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WHOLE NO. 65

PIERRE ANDRE DE SUFFREN SAINT TROPEZ

France included Pierre Andre de Suffren in their set of six famous people which was released on February 22, 1988. (Advance sales were allowed on Feb. 20 & 21.)

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Suffren was born in the Chateau de Saint Canat (Aix) on July 17, 1729. He entered the close and aristocratic corps of French naval officers as a "garde de la marine" in Oct. 1743 in the "Solide, one of the line of battleships which took part in the confused engagement off Toulon in 1744. In 1746 he went through the duc D'Anville's disastrous expedition to retake Cape Breton which was ruined by shipwreck and plague. In 1747 he was taken prisoner by Hawke in the action with the French convoy in the Bay of Biscay. When peace was made in 1748 he went to Malta to perform the cruises with the galleys of the Order of Malta technically called "caravans". During the Seven Years' War he was present as lieutenant in the "Orphee" in the action with Admiral Byng and was again taken prisoner in 1757 when his ship the "Ocean" was captured by Boscawen off Lagos. On the return of peace in 1763 he was named to the command of the "Cameleon", a zebec, in which he cruised against the pirates of the Barbary Coast. In 1778-79 he served with the squadron of D'Estaing on the coast of North America and in the West Indies.

He became unique among French admirals and put in the front rank of sea commanders as the result of a cruise around the Cape in which he engaged in several encounters and proved the worthiness of his military prowess. He attacked the English expedition under George Johnstone in the Cape Verde Islands and then the English admiral Sir Edward Hughes in four encounters in 1782. Following the cessation of hostilities, he returned to France where he was received with enthusiasm and an additional office of vice-admiral of France was created for him. He had been promoted bailli in the Order of Malta during his absence and he died on Dec. 8, 1788, when he was about to take command of a fleet collected in Brest.

Suffren was a member of the Lodge "L'Olympique de la Parfaite Estime" of the Orient of Paris in 1786.

-Article contributed by Bro. Wolfgang Brachvogel

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS:

- 172. Robert O. Todd, 77 Cyprus Lane, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931.
- 174. Wayne C. Miller, 5980 Litchfield Rd., Columbus, OH 43235.
- 179. Fred Dietrich, 1101 Ridge Ave., Dunmore, PA 18510.
- 183. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.
- 187. Irving E. Farnham, 116 Dascomb Rd., Andover, MA 01810.
- 189. Victor Fabian, 8 Northgrove Ave., Auckland 10, New Zealand.
- 191. Paul C. Drapaniotis, 11 Ested St., Lynn, MA 01902.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 5.. Leonard W. Kemp, 5500 Karl Road, Apt. 155, Columbus, OH 43229.
- 24. Osmond D. Jamouneau new Zip Code 34667
- 31. Charles F. Stalmach, P.O.Box 182, Theodore, AL 36590.
- 49. Albert L. El, 655 N. 56th St., Philadelphia, PA 19131.
- 95. Robert Krueger, 4773 N. Sheffield Ave., Whitefish Bay, WI 53211.
- 108. Col. Jay R. Hern (USA RET), 4214 Braywood Drive, Centreville, VA 22020.
- Effective June 1, 1988.
- 116. Richard A. Koch, P.O.Box 10, Jersey, VA 22491.
- 250. Reggie M. Nichols new Post Code 2171.
- 259. Mark VanHouten, c/o Masonic Home, P.O.Box 308, Burlington, NJ 08016.
- 402. Wolfgang Brachvogel, Landsberger Str. 45, D-5300 Bonn 1, Germany.
- Effective May 11, 1988.
- 230. Donald L. McClenahan, 101 Old Valley Road, Brewster, MA 02631

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

Juris Raudins, Member No. 182, was the W.M. of Hudson Lodge No. 510 just a couple of years ago. Paul M. Williams, one of our new members above, is presently the 1st Vice President of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club and also handles the cover sales for that group. Irving E. Farnham, another of the new members is the presiding Master of my Blue Lodge - St. Matthew's Lodge, Andover, MA. A special welcome to all the new members.

I received some unfavorable news the other day from Bro. Richard M. Needham, presently a Director of the Unit and formerly the Secretary-Treasurer. As we have chronicled in past issues, he has led a valiant fight against cancer in his leg and then compounded the problem with a couple of fractures. He went back into the hospital on March 17 for a CAT-Scan and if the scan warranted it to go to surgery for lung cancer the next day. "If my liver and pancreas is infected there will be no surgery and will have to let nature take its course." He came home from the hospital the evening of March 17 and will be taking some radiation treatments. Bro. Dick - the hopes and prayers of all of us are with you in your continued fight.

RONALD REAGAN - MASON AT SIGHT

Bro. Norman Lincoln, Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio, has sent a note stating that Ronald Reagan was made a Mason at Sight by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia. He was also made a Scottish Rite Mason by the Sov. Gr. Commanders of Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and a Shriner by the Imperial Potentate during the same ceremony. Does any member have any details on this ceremony so I can work up an article on it? Also - are there any stamps picturing Pres. Reagan?

FRENCH MASONIC COVERS

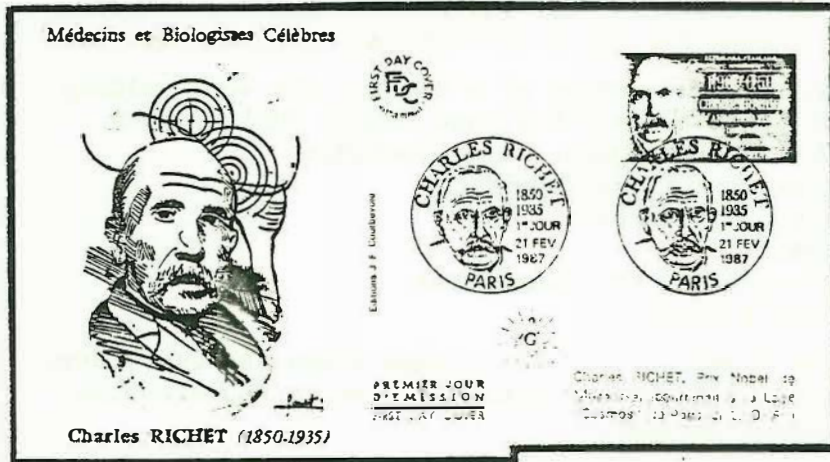
Recent correspondence with Bro. Jean Prouteau, Member No. 109 of France, indicates that his Masonic Stamp Group has issued three more interesting Masonic cacheted FDC's. Pictured below, they honor C. Richet, P. de Suffren and L. de Bougainville.

Feb. 21, 1987 Charles Richet Information presented in Newsletter No.57.

Feb. 20, 1988 Pierre Marie Comte de Suffren See title page of this issue.

Feb. 20, 1988 Louis-Antoine de Bougainville, Member of the Lodge "Militaire de la Marine" in Brest (1778).

To obtain these three covers, via airmail, please send \$10.00 (U.S.) to Jean Prouteau, 1 rue Verlaine, 17000 La Rochelle, France.



REMINDER - IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES, DO SO TODAY!!!

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of a Masonic interest have been noted in the recent philatelic press:

- 12/16/87 - Paraguay - Christmas set of 4 values, 1 sheetlet and 1 S/S - 5g includes St. John the Baptist, 25g shows "The Party of the Rosary" by Durer and the S/S depicts a Durer engraving of Mary and Child with monkey.
- 12/19/87 - Philippines - 75th Anniversary of the Grand Masonic Lodge - one value depicting Lodge headquarters, emblems, Dr. Jose Rizal. Issue discussed in previous issue.
- 1/25/88 - Philippines - two values for the Opening of the Seventh Constitutional Congress - both picture a gavel.
- 2/15/88 - Central African Republic - 40fr value picturing James Madison issued for the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial.
- 2/15/88 - Several Nations issued a stamp or a set for the 40th wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip which picture the Duke of Edinburgh. These include:
 - Central African Republic
 - Antigua & Barbuda
 - Dominica
 - Grenada and the Grenadines
 - Sierra Leone.
- 2/22/88 - France - Famous People set of six stamps which include Pierre Andre de Suffren and Louis-Antoine de Bougainville discussed earlier.
- 3/1/88 - St. Helena - 4 values for Australian Bicentenary. 13p shows HMS Resolution, 1775, and James Cook's signature.
- 3/17/88 - San Marino - Five stamps promoting stamp collecting/topical collecting. 1,000 lire value pictures stamps showing Giuseppe Garibaldi, Christopher Columbus and Johann Sebastian Bach.
- 4/11/88 - France - One value to note Blood Donation which pictures a drop of blood.

NEW POSTAGE RATES

As most of you will note, there is an increase in the amount of postage used to mail this issue of the Newsletter. A general increase has been experienced in virtually all categories. (The only one which did not change was the South East Asia, Australia area.) I am hoping that we will be able to maintain the dues at their present level - a feat which can be achieved if we retain or increase our membership for amortization of the printing costs. So get you dues up to date and try to recruit new members. I will do my bit by investigating pre-sorted mailing within the U.S. to get a better rate.

RESULTS - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a long and active campaign, the election results are finally in hand. You, the members, have returned the incumbents for an unprecedented third term. (A longer term in office was maintained by Bro. Dick Needham but this is the first time an entire slate has been elected for a third term.) To recap, the elected officers for the 1988-1990 term are:

- President - Thomas M. Gardner of Essex Junction, Vermont
- Vice-President - Joseph A. Walkes, Jr. of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- Secretary-Treasurer - Otto L. Steding of Cincinnati, Ohio.

I trust that we will be hearing soon from our President with his announcement of appointments and any features he may be planning for the Unit over the next two years. Congratulations Brethren!!

TOPEX AT STAMPEX '88

The annual TOPEX , sponsored by the ATA, will be held in conjunction with STAMPEX this year in Toronto, Canada. The all-topical show and 39th annual convention will be staged at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto on June 17-19. A total of 200 frames will be made available for topical exhibits and the jury panel will be comprised of accredited ATA topical judges.

For information on TOPEX AT STAMPEX '88 and a copy of the exhibiting prospectus, contact the general chairman: Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ont. L4G 2K1, Canada. An IRC would be appreciated.

As with TOPEX over the past several years, our Unit will make available a Masonic Award for the best Masonic exhibit of the show. Unfortunately, no one has entered any Masonic exhibits in the past several years. Are there any participants this year?

TEMPLE STAMP CLUB COVER

Bro. Robert C. Krueger, Member No. 95, informs us that the Temple Stamp Club is issuing another cover. This one is to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Kenwood Lodge No. 303, F. & A. M. of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Bro. Krueger is a Past Master and Secretary emeritus of this Lodge. The cover will have a blue cacheted version of the Wisconsin square and compasses and will use the new "E" stamp. Prices for this cover are \$1.00 each or three for \$2.75 with an accompanying SASE. Unfortunately, he did not indicate the issue date for this cover but I can only assume it is in the very near future.

Orders for these covers should be placed with:

Wayne E. Claflin, President
 The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee
 % The Scottish Rite Cathedral
 790 North Van Buren Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53202

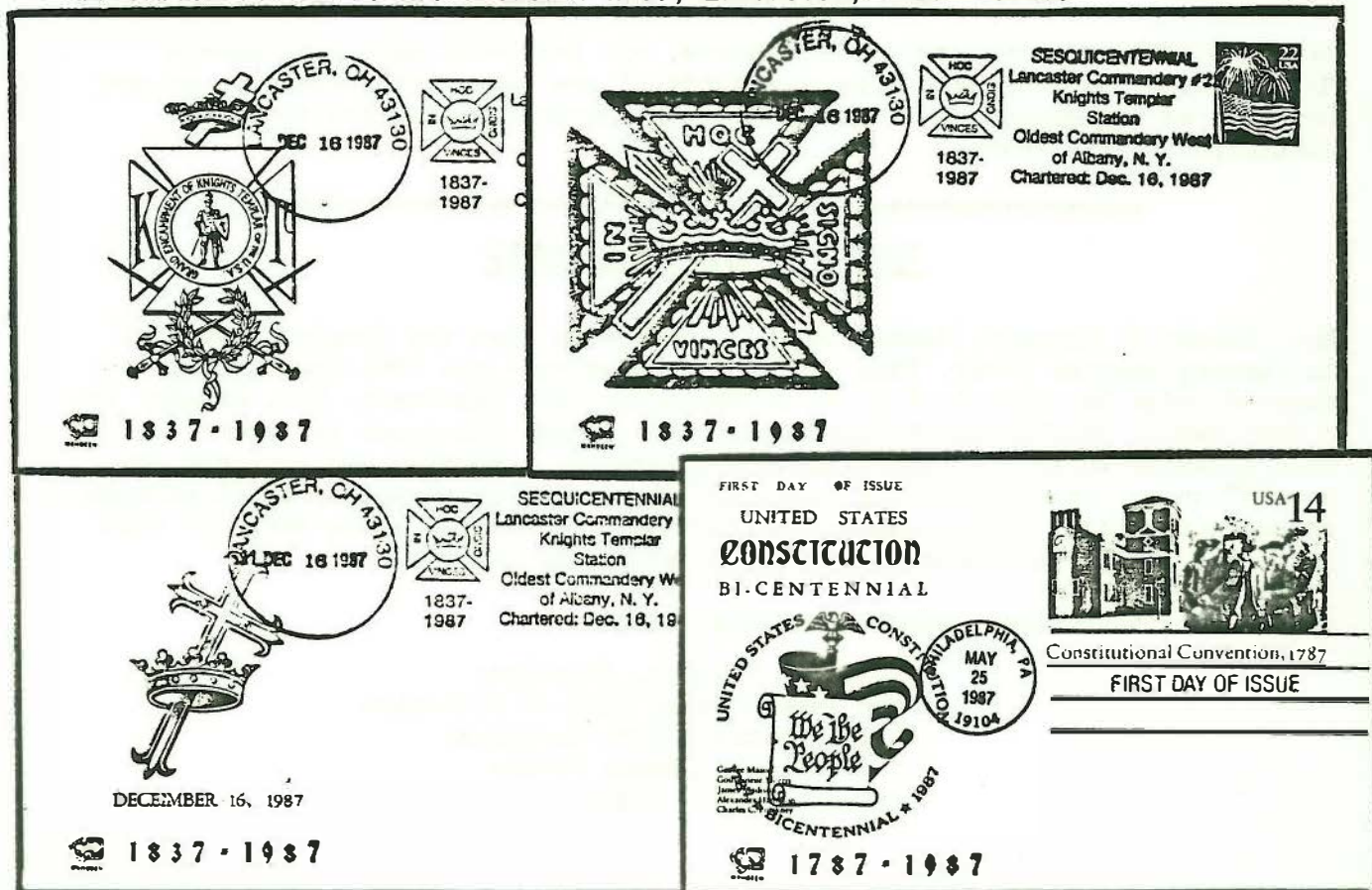
CUNNINGHAM BOND COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham has prepared a cover using the U.S. Bond envelope FDC for the 22¢ official mail. Information on this cover can be obtained from him at Grant 211, 3700 North Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.



COMMANDERY SESQUICENTENNIAL COVERS BY MAHDEEN

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Bro. Dack Needham has prepared a set of seven covers to commemorate the sesquicentennial of his Lancaster Commandery No. 2, K.T., Lancaster, Ohio. He has six sets of these covers left which sell for \$11.25 the set. He also has some U.S. Constitution Bicentennial postal cards available which are offered at \$1.00 each. He can be contacted at 708 N. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130.



COCHRANE "ORIGINAL COLONIES" SET

Bro. Frank Cochrane has started a set of covers associated with the 13 original colonies series to honor the first Grand Master of each of these colonies. The covers issued for the Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey stamps have been shown previously. We can now illustrate the covers prepared for the next four in the series - Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maryland. These covers are very well done and are available from Bro. Cochrane for about \$1.00 each at P.O.Box 360025, Melbourne, FL 32936.

<p>Right Worshipful Grey Elliott 1700 (over) - 1707 First Provincial Grand Master 1700 - 1718 Appointed by Charles II, second Lord of the Grand Master of England, 1707 - 1708</p> <hr/> <p>Most Worshipful William Stephens 1708 - 1719 First Grand Master 1708 - 1708 & 1719 - 1718 Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M. "Loyalty and Justice" Mayor of Savannah Judge, U.S. District Court of Georgia</p> <p>ATLANTA, GA JAN 6 1988 30304</p>	<p>Most Worshipful Pierpont Edwards 1757 - 1826 First Grand Master 1789 - 1790 Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut Lawyer Revolutionary War Veteran Member Continental Congress Judge, U.S. District Court, Connecticut</p> <p>HARTFORD, CT JAN 9 1988 06101</p> <p>January 9, 1788 Connecticut 22 USA We the People STATEHOOD FIRST DAY OF ISSUE BICENTENNIAL</p> <p>Cochrane</p>
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<p>Right Worshipful Kenny Price 1707 - 1708 First Grand Master St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge 1707-08, 1710-11, 1714-15 & 1707-08</p> <hr/> <p>Right Worshipful Joseph Warren 1711 - 1775 First Grand Master Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1769 - 1775</p> <hr/> <p>Most Worshipful John Cutler 1723 - 1805 First Grand Master The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A.F. & A.M. 1793 - 1794</p> <p>BOSTON, MA FEB 6 1988 02205</p>	<p>Most Worshipful John Coats 1751 - 1810 First Grand Master 1787 - 1791 & 1793 Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Maryland Doctor Captain, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment Deputy Grand Master, Pennsylvania First President, Eastern Academy Member, Board of Health, Canton</p> <p>ANNAPOLIS, MD FEB 15 1988 21401</p> <p>April 28, 1788 USA Maryland 22 We the People STATEHOOD FIRST DAY OF ISSUE BICENTENNIAL</p> <p>Cochrane</p>
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After waiting for some time for a stamp which would be applicable for a cover honoring Archibald W. Butt, the Georgia statehood stamp provided the opportunity to issue the cover shown below. It is also available from Bro. Cochrane.

<p>Brother Archibald W. Butt Major, U.S. Army</p> <p>Born August, Georgia 28 September 1864</p> <p>Relied Lodge Lodge No. 73, Washington, D.C. 27 January 1910</p> <p>Lost With 1516 Souls When "R.M.S. TITANIC" Slipped Under the Atlantic Ocean At 2:20 A.M., 15 April 1912, after hitting iceberg.</p> <p>Personal Aide To Two Presidents: Brother Theodore Roosevelt (1908-09) Brother William Howard Taft (1909-12)</p> <p>WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST- THE EVERLASTING MEMORY OF MALE CHIVALRY</p>	<p>ATLANTA, GA JAN 6 1988 30304</p> <p>22 USA We the People STATEHOOD FIRST DAY OF ISSUE BICENTENNIAL</p> <p>January 2, 1788 Georgia</p> <p>Cochrane</p>
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U.S.CONSTITUTION STAMPS OF THE WORLD

Several recent issues throughout the world for the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution would be considered applicable to a Masonic stamp collection.

The set and souvenir issued by Antigua and Barbuda on Nov. 16, 1987, includes the Virginia House of Burgesses, Gouverneur Morris and Roger Sherman.

The set and souvenir sheet issued by Grenada on Nov. 2, 1987, includes Independence Hall, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris and James Madison.

The Grenada-Grenadines set of Nov. 2, 1987, depicts George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton as well as the U.S.Congress.

The set and sheet issued by Redonda on Sept. 9, 1987, shows Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Ellsworth and James Wilson.

The Sierra Leone set and souvenir sheet of Nov. 9, 1987, depict George Washington, Patrick Henry, and John Jay.

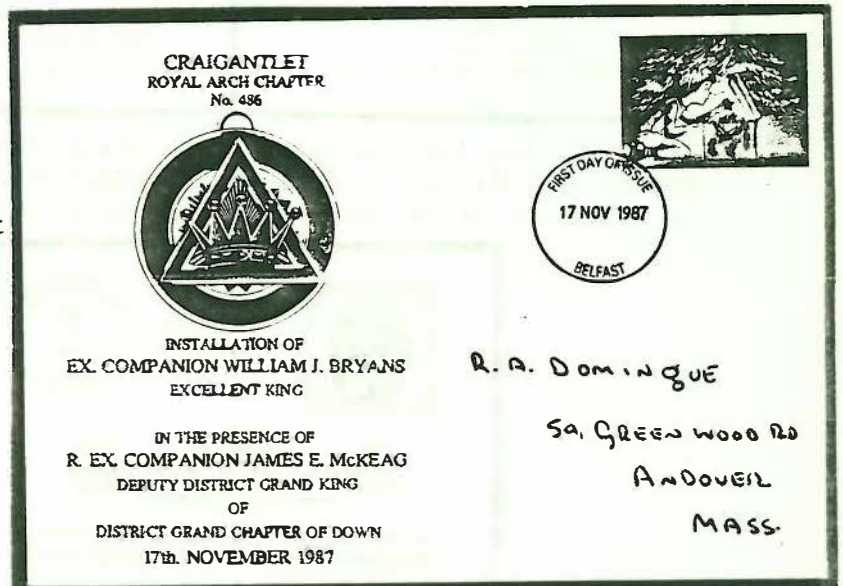
MASONIC PHILATELY (PART 4)

Part 4 of Bro. Trevor Fray's 5-part work on Masonic Philately has been published. Bound in the familiar soft, yellow plastic covers, the 50-plus page booklet adds the Freemasons S to Z to the series and includes articles on Masonic postmarks and meter marks and touches upon Cinderellas, Revenue stamps and publicity labels. There is also practical help in the writing-up of a collection of Freemasonry philately.

The price of this volume has been held at the 1984 level which is only \$9.50 surface mail or \$11.50 airmailed (U.S.\$). It can be ordered from Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar St., Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7HA ENGLAND.

MASONIC COVER FROM IRELAND

Another Masonic cacheted cover has been issued by Bro. Frank H. Elliott, Member No. 124, of No. Ireland. It was issued on Nov. 17, 1987, for the installation of William J. Bryans as Excellent King of Craigtantlet R.A.Chapter No. 486. Inquiries on the availability of this cover should be addressed to Bro. Elliott at 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, Northern Ireland.



ANOTHER GRAND LODGE BOOK

Bro. Juris Raudins, Member No. 182, has sent in notification of another Grand Lodge book, this one covers the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It is titled "Frontier Cornerstone", was written by Allen E. Roberts and was published in 1980. Thank you Bro. Raudins.

ERROR ON WETREICH'S JOHN WAYNE COVER

Bro. Don Mears, Member No. 37 of Omaha, Nebr., has identified an error in the text on the cover shown on page 685 in the most recent newsletter. This cover was published by Ross Wetreich of Long Island, New York. The text improperly identified John Wayne's place of birth as Winterset, Ohio. It should be Winterset, Iowa. As Bro. Mears states "The members of Evening Star #42 Lodge at Winterset would be upset to learn he had moved to "foreign" soil."

Thank you for being observant Bro. Mears.

BRO. PROVAN COMPUTER OFFER

Bro. John Provan, Member No. 406 of Germany and Past Grand Master of the American Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany, has provided your editor with copies of a few of his recently developed pages from his collection. He states that he has about half of his Masonic collection information on a computer floppy disk. He further offers that if any of the members would like to have a copy of this disk to send a formatted floppy disk (IBM compatible). His data is on WORDSTAR. One of these days, he says, he will have it all on disk but not just yet.

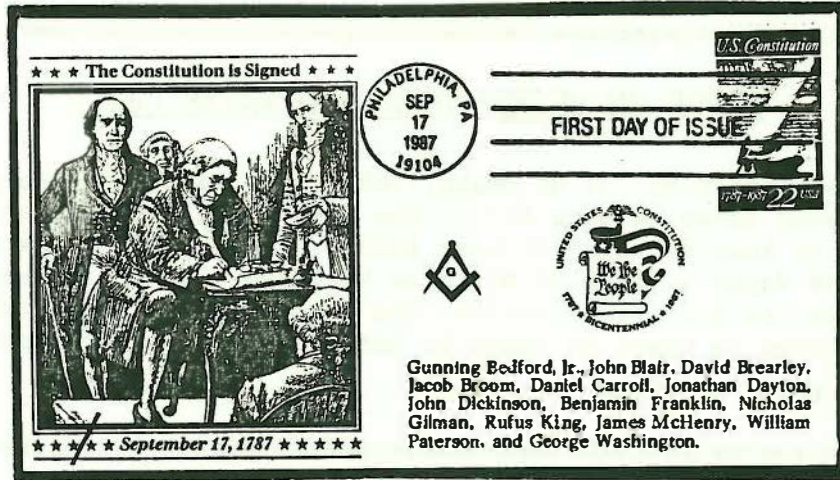
Thank you for the offer, Bro. Provan.

CUNNINGHAM CONSTITUTION COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham's contribution to the collection of Masonic covers published for the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial is shown here. Information on its purchase can be obtained from him at Grant 211, 3700 No. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.

ITALIAN MSC COVER

The Italian Masonic Stamp Club has issued a cover for the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial - it is shown below and can be ordered from Mrs. Dina Ricci, Casalla Postale 39, Via Gagliardi #25, Logo 48022 Italy. The price of this cover is not known to your editor.



EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Here we go again with another year in the existence of the Masonic Study Unit of the ATA. I congratulate the officers on their reelection to an unprecedented third term. It is times like this, as I struggle to compose a newsletter, that I sit back and wonder what will happen in the Unit and to the Unit over the next two year period. The number of new cases of Masons pictured on stamps are few and far between. I do track the various new issues as defined in Linn's and I do have the files of the late Bro. Marshall Loke to consult for Masonic information but they are not all encompassing. We in the Unit need the help of all of us if this organization is to be of benefit to the collecting membership. Collectively, we must monitor all the names of persons being pictured on new issues and track their potential Masonic affiliation through any source available if we are to shed more light on the hobby. Past newsletters have shown that very few members participate in this research activity - more must if we are to retain our position as a viable organization. It would take up too much space to list all the names of persons depicted on all new issues in each newsletter - that must be left to the ambition and dedication of the individual members. If articles on new cases are not forthcoming, our newsletter will become nothing more than a listing of new stamps of previously identified Masons and an announcement medium for recently issued covers. We need more than that to attract new members and to keep the present ones.

I feel guilty when I fill up the blank spaces with data that have been published previously for Masons honored philatelically. I try not to repeat any article I have published previously or that was documented by my predecessor, Bro. Walter Kirby. I consult my Mirt, Beltmann and Koutroulis newsletters often. Even these, however, are starting to run dry. I have committed myself to meaningful bi-monthly newsletters but I need your help to be able to continue to achieve this commitment. I am sure that the officers as well as myself would appreciate any comments, positive or constructively negative, which you might have to perpetuate the existence of the Unit, liven up its activities and enhance the benefits of membership. Let's hear from any and all of you!!!!