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## JOSEPH A. WALKES, JR.

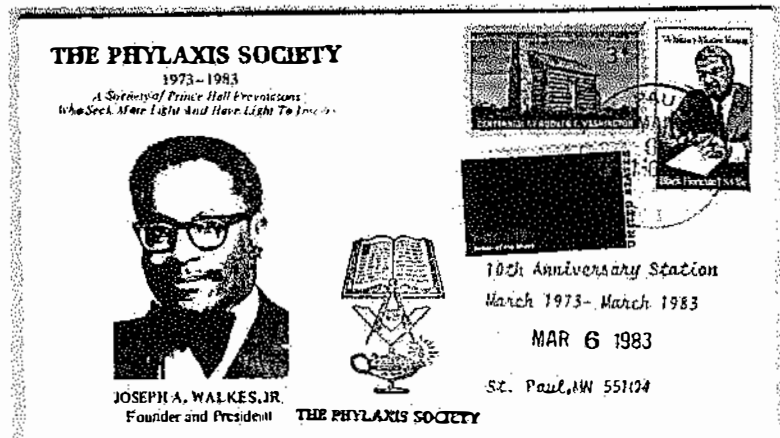
It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on March 4, 2006. Although his family came from Barbados, he was born in New York City on November 12, 1933. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951, retiring in 1973. He was raised Oct. 15, 1956 in Cecil A. Ellis Lodge No. 110 PHA MD Karlsruhe, Germany and served as Master of that Lodge in 1966-67. He later became a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 15 PHA MO and Kansas City Consistory No. 7. He was coroneted 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Los Angeles in August 1978. He also belonged to Allah Temple No. 6 A.E.A.O.N.M.S and Fidelity Chapter No. 9, O.E.S. of Leavenworth, KS being a Past Patron. Bro. Walkes belonged to the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Bro. Walkes founded The Phylaxis Society in 1973 – a “Society of Prince Hall Freemasons who seek more Light and have Light to Impart” – and served many years as the President, later as President Emeritus. Along with the late Allen Roberts, they fought successfully for recognition of Prince Hall Masonry by the mainstream Grand Lodges.

He wrote “Black Square and Compasses” in 1979 and was the author of several other publications dealing with Prince Hall Masonry; he was recognized as a leading authority on that branch of Freemasonry.

Bro. Walkes was a member of the Masonic Study Unit for many years and contributed a significant amount of information for publication. He served as Vice President for a few years – I always enjoyed my correspondence with him. We extend our condolences to his widow, Jeanette, two daughters, Wenonah and Jacqueline and two sons, Joseph III and Michael.

-Information provided by Bros. Stephen Hill and Norman Lincoln



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS:

None – but several requests have been made with application forms provided.

### RESIGNATIONS, CLOSED ALBUMS:

None, thankfully.

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

256. Golden B. Adkins, 1675 Washington Blvd., Huntington, WV

Bro. Don Huygen informs us that he and his wife recently went on a vacation trip to Paris, through the Chunnel via train to London and then home to the US on the Queen Mary 2. While on the voyage, the ship newsletter listed a Masonic Brother meeting. He attended and found 8 or 9 Masons there from Canada, the UK, the US Australia and South Africa. No formal meeting was held but the like-minded individuals with a common background told of their Masonic backgrounds and experiences. Each attendee was presented a certificate of attendance.

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY – April 1, 2005 to April 1, 2006**

Checking Account as of April 1, 2005			\$3,640.51
Income	Dues/Contributions	\$1,216.10*	
	Interest	<u>\$ 15.55</u>	
	Total Income	\$1,231.65	
Sub-Total			\$4,872.16
Expenses	Postage	\$ 812.62	
	Newsletter Printing	\$ 726.41	
	Envelopes & Printing	<u>\$ 145.00**</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$1,684.03	
Checking Account as of April 1, 2006			\$3,188.13

Additional monies received since April, 2006 \$316.00

\*Includes exchange rate discount of \$2.90 for one check

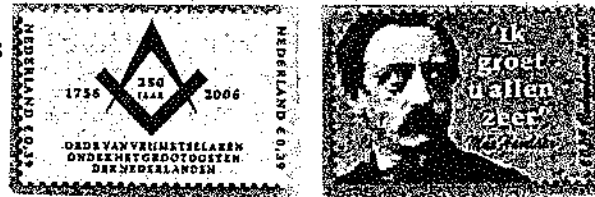
\*\*Two years worth of mailing envelopes

This summary indicates that the Unit has lost money this past year even though the dues were increased to counter such actions. We presently have 155 paying members in the Unit. As of this date there are 34 members who are in arrears for their dues and I am holding out hoping I will receive their payment very shortly – that will increase the account by another \$446 in addition to the \$316 already received – placing us in a healthy position. If we lose the 34 members – 22% of the membership – we must re-evaluate what we are doing wrong. As Editor, I try to include those articles and items which the members submit as I believe the members provide what they would like to see. Over the 22 years that I have edited this Newsletter, I can count the number of negative comments or suggestions for change which I have received on one hand. If anyone has any suggestions, please forward them. I will guarantee to exhibit a thick skin and do everything I can to increase membership – rather than watch it dwindle.

**ANOTHER PURE MASONIC ISSUE BEING ISSUED**

Brother Henk Godthelp, Editor of the Verlichte Loep, informs us that the Netherlands will be issuing a Pure Masonic stamp on June 6, 2006. On that day a block of 10 stamps will be issued, two of which have Masonic significance. The Pure Masonic stamp celebrates 250 years of the Dutch Grand Lodge named "Het Grootoosten der Nederlanden". The set also includes stamps which picture Elvis Presley, Sesame Street, regional languages and Multatulie (Max Havelaar). Multatulie was the pseudonym of Bro. Eduard Douwes Dekker – a Freemason. His particulars have been cited in a previous Newsletter (page 620 back in the late 1980s). I will repeat the details in a forthcoming Newsletter for those whose file does not go back that far.

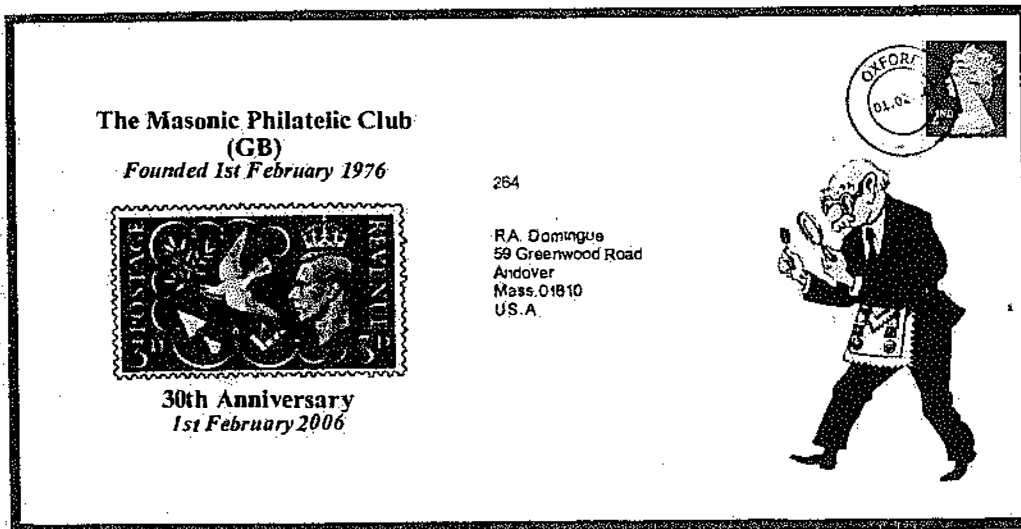
Early indications of the applicable stamps are shown here.



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**THE MASONIC PHILATELIC CLUB (of GREAT BRITAIN)  
30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Masonic Philatelic Club of Great Britain has published a commemorative Masonic cover to note their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. A copy of the cover was issued to all valid members on the anniversary date – February 1, 2006. This was a very limited issue and there were no spares printed. It warrants recognition.



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## AN INTERESTING ACQUISITION – IT TOOK 18 YEARS

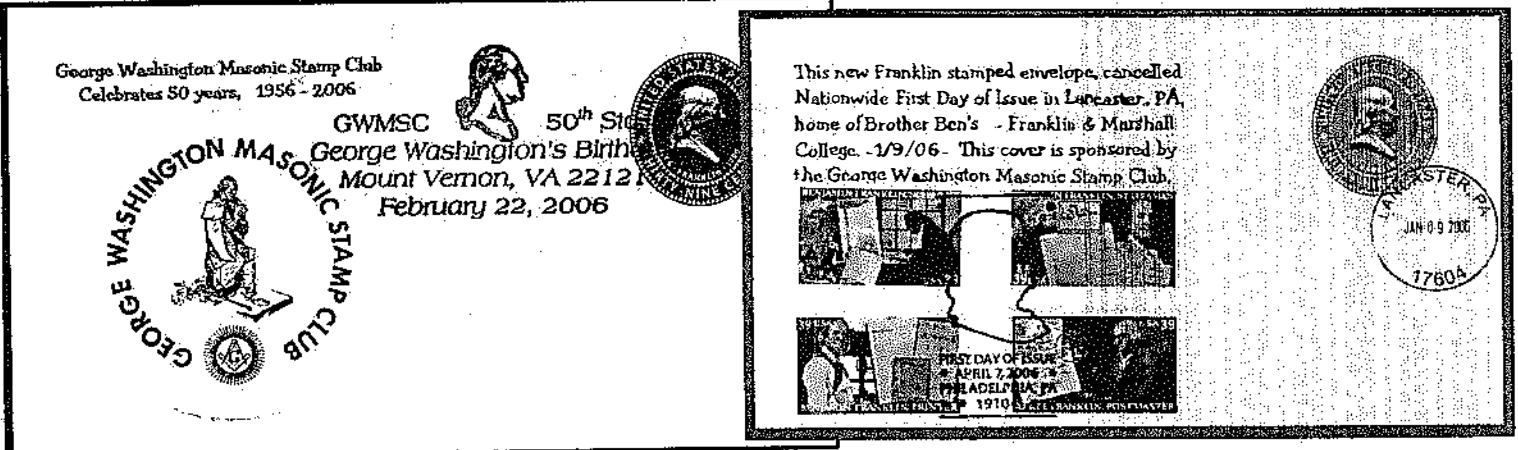
Back in the second half of the 1970s, I undertook the task of trying to compile a Catalog of Masonic Cacheted Covers. I had acquired a significant number of them and thought I had a good handle on the situation – I was way off. Through the assistance of several noted Masonic cover collectors, including Stan Longenecker, Mo Nafzinger, John Allen, Dave Pritchard, Edsel Hatfield and Dick Needham, I was able to develop a credible catalog which proved to be acceptable to many fellow collectors. (I still have some copies but they are woefully inadequate by today's status.) Each contributor was able to provide clear copies of those covers which I did not own for illustration in the catalog. I was able to establish long standing correspondence relationships with most of these "helpers" – some of which still continue today. Through the cover collecting efforts and the MSU/ATA, I was able to establish a strong correspondence tie with Bro. Dick Needham. We wrote often and I helped him acquire covers for his cachets when he was suffering from cancer – he beat it once then it came back to beat him. Near the end in 1988 he told me that he had sent his cover collection for appraisal/sale but kept his collection of Mahdeen's – bis creations (Needham spelled backwards). Shortly after his passing, I wrote to his widow to see if I might be of some help in assessing/disposing of his residual collection. She said she was getting it appraised. Subsequent letters were unanswered.

Fast-forward to November 2004. An individual in Ohio wrote to me through the AASR (NJ) office, in conjunction with my article "The Stamp Act" which appears in their magazine, "Northern Light", to ask if I were a collector and if I would appraise a collection for him. I responded in the affirmative but heard no response. Just over two weeks ago my wife and I returned home from a lunch "out" to find a large box by our back door. I opened it up to find the three albums containing Bro. Dick Needham's personal collection of Mahdeen FDCs and a fourth album of FDCs done by others. It appears that the wife of the collector who wrote to me in 2004 is the niece of Dick Needham's widow (she is now in a nursing home). He had misplaced my letter and when he found it this month, he procrastinated no longer and just mailed the collection. We have had some good conversations and I am in the process of disposing of the covers for him – after, of course, I acquire the ones I was missing. Consequently, if any member is interested in a priced inventory of the 411 covers available for sale, please contact me for a copy of it – either by e-mail (EXCEL format) or USPS mail. If you would like a copy of the inventory of Masonic Cacheted Covers which I have in my stock for sale, please request that also. It was interesting to learn that Dick issued seven FDCs before he issued his first Masonic FDC – for the Freedom Statue, Scott 989 on April 20, 1950. He did a non-Masonic cachet for Samuel Gompers and six cachets in 1948 and 1949 under the name of "Phil Ately". My contact is trying to locate the "Special events" album for me.

Now that I have retired (four weeks ago) I am spending a lot of time organizing all the stamps and covers which I have acquired over the years. I have maintained an inventory for my Masonic covers stock and some of my non-Masonic covers but not all the stamps – both Masonic and non-in nature - which I have amassed in addition to my basic collection. If any member has some specific wants, please let me know by Scott # or by date/description so I can trace it to Scott and I will try to help. This retirement bit is a whole new world.

## GWMSC COVERS

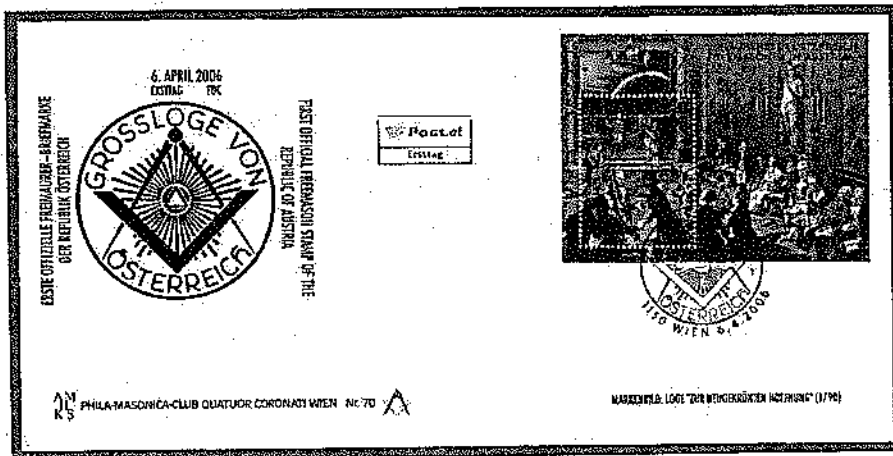
Bro. Stan Longenecker has forwarded copies of the recent covers issued by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. The first, shown to the left below, is the cover issued on February 22 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club; they are available from him (930 Wood St., Mount Joy, PA 17552) at a cost of \$1.50 plus a #10 SASE. The second is a combo cover for Bro. Ben Franklin. It is cancelled as a First Day for the new stamped envelope in Lancaster, PA, home of Franklin & Marshall College and for the four Ben stamps released on April 7 in Philadelphia. This cover will be an interesting addition to your Masonic collection and is available for \$3.00 plus a #10 SASE.



I understand that at the Annual Meeting of the GWMSC, a new Club cachet designer/producer has been identified. We trust that he will join the ranks of the great cover producers which have made the Club a fore-runner in the field of Masonic Cacheted Covers – Mo Nafzinger, John Allen, Herman Lichty and Stan Longenecker.

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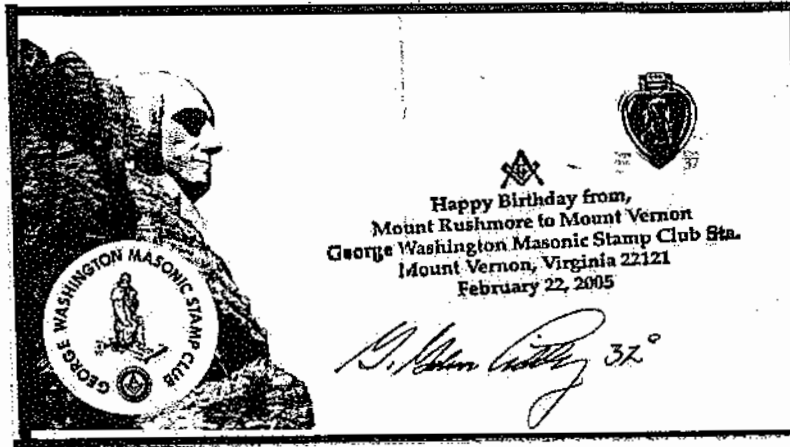
## FDC FOR AUSTRIAN PURE MASONIC ISSUE



Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath has forwarded a FDC which he prepared for the Masonic issue of April 6, 2006. For information on the purchase of this wonderful cover, contact him at Hackenberggasse 29/33/3, a-1190 Wien, Austria.

## PETER WESTBERE AUTOGRAPHED COVER

One of Peter's more recent cover acquisitions is that of Bro. G. Gordon Liddy. He is now a radio host on the G. Gordon Liddy Radio Show on Radio America and formerly a "Watergate personality". He was made a Mason and received his 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in 2005 and is a member of Deadwood Lodge #7, Deadwood, South Dakota.



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### ANTI-MASON – POPE LEO XII

Pope Leo XII, whose birth name was Annibale Francesco del'la Genga, was born in 1760. He held various high church offices during the Napoleonic era (1793-1823), was made a Cardinal in 1816 and served as Pope from 1823 to his death in 1829. He issued the Bull against Freemasons on March 13, 1825 known as "Quo graviora mala".

Here is a particularly pertinent section wherein he describes his concerns about Masons:

"Then come their doctrines of politics, in which the naturalists lay down that all men have the same right, and are in every respect of equal and like condition; that each one is naturally free; that no one has the right to command another; that it is an act of violence to require men to obey any authority other than that which is obtained from themselves. According to this, therefore, all things belong to the free people; power is held by the command or permission of the people, so that when the popular will changes, rulers may lawfully be deposed and the source of all rights and civil duties is either in the multitude or in the governing authority when this is constituted according to the latest doctrines. It is also held that the State should be without God; that in the various forms of religion there is no reason why one should have precedence of another; and they are all to occupy the same place."

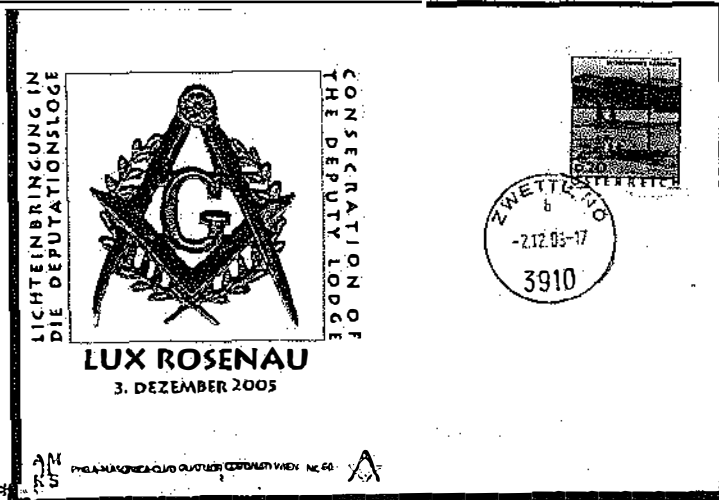
-information contributed by Bro. Gene Fricks, President

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The covers which you found in this mailing and in the previous mailing were courtesy of Bro. John Cunningham. As many of you know, Bro. John sent me all of his storage material when he had to consolidate at the Soldiers and Sailors Home. Now it is my turn to downsize.

## AUSTRIAN MASONIC COVER

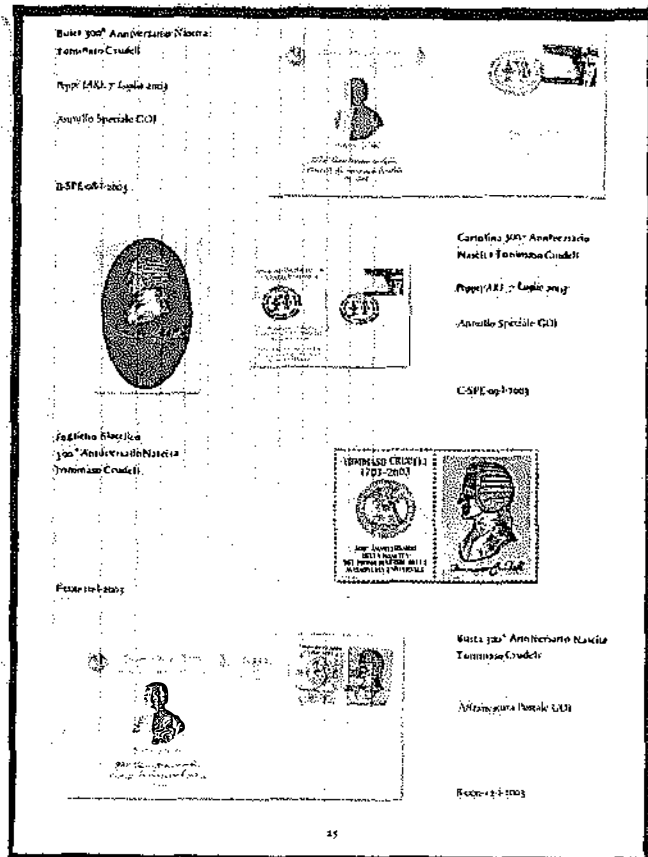
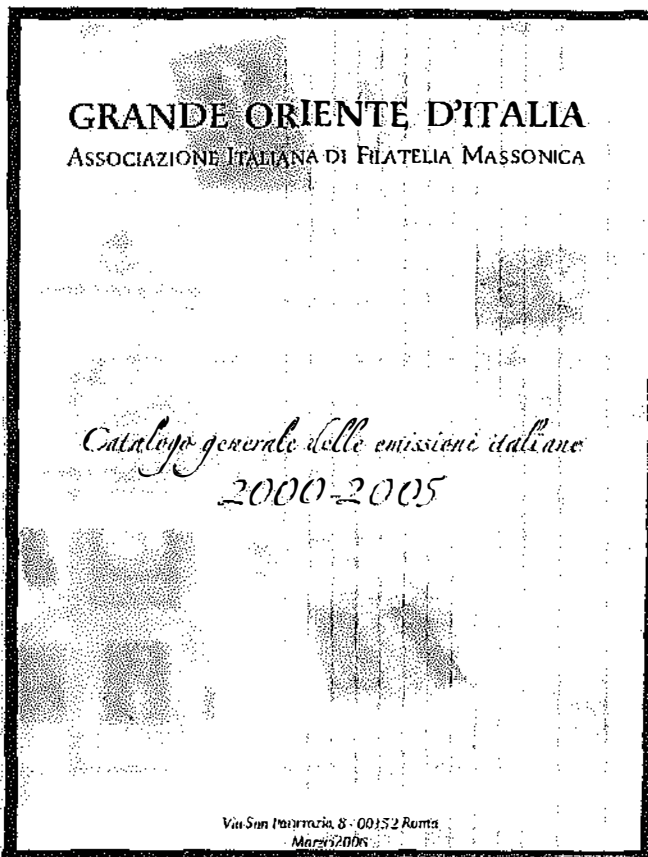
Another cover in the series of Masonic Cacheted Covers published by Bro. Dr. Herbert Schmid-Korlath is shown here. For information on the purchase of this cover, contact him at Hackenberggasse 29/33/3, a-1190 Wien, Austria.



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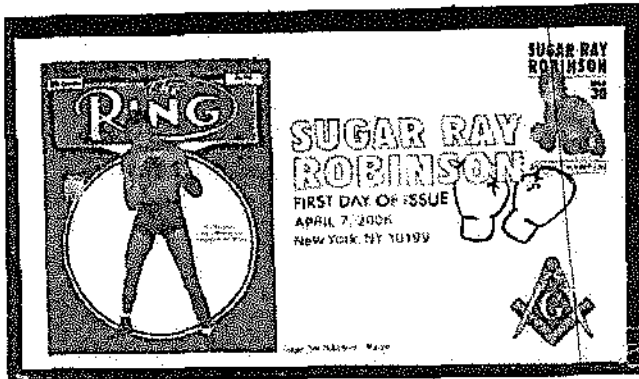
### SUMMARY BOOKLET - ITALIAN MASONIC STAMPS & COVERS

The "Associazione Italiana di Filatelia Massonica" sponsored by the Grand Orient of Italy has published a professional 44 page soft bound booklet which presents illustrations of all the Masonic stamps and covers which they have produced over the years – from 1995 to 2005. The text is in Italian. The illustrations below are of the cover and one of the pages. Unfortunately, I cannot read or write Italian so I am not sure how to acquire one or what they cost. Those who are interested should contact Bro. Massimo Morgantini, Via Marco Tabarrini 15; 00177 Roma; Italy or [massimomorgantini@yahoo.it](mailto:massimomorgantini@yahoo.it) Bro. Morgantini sent me two copies so the first request for the second copy will be honored.



## SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

The USPS issued a stamp on April 7, 2006 to honor Walker Smith, better known today as Sugar Ray Robinson.. He was born in Detroit, MI in 1921 and during the 1940 and 1950 decades he dominated boxing like no one else. He was nicknamed “Sugar” for his sweet as-sugar style of fighting and originally borrowed the identity of a friend named Ray Robinson in order to enter an amateur boxing tournament for which he was under the required age. He was known for his flashy pink Cadillac which he sported all over New York City and for the fact that he remained independent – refusing to do business with organized crime and conducting negotiations for many of his on fights by himself. He retired from the ring for the last time in 1965 and along the way had defeated a list of champions and near-champions that reads like a roll-call of the Boxing Hall of Fame. He died in 1989.



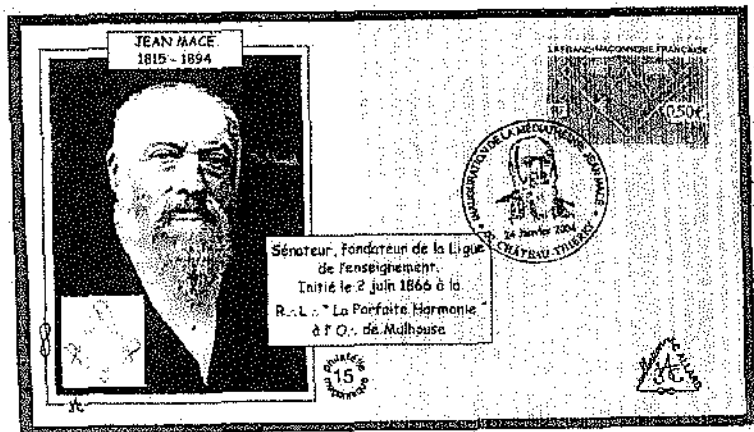
Bro. Sugar Ray Robinson was a member of Joppa Lodge No. 55 Prince Hall Affiliation, New York City. The cover shown here was produced by JUNCTION CACHETS and was offered on eBay (2 copies only) by Jim Taylor of Havre de Grace, MD. (I believe he was the producer.)

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## JEAN MACE

Bro. Jean-Claude Vilesy has forwarded a copy of a card/cover prepared for Jean Mace. The special cancel used on January 24, 2004, recognized the Inauguration of the “Mediatheque Jean Mace”. Jean Mace was born August 22, 1815 in Paris. He was an excellent student and achieved his bachelor of letters degree at the age of 20. He became active in public life and spent several periods in exile as a result of disagreements with the ruling regime. Known as a Senator he is remembered for having founded the League of Education (or Instruction). In 1864 he, with Hetzel and Jules Verne, founded the Journal “Le Magasin d’Education et de Recreation”. He died in 1894 in Monthiers.

Bro. Mace was initiated June 2, 1866 in the Lodge “La Parfaite Harmonie” of the “Oriente de Mulhouse”.





## MASONIC ALLEGORIES IN THE CUBAN FLAG

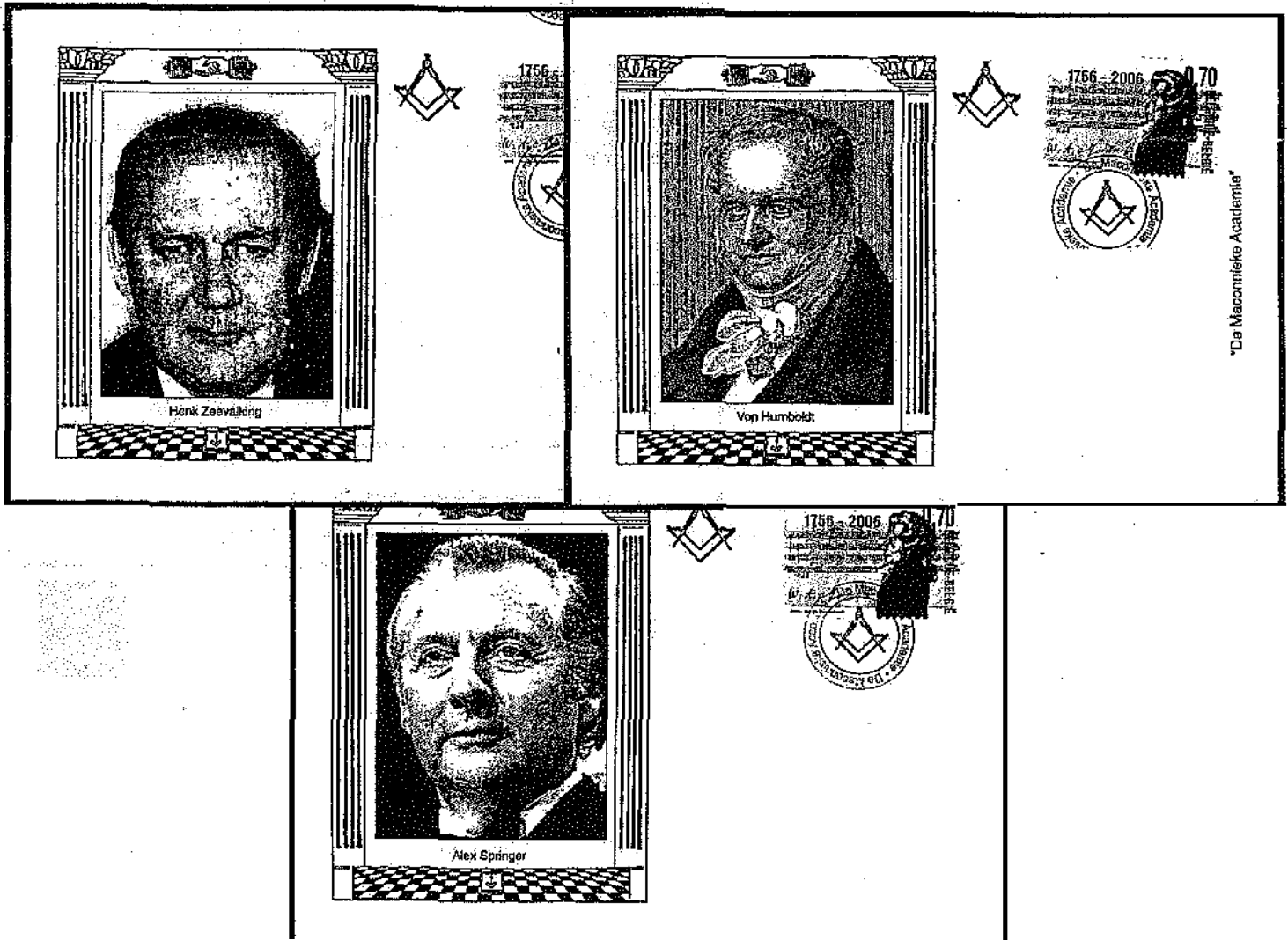
Pres. Bro. Gene Fricks has forwarded an article found in "The Cuban Philatelist", First Third 2004 concerning Ladies in the Stamps of the Republic by Silvia Garcia-Frutos. The section discussing Emilia Teurbe-Tolon cites:

"In the set commemorating the Centennial of the Flag [July 3, 1951] she appears on the 5c stamp sewing the very first flag designed by her husband Miguel Teurbe-Tolon as encouraged by Narcisco Lopez, while they met with other Cubans, including Cirilo Villaverde, in June 1849 in New York.

"It must be added that the Cuban flag is replete of Masonic symbolism. Narcisco Lopez, its creator, had been president [sic] of the Tayaba Lodge together with Jose I. Armenteros, and had also belonged to other Lodges in the United States. These are the messages on our ensign: the triangle and the number 7 transmit the universal Masonic message and its ideals of fraternity, equality, freedom, beauty, purity, fortitude and heroism."

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### ADDITIONAL COVERS PUBLISHED BY "DE MACONNIEKE ACADEMIE"



## MELVILLE LOUIS KOSSUTH DEWEY






An "add-on" Masonic cacheted cover recently offered on eBay features Melvil Dewey and identifies him as a Mason. In a response to my question, Maria Hebert, the creator of the "add-on" operating as Mh Cachets stated that she found his name listed as a Mason on one of the sites she found by "googling" "Famous Masons". I have not yet been able to research his Masonic background - can any member help in this quest?

Melville Louis Kossuth Dewey was born Dec. 10, 1851, to a poor family living in a small town in northern New York. As a child he felt drawn to mathematics and enjoyed playing around with classification systems. His family could not afford to send him to college and he waited until he was 19 to attend Amherst College, working in the college library to help fund his education. He remained as a librarian following graduation in 1874 and worked towards improving library classification systems. He devised a system of Arabic numbers and decimals to categorize books according to subject rather than a dedicated spot on the shelf. Amherst published his system in a pamphlet entitled *A Classification and Subject Index for Cataloguing and Arranging the Books and Pamphlets of a Library*, now in its 21<sup>st</sup> edition and contained in four volumes.

In 1876 Dewey moved to Boston where he founded the Library Bureau, a library supply company. He was also a founding member of the American Library Association serving as secretary and president. In 1883 he became a librarian at Columbia College and started a library school. His last professional library position was that of director of the New York State library. In 1894 he and his wife started an exclusive resort in upstate New York but ran into some discrimination problems leaving that venture in 1905. He dabbled in real estate developing many retirement resorts in New York and Florida and died on Dec. 26, 1931. The US stamp issued on July 13, 1982, Scott 2015, for libraries could be used for this case.

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### RICHARD NEEDHAM'S FIRST "PHIL ATELY" AND "MAHDEEN" FDCs

<p><i>First Day of Issue -</i></p>  <p>By "MAHDEEN"</p> <p><b>50th Anniversary</b> of the Rough Riders 1st Volunteer U. S. Cavalry 1898-1948.</p>	 <p>FIRST DAY OF ISSUE</p> <p>"PHIL ATELY" P. O. Box 181 Pataskala - Ohio</p>	<p><i>First Day of Issue -</i></p>  <p>FIRST DAY OF ISSUE</p> <p>WASHINGTON JAN 27 9-13M 1950 D.C.</p> <p><i>Samuel Gompers</i></p> <p><b>100TH ANNIVERSARY</b> OF HIS BIRTH</p> <p><b>Pioneer Labor Leader</b></p> <p>By "MAHDEEN"</p> <p>R. M. NEEDHAM c/o E. L. S. Lancaster, Ohio</p>
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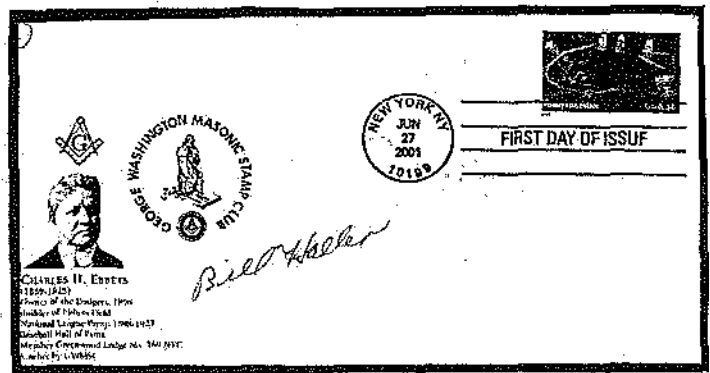
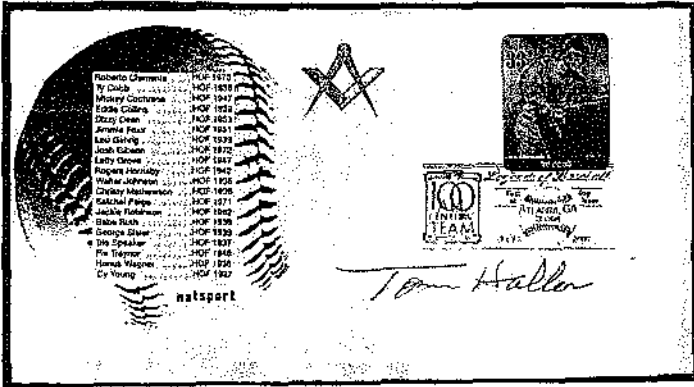
## RICHARD PRYOR

Richard Franklin Lennox Thomas Pryor III was born in Peoria, IL on Dec. 1, 1940. At the age of 7 he was playing drums and at 12 began an acting career. He became a successful night club comedian using material of questionable taste. His film and television appearances were mixed farce and drama. A series of hit comedies and concert films in the '70s and '80s helped make him one of the highest paid stars in Hollywood. Throughout his life he battled personal issues – drug and alcohol addictions and later Multiple Sclerosis. He received the Hall of Fame award at the NAACP 27<sup>th</sup> Image Awards in 1996 and in 1998 he was awarded the first Mark Twain Prize for humor by The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. He was married six times. In 1995 he said: "I had some great things and I had some bad things. The best and the worst. In other words, I had a life." He died of a heart attack on Dec. 10, 2005 at the age of 65 after having been ill with multiple sclerosis for several years.

Bro. Richard Pryor was a member of Henry Brown Lodge No. 22 PHA, Peoria, IL, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. On March 25, 1993, The Gambia issued a set of "Baseball Film" stamps which show several films and their related actors. One stamp, Scott 1348h, commemorates "Brewster's Millions" and pictures Bro. Richard Pryor.

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## BRO. PETER WESTBERE AUTOGRAPHED COVERS

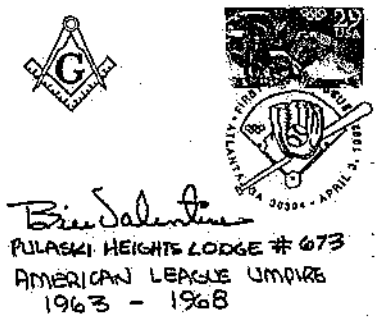


Tom Haller – Giants, Dodgers, Tigers  
Blood Brothers who joined Lockport Lodge #538, Illinois, at the same time

Bill Haller – Amer. League Clubs

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## NEW ISSUES

New Issues of a Masonic Interest as reported in the philatelic media:

### Linn's Stamp News:

July 22, 2005 – Ecuador – Guayaquil Conference, 183<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, se-tenant pair of stamps, picture Jose de san Martin and Simon Bolivar.

Dec. 27, 2005 Niue – V-J Day 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, pane of 6 stamps plus S/S, include Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Jan. 21, 2006 – Argentina – Bartolome Mitre, 100<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary, one value.

Jan. 23, 2006 – Belgium – Wolfgang A. Mozart, 250<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value.

Jan. 27, 2006 – Bosnian Serb Admin. – Wolfgang A. Mozart, 250<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value.

Jan. 31, 2006 – St. Vincent – Queen Elizabeth's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 7 stamps, incl. Pr. Philip.

Feb. 2, 2006 – Tristan da Cunha – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, two panes of 6 se-tenant stamps, include William Glass.

Feb. 15, 2006 -- Poland – Wolfgang A. Mozart, 250<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value.

Feb. 18, 2006 – Belgium – Democracy 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, pane of 3 se-tenant stamps, include King Leopold I.

Feb. 22, 2006 – Czech Republic – Famous people, 3 values, include Frantisek J. Gerstner.

Mar. 1, 2006 – Viet Nam – Wolfgang A. Mozart, 250<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, one value.

Apr. 6, 2006 – Austria – Freemasons in Austria, Rosenau and Vienna, S/S with 1 stamp.

### **Scott Stamp Monthly:** (May and June 2006)

Austria – 2039 – 1/27/06 – W. A. Mozart

Gambia – 2953/4 – 4/5/05 – Frederich von Schiller

Gibraltar – 1014 – 5/8/05 – VE Day, Winston Churchill

Alderney – 250/5 – 5/9/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Jersey – 12163 – 5/9/05 – End of WW II, Winston Churchill

Isle of Man – 1133d, 1134a – 1/16/06 – Q.E. 80<sup>th</sup>, Prince Philip

Greenland – 482 – 10/31/05 – Robert E. Peary

Grenada – 3505c – 4/14/05 – Dutch Royalty, William III

Grenada – 3512c – 5/10/05 – VJ Day, Douglas MacArthur

Grenada – 3523 – 7/11/05 – Frederich von Schiller

Grenada – 3526 – 7/11/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Guyana – 3904/10 – 8/12/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Guyana – 3917/8 – 8/12/0 – H. von Schiller and L. von Beethoven

Kiribati – 874 – 10/18/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Lesotho – 1383b – 8/22/05 – End of WW II, George C. Marshall

Lesotho – 1381b/c, 1382 – 8/22/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Liberia – 2354 – 5/4/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Liberia – 2357/8 – 5/4/05 – Frederich von Schiller

Liberia – 2366b, 2367b,d – End of WW II, W. Churchill, D. MacArthur, FDR

Luxembourg – 1179 – 3/14/06 – Blood Donation

Maldivian Is. – 2865b,c – 9/20/05 – Battle of Trafalgar, H. Nelson

Maldivian Is. – 86a/c – 9/22/05 – Lewis & Clark

Russia – 6925 – 9/15/05 – Aleksandr V. Suvorov

