



In my book <u>Black Square & Compass: 200 Years of Prince Hall Freemason-</u> ry under title of "Those Magnificent Masonic Buffalo Soldiers" (1979), I wrote: "After the Civil War, there would ride into the Indian Territory of the West the greatest military cavalry unit America ever assembled. They were <u>The Buffalo Soldiers</u>, so named by the Indians they fought. The Troopers' hair reminded them of buffalo fur. Magnificent Black men, who would ride across the frontiers of the early west and into the pages of the history of an often ungrateful nation."

Today the nation would remember these forgotten brave Troopers by the issuance of a postage stamp in their honor, the winners of eighteen Congressional Medals of Honor, these men of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiment were sustained by the number of Prince Hall Masonic Lodges attached to them. The first was Baldwin Lodge #16 attached to the 10th in 1883 and probably named for their Caucasian Commanding Officer, Capt. T. A. Baldwin born in New Jersey who became a Brigadier-General and Commanding Officer of the 10th Cav. It was under his command that the 10th Cav., led by Black non-commissioned officers, saved Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders from being massacred at the famous charge up San Juan Hill.

Baldwin Lodge was chartered by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. All of the other military Lodges were chartered by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri. Eureka Military Lodge No. 135, established in 1888 and attached to the 10th Cav.; Adventure Military Lodge No. 136 attached to the 9th Cav.; Gillispie No. 140; Military Lodge No. 152 thought to be attached to the 9th Cav.; Military Lodge No. 153 also the 9th Cav.; Joppa Military Lodge No. 150, 9th Cav. of which photo-

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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CLOSED ALBUMS

47. Betty Teague of Machias, Maine

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Bro. Don A. Mears, member No. 37 of Omaha, Nebraska, is now serving his third year as Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, member No. 243 of Barcelona, Spain, was re-elected Worshipful Master of Perseverance Lodge No. 2, Barcelona, for the 1994-95 term.

THE PUFFALO SOLDIERS (CONT'D)

graphs have been found of the members in Masonic regalia and uniform, and appears in my book. Minnachuduza Military Lodge U.D.; Manila Military No. 63 in the Philippines; John M. McCarthy Lodge No. 50 in Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii; Oriental Lodge also numbered 135 at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; Tyre Military No. 143; and Malta Military Lodge No. 138. The actual Charter of Malta Military Lodge is in my possession.

The members of these units and Lodges had to put up with unbelievable racism and yet they kept the faith to their country and to their Masonic obligations. When I joined the Army in 1951, I was honored to meet some of the old 10th Cav. Troopers who were still on active duty and preparing to retire. When I retired from the Army in 1973, there were a number of 10th Cav. Troopers living in Leavenworth, Kansas, most of them quite old. But today to witness their country saluting them and telling them that they served their country above and beyond the call of duty brings tears to us all.

MASONIC RETURN ADDRESS STICKERS

To quote Bro. Stan Longenecker, member No. 92 of Mount Joy, PA, "I may be the only nut in the Club, but one page in my "odd" Masonic stamp album features Masonic address labels taken off envelopes of Brothers who have written to me." We aren't necessarily sure whether or not he is a "nut" but he certainly has a variety of sub-topics within his Masonic Philately theme. Thanks for sharing them with us, Bro. Stan.

LINCOLN'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

According to tradition, newly-elected executives prepare an innaugural address explaining the goals and aims of their administrations. Since I did not campaign for this position, such a speech may appear pretentious. Nevertheless, having been selected for the job, I will accept and serve as well as I can.

The organization of our Unit is quite informal as our membership spans the globe and is diverse ranging from Grand Officers to non-members. Our collecting interests likewise differ markedly as our topic begins with the Penny Black which was engraved and printed by a Mason. Our problems are those which all clubs share in obtaining and retaining membership and keeping pace with inflationary pressures.

Masonic Philately is much like Freemasonry itself. The fraternity is divided into hundreds of Grand Lodges which may or may not cooperate. Masonic Stamp Collectors have dozens of clubs seeking their input and their dues.

What makes this Unit different? After a quarter century of observation I have come to the conclusion it consists of those few devoted members who continually give of themselves above and beyond the call of duty to keep the light of knowledge burning. First among these peers is our devoted Newsletter Editor Brother Bob Domingue who will, I trust, accept another appointment to the position which he so capably fills. I must question his characterization of the writer as an eminent Masonic Scholar. Allen Roberts, S. Brent Morris and John Hamill are scholars.

Being unable to contact all the previous appointees, I ask them to continue unless they prefer to step down. It appears there is a vacancy for the position of Director of Research which I previously held. If anyone is interested, speak up! Continue sending in your news, articles and covers. Give us your ideas, your advice, your complaints. inform your Lodges and your friends what we offer so they can join the fun.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the previous officers for their efforts and all who voted for me. In case you were wondering, my great grandfather was a third cousin to Abraham Lincoln. So Mote It Be.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It is with a sense of suicidal pleasure that I accept Bro. Lincoln's request to "stay on" as your Editor. It continues to be a rewarding experience and I appreciate the opportunities offered with each issue. A vast variety of subjects, facts and examples surface every other month; the variety and quantity of inputs make the assembly of each Newsletter a very interesting experience. I do perform some editing and do enhance the facts and background of some articles but the contents of the Newsletters are basically your inputs. Hopefully, they reflect what you want to see and learn. If not, please let me know unhappy members are previous members and we want to bolster the ranks, not thin them out.

MASONIC COVERS AVAILABLE

Bro. Alan R. P. Golding, member No. 11 of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, has a listing of Masonic and other covers which he has available for sale. This listing includes such items as:

05/02/51Trip to the Carpet, Hamelin, Germany, Maxicard Set (2)5.0011/01/67Lodge of Two Bridges No. 877, CFPO Zweibrucken, Ger FDC 2.0025/01/67Forget-Me-Not, Zweibrucken, Germany1.0025/01/67Maple Leaf Master Mason Stamp Club, Zweibrucken, Ger1.0026/01/70Bro. Robert Burns, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada2.0001/06/71Masonic Five Point Club, Canadian Forces Base, Winnipeg 1.0025/01/72Bro. Robert Burns, Stonewall, MB, Canada2.00

24/05/76 Concorde, SST, London-Washington 25/05/76 Concorde, SST, Washington-London - flown by Bro. Capt P. Duffy of Great Britain - set of 2 20.00

30/06/76	Bro.	Robert Burns, Edinburgh, Scotland	1.50					
04/07/76	Bro.	Ben Franklin, London, England	2,00					
20/06/80	Bro.	John Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, Canada FDC	5.00					
étc., etc., etc.								

MASONIC POSTCARD OFFER

Bro. Richard Wright, member No.139 of Lodi, CA, suggests a way to add to the financial health of the Unit - extra postcards or covers or stamps could be made available by the members with the proceeds being donated to the MSU - through direct sale or auction. As an example of this approach, he is offering the postcard shown here for a cost of \$1.00 each (plus SASE) as long as they last. The postcard depicts Fort Bragg with the Masonic Hall in the center. All proceeds from this activity will be donated to our Unit. Thank you Bro. Rick.



GERMAN MASONIC COVER

Bro. Ralph J. Bennett, a potential member of our Unit, advises us of cover which has been prepared as a FDC project for his Lodge - Bavaria Lodge No. 935 of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge in Munich. The stamp issued on 14 April and used for this project was to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Munich cathedral, the "Frauenkirche", an internationally recognized symbol for Munich. The "Frauenkirche" is also included in the "Bijou" of the Bavarian Lodge No. 935 as shown on the cover.

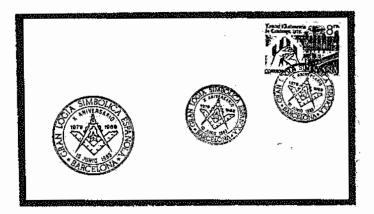
This blue-colored cachet cover, shown here, is available at a cost of \$10.00 -postpaid and packaged for overseas shipment (check OK). Orders should be placed with the Lodge itself-address shown on the cover -or with Bro. Bennett at:

Rosenheimer Landstr. 122 D-85521 Ottobrunn Germany.



SPANISH MASONIC COVER

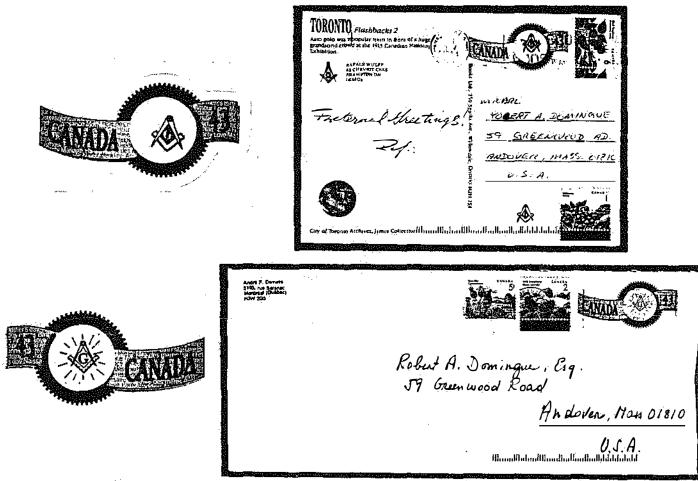
Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, member No. 243 of Barcelona, Spain, has sent a copy of the cover issued in 1989 to commemorate his former Lodge, the Grand Symbolical Spanish Lodge - the "irregular" Obedience of Spain. All copies of this cover were sold but Bro. Sabater Pie has been able to acquire five copies which he would like to trade to fellow Masonic Philatelists for other Masonic cacheted covers.



Your editor wishes to apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter. Two business trips to Detroit coupled with the long July 4 week-end laid waste and destroyed his plans for timely completion. Sorry

CANADIAN "MASONIC" STAMPS

Two of our Canadian Brethren answered the call of the latest newsletter for Masonic stamps and covers from their nation employing the new "design your own" stamps. Bro. Andre Demets, member No. 428 of Montreal, and Bro. Rafale Wulff, member No. 225 of Brampton, responded with mint copies and covers. They are shown below to illustrate what could be done with this seemingly non-Masonic postal issue. Thank you Brethren, for this submittal.



INFORMATION ON MASONIC CARD

Bro. Maurice Beazley, member No. 302 of Redcar, Cleveland, England, created the postcard shown on page 1120 of the previous Newsletter. He offers the following comments regarding it.

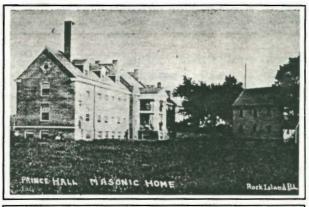
A Master Masons Conference, "Freemasonry 2000", was scheduled for 19 March 1994 in Easingwold, N. Yorkshire. Bro. Beazley was to lead one of the four workshops planned for that event - his was on the subject of "Masonic Stamps". The card was printed in a quantity of 500 with plans to give them to the attendees. Approval was obtained from the provincial Grand Master but the card was not given postcard status so that "open mailing" would not result. The conference did not take place being cancelled due to insufficient bookings. The cards were then donated to the Masonic Stamp Club of Great Britain for use as a recruitment device. He has a supply of them and has provided your editor with a small quantity.

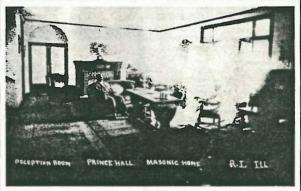
PRINCE HALL MASONIC POSTCARDS

A close personal and Masonic friend of your Editor, Rt. Wor. Ralph B. Duncan, has been quite active recently in the Masonic Philatelic media. Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., has provided a copy of the latest "Phylaxis" magazine in which there is an article displaying some Prince Hall postcards and a request for any other information known by the readers. Bro. Ralph has a very formidable collection of Masonic Postcards - over 6000 I believe - and welcomes any correspondence from fellow collectors. His address is 61 Lowell St., Methuen, MA 01844. The cards used for illustration in "The Phylaxis" are shown here.



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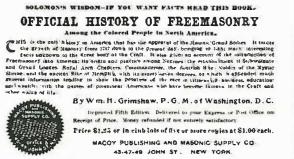


Both cards are "real photo" postcard with no publisher information on either card.



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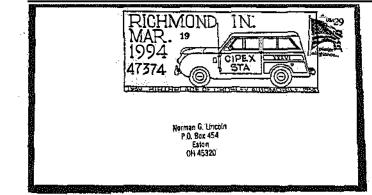
POWELL CROSLEY. JR.

Powell Crosley, Jr., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 18, 1886, and graduated from College Hill High School and The Ohio Military Institute. He attended the University of Cincinnati College of Law. In 1908 he took a position in Indianapolis selling automobile advertising; he soon rose to advertising manager. He tried to market a car called the Marathon Six but went bankrupt in a business panic. In 1921 he organized the Crosley Corporation to sell radios for \$20.00 and within two years was the world's largest radio manufacturer. He began broadcasting on station WLW in 1922 and soon had 50,000 watts of power on "the Nation Station". He branched out into refrigerators with the Crosley Shelvador and in 1934 he bought the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. In 1939 he brought out his two cylinder, 12.5 horsepower, 1150 pound automobile. He was a trustee of Children's Hospital, a director of the Fifth Third Bank and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

On a personal note, Bro. Crosley was a large man - six feet, three inches tall, weighing 205 pounds. He was married four times and had a son and a daughter. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard and the U.S. Naval Reserves as well as Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and several Clubs. In 1945 he retired and sold all his interests to Aviation Corporation (AVCO); he died on March 28, 1961.

Bro. Crosley was raised in College Hill Lodge No. 641, Ohio.

Although there are no stamps honoring Bro. Crosley, a Richmond, IN, cancel of March 19, 1994, pays homage to the Crosley automobile.



MASONIC PHILATELY BOOK

Back in the mid-1980s, Bro. Rafael M. Wulff, member No. 225 of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, formulated a Masonic Education project which resulted in the preparation of about a 135 page soft cover book titled "Masonic Stamps". It presents a good cross-section of the hobby using stamps, covers, photos and articles as the base; as Bro. Wulff states: "this is an excellent study about what a '5 year' collector would do alone (without any club membership)". He has located a small number of these books and is selling them for the Lodge with any profit going to the Lodge Building Fund. The costs for the book and postage are as follows (checks to Unity Lodge No.710, Brampton):

_	Book	Postage	Order from: Rafae	l M. Wulff		
U. S. A.	\$12.00	\$3.70	65 Ch	65 Cheviot Cr.		
Canada	15.00	2,00	Bramp	ton, Ontario		
Foreign	15.00	7.95	L62 4			
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UPCOMING USPS RELEASE

The USPS will be issuing a new \$5.00 postage stamp on August 19 in Pittsburgh, PA, at the APS annual stamp show. The design of this stamp was developed from one first created 125 years ago although the exact source remains a mystery. It is speculated that the original design, a 3-cent stamp, was prepared by one of the security printing firms interested in bidding on the 1869 U.S. stamp printing contract.

The green, diamond-shaped stamp, 1.225" square, depicts two eminent Freemasons, Grand Masters, Presidents and Generals George Washington and Andrew Jackson. It will make an impressive addition to any collection.

Bro. Stan Longenecker informs us that the GWMSC will be preparing a limited edition cover for this issue. The cost will be \$7.00 (plus a #10 SASE) if pre-ordered by August 10 from:



Bro. Paul Williams 2364 Beaver Valley Pike New Providence, PA 17560.

ISRAEL ROYAL ARCH COVER

Bro. Joseph Ashkenazi, member No. 330 of Haifa, Israel, has prepared another Masonic cover from the Holy Land. The design is shown below, allbeit on a regularly posted envelope. The actual usage of this cachet was on June 19, 1994 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Consecration of the Supreme Royal Arch Grand Chapter of the State of Israel. The Israel Postal Authorities issued a special commemorative post mark for the occasion. The cost of these covers is \$6.00 (which includes postage and handling) and they should be obtained from Bro. Ashkenazi at P.O. Box 4670, Haifa 31046 Israel.



The recent USPS \$1.00 stamp pictures the Surrender at Saratoga and is therefore directly applicable to our Masonic stamp collections. Have you picked up yours yet?



MASONIC SEALS/STAMPS

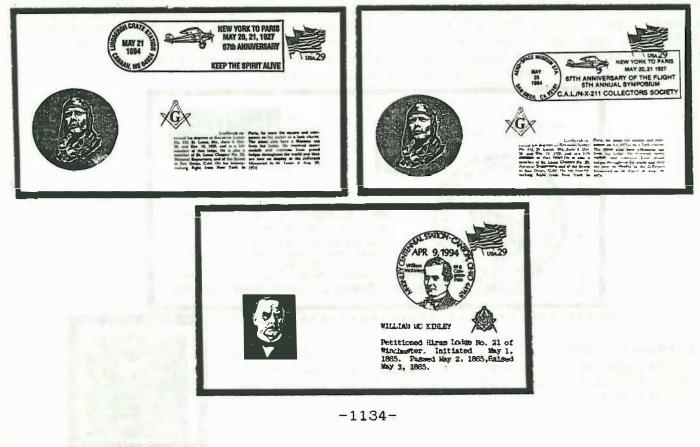
In the May-June 1985 Newsletter, Vol. 9, No. 1, page 477, Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., discussed the issue of stamps in celebration of the Centennial of Celestial Lodge No. 3 and Hiram Lodge No. 4, both Prince Hall. As a follow-up to this article, titled "Another Lead for Research", Bro. Walkes has provided a copy of a microfilm from the Harry A. Williamson's collection in the New York Public Library. It shows a letter from John C. Seville, Secretary of Hiram Lodge No. 4 with an image of the stamps and a statement of the fact that they may be in the collection of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The letter stresses the difficulties that the Prince Hall Brethren had in 1926 in having these stamps approved by the Postmaster General:

"As these were the first stamps ever issued by any colored people or organization in this Country, and again for the purpose that they were created - bungled up by committee interference, refusal of the Post Master of New York City for us to use them and only for Senator Wadsworth's assistance, the Third Postmaster General permitted us to use them for one month from College Station and we were unable to dispose of them among the Craft. But some day, my idea in originating them may be very satisfactory."



WETREICH COVERS

Bro. Ross Wetreich has recently published the Masonic covers shown here. His address is P.O. Box 1300, Valley Stream, NY 11582.



NEW ISSUES

1993 - Malagasy Republic - Nobel Prize Winners in Physics, Chemistry and Medicine, pane of 16 se-tenant 500fr stamps which include Albert Michelson and Alexander Fleming.

3/2/93 - St. Vincent & the Grenadines - 40th Anniversary of Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, two stamps, one pictures King George VI.

7/29/93 - St. Vincent & the Grenadines - 100th Anniversary of Henry Ford's First Engine, 2 values + S/S, S/S pictures Ford.

- 7/30/93 Dominica Opening of the New General Post Office, 2 values, one shows Prince Philip.
- 8/16/93 Antigua & Barbuda 150th Anniversary of St. John's Masonic Lodge - 4 values (previously covered by an article).
- 8/17/93 Tunisia The Red Cross, one semi-postal stamp which shows a woman and a symbolic blood transfusion.
- 10/11/93 Antigua & Barbuda 200th Anniversary of the first U.S. Balloon Flight, 2 values plus S/S, one value depicts George Washington and Blanchard's balloon.
- 11/11/93 Tunisia Sixth Anniversary of Nov. 7, 1987, one value, the design includes a heart.
- 11/21/93 Maldives 100th Anniversary of Henry Ford's First Engine, pane of 12 se-tenant 3.50rf stamps, one includes a portrait of Ford.
- 1994 Anguilla Royal Visits, 4 values plus a S/S which unites the stamps, the 80 cent stamp pictures Prince Philip.

Jan. 94 - Uganda - 100th Anniversary of Henry Ford's First Engine, four stamps plus a S/S, one stamp + the S/9 include a portrait of Ford.

1/16/94 - Marshall Islands - World War II/50th Anniversary of D. D. Eisenhower becoming Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, one value which includes F. R. Roosevelt in the design.



1/17/94 - St. Vincent & the Grenadines - Legends

of Country Music, pane of 12 se-tenant \$1 stamps, six show different portraits of Roy Acuff (see page 1120).

- 1/27/94 Denmark Topical issues including one which depicts a duck and a spade to represent saving of water.
- Feb.94 Belize Royal Visit, 4 values, the \$1 stamp includes Prince Philip.
- 2/2/94 Czech Republic Birth Anniversaries, the 2kc stamp is for Voltaire on his 300th birth anniversary.

2/17/94 - Hungary - 100th Death Anniversary of Lajos Kossuth, a one value issue which shows a portrait of the patriot.

3/1/94 - Jamaica - Royal Visit, four stamps, the high value depicts Prince Philip.

3/4/94 - Micronesia - Pioneers of Flight, eight se-tenant 29 cent stamps, one shows Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., one shows Octave Chanute.

3/9/94 - Bermuda - Royal Visit, 3 values, one depicts Prince Philip.
3/29/94 - Aruba - 100th Anniversary of the International Olympic
Committee, 2 values, one includes a Bible in the design.

4/5/94 - Nicaragua - 100th Anniversaries of the Henry Ford engine and Karl Benz automobile, pane of 16 se-tenant stamps and a S/S, the S/S depicts Henry Ford.

NEW ISSUES (CONT'D)

4/6/94 - Nicaragua - History of the Graf Zeplin, pane of 16 se-tenant stamps, one shows Charles A. Lindbergh.

4/30/94 - Italy - 100th Death Anniversary of Lajos Kossuth, one value. May 94 - Palau - World War II/50th Anniversary of Recapturing Control

of the Pacific, ten stamps in two rows separated by a map, one stamp pictures Douglas A. MacArthur.

- 5/6/94 Spanish Andorra Europa/Europe and Discoveries, two values, the 29 pesetas stamp shows Alexander Fleming.
- 6/4/94 Marshall Islands World War II/50th Anniversary of the Allied Liberation of Rome, one value which depicts Lt.
 - Gen. Mark Clark.
- 6/16/94 Hungary Soccer World Cup-94/Famous Entertainers, 3 values, the 35Ft value depicts John Wayne.



c/o C.A.B. Hardware 467 McArthur Highway Baubago, Angeles City 2009 Philippines



STILL THERE??

Bro. Lingenecker has sent along this post card of the former Masonic Temple in Chicago. It is one of 36 views he has of this building but the only one to have writing on the reverse telling about the Temple building. He would like to know if the building is still standing and would like some information on its history. His address is:

> 930 Wood St. Mount Joy, PA 17552

