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SANFORD FLEMING

Canada Post issued a se-tenant pair of stamps on October 31, 2002 to honor two significant events in the history of communications technology. The stamp on the left depicts Bro. Sanford Fleming who initiated the Pacific Cable project that linked the British Empire. The other shows Guglielmo Marconi who was the first to transmit a radio signal across the Atlantic.



Born Jan. 7, 1827, in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, Bro. Fleming was educated in Scotland and moved to Canada in 1845. At age 21 he developed a prototype for an in-line roller skate and later designed Canada's first adhesive postage stamp – the Three-Penny Beaver which was released in 1851. In 1852 he was appointed to the engineering staff of the Northern Railway and was Chief Engineer by 1855. He was commissioned by the Canadian Government to make a preliminary survey for a projected line of railway to connect the Maritime Provinces with Canada. From 1867 to 1871 he was Chief Engineer in charge of construction of the Inter-colonial Railway spanning Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. During this period, he recommended the present system of Universal Standard Time, in which the world is divided into 24 equal time zones – this system was adopted in 1884. In 1879 he proposed an all-British expanded telegraph route and construction was begun. When the Pacific Cable was completed in 1902, it was the realization of his life-long dream. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1897 and died on July 22, 1915, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Bro. Fleming was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, G.R.C., Toronto, Ontario, on May 9, 1854. He was passed on Nov. 14, 1854, but here are no further records in the Lodge By-Laws or Minutes.

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- 320. Research Lodge of Otago, P.O. Box 19, Port Chalmers, New Zealand

As noted above, I am pleased to note that contact has been made with Bro. Edsel Hatfield. He relates "About the end of April I began getting dizzy spells of such duration that I had to quit driving my car. Coupled with loss of nerve sensation in my lower legs, due to diabetes, I was unable to take care of my daily needs." He has been living with his daughter Elaine for the last several months and is making some recovery. He has thought about picking up his cover business again but will have to work into it gradually. I know that I speak for all the members in wishing Bro. Edsel well in his recovery.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Several members contacted me after the September Newsletter with suggestions. Also, ATA has asked if the MSU would like to hold a meeting at the ATA Convention and National Topical Show in Denver (Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center), June 27-29, 2003. There would be no cost associated with the meeting room.

One suggestion received was to hold a meeting for the Middle Atlantic members in State College around the APS Complex. The folks in State College hold an excellent springtime show, SCOPEX, every year, usually end-May/June time frame. If you drop me a line expressing some strong interest in getting together, I can see about reserving a block of rooms at one of the local places to stay. The show is typically a Saturday-Sunday operation.

The editorial team of Murphy and Boudreau has been diligently at labor and will shortly bring out the next edition of the Unit\92s handbook. Looking back, each edition has been better than the one before, helping to boost interest in our brand of collecting and in membership. I plan to take the handbook on the road to Washington, DC, in February during the Masonic week celebration organized by the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees at the Hotel Washington. The handbook will help expose us to many new people and is certain to excite interest.

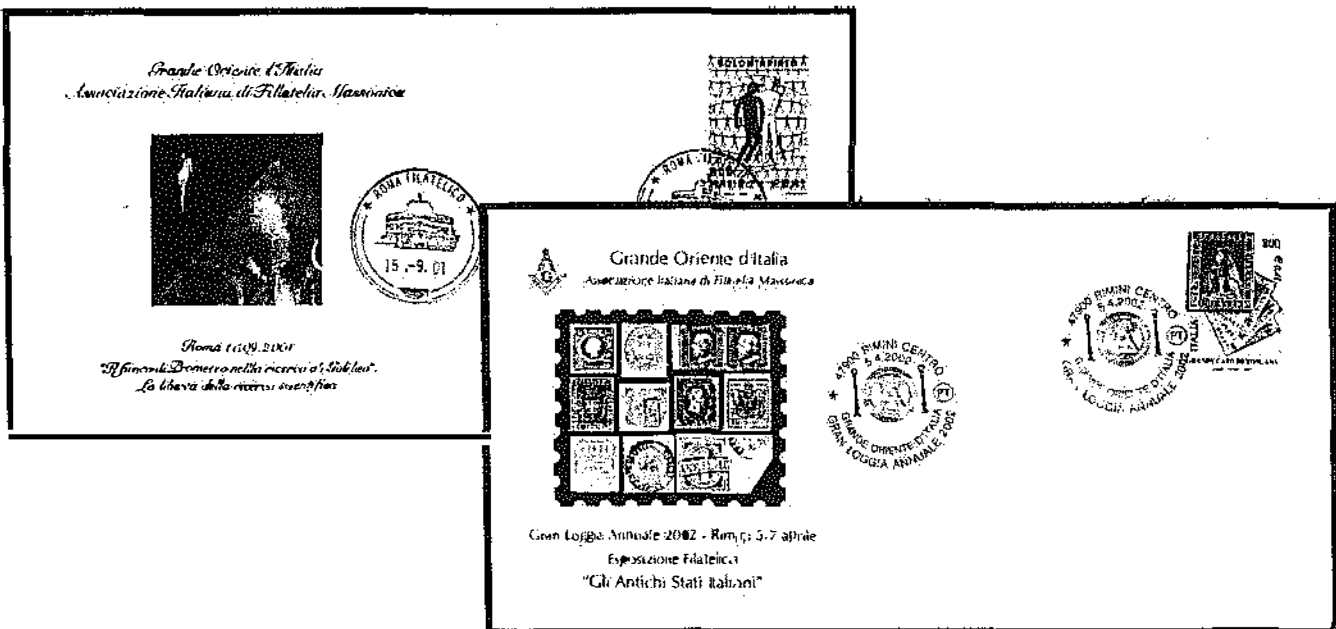
So, we have some good opportunities to spread the word and have a lot of fun. I hope you want to be part of this. Let me know what you think.

ITALIAN PHILATELIC MASONRY ASSOCIATION

Your Editor has received correspondence from ^{Grand Oriente} the Italian Philatelic Masonry Association. It is the official philatelic club of the ~~Great Eastern~~ of Italy. The President, pro-tempore, is the Grand Master, Bro. Gustavo Raffi. Bro. Massimo Morgantini is the Secretary in charge of operations. Over the past three years this group has issued almost 50 products such as post cards, cacheted covers and sheets of seals.

This organization has a priority goal of establishing a partnership with other Masonic Philatelic groups. They have achieved this goal with clubs in France, Belgium/Netherlands, Brazil and Austria and now want to reach out to the US and Great Britain. They would like to enter into an exchange relationship for their covers and other products at a level of 30 to 50 units at a time. Unfortunately, we do not produce ~~not~~ similar material so I am somewhat at a loss as to how we could participate. Perhaps we could buy the products and provide copies of the Newsletter for their members. Any ideas?

Some examples of the covers which they have produced are shown below. Please let me know of your thoughts on this partnership.



THREE IS BETTER THAN NONE – 2003 USPS ISSUES

Only three Masons will appear on US stamps in 2003. We will have rams and pelicans and lighthouses and a blue-spotted salamander and reindeer playing musical instruments but no Albert Pike. As a former history teacher I approve of commemorating the end of the Korean War, the Wright Brothers flights and the Louisiana Purchase. But, why four stamps for Mary Cassatt and none for Roscoe Pound?

THURGOOD MARSHALL was born in Baltimore, MD, July 2, 1908 the great grandson of a slave. His grandfather joined the Union Army during the Civil War. Thurgood earned a BA from Lincoln Univ. and an LLB at Howard Univ. In 1936 he became a legal counsel for the NAACP and held that position for 25 years. From his mother, a teacher, and his father, a waiter, he inherited liberal ideas which he used to argue for civil rights for minorities. He fought for election reform in the Texas Primaries Case in 1944, against restrictive covenants in 1948 and in 1953 argued that separate but equal school facilities violated the 14th Amendment. "Brown vs. the Board of Education" became a landmark in school desegregation. In 1961 he was named to the Second District Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1965 he became Solicitor General of the US. In 1967 he was named the first African-American to the United States Supreme Court. He was married twice and had two sons, was an Episcopalian and received 20 honorary degrees. He died Jan. 24, 1993. He was a member of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88, Prince Hall Masons, an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite and a Shiiner of Medina Temple No. 19.

ROY CLAXTON ACUFF was born Sept. 15, 1903, in Maynardville, TN. Son of a Baptist preacher, he moved to Knoxville when he was 16 and played baseball well enough to be invited to sign a contract with the New York Yankees. Instead, he decided fiddling and singing gospel music was for him. He joined the medicine show of "Doc" Hauer and learned how to entertain an audience. He formed a band called the Smokey Mountain Boys; they used a fiddle, string bass, rhythm guitar, banjo, dobro, harmonica and ukulele. Several Masons were among the members of that band. In 1934 they appeared on WNOX radio. Soon they made a recording and Ron's trip to become "The King of Country Music" had begun. In 1938 he was invited to appear on the Grand Ole Opry; he was an immediate hit. He entered the music publishing business and the record business. He had a very brief, unsuccessful career in politics declining to run for Governor in 1944 but running in 1948 and losing. He never hesitated to aid young aspiring artists and made many tours to entertain our Armed Forces. In 1962 he became the first living performer to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. He appeared in 8 forgettable movies but recorded 316 songs and sold 30,000,000 records. On Nov. 23, 1992, Roy took his final trip on "That Wabash Cannonball". He was raised in East Nashville Lodge No. 560 on Feb. 21, 1944. His other affiliations include Edward G. Corbitt Chapter No. 147 RAM, Nashville Council No. 1, RSM, Nashville Commandery No. 1, KT, Honorary 33 deg. Scottish Rite and Al Menah Shrine.

HAROLD EDWARD "RED" GRANGE was born June 13, 1903 at Forksville, PA. While in high school he was a 4 year letter man in football, basketball, baseball and track. He scored 75 touchdowns. As a junior he batted .393 for Wheaton, IL high school. Connie Mack offered him a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics which he turned down. At Illinois, in his first game vs. Nebraska he scored 3 touchdowns. As a sophomore he gained a total of 1296 yards. Granland Rice called him "The Galloping Ghost". The 3 time All American played his best game against Michigan Oct. 18, 1924. After taking the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, he followed up for a total of 5 touchdowns scored, passed for one more and gained 402 yards. In twenty games at Illinois, Red scored 31 touchdowns and gained 4085 yards. After college, he signed to play for George Halas and the Chicago Bears. He played 19 exhibition games in 66 days and in 1926 played for the AFL New York Yankees. He injured his knee in 1927 in a game with the Yankees who had become members of the NFL. In the late 1920s he made a few movies and in 1939 returned to play for the Bears in 1929. He helped lead the team to a couple of championships. In later years he became a broadcaster. He is a member of the College and Professional Football Halls of Fame. He played in 247 football games carrying the ball 4013 times for 33,820 yards. He was named All-Pro in 1931. He died Jan. 8, 1991. Red Grange belonged to Wheaton Lodge No. 269.

-article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln

DUKE PAHOA KAHANAMOKU

Following the plea for Masonic data on Bro. Duke Kahanamoku in the previous Newsletter, we received responses from Bro. Stuart Cowan, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, (through our President, Gene Fricks) and Bro. Norman Lincoln.

He was raised in Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 on Oct. 30, 1946. He received his 32nd degree in Honolulu Scottish Rite Dec. 4, 1947, was Master of Kadosh in 1957 and K.C.C.H. in 1951. He was exalted in Honolulu Chapter No. 1, RAM, on Dec. 4, 1952 and was greeted into Honolulu Council N. 1, RSM, the same day. He was knighted in Honolulu Commandery No. 1, KT, on Apr. 16, 1953, and was a member of the Aloha Shrine Temple. He participated in a number of degree presentations and enjoyed being a Tyler and greeting the Brethren – making each Brother feel special.

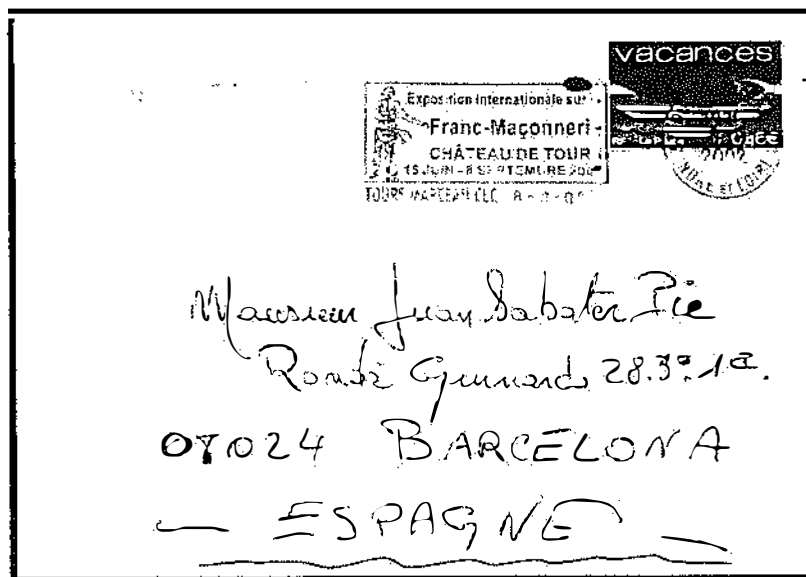
POTENTIALLY MISLEADING INFORMATION – NOT MASONIC STAMP



Unfortunately there is a stamp illustrated in "The Masonic Philatelist" under the claim of being a Masonic issue that is very misleading. Shown above, the Scott number is not cited. When the catalog is checked, we find that this stamp, Scott No. 1063, issued on Nov. 23, 1999, was issued in printed sheets of 8 stamps and 8 se-tenant labels with a text or blank. The offer was made when the stamps were issued to place photos or artwork sent in by customers on those blank labels. What we have here is a personally created issue, possibly one of a kind, for the Masonic Initiation of Bro. Voltaire.

SPECIAL EXPOSITION CANCEL

Bro. Juan Sabater Pie has sent in this Special Cancel for the International Exposition on Freemasonry which he acquired during a recent visit to France. This fits in well with his specialty of Masonic cancels.



ALFRED GEORGE FREDDIE RYMAN

The article on Bro. Ryman in the previous issue elicited some constructive comments in the form of corrections – primarily from Bro. Trevor Frey. To correct the issues:

Bro. Ryman has designed various Masonic covers as well as stamps and commemorative covers for the Gibraltar Post Office – an effort for which he was awarded the MBE. He is a member of St. Thomas Lodge No. 576 and P.D.G.S.B. in the Scottish Constitution. He has been a member of this Lodge in Gibraltar for over 40 years. Perhaps the degree dates provided by Bro. Juan Sabater Pie are still valid.

Among his many covers are some associated with Freemasonry: The Centenary of Manx Bible, Isle of Man, (1975); Centenary of Provincial Mark Lodge, Monmouth, Gwent, (1977); Centenary of St. Thomas Lodge (1976); and the Bicentenary of Royal Lodge of Friendship No. 278 (1989).

Thanks for setting the record straight

MORE MASONIC MAGICIANS

In the attention paid to the USPS issue for Bro. Eric Weiss, otherwise known as Harry Houdini, I completely overlooked the significance of the set issued by the **Grenada Grenadines** in 1999 to honor Magicians. In addition to Harry Houdini, Bros. Harry Kellar and Howard Thurston are also honored.

Harry Kellar, born July 11, 1849 in Erie, PA, was an assistant to the “Fakir of Ava”, the magician, as a young man. In 1867 he joined the Davenport Brothers, spirit mediums, as business manager. With Fay he toured South America and Mexico as “Fay & Kellar” in 1871-73. He later teamed with Ling Look and Yamadura playing through South America, Africa, Australia, India, China, Philippines and Japan. He teamed with J. H. Cunard traveling five years through India, Burma, Siam, Java, Persia, Asia Minor, Egypt and Mediterranean ports. From 1884 he performed in leading America cities. He died March 10, 1922. He was a member of Lodge Fraternidad y Homa, Pelotas, Brazil; he was raised in May 1875. He received the Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Degrees in Port Luis, Mauritius in 1880 and was honored with the 33rd degree in New York.

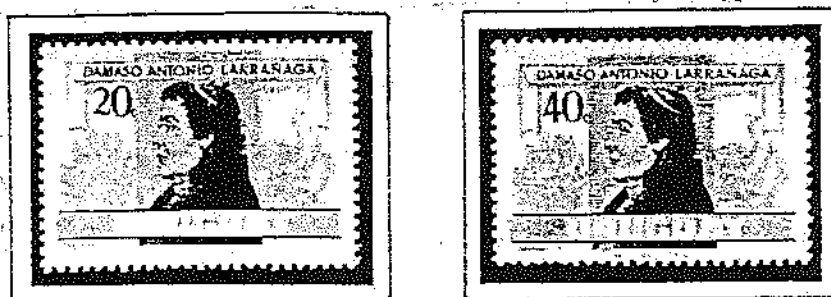
Howard Thurston was born in Columbus in 1869. He made a world tour in 1904-07 and starred with Harry Kellar in 1907-08. He authored “My Life of Magic” in 1929. He died in 1936. He was initiated in Manitou Lodge No. 106, New York City, on July 22, 1907. He spoke very highly of the Fraternity and from a personal standpoint “I sometimes think that the traveling Masons have more opportunities of being both proud and glad of the social distinction designated by the Square & Compasses than those who remain at home most of the time.”

-thanks go to The Masonic Philatelic Club Magazine

NEW CASE VIGNETTES

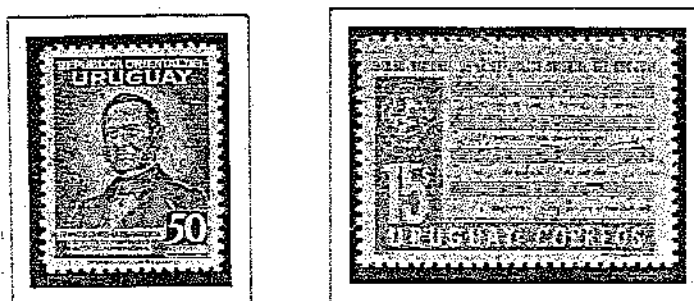
In most issues of the Newsletter, we offer these new case "Vignettes". Brø. Juan Sabater Pie (and others) and your Editor provide all the information we have. We realize, however, that these presentations are not complete – more research is needed – in most instances, in the Masonic biography; in some, the profane history. We hope that the readers will pick up on any of these which might be known to them or provide an interesting challenge to them, perform the research and then share the new-found information with the rest of the community through a subsequent issue of the Newsletter.

DAMASO ANTONIO LARRANAGA (1771-1848)



This Uruguayan Catholic priest was also a writer, educator and politician. Because of his adherence to the liberal ideas of independence for his country, he was forced to live in exile for some time. In 1814 he worked as a public librarian in Buenos Aires, Argentina and later founded the National Library of Uruguay. He was the first apostolic vicar in Uruguay – in 1824 – and also served as senator in the Assembly – in 1830. He studied botany and zoology and wrote three volumes of works for the Historical and Geographic Institute of Uruguay. 1963 stamps from Uruguay. *sc*

FRANCISCO ACUNA DE FIGUEROA (????-1862)



This individual was a poet and writer of Uruguay. In addition to the many books and poems which he wrote, he is remembered as the author of the words of the National Hymn of Uruguay – shown on one of the stamps illustrated. 1942 and 1971 stamps.

Both individuals are identified as Masons on an Internet page titled "What is Freemasonry?" issued by the "Librepensadores" Lodge in Canalones, Uruguay and presented for the Grand Orient Latinoamericano. (www.librepensadores.org.uy) *sc*

ALBERTO LLERAS COMARGO
(1906-)



A Journalist and Colombian Politician, he became President of the Republic on two different occasions. He was known for his liberal trends, was Secretary of the Liberal Party and was elected to the Presidential Office by the House of Representatives in the year 1945. He was again elected in 1958 but was replaced by G. Leon Valencia in 1962.

He also served as Secretary General of the American States Organization (OEA). As a Journalist, he collaborated with numerous local newspapers. He was also the chief publisher of "El Tiempo" (1929-34) and founder and director of "El Liberal" (1938-42).

He was a member of "Murillo Torro Lodge" of Bogota, Colombia as stated in Denslow's "10,000 Famous Freemasons". 1995 stamp of Colombia.

DARIO ECHANDIA OLAYA
(1897-1989)

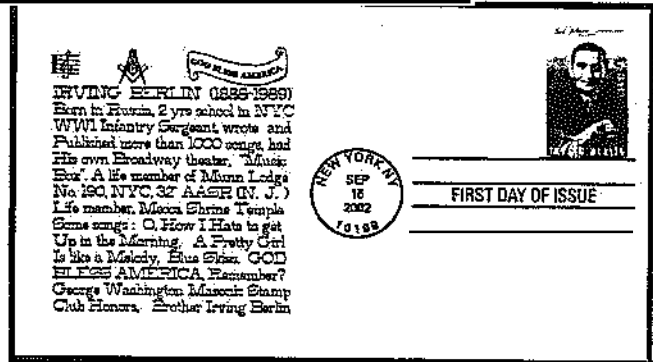


This liberal Colombian statesman was elected to serve as President of his country in 1943. After studying Law and Political Sciences, he began his political career with only 21 years as Deputy in the Departmental Assembly of Tolima. In 1930 he was elected member of the National Liberal Direction and a year later was elected a National Senator. In 1934 he was a Minister of Government and later Minister of Education. In 1944, while Minister of Foreign Affairs, he participated in the coup against President Alfonso Lopez Pumarejo. Once the State Council authorized him to assume the power, he seized it, was recognized by the military and saved the Constitutional Order of the country. A few months later Lopez Pumarejo returned to occupy the Presidency. He was elected to serve as President a second time in 1957 after which he served as Governor of Talima.

He is cited as being a Freemason in an Internet page titled Masoneria Ibero-Americana en Internet: Masones Ilustres but there is no information presented.
(www.masoneria.com)

GWMSC MASONIC COVER FOR IRVING BERLIN

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has issued a First Day Cover for the recent USPS Irving Berlin stamp. It is available at a cost of \$1.50 each plus a #10 SASE from the Cover Chairman – Paul Williams, 2364 Beaver Valley Pike, New Providence, PA 17560.

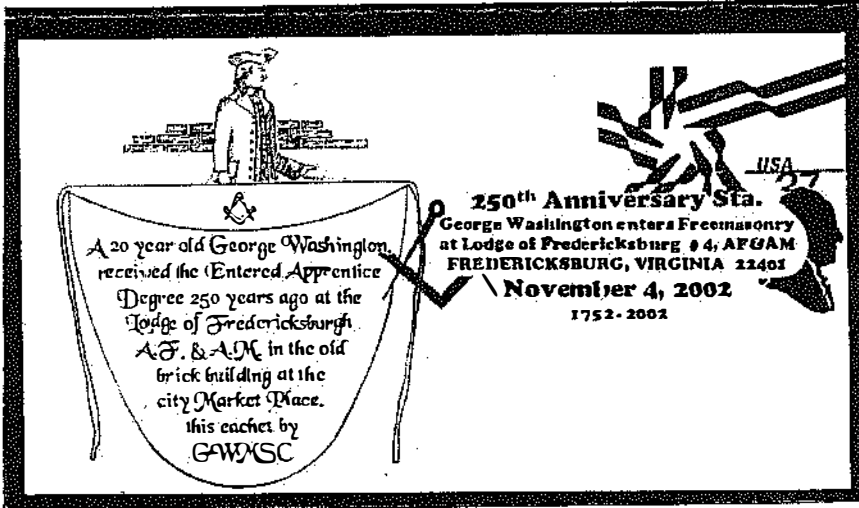
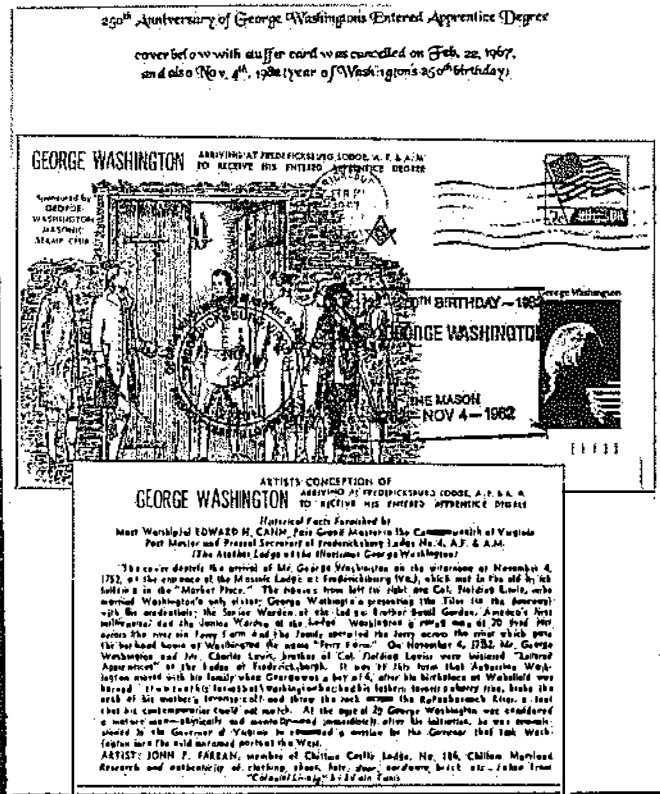


UPCOMING CANCEL AND COVER FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club is planning for a special cancel and cacheted cover for the Nov. 4th 250th Anniversary of George Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry. Also shown is the cover issued in 1982 for the 230th Anniversary.

250th Anniversary of
George Washington - Entered Apprentice Degree
November 4, 1752

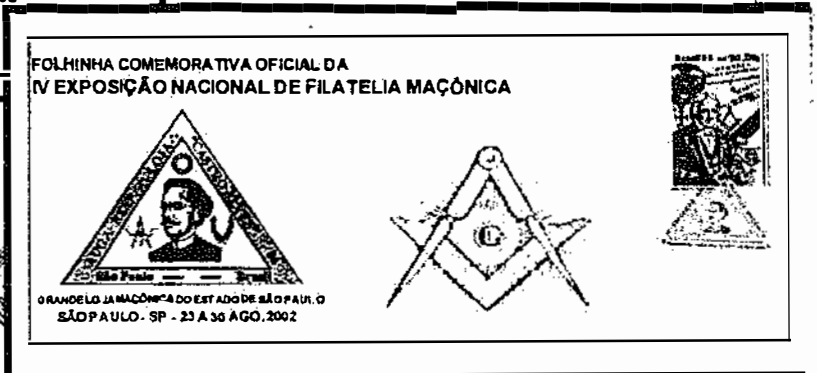
- cachet prepared by George Washington Masonic Stamp Club
- available from Bro. Paul Williams, Beaver Valley Pike
New Providence, PA 17560
- \$1.50 plus self-addressed stamped envelope (#10)



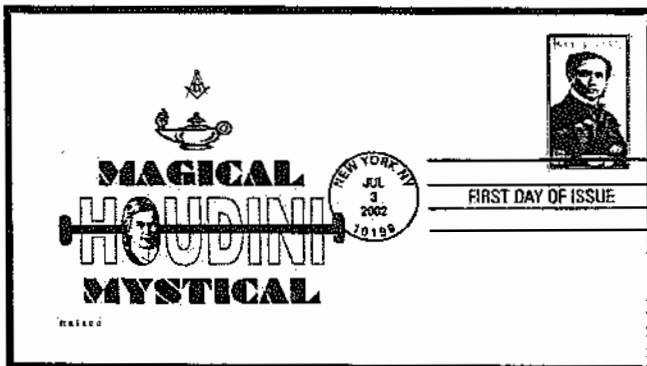
Your Editor wishes to thank all of those who sent cards and wishes during my recent recovery. The surgery went extremely well, it was the ancillaries which gave me trouble again. All seems well now and I can't wait to get rid of these crutches and become mobile once again.

BRAZILIAN MASONIC COVERS

Recent Masonic Cacheted Covers published by the Clube Filatelico Maconico Do Brasil are shown here. Information on their purchase can be obtained from The Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil, P.O. Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, SC, Brazil. Those who wish could visit their web page at: www.geocities.com/Paris/Plais/5240/index.html or contact them by E-mail at: clubselo@zaz.com.br



“FINAL” NATSCO MASONIC COVER



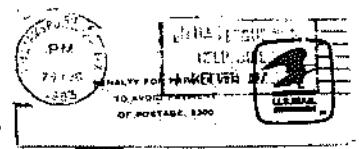
Bro. Stan Longenecker has provided copies of what he claims will be his last “NATSCO” Cachet. He has entered the world of retirement and, like many others, has no time to do anything any more. He has long been an admirer of Bro. Houdini and felt he just had to do a cachet for him.

The cover comes in six different color envelopes. They cost \$1.50 each or all 6 for \$6.00. Order them from him at 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552. (We will see if he truly hangs up his pen.)

MASONIC AWARENESS IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA

The Little League Baseball World Championship Games, held every year on LAMADE FIELD in Williamsport, PA demonstrate great support by the Masonic Fraternity. Bro. Stan Longenecker has documented some of the facts philatelically. The field is named for Bro. Dietrick Lamade. (1859-1938) founder and publisher of GRIT, the national small town newspaper. He was brought to the US in 1867, learned the printer's trade and founded the Grit Publishing Company. He was a member of Ivy Lodge No. 397 of Williamsport and served as Master in 1900. The Lodge has been renamed the Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755.

The big-league style scoreboard at the field and a statue of Carl Stotz who conceived the idea of organized baseball for young boys in 1939 were donated by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Carl Stotz was a member of Lodge No. 707.



* 1933-1983 *

THE GREAT BABE

50th anniversary
ALL-STAR GAME

REMEMBERED

Lamade Field
Williamsport, Penna.
Little League World Series Championship Game - named for: Bro. Dietrick & George R. Lamade, Founder of GRIT News-paper. Winner: The score was 3-1 & the USA team for the second year in a row from Marietta, GA beat Barahona from the Dominican Republic on Saturday August 27th with a series record of 40,000 Little League fans looking on.

Skipper of the Nationals, from the World's Champion St. Louis Cardinals, Bro. Whitey Herzog

WILLIAMSPORT, PA
AUG 27 1983
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Babe Ruth
USA 20



A COUPLE MORE AUTOGRAPHED COVERS FROM BRO. WESTBERE

Royal Arch
Mason

Sam Houston (1793-1863)
president of the Republic of Texas (1836), and governor of Texas (1861)
On Dec. 20, 1837 he presided over the meeting which established the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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Lodge 157

Republic of Texas

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

PRESERVATION ON THE PREMISES
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Ralph M. Hall, M.C.
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William J. Hughes - 2nd District of NJ
Member of Congress 1975-95
Ocean City Lodge #171 - P.M.

NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of Masonic interest have been noted in the philatelic press.

2001

December 30 – Mongolia – History of Humanity, pane of 20 se-tenant stamps. Include Napoleon and George Washington

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March 22 – Bosnia & Herzegovina – Walt Disney 100th Birth Anniversary, 1 value.

April 11 – Bosnian Serb Admin. – Charles Lindbergh Flight 75th Anniversary, 1 value

June 17 – Uganda – QEII Golden Jubilee, 4 se-tenant stamps. Prince Philip included.

July 1 – Sierra Leone - Charles Lindbergh Flight 75th Anniversary, pane of 3 values + S/S

July 1 - Bequia - QEII Golden Jubilee, 4 se-tenant stamps. Prince Philip included.

July 15 – Dominica - Charles Lindbergh Flight 75th Anniversary, pane of 2 values + S/S

Sept. 23 – Marshall Islands – World War I Military Heroes, block of 8 se-tenant stamps. Includes E. Rickenbacker and J.J. Pershing.

COVERS PERTAINING TO ANNIVERSARIES IN 2002

Bro. Lajos (Louis) Kossuth (1802-1894)
200th Birth Year Anniversary

Surrender at Saratoga – 225th Anniversary of
Battle. On Oct. 12/13, 2002, a Revolutionary
re-enactment was held in the Saratoga area.

