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WHOLE NO. 145

CASIMIR PULASKI

Bro. Stan Longenecker prepared this add-on cover in 1987 for the January 16, 1931, US issue for Bro. Casimir Pulaski. It was shown in the May-June 1990 Newsletter and has returned for our viewing. Bro. Stan has donated this cover to the Unit - see details on the next page.



A brochure issued by Casimir Pulaski Lodge No. 1167, Chicago, IL, claims that Bro. Pulaski was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Gould Lodge of Georgia on June 19, 1779. Other sources are not as specific but rather state that he most likely received his degrees in a Military Lodge - possibly in Georgia. When he was mortally wounded during the siege of Savannah, GA, he was carrying a Masonic banner of crimson silk; on one side was the all-seeing eye in a triangle. It is truly not known whether he was buried at sea, on St. Helena Island or in Georgia. Recent research and DNA testing, however, seem to be demonstrating that his remains were transferred from a Georgia plantation and were interred within the monument erected to his memory by the city of Savannah in 1852.

Born March 4, 1748, in Dodolia, Poland, Pulaski became involved in the Polish rebellion in 1768 and was elected commander-in-chief of the Polish forces. This led to the intervention of Prussia and Austria and, eventually to the partition of Poland in 1773. His estates were seized and he escaped to Turkey and later to France where he met Benjamin Franklin in 1775. He came to America in 1777 and served a brilliant career in the Revolution. He died on October 11, 1779, as a result of wounds received in Savannah.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS:

133. Raymond G. Feyes - from the previous Newsletter

147. Todd Reube, 225 Orvilla Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440

TBD. Alfred F. Donald III, 17261 N. Davis Road, Lodi, CA 95242

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES:

As mentioned on the title page, Bro. Stan Longenecker has donated the hand-drawn cover shown to the Unit. His intention is to have it offered to the highest bidder with the money going to our treasury. I will hold the bidding period open until October 12, 2001 - give us your best bid as it will be a one-shot bidding process, not a run-off. My address is on the masthead; my e-mail is radpm@mediaone.net. Thank You very much, Bro. Stan.

Bro. Stan is now a member of Zembo Temple and plays the bagpipes with the Highlanders. He has had a year of lessons and has participated in several outings.

Bro. Norman Lincoln, our Unit President, is thinking of resigning his office next year when he turns 70 years old. Anyone interested in this position or knows of someone who would fill the slot, please let me know.

Bro. Bill Phelps informs us that he has 1400 autographs of baseball players - He is related to Daniel Boone. There are many rumors and "possibles" regarding Daniel Boone's Masonic membership - does any member know of any positive proof?

Bro. William Lightbody is looking for a stamp which depicts the last Queen of France - Marie Antoinette. Does anyone have any knowledge of one?

This past January, Bro. Eddie Levey, Victoria, Australia, had the distinct pleasure and honor of initiating his son into Freemasonry.

Bro. Peter J. Westbere of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, has identified some new names of Masons in politics. Three new Lt. Governors are Brothers: Stephen L. Henry, Lt. Gov. of Kentucky - Willis Stewart Lodge #224; Joseph E. Maxwell, Lt. Gov. of Missouri - Hebron Lodge #354 and Karl Ohs, Lt. Gov. of Montana - Mount Jefferson Lodge #56. There are also two new Masonic Governors - Bill Graves, Gov. of Kansas - Salina Lodge #60 and James S. McCallum, Gov. of Wisconsin - Fond du Lac Lodge #140. All of these Brethren are known to be receptive to providing autographs and they do not use an autopen.

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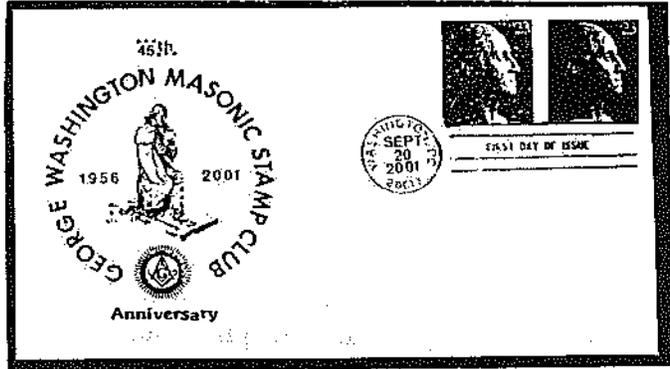
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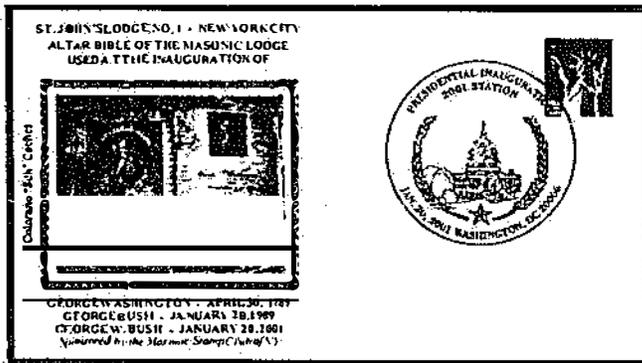
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GWMSC COVER FOR THEIR 45TH BIRTHDAY

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club will note the 45th anniversary of their club in conjunction with the release of the new 23 cent green George Washington stamp to be released on September 20 of this year. Copies will be available from the Cover Chairman, Bro. Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560. The cost will be \$2.00 each, plus a #10 SASE.



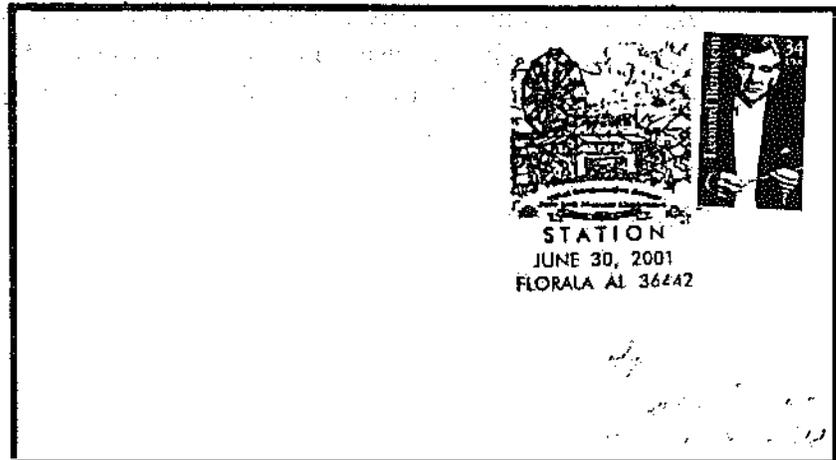
RECENT MSC of NY COVER



The Masonic Stamp Club of New York prepared an Inauguration cover for Pres. George W. Bush. It is available from the Club at 22 East 55th Street, New York, NY 10016. The cost is \$5.00 for one, \$10.00 for three.

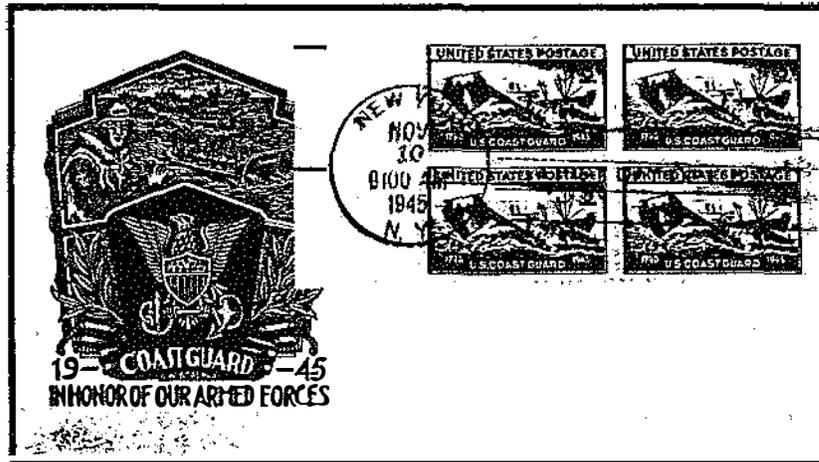
ANOTHER "MASONIC" CANCEL

The Postmark Pursuit column in Linn's recently announced a special cancel for the June 24th Masonic Celebration Station in Florida, AL. Previous cancels for this annual event (this was the 131st consecutive annual celebration) have had more of a Masonic significance but it is shown here for continuity.



RUSSELL RANDOLPH WAESCHE United States Coast Guard

A stamp was issued by the United States Post Office on November 10, 1945, to honor the Coast Guard.



Most Masons are familiar with Brothers George Marshall and Ernest King who headed the Army and Navy during World War II. Few have heard of the Commandant of the Coast Guard who was also a Mason. Russell Randolph Woesche was born Jan. 6, 1886, at Thurmont, MD. At the age of 15 he spent a year studying engineering at Purdue then graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1906. During the First World War, Lieutenant Woesche headed the Division of Communications. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander he fought rum runners during Prohibition. In 1928 he was in charge of Ordnance and in 1931 studied War Plans with the Chief of Naval Operations. He was then named Aide to the Commandant and chief of Finance. In June 1936 President Roosevelt jumped him two ranks to Rear Admiral and appointed him Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Admiral Woesche faced the daunting task of placing the Coast Guard on a War Time status. In addition to safe-guarding life and property on 40,000 miles of seacoast and inland waterways, the Coast Guard had to provide escorts for convoys, train the Merchant Marine to avoid U-Boats, capture saboteurs and oversee loading of ammunition and supply ships. He was responsible for creating the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Reserve. When the Coast Guard was transferred from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department in Nov. 1941, they were ready. This reflects the Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus" (Always Prepared). At its peak, the Coast Guard numbered 170,000 officers and men. They operated many types of vessels from minesweepers to LST's at Guadalcanal, Casablanca, Anzio and Normandy. Admiral Woesche was reappointed in 1940 and 1944. He died Oct. 17, 1946, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He was the first four-star Admiral in Coast Guard History.

Bro. Woesche was raised in Acacia Lodge No. 155, Maryland, on April 8, 1908. He was later suspended for non-payment of dues.

- article and cover submitted by Pres. Norman Lincoln, Eaton, OH

BRO. STAN LONGENECKER ARTICLE IN "FIRST DAYS"

Bro. Stan wrote an article on Masonic Baseball Players which was published in the July 15, 2001 issue of "First Days" - the magazine of the AFDSC (American First Day Cover Society). Rather than try to paraphrase it, I will commit outright plagiarism and reproduce it here in its entirety for those who may have missed it. Nice job, Bro. Stan.

July 15th, 2001

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Masonic Baseball Heroes

Stan Longenecker, AFDSC 14678, 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552



Dick Groat is a Mason in Lodge 253 of Pennsylvania. I know Dick through my Masonic activities and I was able to get him to autograph this FDC.

Over the last 20 years I have tried to get to all of the stamp shows near my home. I often wanted to start a collection of different cacheted FDCs of the 1939 Baseball Centennial issue. Unfortunately I found them too expensive to buy. I did start buying uncacheted Baseball covers that I saw for \$3 to \$7 depending on condition. Lately even these uncacheted Baseball FDCs have become hard to find!

collection of uncacheted Baseball FDCs. In between my therapy sessions at home I started using acrylic paint to make a series of cachets honoring baseball heroes who were also Masons.

Besides the three covers shown here, I have made one-of-a-kind "greats of baseball" cachets for my own collection showing the following players: Richie Ashburn, Eldon L. "Submarine" Auker, W.A. "Wally" Berger, Jacob E. "Jake" Daubert, Henry K. "Heinie" Groh, Stanley R. "Bucky" Harris, Carl Owen "King Carl" Hubbell, Byron "Ban" Johnson, John Peter "Honus" Wagner and Paul Waner.



My first hand painted cachet, with Grover Cleveland Alexander, helped me win a first place award for an exhibit in a local show.

I made my first cover in 1989, signed with my initials and the date I painted it. I have no training in art, but I entered an exhibit with this cover in a local show and won a first place award. That gave me the idea of doing more hand painted cachets.

In 1994, when I faced knee replacement and eight months out of work, I decided to do something with my small

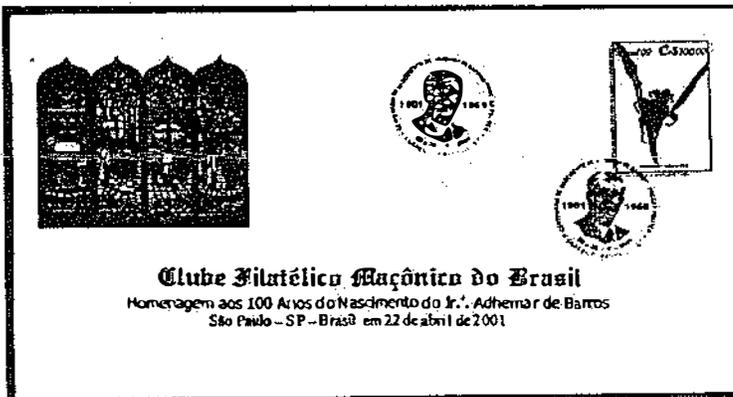
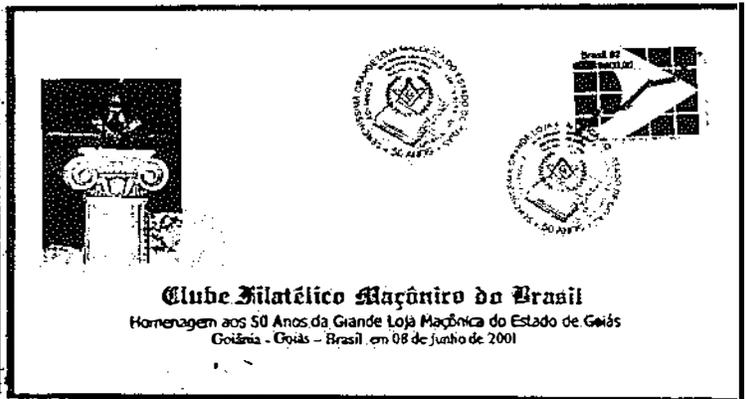
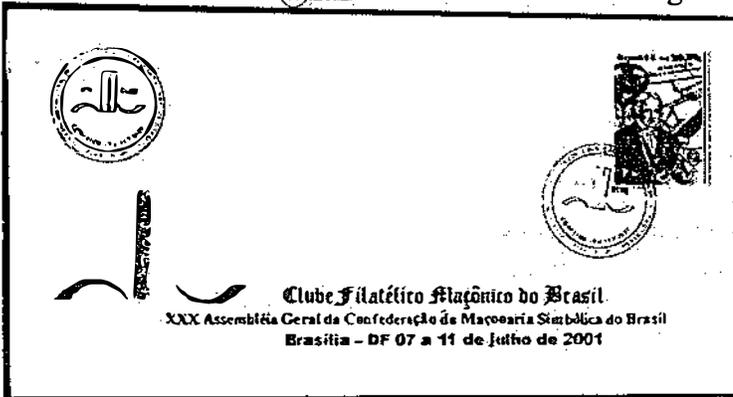


Joe Tinker (Illinois Lodge 938) played for the Chicago Whales in the 1914 Federal League.

I have painted some cachets for buddies of mine and traded a dealer one for a couple of uncacheted Baseball FDCs. Maybe this will give someone else an idea of something to do with their uncacheted Baseball FDCs.

MASONIC PHILATELY ITEMS FROM BRAZIL

Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Clube Filatélico Maçonico do Brasil has provided copies and information on the latest Masonic releases from his club. Costs for the four covers shown below can be obtained from the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil - Post Office Box 3085, ZIP CODE 88010-970 Florianópolis - SC - Brazil. This club has a web page: www.geocities.with.Paris/Palais/5240/index.html. His e-mail is clubselo@zaz.with.br for those wishing to use that medium.



Bro. Schramm has also issued a Supplement to the Masonic Catalog of Stamps, Cancellations, Franchises of Brazil covering the 1999/2001 time period. A sample page is shown.

CARIMBOS COMEMORATIVOS



RMS 081-A
150 Anos do Nascimento de Ferdinand de Sousa
Fundação Cruz Vermelha Internacional
19 de maio de 1978
Rio de Janeiro - RJ



RMS 190
50 Anos da Fundação Joaquim Nabuco
21.07.1999
Recife - Pernambuco



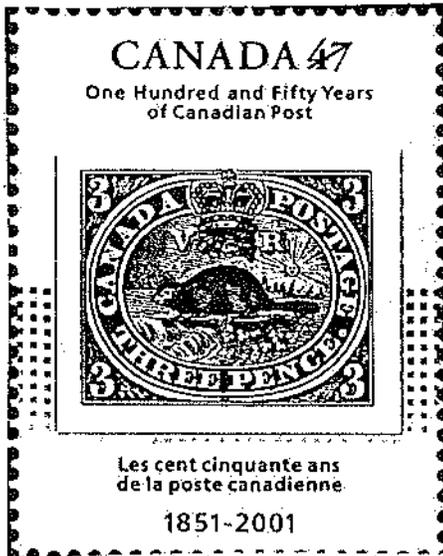
RMS 189
50 Anos de Fundação da Loja Duque
de Casbrás 1979
25.02.1999
São Vicente - SP



RMS 191
100 Anos da cidade de Campos Sales
22.07.1999
Campos Sales - Ceará

THREE PENNY BEAVER

On April 6, 1851, 150 years ago, the government of the Province of Canada (the name prior to Dominion of Canada) took over responsibility for the Post Office which previously had been administered by the British Post Office. The "Three Penny Beaver" marked the beginning of Canadian postage stamps when it was issued April 23, 1851. Canada Post celebrated the 150 years with the re-issuance of this stamp on April 6, 2001.



The original stamp was designed by Bro. Sir Sandford Fleming, the Father of Standard Time and a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, AF & AM, No. 16, Grand Registry Canada, Toronto, ON. He was Initiated May 9, 1854, Passed Nov. 4, 1954 - there is no record of his having been Raised. The government of the day hired him for many things and he was on the road travelling for several years thereafter. It is believed he took a demit from the Lodge. He is known to have visited the Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, AF & AM, G.R.C., in Peterborough, which he called home for a number of years. The world famed S.S.F.C. (Sir Sandford Fleming College) is located in Peterborough.

The symbolism shown in this stamp includes:

The Crown: symbolic of Canada being an integral part of the British Empire.

The V.R.: symbolic of the ruler of the British Empire at that time, Victoria Regina (Latin for Queen Victoria).

The Corsage: (Roses, Thistles, Shamrocks) symbolic of the three main countries that initially inhabited Canada.

Fauna: The "Beaver" which was the national symbol of Canada prior to the Maple Leaf.

Flora: coniferous and deciduous trees, Trilliums and wheat.

Air, Earth, Water, Heat (Light): without which we could not exist.

The Sun in the East: rising in the east to open and enliven the day.

Darkness in the West: day is done, gone the sun, sinking in the west.

The Oval: symbolic of perambulation of the whole.

Numeral "3": initiation, passing, raising.

-article and illustration provided by Bro. Alan Golding, Peterborough, Ont., Canada

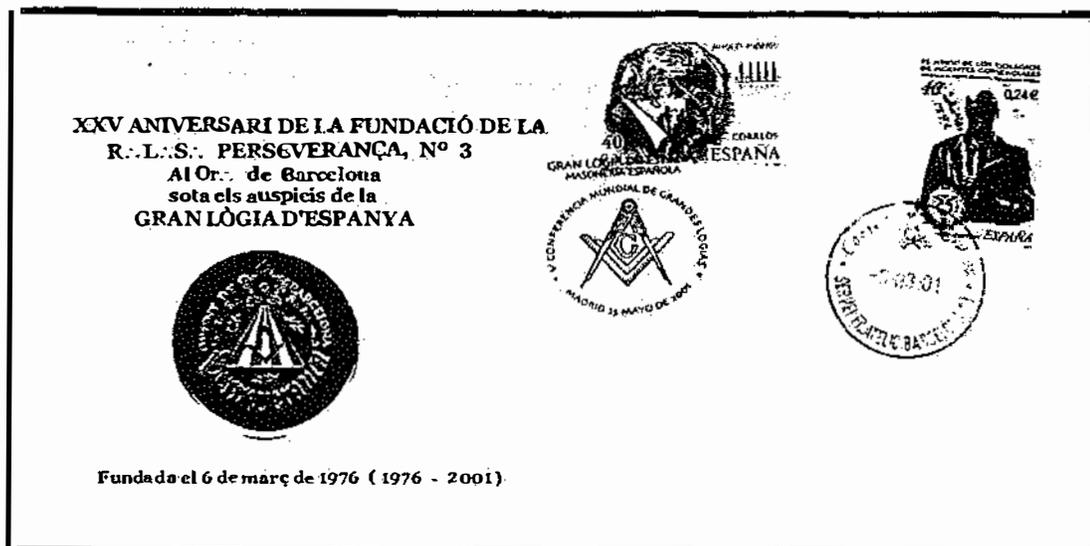
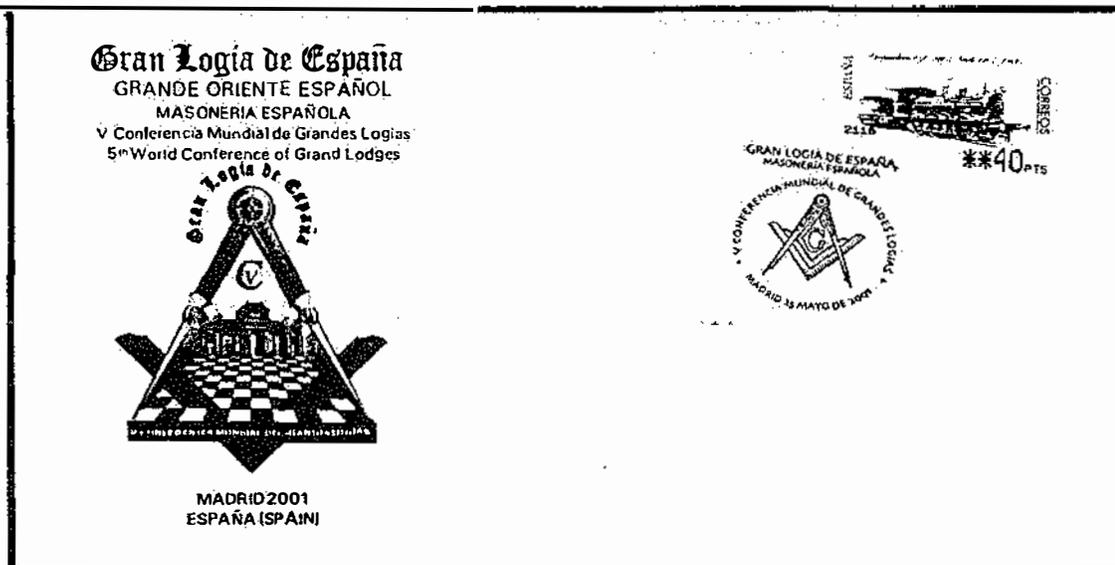
MASONIC OVERPRINTS OF HONDURAS - FDC FOR SALE

Bro. Steven Kapp reports that now that he has found his set of mint Honduras Masonic overprint stamps, he would be willing to part with his FDC of that set for the same price he paid for it - namely, \$50.00. Anyone interested should contact him at 704 West 5th Street, Grove, OK 74344.

COVERS FROM SPAIN

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie writes to demonstrate his success in being able to produce two excellent covers to honor Masonry in his country. For the first time in many years, the Grand Lodge of Spain issued a Masonic cover for the occasion of the Fifth World Conference of Grand Lodges, celebrated in Madrid on May 25 and 26, 2001. More than 80 different Grand Lodges were represented.

Bro. Juan implored the Grand Master, M.:R.:B.: Tomas Sarobe, to be able to promote the emission of a special cancel and a Masonic cover to commemorate this event. He accepted Bro. Juan's idea and the products resulting are shown here. The official cover of the Grand Lodge of Spain which bears the logo of the Conference is available at a cost of \$6.00 each. The other cover represents a dual cancel for the 25th anniversary of Bro. Juan's Lodge in March of 2001 and the May 2001 Conference cancel. It is also available for \$6.00. If anyone wants both covers, the total is \$10.00. Banknotes/bills please as the cost of handling checks is prohibitive.

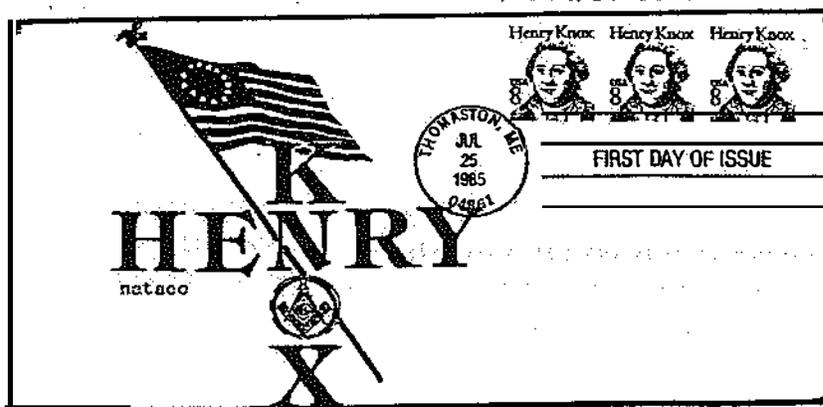


HENRY KNOX

Before the American Revolution, there were few trained artillerymen among the Colonials. The French and Indian War had proven the cannon unwieldy in the vast American wilderness. With the onset of the Revolution, it became obvious that the Continental army needed an artilleryman's skills, since much of the fighting would be done in developed areas of the colonies. Boston bookseller, Henry Knox, fulfilled that need. He gained his knowledge by studying volumes on artillery usage while tending his bookstore. Knox would become Washington's Chief of Artillery for the duration of the war.

By 1775, furnaces throughout the colonies were casting cannon barrels and balls for the Continental Artillery. These ranged from three to twenty-four pounders. Most of the lighter cannon were used in conjunction with infantry units to increase firepower and protect the flanks. But, in one of the most decisive battles of the war, Yorktown, the cannon reigned supreme. At Yorktown, the French and American armies combined to force the hand of Lord Cornwallis in a siege (which in its initial stages, was very much an artillery duel). From the beginning, the French gave high praise to the American artillery who, by the time of Yorktown, had acquired seven years experience. In the end, the Allied artillery had so devastated Cornwallis' forces, he was forced to ask for surrender terms. Hence the significance of the cannon's role, especially at the final victory.

Bro. Knox is mentioned as a member of the First Lodge of Boston and he visited St. John's Lodge of Boston on Nov. 26, 1800. It is recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1780, that Henry Knox represented Massachusetts at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia held to lay the cornerstone for a monument erected at Yorktown.



UPCOMING COVER BY BRO. RICHARD POTTER

A notice in Linn's tells of a cover commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Putnam Lodge No. 46 which will be available after Sept. 29 for \$1.00 each, postpaid. The contact is our fellow Unit member, Bro. Richard F. Potter, 311 Route 197, Woodstock, CT 06281.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic note have been announced in the philatelic media.

1999 - Senegal - Famous Actors, nine se-tenant stamps, includes Clark Gable on two.

May 15, 2001 - Marshall Islands - Conquest of Space, se-tenant block of four stamps, includes John Glenn.

May 24, 2001 - Tristan da Cunha - Queen Victoria 100th death anniversary, six stamps plus a S/S, includes Charles Dickens, Anti-Mason.

June 8, 2001 - Uruguay - Juan Manuel Blanes 100th Death Anniversary, one value

June 22, 2001 - Democratic Republic of Congo - Sailing Ships of the Past, six stamps plus three panes of nine se-tenant stamps each, includes Capt. James Cook.

June 29, 2001 - Uruguay - Richard Wagner's *The Rings of the Nibelungs*, block of four se-tenant stamps.

July 9, 2001 - Nevis - Queen Victoria 100th Death Anniversary, six se-tenant stamps plus a S/S, includes King Edward VII

July 11, 2001 - Anguilla - American Revolution 225th Anniversary, four values, include John Paul Jones, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson.

Aug. 1, 2001 - Monaco - Denis Diderot and Paul Emile Maximilien Littré, 2 values.

Sept. 1, 2001 - Peru - Gen. Jose de San Martin 150th Death Anniversary, one value.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

Brethren and Ladies, we are in strong need for some new members for our Unit. The long-standing members are great in that they provide the backbone of the group and, in many instances, some of the more significant original research required to uncover new cases. New members, however, are very important - not only by bringing new blood and vitality to the Unit but by asking questions that we "old timers" have just taken for granted or have overlooked. A vibrant group must have both types.

Please actively promote our Unit and our hobby throughout your Masonic circles. Talks, exhibits or even idle conversations can ignite a spark in many people. Kindle the fire then make sure it doesn't go out - offer to help in the contact, continue the interest. I will help in any way such as sending an introductory copy of the Newsletter or by answering questions on our hobby. We are good, we could be even bigger and better.