be born in 1814. He died in his home in Buitenzorg, Indonesia on April 23, 1880. He was a 19<sup>th</sup> century modern naturalistic painter, the first Indonesian painter, painting in western style. He is pictured on a souvenir sheet issued by Indonesia in 1980.

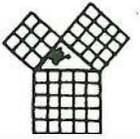
Saleh belonged to a regent family of Arabic descent. During his youth he resided primarily in the court of his uncle, the regent of Semarang in Terboyo. This uncle saw that Saleh loved painting and arranged for him to study under the Belgian painter, A. A. J. Payen. At the age of 17 Saleh traveled to Holland as clerk of the Inspector of Finances, Jean Baptiste de Linge. He was supposed to stay only for a short time but stayed for more than 23 years in Europe – Holland, Germany, France and Italy. His love for his country was demonstrated by his dressing in royal costumes of Java for all important meetings. In The Hague he met a lion tamer and painted his portrait so he could study the life of the lions. He met several painters in Holland who were all members of a Lodge in that city. It is believed that this was the exposure which created his interest in the Fraternity. In 1829 he went to Dresden where he met Grand Duke Ernst II who was also a Mason. He met Horace Vernet in Paris. In 1851 he returned to Java as “Painter of the King”. In return for his support while in Holland, he served as the first custodian of the Museum which contained paintings of the country. He painted many portraits of aristocrats of Java and many landscapes. In 1869 he was accused of being the creator of the Bekasi troubles – undoubtedly because of his European years. He married a wealthy daughter of an Indo-European planter, spent her money very quickly, divorced her and married a girl from Java. When he died in 1880, his several medals were put in a silver dish carried with him in the funeral procession.

The Dutch Masonic magazine *Thoth* states that he was Initiated into Freemasonry on Nov. 25, 1836 while living in The Hague. There are no more mentions of his name in the minute-book – probably because he spent most of his time traveling.

-Again, thanks to Bro. Godthelp and the Netherlands Masonic Group

Additional paintings of Raden Saleh Sarif Bastaman shown on Indonesian stamps.





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### DIMITRIE CANTEMIR and FREEMASONRY in ROMANIA

Recently Romania issued a set of three stamps and a souvenir sheet to commemorate World Organizations. The three stamps honor the Lions Club, Red Cross and Boy Scouts. The Souvenir sheet pictures Dimitrie Cantemir, a coat of arms in the background and a bold Masonic Square and Compasses. I have not yet determined the connection between this individual and Freemasonry but there must have been one which led the Romanian postal department to select the designs used for this sheet.



Dimitrie Cantemir, a Prince of Moldavia, excellent linguist, encyclopedist scholar, writer and trained performer and composer of Ottoman music, was born September 26, 1673, in the Silisteni villages, Falciu county, as a scion of Moldavian boyard family of Cantemir. He was educated at the Priestly Court of Iasi in eleven languages, literature and history under the Greek priest Cacavela. His father had become a ruler of Moldavia; Dimitrie lived in Constantinople (Istanbul) from 1688 to 1710 having been pledged there to the High Gate by his father. After his father's death in 1693, he was elected prince of Moldavia but the Ottomans did not confirm him, his brother was elected instead. He did return to become Volvode (Prince) of Moldavia in 1710 and had only served one year when he joined Peter the Great in his campaign against the Ottoman Empire. The Russian-Moldovian army was defeated at Stanilesti and he was obliged to escape to Russia with his family and 4,000 Moldovians. There he was titled Prince of the Russian Empire by Peter the Great and Prince of the Holy Roman Empire by Charles VI. He died at his estate, Dimitrievska, north of Kharkov, in 1723. In 1935 his remains were brought back to his homeland and were buried at Iasi. His Masonic ties have not yet been determined but the fact that he was associated with Peter the great indicates they probably existed.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

None

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

420. Peter Lindsay, 21432 95 Ave., Langley, B.C. V1M 1T3, Canada

### CLOSED ALBUMS:

191. Joris Meltzer, late of the Netherlands (Sept. 21, 2004 of lung cancer)

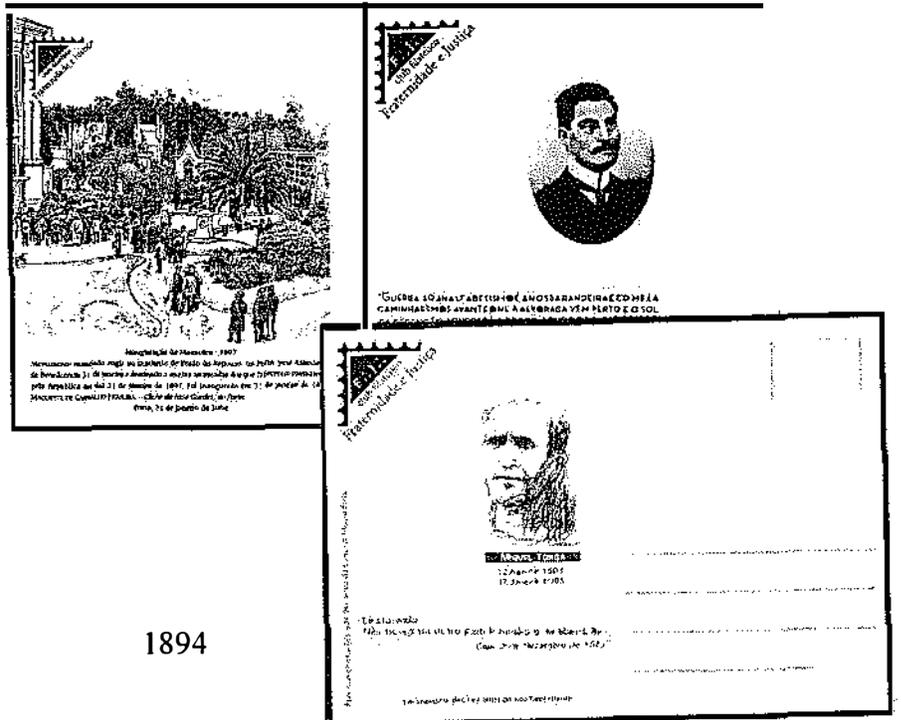
Bro. Eddie Levey (who shows up on eBay periodically as steadyeddie) proudly announces that in March 2005 he will be elevated to Very Worshipful Bro. Levey, Past Grand Inspector of Workings. Congratulations, Bro. Eddie.

There was some response to the question posed in the previous Newsletter regarding my serving as Secretary-Treasurer as well as Editor. I thank you for the unanimous consensus. I also received a suggestion that the newsletter be printed on 11 X 17 paper and folded into a bound edition with a front cover masthead to add the professional look. Any other thoughts on this approach? It was also suggested that we develop a website.

Bro. Emiel Crab of the Netherlands has compiled a catalog of Freemasons and Freemasonry on stamps and covers. It contains all the items he has found in the Verlichte Loep, the Newsletter published by the Netherlands de Getsande Rand, our Newsletter and the files of Bro. Wessel Lans. It is a formidable work which he created for himself but he is sharing it with anyone interested. His contact points are: Berlageplan 125, NL 2728 EE, Zoetermeer, The Netherlands; Phone 00 31 79 3439794; [emiel@antverperix.be](mailto:emiel@antverperix.be)

We have had no offers for the complete set of Nick Koutroulis Masonic Cacheted Covers at \$150 for the run of 47 covers. I see these covers selling on eBay for at least \$3.00 apiece – perhaps it is the large quantity which turns members off – or perhaps we all already have them. Disbelieving the latter, we will entertain any reasonable offer. Please contact me.

Apparently a new Masonic Philatelic group has been formed. We have received an introduction note from Bro. Carlos Dios, President of the Club Fraternity and Justice in Portugal. He included four unused Masonic Cachets with an offer to purchase material from us. I will find out what his cover producing plans are and perhaps we can serve as a contact point for them in this country.



## BOB WILLS

We received several inputs regarding the Masonic membership of James Robert "Bob" Wills, the Father of Country Swing. Born near Kosse TX March 6, 1905 and died May 13, 1975, he was married five times. There is no record, however, of his ever having been a Freemason so we must remove him from our listings.

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## BRONSON PINCHOT

Bronson Pinchot was born in New York City but moved with his family to South Pasadena CA when he was two and a half years old. After graduating from South Pasadena High School, he attended Yale University on a scholarship with the intention of studying painting and drawing in order to become an illustrator. This interest was soon exchanged for acting. He landed his first role as Jacques in a production of "As You Like It" and then followed with "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Shortly after graduating, Bronson was spotted by a casting director and was cast in a New York production of Paul Rudnok's "Poor Little Lambs". From there he went on to several film credits. He also has TV credits for his roles on "Perfect Strangers", "Stephen King's The Langoliers" and "Clueless". He lives in Beverly Hills CA with his fiancée, writer-director Amy Heckerling. In his spare time he likes to study and collect Greek sculpture, 400 to 31 B.C.



By virtue of a dispensation granted by the R.W. Grand Master, the three degrees were conferred on Actor Bronson Pinchot in Harford Lodge No. 445, Hop Bottom, PA, in December 2002. He is pictured here, front row, extreme left, along with the Masters who conferred the degrees and other Lodge and District officers.

-many thanks to Bro. Norman Lincoln

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## TOM MIX – ADDED INFORMATION

Bro. Lincoln also informs us that Tom Mix's interest in Masonry led him to form a club called "The Westerners" which was composed of Masons who worked for him or for Twentieth Century Fox. Our late Bro. Jerry Erikson named several of them including his three principal cameramen Daniel Bryan Clark (1890-1961) who won two Oscars, Frank B. Good (1884-1938) and Benjamin H. Kline (1894-1974) who photographed 309 films during his career.

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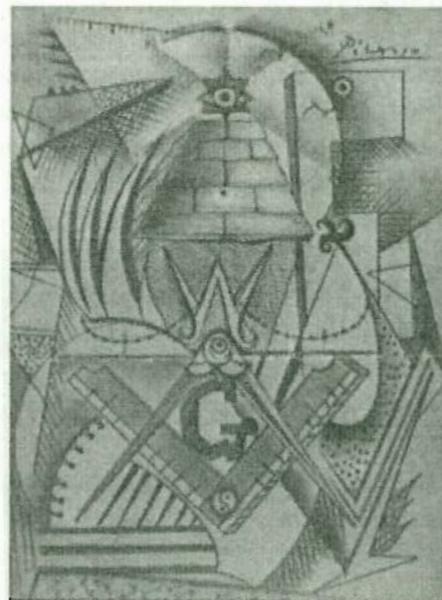
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**PICASSO – WAS HE A MASON?**

Two lots recently offered on eBay tend to lead one to believe that Picasso was a Freemason. If he were, there are many stamps we could use to illustrate his page in our albums. Both lots offered “Picasso Signed Original Replica Drawings” – one was titled “Masonic Art”, the other “Masonic Lodge”. They are cited as being 9 X 12 hand executed superb quality vintage graphite pencil drawings on paper, signed “Picasso” towards the top right corner of the work. They were part of a collection assembled by Phil Westin, Art Collector. They have no documents and have not been researched, so they are sold as Attributed to or in the Manner of Picasso or Replica Style of Picasso. Both were offered in three day auctions with starting bids in the \$25 range; The “Art” went for \$185, the “Temple” for \$510. Can any member shed any light on this possible case?



Masonic Art



Masonic Lodge

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**THE MASONIC ACADEMY**

Bro. M. Regoor has written to clarify the fact that there is no connection between “The Masonic Academy” and “De Getande Rand”. He had previously served De Getande Rand as Treasurer but now is considered a non-active member. Until 15 October, 2004, he had served as the President of The Masonic Academy – an organization of Masons who discuss on a higher-level certain Masonic items and then publish the same. They also look into the past and present the backgrounds of “forgotten Masons”. It is in this light that they have published several covers. He has provided us with translations of those backgrounds which are contained within the covers.

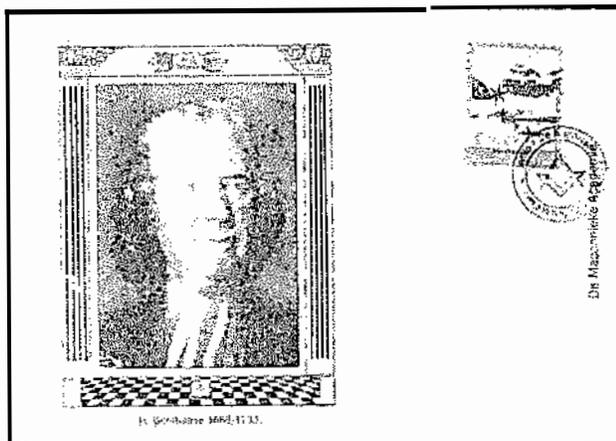
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**DUES**

Brethren – Many of you have memberships which expire in April. I hope to have a reminder within this Newsletter for those who fall in that category. If I don't make it with the notice, check your mailing label. If it is 0504 or earlier, I need your dues payment.

## HERMANUS BOERHAAVE

Bro. Hermanus Boerhaave was born on Dec. 31, 1668, in Voorhout, Netherlands, and died in Eiden on September 23, 1738. He is considered the most famous medical doctor with international experience that the Netherlands has ever had. He was the son of a Protestant preacher and in 1648 he went to the University of Leiden where he studied theology, philosophy and arithmetic. In 1689 he won a gold medal for a speech he delivered and in 1690 he left the university as a Doctor in Theology.



Directly thereafter he started his study in medicine and on July 13, 1693 received his doctorate in medicine from the University in Hardwijk, Netherlands. He started his career as a protestant clergyman but soon had difficulties since he had opinions the church could not accept. He took a job as lecturer at the University and turned down a job as professor in Groningen. As a reward for staying with them, Leiden University raised his salary and promised to make him a professor as soon as a position opened. In 1709 he received his professorship in botany and was responsible for the garden with the medicinal plants. This placed him in contact with many European scholars. In 1718 he held three professorships: botany, medicine and philosophy. In 1724 he built the extensive Oud Poelgeest in Leiden. He dropped his professorship in botany in 1729 and philosophy in 1731. He died a good religious man in 1738 and was buried in Leiden.

His fame as a doctor in medicine was responsible for the fact that many royal persons came to see him or requested a visit; these included the Emperor Franz I, Prince Euenius of Savory, the Tsar Peter I, etc. He alone found cures for these nobilities where others had failed. As a professor in medicine he was so well loved that he attracted more students from other countries than the university could accept. He was invited to give lectures in Vienna, Edinburgh Heidelberg, etc. In 1770, Frederick the Great created a law that the German university had to adhere to the medical instructions given by Boerhaave.

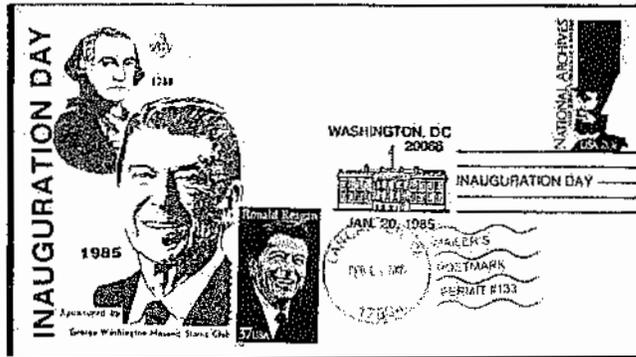
Bro. Beerhaave was a member of the famous Lodge in Leiden. In his earlier years he was very active but in later years he had no time to fulfill his Masonic duties.

-provided by Bro. M. Regoor

## GWMSC COVER FOR RONALD REAGAN

Although we have not yet received a copy of the FDC prepared by the GWMSC for the Ronald Reagan stamp for illustration, Bro. Stan Longenecker has assured us it is "on its way". Although it was a nationwide First Day, they used the Washington DC cancellation for their covers. They cost \$3.00 each (plus a #10 SASE with each order) and can be ordered from Bro. Stan at 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552.

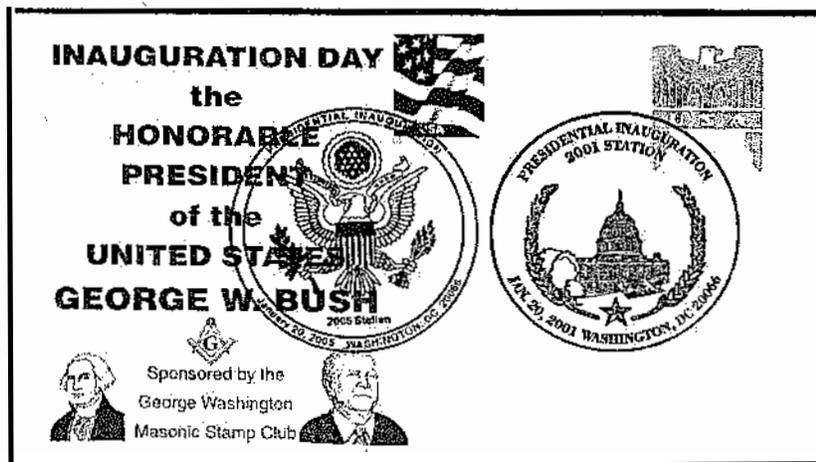
The Reagan Inauguration cover shown here is a special effort creating an interesting dual using Lancaster, PA, the US Capitol for one day, as the 2005 city cancel for the Reagan stamp.



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### GWMSC INAUGURATION COVER

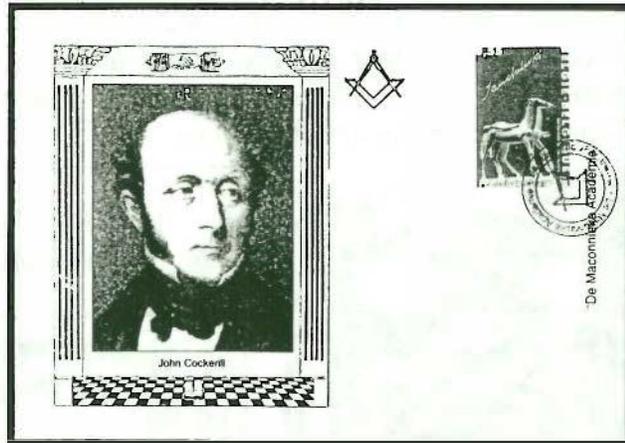
As they have done for every Presidential Inauguration since Dwight David Eisenhower, the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued a Special Event cover for this year's inauguration of George W. Bush. Shown here, it is available from Bro. Stan Longenecker at the address cited above at a cost of \$4.00 each plus a #10 SASE with each order.



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## JOHN COCKERIL

John Cockeril belonged to a famous English family of industrialists which was very active in the Industrial Revolution in Belgium. They were also extremely active in the industrialization in other European countries. He was born August 3, 1790 in Haslington, Lancashire and he died in Warsaw, Poland, June 10, 1840. In 1807, William Cockeril and all the members of his family started his factory in Luik, Belgium. He became a strong supporter of Napoleon and supplied France with all necessary instruments.



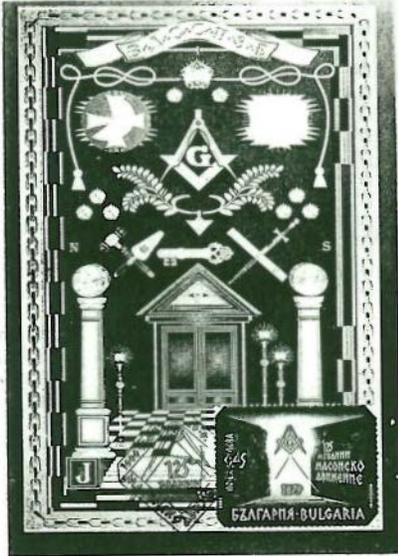
William, Sr., stopped his activities in the company having achieved French citizenship in 1810. His son started a textile factor in Reims and later went to Guben (Bandenberg, Germany) where he also started a metal factory. His brother James and John remained in Luik. At the early age of 27 in 1817 he became a strong leader of his factory. James left the factory in 1820 leaving John fully in charge. Since the fall of Napoleon, John had lost the sales to France and he now started to manufacture steam machinery with the assistance of English laborers. In 1817 the Dutch government sold him the castle of the bishops of Liuk in Seraing, Belgium and he started a factory there that used coke to burn; he bough a coal mine to produce the coke required. In 1817 he employed more than 200 laborers and was the largest in Europe. John experienced financial difficulties but King William I gave him a loan at very favorable terms and later became a 50% partner in 1825. When Belgium became independent, John bought back the Dutch share from the Belgium government

Business was not easy during the Belgian Independence because the government suspected that John leaned toward the Dutch. They forbade him to execute the earlier order of the Dutch Government to build the tramway from Antwerp to Luik. He provided many steamships to European countries and in 1835 supplied the first locomotive made in his factories. He received more orders for locomotives than he could produce and his factories in Belgium, Germany, Spain and Amsterdam were the most famous in Europe. He traveled to Russia to try to get orders from the Tsar but the Tsar was not interested and would not discuss possibilities with him. ● On his way back to Belgium, he died suddenly in Warsaw, Poland.

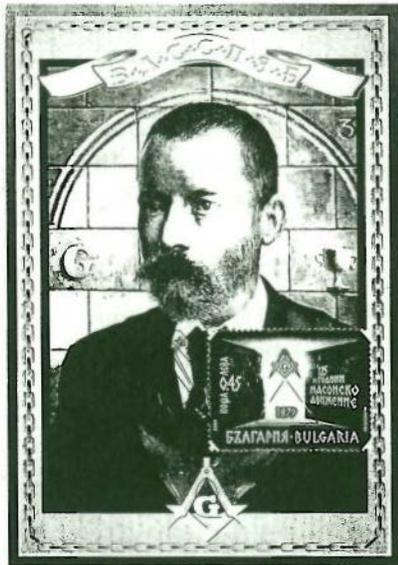
Bro. Cockeril was a member of the Lodge in Luik and was a very active and an important Mason there.

## BULGARIA MAXIM SHEETS

Your Editor has been successful in acquiring a very limited supply of sets of four of the Maxim sheets produced for the Bulgarian stamp commemorating 125 years of Freemasonry in that country. The four sheets I acquired are shown here and sell for \$10.00 for the set, plus a 60 cent stamp. The other one, as well as one depicting an old Masonic Apron are known to exist.



Another Sheet not part of this set



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An Interesting Cover  
 The M.O.V.P.E.R. member  
 shown in the photo is most  
 likely the sender of the cover  
 E. W. Libbey of Wash., D.C.



## ADRIAAN VAN DER HOOP

Adriaan van der Hoop was a typical representative of a European romantic individual because of his unbalanced nature. He had strong feelings for his role as a poet but above that, he was eager for honor and wanted to play a role as a leader. He did his very best to draw as much attention to himself and his work as possible. He indeed attracted a circle of lovers of his poems and literary work. He tried to achieve the level of acknowledgement with his work as the foreign poets were doing but his talent was not strong enough. Together with Bro. Bilderdijk, he opposed the growing trend of freedom in literature; both wanted to stick to the old standards and forget innovations.

In the manner of Victor Hugo, he rewrote many famous foreign works. This brought him some success and he was able to publish his own work in weekly publications – always with sharp criticism against the older generation because of their preference for foreign romantic in lieu of national romantic. He was born in 1802 and died at an early age in 1841. Many of his poems have been reprinted – some several times.



Bro. van der Hoop was a Mason and member of the “Wilhelm Frederik” Lodge in Amsterdam, as were Bilderdijk and Jacob van Lennep. He was very active in the fraternity and maintained a true Masonic behavior.

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### YUKON FREEMASONRY CANCEL

I followed up on the Canadian Masonic cancel of the previous Newsletter. I was referred to The Dawson City Postmaster (1054 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Dawson City, YT Y0B 1G0) by Canada Post. His response (I did include a few US Banknotes because I did not have any Canadian stamps to provide SASEs) included some covers cancelled the day he mailed them – Jan. 21, 2005. The cancel had the same slogan along with the Masonic emblem: Canada Post, Poste Canada/date/100 Years of Freemasonry in Yukon/1901-2001. Apparently the cancel continues to run well after the 2001 creation date.



*Bert Dominique*

## HEINRICH HOFFMAN

Heinrich Hoffman was born June 13, 1809, and died in 1894 in Frankfurt am Main in Germany. He was the son of Ph. J. Hoffman, an architect and public inspector in the city of Frankfurt. He studied in Heidelberg (1823-32), Halle (1832-33) and Paris (1833-34) and became a famous physician. From 1844 to 1851 he delivered many lectures on the subject of anatomy – much to the dislike of most of the people of his time. He served as medical superintendent of the psychiatric Institution in Frankfurt possessing very progressive methods.

In 1851 he wanted to give a present to his four year old son for Christmas but could not find anything proper. Consequently, he wrote his first booklet with his own drawings. Later on he used this and other stories and drawings for his little patients. By coincidence, publisher Dr. Loening saw these stories and decided to publish them – first anonymous, then under a pseudonym, Reinerich Kinderlieb, and then under his real name. These books were very successful and are the subject of a set of semi-postal stamps issued by Germany on April 14, 1994, to honor Dr. Hoffman. These stamps show illustrations from his “Der Struwpeter”, a famous book for children about very dirty and naughty children illustrated and written by him.

- many thanks to Bro. Godthelp of De Getande Rand



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### WESTBERE AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

Carl Erskine, Dodgers  
Fellowship Lodge #681, IN

Andy Seminick, Phillies  
DashieII Lodge #238, TN

BROOKLYN DODGERS



CARL ERSKINE  
FIRST NO MITTER



*Carl Erskine*

TWENTY SIX YEAR OLD CARL ERSKINE, AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "GISK" BY BROOKLYN FANS PITCHED HIS FIRST OF TWO CAREER NO HIT GAMES, BEATING THE CHICAGO CUBS SO THE OPIPOSING PITCHER, WILLIE RABUSCELL, A FORMER BROOKLYN DODGER, HAD BEEN SENT TO THE MINORS WHEN ERSKINE WAS CALLED UP TO THE DODGERS IN 1948

1950 WORLD SERIES - 45th ANNIVERSARY



PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES  
VS.  
NEW YORK YANKEES



*Andy Seminick #21  
Phillies #1950*

THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES AND NEW YORK YANKEES SQUARED OFF IN THE 1950 WORLD SERIES. PHILADELPHIA'S "WHIZ KID" WON THE FIRST INNING PENNANT IN 35 YEARS, BUT RAN INTO THE TOUGH NEW YORK YANKEES IN THE SERIES. VIC RASCHI AND ALLIE REYNOLDS PITCHED THE YANKEES TO VICTORIES IN THE FIRST TWO GAMES AND A COMMANDING TWO GAME LEAD HEADING BACK TO NEW YORK. IN THE 8TH INNING OF GAME 3, GENE WOODRING, PHIL RIZZUTO AND JERRY COLEMAN SINGLED TO PRODUCE THE WINNING RUN IN A 3-2 GAME. ROOKIE WHITNEY FORD AND ALLIE REYNOLDS COMPLETED THE SWEEP IN GAME 4, PITCHING THE YANKEES TO A 5-2 WIN AND THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

## NEW ISSUES

As stated in the previous Newsletter, I will be switching over to the Scott Monthly Stamp News for our new issues determination. I am including the past five issues to start with.

- Brazil – 8/20/04 – 2934 a/d – Masonic Symbols
- Chad – 3/10/00 – 848 – Carl Benz and Mercedes automobiles
- Chad – 5/10/00 – 855e – Edwin Aldrin
- Chad – 5/29/00 – 869a – Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza, 869e – Felix Eboue
- Chad – 7/22/01 – 909a – Queen Mother with King George VI
- Chad – 7/22/01 – 914 – Napoleon Bonaparte
- Chad – 10/30/01 – 925 – Robert Stephenson, 929 – Alexander Fleming
- Costa Rica - 12/16/03 – 571 – Charles Lindbergh, Flight to Costa Rica
- France – 6/26/04 – 3033/8 – Napoleon I and Imperial Guard
- France – 10/16/04 – 3049 – Felix Eboue
- Grenada – 7/19/04 – 3455a – Sir Lord Nelson
- Isle of Man – 4/6/04 – 1032a – Sir Winston Churchill
- Italy – 2/12/04 – 2589 – Genoa – Compasses
- Italy – 5/28/04 – 2610 – 50<sup>th</sup> Puccini Festival
- Maldive Is. – 5/19/04 – 2788c – George Marshall, 2789a – Winston Churchill, 2790a -Omar Bradley, 2791 – Henry Arnold
- Marshall Is. – 9/9/04 – 841 – John Wayne
- Monaco – 5/28/04 – 2335/8 – Napoleon I
- Mozambique – 9/30/02 – 1593b – Theodore Roosevelt, 1597c – John Glenn, 1599c – Winston Churchill, 1602b – Franz Liszt, 1602c – Ludwig von Beethoven, 1602 d – W. Mozart, 1612b & c – C. A: Lindbergh, 1613b & d – Melvin Jones, 1614d – Walt Disney, 1616a – Winston Churchill, 1619b & c – Alexander Fleming, 1625 – John Glenn, 1627 – Victor Hugo, 1630 – Wolfgang Mozart, 1631 – Alexander Fleming
- St. Vincent – 7/19/04 – 3199 - Omar Bradley
- Sierra Leone – 6/1/04 – 2718c – Omar Bradley
- US – 9/9/04- 3878 – John Wayne

Also – for old time's sake – Linn's

- 2004 – Grenada – Pres. Ronald Reagan, 4 se-tenant stamps – include Gen. Colin Powell
- Sept 27 - Guyana – D-Day, Four panes of four se-tenant stamps and four S/S – include Henry Arnold, Winston Churchill
- Nov. 22 – Marshall Is. – Lewis & Clark, Part 3, three se-tenant stamps
- Nov. 25 – St. Vincent – Battle of Trafalgar, 200<sup>th</sup>, four stamps and two S/S – include Napoleon Bonaparte and Adm. Lord Horatio Nelson
- Jan. 20 – Marshall Is – US Presidents – pane of stamps – all Presidents
- Jan 31 – Gibraltar – Battle of Trafalgar, 200<sup>th</sup>, four stamps and one S/S



## MASONIC PHILATELY IN LINN'S – 1955

Bro. Vic Panaras of Oak Lawn, IL, has forwarded a copy of a front page, headline article on Masonic Philately which appeared in the January 3, 1955 issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Gertrude Boss starts out by stating "Masonry, or Free-Masonry, is the name applied to the most ancient, secret organization in the world, also the largest in point of membership, one of the most beneficial, and entirely without ostentation." After tracing the origin, she states "Have you ever considered making a collection of stamps of interest to members of Masonic orders? Such a collection involves much work, and may be approached from several angles, one of which is the assembling of stamps with portraits of known Masons. Remember that your collection must be grounded on accuracy. This presents difficulties since a biographer may tell of the great works of an artist, or even a politician, but rarely ever relates a thing about his fraternal affiliation."

Ms Boss provides a few Masonic reference books and then identifies sixteen noted Freemasons who can be found on postage stamps. She provides applicable stamp information as well as Masonic background on those individuals. All in all, it is an excellent article but if it is the most recent article on our branch of the hobby, we are shirking in our duties.

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### FRANS A. and JOPIE SCHRODER

On April 11, 1995, the Netherlands issued three semi-postal stamps, called Zomerzegels (special summer stamps) honoring elderly people and mobilization. They note the fact that the elderly have difficulty getting around because of the limited public transportation and are limited in independence and freedom. The stamp surcharge was to help fund projects to help mobilize those elderly people. The couple pictured on the higher value stamp, B688, is Frans Alphons and Jopie Schroder, parents of one of the stamp designers.



Bro. Frans was born Sept. 23, 1919 in Buitenzorg, Indonsia and is a Physical Training teacher. He received his degrees in 1965 and 1966 in Lodge West Friesland No. 45, Hoorn, Holland. He has held many positions in this Lodge and served many years as Almoner.

Sister Jopie was born May 12, 1926 in Leiden, Holland, and is an artist in weaving, making lace, ceramic art and modeling. She received her degrees (spinner, weaver and designer) in Lodge Vita Animo Concipere Est No. 3 in Alkmaar, Holland, a Vita Feminea Textura Lodge.

-again, thanks to Bro. Godthelp of the Netherlands