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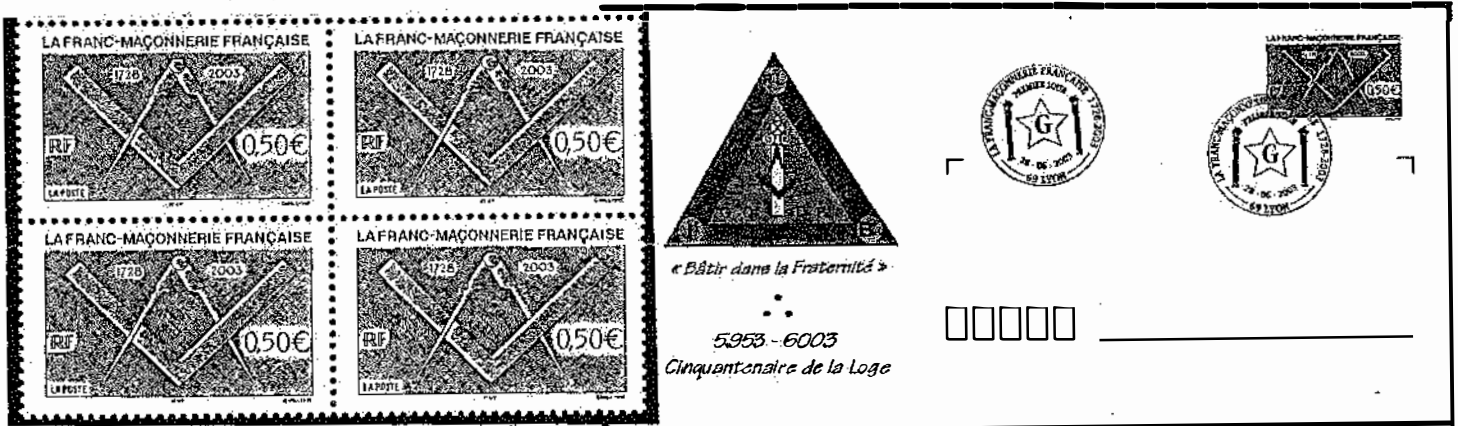
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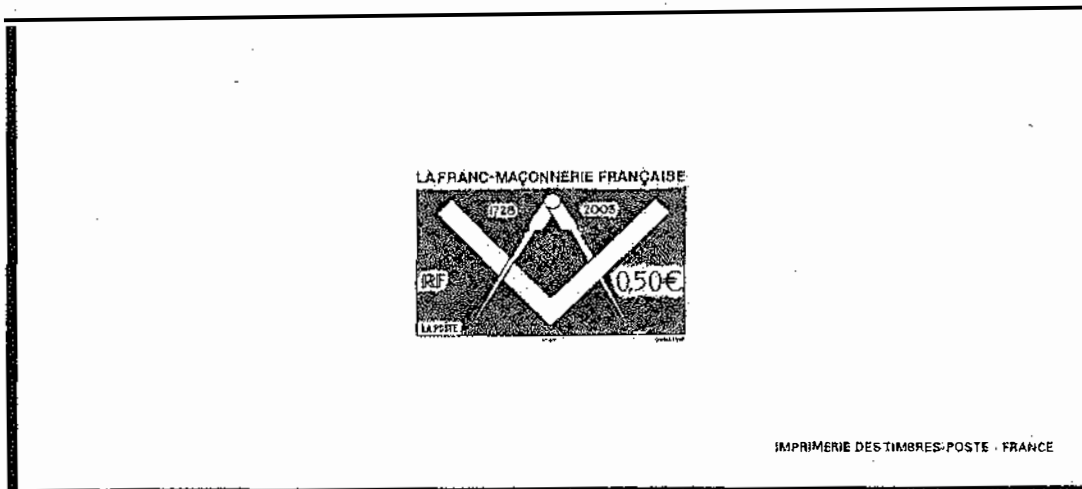
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## MASONIC ISSUE FROM FRANCE

Bro. Jean Claude Vilesy has informed us of the latest Masonic release from France. Released on June 28, 2003, it commemorates the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry in France. Bro. Vilesy also provided a copy of the various philatelic products offered by "La Poste". (Oh, that the USPS might adopt similar practices.)



The Presentation Sheet offers an explanation of the history and evolution of French Freemasonry. It traces its existence back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century in Great Britain when it evolved from an ancient trade organization into a new social group. The first Lodges appeared in Paris in the year 1720 and the foundation of French Freemasonry was established with the election of the Duke of Wharton as Grand Master in 1728.



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS:

305. George L. Michaels, 6102 Sunnyvale Dr., Orlando, FL 32822-9491

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

175. Emiel Crab, Sir Winston Churchilln 717, 2287 AN Rijswijk ZN, Netherlands

### CLOSED ALBUMS:

98. James D. Fink, late on Manchester, MO in May

487. Edward P. Smith, late of Alexandria, VA, on August 23

183. Paul M. Williams, late of New Providence, PA on August 14

Bros. Smith and Williams were both Past Presidents of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. Bro. Smith was active in Scottish Rite Masonry and Bro. Williams in York Rite Masonry. Bro. Williams was the cover chairman for the GWMSC, a position that has been turned back to Bro. Stan Longenecker.

Bro. Williams, 78, was a retiree of GTE, a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a 50 year member and Past Master of Sylvania Lodge No. 354. He served in several elected positions within the upper bodies and had received several awards. He had been married for 53 years.



Incidentally, Bro. Longenecker went back into the hospital on Aug. 28 for another knee replacement – to resolve the septic condition he developed a couple of months ago. We all hope it works out well, Bro. Stan. My septic hip situation now seems to be a thing of the past.

Bro. James G. Dougherty, PO Box 1192, Austin, TX, would like to correspond with anyone who might shed more light on a couple of cachet areas he is working on: 1. President and Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt's naval cruise cachets and cancellations, and 2. civic events during the 1932 George Washington Bicentennial. Regarding the first topic, he states that beginning with the New York Naval Review of 1934, FDR made numerous trips on US naval vessels. There does not seem to be a comprehensive list of ships and cancels and he hopes to be able to fill that void. Bro. Dougherty recently attended his son's graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Depot and prepared a cover for the event - despite problems encountered when the clerk was not aware of the USPS "hand back" procedures.

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### **MASONIC STUDY UNIT OF THE AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION**

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Bro. Roy Schwartz and his family had a pleasant surprise when the USPS issued the sheet of stamps honoring photographers. The stamp for Lewis W. Hine (1874-1940) pictures the family of Giovanni Gustozzo waiting at Ellis Island for him to take them home to Scranton, PA, to start a new life. They had traveled for 40 days from the small village of Santa Margherita in Agrigento province on the island of Sicily to Ellis Island. They had processed through the U.S. Customs and were found acceptable to enter as emigrants to America when Hine took this picture. Anna Gustozzo was holding her one year old son, Dominick; her son Paul holds the hand of a daughter, Mary. The suitcase and sack contained all their worldly possessions. They were waiting for Giovanni to arrive from Scranton who was painfully late.

Giovanni did arrive and the family did settle in Scranton. The baby Dominick grew up, and married and, in 1928, when his daughter was born, he named her Anna. When Anna grew up she married Bro. Roy Schwartz thereby enabling him to be able to say "my father-in-law is on this United States postage stamp!!!"

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### BRAZIL STAMP CATALOG 2003

Bro. Peter Meyer of Brazil has published a 196 page catalog of all the stamps issued by Brazil from 1843 to 2002, in color. It also shows stamps with missing colors, letter-sheets and pneumatic letter-sheets. This 17 X 25 cm book sells for US\$26 plus postage costs of US\$4 (economy registered mail), US\$6 (priority registered mail) or US\$13 (express mail). He accepts the four major credit cards and apparently will consider trades. Contact him at [peter@oselo.com.br](mailto:peter@oselo.com.br) for details.

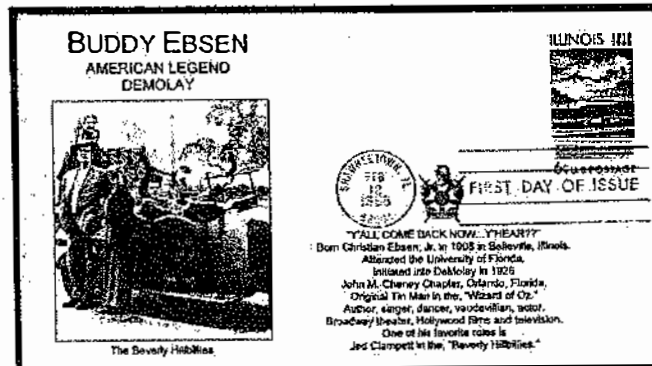
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### AUSTRIAN SOUVENIR SHEET FOR HENRY FORD

Bro. Godthelp, editor of the Netherlands Masonic Club Newsletter, has forwarded a copy of the Souvenir Sheet for the recent Henry Ford tribute.



## BUDDY EBSEN



Buddy Ebsen, best known as Jed Clampett on the television series *The Beverly Hillbillies*, died on July 6, 2003, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance, California. He had been hospitalized near his home in Palos Verdes Estates for several weeks. His wife, six children and six grandchildren were by his side at the time of his death. He was born Christian Ebsen, Jr., in 1908 in Belleville, Illinois.

Buddy Ebsen was initiated into John M. Cheney Chapter DeMolay in Orlando, FL, in 1926. He was inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame on June 21, 1996.

Surprisingly, he had not planned on becoming an actor. He was studying to become a doctor and had completed two years of pre-med studies at the University of Florida and Rollins College. Then the Florida land boom collapsed, his family lost a lot of money and medical school was no longer a possibility.

Since Buddy's father was a dance teacher, all his children learned to dance. With that experience, Ebsen went to New York to try show business. On Broadway his credits include "Whoopee" 1928, "Flying Colors" 1933, "Ziegfield" Follies 1934, "Yokel Boy" 1939, "Showboat" 1945 and "Male Animal" 1953. His next venture was the movies. His principle film credits include "Broadway Melody of 1935" with his dancing partner and sister, Vilma, "Broadway Melody of 1938" with Judy Garland, "Born to Dance", the Shirley Temple picture "Captain January", "Banjo on my Knee", "Lucky Star", "Mail Order Bride" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's".

In 1962, while in his mid-fifties, Ebsen became a star when he was chosen to portray Jed Clampett in the television series *The Beverly Hillbillies*. After the series ended, he had several movie roles and television guest roles before landing the title role in *Barnaby Jones*. After retiring from acting, he became a folk artist, painting landscapes, seascapes and self portraits. In 2001 he began writing, publishing a romance called "Kelly's Quest" that became a bestseller and "The Other Side of Oz".

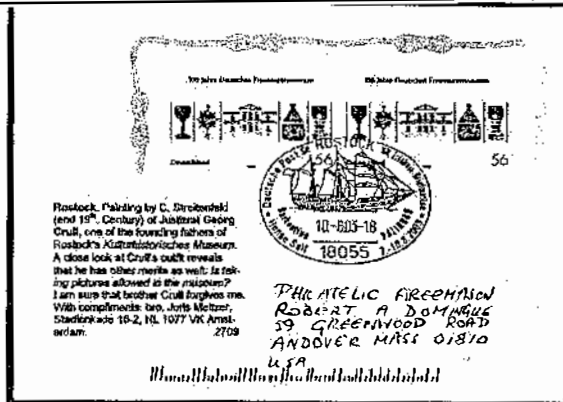
Ebsen continued to play a part in DeMolay, even after his time as an active DeMolay. He was present at a Southern California DeMolay function in 1995. At the time of his induction into the DeMolay Hall of Fame, he credited the organization with much of the influence on his life.

- With thanks to "Emessay Notes" of the Masonic Service Association of North America and the corresponding Shrine News Release

## GERMAN CARD FOR GEORG CRULL



Bro. Joris Meltzer, Stadionkade 16-2, L 1077 VK Amsterdam, Netherlands, has prepared a Masonic card for Georg Crull, one of the founding fathers of Rostock's Kulturhistorisches Museum. The picture on the card demonstrates he had other interests as well.



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## BRAZILIAN MASONIC COVERS

More Brazilian Masonic covers published by Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm are shown here. Informaion on their acquisition may be obtained from him at Caixa Postal 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis – SC – Brazil. He may be interested in trading as well as sale.





MORE PHILATELIC RELEASES FROM FRANCE FOR THE MASONIC ISSUE

Collection Historique du Timbre-Poste Français

La Franc-maçonnerie française

1728 - 2003



Grand Orient de France, 35 cm, fin du XIXe siècle. Musée de la Franc-maçonnerie M. H. Geoffroy.



La franc-maçonnerie moderne naît en Grande-Bretagne au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle de la transformation d'une ancienne organisation de métiers en une nouvelle forme de sociabilité. Les premières loges s'implantent à Paris dans les années 1720 et l'acte fondateur de la franc-maçonnerie française est l'élection du duc de Winton comme Grand Maître en 1728. Après avoir eu montré l'hostilité du pouvoir royal autour de 1740, la maçonnerie connaît une grande diffusion en France tout au long du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle. Des loges se créent dans la plupart des villes et des bourgs observent toutes les classes sociales, de la petite bourgeoisie à la grande aristocratie. Dès cette époque, la maçonnerie rassemble plusieurs courants, du rationalisme, dans l'esprit des Lumières, aux adeptes de l'ésotérisme. Quelle qu'en soit l'orientation, le travail en loge met en œuvre une sociabilité libérale et démocratique qui annonce les conceptions nouvelles. Après la Révolution et jusque vers 1860, la franc-maçonnerie maintient à l'œuvre les idées de 1789 et joue un rôle actif dans la promotion de l'idée républicaine, notamment en 1848. Dans le dernier tiers du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle, elle contribue directement à la transformation de la France en une démocratie moderne, laïque et sociale fondée sur le suffrage universel et l'établissement des citoyens. Elle est étroitement associée à l'œuvre de progrès de la III<sup>e</sup> République. Parallèlement, elle reste le conservatoire d'une voie spirituelle originale fondée sur l'initiation et le symbolisme. Pour échapper partous les totalitarismes au XX<sup>e</sup> siècle, elle est persécutée pendant l'occupation par les nazis et leurs collaborateurs et après 1944 dans les pays communistes. Aujourd'hui, forte de 130 000 membres répartis en dix obédiences, la franc-maçonnerie française propose une voie humaniste, laïque et fraternelle à la femme et à l'homme en recherche.

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- Grand Orient de France
- Fédération Française du Droit Humain
- Grande Loge de France
- Grande Loge Nationale Française
- Grande Loge Féminine de France
- Grande Loge Traditionnelle et Symbolique Opéra
- Loge Nationale Française
- Grande Loge Mixte Universelle
- Grande Loge Féminine Memphis Misraïm
- Grande Loge Mixte de France

Notice philatélique Premier Jour

La Franc-maçonnerie française

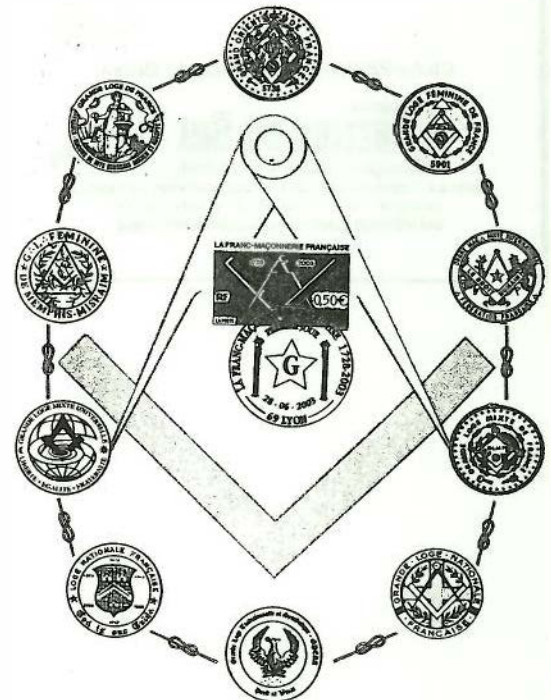
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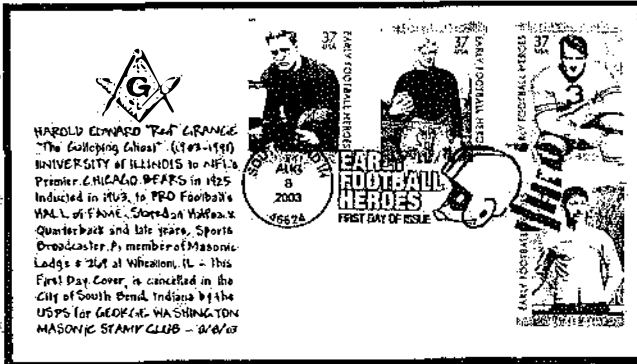


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**NEW MASONIC COVER FROM THE GWMSC**

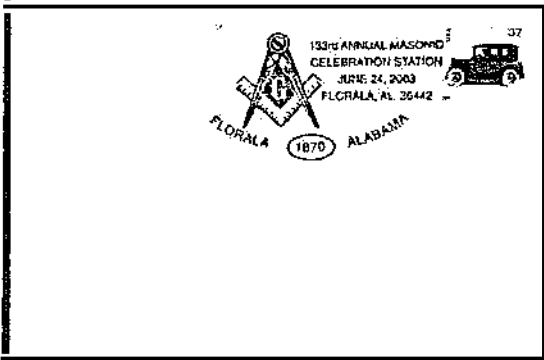
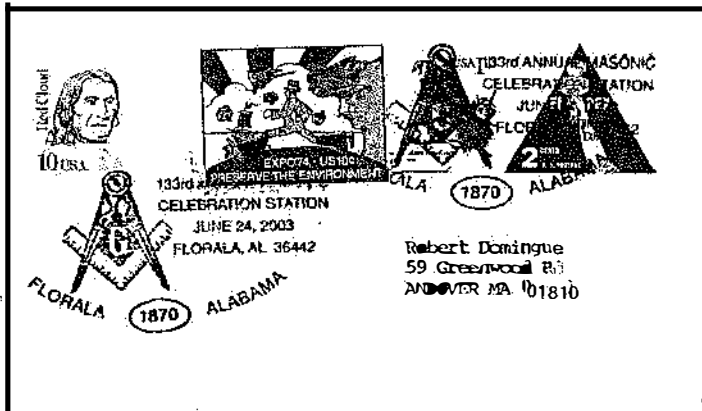


The GWMSC has prepared a cover for the Early Football Coaches issue of Aug. 8, 2003. Shown here, it is available from Bro. Stan Longenecker, 930 Wood Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 at a cost of \$3.00 plus a #10 SASE.

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**MASONIC CANCEL FOR FLORALA CELEBRATION**

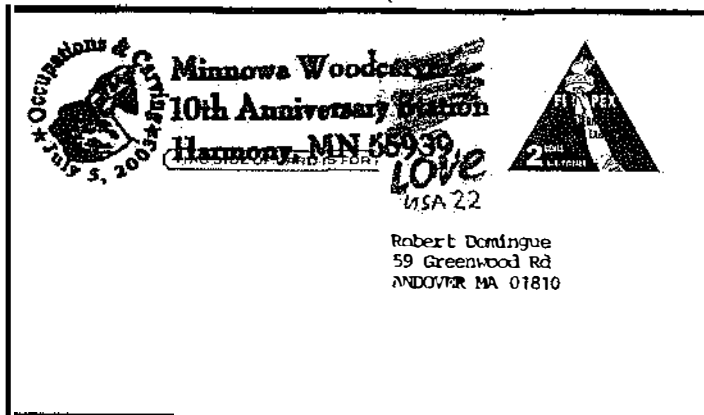
The Masonic Cancel produced for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Masonic Celebration Station on June 24, 2003, has finally incorporated the Masonic Emblem in the design. It is show here and it can be seen that it is a distinctive addition to a Masonic collection.



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**INTERESTING CANCEL WITH MASONIC APPLICATION**

Bro. Gene Frick sent in this postal card with the following notation on the back: write, print, carve.



## **CLOUD - CUCKOO - LAND USPS RELEASES FOR 2004**

Bro. Norm Lincoln has sent in his annual survey of the USPS stamp program for next year. In case you are wondering about the title, it refers to a pane of 15 different "cloudscapes" to be issued in September. Of all the foolish issues ever made, this has to be at or near the worst. Possibly Joni Mitchell fans may like them (Both Sides Now) or Johnny Ray aficionados (The Little White Cloud That Cried). Classical scholars will recognize the quotation from Aristophanes comedy "The Birds". Avian topicalists may rejoice. Most of us will just shake our heads and mutter in disgust.

I was able to find only one new Masonic connection, plus five which have previously been profiled in this journal. Starting with the latter we find Agnes Demille, the famous choreographer, who was not a Mason but her father William (1878-1955) and her uncle Cecil (1881-1959) were both members of Prince of Orange No. 16, NY, and Henry S. Orme No 458, CA. They were renowned as actors, dramatists and film directors.

If anyone knows of a Masonic connection for Dr. Seuss, George Balanchine, Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey, Isamu Noguchi, R. Buckmaster Fuller, James Baldwin, Martin Johnson Heade, Moss Hart or Wilma Rudolph, I'm sure our editor would be happy. While Spencer Tracy, a staunch Catholic, was not a Mason, it is high time he was honored by a stamp. No film actor, with the possible exception of Frederic March, had a more distinguished career. (We are not forgetting Lawrence Olivier, John Mills, Ralph Richardson and other English stars who were not American)

The "Art of Disney" honors Walt the creator who was a DeMolay. We should not forget that the business manager of the Disney empire was Walt's brother Roy who was a Mason. Paul Robeson was on Guyana 2678g though his name was misspelled. Maybe it was for EFO collectors. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first appeared on a stamp in 1954 (US Scott 1063). Their images were based on sculptures by Bro. William Keck.

The only new Masonic related stamp is the one honoring Henry Mancini who was not a Mason. The artwork includes the Pink Panther for which Henry Mancini wrote the music. The creator of "The Pink Panther" was Friz Freleng.

### **ISADORE "FRIZ" FRELENG**

Isadore "Friz" Freleng was born Aug. 21, 1906, in Kansas City. He became a cartoonist and created most of the famed Warner Brothers creatures. Producer Brother Leon Schlesinger let Freleng direct and he responded with 12 Academy Award nominations. Five were for Oscar winners: "Tweety Pie" 1947, "Speedy Gonzalez" 1955, "Bird Anonymous" 1957, "Knghly Knight, Bugs" 1958 and "The Pink Phink" 1964. Voice characterizations by Bro. Mel Blanc helped immeasurably, although the Pink Panther didn't talk. Friz died May 26, 1995. My records indicate he was a member of Los Angeles Lodge No. 42, CA, and a Shriner.



## PELHAM GREVILLE WODEHOUSE

Pelham G. Wodehouse was born in Guilford, Surrey, Oct. 15, 1881 and attended Dulwich College. He was a columnist for the Globe from 1903-1909. Then he became a critic for Vanity Fair. He collaborated with Bro. Jerome Kern on the musical "Miss Springtime" 1916 which was a success. "Have a Heart", "Oh, Boy!" and "Leave it to Jane" all 1917 were also hits. "Sally" starred Marilyn Miller and gave us "Look for the Silver Lining". Wodehouse continued writing lyrics as well as novels. "A Damsel in Distress" 1919 was made into a film with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers with music by George and Ira Gershwin. With "A Man of Leisure" 1923 he created Bertie Wooster and his man Jeeves. He wrote "Bill" for Helen Morgan in "Show Boat" and "March of the Musketeers" for Dennis King in "The Three Musketeers" with music by Rudolph Friml. His autobiography "Performing Flea" was published in 1953. MGM managed to omit him completely from their Jerome Kern biography "Till the Clouds Roll By" 1946. He wrote the screenplay for "Anything Goes" 1956.

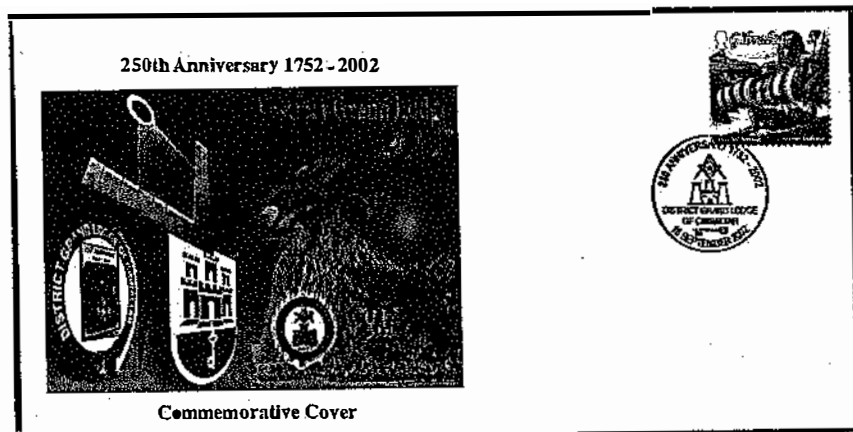
Bro. Wodehouse was a member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 197, United Grand Lodge of England. Jerome Kern is on Scott No. 1010 and Show Boat is on Scott No. 2767.

-article contributed by Bro. Norman Lincoln

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## GIBRALTAR MASONIC COVER

The Grand Lodge of Gibraltar celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2002. In conjunction with that event, a cover was produced and is still available. Shown here, the cost is 2.50 Pounds plus postage and it is available from 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Ltd., The Gibraltar Masonic Institute, PO Box 630, 47a Prince Edwards Road, Gibraltar. Other contact points are: [festcels@gibnynex.gi](mailto:festcels@gibnynex.gi) or [www.masonic250th.gi](http://www.masonic250th.gi)



## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

In September 1925, four members of the faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute located at Blacksburg, Virginia, were discussing agriculture students. They decided such students should have an organization for self-expression and pride in their farm background. Out of this grew the Future Farmers of America. The four founders were all Masons.

Walter S. Newman was raised in Purdie Lodge No. 170, Windsor, VA in 1925  
 Edmond C. McGill was raised in Albert Pike Lodge No. 303, Wichita, KS and demitted to Hunters Lodge No. 156, Blacksburg, VA  
 H. W. Sanders was a member of Glen Allen Lodge No. 131, Glen Allen, VA and Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347, Richmond, VA  
 Henry C. Groseclose Sr., was raised in Ivanhoe Lodge No. 235, Wytheville, VA



The FFA had degrees and rituals similar to Masonic rituals. The logo of the FFA contains the rising sun, an eagle, an owl, a plow and an ear of corn. Its colors are blue and yellow. Today the FFA has more than 400,000 members nationwide.

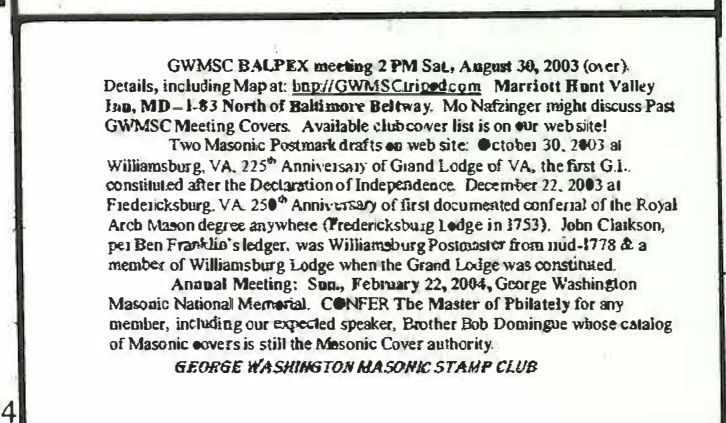
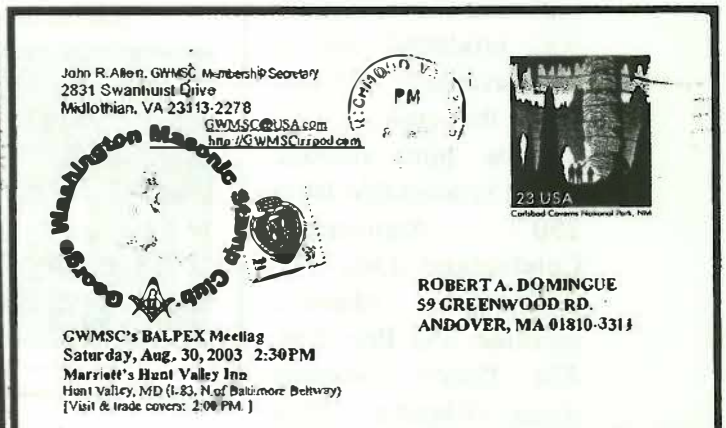
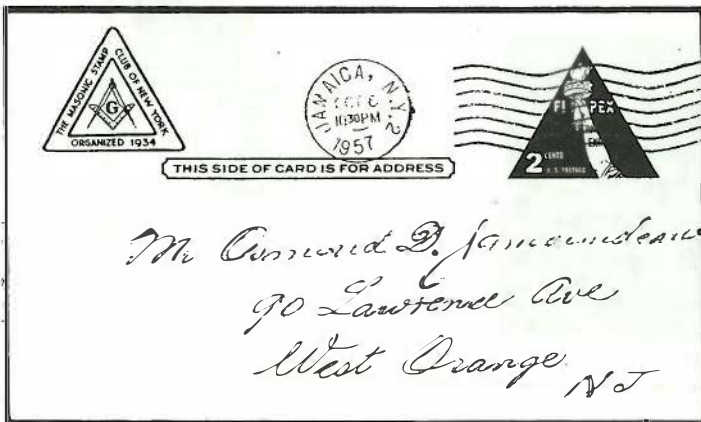
A stamp honoring the FFA was issued Oct. 13, 1953 at Kansas City, MO – Scott No. 1024

- article appeared in the July 1995 Scottish Rite (SJ) Journal and was submitted by  
 Bro. Norman Lincoln

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## MASONIC STAMP CLUB MEETING NOTICES

The meeting notices sent out by the various Masonic Stamp Clubs have always been considered “collectible”. Two examples are shown here – one from the MSC of NY back in 1957 and a recent one from the GWMSC.



## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues applicable to a Masonic collection have been reported in the Philatelic press:

June 10, 2003 – Marshall Islands – Aviation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 10 se-tenant stamps. The Spirit of St. Louis is included.

June 17 – St. Kitts – Teddy Bear 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, pane of four stamps and a souvenir sheet. The Teddy Roosevelt Bear, the George Washington Bear and the Buffalo Bill Bear are included.

June 28 – France – French Freemasonry, one value

August 30 – France – Famous People/Characters of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Literature, six stamps and a souvenir sheet which combines the six stamps. Victor Hugo and Alexander Dumas are included.

Sept. 1 – Monaco – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alexander Fleming's Discovery of Penicillin, one stamp

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### FRANTISEK (FRANS) KRIZIK

Born June 25, 1847, Frans Krizik became an electronic engineer and received an honorary Doctorate. Together with the Austrian Engineer, Ludwig Piette, he invented the automatic regulator for the Arc-lamp, the so-called "Plzn lamp". In 1881 this lamp earned a Gold Medal at the Electric Exhibit in Paris. In 1891 in Prague he designed the first electric automobile. Further, his design of the electric tram was shown at the Second Jubilee Exposition at Prague in 1891. There he introduced eight trams, driving from the Letna Hill to the Exhibition within 5 minutes. Unfortunately, the authorities refused to allow the trams to operate on the streets of Prague. In the small town of Liben, later a part of Prague, the layout was practicable for the trams and they became operational in 1892. The bureaucracy resulted in this system being discontinued in 1896. In 1899 he built the town power station of Pilzen and introduced the electric tram from Bory to Lochotin. He died in 1941 but can be remembered by a Krizik Fountain which had been erected during an early Exhibition, a memorial statue located in Pilzen near where he worked, the Krizik Gardens in Pilzen and many of his creations which are in the National Technical Museum of Prague.

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Frantisek Krizik was a member of the Lodge "Sibi et Posteris" in Prague. He was honored by the Ceska Republic on June 25 1997, by the issuance of a stamp to commemorate his 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.



-article extracted from De Verlichte Loep, the Newsletter of "De Getande Rand", the Netherlands

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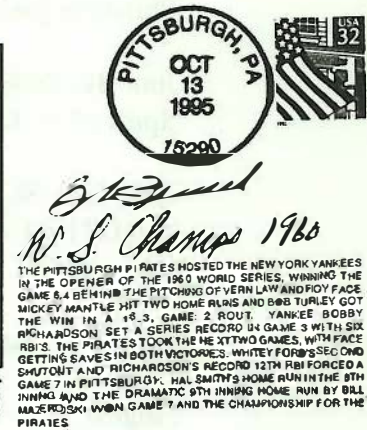
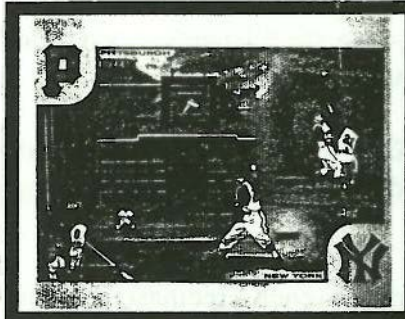
# PETER WESTBERE AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

Here are a few more covers from Bro. Peter Westbere's collection of autographs.



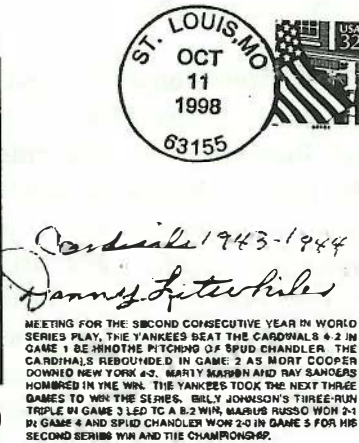
Bro. Frank House. Played for Detroit Tigers for several years. Member of Bessemer Lodge #458, Alabama. Also served as a Potentate in the Shrine in Birmingham, Ala.

1960 WORLD SERIES - 35th ANNIVERSARY



Bro. Bob Friend. Played with the Pittsburgh Pirates for many years. Member of the World Series Champs of 1960. Member and Past Master of Franklin-St. John's - Trinity Lodge #221, Pennsylvania

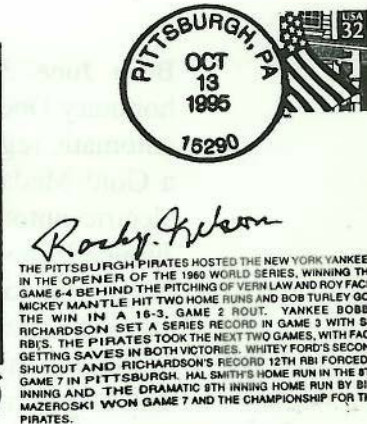
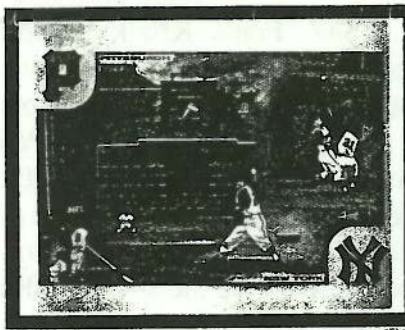
1943 WORLD SERIES - 55th ANNIVERSARY



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS VS. NEW YORK YANKEES

Bro. Danny Litwhiler. Played for St. Louis Cardinals, World Series Champs 1944. Also Innovator of the baseball radar speed gun. Member of Shenandoah Lodge #511, Penna.

1960 WORLD SERIES - 35th ANNIVERSARY



NEW YORK YANKEES VS. PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Bro. Glenn R. "Rocky" Nelson. Played for World Series Champions Pittsburg Pirates in 1960. Also played on the Montreal and Toronto Canadian Clubs. Member of Aurora Lodge #48. Portsmouth, Ohio

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## CLOSING NOTES

Please try to gather some new members into our fold. We "regulars" are becoming "old timers" and we need some new blood, new ideas, new research. There must be some individuals out there with a desire to learn what Masonic Philately is all about and are ready to help it along.