

## E PHILATELIC FREE MASONIC STUDY UNIT









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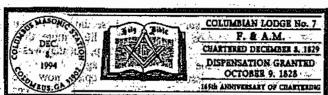
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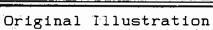
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1995

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### A PHILATELIC TRAVESTY

The Postmark Pursuit column which appears weekly in Linn's Stamp News is a very good source of Masonic related cancels. In the December 5 issue Fred Baumann, the editor for this column, showed the forthcoming cancel planned for the 165th Anniversary (on Dec. 8, 1994) of the Chartering of Columbian Lodge No. 7, Columbus, GA. The illustration showed a very well executed cancel and your Editor, along with many other individuals I am sure, sent in stamped envelopes to receive the cancel. By late December there were still no covers received in the mail and then the December 26 issues of Linn's explained what happened and shortly thereafter the cancelled covers were received - the cancel applied was significantly different from the original illustration.







Final Version

The original cancel had been approved by the Columbus Postmaster, Jerome D. Brown, but had not been submitted to the USPS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. - not all cancels normally go for D.C. approval. The USPS in Washington informed Fred Baumann that "Your December 5 paper had a postmark that was not authorized. Please make corrections. Thanks." Section 164.92 of the USPS "Domestic Mail Manual" prohibits "pictorial cancellations which endorse the ideals, policies, programs, products, campaigns, or candidates of religious, anti-religious, commercial, political, fraternal, trade, labor, public-interest, or special-interest organizations. However, cancellations may be approved that recognize events such as meetings or conventions sponsored by or involving such organizations, providing their designs do not include words, symbols or illustrations referring to ideals, policies, programs, products, campaigns or candidates." This regulation resulted in the removal of the words "Holy Bible" and the Masonic Square and Compasses. Obviously, the "responsible" individuals within the USPS are totally off-base in this ruling and appear to be very biased in ther ruling. If they were to be fair, they would withdraw many of the private mailing permits which use slogans and designs that violate the cited rules. Fred Baumann cites many examples in his article and I could devote this entire newsletter to this travesty but must cease to present more positive items.

### NEW MEMBERS:

212 Leroy Buckley, 5109 Fosdick Dr. NW, Box E192, Gig Harbor, WA 98335 238. Guy Houvenaghel; Av des Rossignols 11; 1310 LA Hulpe; Belgium

### ADDRESS CHANGE:

84. John E. Slade, 1730 Carlton St., Longwood, FL 32750

### CLOSED ALBUMS:

125. Charles Hoens, Jr., late of Basking Ridge, NJ

### MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

At the Grand Lodge of California Annual Communication, Wor. Bro. Richard O. Wright, member No. 139 of Lodi, CA, was appointed as a Trustee of the California Masonic Homes.

Wor. Bro. Ernest E. ("Gene") Fricks, member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ, was installed High Priest of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 63, R.A.M., of Collingswood, NJ, on November 28, 1994.

### WANTS:

Bro. Richard Wright would like to be able to acquire a mint copy of Guinea #1097 (Scott) - the stamp picturing Mozart. He would be happy to buy, trade, donate or whatever to be able to add this item to his collection. If you can help, contact him at 13675 N. Hartley Lane, Lodi, CA 95242.

Bro. M. N. Collison, 68-2098 Boucherie Rd., Westbank, British Columbia V4T 2A5 Canada, member No. 373, is trying to locate a cover postmarked in New York City on 11 May 1918. The stamp, envelope size and style of cancel are not important - he wants the postmark itself since that is his wife's date of birth. Just think how many pieces of mail were processed in New York City that day - and he only wants one. Incidently, he has a couple of the recent 9d Czechoslovakia stamps issued for Bro. Benes if anyone would like one.

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A picture post card of Toronto was received Just before the Holidays franked with two of the "Do It Yourself" stamps - one picturing Santa Claus and one showing a Heart. The card message to the M.S.U. was:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of M.S.U.

There is nothing like the annual Noel Lodge No. 2512

(Dec. 25) Hanukkah bush decorating to start off the season—this gets us in the mood for the annual outing!

Santa

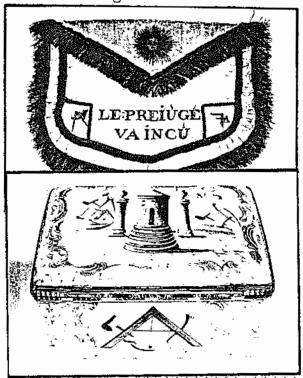
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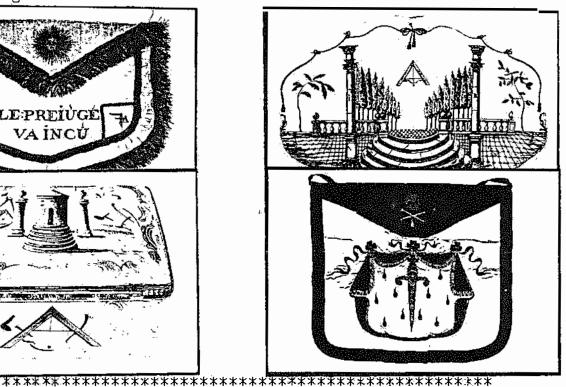
Secretary-Treasurer Otto Steding 1033 Hollytree Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45231

Membership: \$8.00 - No. America \$14.00 - All Other President Norman Lincoln P.O. Box 454 Eaton, OH 45320

### BELGIAN MASONIC POST CARDS

Bro. Maurice Beazley, our Euro-rep from Great Britain, sent his best wishes for the season along with information on a set of postcards currently available from Belgium. The set contains nine very beautiful color postcards depicting Masonic artifacts - paintings, aprons, plates, etc - from the 18th and 19th Centuries. The set is available from Bro. Beazley for \$12.00 including postage but he is very concerned over the international trade deficit and does not want to relieve his USA cousins of their hard earned dollars. His preference is to trade these sets for equivalent Masonic postcards - very admirable concept indeed. His address is 216, West Dyke Road, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4JS England.





GREAT BRITAIN CLUB EXHIBITION COVER

Bro. Grahame West, member No. 244, of Storrington, England, tells of the Masonic Philatelic Club's recent Exhibition - their first - held at the Royal Masonic School for Girls in Rickmansworth. They were able to produce a cover for the event and still have some available for \$4.00 each which includes airmail postage (using a commemorative stamp rather than a meter stamp). All proceeds will go to Masonic charities. The postmark used is in the form of the school crest (badge). The Latin inscription "CIRCUMORNATAE UT SIMILTUDO

Masonic Philaelio Club Rickmansworth Masonic School Saturday 8th October 1994 Opened by R.W Bio. Rt. Hon. Viscouth Gough, P.S.G.W.

TEMPLI" translates into "May our daughters be as the polished corners of the Temple". U.S. dollars or checks made out to G. A. West will be acceptable, his address is: 12 Dean Way, Storrington, RH20 4QN West Sussex, England.

### JAMES HUBERT BLAKE

The upcoming set being planned by the USPS in 1995 for Jazz Musicians includes one stamp which pictures Euble Blake.



"Eubie" Blake was born February 7, 1883, in Baltimore, MD, and died February 12, 1983, in New York City. His parents, John Blake, a stevedore, and Emily Johnson, a laundress, were former slaves. He was the only one of their eleven children who lived to be an adult. As a child he learned to play the organ in a local brothel. In 1901 he was engaged by Dr. Frazier's Medicine Show in Fairfield, PA. Soon he was appearing in vaudeville in Atlantic City and writing songs. In 1915 he met Brother Noble Sissle (1889-1975) who was appearing with Porter's Serenaders. They collaborated on a song "It's All Your Fault" which was sung by Sophie Tucker. Blake and Sissle became members of the orchestra conducted by James Reese Europe (1881-1919) at the Clef Club on West 53rd Street. Eubie Blake was too old to serve in World War I but Europe and Sissle were members of the famous 369th Regt. (an all-black unit with white officers including Bro. Hamilton Fish, 1888-1990)

After the War, Noble Sissle and Blake formed an act called the Dixie Duo and performed on the Keith Vaudeville Circuit. They began their act with "Gee I'm Glad I'm From Dixie". (Sissle was from Indianapolis) They met Bro. Bert Williams (1875-1922) and were eager to write a show for Broadway. In 1921 they got their opportunity when Flourney Miller and Aubrey Lyles produced "Shuffle Along"; among the stars were Josephine Baker. The show brought instant fame to Sissle and Blake for such hits as "Everything Reminds Me of You", "Love Will Find a Way", and "I'm Just Wild About Harry". It was the first all-black show to gain success on Broadway. Sissle and Blake collaborated on "Elsie" in 1923 and "Chocolate Dandies" in 1924. They wrote "You Were Meant For Me" which was introduced by Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence in "Charlot's Review" of 1923 in London. After touring England and France in 1925 the pair split up. Sissle formed a very successful band which featured Buster Bailey and Sidney Bechet and introduced Lena Horne. He was widely recorded and was associated with Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe. Eubie Blake continued to turn out shows for Broadway: "Lew Leslie's Blackbirds" of 1930 which featured the standard "Memories of You", "Singin' the Blues" 1931, "Shuffle Along" 1933 and "Swing It" of 1937. In all he published over 300 songs. He retired in 1946 but earned a music degree at New York University. A renewed interest in ragtime and black history brought him out of retirement in the late 1960s when he appeared on numerous television shows and made some new records. He was honored by Brooklyn College, Dartmouth University, Rutgers University, the New England Conservatory of Music and the University of Maryland with honorary doctorates. In 1981 he was awarded the Medal of Freedom. He was married to Marion Tyler.

Both Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle were members of Medina Lodge No. 19, Prince Hall Affiliation.

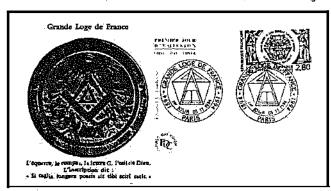
-article contributed by our President, Bro. Norman Lincoln, of Eaton, Ohio.

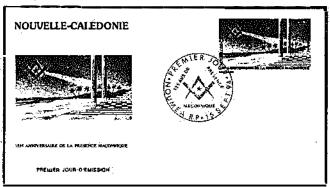
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As you are aware the USPS rates have gone up again (continued more charge for less service). Let's try for more members instead of a dues increase.

### NEW FRENCH COMMUNITY MASONIC ISSUES

As mentioned and shown in the November-December Newsletter, the French Community has issued stamps to honor the Masonic Fraternity. Covers were prepared for these but your Editor has not been able to acquire any other than the ones provided by Bro. Ross Wetreich shown here. His address is P.O. Box 1300, Valley Stream, NY 11582.





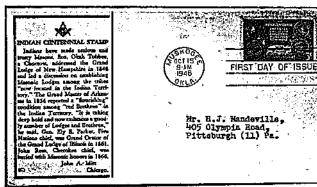
I have been successful, however, in acquiring a very limited quantity of the France and New Caledonia stamps. The France stamp (9 more left) is available for \$1.00 each (plus a SASE) and the New Caledonia issue (24 more left) costs \$4.00 each (plus a SASE). My address is cited in the masthead. I notice from the latest price list from County Stamp Center, P.O. Box 3373, Annapolis, MD 21403, that they have the Wallis & Futuna release available for a cost of \$4.82 each (plus postage of \$1.50 under \$10.00, \$1.00 over). At that price I can't afford to stock many. They also offer the France stamp at .98 each and the Antigua Country Music Sheetlet (mentioned later on page 1169) for \$3.56 each.

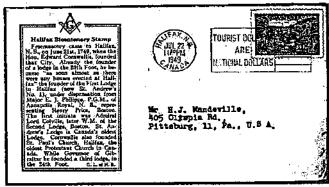




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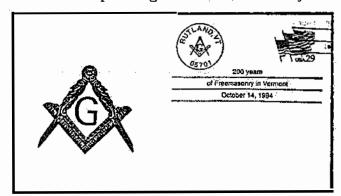
A part-time dealer friend recently provided me with two early Mirt covers which bear sharing. The Indian Centennial Stamp FDC of October 15, 1948, is one of the first produced by Mirt. The only one earlier that I have ever seen was one published for the Clara Barton issue of September 7, 1948. The other represents what I believe to be a first - a Mirt prepared for a Canadian issue. The stamp was the Halifax Bicentennial issue of June 21, 1949. This cover was postmarked a month and a day later but does show the cachet exists. Does an FDC exist?

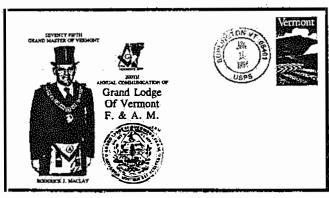


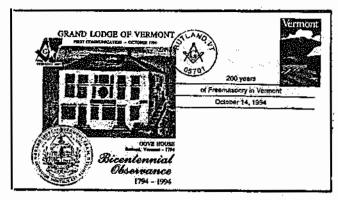


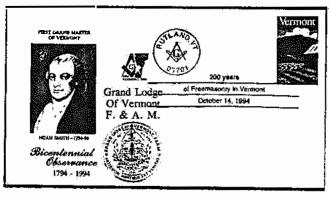
### COVERS FOR BICENTENNIAL OF FREEMASONRY IN VERMONT

Recently Ross Wetreich offered a cover bearing a Square and Compasses cachet with a special cancel for the Bicentennial of Freemasonry in Vermont (this one apparently escaped the watchful eye of the USPS Washington office). Knowing that anything related to Masonic Philately in Vermont is under the watchful eye of Bro. Peter Huntsman, member No. 149, your Editor asked him what special cachets were prepared. True to form, Bro. Huntsman provided the desired information and a copy of the covers offered. The two Rutland covers are similar to the pair which Bro. Lloyd Hayward (now deceased) and Peter did in 1976. The set of three covers are available from Peter G. Huntsman, 18 Fuller St., Montpelier, VT 05602 for \$5.00 per set plus a #10 SASE with .55 postage. Thanks for your efforts Bro. Huntsman.







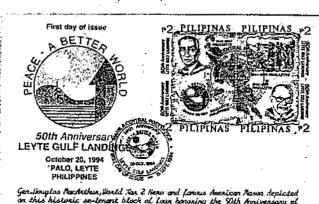


\* PHILIPPINE COVERS

Bro. Ysmael E.A. Inductivo, P.O. Box 3312, Manila, Philippines, offers the two covers shown here for \$5.00 for the pair or \$4.00 for mint sets of the sheets used.



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on this historic se-lenont block of four honoring the 50th Anniverse the liberation of the Philippines October 20, 1944.

### MASONS OF CHILE

- Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, member No. 243 of Barcelona, Spain, has provided some information on Masons of Chile pictured on stamps of that country. This information was sent to him by Bro. Hernan Kanelos of Talca, Chile. Biographical information is not being provided here that will be left to a future exercise.
  - Augustin Eyzaguirre (1766-1837) Initiated in Lodge Lautaro. Stamp - Scott C220B issued in 1964
  - Juan MacKenna (1771-1814) Initiated in Lodge Lautaro.
    Stamp Scott 335 issued in 1965
  - Francisco Antonio Pinto (1785-1858) Member of Lodge "Filantropia Chilera" and "Aurora".

Stamps - Scott 295 issued in 1956 and 324 issued in 1960

- Anibal Pinto (1825-1884) Member of Lodge "Justicia y Libertad".

  Stamp Scott 109 issued in 1911
- Eusebio Lillo (1826-1900) Member of the "Society of the Igualdad" which was reported to be a Masonic Lodge.

  Stamp Scott 249 issued in 1947
- Diego Barros (1830-1907) Initiated in Lodge "Justicia y Libertad". Stamps - Scott 215 issued in 1941 and 321 & C216 in 1959
- Benjamin Vicuna MacKenna (1831-1886) Member of the "Society of the Igualdad".

  Stamps Scott 213 issued in 1941 and C126 issued in 1949
  - Pedro Lagos (1832-1884) Member of the Lodge "Orden y Libertad" of Lima.

Stamp - one issued in 1980

- Pedro Aguirre Cerda (1879-1941) Initiated in 1906 in the Lodge "Justicia y Libertad" No. 5 of Santiago.

  Stamp one issued in 1990 447
- Valentin Letelier Madariaga (1852-1919) Member of Lodge "Orden y Libertad" of Copiapo. Stamp - Scott 228 issued in 1942
- Dario E. Salas Diaz (1881- ) Initiated in Lodge "Justicia y Libertad" No. 5 of Santiago.

  Stamp one issued in 1954/6
- Juan Antonio Rios Morales (1888-1946) Initiated in Lodge "Paz y Concordia" No. 13 of Concepcion in 1914 and served this Lodge as Worshipful Master. He also was a member of Lodges "Candor" No. 9 and "Union Fraternal" No. 1 of Santiago.

  Stamp one issued in 1990 a
- Gabriela Mistral (1889-1957) Reported to have been initiated in Lodge "Destellos" in La Serena.

  Stamps Scott 300 & C192 issued in 1958

### PRESIDENT'S PAGE PHILATELIC LITERATURE

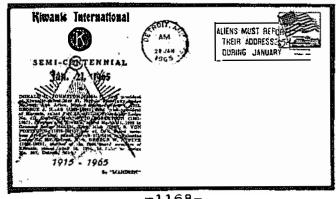
One day I was browsing in a bookstore and noticed a book cover with a block of inverted Jennies. I bought "McNally's Secret" by Lawrence Sanders and spent several hours reading about Archie's problems in Palm Beach. It is rare that one finds a novel concerned with rare stamps! I recall an old Ellery Queen story, "The Case of the One Penny Black" which I read many years ago. Are there others?

Not so unusual are stories about Masons, Katherine Kurtz is writing a series about Sir Adam Sinclair who is a Scottish psychic detective and Mason. Most of us are familiar with Rudyard Kipling's tale of "The Man Who Would Be King" and its Masonic references. Many mainstream authors wrote about Masonry though they were not Masons: Leo Tolstoy, Thomas Mann, Thornton Wilder, John Steinbeck. (Steinbeck had been a DeMolay.) The list of authors who were Masons is a distinguished one: Jonathan Swift, Voltaire, Goethe, Walter Scott, Dumas, Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, H. Rider Haggard, A. Conan Doyle. All except Haggard have been honored with postage stamps.

The ultimate Masonic Philatelic story is about the collector who invented a time machine and went back to July 1, 1847, and bought two panes each of US Scott No. 1 and 2. He then returned to the present only to learn that his action had already altered history and no 1847 stamps were known! I guess I will have to write that story - No, nobody would read it!

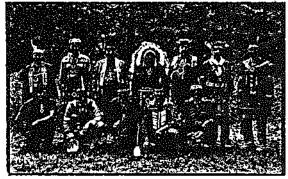
### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ALBUM

When our late Bro. Richard Needham learned I was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Eaton, Ohio, he sent me this cover. Whereas there are extensive worldwide issues of stamps honoring Rotary, Lions and Optimist, Kiwanis has been forgotten. It is worth noting that Kiwanis International which was founded in part by Masons, has for its motto "We Build". One of the principles of Kiwanis is to emphasize the spiritual, yet no one has accused Kiwanis of being a religion (at least not yet). When I served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Eaton, I was also the Worshipful Master of my Blue Lodge. Kiwanis presents its members with a Legion of Honor pin for twenty-five years of membership; I recently received this award. Few Masons have ever heard of the five brethren whose accomplishments are remembered on this cover - Donald D. Johnston, George J. Haas, Otto Robertson, Carl S. Von Poteegen and George W. Eyster. Few collectors have seen this cover. It indicates that most Masons do not flaunt their charitable and civic service. Let us pause to salute them now.



### MASONIC DEGREE TEAM POST CARD

Bro. Richard Wright has acquired a limited quantity of picture post cards which show the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team and will sell them for \$1.00 each - plus a SASE. All proceeds will be donated to a Masonic Charity such as the Masonic Homes. This degree team will be demonstrating their capabilities in Placerville, CA, on Sept. 2, 1995.



Bro. Wright's address is 13675 N. Hartley Lane, Lodi, CA 95242.

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Richard Edward Arnold was born May 15, 1918, near Henderson, Tennessee From 1940 to 1943 he toured with Brother Pee Wee King and his Golden West Cowboys. Soon he began to be heard on radio in Tennessee and St. Louis. RCA Victor signed him to a recording contract. Some of his hits were: "That's How Much I Love You", "Bouquet of Roses", "I'll Hold You In My Heart", "Anytime", "Cattle Call", "Make the World Go Away" and "Just a Little Loving". It is estimated that he has sold more than 65,000,000 records. He has appeared on television and made two movies for Columbia Pictures: "Feudin' Rhythm" and "Hoedown". At one time his manager was "Colonel" Tom Parker who discovered Elvis Presley. He has sung on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and in 1966 he was elected to membership in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

### MORE MASONIC POST CARDS

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Here are a couple more Masonic Post cards from the collection of Bro. R. W. Gilbert, member No. 337 of Robesonia, PA.



### NETHERLANDS MASONIC COVERS

The Dutch Freemason Philatelic Study Unit, "De Getande Rand" has issued eight different covers during 1994. Four are illustrated below. They are available at a cost of \$5.00 each. Order from (with checks made out to) Fr. A. P. van Tricht, Bachstraat 3, 5283 KK Boxtel, the Netherlands. All covers have descriptive enclosures; they are:

No. 27 - to commemorate the re-moval of the Grand Lodge in the Hague

27a - the front of the Lodge Building

27b - the Temple interior

27c - a Window showing Masonic Symbols

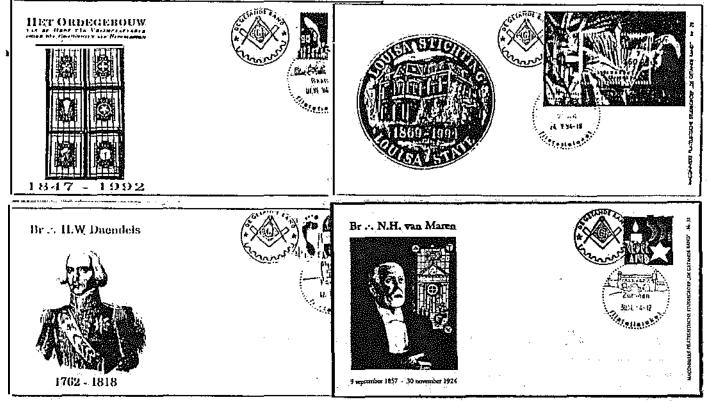
No. 28 - 125th anniversary of the Louisa State

No. 29 - Bro. H. W. Daendels

No. 30 - 100th anniversary of Bro. Willem Pijper

No. 31 - 175th anniversary of the Department of the Master Degree

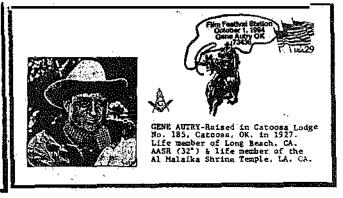
No. 32 - Bro. N. H. van Maren



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October 20, 1941



## Masonic Trivia and Facts, by Allen E. Roberts

Cloth covered; 215 pages; over 600 questions and answers including a comprehensive index; published by Anchor Communications; distributor, MSA; (\$18.95 PPD.)

This book has been written mainly for The Masonic Service Association to help finance its activities for Freemasonry.

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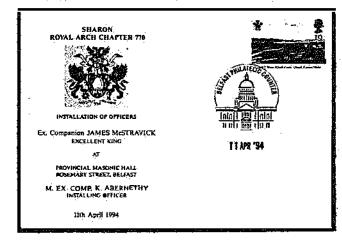
It's available from The Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

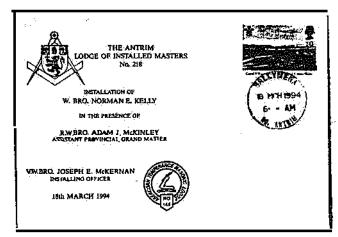
Of this book, Wallace McLeod, FPS, Professor of Classics, says: "There are good books, and then there are bad books. And once you begin to browse, you will keep on bumping into one Masonic writer that you can depend on. And Allen E. Roberts has done it again."

Here's my order for copies of Masonic Trivia and Facts at \$18.95 per copy (which includes postage.) Enclosed is my check for \$ payable to The Masonic Service Association.  Send my book(s) to:	
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Bro. Frank Elliot's annual Yuletide greeting was gratefully received this past month. It related a series of serious health problems he has experienced this past year but, thankfully, he is well on the road to recovery. He also enclosed a wonderful assortment of six Masonic Cacheted Covers he was able to produce this past year for significant Masonic events in his area. A couple are illustrated here. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at 11 Wood End, Holywood Belfast BT18 9PN, No. Ireland.





### EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Another selection of fine Masonic Cacheted Covers from Bro. Edsel Hatfield, member No. 21, P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042.



