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EMMANUEL JOSEPH SIEYES



France honored Emmanuel Joseph Sieyes with a Semi-postal stamp which was part of a set of six released on February 25, 1989.

Emmanuel Joseph Sieyes was born at Frejus, Southern France, on May 3, 1748. He was educated for the church at the Sorbonne; but while there he eagerly imbibed the teachings of Locke, Condilliac and other political thinkers, in preference to theology. Nevertheless he entered the church and advanced until he became vicar-general and chancellor of the diocese of Chartres. At the crisis of 1788 when Necker asked for opinions as to the constitution of the estates, Sieyes wrote his celebrated pamphlet, "What is the Third Estate?". He was then elected the last (twentieth) of the deputies of Paris to the States General. Excluded from the Legislative Assembly by Robespierre's self-denying ordinance, he reappeared in the third National Assembly.

In 1795 he went on a diplomatic mission to The Hague and in May 1798 was plenipotentiary of France to the court of Berlin. In these missions he was skillful but he failed in his main objects. Following an attempt to define the perfect constitution (which was remodelled by Bonaparte) he retired from the post of provisional consul and entered the senate. He died in Paris on June 20, 1836.

Emmanuel Joseph Sieyes was a member of the Lodge "Les neuf Soeurs."

- Information extracted from "De Verlichte Loep" the Newsletter of "DE GETANDE RAND" of The Netherlands.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

- 136. Michael C. Andrews, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.
- 137. Father Al Simon, P.O. Box 812, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406.
- 142. Melville P. Rodermond, 3111 Eastern Boulevard, York, PA 17402.
- 148. Dr. John W. Bottjer, 1733 16th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009
- 162. Philippe A. Hans, 1286 Sheridan Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
- 236. Richard F. Potter, RFD 311 Rte 197, Woodstock, CT 06281.
- 238. Joseph E. Saddler, RR#1 Box 231, Rockport, IN 47635.
- 241. James L. Overturf, RR#3, Centerville, IA 52544.
- 255. Dr. Thomas Riley, 2527 Cox Mill Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.
- 257. José Rodriguez, 418 58th Street, West New York, NJ 07093.
- 273. William J. Harden, 4425 Disston St., Philadelphia, PA 19135.
- 276. Texas Lodge of Research, P.O. Box 1850, Dallas, TX 75221.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 292. James E. Brommer, 611 Sharon Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.
- 423. Dale E. Kinley, 20281 Cedar Lane, Escondido, CA 92025.
- 424. Kenneth G. Flock, 400 S. Broadway Place Apt 1170, Tucson, AZ 85710

CLOSED ALBUMS:

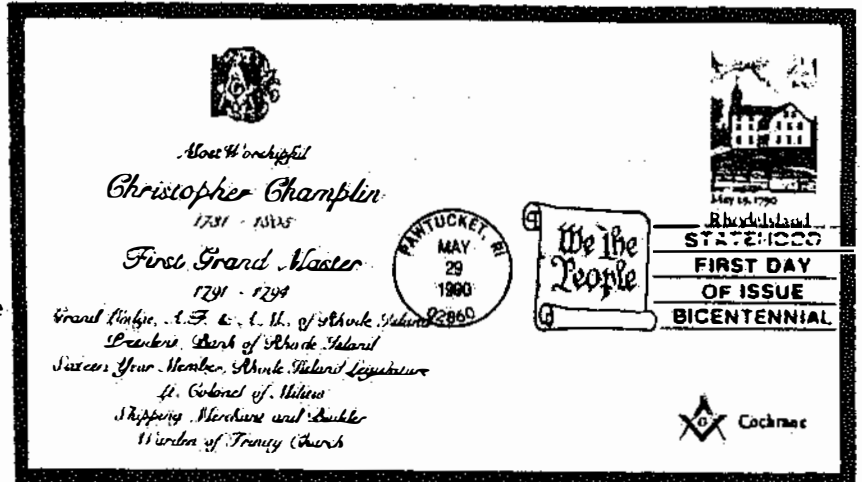
- 74. Wessel M. Lans, The Hague, Netherlands.

It is encouraging to see the list of new members cited above. Several of them were the direct results of efforts by Bro. John M. Cunningham while others became aware of the Unit by means of an article on Masonic Philately prepared by your Editor that appeared in a recent issue of "Stamp Collector". Comments on a couple of these new members are in order: Richard F. Potter is Secretary of Putnam Lodge #46 and Dr. Thomas Riley is President Emeritus of Hopkinsville Community College. Father Al Simon is a noted Priest who is a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Masons. Welcome to all our new members.

The passing of our members is always an occasion of sorrow but the "Closed Albums" cited above marks the departure of one of the few remaining greats in the field of Masonic Philatelic Research. He collaborated with the late Marshal Loke and provided much original research work. His demise on 20 August 1990 will be severely felt by the Fraternity and the hobby. Our condolences to his family and friends.

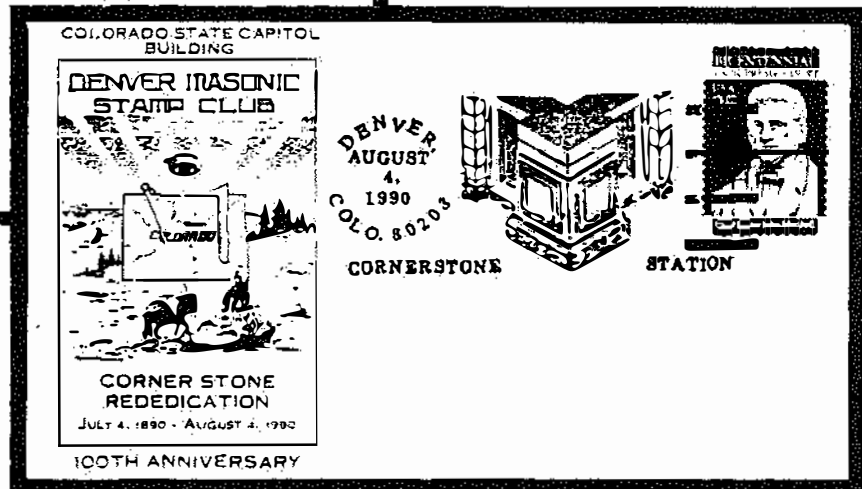
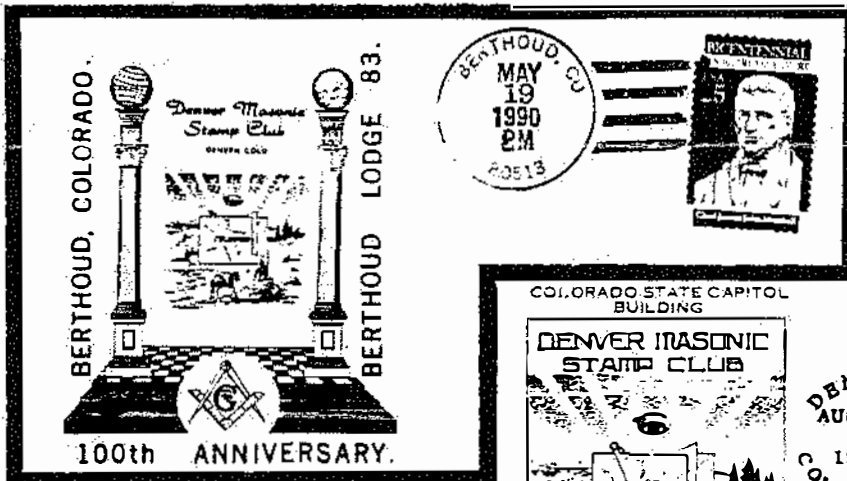
FRANK COCHRANE'S LAST COVER

The cover shown to the right represents, in all probability, Bro. Frank Cochrane's "Swan Song" in the cover producing field. It is the last of his set for the Grand Masters of the Original Thirteen Colonies. His covers have always been a credit to the hobby and quite tasteful. He indicates he may do one in 1992 if he is elected Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Florida.



Information on the acquisition of this cover can be obtained from Bro. Cochrane at P. O. Box 360025, Melbourne, FL 32936.

DENVER MSC COVERS



The Denver Masonic Stamp Club has issued two additional covers over the past few months. That of May 19 continues the series commemorating anniversaries of Colorado Lodges. The other honors the "Corner Stone Rededication" for the Centenary of the State Capitol celebrated on Aug. 4. One of the Club's covers was placed in the vault to be opened in another 100 years.

These covers are available for \$1.50 each from J. N. Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80210.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON - A MASON OR NOT?

A Bro. Browne, historian of St. George's Lodge #6 of Schenectady reports that on a visit to Master's Lodge #5 of Albany he had the privilege of examining one of the Lodge's earliest visitor's books. One of the first entries was the signature of Alexander Hamilton. This visit was just a few months before his dueling death at the hands of Aaron Burr.

He also reports that he had found a list of brethren who were raised as transient members upon paying a service fee. This did not make them a member of St. George's Lodge and the list merely recorded the fact that they, Hamilton among them, had been raised. The peculiarly aberrant custom of raising Brothers as transient members probably sheds some light upon the clouded Masonic beginnings of such Revolutionary War figures as Marshall, Madison, Audubon, Hamilton and Thayer to name but a few.

Rear Admiral George Washington Baird, author of "Great Men who were Masons" wrote that Hamilton was mentioned on page 45 of the "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania" and on page 58 of the same tome is a note of Hamilton's subscription of a "sum of money" for the Lodge and on page 73 an account of his being raised to Master Mason on Dec. 16, 1777, in the Second Lodge of the Moderns.

Henry C. Clausen, 33 deg., on page 15 of his book, "Masons Who Helped Shape the Nation", groups Hamilton and Morris together as Masonic Brothers whose financial genius helped finance the young government of our nation.

An interesting comment, forwarded by Callahan in his book, "Washington the Man and the Mason", states that when writing the book in 1918 a distinguished Grand Master of Virginia, still living at the time, told him that "years ago a highly esteemed Grand Secretary destroyed several barrels of manuscript and old records relating to the early history of the Fraternity, believing it to be worthless rubbish". (I'm sure that many well meaning officers of Lodges who lacked a sense of understanding of the place of history in the Craft have done equally horrendous acts of violence.)

What is even more interesting is a footnote on page 264 of Callahan's book: Bro. M. Delancey Haywood, Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, furnished Callahan with the names of eighty six prominent Revolutionary patriots who were members of the Craft from that jurisdiction: F.G.M. John M. Carter of Maryland furnished nearly as many from his state, the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts about 200 and the Grand Secretary of New York, more than Massachusetts. When relating the existence of the Military Lodges during the eight years of the war, he states that only one remains extant - American Union Lodge - and even it had a dark period until being revived at Marietta, Ohio. He cites several illustrious examples of known Masons whose original Lodges may never be known because of this transient nature of the Lodges - he mentions Alexander Hamilton, Lafayette and John Marshall. Later, on page 267, he relates "On the 27th of December 1779, American Union Lodge met at Morristown, N.J., for the festival of St. John." Present at that gathering were 67 Revolutionary Army Officers who are all named and among whom appears Alexander Hamilton. These records are Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Men such as Samuel T. Hauser, Gov. of Montana; Henry D. Washburn, General, U.S. Army; and William H. Jackson all of whom accompanied Grand Master Langford of Montana and Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges on their exploration of Yellowstone Park are accepted as Masons. This acceptance is based upon Masonic recognition by Langford and Hedges yet there is no known Lodge affiliation for any of the three. Using similar thought processes why should we not afford the same significance to the existing written records.

We can recite many instances of men whose Masonic membership was either denied or accepted and subsequent research proved the original assumption to be in error. Why should we accept a statement made by Case and not the statements made by Callahan or Baird or Browne. If all the Masons whose membership still cannot be absolutely verified were deleted from Denslow's "10,000 Famous freemasons", the books would have to be renamed to something like "9,000 Famous Freemasons".

-This article has been submitted by Bro. Edsel Hatfield, Member No. 21 of Hazelwood, MO, and exhibits the frustrations which serious researchers feel in their efforts. Thank you Bro. Edsel for sharing these thoughts - I am sure they will evoke some comments from our members.

MASONIC ALBUM PAGES FOR SALE

Repeating an offer I made several months ago, I have reprinted some of the Masonic album pages originally offered by Clarence Beltmann. Shown to the right, the American and Foreign Masons pages are done in blue ink while the Symbols pages are in black. The size is 8 1/2" by 11" and of card stock thickness - excellent for three ring binder use. The cost of the pages is 15 cents each (exactly what my printer charges) plus postage. They can be ordered from your Editor at:
59 Greenwood Rd.
Andover, MA 01810

AMERICAN   
MASONS on stamps

FOREIGN MASONS 
on stamps 

Symbols of Masonry

on stamps   

MEMBERS MEET


Just a couple of weeks ago, your Editor had the pleasure of meeting with Bro. Grahame A. West, Member No. 244, of West Sussex, England. Bro. West was vacationing in this part of the U. S. and made arrangements for a brief but very pleasant visit. Contacts such as these evolving from the common interests of the Unit are always quite pleasant and can provide lasting highlights during a trip.

ELLIOTT COVERS FROM IRELAND

Bro. Frank H. Elliott, Member No. 124 of Ireland, has sent in the covers shown here which commemorate Masonic events in his homeland.



Information on their acquisition should be directed to him at:
 11 Wood End,
 Hollywood,
 Belfast BT18 9PN
 Northern Ireland.

SHARON
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
 No. 770




INSTALLATION OF
 Ex. Comp. H. S. MARSHALL
 EXCELLENT KING
 R. Ex. Comp. K. ABERNETHY
 INSTALLING OFFICER
 AT
 FREEMASONS HALL
 ROSEMARY STREET, BELFAST
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THE ANTRIM LODGE
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INSTALLATION OF
 W. Bro. CAMPBELL W. TWEEED
 INSTALLING OFFICER
 W. Bro. GEORGE NEVILLE
 AT
 CARRICASTLE
 LARNE
 29th MARCH 1990

R. DOMINGUE

HOLYWOOD
 COUNCIL OF KNIGHT MASONS
 No. 36



INSTALLATION OF
 Ex. Sir Knight T. P. L. HAYES
 EXCELLENT CHIEF
 BY
 V. E. Sir Kt. W. J. KERNAGHAN
 20th FEBRUARY 1990



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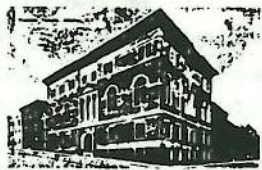

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WASHINGTON LODGE COVER

The cover shown to the right can be ordered from the Master of Washington Lodge No. 85, at a cost \$2.00 per cover. He is:
 Howard J. Lasker
 114 Eileen St.
 Albany, NY 12203

The illustration is of the Albany Masonic Temple which is erected on the oldest Masonic site in America, the land having been purchased in 1768 for a Temple.

HONORING
 150th ANNIVERSARY
 WASHINGTON LODGE
 #85 F.&A.M.-ALBANY, N.Y.
 JUNE 6, 1841 JUNE 6, 1990

Howard J. Lasker
 Master

LINDEN FORBES SAMPSON BURNHAM



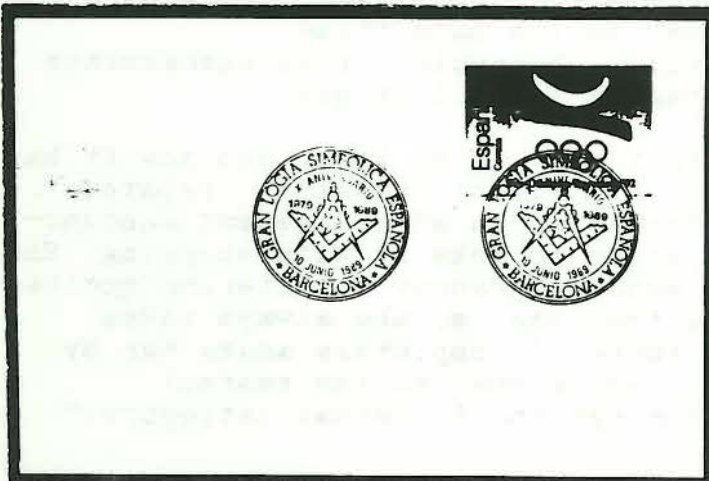
Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham read Law at the University of London from 1947, returned to British Guyana in 1949 and started a successful practice as a lawyer. He founded the left wing People's Progressive Party with Cheddi Jagan, the Marxist leader, and in 1955 founded another new party - The People's National Congress. He was elected Premier of Guyana in 1964 and his party has been in power since the Independence of that Nation. Starting in 1964, Burnham strove to make his country self-supporting, a sort of cooperative, socialist state where even the last vestiges of colonialism had to disappear. Things did not work out as he had planned. Prices of raw materials such as sugar, rice and bauxite which are plentiful in Guyana dropped in the world market causing economic problems for the new nation. These trends led to Guyana becoming one of the poorest countries of the Western Hemisphere.

On December 15, 1980, Linden F. S. Burnham was elected President; however, many people contended the election had been manipulated. He was sworn into office on January 18, 1981, as the first elected President of Guyana and was bestowed with far-reaching powers. On August 5, 1985, Bro. Burnham was hospitalized with acute hoarseness and the following day he died of a cardiac arrest during an operation on his throat. He was 62 years old.

Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham was a member of the Lodge "English Mechanics" of the Prince Hall Jurisdiction.

-Article extracted from "De Verlichte Loep"

SPANISH EXPOSITION



Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, Member No. 243 of Barcelona, informs us that in Dec. there will be an exposition for the Masonic Order in Spain honoring its existence from 1728 to 1939. He has been asked to display some of his Masonic stamps and covers at that event. After 50 years of suppression, this is only the second such exhibition where the people can see the real image of the Fraternity.

The cancel/cover shown here is from last year's exposition.

V. P. PATRICK PALMER & MASONIC POSTCARDS

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, I saw an article on our Vice President, Bro. Patrick Palmer, in Barr's Post Card News. I will excerpt from that article here because it is pertinent to our hobby.

"It was the summer of 1983 and I was biding my time at one of the large shopping malls in Miami that my wife likes to frequent. She holds a black belt in shopping and is a member of the Master Card Hall of Fame! Boredom had set in so I started brousing the mall and headed for one of my favorite hang-outs, the bookstore at the opposite end. Nearing the center of the mall I came upon an area where several rows of tables were erected, laden with what appeared to be shoe boxes full of items that people were pulling out and examining.

"Postcards!! Thousands upon thousands of picture postcards!!

"Of course I suffer from that incurable and often fatal disease of chronic collectivitus. Needless to say I was enthralled for the next hour or so... The deitiology bug was nibbling at my toes and I was fast becoming a new convert... So even though the bug was toying with me, it hadn't really sunk its fangs, not that is, until that exact moment I picked up a handful of postcards under the Fraternal category and discovered that sepia postcard with the photo of a kitten perched upon a square, with the square and compasses around its neck. That's when I felt the death grip and knew that I was hooked.

"That afternoon a new and exciting world was revealed to me. All other interests took a back seat and I dove into my new hobby with enthusiasm.

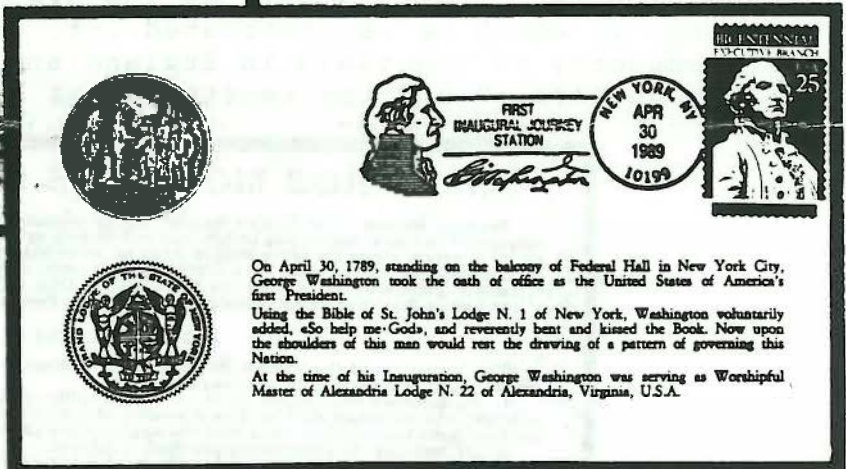
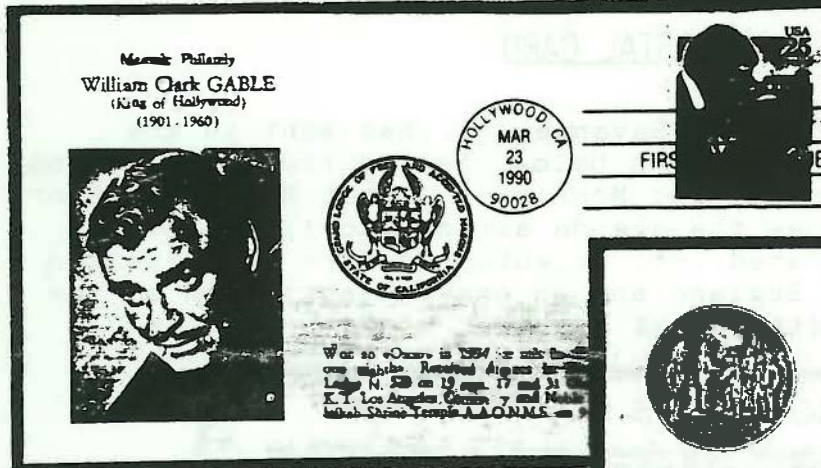
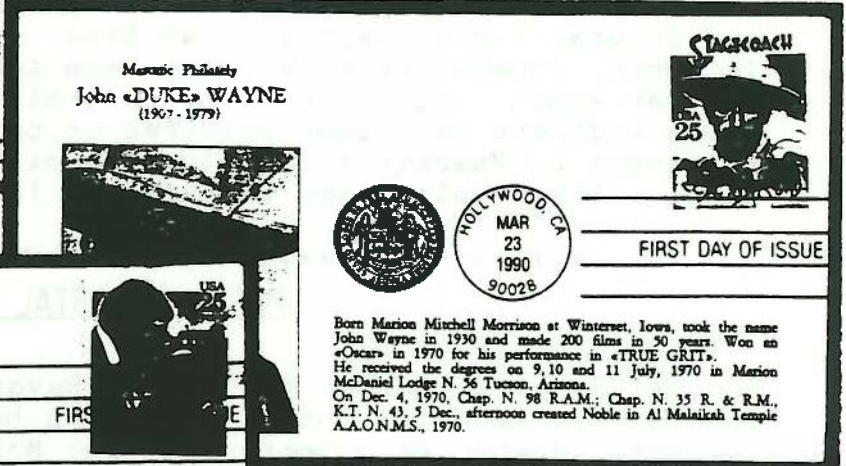
"Since that afternoon of discovery, I've bought and traded Masonic related postcards at every opportunity. As a result my collection has grown to a total of over 1900 different postcards. It encompasses Masonic, Shrine, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star postcards. Even the Order of Demolay and the Rainbow Girls are represented. As far as I know, no catalog or pricing guide of Masonic postcards exists. Hence, we Masonic deitiologists must, (if I may borrow a bit of airline phraseology) "Fly by the seats of our pants".

"As my collection grew, it became necessary to computerize in order to have an up-to-date and accurate inventory and to avoid accumulating duplicates. I have categorized my collection by the following subjects:

1. Buildings - Temples, homes, hospitals, etc.
2. Comical - A wide selection which poke fun at the Fraternity.
3. Ceremonies - Parades, funeral processions, cornerstone layings.
4. Square & Compasses - Postcards which depict the Square & Compasses as its main theme.
5. Notices - Meeting & dues notices, benevolent fund assessments.
6. Miscellaneous - Catchall category for all others.

"Freemasonry has played an important part in my life, and now it has been enhanced by the rewarding hobby of collecting Masonic related postcards. I always watch the newspaper for an advertisement announcing the next postcard show. Then I offer to take my wife shopping. She always gives me a questioning look wondering about my ulterior motive, but being the shopping professional that she is, she always takes advantage of the offer. Once we're there, I completely amaze her by telling her to take her time. Then I amble over to the nearest dealer's table and start thumbing through the Fraternal category."

ITALIAN MASONIC STAMP CLUB COVERS



The covers shown above were produced by the Italian Masonic Stamp Club and are being sold by Mrs. Dina Ricci. Details on their purchase should be obtained from her at Casella Postale 39, I-48022 Lugo (Ra), Italy.

OFFER OF PAKISTAN STAMPS AND COVERS

Bro. A. D. Karim of Pakistan has contacted your editor offering to exchange stamps and First Day Covers from Pakistan for philatelic supplies. Since his Government banned Freemasonry 12 years ago, all Masonic lodges are closed and there are no Masonic Covers within his offerings. He does have plenty of mint and used Pakistan stamps and FDCs and is looking for sets of black Vario pages 4S, 5S, 6S and 7S. Anyone wishing to partake of this offer, contact him at c/o Market Bulletin, P.O. Box No. 4553, Karachi 74000 Pakistan.

ARTICLE BY DWIGHT D. SEALS

Our Member No. 211, Bro. Dwight D. Seals, of Somerville, Ohio, was the author of an article recently published in the August 1990 issue of "The Philaethes". Titled "Native American Freemasons" it provides four full pages plus of interesting reading about Freemasons among the Indians or Redmen. It is too long to reproduce here and excerpts would not do it justice. Those desiring a Xerox copy of the article should send a #10 SASE to your Editor and he will be glad to provide it.

The well done article provides discussion on the Indians in general and several individuals such as Bros. Ely S. Parker, William P. Ross, Tecumseh, Joseph Brant, William Penn Adair Rogers and many more "lesser known" full-blooded or part-blooded tribe members. Some of these Brothers have been pictured on postage stamps and are directly pertinent to Masonic Philately; the others can be introduced to a Masonic Stamp Collection through the Indian issue of 1948.

MASONIC POSTAL CARD

Bro. Al Resnick, Member No. 401 of Bayonne, NJ, has sent in the interesting Masonic postal card shown below. Mailed from Rock Island, Illinois, announces a lecture by Rob Morris - a noted Masonic author and lecturer. The card defines the agenda as: a description of the manner in which he was initiated into Oriental Masonry at Jerusalem, Freemasonry as practised in England and an exact description of the "Morgan Affair" and the recitation of a number of Masonic Poems.

ROB MORRIS IS COMING.

Brother Morris, "the Veteran Mason," having partially recovered from paralytic trouble, has consented to a tour of the Illinois Lodges and will be with us as per notice at the bottom. This, in the course of nature, closes his active work in Masonry, which has occupied forty years: He has four times crossed the seas; visited more than 300 Lodges in various parts of the world; published seventy volumes of Masonic works; written over three hundred Odes and Poems; is the founder and Patriarch of the Eastern Star; and now stands alone the prominent Freemason of the past generation.

PROGRAMME.

The Programme of the Masonic Entertainment he offers us occupies two hours, and is made up of the rarest matter for enjoyment and instruction, viz.:

1. He describes the manner in which he was initiated into Oriental Masonry at Jerusalem at midnight, with the bloody sacrifice, by a deputation of Arab Masons visiting him from the Desert. This has been justly characterized "as a most extraordinary and affecting relation."
2. He describes the Freemasonry practised in England.
3. He gives an exact description of the so-called "Morgan Affair." Brother Morris is able to prove from genuine documents and parol testimony that that unconscionable villain who is held up by the Anti-Masonic Party as a "Martyr" was in fact a low-lived, ignorant wot, no better than Judas Iscariot. He will tell what was the crime of Morgan and what the Masons did with him.
4. He will recite a number of those soul-stirring Masonic Poems of world-wide celebrity which have given him the name everywhere of "the Poet-Laureate of the Masonic Craft."

All Master Masons are welcome. No fee or collection will be required. All is free.

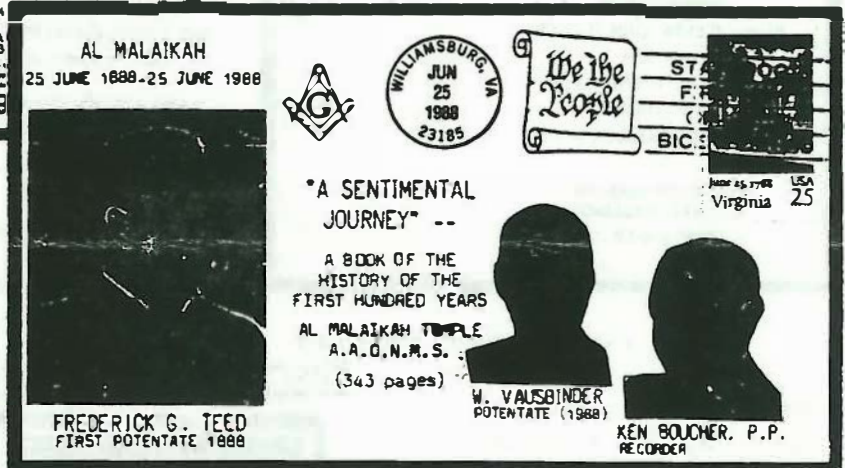
AT MASONIC HALL.
ROCK ISLAND, MONDAY, APRIL 7.
Commencing at 7 1/4 P. M.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Unit has decided that the availability of a Membership List would be advantageous. It will be available at the onset of the new year. Any member who does not want his name/address listed please let the Editor know by 1 Dec. 1990. Those desiring copies should order them from the Editor at a cost of \$1.50 U.S./Canada and \$2.50 overseas.

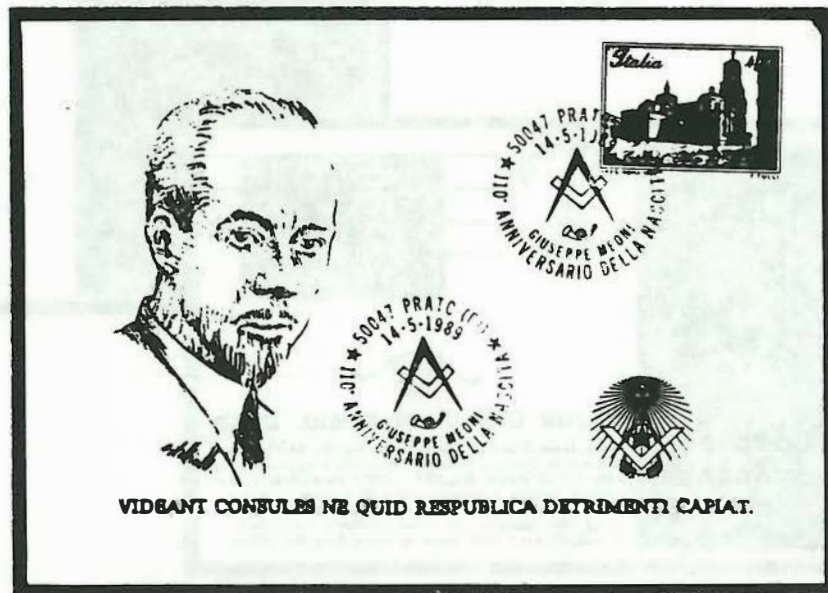
JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM COVERS

Bro. John M. Cunningham, Member No. 13 of Washington, D.C., has just released a couple more Masonic Cacheted Covers. The FDC for the Baltimore "America the Beautiful" postal card of Oct. 7, 1989, was used as the base for a "Birthday Card" for John with Masonic ties. The Virginia issue of June 25, 1988, was used to develop a cover commemorating the availability at that time of the Centennial Book for Al Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles, CA. Anyone desiring copies of these releases should contact Bro. Cunningham for acquisition information. His address is U.S.S.A.H. Box 45, 3700 No. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.



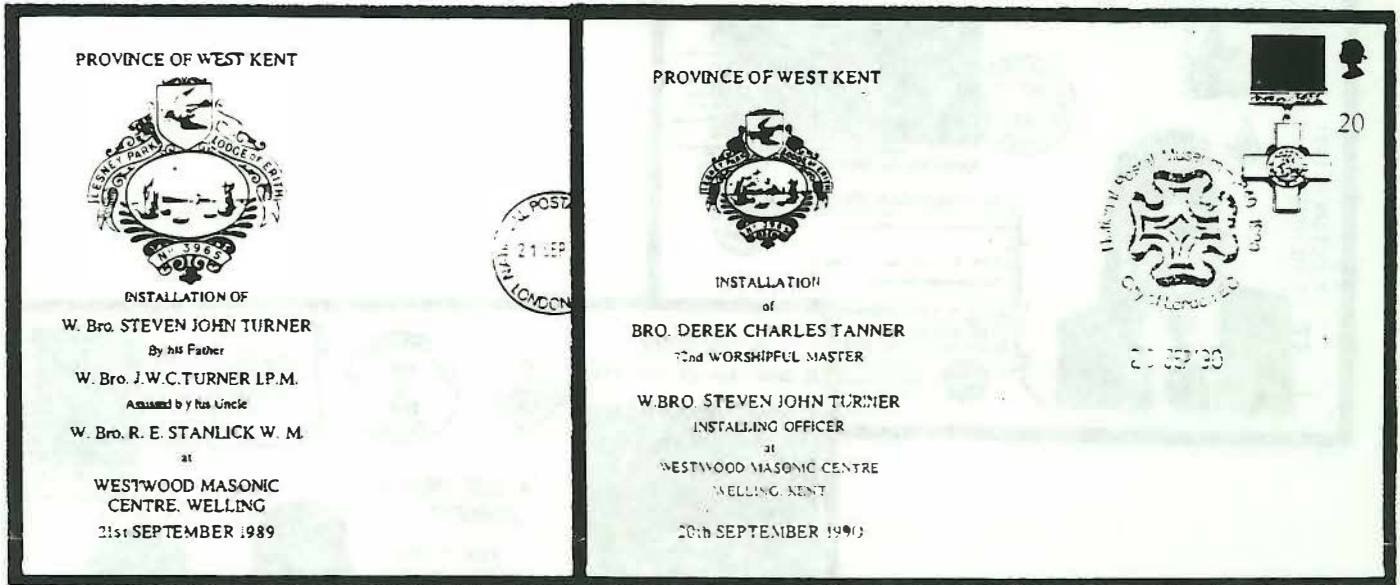
ITALIAN MASONIC COVER

The cover shown here was provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Fie of Barcelona, Spain. He provides no information on where it can be obtained.



GREAT BRITAIN INSTALLATION COVERS

Bro. Stephen J. Turner, Member No. 167, has provided a copy of a cover prepared by his Mother Lodge for the Installation of their 72nd Master on 20 September 1990. Only 200 were produced and they are available for \$2.75 each. He also has some left from last year's Installation available for the same price or \$5.00 for the pair. All proceeds go to charity. Payment may be made directly to his US Dollar account with State Bank of India, 460 Park Ave, New York, NY 10022 a/c Stephen John Turner a/c No. 2111-223220-001 or sent by dollar check to him with the order. His address is 46 Eynsham Drive, Abbey Wood, London, England SE2 9QY.



EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Some of Bro. Edsel Hatfield's recent covers are illustrated here. Information can be obtained from him at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042.

