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## PREMIERS OF THE CANADIAN PROVINCES

Canada Post Corporation issued a pane of 10 stamps on February 18, 1998, honoring Provincial primiers who during their years of office made a difference not only to their respective province, but also to the country as a whole. Six of these premiers were (may have been) members of the Craft - namely J. P. Robarts, J. B. McNair, T. C. Douglas, J. R. Smallwood, W. A. C. Bennett and J. Bracken



### JOHN PARMENTER ROBARTS (1917-1982) Ontario

During his decade as Premier of Ontario, John Robarts became a noted defender of individual freedoms and provincial rights. Born in Banff, Alberta, he moved to London, Ontario, in his teens. After graduating from the University of Western Ontario in 1939 and serving in the navy during the war, he studied law at Osgoode Hall. He returned to London to begin his political career.



He was later elected as a Conservative MPP and joined the provincial Cabinet in 1958. He served as Minister of Education and then rose to the position of Conservative leader and Premier. He resigned in 1971 but co-chaired the 1977-79 Task Force on Canadian Unity.

Bro. Alan R. P. Golding has stated that Bro. Robarts was a Mason - no details were provided - could you please provide them Bro. Golding?

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

227. Lorin V. Watkins, 1532 Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA 15801-9041

447. Stanley C. Wyllie, 4960 Franlou Ave., Riverside, OH 45432

TBD Peter Meyer, Av. Itacira A196 Pl. Paulista, 04060-001 Sao Paulo/SP, Brazil (Bro. Meyer is one of the leading forces in the Masonic stamp Club of Brazil)

### **ADDRESS CHANGES:**

217. Michel Khayat, 71 rue de Monceau, 75008 - Paris, France

413. Herbert A. Rasmussen, 455 Alexander Loop #348, Eugene, OR 97401

### **MISSING (Mail Returned):**

53. William Youd - last known address: 6 Singleton Court, Patrington, Hull, East Yorkshire

HU12 OSP England

### **CLOSED ALBUMS:**

316. O. Willard Benedict - late of Towson, MD on July 31, 1997

411. LaVerne Kohrt - late of Ottawa, IL on Feb. 1, 1998

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

Bro. Alan R. P. Golding of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, is "having a little bit of a 'ticker' problem and is going for a heart catheter to see just what's what". Otherwise, he feels "pretty good". Bro. Stan Longenecker is proceeding well with his treatments. The second biopsy proved to be negative and he will soon have his radiation seeds planted. We wish both these Brethren the best in their progress.

On Saturday, July 11, 1998, the leading officers and members of Quatuor Coronati (QC) Lodge, the premier research lodge in the world, will meet with brethren in the United States at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. The W.M., S.W., J.W., Secretary and other officers and members of Quatuor Coronati Lodge will be the guests of Civil War Lodge of Research #1865, AF & AM, under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Papers will be presented by both organizations and it will be an excellent opportunity to witness a meeting of this illustrious organization.

## **ELECTIONS**

The topic of elections of the officers of the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association remains a rather subdued sphere of activity. The Unit By-Laws call for election of a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer bi-annually. Perhaps you recall that two years ago, we bypassed the elections and retained those in office for another two years - there were no nominations and very few comments. We all recognize that the positions of President and Vice-President are really titles only and those individuals are encouraged to submit more articles. Bro. Norman Lincoln is willing to continue to serve as President and I am sure Bro. John O. Welch would continue as Vice President. Bro. Otto Stedding will continue as Secretary-Treasurer. What is the pleasure of the membership?

**JOHN BABBITT McNAIR**  
(1889-1968) New Brunswick



John Babbitt McNair was born in Andover, New Brunswick, and resided in the Province his entire life. A Rhodes scholar in his youth, he was a lawyer, politician and judge. He was originally elected as a member of the legislature in the New Brunswick House in 1935 serving as an attorney general for his party. In 1940 he became leader of the Liberal Party and was Premier of New Brunswick for the next twelve years. Three years later, in 1955, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Province and was appointed Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick in 1965.

Bro. McNair was initiated in January 1921 and raised in April 1921 as a member of Hiram Lodge #6, Fredericton, N.B. His MM certificate was #10181; he later was a Past Master of Hiram Lodge and Past District Deputy in 1928-29.

**THOMAS CLEMENT "TOMMY" DOUGLAS**  
(1904-1986) Saskatchewan

"Tommy" Douglas was born in Falkirk, Scotland, and moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, with his family in 1919. He entered the ministry in 1924 and after his ordination settled in Weyburn, Sask. Having experienced the Great Depression and the tough times on the Canadian Prairies, he helped develop a socialist party called the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation known as the CCF. He failed in a bid for a Provincial seat for the party in 1934 but was successful in obtaining a Federal seat for the CCF in 1935.



During his two terms in the Federal government he was known as a skillful and witty debater, and took some very unpopular stands in defense of civil liberties. In 1944 he resigned his Federal seat to run in the Saskatchewan general election. He was successful and served as the Premier of the province for the next 17 years until he resigned and went back into federal politics in 1961 as head of the socialist Canada Democratic Party.

Bro. Douglas was initiated April 1, 1935 and raised June 3, 1935 at Weyburn Lodge #20, Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Records indicate he demitted from there in 1970 but he had affiliated with Zenith Lodge #104, Burnaby, B.C., when he moved to that province in 1961.

**JOSEPH ROBERTS "JOEY" SMALLWOOD**  
(1900-1991) Newfoundland



"Joey" Smallwood was born in the village of Gambo near Gander, Newfoundland. He was a journalist, broadcaster and politician. In 1946 after the newly elected British Labor Government granted Newfoundlanders a chance for self government through a referendum, he entered politics. He favored confederation with Canada and found himself in an unpopular position against the more

wealthy Newfoundland merchants who accused him of being a traitor of Newfoundland independence. With the promise of family allowances, welcome cash, for many of Newfoundland's poor, Joey won the second of two fought referendums. Newfoundland became Canada's tenth province on March 31, 1949 and he was elected as party leader and premier to the first provincial government. He was virtually unchallenged for the next two decades. The Order of Canada was bestowed upon him in 1986 and he received ten honorary degrees from Canadian Universities.

Bro. Smallwood was initiated and raised in 1964 in Northcliffe Lodge #1086 S.C.; he was passed in Lomond Lodge #1421. These degrees were conferred during a visitation of the Grand Master Mason Brother Andrew, Lord Bruce and Earl of Elgin. He affiliated with Harbour Grace Lodge #476 and was Master during its Centennial Year, 1967. He was a member of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland (S.C.). He joined Shannon Chapter No. 9, Beothic Perceptory No. 71 in 1965 and Eastern Council No. 6 in 1968 - all of the York Rite of St. John's, Newfoundland. He took his Scottish Rite degrees in Victoria Lodge of Perfection, Keith Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and the Nova Scotia Consistory, all of Halifax. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in Halifax and received his 33rd degree in Halifax in 1969. He was T.P.G.M. of Centennial Lodge of Perfection, St. John's, Newfoundland 1967-69 and was an Honorary Member of Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, Ontario. He was also a member of Philae Temple and Mazol Temple as well as a member of St. John's Shrine Club.

**WILLIAM ANDREW CECIL BENNETT**  
(1900-1979) British Columbia

William A. C. Bennett was born in New Brunswick and moved to British Columbia in 1930 where he opened up a department store which, in time, became a retail hardware chain. He entered provincial politics in 1941 and 12 years later became the leader of a new political party which formed a minority government. During the next two decades as the premier of British Columbia he was affectionately known as "WACky" Bennett and led the Province through a period of unprecedented growth. He resigned from politics and as the leader of his party after defeat in 1972. His son succeeded him as party leader and was elected Premier of the Province in 1975.



Bro. Bennett was initiated on January 8, passed on February 12, and raised on April 8, 1932 in St. George's Lodge #41 in Kelowna, B.C. He served as Master of this Lodge in 1944.

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**JOHN BRACKEN**  
(1883-1969) Manitoba



John Bracken was born at Seeley's Bay, Ontario. He was an agriculturist and professor of Field Husbandry at the University of Saskatchewan from 1910 to 1920 and president of Manitoba Agricultural College, University of Manitoba from 1920 to 1922. He became a member of the Manitoba Legislature and Premier of the province from 1922 to 1942. In 1942 he was chosen to lead Canada's Conservative Party which he renamed the Progressive Conservative. He was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1945 and served as Leader of the Opposition until his resignation in 1948.

Bro. Bracken was initiated October 31, 1907 and was a member of Imperial Lodge #60, G.R.S. He affiliated with The Assiniboine Lodge #114, G.L.M. on March 2, 1926. Records also indicate that he was a member of Rideau Lodge #460, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

-this article represents the collective efforts of Bros. Gary Prowse, Member #333, Robert Allardice, Member #178, Bro. Alan R. P. Golding, Member #11, and Bro. Christopher Murphy, Member #226.

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**WANTS, TRADES, OFFERS**

This section will be devoted to offers and solicitations for Masonic Philatelic material submitted by the members.

Bro. David Power, Member #88 of Danvers, MA, is still trying to find a buyer for his collection of 639 Masonic Cacheted covers contained in Nu-Ace binders. Very strong in MSC of NY and GWMSC releases, it also includes some published by MSU/ATA, Ed Walsh, Denver MSC and NATSCO. There are no more than one or two duplicates. He has had no nibbles at his original asking price of \$1100 for the total collection. What offer do we hear from someone interested in the collection? Please contact the Editor on this item.

Bro. Robert Allardice, 207-10626 - 151A Street, Surrey, B.C. Canada V3R 8K7, Member #178, is actively searching for a set of "10,000 Famous Freemasons" by Denslow. If anyone has a copy for sale or knows of one for sale, please contact him.

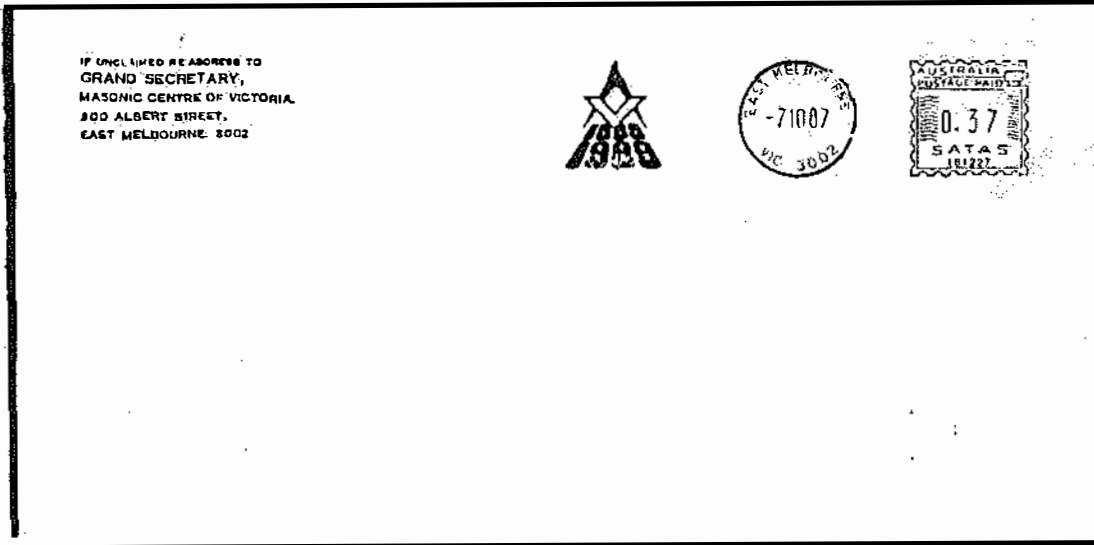
The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club will donate covers to any youth or school stamp club. Those knowing of such clubs should provide the proper address and contact point and number of members in the club to Bro. Stan Longenecker, 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552-1926.

A former member of the MSU/ATA who is now 95 years young has contacted your editor with a request to divest himself of some of his Masonic Philately material. The following is offered:

1. A complete set of Mirt's Newsletters (some original, others copies) - \$20 (+postage)
2. A copy of Knight Templar's 1974 paperback book, Masonic Americana - \$5
3. A collection of Henry Murray Masonic Cacheted covers offered through his mailing service from 1979 to 1992. A total of about 400 covers very strong in Great Britain (200), United States (83) and over 50 other countries. These covers cost an average of \$4.00 each when purchased over that 13 year period. We would like to sell the collection intact but will break it up if necessary. Are there any members interested in this item - intact - or parts thereof? Please contact the editor on this item also.

## AUSTRALIAN CANCEL

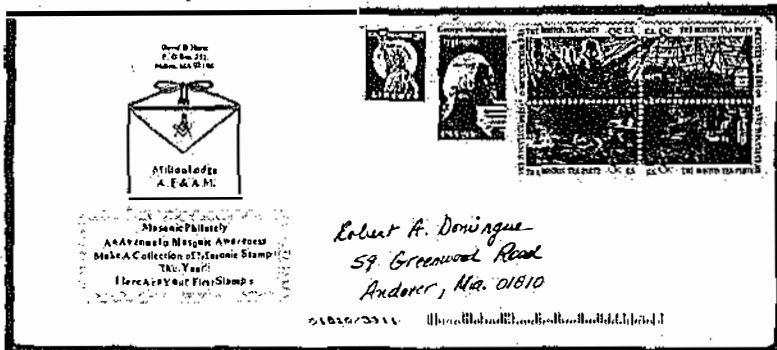
Bro. Erhard Stermole has provided a limited number of the cancelled cover shown here. Those desiring a copy, please send your Editor a #10 SASE.



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## MASONIC PHILATELY FOR ALL THE LODGE MEMBERS

Bro. David Harte, Member No. 470 of Milton, MA, has decided to use Masonic stamps in all his mail to Brethren and identifies them as such as shown on the envelope illustrated here. Great idea!



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## MASONIC STAMP OF THE YEAR

We have received one response to Bro. Norman Lincoln's request of the previous Newsletter for a nomination for "Masonic Stamp of the Year"; it came from Bro. Stan Longenecker.

"The Washington Souvenir Sheet is the clear winner. Wor. Bro. George was the first person to be pictured on a stamp and most likely has been shown on more stamps than anyone else. Further, we honor him in the names of states, counties, towns, rivers, schools, parks and many, many more categories. He was a man of humility and a proud Mason. - Stated in much less than 10,000 words."

## USPS STAMPS TO CELEBRATE THE CENTURY

Of the two sheets of stamps issued on Feb. 3, 1998, to celebrate the events and personages of the 19th Century, at least nine can be considered applicable to a Masonic stamp collection.



Model A Ford - This stamp can definitely be entered on a page honoring Bro. Henry Ford. (1863-1947), a member of Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, MI, having been raised Nov. 28, 1894. The AASR(NJ) conferred all degrees from 4th to 33rd on him at a special session in 1940.

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) was a member of Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, NY, receiving his degrees in 1901.

Teddy Bear - The Teddy Bear was created by Bro. Clifford Kennedy Berryman. It all started when Pres. and Bro. Theodore Roosevelt was asked to settle a boundary dispute between Louisiana and Mississippi in 1902. The hearty outdoorsman decided a little hunting trip would be "just bully", but he failed to bag any game. One of the guides captured a bear cub and brought it to camp for the President to shoot. Teddy, however, stated "If I shot that little fellow, I couldn't look my boys in the face again." Bro. Berryman developed an editorial cartoon around this event and attached the punning caption "Drawing the Line in Mississippi". It appeared Nov. 16, 1902, a toy dealer soon after began selling stuffed bears and the legend was born.

Bro. Berryman was born April 2, 1867, in Woodford County near Versailles, KY, where his father operated a country store. A self taught artist who inherited the talent from his father, his first job was as a draftsman for the U.S. Patent Office. In 1896 he was hired by the *Washington Post* as an illustrator and in 1907 he moved to the *Washington Star* where he remained to his death on Dec. 11, 1949. In 1944 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a cartoon critical of manpower mobilization. He was a Past Master of Temple-Noyes-Cathedral Lodge No. 32, a Knight Templar in Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C., and a Shriner.

William Edward Burghardt DuBois (1868-1963), a noted writer and sociologist who received his PhD from Harvard in 1895 (first awarded to a person of color) was one of the founders of the NAACP in 1910. He was made a Mason at Sight by M.W. William A. Tribbett, Prince Hall Grand Master, in Widow's Son Lodge #1, New Haven, CT in 1910.

The First World Series (1903) - On Thursday Oct. 1, 1903, more than 16,000 fans crowded into Huntington Ave. Baseball Grounds, home of the American League Champion Boston Pilgrims for the first game of the first World Series. It had been arranged by Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the National League Champion Pittsburgh Pirates who wrote to Henry Killilea, the Boston owner, suggesting a best of nine series would create interest in baseball. This was an admission that the American League had finally been accepted as a major league. The rise in recognition was pioneered by Bro. Byron Bancroft Johnson (no Masonic data provided). Previously a reporter for the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, he was persuaded to become president of the Western League in 1893. With franchises in seven cities, he eliminated rowdy fans and made baseball a wholesome family recreation. He renamed the league in 1899 and called it a major league in 1901.

The Pirates were a power hitting team led by Bro. John Peter "Honus" Wagner, the best shortstop of all time. In 1903 he hit .355 to lead the league. Born Feb. 24, 1874, in Carnegie, PA, he was raised in Centennial Lodge No. 544 in Carnegie. Center fielder, Bro. Clarence Howeth "Ginger" Beaumont led off, hit .341 and played in all 141 games that year. He was a member of Temple Lodge No. 96, Waterford, WI.

Boston's best weapon was their pitching. Bro. Denton True "CY" Young started 35 games and completed 34. He made 5 relief appearances and had 2 saves. His record was 28 wins and 9 losses; his ERA was 2.08 and he had 7 shut outs. Born in Gilmore, OH on March 29, 1867, he was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 194, Urichsville OH, Cyrus Chapter No. 114, Gebal Council No. 56, St. Bernard Commandery No. 51, Scottish Rite and Aladdin Shrine.

Other Masons in the Major Leagues in 1903 were Bros. Clark Calvin "The Old Fox" Griffith (Harmony Lodge No. 17, Washington, DC), Addie Joss (no Masonic info provided), Christopher "Big Six" Mathewson (Architect Lodge No. 519, New York City), Edward Stewart "Gettysburg Eddie" Plank (Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, PA) and Joseph Bert Tinker (an Illinois Lodge - #938 - now defunct). Bro. John T. Brush was owner of the Giants.



Federal Reserve System - This System was created in 1913 when Bro. William Gibbs McAdoo was Secretary of the Treasury. He was born Oct. 31, 1863, at Marietta, GA, and died Feb. 1, 1941. He attended the University of Tennessee and practiced law. He was a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1920 and 1924. He was a member of Walworth Lodge No. 271 in New York and Henry S. Orme Lodge No. 456 in California.



Panama Canal - There were a multitude of Masons associated with the creation of the Panama Canal: Pres. Roosevelt who ordered it, Joseph C.S. Blackburn, head of civil administration, designers and workers. They have been the subject of previous articles.

Boy Scouts - Daniel C. beard was a painter and illustrator who organized the Boy Scout movement in the United States. He was raised in Mariner's Lodge No. 17, New York City on Nov. 30, 1917, and later joined Cornucopia Lodge No. 563, Flushing, NY.

Jack Dempsey (1895-1983) was a member of Kenwood Lodge No. 800, Chicago, IL. He is the subject of a previous article in our newsletter.

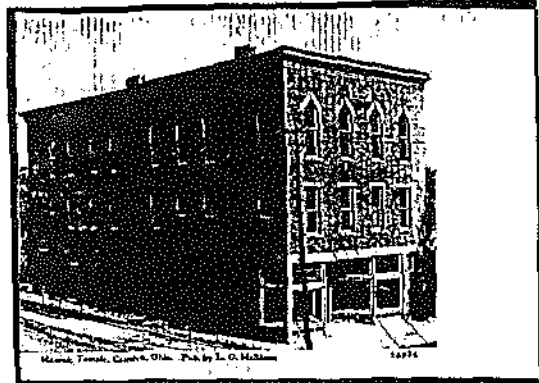
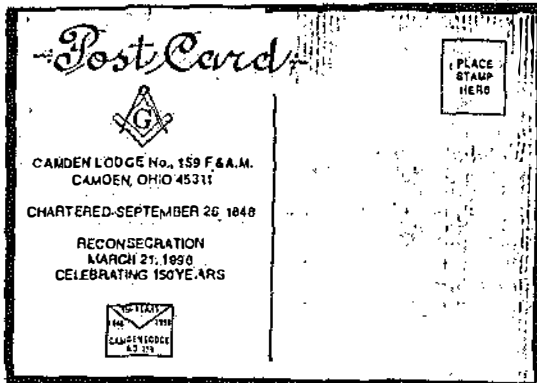
Other stamps of these souvenir sheets could be applied by using association - such as Masons who participated in World War I and aviators. The possibilities are endless.

- article based on information provided by Bro. Norman Lincoln

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### SESQUICENTENNIAL - CAMDEN LODGE No. 159

Bro. Dwight Seals, Member No. 211, is a member of Camden Lodge No. 159 of Camden, OH which is celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year. A post card has been prepared for the occasion as shown here. It is available for a SASE from him at 4381 Camden-West Elkton Rd., Somerville, OH 45064. He has also written an excellent history of the Lodge which sells for \$5.00.



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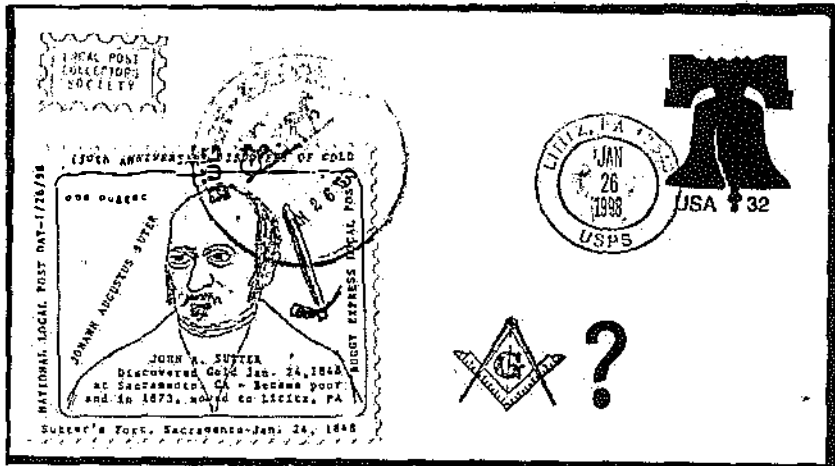
### NEW ISSUES

- 1997 - Mali - Movie Stars, pane of 9 se-tenant stamps, includes John Wayne.
- 1997 - Peru- 100th Death Anniversary of Heinrich von Stephan, 1 value.
- 10/1/97 - Tuvalu - 50th Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, 3 pairs of se-tenant stamps and Souvenir Sheet
- 10/2/97 - India - 50th Anniversary of Independence, pane of 10 stamps, includes Rabindranath Tagore.
- 10/9/97 - Mexico - 100th Anniversary of Death of Heinrich von Stephan, 1 value.
- 11/3/97 - Barbuda - 50th Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, pane of 6 stamps and Souvenir Sheet - Overprints.

## JOHN A. SUTTER

Bro. Stan Longenecker is, among other roles, a long-time member of the Local Post Society. Each year this group picks a theme for the members to honor "National Local Post Day" which occurs the last Monday in January. This year's theme was "150 Years - Discovery of Gold in California". For his label, Bro. John honored the man who was the discoverer, Johann Augustus Suter - or his Americanized (changed) name, John A. Sutter.

His product is shown here and his cover clearly depicts his dilemma - Was John A. Sutter a Mason. Denslow clearly states, in his 10,000 Famous Freemasons, that Sutter was elected to receive the degrees in Corinthian Lodge No. 9 of Marysville, CA, but there is no record of these degrees being conferred. Can any member help in clearing up this question?

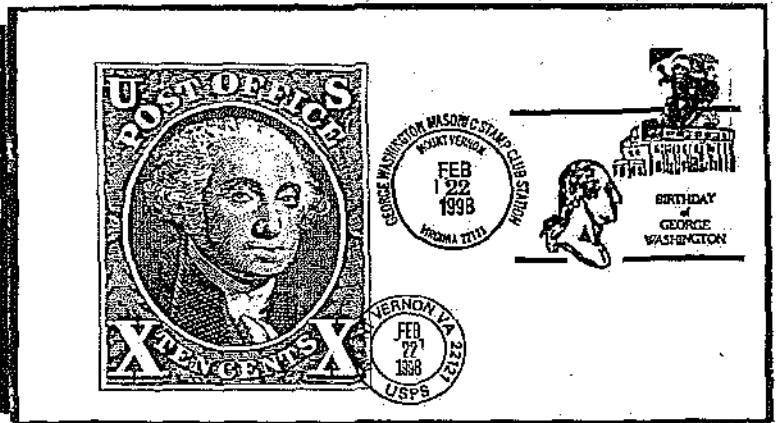
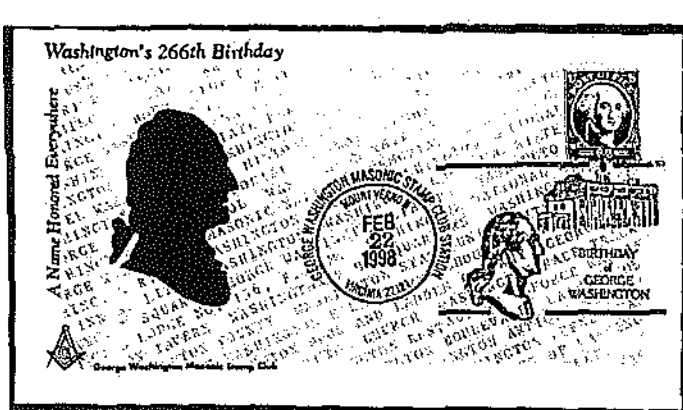


Bro. Stan's research shows that John Sutter moved back to Lititz, PA, and spent the rest of his years traveling back forth to Washington, DC, trying to get the money owed him from the claim jumpers. He finally died in a Washington hotel room without Congress doing anything to resolve the money due him.

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## GWMSC GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY COVERS

These covers have been prepared by the GWMSC and are available for \$2,00 ea (plus SASE) from Bro. Paul M. Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.



## THE CROSLY

In 1939 a sub-compact car called the Crosley was offered for sale. Made of aluminum and weighing 1150 pounds, it had 12.5 horsepower and sold for \$849. It was manufactured in Marion, Indiana, by Powel Crosley, Jr. He had been born Sept. 18, 1886, in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Powel Crosley, an attorney, and Charlotte W. Utz Crosley. He attended the College Hill public schools and the Ohio Mechanic Institute before studying engineering and law at the University of Cincinnati where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and the Ohio National Guard. He was six feet three inches tall and weighed 205 pounds. In 1907 he borrowed \$10,000 to build a six cylinder car but his efforts failed due to "the Panic". In 1910 he married Gwendolyn Badewell Aiken; they had a son Powel III and a daughter Martha. In 1916 he was the owner of the American Auto Accessory Company which did a \$1,000,000 a year business. By 1922 the Crosley Corporation was the largest manufacturer of radios in the world. He opened radio station WLW which at one time had 500,000 watts of power. The Crosley Corporation also sold Shelvador refrigerators, Koolrest air conditioners, X-er-vac exercisers and Icy Ball portable refrigerators. In 1934 he bought the Cincinnati Reds baseball team which played at Crosley Field and in 1939 and 1940 went to the World Series. He was a trustee of TWA and the Fifth-Third Bank. His first wife died in 1939 and he subsequently married Marianne Richards in 1943, Eva Brokau in 1952 and Charlotte Wilson in 1956. He died March 28, 1961.

Bro. Powel Crosley, Jr., was a member of College Hill Lodge No. 641. A Crosley car is pictured on a Grenada stamp, Scott No. 1615g, issued June 1, 1988..

article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln.

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### 1999 COVER FOR MARK MASTERS MASONS GRAND LODGE



May 28th - 30th 1999

The United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in Victoria will celebrate their Centennial in May 1999 and has prepared a special cacheted envelope for the occasion. The envelopes themselves should be available very soon - there will also be a special stamp in use on May 28-30, 1999. Bro. Eddie Levey has sent in this sample along with a brochure on the organization. His address is: 62 Keam St., Mildura, Victoria 3500 Australia.

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Sorry this issue of the Newsletter is late. A relaxing six day vacation in Bermuda followed by "panics" at work and a business trip coupled with both monthly Lodge meetings and Notice preparation proved to be just too much. I'll try harder next time.

## THE ANTI-MASONIC STAMPS OF SERBIA

In Serbia in 1941, the German Nazi Government issued this series of stamps. The first of which shows Masonry, allegorically clad as a hooded figure wearing an apron with a Star of David upon its bosom. This hooded figure is shown cringing from a strong ray of light which emanates from a circular cabalistic design apparently representing the forces of anti-Masonry. Nowhere in Masonry, at least as far as this writer has sojourned, does a hooded figure appear. Also, any Mason could readily see the fallacy of "cringing from light"--did not we beg to see light at one time or another? Then too, the attempt to link Jewry with Freemasonry is oh, so evident by the Star of David on the figures bosom, although the Star of David does play a part in the long list of signs and symbols of the Order. Yes, this stamp would only bring a smile to the lips of one who has stood in the northeast corner and been properly invested and informed.



The second stamp of the series shows a hand emanating from a silvery light, as in the first stamp, and grasping the neck of a huge viper whose head rests on a square and compasses. This viper or snake is clothed in a number of Stars of David rather than the scale of nature. The design is misleading to the uninitiated in that it too, like the hooded figure, is not used or seen among the symbols of Masonry. Biblically, the snake represents the forces of evil, the attempt here is to show that the forces of evil (Jew and Mason) are being stopped by the hand of Nazism.



The third stamp shows a sheaf of wheat superimposed on a cross which has a point-like lower leg. This point is shown splitting a large star upon which rests a hammer and sickle. Members of the craft will note that the cross and the sheaf of wheat are both symbols of Freemasonry and that if the intention is to show the possible destruction of Communism as indicated by the hammer & sickle--Freemasonry is in there pitching. However because of the nature of this issue, it is evident that the series is intended to be anti-Masonic. This, all tied together, attempts to show that the Jew, the Mason, and the Communist are alike in spirit and ideal if not one and the same.



The last stamp of the series shows a Star of David upon the curved surface of the earth between the pillars which are being rent asunder by a zealous modern Serbian Sampson. These pillars presumably refer to the two pillars of the temple of Solomon, but in no way resemble either the Biblical or the Masonic Descriptions of these structures. They are rather like two plain posts, not pillars. On each is superimposed a large letter, on one of the letters "B" and on the other the letter "J". If, by chance, these letters are representative of the initials of the names given the pillars of the temple of Solomon as described in the Holy Bible, the first book of Kings, Chapter seven, verse 21, they are decidedly backward or reversed.



This series of stamps, although anti-masonic by inscription is actually anti-Semitic as is shown by the inference of the Star of David on every stamp. First, cringing and fearful, second being represented by a snake and being choked, third, stabbed by the cross, and fourth, trampled by an invader and temple destroyed.