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WHOLE NO. 116

## LIEUTENANT COMMANDER LEON GOLDSWORTHY

*Auswärt*

An Australian stamp issued on August 10, 1995, depicts Bro. Goldsworthy who was born in 1909 and died in 1994.



Leon Goldsworthy, GC, DSC, GM, RANVR, earned an unsurpassed reputation for skill and bravery as a mine disposal expert and was the navy's most highly decorated member of World War II. He received the George Medal for "gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty in rendering enemy mines safe" and later received the George Cross for a series of mine recovery operations.

Bro. Goldsworthy was a member of Duke of York Lodge No. 132, Grand Lodge of Western Australia. He was initiated on November 17, 1931, passed on August 16, 1932, and raised on October 10, 1932. He proceeded through all the chairs serving as Worshipful Master in 1950. He was a Grand Officer in the Grand Lodge of Western Australia and resigned from the Craft on November 11, 1968.

-information provided by Bro. Erhard Sternole, Australia, through Bro. Jack Shaw, U.K.

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462. John H. Willard, Denver, CO

### MEMBERS ACTIVITIES:

Bro. Maurice Beazley reported that during a recent trip to Ireland, he learned that Bro. Frank Elliott of Holywood, No. Ireland, broke his shoulder opening a locked door! There must be quite a story behind that maneuver but we will not push for details. Suffice it to say that we wish you the speediest of recoveries, Bro. Frank.

Bro. Norman Lincoln, the President of our Unit, is presently serving as Commander and will soon be installed as Worshipful Master. Sounds like a very full plate.

Bro. James Hogg, who returned to school to change careers, becoming a lawyer, graduates in January and takes the Florida Bar in February. He will be returning home to Florida at the end of this year from law school in Lansing, Michigan. Congratulations and best of luck in your new venture. Will you go back to producing Masonic cacheted covers?

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Your Editor received the cover shown below along with a very nice letter from M. W. Bro. Jose Cavalcanti Melo, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil. He noticed my "The Stamp Act" articles in the AASR(NJ) *Northern Light* and wished to respond accordingly. The card commemorates the recent XXV General Assembly of the Confederation of Symbolic Masonry of Brazil.



## THE FASTEST GROWING PART OF PHILATELY TODAY

The following article was sent in by Bro. Pat Herst and is especially applicable to our branch of philately as we are quite interested in postal history as a major player in our interests.

Fortunate indeed are the manuscript collectors who combine their hobby with postal history. Postal history, the fastest growing part of philately today, is the study of the letter itself, without stamps, and the manner in which a letter has traveled from its origin to its destination. Many desirable manuscripts and fascinating letters are hidden in stamp collections, awaiting discovery by the informed philographer-philatelist. It has been my good fortune to discover many letters which for generations lay unappreciated by anyone, then were treasured by a postal historian and finally bloomed into an item of importance when opened and read.

Australia's state of Victoria was, of course, named in honor of the Queen, around the same time as Victoria Falls, and back in 1856 she was quite worried about the colony, whose destiny she feared might be in incompetent hands. Victoria's concern for the welfare of the colony surfaced in a letter which this writer was happy to add to his collection of manuscripts relating to the postal history of Great Britain. Sandra Wyles, of the British Library in London, supplied the background to the little incident in Australia's early history which is alluded to in this letter.

Written at Osborne House, the Queen's holiday residence on the Isle of Wight, the letter is in the Queen's hand, but written in the third person, as was her custom in correspondence referring to matters of state. The letter, dated May 12, 1856, follows:

*The Queen is anxious to call Mr. Labouchere's attention to the great importance of naming a successor to poor Charles Hotham as it is not safe to have so large and important a colony for any length of time in the hands of an officer of whom we know nothing and to whom all the duties of Governor must be quite new.*

The letter was sent to Henry Labouchere, Baron Taunton of Somerset (1798-1869) who was secretary of state for the colonies from 1855 until Lord Palmerton's resignation in 1858. "Poor Sir Charles Hotham" (1804-1855) had been appointed governor of Victoria, Australia on December 6, 1853, replacing Charles LaTrobe (1801-1875), the lieutenant-governor of Victoria until separation of that district from the parent colony of New South Wales in 1851. The Queen was very diplomatic in her note, or was it that the facts had not yet reached her? Sir Charles was most unpopular with the people of Victoria and he was not successful in obtaining support in the colonial government. While his death on December 31, 1855, did not come from his disappointment, it could not have helped. (He died of a chill.) His successor was Sir Edward McCarther (1789-1872), the "officer" of whom the Queen knew nothing. The Queen's letter bore fruit. Word was sent to Victoria that Sir Edward was to be replaced and, on December 26, 1856, almost a year to the day after "poor Sir Charles" had died, his replacement, Sir Henry Barkly, arrived from England.

Other significant examples handled by the author include a small, neat envelope bearing a Samoan stamp, dated in the early 1890s, which included a signed autograph letter with the full name of the writer appended - Robert Louis Stevenson. Contained in an accumulation of common British folded letters from the Cromwell period in England was one signed "A. Pope" - the famed British poet, Alexander Pope. A folded letter with a postmark of New Bedford, Massachusetts, home port for many ships, was headed "Hanooruroo", the original pronunciation for Honolulu. It had been written by one of the first missionaries to arrive on the island in the early 1820s and is now recognized as the first letter ever sent from Hawaii.

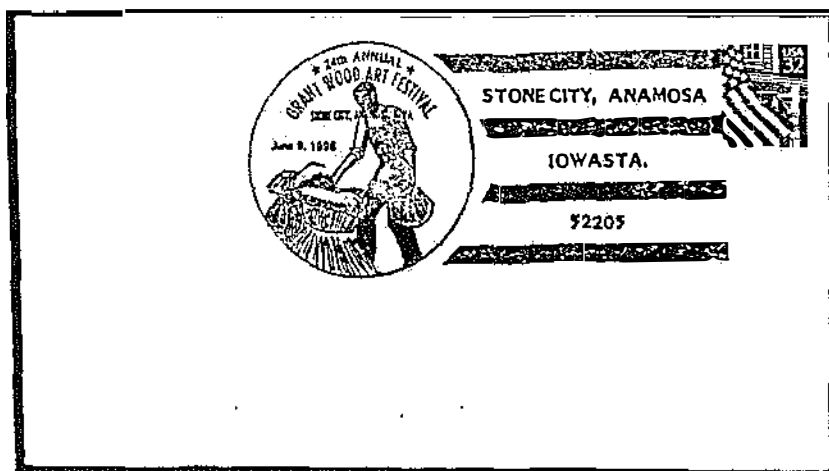
Similar examples abound and I am sure that we all have at least one item of significant Postal History in our own collection. Thank you Bro. Herst for identifying this interesting sideline to our hobby.

## GRANT WOOD

Many American artists have been commemorated on stamps. It is time to recognize one who is immediately recognizable. Grand DeVolson Wood was born on a farm near Anamosa, Iowa, on February 13, 1891. He was mostly self-taught though he did take some classes in Minneapolis and Iowa City. He served in the Army in 1917-1918 designing camouflage. From 1919 to 1925 he taught in the public schools of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the following year he exhibited his paintings in Paris. In 1927 he was commissioned to design a stained glass window for the Cedar Rapids Veterans Memorial building and in 1930 he painted "American Gothic" which will be recognized always as his masterpiece. He founded the Sone City Colony and Art School in 1932 and two years later was named Associate Professor of Fine Arts at the University of Iowa. He married Sara Maxon in 1935 and they were divorced in 1939. He died on February 12, 1942.

Bro. Wood was raised in Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263, Cedar Rapids, May 19, 1921. His three panel triptych titled "First Three Degrees of Freemasonry" is in the Iowa Masonic Library. He was suspended for non-payment of dues on March 6, 1924. A recent cancel celebrates the 24th annual Grant Wood Art Festival.

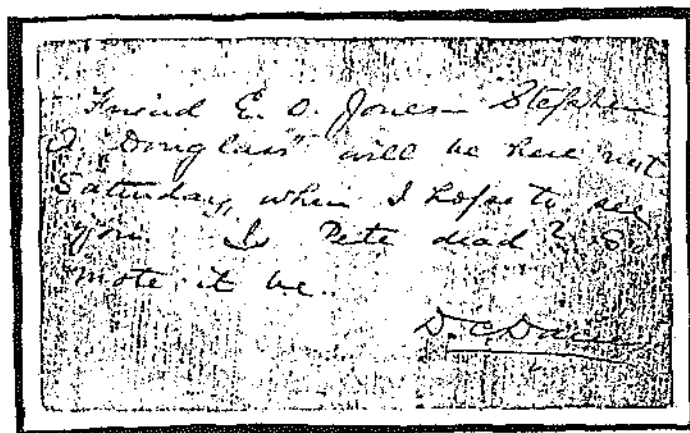
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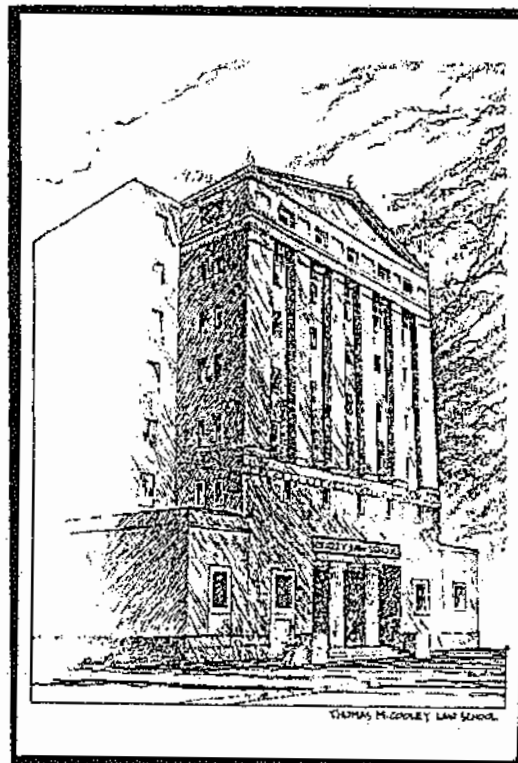
As sort of an adjunct to Bro. Herst's article, Bro. Charles A. Fricke has provided a copy of the reverse side of a UX3 Postal Card. It is postmarked Columbus, Wisconsin, and is addressed to Hon. E. O. Jones, Cambria, Wisconsin. The text reads: "Friend E. O. Jones - "Stephen A. Douglass" will be here next Saturday, when I hope to see you. Is Pete dead? So mote it be. D. C. Davies"

Bro. Stephen Douglass died in 1861 - a full 12 years before UX3 was released. The ending implies some Masonic reference but the cryptic essence of the entire note is telling some tale that has yet to be deciphered. Any clues?



## FORMER MASONIC TEMPLE ON A POST CARD

As mentioned earlier, Bro. Jim Hogg has been attending the Thomas W. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, the second largest law school in the nation in terms of enrollment. This law school occupies the former Masonic Temple building in downtown Lansing. It was the home to Lansing Lodge No. 33, F.& A.M., along with the three York Rite bodies, Walter M. French Lodge and Capitol Lodge of Strict Observance also met there as well as the Youth organizations and Eastern Star. Declining membership and lack of funds for upkeep forced the sale of the edifice in the 1970s.

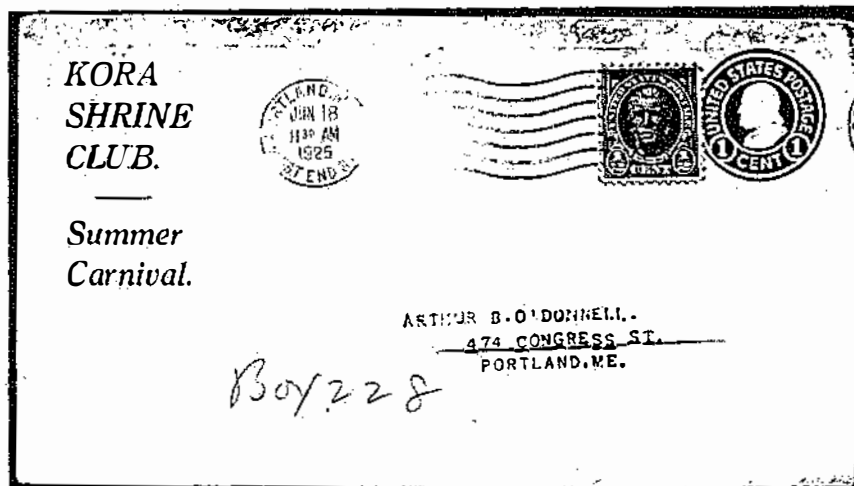


Bro. Hogg has provided a few cards such as that shown here for interested members. Let your Editor know if you are interested in one - if I run out, I will apply to Bro. Jim for more.

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## EARLIEST MASONIC CACHETED COVER???

Your Editor has uncovered the cover shown below. It is more than just a cover card because it advertises the Summer Carnival sponsored by the Kora Shrine Club of Portland, Maine. The early date of 1925 makes it a very collectible piece of Masonic philately and I wonder if it is perhaps one of the earliest such covers. Masonic Insurance Company covers date well back into the 19th Century but I believe that this is a very early usage of a cover for a Masonic Body. Any comments?

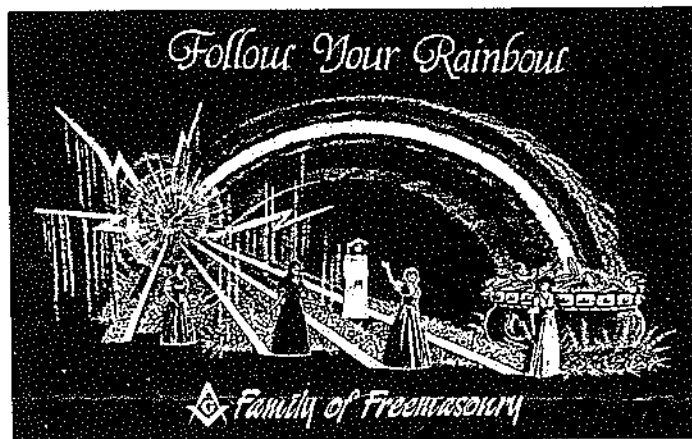


## MASONIC FLOAT POST CARD

Bro. Richard O. Wright has provided a couple of post cards of the 1997 Masonic Float which will be in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1 - but with a certain amount of sadness. First, the printer did not include any information on the reverse side. Second, this card, supporting and honoring the International Order of Rainbow for Girls on their 75th Anniversary may be the last card. Support for the Float has been less than desired and, therefore, this may be the last Masonic Float. The costs for these floats are about \$85,000 to \$120,000.

Bro. Wright hopes that some of the members will again support the project. He has several available at \$1.00 each with a S.A.S.E., please.

All proceeds will again be donated to the Masonic Float Committee in the name of the Masonic Study Unit. Past donations have been in excess of \$200.00. He still has some Float cards available from 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996 (there was no card in 1993). His address is: 13675 Hartley Lane, Lodi, CA 95242.

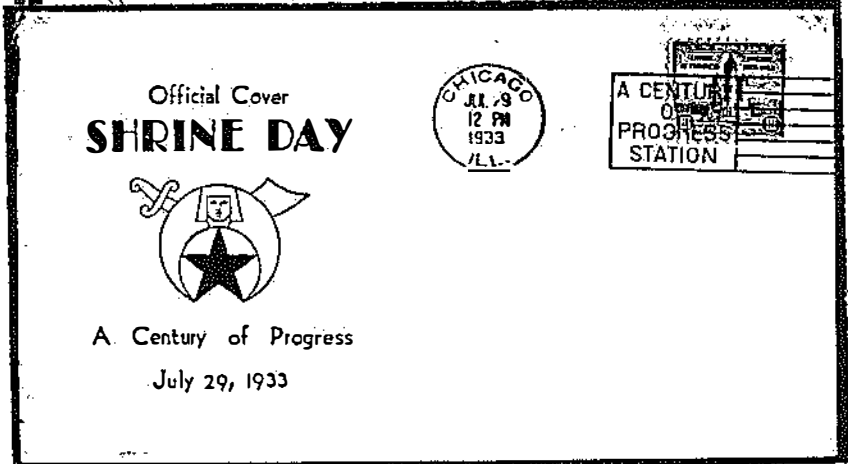
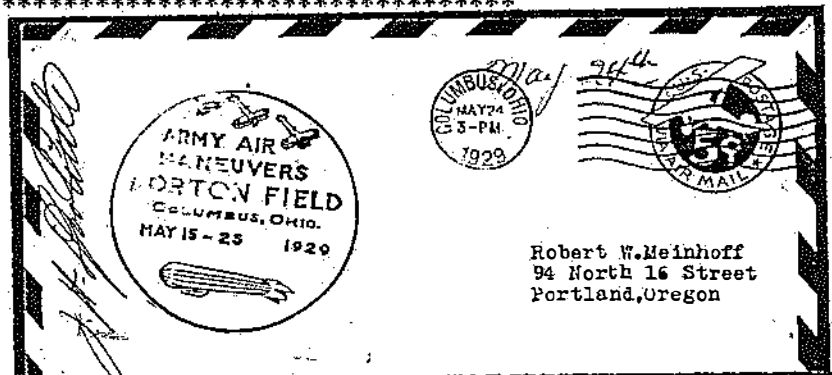


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Your Editor was able to attend Summerfest '96 in Arlington, VA, on September 20, 1996. I was able to acquire a few wonderful covers but two stand out in importance.

One cover commemorated "Shrine Day" at the 1933 Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Does any member know the details of this special event?

The other has the signature of a participant in the Army Air Maneuvers held at Norton Field, Columbus, Ohio on May 24, 1929 - none other than Bro. James H. Doolittle.



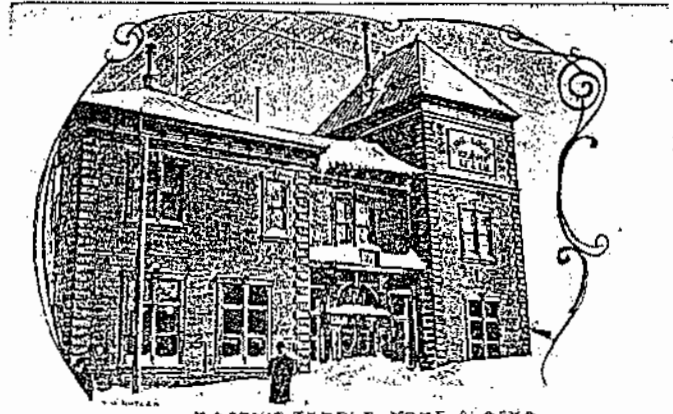
## MASONIC POST CARDS

Bro. Albert Resnick of Bayonne, NJ, has sent along a few Masonic post cards for our viewing pleasure. A couple are shown here - they depict some rather unique Masonic Lodge Halls - in Dutch Flat, CA, and Nome Alaska.



ODD FELLOWS AND MASONIC HALLS, DUTCH FLAT, CALIFORNIA

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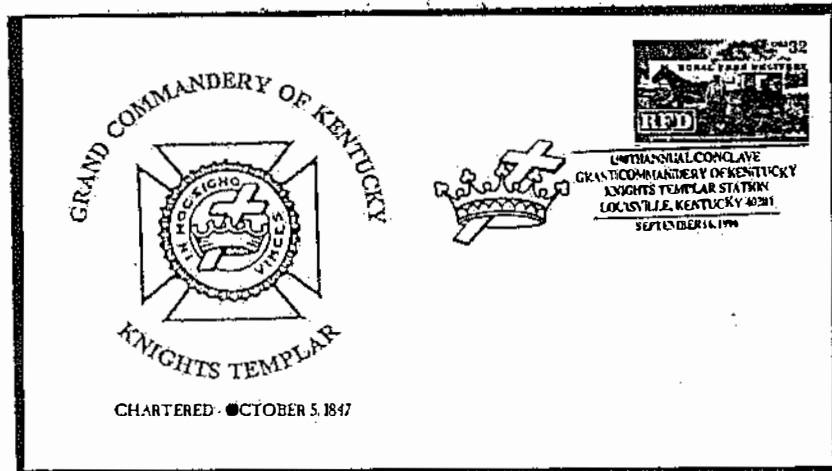
MASONIC TEMPLE, NOME, ALASKA

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## COMMANDERY CONCLAVE COVER

This year the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, met for its 150th Annual Conclave on September 16, 1996. To commemorate the event a special cachet and cancel was issued by the Grand Commandery and all profits from their sale will go to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Copies are available at a cost of \$2.00 each plus a #10 SASE from Bro. Cliff Stigger, 7601 Wesleyan Place, Louisville, KY 40242; any checks should be made payable to him. Thanks for the info, Bro. Stigger.

He also has available cachets commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery, No. 12, K.T., postmarked at Masonic Home, KY, and cachets of the Bicentennial of the State of Kentucky. If anyone desires these cachets, the price for each is \$3.00 (plus #10 SASE)



## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic merit have been announced in the philatelic press.

April 12 - The Gambia - Walt Disney characters doing good deeds, 6 Values plus 2 S/S.

One value shows a blood drive

July 10 - Uganda - 100th Anniv. of Radio, 4 values plus a S/S. Nat "King" Cole is included.

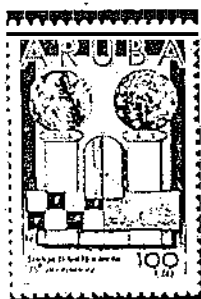
Sept. 6 - Slovenia - 100 years of Modern Cardiology - depicts a heart.

Sept. 12 - Germany - 200 Years of Homeopathy shows Samuel Hahnemann

Sept. 20 - Norway - 100 Years of Cinema in Norway, 3 values. Laurel and Hardy are shown.

Oct. 25 - Austria - Austrian Millennium, pane of 10 se-tenant stamps. Josef II is included as well as the Anti-Mason, Maria Therese.

Thanks to the Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain, we can now illustrate the Masonic issue from Aruba. They were released on July 26 and I understand County Stamp of Maryland has them available for \$2.13 for the pair. The MPC is selling the stamps for 1.25 pound sterling and the FDC for 1.45 pound sterling. Thank you, Bro. Jack Shaw.



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### EDWARD LAURENTINE DRAKE

In August, 1859 in Titusville, PA, a retired railroad conductor named Edwin L. Drake drilled the first well for the specific purpose of bringing liquid petroleum to the surface. It was the first commercial oil well in the world. A U.S. stamp of Aug. 27, 1959, Scott No. 1134, honors the petroleum industry which grew from this origin. Edwin L. Drake was born on March 29, 1819, on a farm near Greenville, NY, and died in 1880 in Bethlehem, PA. The Pennsylvania Rock-oil Co. was organized in 1854 for procuring petroleum on Oil Creek, PA. By 1858, this company had leased its land near Titusville to a portion of its stockholders who employed Col. Drake to drill an artesian well. After several attempts, he finally struck oil only 69 feet from the surface.



Bro. Edwin L. Drake's Mother Lodge is not known but he was elected to affiliate with Oil Creek Lodge No. 303, Titusville, PA on October 6, 1859. This Lodge no longer exists and the Lodge at that location is Titusville Lodge No. 754.

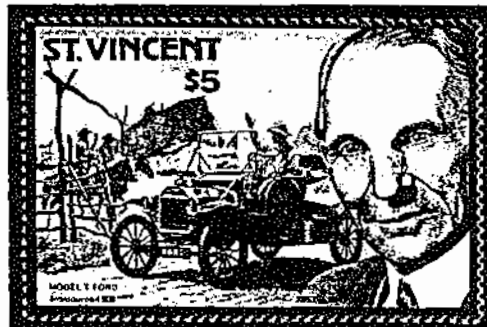


## HENRY FORD

Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863, on a farm near Dearborn, MI. Early in life he learned the machinist's trade and became the chief engineer for the Edison Illuminating Co. In 1904 he established his own company to manufacture automobiles. He was not the first automobile manufacturer, nor was he the first to use mass production methods but his idea that everyone could own an inexpensive automobile was revolutionary as was his use of conveyer belts to speed assembly lines. The famous black 1907 Model T was the result. He later became innovative in profit-sharing with employees and higher wages for shorter work weeks. In 1914 he startled the business world by setting a \$5 minimum daily wage which was about twice the going rate. In 1926 he established a five-day work week, years before the national trend. During the depression of the 1930s, Ford stubbornly resisted cutting wages as other businessmen were doing. The fortune he built established the Ford Foundation, the world's largest private trust fund, which has made grants to worthy causes amounting to several billions of dollars. Henry Ford died April 7, 1947, at his estate in Fairlane, not far from his birthplace.

Bro. Ford was a member of Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, being raised on November 28, 1894. He was never very active but was a staunch member and visited several other Lodges besides his own. Palestine Lodge presented him with a Life Membership on March 7, 1935, in honor of his 75th birthday. He became an Honorary Member of Zion Lodge No. 1 on November 21, 1928. In 1940 the Supreme Council (NJ) elected him to receive all the degrees from the 4th up to and including the 33rd; they were conferred on him at a special occasion in September of that year..

Several nations have issued stamps which picture Bro. Henry Ford and/or his automobiles. The U.S. pictured him on a 12 cent regular issue of July 30, 1968, Scott No. 1286A. The stamp shown here, Scott No. 051, was released by St. Vincent on December 4, 1987.



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## JOHN JEFFRIES

John Jeffries was honored by several nations with postage stamps picturing the Jeffries-Blanchard balloon at the time of the bicentennial of manned flight - 1983. Shown here is a Poland 1981 release, Scott No. 2434.

*Anguilla 543 November 1981  
 Upper Volta 220 November 30*

Bro. Jeffries received his degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, MA, and in 1770 was a Charter Member and first Junior Warden of Massachusetts Lodge, Boston. He became Senior Warden of this Lodge on December 2, 1771, re-elected the following year and elected Master on December 6, 1773, serving for two years.



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JOHN JEFFRIES (Cont'd)

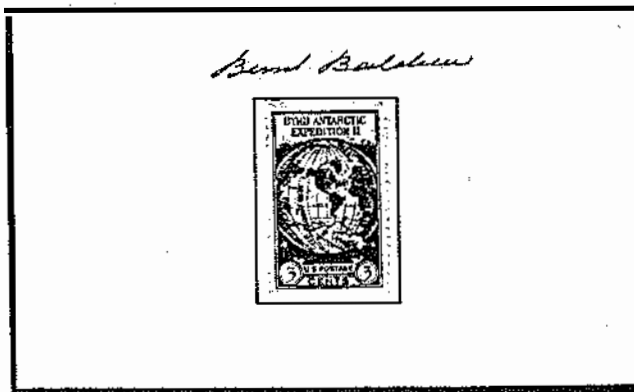
John Jeffries was born February 5, 1745, in Boston, MA. and graduated from Harvard in 1763. He later studied medicine in London and Abredeen receiving his medical degree from the latter in 1769. He returned to Boston to practice. From 1771-4 he was surgeon of a British ship of the line at Boston and at the evacuation of Boston by the British, he accompanied the troops to Nova Scotia as a Loyalist. He went to England in 1779 and was made surgeon-major of the forces in America. He served with the British at Charleston, SC, from March to December, 1780, resigning to return to London where he entered practice. He gained recognition as a scientist and a meteorologist and, with Francois Blanchard, the French Aeronaut, made the first crossing of the English Channel - from Dover to the forest of Guines, France - in a balloon on January 7, 1785. He paid the entire expense of that voyage - \$3500. In the summer of 1789 he returned to Boston where he delivered the first public lecture on anatomy that was given in New England. At that time, public feeling was against dissections and he was forced by mob violence to discontinue his lectures. He practiced his profession in Boston until his death there on September 16, 1849.

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BERNT BALCHEN

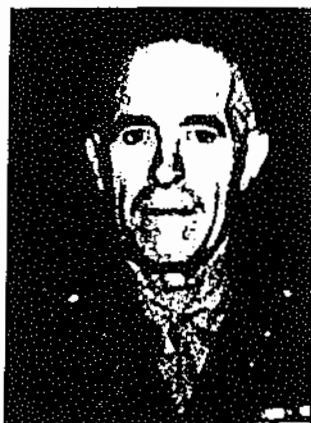
Bernt Balchen was the chief pilot on Rear Admiral Byrd's second Antarctic Expedition which was noted by the US stamp of October 9, 1933, Scott No. 733. He was born Oct. 23, 1899, at Tveit, Topdal, Norway, and was educated in the Norwegian Air Force and artillery line and the War Academy at Oslo and Horton. He came to the U.S. in 1926 and was naturalized five years later. He served a very colorful career as an explorer under Roald Amundsen and Admiral Byrd, air pioneer, Air Force officer and OSS operator. He was well known for his evacuation and supply missions during World War II.

Bro. Balchen received his degrees in Norseman Lodge No. 878, Brooklyn, NY, in 1927. He was one of the organizers of the "Top of the World" Masonic Square Club at Thule, Greenland. Both he and Byrd dropped Masonic flags over the two poles. He was awarded the G.L. of N.Y. Medal for Distinguished Achievement in 1954.



# EDSEL MASONIC COVERS

Some of Bro. Edsel Hatfield's more recent Masonic Cacheted Covers are shown here. Information on their acquisition may be obtained from him at P.O. Box 36, Hazelwood, MO 63042




**HONORING**  
MEMBERS OF  
PRISONERS  
OF WAR  
MISSING AND  
KILLED IN ACTION

CINCINNATI, OH  
NOV 24  
1970

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

**LEWIS BEEBE, Brig. Gen.**  
Member of the G-4 on Corridor he became WARDWRIGHT's Chief of Staff. It was BEEBE's voice that ended the first Surrender appeal from the Rock to Gen. Yamamoto. At the meeting with the Japs he sat at his C.O.'s left hand side during the negotiations. He survived the Bataan death march & POW camp. He served in post war Europe. Mason. EDSEL




1845

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ATLANTA, GA  
JUN 16  
1995

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

**JAMES FANNIN**  
Thomas Pioneer  
A Captain with JAMES BOWIE and General GEN. JOHN HUSTON among them a Colonel & later a General. On March 28 1836 HE & his troops resisted the far superior forces of Gen. Urrea at the Battle of Burnside. Though under siege to be treated as POW's Santa Anna ordered their Execution. FANNIN was the last of 357 prisoners to be marched out and summarily shot to death. Though not a member FANNIN acted as a soldier at the organization of the Lone Star Reg. of TX. His Lodge is unknown but believed to be in Georgia. EDSEL



ATLANTA, GA  
JULY 19  
1998

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

**FRANCIS HONEYCUTT, B.G.**  
West Point Class of 1904. Not Collegiate Fencing Champion. With A.C.F., field artillery. In WW I, Captain of the victorious U.S. Olympic Fencing Team at Antwerp. Mason, Lodge Unknown. May have joined West Point Ldg. # 877 in 1916 along with his good friend and classmate, JOSEPH STILLWELL. Unlucky death in 1948 cut short a promising career. EDSEL




CENTENNIAL of the  
SERIES  
UNIVERSITY  
PHYSICAL FITNESS

ATLANTA, GA  
JULY 19  
1998

WASHINGTON  
FEB. 15  
1965  
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

**CHARLES PADDOCK**  
"World's fastest Human"  
Victor of the 100 Yd. Race. He won 123 Yd. Race in Paris France Olympic Games of 1923, 100 Yd. Race in "24," "23," became an editor & noted journalist, Editor Star-Knight Pasadena CA. Killed in Naval Air Crash near Santa Monica June 22, 1945 Member of Carmelita Log. # 599. EDSEL



ATLANTA, GA  
APR 21  
1991

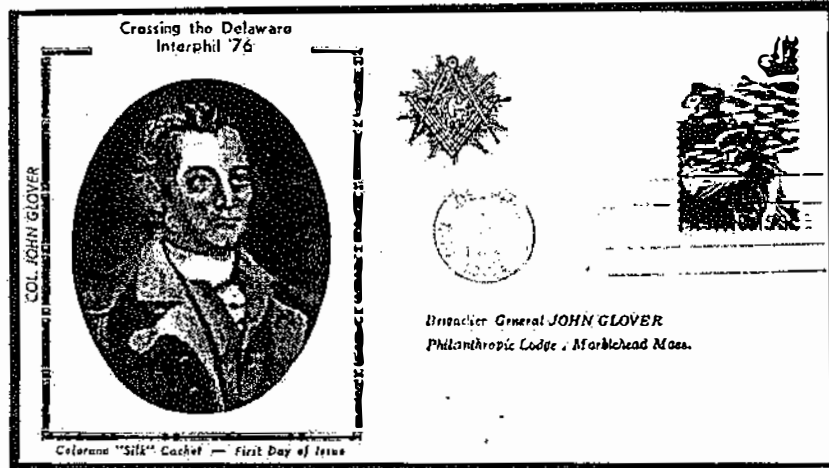
ATLANTA, GA  
JULY 19  
1998

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

**ALAN WILLIAMS**  
Gold Medal Rugby Team, 1924  
Member of the famous (Lions) Rugby team that were provided France with the first Gold of the 1924 Games in Paris. 25 of the finest strikers in the U.S. had the French team 17 to 3 in the last Rugby game ever played in the Olympics. While the French team beat U.S. supporters' consciousness was not affected little known. Mason, Log. unknown. EDSEL

## JOHN GLOVER

Bro. John Glover can be identified on several of the stamps of the world which picture American Revolution scenes such as this one of Washington Crossing the Delaware. Another well-know picture, "Capture of the Hessians at Trenton" is shown on Romania Scott No. 2606 released on January 25, 1976; John Glover is at the far right, the next to last man.



John Glover was born November 5, 1732, in Salem, MA. He became a successful fisherman and shipowner and after Lexington raised a regiment of 1000 fishermen for the Marblehead Militia serving as its Colonel. He was very active in the various amphibious exercises of the Revolution including Long Island, Trenton, Delaware Crossing and the Stillwater Battle. He became a Brigadier General in February 1777 and saw service at Valley Forge, Saratoga, White Plains and campaigned against Burgoyne. He succeeded John Sullivan in the command at Providence in 1779 and served on the Court of Inquiry which sentenced Major Andre to be hanged as a spy in 1780. He retired in 1782 and was a delegate to the Massachusetts convention which ratified the Constitution in 1788. He died in Marblehead, MA, on January 30, 1797.

Bro. Glover was a Charter Member of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, MA, being chartered on March 25, 1760. He is recorded as visiting St. John's Lodge in Providence, RI, when he was stationed there.

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## WINSLOW HOMER

Winslow Homer was a well-traveled painter of the 1800s who is remembered for many of his paintings, including the one shown on U.S. Scott No. 1207 (Dec. 15, 1962) - "Breezing Up". During his career he lived in such diverse places as New York, France, Bermuda and Gloucester, MA. He had a summer place at Prouts Neck, Maine, to which he retired; he died there on September 29, 1910. Although there is no record of his having been a Member of the Craft, he drew the design for the diploma of the Grand Lodge of Maine; the original of this design hangs in the Grand Lodge offices.