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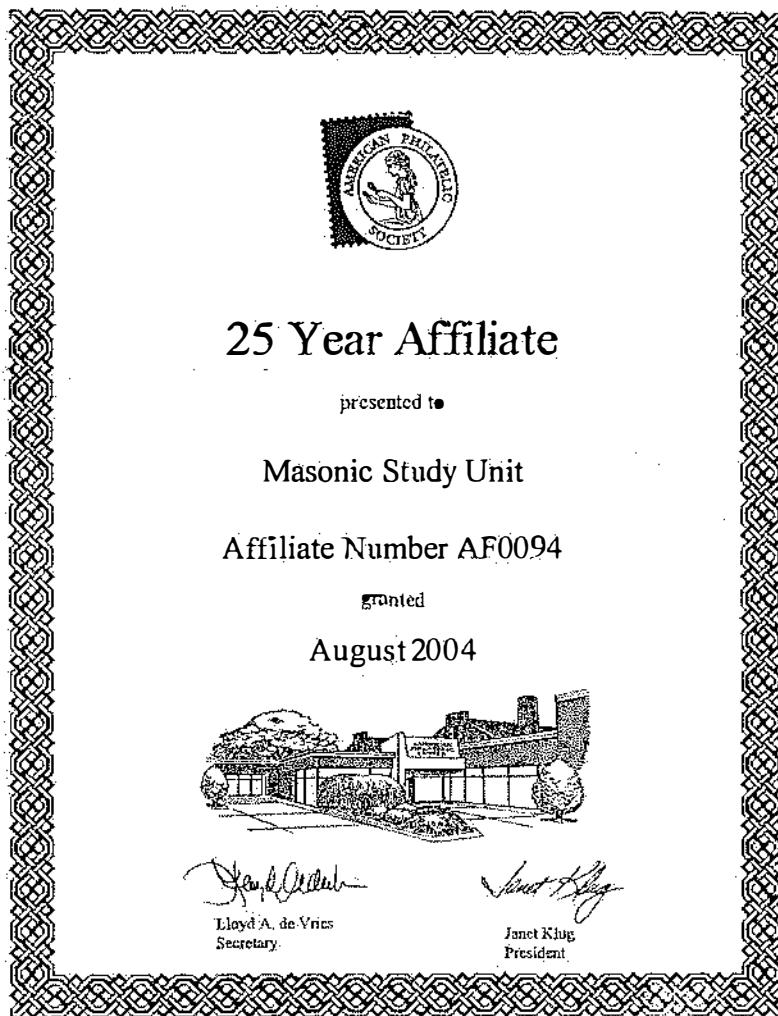
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25 YEARS AFFILIATION WITH THE APS

This year marks the 25th year of the Masonic Study Unit's affiliation with the American Philatelic Society. We were recognized at their annual Show which was held in Sacramento this year. Bro. Bill Stahl, one of our members was at the show and represented the Unit. He had made arrangements to pick up the Award that Friday but was informed in the afternoon that it had been mailed. Bro. Stan Longenecker received the Certificate and has forwarded it so it can be illustrated here. A nice letter from Jim McDevitt, Chairman, APS Affiliate Support Committee, accompanied the Award.



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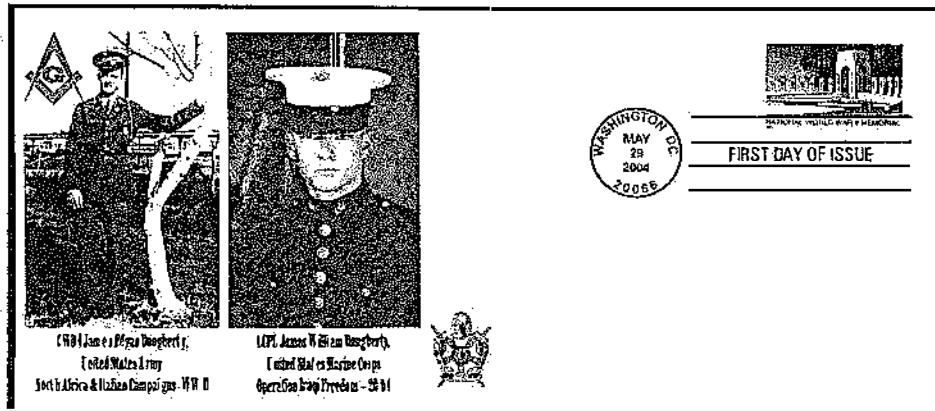
RESIGNED:

304. William A. Mumpower, Calhoun, GA

Bro. Alan R. P. Golding, a long time member, wrote recently remarking that during his membership with the MSU/ATA, he has developed some great friendships and correspondences with brethren like Clarence Beltmann, Nick Koutroulis, Dick Needham, Marshal Loke, Carl Britenbucher, Walter Kirby and John Cunningham – all of whom have passed on. He was the original representative of the MSU/ATA for Canada and then Canada East. He served as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Peterborough District in 1991 for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Bro. Peter Westbere wrote recently to inform us that former President, Gerald R. Ford, is no longer providing free autographs. He had been known for many years for his courtesy in this activity but this chore has apparently developed into a major task. He had to cut back and is now only selling copies of his book signed for \$50.00. He is 91 years old and one can understand the number of requests he fields within a year's time.

Bro. Jim Dougherty, Junior Warden of the Texas Lodge of Research, has forwarded a copy of his latest cachet – very timely in today's worlds events. It pictures his father, circa 1944, and his son today. His father put a DeMolay petition in front of him and that was the start of his illustrious Masonic career. He did the same thing with his son, Will, and has every hope that very soon, on his return, he will decide to follow the Masonic tradition.



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MASONIC SYMBOL STAMPS FROM BRAZIL

On August 27, 2004, Brazil issued a set of four stamps which depict various Masonic symbols. The designs are attributed to Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm, President of the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil. A full sheet should have six blocks, surrounded by Masonic jewels. There is also a FDC. The Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil offers this group for US\$20 and it can be ordered from them at P.O. Box 3085, 88010-970 Florianopolis, SC, Brazil.

Your editor has also been able to secure some blocks of stamps, the FDC and a Maxim sheet from one of our members – they are in transit and should arrive shortly. The block of stamps costs \$3.00, the FDC set (with 2 stamps per FDC) costs \$6.00 and the Maxim/Souvenir sheet is \$6.00.

This is not meant to be a competition – I have truly received two different offer letters.



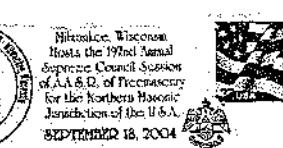
BRAZILIAN MASONIC SEAL/STAMP

Brazil has joined the list of countries which have released personalized stamps or seals. The one shown here was provided by Bro. Dr. Renato Mauro Schramm. It commemorates the 175th Anniversary of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of "Rito Old Scotsman and I Accept" Freemasonry for the Republic Federation of Brazil -- Bro. Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres, 33 deg, Grand Sovereign Commander. Three were only 1000 copies printed. Those interested in acquiring a copy should write directly to the Supreme Council, Rua Barao, 1317 – Praça Seca – Jacarepagua -21321-620 Rio de Janeiro – RJ – Brazil.



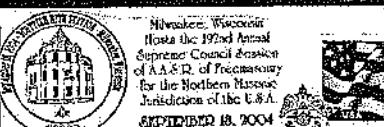
192nd ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION – NJ

Bro. M. Richard Mekonian of 711 5th Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762-1225 has prepared a set of seven covers to commemorate the September 18, 2004, Supreme Council Session of A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The cost of the complete set is \$20.00 and all proceeds go to the Scottish Rite Learning Center Fund.



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Sovereign Grand Commander A.A.S.R.
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ACTIVE MEMBER OF SUPREME COUNCIL
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Grand Master of Wisconsin
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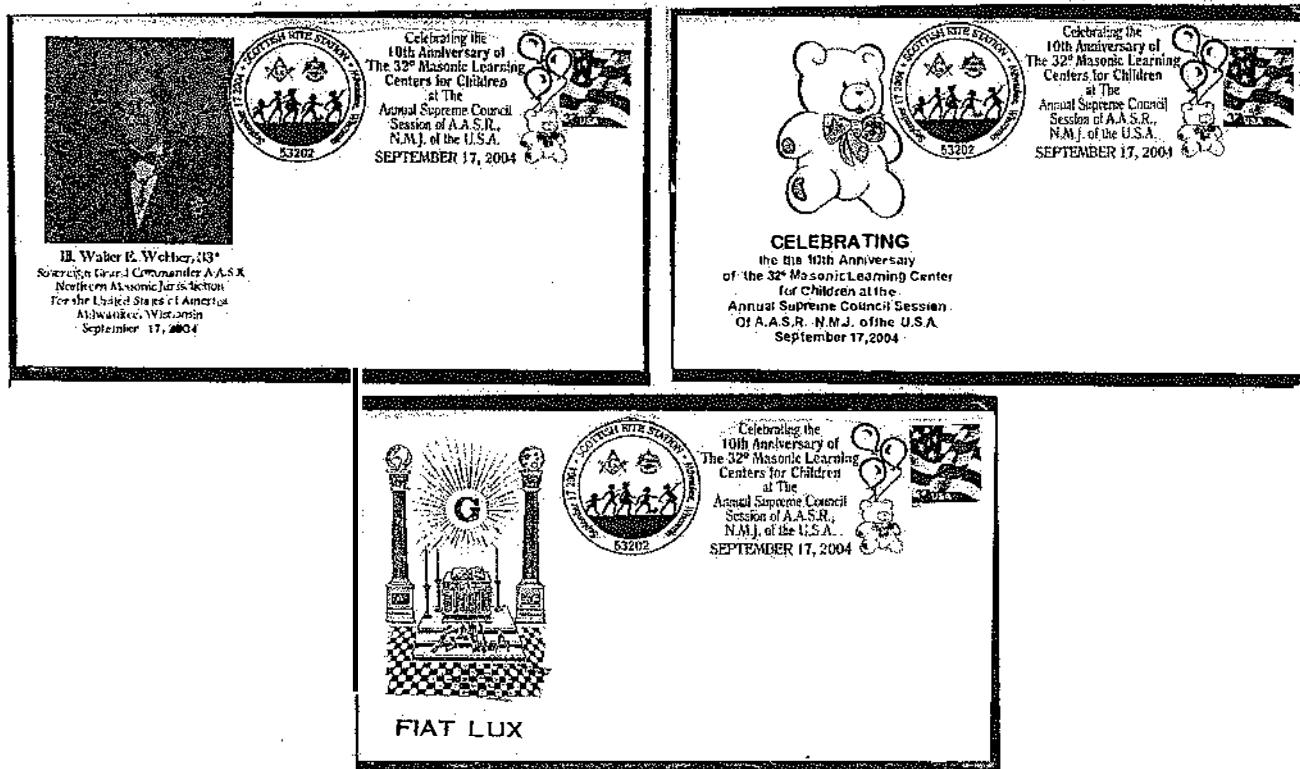
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MASONIC LEARNING CENTERS COVERS

Bro. Mekonian also prepared a set of three covers to honor the 10th Anniversary of the 32 deg Masonic Learning Centers for Children which is being celebrated on September 17, 2004, at the Annual Supreme Council Session in Milwaukee. The cost for these covers is \$10.00 and can also be ordered from him.



USPS ISSUES FOR 2005

Bro. Norman Lincoln has sent in his annual review of the forthcoming 2005 USPS releases recently announced in the philatelic media. He states "It appears the only new Mason on next year's stamps is Lt. Gen. John A. LeJeune (1867-1942) who has been profiled in the newsletter previously. I am not sure if Lt. Gen Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller (1898-1942) was a Mason or not." These two individuals are pictured in a Distinguished Marines set of four stamps. The other two Marines pictured are Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone (1916-1945) and Sgt. Maj. Daniel J. Daly (1873-1937).

There is a set planned for Presidential Libraries in 2005 and this may include some of the many Presidents who were Freemasons — Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson (E.A. only)

Stay tuned!!!

KING JAMES VI of SCOTLAND and I of ENGLAND



Scotland's King James VI succeeded to the English throne in 1603 as King James I. He is shown on a 26-pence stamp from 1990 that marks the publication of the King James Version Bible. He is perhaps best remembered for commissioning, in Jun 1604, through Bishop Bancroft of London, a team of translators for a new edition of the Bible. The king laid down 15 rules of translation to govern the work, to eliminate the possibility of sectarian footnotes or polemics. By 1611, the Bible was in print.

Robert Lomas, in his Freemasonry and the Birth of Modern Science (Fairwinds Press, Gloucester, MA 2002) tells us of another accomplishment of this complex man. On the wall of the Lodge of Scoon and Perth hangs a painting of a very important Masonic event: the initiation of James VI. The official entry of the Lodge on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland simply says that the Lodge existed before 1658. The date refers to the Charter of the Lodge, a set of rules that explain how the Lodge was to be governed. John Milne was Master of the Lodge in 1658, when the Charter (and Oriental Chair) passed to James Roche. Roche was signatory to the document that records the making of James VI as a Freemason in 1601.

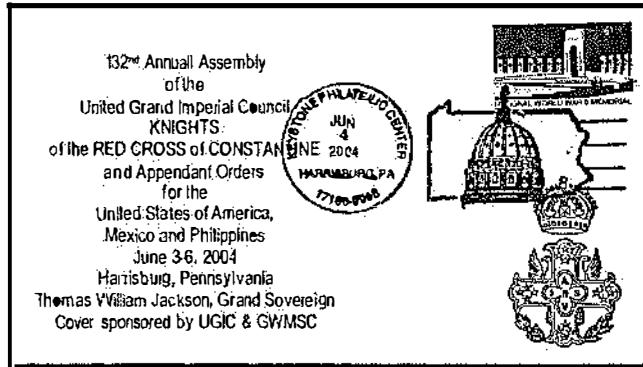
Freemasonry in Scotland is reputed to be much older. The earliest representation of a Masonic ceremony appears in a tableau on the southwestern corner of Roslyn Chapel. The chapel was built between 1440 and 1486 at the direction of William St. Clair, Earl of Caithness, third and last Earl of Orkney. The scene depicts a man kneeling, his feet placed in the form of a square, his left hand holding a Bible, blindfolded and with a running noose about his neck. Standing beside him is a bearded figure, garbed as a Knight Templar, holding the noose. They are both placed between two pillars.

When James moved to London to take up the English throne, he continued to take part in ceremonies that involved acting out the role of King Solomon, a role taken by the Master during the opening and closing of the Lodge, as well as in public. William Preston reported that, in 1607, James I and his wardens set the cornerstone of Whitehall Palace, attended by many brethren clothed in form.

-article submitted by our President, Bro. Gene Fricks

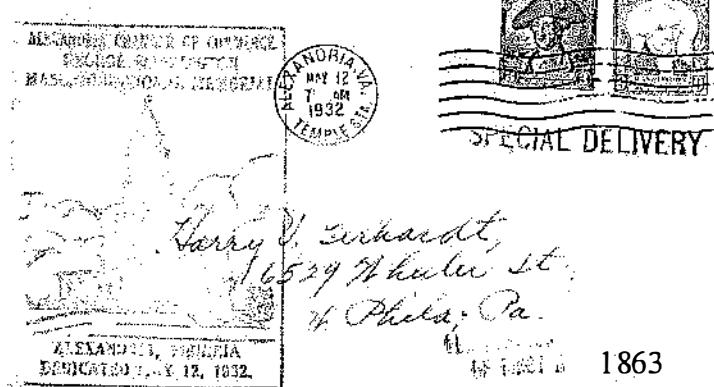
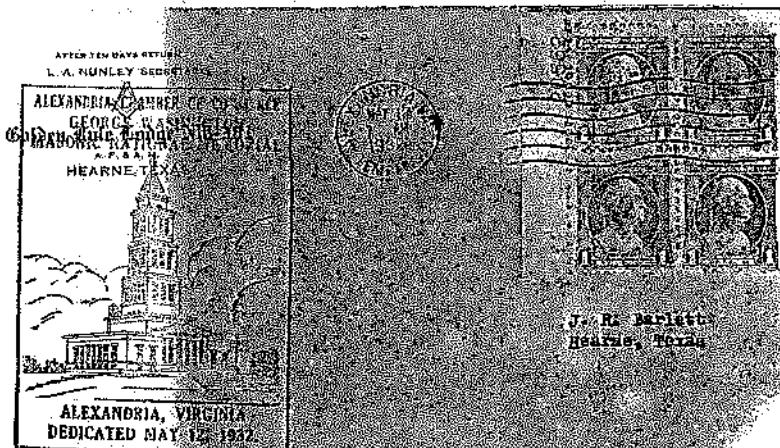
LATEST GWMSC MASONIC COVER

The latest cover produced by the GWMSC shown here is to honor the 132nd Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania June 3-6, 2004. It is available at a cost of \$1.50 plus #10 SASE from the Cover Chairman, Stan Longenecker, 930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552.



5-12-32 Covers

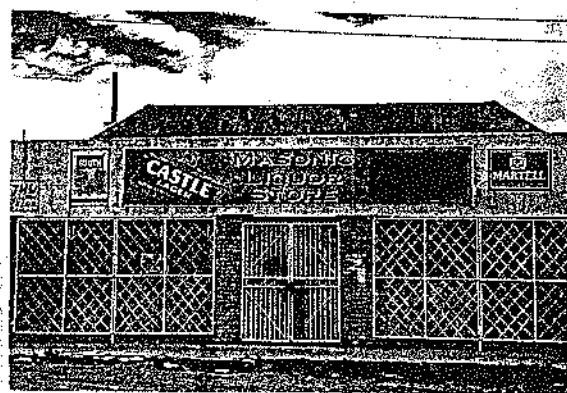
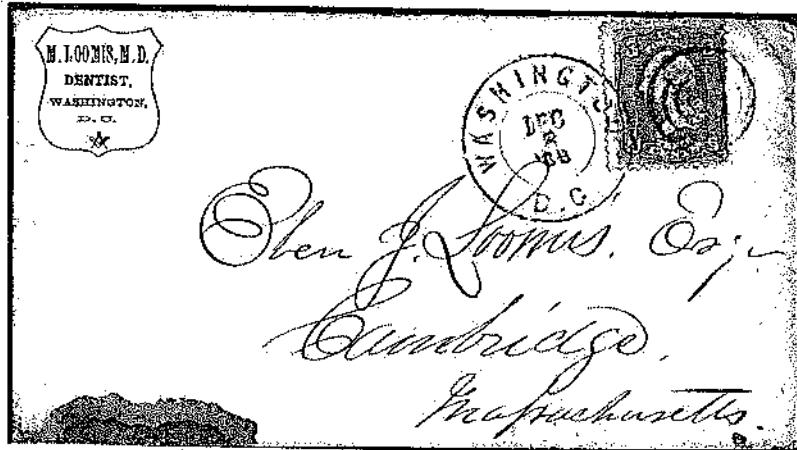
Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded a couple of covers from his "5-12'32" Album that have an interesting aspect to them. (I have browsed through that album and it contains a myriad of philatelic delights.) The upper cover was exposed to too much sunlight and sports a "sunburn". The lower cover has a newspaper illustration pasted to the back which has a thumb nail explanation of the Memorial. It states that the Memorial "... stands on a hill near Alexandria, VA., the site chosen by Thomas Jefferson for the U. S. Capitol. Washington himself, however, insisted that the Capitol be built on the other side of the Potomac."



MASONIC PHILATELIC ODDITIES

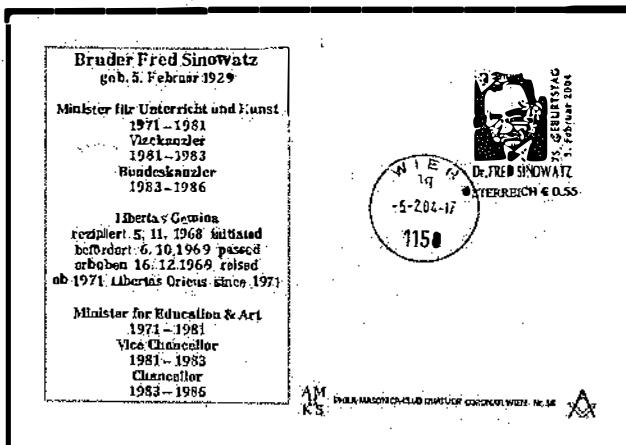
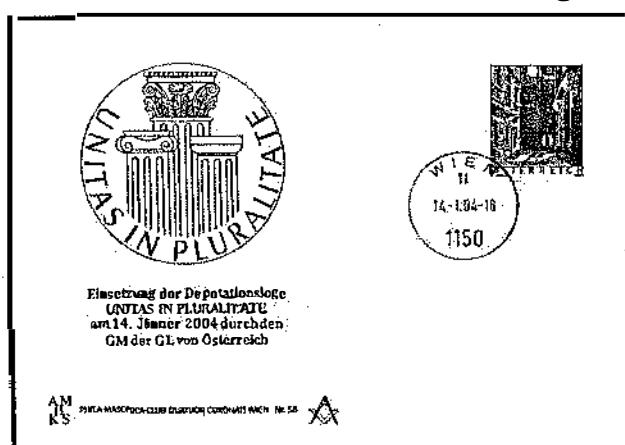
Contributed by our members

Does your dentist belong to the Craft and advertise the fact? Does the Masonic Liquor Store sell to Non-Members?



MASONIC COVERS FROM AUSTRIA

The covers shown here have been produced by Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath, President of the Phila Masonica Club, Quatuor Coronati Wien. Information on their availability can be obtained from him at Rauhensteingasse 3, A-1010 Vienna, Austria.

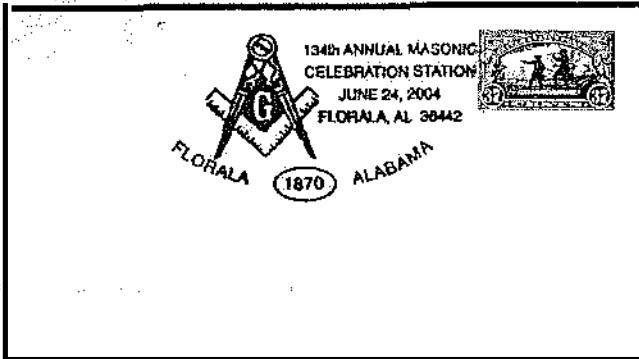


AUSTRIAN STAMP or SEAL?

One of the Austrian covers shown on the previous page raises the question as to whether the adhesive used to frank the cover is a stamp or a seal. It appears to be a stamp because it bears a Euro value. The design is the emblem of the Phila Masonica Club, Quatuor Coronati Wien which raises the question that it may be a special interest custom printing such as the Brazil issue shown earlier. I have written to Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath but have not heard from him yet. Does any other reader know?



***** ANNUAL FLORALA MASONIC CELEBRATION



The annual cancellation prepared by the Masons of Florala, Alabama, for their 134th Annual Masonic Celebration on St. John's Day – June 24, 2004.

***** NEW ISSUES

May 19 – Maldives – D-Day 60th Anniversary, five panes of six se-tenant stamps. Include Winston Churchill, Omar Bradley, George Marshall.

May 21 – Romania – Oscar Wilde 200th Birth Anniversary, one stamp.

May 28 - Italy – Puccini Festival, one stamp.

June 1 – Sierra Leone – D-Day 60th Anniversary, seven panes of eight se-tenant stamps. Include Lt. Gen. Omar R. Bradley

June 26 – France – Napoleon and His Imperial Guard, pane of six stamps.

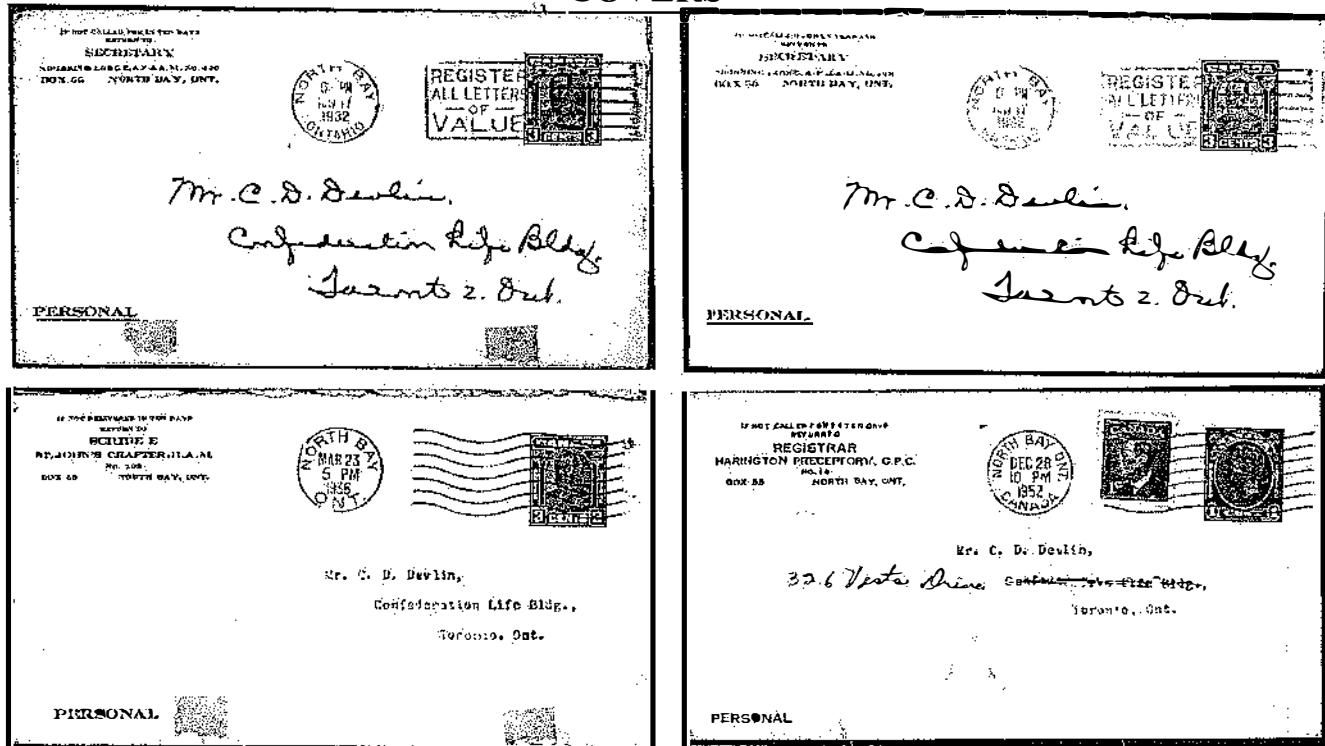
July 19 – St. Vincent – D-Day 60th Anniversary, five stamps, two panes of four se-tenant stamps and two souvenir sheets. Includes Gen. Omar R. Bradley

July 22 – Dominica – D-Day 60th Anniversary, two stamps, pane of four se-tenant stamps and one souvenir sheet. Includes Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

WE NEED MORE

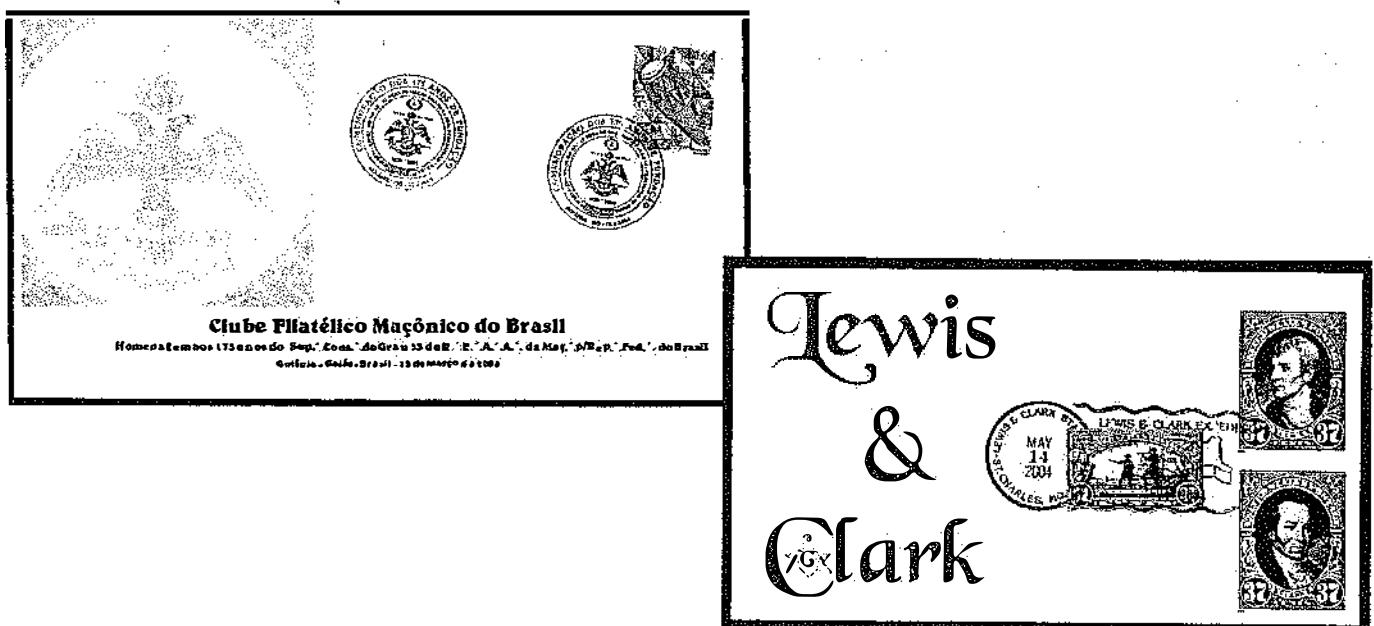
Brethren and Ladies – We need new members. We need more contributors to the Newsletter. There are a lot of both out there, we just have to search for them.

**CANADIAN SECRETARY/SCRIBE/REGISTRAR CORNER CARD
 COVERS**



A BRAZILIAN COVER AND ONE FOR LEWIS & CLARK

Show here are a cover issued by the Masonic Philatelic Club of Brazil for the 175th Anniversary of the Supreme Council of Grau, a State in Brazil and a self-serviced Lewis & Clark cover.



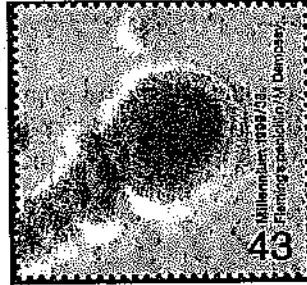
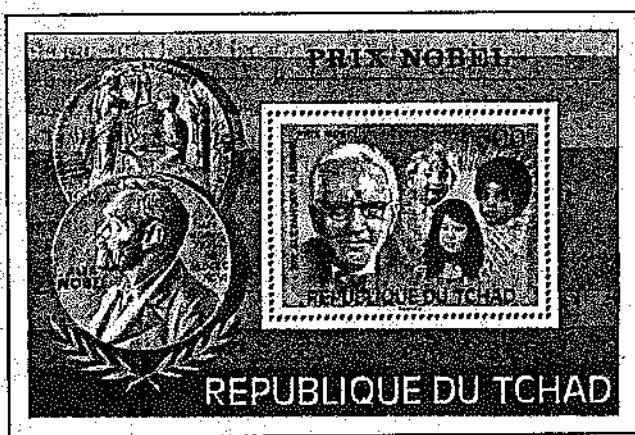
ALEXANDER FLEMING

Linn's Stamp News recently had an article by George A. Wistreich concerning Bro. Alexander Fleming. Although it did not mention his Masonic career, it did provide good coverage of his life and illustrated several of the stamps issued to honor him. Bro. Fleming was Worshipful Master of Santa Maria Lodge #2682 in 1925. He was also named a Past Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The story about penicillin begins in ancient time; ancient Egyptians used moldy bread to treat various diseases. Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch furthered the knowledge showing the causative relationship between microorganisms and infectious diseases. In 1910, Paul Ehrlich synthesized Savarsan 606, the first so-called magic bullet. The birth of the antibiotic era generally is considered to be 1928 when Scottish physician and bacteriologist Alexander Fleming discovered the potent antibacterial effect of the mold *Penicillium notatum*.

Born Aug. 6, 1881, at Lochfield on a farm just outside the small town of Ayrshire, Scotland, Fleming started his study of medicine in 1901 at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He completed his medical training at the Royal College of Surgeons in England. He joined the British Royal Army Medical Corps during World War I to develop cures to reduce the number of infected wounds occurring among soldiers on the battlefield. After the war he returned to St. Mary's Hospital where he noted, on a hot August day, that a patch of green mold that had accidentally fallen on one of his cultures was inhibiting the growth of a laboratory culture preparation of the disease-causing *Staphylococcus aureus*. He named the antibacterial chemical that was seeping from the mold "penicillin". In recognition of his important discovery, he was knighted in 1944. He spent the rest of his career at St. Mary's Hospital and died March 1, 1955.

Stamps used to illustrate this article included ones from Romania, Transkei, Great Britain and souvenir sheets from Dominica and Chad.

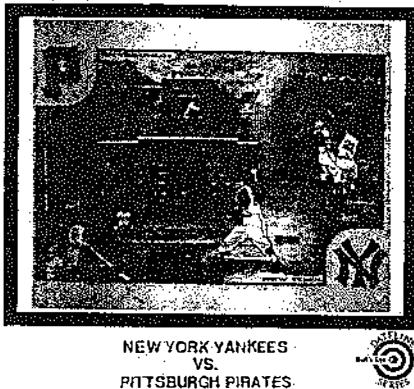


ALEXANDER FLEMING (CONT'D)

A recent e-mail message making the rounds tells the story of how a farmer named Fleming heard a call for help coming from a nearby bog. A boy, mired to his waist in black muck, was struggling to free himself. He saved the lad and the next day, the father of the lad came around in a fancy carriage to thank the farmer. He ended up committing to provide the same level of education for Fleming's son as he did for his own son as a gesture of thanks. Years later, the same nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia and his life was saved again – this time by Penicillin. Fleming's son was Alexander Fleming and the nobleman's son was Winston Churchill – two eminent Freemasons.

PETER WESTBERE'S MASONIC AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

1960 WORLD SERIES - 35th ANNIVERSARY



NEW YORK YANKEES
VS.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES

DATUM
SERIAL
NUMBER



THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES HOSTED THE NEW YORK YANKEES IN THE OPENER OF THE 1960 WORLD SERIES, WINNING THE GAME 6-4 BEHIND THE PITCHING OF VANCE WHITEFACE. MICKEY MANTLE HIT TWO HOME RUNS AND BOB TEBBLETT GOT THE WIN IN A 16-3, GAME 2 ROUT. YANKEE BOBBIE RICHARDSON SET A SERIES RECORD IN GAME 3 WITH SIX HITS. THE PIRATES TOOK THE NEXT TWO GAMES, WITH FACE GETTING SAVES IN BOTH VICTORIES. WHITEFACE'S BEGONE SHUTOUT AND RICHARDSON'S RECORD 12TH RBI FORCED A GAME 7 IN PITTSBURGH. HAL SMITH'S HOME RUN IN THE 8TH LIFTED THE DRAMATIC 6TH-INNING HOME RUN BY BILL MACEROSKI IN GAME 7 AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE PIRATES.

Baseball Team:

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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Eddie Robinson

Dick Groat – Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals. Member of Washington Lodge #253

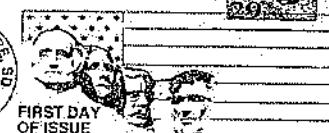
Eddie Robinson – Cleveland Indians and many others – Member of B. D. Babcock Lodge #600 -- Ohio

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George McGovern

BROTHER GUTZON BORGULM, ARTIST
(March 25, 1867 – March 6, 1941)
Howard Lodge No. 35 New York City



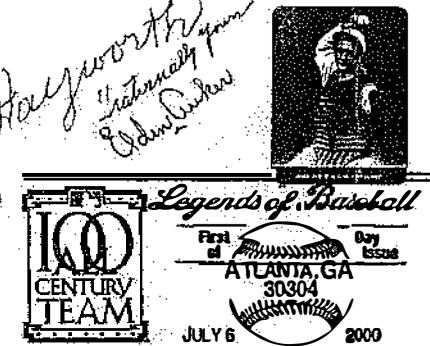
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asonic membership

George Washington

Stamp Club



*Bill Pogee #7
1930 – 1939*

George McGovern – former U.S. Senator
Member of Resurgam Lodge #31, ND

Eldon Auker – played for Bro.
Mickey Cochrane shown on stamp.
Member, Norcator Lodge #317, KS