

HUGO INFAYETTE FINCK



The U.S. Postal Service issued a five-cent regular stamp on Feb. 27, 1986 to honor Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black. The first day ceremony in Washington, D.C., was held on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Hugo Black was born in Harlam, Clay County, Alabama, on Feb. 27, 1886. He attended public schools in Ashland, Ala., and received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1906. He practiced law in Ashland and Birmingham (1907-1927) and held several public offices, including police court judge (1910-1911) and prosecuting attorney of Jefferson County (1915-1917) before serving in the Army in World War I. Black was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1926 and again in 1932 and played important roles in establishing the Tennessee Valley Authority and in the passage of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. Appointed by Pres. F. D. Roosevelt as associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on Aug. 12, 1937, he served on this court from Oct. 4, 1937, until a week before his death. He developed a coherent philosophy of constitutional law and staunchly supported the First Amendment. He died on Sept. 25, 1971, in Washington, D.C..

Hugo LaFayette Black received his degrees in Ashland Lodge No. 356, being initiated on March 23, passed on April 12 and raised on April 27, 1907. He demitted from this Lodge on Oct. 4, 1907, and affiliated with Birmingham Temple Lodge No. 636 located in Birmingham, Ala., on Jan. 16, 1908. (This Masonic information was provided by Bro. Joseph P. Jones, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F.& A.M. of Alabama.)

DUES ARE DUE

Our fiscal year starts on May 1 so each member's dues are due before the shipment of the next Newsletter. Please try to make the Secretary-Treasurer's life a little easier by remitting your dues before he has to go chasing for them. The dues are only \$5.00 a year, \$10.00 for overseas members. Remit to Otto Steding, 1033 Hollytree Drive, Cincinnatti, Ohio 45231. -533-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

464. Dr. H.R.A. van Der Merwe, P.O. Box 3287, Port Elizabeth, So. Africa 6056.
465. Frank R. Benjamin, 224 East Green, Birmingham, Ala. 35243.
467. Rex K. Barefoot, 9003 Jackwood, Houston, Texas 77036.

Reinstatement:

78. Wally Howard, 228 Shaker Heights Lane, Crestview Hills, Ky. 41017.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS:

As mentioned in a recent issue of the Newsletter, Bro. Jim Adams, Member No. 440 of Denver, Colo., was responsible for bringing in four new members. This is sufficient to clinch the first place and Bro. Adams' dues for this coming year will be waived. Congratulations, Bro. Jim, and many thanks for your continued support to the Unit.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

We recently received an announcement that our Director, Bro. Richard M. Needham, was reinstalled on Nov. 23, 1985, as Tyler of his Blue Lodge, Lancaster Lodge No. 57, Lancaster, Ohio. He remains quite active in his role as Deputy Sheriff Lt. of the Specials Division and cachetmaker as well as his Blue Lodge and York Rite responsibilities. Bro. Dick will re-enter the hospital on March 20 to receive a pin to strengthen his right leg to help the healing process after his cancer surgery of three and a half years ago. On behalf of all the members, we wish you a short visit and a speedy recovery, Dick.

"THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF AMERICA"

Some time ago Bro. Lewis J. Callison, Member No. 380, lent his copy of the book, "The Founding Fathers of America" to someone and is not able to retrieve it. Does any member know where he can obtain another copy of this reference work. He has found it to be quite valuable in the formation of his cover collection and in the presentation of lectures based upon his collection. If you can provide a lead, please write to him at 3013 Mesa Drive, West Covina, Cal. 91791.

ELECTIONS - ELECTIONS

After a few "warm-up" newsletter articles, the time has now come to formally call for ballots for our bi-annual election. The final state of candidates is defined on the ballot enclosed in this newsletter mailing. Please make your selection and mail your completed ballot to our Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Otto Steding, as soon as you receive this newsletter. Show your support for the Unit by voting. -While you're at it why don't you enclose your dues along with the ballot and save a 22¢ stamp.

MASONIC COVERS AVAILABLE /WANTED

Uur Unit President, Bro. Thomas Gardner, informs us that he has "hundreds" of duplicate Masonic covers and would like to exchange or sell them. Those for which he is specifically searching are defined below; any candidates? - write to him at 92 Pearl St., Essex Junction, Vt. 05452. Edsel #2, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 Cochrane #1 MSU/ATA-Koutroulis #1, 20, 39 Kenick #10

MSU/ATA-Kirby #1

NEW ISSUES

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The following new issues, reported in various stamp media, are considered applicable to a Masonic stamp collection. St. Kitts - 11/9/85 - Set of four stamps for the 150th Anniversary of the

Masonic Lodge Mount Olive - See separate article in this / Newsletter.

Mexico - 11/18/85 - 75th Anniversary of the 1910 Revolution, 5 Val. + S/S. 110 peso shows Francisco Madero.

Cook Is. 11/18/85 - Christmas/Botticelli Paintings, 4 Val. + S/S 95¢ shows Madonna and Child with St. John (Symbol)

Anguilla - 11/25/85 - Statue of Liberty Centennial, 6 Val. + S/S each value shows a ship by the Statue of Liberty.

Niue - 11/29/85 - Christmas/Correggio Paintings, 4 Val. + S/S 1.65 Virgin with Child and St. John (Symbol)

Grenada-Grenadines - Dec. 85 - Christmas Art, 4 Val. + S/S 70¢ Madonna & Child with St. Mary & John the Baptist \$.3 Madonna & Child with young St. John the Baptist

Central African Rep. - 12/28/85 - International Youth Year, ó Val. + S/S 500fr Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart playing in Paris

Republic of So. Africa - 2/20/86 - Dlood Donation Program, 4 Val. (Symbols) 12¢ Donating Blood 20¢ Blood Transfusion

Australia - 3/12/86 - New Holland: Cook's Voyage, 4 Val. 90¢ Joseph Banks

ELECTION TIME-DUES ARE DUE

MASONIC PHILATELY (PART 2) BY TREVOR FRAY

Harry Hayes has just recently sent a copy of Part 2 of Bro. Trevor Fray's opus, <u>Masonic Philately</u>. This 56 page book, bound in soft yellow plastic-coated covers picks up where Part 1 left off and addresses the checklist of Freemasons with names beginning with F to L. Over 200 biographies are presented and information pertinent to the stamps associated with these Masons is also included with each case. Sections of this volume also cover the subjects of Masonic Temples, Events and Ceremonies; it is illustrated and 86 of the stamps referenced in the text are shown. This volume, as the first, continues to show Trevor's capability of pulling together all the available information into a concise reference work. It is recommended for all serious Masonic Philatelists.

Copies of the book can be obtained directly from the publisher at a cost of \$5,60 (\$7.75) via surface mail or \$6.20 (\$8.60) via airmail. The publisher is: Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar Street, Battery, West Yorkshire WF17 7HA, England.



FATHER AND SON FORSTER

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Father and Son Forster were honored on a Falkland Islands set of stamps in 1985. Georg Forster had already been pictured on a 1979 stamp of the German Democratic Republic (DDR).

Johann Reinhold Forster was born in Dirschau, Germany, October 22, 1729. He first served as a clergyman in Nassenhuben but then took up residence later on in England as a naturalist, mathematician and philosopher. He took part in James Cook's second world tour with the "Resolution" and the "Adventure" (1772-1774); his 17 year old son Georg also took part in that tour.

Forster's merits are chiefly in the field of detail studies. He was one of the first who connected nature with man. His son described Cook's world tour on the basis of his father's diaries. The British Government granted Johann Forster the doctor's title of the University of Oxford. Frederick the Great appointed him in 1780 to be professor in the natural science in Halle. Forster could speak in 17 languages including Coptic and Samaritan and was regarded as one of the best zoologists and botanists of his time. He died December 9, 1798, in Halle.

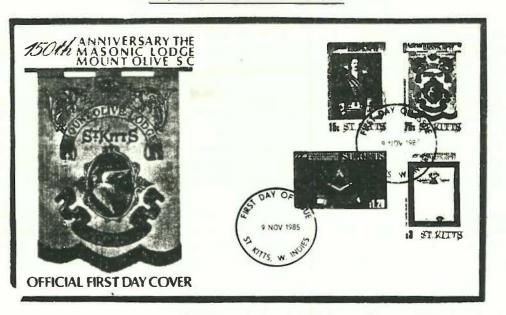
Johann Reinhold Forster was a member of the Lodge "Zu den drei Degen" in Halle. In 1781 he was Worshipful Master of this Lodge.

Johann <u>Georg</u> Forster was born in Nassenhuben November 26, 1754, where his father was clergyman. He followed in his father's footsteps and also took part in James Cook's second world tour. After, to function as a teacher in kassel, he became a professor in natural history in 1784 in Wilna; from there he went to Göttingen. The Elector of Mainz appointed him to be librarian and professor in 1788. He occupied this post until 1792 in which year the French came to Mainz. As he felt strongly attracted to the ideals of the French Revolution, he joined the Mainzer "Klubbistan" who advocated a union with France. Forster went as their representative to Paris to plead at the National Convention for the union between the Left Rhine-bank and the French Republic. He was banished from Germany and spent the last years of his life in difficult circumstances in Paris where he died on January 10, 1794.

Georg Forster was probably initiated in 1776 in the famous Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs" in Paris, of which Lodge Benjamin Franklin was Worshipful Master from 1779 to 1782. In 1778 he was a member of the Lodge "Zum gekrönten Löwen" in Kassel. He was also a member of the Lodge "Zur wahren Eintracht" in Vienna, in which Lodge was held a festival-lodge in his honor in 1804.

Many sources mention the memberships of the Forsters, e.g., Lennhoff-Posner:"Internationales Freimaurer Lexikon", page 488; Lennings: "Algemeines Handbuch der Freimaurerai", page 292, part 1; Daniel Ligou: "Diccionnaire Universel de la Franc Maconnerie", page 499; Amiable: "Une Loge Maconnique d'avant 1789", page 392; "200 Jahre Freimaurerei in Osterreich", page 50.

Article submitted by Bro. Wessel M. Lans The Hague, The Netherlands -537-ST. KITTS MASONIC ISSUES



The Government of St. Kitts-Nevis issued a set of four values on Nov. 9, 1985, to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Masonic Lodge Mount Olive. The information provided by the St. Kitts Philatelic Bureau for each of these values is as follows:

- 15¢ Brother James Derrick Cardin M.B.E. P.M. 1871-1954 THE Grand Old Man of Freemasonry in St. Kitts. A man of great character and determination, the father of modern Freemasonry in St. Kitts reorganized procedures in Mount Olive Lodge and raised money to repair and restore the Lodge building. He was the first Freemason in St. Kitts to be honored with the Honorary Rank by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 75¢ Banner of Mount Olive Lodge. Many years ago, Freemasons in St. Kitts used to march in procession to St. George's Church on the 27th day of December in each year. This is the feast of St. John's and is an important day in the Masonic calendar. The Standard Bearer of the Lodge carried the banner at the head of the procession. There are Masonic symbols on it which will be recognised by Freemasons. The date on which the banner was first obtained is not known, but it is believed to date from about 1850. Freemasons seldom appear in public now, but the banner is an interesting relic.
- \$1.20 Important Masonic Symbols. The Bible, Square and Compasses are perhaps the best known symbols in Freemasonry. The Bible shown was presented to the Lodge about 30 years ago in memory of James Derrick Cardin. The Square and Compasses in regular use at the Lodge originally belonged to Masonic Lodges founded in St. Kitts at the end of the 18th Century.
- \$3.00 The Charter Issued 1835. A Lodge's Charter is its most treasured possession. The present Charter was issued to Lodge Mount of Olives No. 407 on the 9th November 1835 and has remained as the symbol of authorization from the Grand Lodge of Scotland since that time. In 1848 the name of the Lodge was changed to "Mount Olive" and the number 336 was finally allocated.

As of this writing, these stamps and the First Day Cover pictured above are still available from the Bureau, General Post Office, St. Kitts, West Indies. The cost for these items is as follows:

Mint Set of 4 Stamps	E.C.\$5.10	U.S.\$1.90	L 1.42
First Day Cover	E.C.\$6.10	U.S.\$2.27	L 1.69

Data provided by Bro. John M. Cunningham

Bro. Richard A. Bruder, Member No. 312 of Louisville, Ky., sent a very informative letter unveiling some new items in the field of Masonic Philately. He also included photocopies of some of his autographed astronaut covers.

Additional Masonic Philately Reference Books: Bro. Bruder owns and sent a copy of the title pages of two Masonic Stamp Albums which I had never heard of. Each was designed, written and published by Charles Oliver Clausen, San Francisco, Calif. and is in 8 1/2 X 11 loose leaf format. The first, titled "Masonic Stamp Album" was copyrighted in 1952 and was a 94 page Edition for U.S. Postage Stamps. The second volume followed in 1953 with the same title but was a 124 page Edition for Foreign Stamps.

Another Masonic Label: The labels shown below were purchased by Bro. Bruder from a label collection but he has been unable to acquire any further information on them. Can anyone of our members and readers help? The 1S value is blue, the 5S value is red. If anyone can shed further light on these labels please contact Bro. Bruder at 1213 Lillian Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40208.

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Thanks for sharing these items with us, Bro. Bruder.







MASONIC STAMP FROM ARGENTINA

Bro. Ben Rutman, Member No. 90 of Phoenix, Ariz., has provided the copy shown above of a Masonic stamp issued by Argentina which he was able to acouire. The 2 centavos stamp itself is light green with a white center; the Masonic cancel is in bright purple. This is all the information which we have on this issue - can anyone shed any further light? Bro. Rutman's address is: 11 W. Casa Hermosa Drive, Phoenix, Ariz. 85021.

HERITAGE LODGE NO. 730 UPDATE

Back in the July-August 1985 Newsletter (Page 492) I mentioned that a major undertaking was in process with the Canadian Masonic Research Association by Heritage Lodge No. 730 in the publishing of the CMRA research material. It was hoped that distribution would be in 1985. Bro. John M. Cunningham, in response to his inquiry, was informed that delays have been encountered and that distribution may still be two months away. Printing is in process and the set of volumes will have over 2000 pages - two extra papers (including one of the lost papers) have been added so the wait is more than worth it. This still appears to be a very worthwhile addition to a Masonic library. To those of us who did order a copy - have patience. To those who might want a set, there are a very small number of speculation copies being run and you might still be able to secure a copy. Information can be obtained from: C. E. Balfour Le Gresley, 213 Riverside Drive, Toronto, Canada M6S 4A8.

KURT TUCHOLSKY

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West Germany/Berlin issued a stamp on Nov. 12, 1985, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of the writer Kurt Tucholsky.



Kurt Tucholsky was born on Jan. 9, 1890, in Berlin. He served as a successful journalist with "Weltbühne" from 1913 to 1932 and as a correspondent of "Vossische Zeitung" in Paris from 1924 to 1928. He was an author of popular novels and lyrics which became very popular chansons at that time. In his most productive years he produced a work nearly every day. Two novels contained in his collected works are considered the most beautiful love stories of this century's German literature: "Rheinsberg" (1912) and "Schloss Gripsholm" (1931). He lived in Sweden after 1929 and his books were the very first to be turned over to the flames at the book burnings in 1933 in Germany. The deprivation of his citizenship meant more than an infringement. The last years of his life were marked by illness and a deep political resignation which resulted from the realization that the pacifistic humanism which determined his journalistic engagement with many hundreds of feuilletons, critiques, polenics and satires in the time of the Weimar Republic had not been able to put up a barrier against the descending antienlightening irrationalism of the Third Reich. When Kurt Tucholsky took poison at Hindas, Sweden on Dec. 19, 1935, and died two days later at Göteborg, he put an end to a life that - entangled in the inconsistencies of the age - had seen the ups and downs of a writer's life. His last letters and diaries kept record of his growing silence of which his suicide - as was the case with many exiles - was only the last physical consequence.

Bro. Tucholsky was initiated on March 24, 1924, and passed on Sept. 8, 1924. He affiliated with Lodge "Les Zeles Philanthropes" (Grand Orient de France) on June 16, 1925, and also with Lodge "L'Effort" (Grand Orient de France) while living in Paris as a journalist and writer. He was raised in Lodge "Les Zeles Philanthropes" on Dec, 11, 1925.

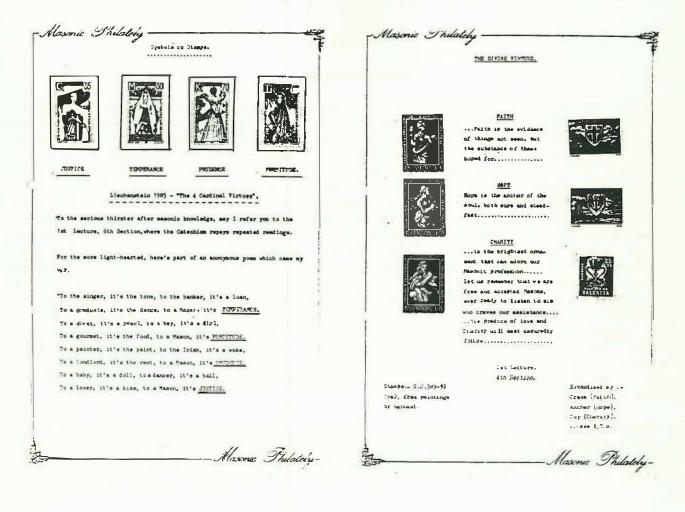
The information in this article was provided by Bro. John M. Cinningham. He, in turn, had received it through a translation of information on Kurt Tucholsky printed on the back of the official First Day Card for this issue; the translation was accomplished by Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel of Germany.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE 1985 0 The latest Cover from David C Cachets Statesman; Robert Dominque 59 Green was RO ANDOVER MASS 01810

ANOTHER BROTHER COLLECTION

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Bro. Maurice H. Beazley, Member No. 302 of Redcar, (leveland, England. has provided us with copies of his treatment of the Devine and Cardinal Virtues. Too often we concentrate on Masons on stamps and covers and bypass those Masonic symbols which are depicted philatelically. There are several excellent examples available and these two pages, shown reduced below, show what can be done with Symbols in a Masonic Stamp Collection. Thank you for sharing these with us, Bro. Peazley.





MASONIC COVERS OF IRELAND

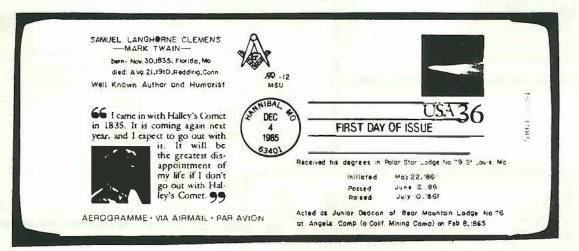
Bro. Frank Elliott, Provincial Grand Librarian of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim in Ireland recently identified several Masonic covers which he had issued that were not included in my foreign catalog. At the same time, he provided information on all the Irish Masonic covers which he has generated that are still available. He is ouite willing to exchange covers with brethren as it saves the dollar to pound conversion problem. He will also accept dollar bills (21 sterling \$1.50 to allow for postage as that is not included in the price). Bro. Elliott's home address is 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, North Ireland.

The covers still available are:

Queen Victoria Masonic Lodge 294 -80th Anniversary of Consecu	
-50th Anniversary Bro. McCla	tchey .50p
Zion Masonic Lodge Installation of W. M. Bro. Ventura	Z 1.00
Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim -Installation of Bro. Orr	1.50
-Constitution of I. Master I	Lodge 2.00
Grand Lodge of Ireland -Visit to Holywood	1.00
-Installation of Marquis of Donegall	2.00
Royal Arch Chapter No. 486 -60th Anniversary	1.00
Grand Council of Knight Mason's -Installation of Great Chief	
Order of The Temple -Installation of H. Frazer	.50p
-Installation of N, Pielow	2.00
C.I.Y.M.S. 1. Ordinary	.50p
2. Masonic	1.00
3. Signed by presidents	2.00

MSU/ATA COVER NO. 12 - MARK TWAIN

The latest Unit FDC is just off the presses and is shown below. Its cost is \$1.50 plus a SASE (#10) and is available from the Editor.

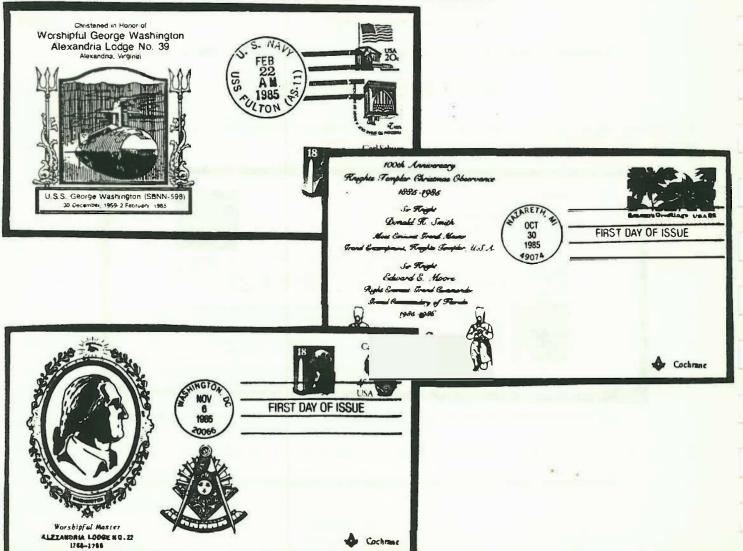


DUES ARE DUE-ELECTION TIME IS HERE

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

One of the factors which seems to bother me and Bro. Trevor Fray, Editor of the Masonic Stamp Club of Great Britain Newsletter, is the lack of response from the members and readers of the Newsletter. I must admit that the influx of articles and items has taken a very encouraging upturn this past few months as evidenced by the contents of this Newsletter. The problem still remaining seems to be the initiation of responses to questions posed within the newsletter. In the five issues so far this fiscal year, there have been five different requests for information pertaining to undefined stamps and covers; to date I have received only one response to one such request from one individual. It appears that our group is comprised more of "receivers" than "transmitters". To make the Unit really flourish more of the "receivers" should expand their activity base by conducting research and imparting their new-found lore to the other members.

Bro. "Pat" Keller has made a couple of suggestions. One pertains to a printed handout on the Newsletter masthead explaining the Unit's goals, objectives and activities. This item could also contain a couple of typical articles and be used to grow and stimulate the membership ranks. I will try to develop something along this line by the time of the next Newsletter for your review and approval. Any other ideas will be appreciated.



BRO. FRANK COCHRANE'S LATEST COVERS

BRYANT BAKER

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Mexico issued a set of airmail stamps on May 17, 1939, to commemorate the Tulsa World Philatelic Convention, Scott No. C94-96. The stamps picture the Pioneer Woman Statue in Ponca City, Oklahoma, which was sculptured by Bryant Baker in 1930.



Bryant Baker was born on July 8, 1881, in London, England, the son and grandson of church sculptors. He studied at the City and Guild Technical Institute and at the Royal Academy of Arts and spent several years in decorative carving and sculpture in Westminster Abbey and other cathedrals. In 1910 he was commissioned to do a heroic marble bust of King Edward VII which was unveiled by King George V.

He came to the United States in 1916 and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps where he helped rehabilitate injured servicemen by making models of limbs and facial masks. He became a citizen and began a long and successful career sculpturing busts and statues of prominent figures; the list is a long one. He executed the colossal 17ft high bronze statue of George Washington in the Masonic National Memorial Building at Alexandria, Virginia, and the Pioneer Woman which stands in Ponca City, Oklahoma. It won a \$100,000 prize in competition with 11 other sculptors. This Pioneer Woman statue being pictured on a stamp is considered to be more of an honor to t e sculptor than his portrait would be.

Bryant Baker was made a Mason in Constitutional Lodge No. 294 in Beverley, England, while employed in his craft in Beverley Cathedral and maintained his membership there the rest of his life. In 1960 the Grand Lodge of New York, F.&A.N., awarded Bro. Baker its medal for Distinguished Achievement. He was a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society, the Royal "ociety of British Sculptors and a life member of the St. George Society. He died on March 29, 1970, in New York City.

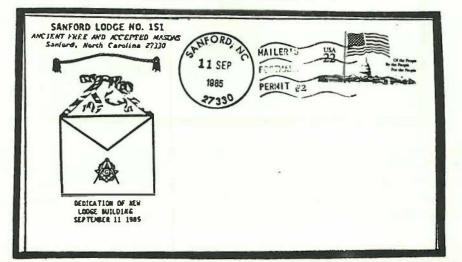
> Article submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke and previously published in the Newsletter of The Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain.

Bro. John M. Cunningham recently submitted an article on our Unit to The New Age Magazine. It was printed in the March 1986 issue of this publication of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America. Thanks, Bro. John.

ANOTHER COVER BY BRO. HESKETT

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Back in the November-December 1985 issue of the Newsletter, I illustrated a cover prepared by Bro. Arthur W. Heskett for the first meeting of Sanford Lodge No. 151 in its new Temple on August 13, 1985. He informs me that he has decided to sell copies of these covers to those desiring to purchase them for 60¢ each - he is going to donate 25¢ from each cover sold to the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. He also prepared a cover for the dedication of the new Temple on September 11, 1985, as shown below. He wants me to remind any potential buyer that both covers were done on a Xerox machine so that they will not be expecting photo offset quality image on 100% rag envelopes. They are interesting covers and do belong in a Masonic cover collection. Bro. Heskett's address is 1918 Sutphin Road, Sanford, N.C. 27330.



NAZI PROPAGANDA FORGERIES OF WORLD WAR I

In July 1944 the Nazi propaganda ministry, under the infamous Joseph Goebbels, tried an interesting philatelic experiment to help bolster the sagging morale of the Nazi legions. German engravers were given the task of creating almost exact duplicates of the current British stamps. Under his plans slight changes were to be incorporated into the designs of the stamps. Bits of Nazi propoganda were woven into the design. These bits of propoganda were directed against three pet Nazi hates: Jews, Masons and Communists.



In the illustration above, note the "d" in the 3d, in the oval at the bottom of the stamp. You will see that it consists of a hammer and sickle; the symbol of Communism. Also note the flower at the top left of the stamp; it contains the Jewish "Star of David". At the top right there is another Star of David resting on a barely visible compass and square, the Masonic symbol.

This article which had appeared in Stamptown USA was submitted by Bro. Richard A. Bruder, Member No. 312