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WHOLE NO. 79

OLE B. BULL



On June 19, 1985, Norway issued a stamp which pictured the great violinist, Ole B. Bull, who was widely acclaimed for performances of his own compositions in a light virtuoso style and of arrangements of Norwegian folk tunes.

Ole Bornemann Bull was born on Feb. 5, 1810, at Bergen, Norway. He was mainly self-taught and at the age of nine became a member of the Bergen orchestra. In 1831 he went to Paris where he set himself the aim of emulating Niccolo Paganini. His career as a virtuoso violinist began in 1832 when he gave a concert in Paris assisted by Chopin. Between 1843 and 1879 he made five visits to the United States and eventually spent each summer in America and winter in Norway. In 1850 he established a Norse theatre at Bergen and two years later attempted to establish a Norwegian colony in Pennsylvania but had been deceived by land titles and lost a fortune. Bull's violin playing was remarkable for its chord effects which he achieved by using an almost flat bridge and a heavy and unusually long bow. He died at Lyso, near Bergen, on Aug. 17, 1880.

Bro. Bull's home Lodge is not known but he was recorded as a visitor to St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 of New York City in March 1868 and the Lodge of St. Andrew in Massachusetts. His business manager in this country was Fred Widdows, Past Master of Clinton Lodge No. 453, New York. On Oct. 30, 1845, Bro. Bull gave a concert for the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York which netted \$1,400.

-Article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln, Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio, as taken from "The Royal Arch Mason."

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

151. Martin Davison, 19 Hurlingham, Don Mills, Ontario M3B 2P9 Canada.
170. Jeffrey N. Nelson, 121 E. Arikora Ave., Bismark, ND 58501.
212. Milton Schusterman, 609 N.E. 14th Sx Ave. #605, Hallandale, FL 33009.
216. Harry Cohen, 12 Elford Grove, Gorton, Manchester M18 7NB England.
264. David Bailey, 1201 W. Esplanade #2107, Kenner, LA 70065.
270. Wilbert Short, 611 Third St., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071.
345. William J. Slankard, P.O.Box 2723, Des Plaines, IL 60017.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

53. William Youd, 42 Regents Walk, Patrington Haven Leisure Park,
Patrington Haven, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU12 0PT England.
386. George L. Schmidt, RR1 Box 724, Mission, TX 78572.

CLOSED ALBUMS:

40. Arthur H. Segnit, Australia.
402. Wolfgang Brachvogel, West Germany.

We note with sincere sympathy the passing of our noted member, Wor. Bro. Brachvogel, who lost his fight against cancer on May 21, 1990. He was the press spokesman of the office for public relations of the United Grand Lodges of Germany and a press advisor for the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Germany. He also served as one of the editors of "ELEUSIS", the German publication of the Supreme Council, 33 deg. He contributed several articles to our Newsletter. His presence will be missed.

APS REPRESENTATIVE

Bro. Ernest Fricks, Member No. 224, 28 Windmill Dr., Clementon, NJ 08021, has volunteered for the position of APS Liaison for our Unit. We thank you, Bro. Fricks, for fulfilling this position which has been open for a few years now.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our President wishes to initiate a membership drive. Towards this end he will reward each member who brings in five new members with one year's free dues. This goal should be the aim of each member as we attempt to spread our influence and knowledge over a much wider base.

INDEPENDENCE ROCK

Independence Rock, also known as "The Register of the Plains" - The Great Record of the Desert is located on the Sweetwater River midway between Casper, Wyo., on the north and Rawlings, Wyo., on the south. Thousands of names are inscribed on its granite face; Bonneville, Fremont, Father DeSmet and Brigham Young are among some of the illustrious men in history who have carved their names as they stopped to rest. The Rock was known and named before 1830 by hunters, trappers and adventurers.

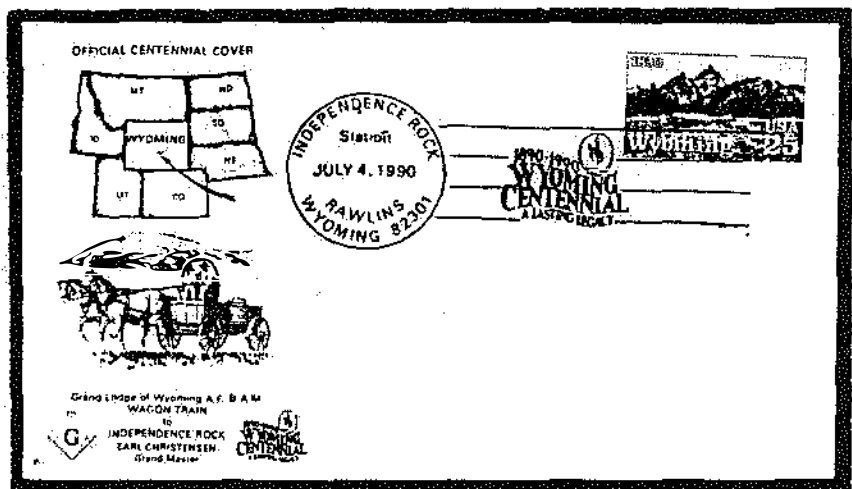
On July 4, 1862, a wagon train headed for Washington and Oregon encamped on this spot. Out of this wagon train approximately 20 Masons, who could mutually vouch for each other, traversed to the top of the Rock to hold the first tyled Masonic Communication in what is now Wyoming. The Worshipful Master was Asa L. Brown who later became M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory in 1864.

Alfred J. Mokler, Grand Historian (1922-1952) instigated the first commemorative communication held at Independence Rock - July 4, 1920. Aug. 27, 1939, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming passed a Standing Resolution stating that an anniversary communication should be held every 10 years. This was accordingly done every ten years, with the exception of 1960, which was postponed until 1962 to commemorate 100 years.

In keeping with this plan, as well as helping to celebrate Wyoming's Statehood Centennial, the Grand Master of Wyoming, Earl Christensen, again celebrated this anniversary. He led four wagon trains on July 3, 1990, to this site where they circled. There was evening entertainment at that site in the vein of 1890's for Masons, their family and friends. The following noontime Grand Lodge opened for a short meeting and then closed to hear an address delivered by Rex R. Hutchens, P.M., of Tucson, Arizona, an instructor in Philosophy at Pima Community College, Tucson. Except for the tyled meeting, Masons and non-masons alike participated in all the activities.

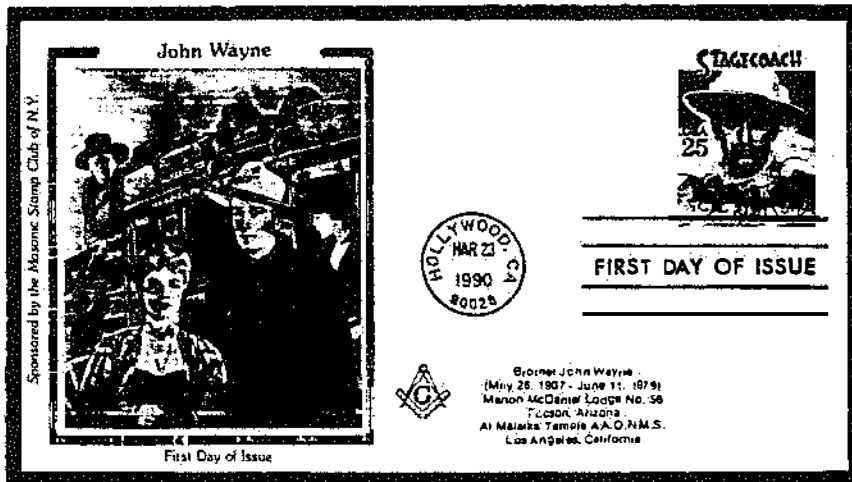
Bro. Dale Kinley, Member No. 423 of Escondido, CA, and Sheridan, WY, a personal friend of the Grand Master who led the ceremonies, participated in the event as one of the 1500 to 2000 attendees and 500 Masons who were able to climb the 100 yards, identifying themselves as Masons to the Tyler at the base of the Rock and following the rope up. He also caused a special cachet and cancellation to be created for the day. He commissioned a Wyoming artist and the resulting cover is shown here. Only 500 of these were prepared and many of them have been sold. Those which are left are available at a cost of \$3.00 ea. (+ #10 SASE) from:

Dakin of the Big Horns
P.O. Box 622
Sheridan, WY 82801.

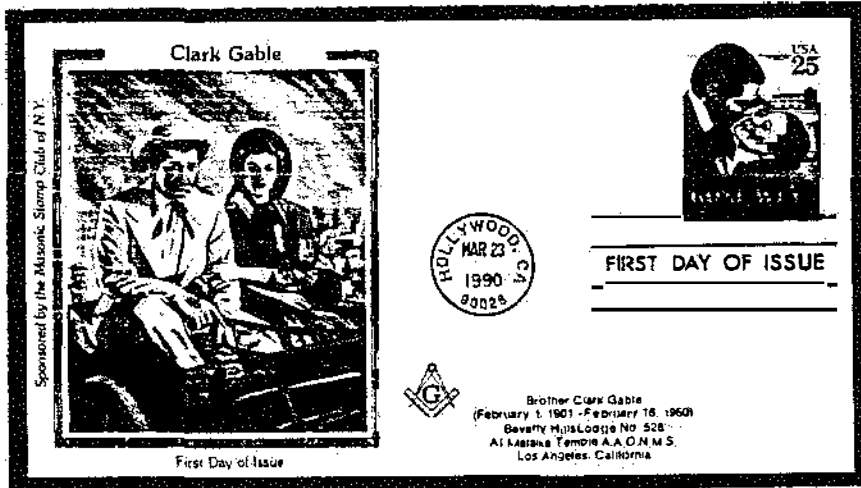


MSC OF NY COVERS

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York has issued a pair of Masonic Cacheted Covers for the recent movies/movie stars set. Honoring John Wayne and Clark Gable, they are available at a cost of \$3.00 each and a #10 SASE from Nicholas Batalias, 27-05 Urban Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

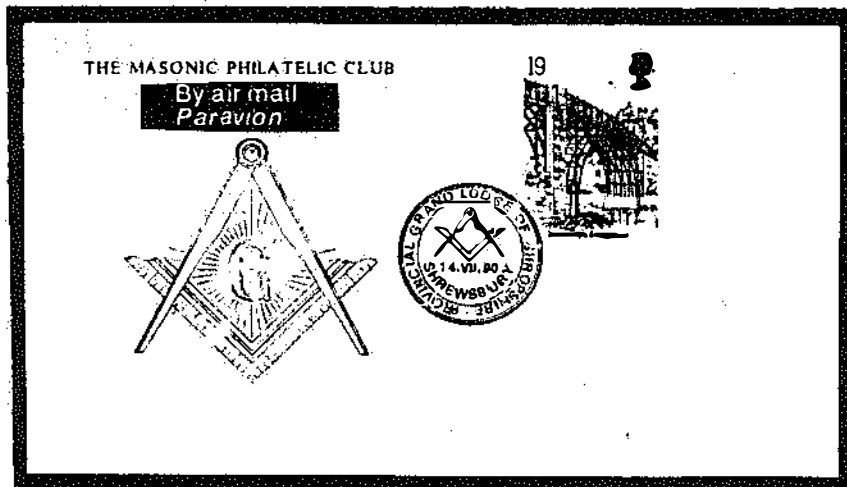


Brother John Wayne
 (May 26, 1907 - June 11, 1979)
 Mason McDaniel Lodge No. 56
 Tucson, Arizona
 At Masons Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
 Los Angeles, California



Brother Clark Gable
 (February 1, 1901 - February 16, 1960)
 Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528
 At Masons Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
 Los Angeles, California

GREAT BRITAIN COVER



Bro. G. A. West has sent along a copy of the cover shown to the left. I am not sure if he has any more but he should be contacted on the subject. His address is:
 12 Dean Way
 Storrington
 Pulborough
 West Sussex RH20 40N
 England

LUIS MUNOZ MORIN - NOT A MASON

Bro. John M. Cunningham inquired of the office of the "Gran Logia Soberano de LL. y AA. MM. de Puerto Rico" as to the possible Masonic membership of Don Luis Munoz Marin recently pictured on the 5 cent regular issue. The Grand Secretary, Bolivar Perez Rios, P.G.M., personally knows the family as he attended High School with the two oldest sons of Marin and knows his widow. He informs us that although Don Luis' father and uncle were members of the craft, the latter being a Past Grand Master, he himself was not a member of the Fraternity.



SURINAM LODGE STAMP



Bro. Norman Lincoln, Member No. 12 of Eaton, Ohio, suggests that many brethren have undoubtedly overlooked the 1961 stamp from Surinam - Scott No. 293 - which shows the entrance to Loge Concordia erected in 1761 in Paramaribo by the Grand East of the Netherlands. This stamp makes a nice addition to a page on Masonic Lodges.

DAVID YELLIN

In our recent Newsletter we requested information on the Masonic membership of David Yellin. Bro. Ely Rosen, Member No. 448 of Israel, has provided that information to The Masonic Philatelic Club (of Great Britain). I now copy that information as reported in their Newsletter No. 49, July 1990.

David Yellin (1864-1941), professor at the University of Jerusalem who was a member of Lodge "Har-Zion" (Mount Zion) having been initiated in Salomen Quarries in Jerusalem and, as far as I can ascertain, was at one time Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Israel (Palestine) which existed until the consecration in 1953 of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.



LET'S ALL GET A NEW MEMBER

HELP YOUR UNIT GROW

"LIST OF STAMPS ON MASONRY"

Recently your editor received a request in the mail which stated simply "Please send me a list of stamps on the topic of Masonry". I thought long and hard about what to do in this instance - do I forget it as too long a task to answer for the value attained or do I compose an answer which might be used for others posing the same question. My response is provided here for your use if the occasion requires.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in response to your letter of June 16 in which you request a list of stamps on the topic of Masonry. Unfortunately, the action you request is not as simple as it would appear on the surface. There might be many lists because there are many facets to the hobby of Masonic Philately. These many lists would most likely be very controversial because the science of "Who was a Mason" is not precise - especially during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Any lists would be instantly out of date with the frequency of stamps being issued now-a-days and the Masonic association of many of them. Masonic Philately is very dynamic.

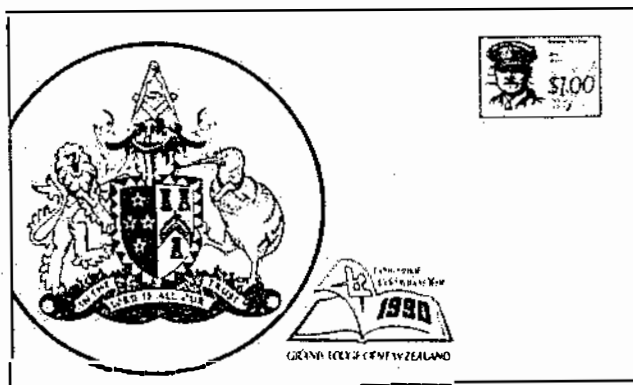
First, let me discuss the many categories of Masonic Philately. One can collect stamps issued for Masonic anniversaries such as Grand Lodges have done in many foreign countries. One can collect Masons pictured on stamps or stamps whose designs are associated with various Masons. One can collect Masonic symbols on stamps - as you can imagine this sub-topic is wide open to interpretation. One can collect covers.

Next, information on the Masonic membership of persons pictured on stamps has been a life-long project of many eminent individuals. Many Grand Lodges have Lodges dedicated to Masonic Research. There are many Philatelic groups devoted exclusively to the topic of Masonry - The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club (Washington, D.C.), the Denver Masonic Stamp Club, The Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, The Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association as well as similar groups in The Netherlands, Great Britain, So. Australia, France, Italy and The Philippines. Many, many Masonic Philatelists are engaged in the generation of such a "list of stamps on the topic of Masonry" - each is different and is slanted toward an individual's or a group's outlook.

Several individuals have tried to publish lists or books of Masons on stamps but none are widely accepted as "the gospel". I published a booklet back in the early 1960's which is terribly out of date. Chris Murphy of Canada has published a book on the subject which is quite complete for the U.S. and Canada but contains data which is contested by several individuals. The MSA has copied much of this data in a booklet by Bro. Murphy they have sponsored. Many of the Masonic Philatelic organizations publish periodic newsletters which keep the hobby up to date as well as review older cases - specifically The Masonic Stamp Club of New York ("The Masonic Philatelist" - quarterly) The Masonic Study Unit ("The Philatelic Freemason" - bi-monthly), the Masonic Stamp Group of Great Britain (quarterly) and the Unit in The Netherlands. I am enclosing one of our recent Newsletters and an application form if you might be interested in joining and becoming an active participant in the hobby. I hope this letter has helped you in your quest.

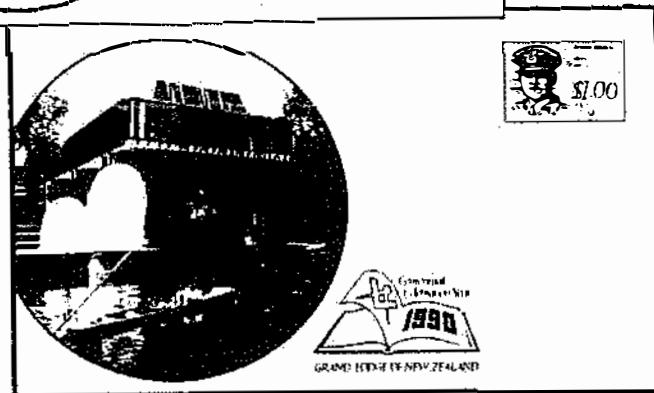
NEW ZEALAND GRAND LODGE CENTENNIAL

The New Zealand Grand Lodge Centennial will be celebrated in November of this year and Masonic covers will be available to commemorate this event. These covers will be franked with a stamp depicting Sir Bernard Freyburg, a noted New Zealand Statesman and Freemason. He received his degrees in the Household Brigade No. 2614 which met at Prince's, Picadilly, on 27 Feb. 1922, 24 April 1923 and 30 April 1923. He later resigned from the Lodge on 23 Feb. 1931 and on 26 April 1946 became a joining member of the New Zealand Lodge No. 5175, London; he later became an Honorary Member. In New Zealand he became a joining member of the Westminister Lodge No. 308, Wellington, and in 1948 was installed its Worshipful Master.



The Grand Lodge Souvenir Covers shown here will be printed in full color with an insert card with a brief history of Grand Lodge and Sir Bernard Freyburg. Available after 30 November, 1990, they can be ordered from:

Grand Lodge Philatelic Officer
 P.O. Box 3009 Christchurch
 New Zealand. The cost per cover is \$5.00, unsigned, or \$10.00, signed by the Grand Master (I assume this is New Zealand dollars).



Bro. Norman Lincoln has provided a strange "Cinderella" issue - an inspection stamp issued by the Indiana Board of Health, Sanitary Bedding Section. Across the center of the design is printed "FIAT LUX" Latin for "Let There Be Light". Does anyone know the significance behind this application? Of course, the Masonic Order cannot assume exclusive use of this Biblical phrase but there might be some connection. Bro. Lincoln has a couple more of these stamps for anyone that might be interested. His address is 107 1/2 Barron St., Eaton, OH 45320.



This past Sunday, at a Post Card Show in Portland, Maine, I picked up a copy of the 23 July issue of Barr's. There on the front page was a picture of our Vice President, Bro. Patrick C. Palmer, and an article on his being selected Collector of the Month. More on this later.

NEW ISSUES

New issues which are of Masonic interest that have been reported in the philatelic press include:

- Oct. 25, 1989 - Malagasy Republic - 200th Anniversary of the French Revolution - 3 values - 250fr value depicts "Oath of the Tennis Court" by Jacques Louis David.
- Oct. 27, 1989 - Cuba - Latin American History - three se-tenant strips of five stamps - one pictures Domingo F. Sarmiento and one pictures Ruben Dario.
- Dec. 20, 1989 - Cuba - Centenary of Jose Marti's Golden Age - 1 value.
- Feb. 12, 1990 - Grenada - Historical Anniversaries - 8 values and 2 S/S - 25 cent value depicts George Washington.
- Feb. 15, 1990 - Maldives - Anniversaries and Events of 1989 - 8 values and 2 S/S - 8rf value shows George Washington (Inauguration).
- Mar. 14, 1990 - Paraguay - 500th Anniversary of the Post/Albrecht Durer - 8 values and 2 S/S.
- Mar. 30, 1990 - El Salvador - 50th Anniversary of the Philatelic Society of El Salvador - 2 values and S/S - design shows hourglass.
- Mar. 31, 1990 - Barbuda - 20th Anniversary of the First Manned Landing on the Moon - 4 values and S/S - 45 cent value shows Edwin Aldrin.
- Apr. 2, 1990 - St. Vincent. - World War II - 10 values and S/S - 30 cent value pictures Gen. Douglas MacArthur.
- Apr. 6, 1990 - Brazil - World Health Day - 1 value - depicts two hearts in test tube.
- Apr. 24, 1990 - Hungary - 400th Anniversary of the Bible - 1 value/label
- May 2, 1990 - Cook Islands - 150th Anniversary of Penny Black/Paintings - 4 values and S/S - \$1.85 value is "Portrait of a Gentleman" by Albrecht Durer.
- May 6, 1990 - Colombia - 150th Anniversary Death Anniversary of Gen. Francisco de Paula Santander - 5 values.
- May 10, 1990 - Marshall Islands - World War II/50th Anniversary of Winston Churchill's Election as Prime Minister - 1 value
- May 15, 1990 - Sweden - Beekeeping - 6 stamps showing bees and beehive.
- May 1990 - Uganda - Milestones of World War II - 10 values and S/S - 200/- value shows return of Gen. MacArthur to the Philippines.

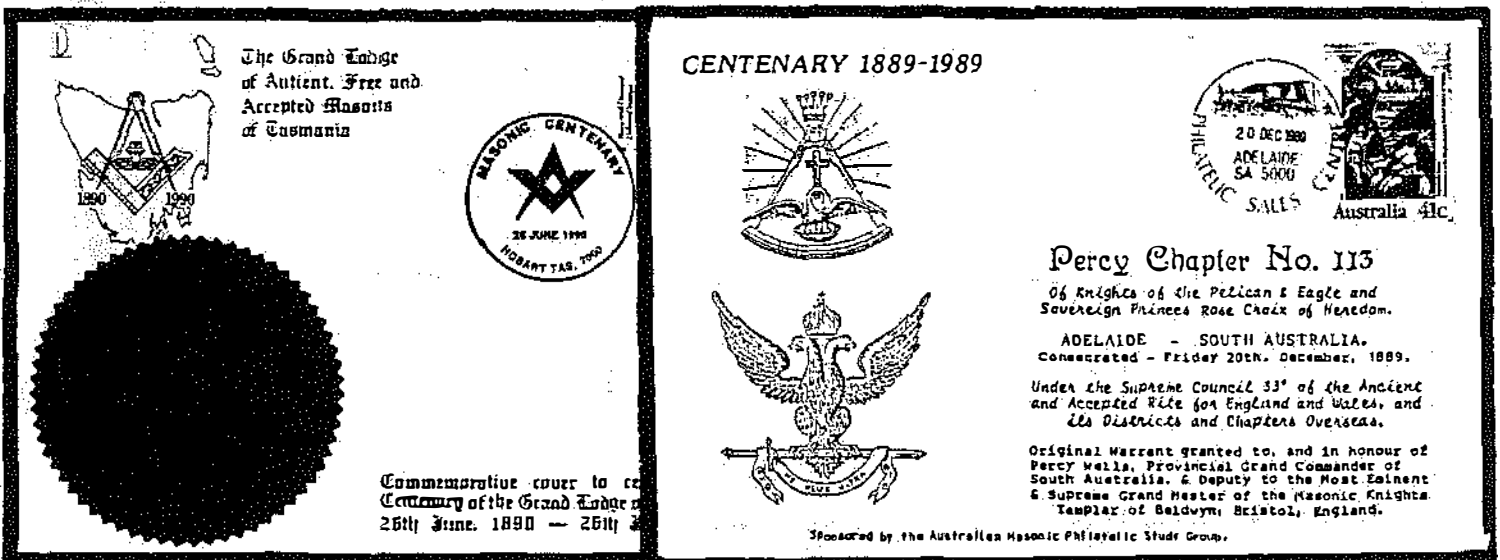


- Jun. 11, 1990 - Antigua & Barbuda - International Achievements in Space - sheetlet of 20 stamps - one pictures Edwin Aldrin.
- Jun. 18, 1990 - Belgium - Battle of Waterloo - one value which pictures Napoleon on horse back.
- Jun. 19, 1990 - Malagasy Republic - 20th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon - 6 values and S/S - 2500fr value pictures Apollo 11 astronauts.
- Aug. 4, 1990 - Omnibus Issue for the 90th Birthday of the Queen Mother. Several issues depict King George VI:
 Ascension Island - 1 value
 Br. Antarctic Terr. - 2 value
 Cayman Islands - 1 value **
 Kiribati - 2 values
 South Georgia - 2 values
 Zil Elwannyen sesel - 2 values
- ** Also pictures Winston Churchill
- Sept. 4, 1990 - Monaco - 200th Anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann's Discovery of Homeopathic Medicine - 1 value.



AUSTRALIAN MASONIC COVERS

Two new Australian Masonic covers have been provided by Bro. Sid Martin, Member of our Unit and editor of The Australian Masonic Philatelic Study Group. The Tasmanian Grand Lodge Centenary cover has been mentioned previously and is available at a cost of \$US5.00. The Percy Chapter No. 113 Centenary cover was prepared by Bro. Martin and is the first Rose Croix cover to be produced in that country; he is a Past Sovereign of that Chapter. This cover is available for \$US3.00. Both are available from him and the prices include airmail postage; if both are ordered, the net price is \$7.00. His address is: 4 Barrow Crescent, Lockleys, So. Australia 5032.



A MEMBER'S PAGE

Bro. Grahame West, Member No. 244 of West Sussex, England, has sent along examples of a branch of his Masonic Philatelic endeavors. He collects Lodge communications or meeting notices and develops a page for his album which shows stamps related to the name of that Lodge. One can appreciate that George Washington Lodge shown here would be quite elementary to illustrate. Cannon Lodge and Caxton Lodge, however required a bit more ingenuity. I sent Bro. West a copy of a recent Communication from my Lodge - St. Matthew's - so that he can develop a page using stamps which picture this Saint of the Gospel. I am sure he would appreciate a notice from anyone who would like to send one to him at 12 Dean Way, Storrington, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 40N, England.



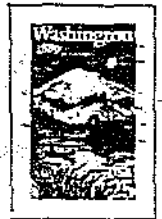
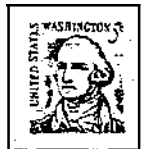
Freemasonry



George Washington Lodge

No. 285

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



THE CANNON LODGE.

No. 1539.

Patron - R.M. BEN. 1.

Vice-Patron - R.M.J. BOYS



Vice-Patron - R.M.J. GIRLS

Founder and Patron - R.M. HOSPITAL



W. Bro. JACK HAROLD WEST, W.M.



Battersea 7041



SISTERS AVENUE,
LONDON, S.W.11.

27th September, 1947

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the duces of the above Lodge at **THE FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen St., W.C.2** on **Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 1947** at 2.45 p.m. precisely.

By Command of the W.M.

W. R. BRIDGE, P.M.

Secretary.

Dress Optional.

Dinner: 8.0 p.m.

Please advise the Secretary on the enclosed post card if it is your intention to be present.

ations: First and Third Friday
West 23rd Street, New York City

The next Regular Meeting of the Lodge will be held on **12th NOVEMBER, 1947.**

Freemasonry

CAXTON LODGE,
No. 1853



Bro. HERBERT S. WILKINSON

Worshipful Master.

18, Meredyth Road,
Barnet, S.W.13.

22nd September, 1947.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the duties of this Lodge at
the FREEMASONS HALL, Great Queen Street, W.C.2
on Saturday, October 4th, 1947, at 2.30 p.m. precisely:

By Command of the Worshipful Master,

J. W. FOREMAN, P.A.G.D.C.
Secretary.

Officers are requested to attend punctually.



JANUARY 28th 1948

RIENDSHIP LODGE,
No. 6033.

JOSEPH PLATZ, W.M.

54, MONARCH COURT,
HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB,
N.2.

to attend the duties of the above Lodge,
as' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.2.,
1947, at 3.45 o'clock p.m. precisely.

Command of the Worshipful Master,
L. L. FRANKS, L.G.R., P.Z.



The cancellation shown here is from a cover in the collection of Bro. Norm Lincoln. All Masonic cancels from the 19th Century are quite rare and therefore quite expensive. This one was used in Charlestown, N.H. It is entirely probable that the user was a member of Faithful Lodge No. 12 located in that town.

Thanks for sharing this item, Bro. Norm.



*Mellie L Knight
Knightonville
Gilson
New Hampshire*

MASONIC SEALS

When Bro. Donald McKinney, Member No. 431, saw Masonic seals pictured in the last issue of the Newsletter, he sent along Xerox copies of many from his own collection. He has made up some packages of seals which he will gladly donate to anyone who writes for them. His address is 3462 Plantation Ridge, Acworth, GA 30101 He states that research on these items proves to be very elusive and he would like to be able to obtain any seals anyone may know of - especially ones tied to a stamp on correspondence. Some of his collected items are shown here.

