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MASONIC ISSUE FROM PHILIPPINES

Another pure Masonic stamp can be added to our albums - this one is from the Philippines.



The Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc., through its free surgical and medical program, has helped rehabilitate thousands of children suffering from Poliomyelitis, congenital deformities like clubfoot, tuberculosis of the bones, bone tumors and other deformities. On November 26, 1987, Pres. Corazon C. Aquino presented this organization the prestigious Apolinario Mabini Award on behalf of The Philippines Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled. The presentation took place at Malacanang; MCCI has other units in Davao, Cebu, Iollo, Baguio and Cabanatuan.

The Philippines Postal Authorities honored this organization with a stamp issued on July 5, 1999. Bro. Romy C. Go, member No. 397, will provide copies of this stamp for \$1.00 each, postpaid, or First Day Covers for \$2.00, postpaid. His address is: %C.A.B. Hardware, 467 McArthur Highway, Balibago, Angeles City, 2009, Philippines.

-Stamp provided by Bro. Go, information by Bro. Renato Mauro Schramm

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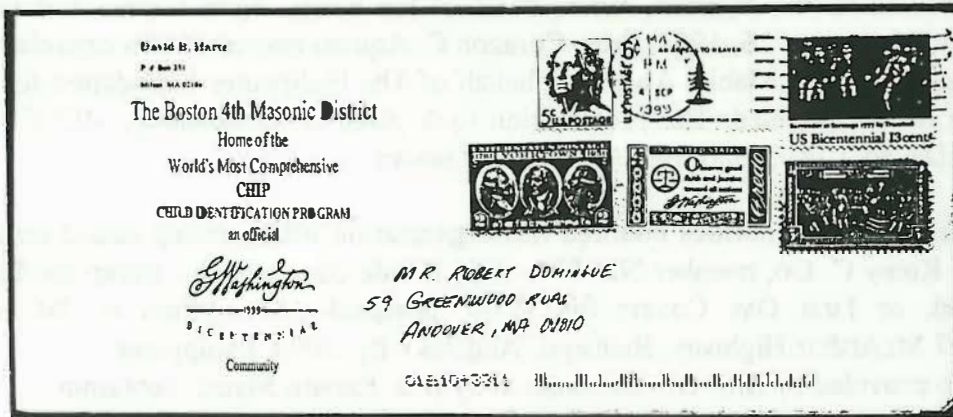
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ADDRESS CHANGES:

None provided

One of our members is making quite an impression in Massachusetts in the area of Masonic Awareness. A few Years ago, Grand Lodge adopted CHIP - CHild Identification Program. Various Lodges around the state have staged events in which parents have their children "identified" through video recordings and fingerprints. The program has proven to be very successful and on August 15th of this year the 50,000th child was processed under this CHIP program. Bro. Dr. David M. Harte, member No. 470 of Milton, MA, a dentist by trade, has been an ardent supporter of an interesting addition to this program - the taking of an impression of each child's teeth - another identification tool should the information be needed to help find missing children. The CHIP program and toothprinting have been getting a great deal of press throughout the state.

Bro. Harte has applied Masonic Philately to his activities in these programs and has prepared several significant covers for his various mailings. The one shown here promotes "The Boston 4th Masonic District, Home of the World's Most Comprehensive CHIP, Child Identification Program". Bro. Harte is the Masonic Awareness Chairman for that District.



WANTS, TRADES, SALES

Bro. Steve Kapp has acquired the FDC for the Honduras Masonic overprint set of 1972 that was part of Ben Rutman's collection. His true desire, however, is to own a set of the mint stamps. He is willing to trade this cover for the mint set. If you are of a mind to match this offer, contact him at 301 IS, PSC 76, Box 8285, APO, AP 96319-8285.

MASONIC FANCY CANCELS OF CANADA

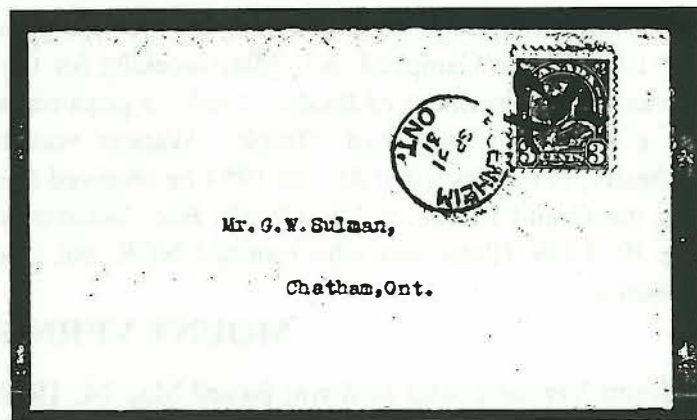
Linn's Stamp News recently included an article on "Postmarks on stamps of the Small Queen Era" by John Burnett. This article contained an illustration of an 1872 cancellation from Beechville, Ontario, which used the Masonic Square and Compasses. The article states that "Many postmasters in both Canada and the United States were members of the fraternal brotherhood of Freemasonry. As a result, stamps are often found cancelled with the symbols of this organization. the emblem most widely seen is the L-square and compass, and the best known Canadian example is from Beechville, Ontario." This illustration is repeated here along with a cover bearing a similar cancel from Blenheim, Ontario, which is part of your Editor's collection.



Figure 3. This pair of Small Queens stamps illustrates an 1872 cancellation from Beechville, Ontario, using the symbol of the fraternal brotherhood of Freemasonry.



Figure 4. Tracing of the compass and L-square cancel struck on the Figure 3 stamps.



MASONIC CURRENCY?

Bro. Norman Lincoln wonders if any member can explain how the Masonic Square and Compasses came to be part of the design on the reverse side of a Portugal five centavos banknote. The symbol is found within the wreath on the upper left side of the red banknote. Any ideas?



Bro. Ben Rutman's excellent collection of Masonic Fancy Cancels, covers - Masonic and Masonic related, and Masonic post cards is now completely indexed and comprehensive pricelists are available - US and foreign. Request copies from your Editor to get an early choice.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

THINK

When I was a student at Ohio University, I had a part-time job at the School Employees Retirement System. I did clerical tasks such as filing. I also learned how to operate an IBM 080 Sorter. Cards were put in one end and they fell into the proper stack. It was a primitive kind of computer. Later, when I was drafted, the experience came in handy as I was sent to the Adjutant General's School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, to become a Machine Accounting Specialist. Forty years ago the Army was still using punched cards. The Accounting Machines had wires we were taught to insert in the proper holes. Only the Pentagon and the Social Security Administration had computers. They were beginning to use taped programs. UNIVAC was then the state of the art.

We all knew that Thomas J. Watson, Jr., was the power behind IBM. He had been born Feb. 17, 1874, in Campbell, NJ. After working for the National Cash Register Company, he was named President of IBM in 1914 - a position he held for 35 years. In every office was a sign with the word "Think". Watson was raised in Valley Lodge No. 109, Rochester, NY, May 20, 1901. In 1954 he received the Distinguished Achievement Medal from the Grand Lodge of New York. Bro. Watson is pictured on a Palau stamp issued June 30, 1999. (Patterson who founded NCR and Deeds, a president of NCR were also Masons.)

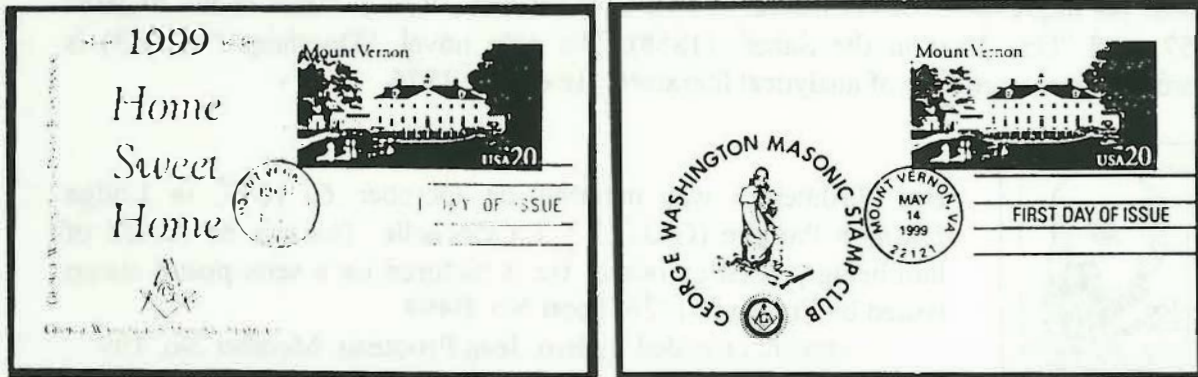
MOUNT VERNON

A Mount Vernon postal card was issued May 14, 1999. (The GWMSC FDC for this card is illustrated elsewhere in this newsletter.) This mansion was built in 1743 by Lawrence Washington, George's half-brother. He named it after Admiral Edward Vernon (1684-1757) under whom he had served in the War of Jenkin's Ear. Lawrence owned 2,500 acres of land on the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia. After Lawrence died, the property became George's in 1754. He continued to improve the building and grounds until 1788. The mansion is 96 feet in length and 47 feet in width. It contain's Bro. George Washington's study, a parlor, large and small dining rooms and nine bedrooms. George Washington was a successful farmer growing tobacco for export as well as wheat, corn, oats, barley, flax, hemp, potatoes, turnips and carrots. He also raised livestock and had 200 slaves. Stables, toolsheds, greenhouses and gardens surrounded the main building. The Washington family lived at Mount Vernon until 1853 when it was sold to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union for \$200,000. This was the first historical preservation organization in the country. They have operated the property ever since and have recovered about 25% of the items in George's estate. Most of these artifacts are displayed as they were used. More than one million visitors per year visit the home of the Mason who was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Brethren and Sisters: Our Unit is in desperate need of new members to maintain its healthy existence as well as to provide new ideas and interests. Please try to assist in interesting fellow Masons and collectors to our ranks. If you have any recruiting ideas, please let me know.

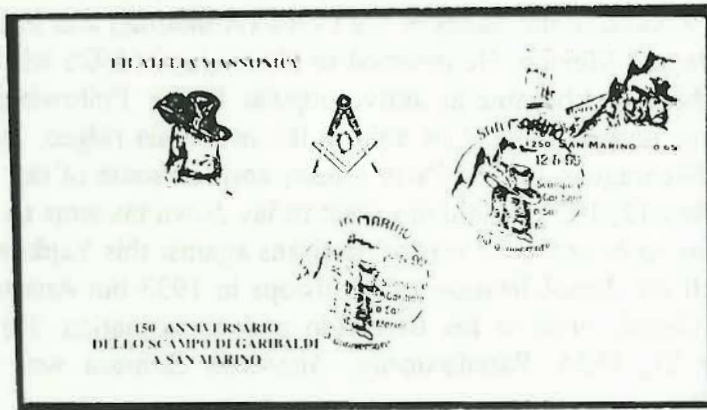
GWMSC FIRST DAY COVERS - MOUNT VERNON POST CARD

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued two different cacheted cards for the new Mount Vernon Post Card released on May 14. Shown here, they are available at a cost of \$1.00 each, plus a SASE, from Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.

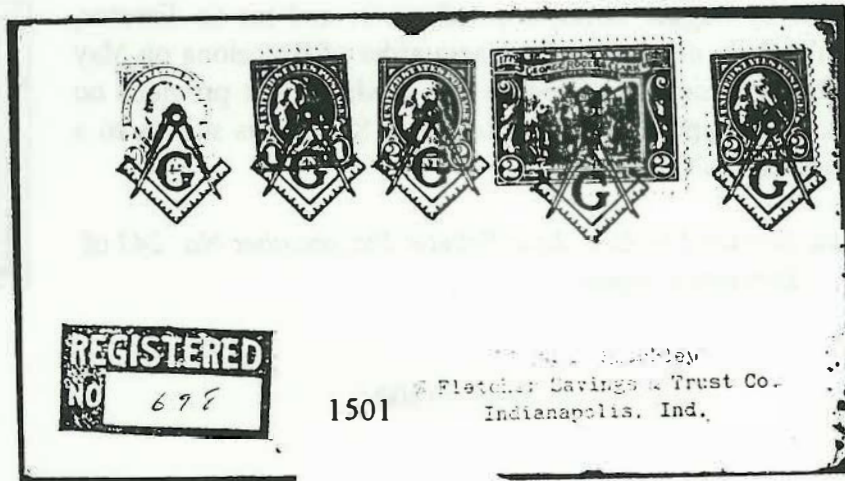


ITALIAN MASONIC STAMP CLUB COVER

Dina Ricci of the Italian Masonic Stamp Club has forwarded a copy of their latest cover. Published on May 12, 1999, it commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the escape of Bro. Guissepe Garibaldi. She has them for sale, priced at \$4.00 each, postpaid, at: Clun Filatelico Internazionale, Casella Postale 39, 1-48022 Logo (Ra), Italy.

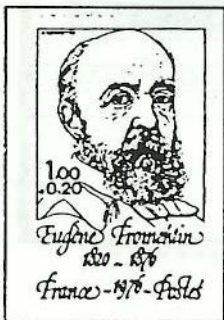


Stamp portion of a 20th Cent. Masonic Fancy cover of Bro Ben Rutman's collection. One of many items available for sale.



EUGENE FROMENTIN

Eugene Fromentin, a French painter and author, was born in La Rochelle in 1820. At the age of 22 he travelled extensively in North Africa and the Middle East. He developed into a well known painter and several of his oil paintings are on display in the Louvre in Paris including "Algerian Landscapes", the Arabian Falconer" and "Views of Arabian Life". He records his impressions of his travels in two of his books: "The summer in the Sahara" (1857) and "One Year in the Sahel" (1858). His only novel, "Dominique" (1863) is regarded as a masterpiece of analytical literature. He died in 1876.



Bro. Fromentin was initiated on October 6, 1845, in Lodge L'Union Parfaite (G.O.D.F.), La Rochelle. There is no record of him being passed or raised. He is pictured on a semi-postal stamp issued by France in 1976, Scott No. B494.

-article provided by Bro. Jean Prouteau, Member No. 109 of La Rochelle, France, as published in the Masonic Philatelic Club Magazine

AUGUSTO CESAR SANDINO

Augusto Cesar Sandino, Patriot of Nicaragua, was born May 19, 1893, at Niquinohomo. He studied in the *Instituto Oriental de Granada*. He returned to his home town and then went to Bluefields. He worked in the mines of the Ceiba (Honduras) and in banana export companies in Guatemala and Mexico. He returned to Nicaragua in 1926 where he worked in the mine of Saint Albino and became an active popular leader. Following the downfall of one minor revolution, he was obliged to hide in the mountain ridges. He joined with Juan Bautista Sacasa, Nicaraguan Liberal Party leader, and led some of the liberal troops in several battles. On May 12, 1927, he did not want to lay down his arms to submit to the U.S. monitored elections so he started a war of partisans against this Yankee intervention. He finally joined in with the demobilization of his troops in 1933 but Anastasio Somoza, chief of the National Guard, ordered his detention and assassination. He was shot in Managua on February 21, 1934. Paradoxically, Anastasio Somoza was initiated into Masonry five years later.

In an interview by Miguel Littin, a noted writer and movie director, published in the daily newspaper La Vanguardia of Barcelona on May 25, 1999, Littin affirmed that Sandino was a Mason but provided no details behind this supposition. Augusto Cesar Sandino is shown on a 1980 stamp issued by Nicaragua.

-article provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie, member No. 243 of Barcelona, Spain

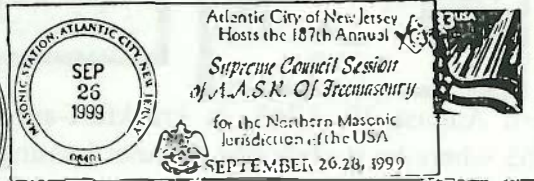


COVERS FOR AASR SUPREME COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

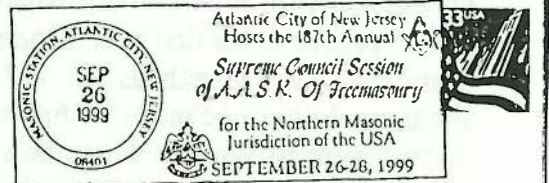
Bro. Dick Mekenian, member No. 363 of Spring Lake, NJ, has helped sponser several covers for the upcoming September Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. to be held in Atlantic City, NJ. Five different covers (4 envelopes and a postal card) have been prepared and will be issued in three groups - 50 sets being cancelled each day of this 187th Session. The cost of each set is \$20.00 and they can be ordered from Bro. Mekenian at 711 5th Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762. Advance illustrations are shown here.



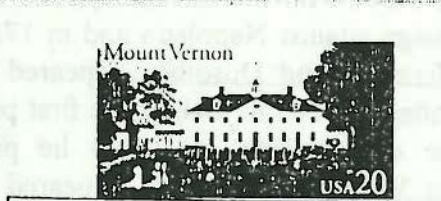
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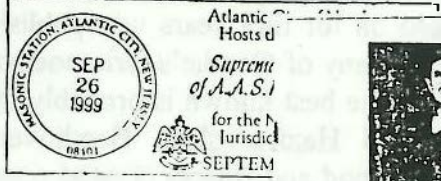
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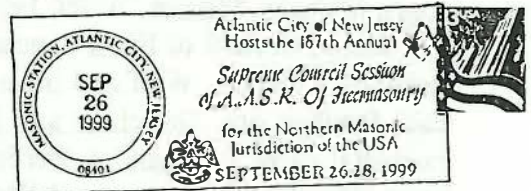
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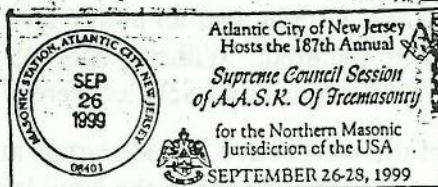
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JOHANN WOLFGANG von GOETHE



Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born August 27, 1749, in Frankfurt-am-Main. He attended the University of Leipzig in 1765 where he studied law and met Lessing. In 1768 he was studying at Strasbourg where he started writing poetry and met Herder. By 1773 he had produced his first play, Goetz von Berlichingen, and poetry such as Der Wanderers Sturmleid and Prometheus. In 1774 he wrote his first novel, Dei Leiden des Jungen Werthers. In 1775 he made his first visit to Switzerland and at the invitation of Count Karl August went to Weimar where he spent the rest of his life. He became a member of the privy council and was active in the government. In 1780 he wrote Torquato Tasso. In 1786 he visited Italy where he wrote Egmont. In 1789 he met Christiane Vulpius who bore him four children; they were married in 1806. His play Iphigenie auf Tauris was produced in 1788 and he was named the director of the theater in 1791. He was also interested in science and in 1790 published a book on the metamorphosis of plants. In 1792 he accompanied the army in the campaign against Napoleon and in 1794 formed a friendship with Schiller. An epic poem, Hermann and Dorothea appeared in 1797. A novel, Die Wahlverwandtschaften was published in 1808 as well as the first part of Faust. A study of optics, Zur Farbenlehre came out in 1810. In 1814 he published his autobiography Dichtung und Wahrheit. Der West-ostliche Divan appeared in 1819. A novel, Wilhelm Meister, which he had worked on for fifty years was published in 1829. The second section of Faust appeared in 1831. many of Goethe's lyric poems were set to music by Schubert, Wolf and other composers; the best known is probably Der Erlkonig. also familiar are Gretchen am Spinnrade and Heidenroslein. Beethoven composed incidental music for Egmont. Berlioz, Boito, Gounod and Busoni created operas based on Faust. Mignon by Thomas and Werther by Massenet were inspired by works by Goethe. Goethe is generally recognized as the greatest German writer and he ranks with Homer, Virgil, Dante, Shakespeare, Cervantes, Voltaire and Tolstoy as the greatest of all writers. He died March 22, 1832; his last recorded words were "More Light".

Bro. Goethe was initiated in Lodge Amalia on June 23, 1780, passed a year later and raised March 3, 1782. Goethe had an active interest in the Lodge and was present when his son August was initiated. Wilhelm Meister contains Masonic philosophy. Lessing, Weiland, Herder, Karl August and Schiller were all Masons.

Several nations of the world have issued stamps in honor of Bro. von Goethe including the issues shown above and those cited in the New Issues section elsewhere in this newsletter.

DOUGLAS HAIG

Douglas Haig, featured on this Henry Murray Cover from Great Britain, is also shown on a stamp issued by Guernsey on July 27, 1999, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Sandhurst.

Bro. Haig was initiated in Elgin Lodge No. 91, Levin, Scotland, on December 27, 1881. He was passed 43 years later on February 2, 1924, and raised March 4, 1924. He was installed Worshipful Master December 1, 1925.



Douglas Haig, a member of the family which produces the well-known whiskey) was born June 19, 1861, at Cameronbridge, Fife, Scotland. He attended Sandhurst Military Academy and Brasenose College, Oxford. In 1885 he was posted to the 7th Hussars, a cavalry unit. In 1898 he was sent to the Sudan and served in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902. In 1903 he was named Inspector General of Cavalry in India and was promoted to Major General. He was made Director of training in India in 1906 and the following year was a member of the General Staff. Appointed Chief of Staff in 1909, he was promoted to Lieutenant General the next year. When Great Britain entered the First World War, Haig was Commanding General of the British First Army under the Commander-in-Chief Sir John French (also a Mason). Haig's troops scored a breakthrough at Neuve Chapelle in 1915 but could not follow it up. The trench warfare dragged on for three more years. In December 1915, Haig succeeded French as Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force. He was in charge at the Somme in 1916 where tanks were first used and the BEF suffered 600,000 casualties. In 1917 he was made a Field Marshal and received the Knight of the Thistle. In 1919 he received the Order of Merit and became Sir Douglas, Earl of Bemsersyde. He retired in 1921 and died January 29, 1928.

-article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln, President of the MSU/ATA

SCOTT NUMBERS FOR NEW ISSUES

The following information was extracted from "Scott Stamp Monthly".

Albania - 3/15 - 2584a - G. Washington	Isle of Man - 6/2 - 828b - Edward VII
Antigua - 5/6 - 2242a/d - J. Glenn	- 828d - Edward VIII
Grenada - 5/24 - 2858/61 - J. Goethe	- 828e - George VI
- 2868c - E. Aldrin	Russia - 8/15 - 6411A - Peter I
Grenada-Gren. - 5/24 - 2106/7 - J. Glenn	St. Pierre & M. - 5/6 - 2700h - J. Glenn
Malta - 2/26 - 963 - G.M. L'Isle Adam	St. Vincent - 6/25 - 2709/12 - J. Goethe

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic interest have been reported in the philatelic media.

- 1998 - Central African Republic - John Glenn, four stamps.
- 3/12/99 - Philippines - Heroes of the Revolution, 1 value - J. Rizal.
- 5/10/99 - St. Vincent & Grenadines - Space Exploration, 4 stamps and three panes. John Glenn is included.
- 5/18/99 - Bulgaria - Foreign Culture & Art, 4 values include Johann W. von Goethe and Alexander Pushkin.
- 5/31/99 - Romania - Famous People/Writers, 4 values. Johann W. von Goethe pictured.
- 6/10/99 - Moldova - Alexander Pushkin, 200th Birth, 1 value.
- 6/25/99 - St. Vincent & Grenadines - Johann W. von Goethe, 250th Birth, 2 panes of 3 se-tenant stamps.
- 7/2/99 - St. Helena - Philex/France/Napoleon Bonaparte, Souvenir Sheet.
- 7/12/99 - St. Helena - Discovery 500th Anniversary, 4 stamps including Capt. Cook.
- 7/15/99 - Marshall Islands - 20th Century/1960-69 Decade, 15 se-tenant stamps, include Buzz Aldrin.
- 7/20/99 - First Manned Moon Landing 30th Anniversary - issues of various countries:
- Fiji - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - Kiribati - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - Nauru - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - Solomon Is - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - W. Samoa - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - Cayman Is. - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - Jamaica - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
 - St. Kitts - 4 values plus S/S, includes E. E. Aldrin
- July 99 - Grenada-Grenadines - Early Cinema Actors of the 20th Century, 8 se-tenant stamps include Harold Lloyd.
- July 99 - Guyana - International Year of Older Persons, 12 se-tenant stamps with J. Glenn.
- John Glenn, Souvenir Sheet with 5 se-tenant stamps.
 - Apollo 11 Moon Landing, 2 panes of 6 se-tenant stamps with E. Aldrin.
- 8/4/99 - Queen Mother's 100th Year of Life celebration - various country issues
- Angola - 4 values, include King George VI
 - Lesotho - 4 values, include King George VI
 - Bhutan - 4 values, include King George VI
 - Maldives - 4 values, include King George VI
 - Palau - 4 values, include King George VI

- Nevis - 4 values, include King George VI
- Nicaragua - 4 values, include King George VI
- St. Vincent & Grenadines - 4 values, include King George VI
- Turks & Caicos Is. - 10 values, include King George VI

8/12/99 - Germany - Johann W. von Goethe, 250th Birth, 2 values.

8/16/99 - Lesotho - Johann W. von Goethe, 250th Birth, three se-tenant stamps.

8/28/99 - Italy - Johann W. von Goethe, 250th Birth, 1 value.

9/9/99 - Liechtenstein - Johann W. von Goethe, 250th Birth, 2 values.

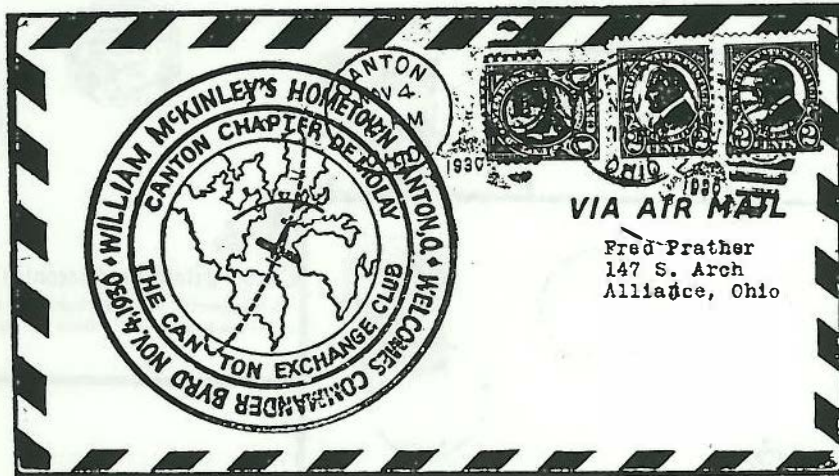
MASONIC HOMES & ELIZABETHTOWN MODEL RAILROAD CANCEL

Bro. Stan Longenecker sponsored a cancel for the recent railroad stamp issue which publicizes the Masonic Home and Elizabethtown Model Railroad. If any member is interested in a cover of the five new train stamps with this cancel, Bro. Stan can provide it for \$4.00 plus a SASE. His address is: 930 Wood St., Mt. Joy, PA 17552.



A NEW EARLY MASONIC COVER

The cover shown here was included in an accumulation of old postal history items I sorted for a neighbor. It was created for the November 4, 1930, welcoming of Commander Richard E. Byrd to Canton, OH. It was sponsored by the Canton Exchange Club and the Canton Chapter of DeMolay. It is very interesting where you can find philatelic items with a Masonic tie.



NEW MASONIC COVERS FROM BRAZIL

Shown below is a selection of covers recently produced by the Clube Filatélico Maçonica do Brasil (the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil). Information on their acquisition can be obtained from Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President, P.O. Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianópolis, SC, Brazil.

