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ATA'S STAND ON NEW ISSUES

(Editor's note: In the last issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector we published an article by Mr. James D. Hogbin entitled "One Man's Opinion" pertaining to questionable and unnecessary stamp issues by some Countries for the sole purpose to exploit stamp collectors. Also your editor expressed hopes that the ATA would take a stand to warn and protect its members from such unwarranted issues as it has been the policy of the APS for the past several years of doing so. We are now happy to publish below a recent resolution adopted by the American Topical Association on their stand of such issues. Again I would like to reiterate that no organization, including this unit, can tell its members what and how to collect but only to warn and inform their members of such dubious stamp issues.)

WHEREAS: The American Topical Association has been a leader in the welfare of the topical stamp collector and has followed a continuous policy of informing ATA members of dubious issues and as early as 1954 passed a resolution to warn members of such issues.

WHEREAS: An increasing number of abuses has arisen in connection with new issues of stamps, all aimed at exploiting collectors and to the ultimate detriment of the hobby.

WHEREAS: The sale and distribution of these labels issued in simulation of postage stamps is deemed detrimental to the hobby and the professional philatelist as well as collector.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that the American Topical Association, as representative for topical collectors in all parts of the world, does hereby condemn the production and distribution of any and all labels issued in simulation of postage stamps, even though they may be valid for postage in the country of issuance, if the prime purpose of issuance shall be the sale of said labels to collectors and through increasingly high values, short period of sale or limited issuance tends to influence collectors to purchase said labels.

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED: that the American Topical Association has no objection to the issuance of poster stamps, seals, labels, and the like by individuals, philatelic groups and non-philatelic groups when such merchandise is sold on terms that makes it clear beyond a shadow of doubt, that it is a poster stamps, label or seal and not a legitimate postage stamp.

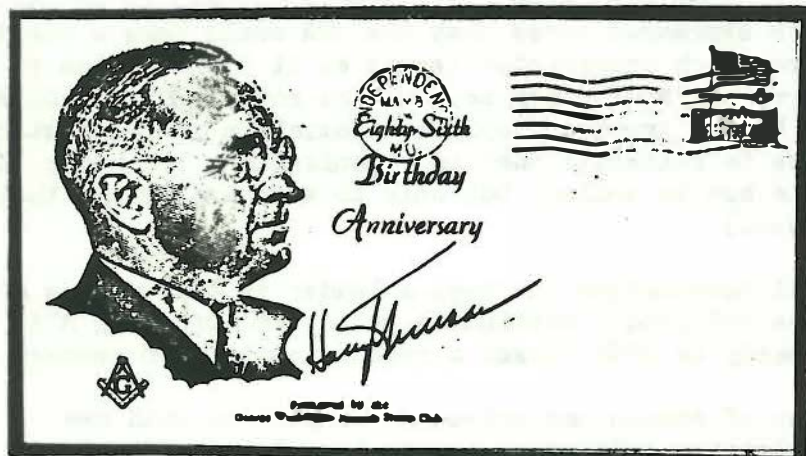
And, that the American Topical Association urges collectors, dealers and the philatelic associations, press and community to boycott all issues that shall be of questionable postal nature if they are represented to be anything other than poster stamps, labels or seals.

Further, that once each year the ATA shall publish in its official journal a listing of countries and/or groups that are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the ATA, questionable and that each issue of Topical Time bear the following:

"ATTENTION TOPICAL COLLECTORS: A number of political entities and/or their philatelic agencies are currently issuing stamps or adhesives, which exploit collectors and particularly topical collectors. We recommend that members avoid buying these issues and should be aware that many of them may never enjoy catalog status. It is not necessary to be complete in your subject in order to form a good topical collection. You, and your pocketbook must be the judge as to what stamps belong in your collection."

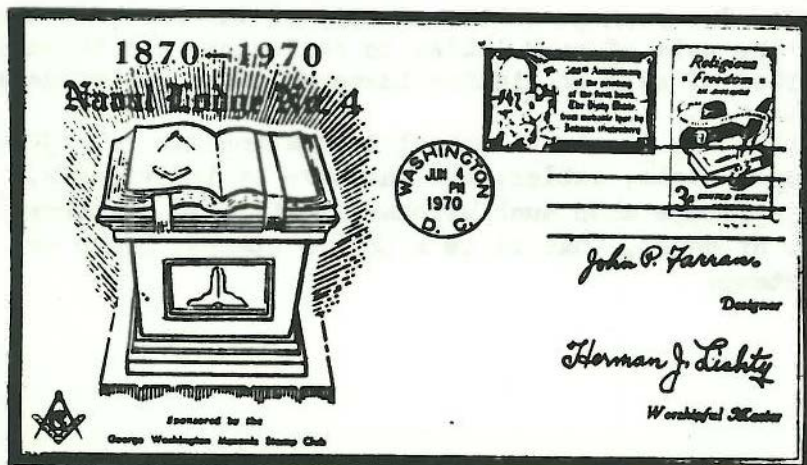
BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED: that the Board of Directors of the ATA hereby condemns all of these practices and urges its members and other collectors to refrain from purchasing these inflated, speculative and unnecessary issues and that the ATA urges all local, national, general and specialty philatelic organizations including all ATA chapters and units to join in adopting similar resolutions.

NEW MASONIC COVERS



Truman birthday: On May 8, 1970, the George Washington Stamp Club issued this Masonic cover on the occasion of the Eighty-Sixth birthday of M.W. Brother Harry S. Truman. There are two types of covers with different cancellations. One cover was cancelled at the Post Office in Independence, Mo. and the other cover was cancelled at the Truman Library with a meter cancel bearing this slogan "Visit The Truman Library and Museum." These covers would make an excellent addition to

any Masonic Cover collection. Also on this day, 25 years ago, May 8, was the anniversary of V-E day in Europe. This is a very appropriate cover on this event as at that time Bro. Truman had just taken over as President of the United States after the death of Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt. For further information pertaining this cover please contact Dr. John H. Hoffman, 2501 "Q" Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20007.



A Living Centennial, 1870-1970. This Masonic cover was sponsored by the GWMSC on the occasion of the Centennial celebration of the stone Altar of Naval Lodge No. 4, Washington, D. C. This Altar was presented to Naval Lodge by Lebanon Lodge No. 7, June 4, 1870. The Altar was designed and created by a member of Lebanon Lodge who was a stonemason by trade. He was Alexander Rutherford who was born in 1814 and when a young man, settled in Washington, D. C..

For additional information concerning the Naval Lodge Centennial cover write to Dr. John N. Hoffman. I don't think there were too many covers issued on this but try to get one anyway. All these commemorative covers are really nice to have for Masonic historical and collecting purposes.

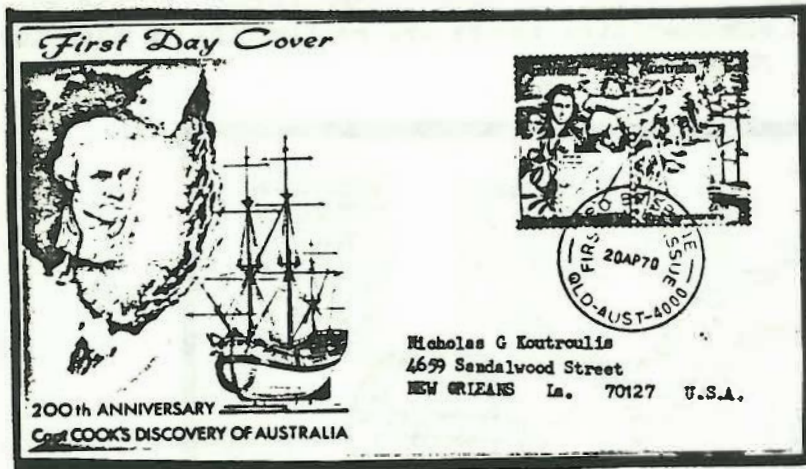


Dominican Republic Masonic issue: This is a truly Masonic cover with Masonic stamps issued for the exclusive purpose to publicize officially Masonry by a Country. This unique first day cover bears two stamps, 6¢ green Scott No. 672 and 10¢ brown airmail Scott No. C177, issued by the Dominican Republic on March 3, 1970 to commemorate the Viiiith Inter-American Conference of the Confederation of Free and Accepted Masons which was held in Santo Domingo 1-7 March 1970. In addition to the Square and Compasses cancellation, the stamp design depicts various Masonic symbols. This cover is autographed by Dr. Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master, and by Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary, both of New York State. This illustration appeared on the front page of STAMPS magazine, issue of April 11, Vol. 151, No. 2.

The Masonic Stamp Unit is making arrangements to have this cover and mint stamps available to our members. This cover, when available, will be sent automatically to the members in good standing of the Masonic Cover Club. To the others will be available on a first come first served basis. Every member collecting Masonic items must have the first day cover and the set of two mint stamps in their collection. It is a beautiful and a most appropriate Masonic item. One that should be had by every Mason.



169th Anniversary Medals:
The 169th anniversary of The Supreme Council and the 1969 Session have been commemorated in a beautiful souvenir coin. The coin is now available for \$1.00 each. Orders accompanied by the remittance should be sent to the Grand Secretary General's Office, The Supreme Council, 33rd 1733 Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009.



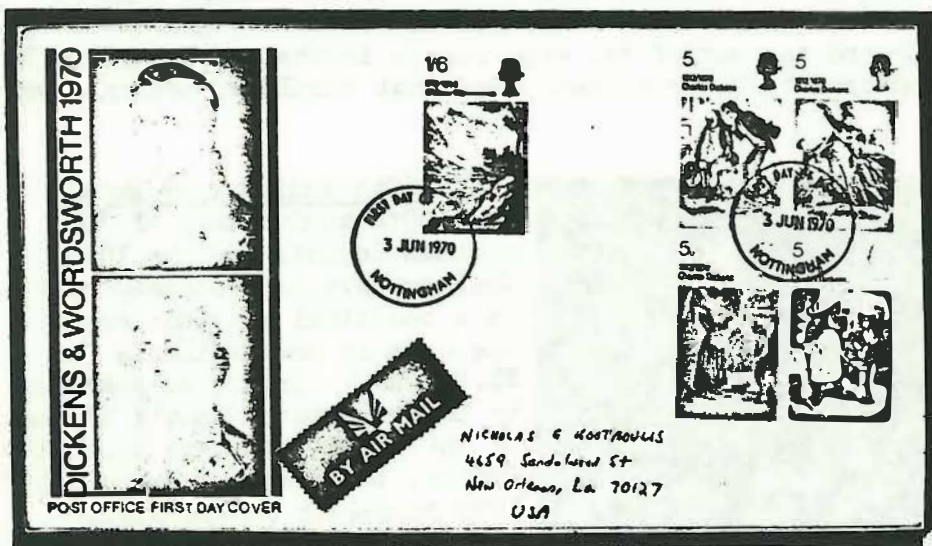
Sir Joseph Banks: This first day cover was issued by Australia on April 20, 1970 with stamps to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Capt. Cook's discovery of Australia. The two stamps have a Masonic connection. They depict the Square and Sir Joseph Banks, a Mason. This cover was sent by Bro. Allen Evans, Woolloowin, Austr. Your editor is unable at this time to furnish with Masonic data on Sir Banks therefore we request Bro. Evans to send to the editor an article with Sir Banks Masonic and histo-

rical information for publication in the Masonic Stamp Collector.

150th Anniversary, Grand Lodge of Maine AF&AM and the State of Maine: We have an official communication from from M.W. Bro. Leon M. Sanborn, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Maine that a First Day Cover will be issued commemorating both the 150th Anniversary of the State of Maine and the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maine Af & AM.

This First Day Cover by Artmaster will have an engraved cachet authorized by the Grand Lodge of Maine. The postage stamp used will be the new stamp issued to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the State of Maine. The cost of Singles, addressed covers per one .45, six \$2.50, ten \$4.00. Unaddressed covers per one .55, six \$3.10, ten \$5.00. Also combination of blocks of four and plate blocks are available. Your orders should be sent direct to Bro. Leon M. Sanborn, 61 Johnson Road, Gorham, Maine, 04038.

Pilgrim Chapter No. 10 anniversary cover: Pilgrim Chapter No. 10, Holy Royal Arch Masons (P.H.A.), Montclair, N. J. celebrated their 50th anniversary with a souvenir cachet cover on the 8 May 1970. Anyone wishing same can have it for 25¢ each and a stamped addressed envelope to W. H. Dennis, 9 Central, Montclair, N.J. 07042.



Charles Dickens, Anti-Mason: On June 3, 1970, Great Britain issued a set of four stamps to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens. Dickens was an anti-Mason. Please refer to page 21, Whole No. 3, Jan-Feb 1968 of the Masonic Stamp Coll. for further information on Charles Dickens.



MAINE STATEHOOD STAMP

This is the stamp the U. S. Post Office Dept. will release on July 9th to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Maine Statehood.

On page 124, No. 14 of the MSC, it was reported that William King, first Governor of Maine, was a Mason. a Masonic Cover (first day) will be issued by the Masonic Cover Club and will be sent automatically to all those having standing orders.

The stamp depicts a dramatic view of a Maine lighthouse based on Edward Hopper's oil painting "The Lighthouse at Two Lights, Maine." Two Lights is a Coast Guard station on Cape Elizabeth and there are also a few cottages.

NEW ISSUES

- Rwanda - Dec. 1969, Scott Nos. 318-325, commemorate the bicentenary of the birth of Napoleon Bonaparte.
- Togo - Dec. 1969, Scott Nos. 710 depicting George Washington and 713 depicts Simon Bolivar.
- Egypt - Dec. 1969, Scott No. 386 depicts Poinsettia.
- Great Britain - Apr. 1970, Scott No. 613, depicts depicts Florence Nightingale.
- Dominica - Feb. 1970, Scott No. 296, shows Astronaut Aldrin.
- Dominican Republic - Mar. 1970, Scott Nos. 672 & C177, depicting Masonic emblems to publicize the 8th Inter-American Masonic Conference, Santo Domingo.
- Dahomey - Feb. 1970, Scott No. C116, depicts Franklin D. Roosevelt for the 25th anniversary of his death.
- Finland - Feb. 1970, Scott No. 490, showing the Golden Eagle.
- San Marino - Feb. 1970, Scott Nos. 716-727, each depicting a sign of the Zodiac.
- Turkey - Feb. 1970, Scott No. 1832-1833, depict Kemal Ataturk, a Mason.

Note: Your editor will appreciate information on any new issues pertaining to Masons or symbols on stamps which may have escaped his attention. For new issues we follow Scott's monthly journal chronicle. Sometimes many stamps of certain countries do not appear in the chronicle until some months later.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

286	Peter V. Sander	204 Friends Road	Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598
287	Leonard L. Lweis	2511 Heart Ave. #312	Berkeley, Cal. 94709
288	George Marczyk		Brisbane, Qld, Australia
289	Elwing D. Carlsen	1309 N. Pine Grove	Round Lake Beach, Ill. 60073
290	William H. Barksdale	4010 74th Place	Hyattsville, Md. 20784
291	Mrs. Mary K. Ludwig	40 Second St.	E. Norwalk, Conn. 06855

BIO-SKETCH - HOMER DOUGLAS HEALEY

Born in Minnesota in 1890. Came to Arizona in 1909. Resident of Phoenix 61 years, since 1909. Occupation, Manufacturers Sales Agent for New Mexico and Arizona. Married, Fern F., one Son, one Daughter. (60th wedding Anniversary, June 1970). Three grand children, one great grand daughter. A past Deputy Master of Phoenix Council #4. Masonically, was raised October 1922, Arizona Lodge No. 2, Arizona Chapter #1, R.A.M. (Life Member), Phoenix Council No. 4 R. & S.M., (Life member), Super Excellent member 11, 1940, R. & S.M., Phoenix Commandery #3 K.T., (Life member). All York Rite bodies joined in 1922, El Zaribah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Phoenix. Life member, manager of Shrine Band and Player. Joined April 28, 1923, 47 years.

Member of Modern Woodmen of America and "Half-A-Century Club", a member for 59 years, State Delegate to Head Camp, 3 terms, Head Consul, Phoenix Camp #11462, 4 terms. Second largest Lodge in the U.S. and Canada.

Started collecting stamps when 12 years old. A member of the American Philatelic Society #26425, The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Masonic Stamp Unit New Orleans #106.

His collections are Masonic, both foreign and U.S., United Nations and most countries of the world.

Ed. note: Bro. Healey wants to know if the following persons whose portraits appeared on stamps are Masons. If any of our members have any information on Masonic connections on any of these persons please notify your editor for inclusion in a future issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector: Canada - Stephen Leacock, Vincent Massey, Sir Isaac Brock, William Osler. Ireland - John Barry, William Brown, Roger Casement, Tom Clark, Robert Emmet, Arthur Guinness, O'Cromcan, O'Comiraoe, O'Donnabain, John Redmond, Wolfe Ton, William Butler Yeats. Mexico - Baron Alexander Von Humbolt, Jose Goulart, Remulo Betancourt, Batalla Del Tobasco, Ley De La Reforma Acraris, Francisco Zarco. Norway - Arne Garborg, A. Klosler, Frid. Hansen, Wilhelm Bjerknes.

THANKS FOR COVERS

... to Herbert G. Williams, Korumburra, Vic., Australia for fdc of New Zealand Bay of Islands issue and for fdc New Zealand Capt. Cook Bicentenary issue 6c showing Joseph Banks. ... to Bro. John M. Cunningham, Washington, D. C. for Truman birthday anniversary covers, Naval Lodge No. 4 centennial cover, Jose Garibaldi Uruguay first day cover with Masonic cachet. ... to Allan Evans Capt. Cook first day cover Australia issue. ... to Major George K. Gillberry, G.B., for first day cover on Dickens and Wordsworth issues. ... W. H. Dennis, Montclair, N.J. for cover cachet 50th anniversary R.A.M. Chapter.

STAMP MART

Wanted: New South Wales #86, Phillipine #81, Poland #343, mint or used single.

G. F. Tempel, 1053 Grove Street, Irvington, N.J. 07111.

For Sale: "Marching Down The Years", The story of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Louisiana, price \$2 postpaid limited copies available. From the Ed.

For Sale: Back issues of Masonic Stamp Collector, some issues very limited, .50 ea.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

(Ed. note: Your editor received numerous letters from members including one from Bro. Guglielmi, Sanremo, Italy, concerning Masonic data surrounding the formation of Rotary International. Many countries this year are issuing stamps to commemorate the Rotary Club. Below is an article pertaining to Masons prominent in the formation of Rotary by John A. Mirt.)

Many of the early members of the Rotary Club of Chicago, organized in 1905 and out of which grew the present Rotary International, were Masons. Of the original group three were Masons. Harry L. Ruggles, first treasurer was a member of Exemplar Lodge No. 966, Chicago. Robert C. Fletcher member of LaGrange Lodge No. 770 of LaGrange, Ill., and recorder of Trinity Commandery No. 80, K.T., LaGrange. Charles A. Newton was a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 726, Chicago, and of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Chicago.

Although Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary, has been referred to as a Mason, research in Masonic circles does not produce any confirmation. Bro. Ruggles was actively associated with Mr. Harris in the formation of the organization and was the introducer of the practice of community singing at Rotary gatherings.

Rotary's program of "Service Above Self" is in accord with all religions. Its aim is for a better understanding between peoples of all nations. In these Rotary is in agreement with the spirit of Freemasonry, but there is no connection between the two.

Next to the Red Cross, Rotary is probably the most postally-honored organization in the world. Its 50th anniversary in 1955 was commemorated the issuance of postage stamps by the United States, Australia, Brazil, Cuba, France, Panama, Philippines, Egypt, South Korea, Tunis, Dominican Republic and many others.

MORE ON MILLARD FILLMORE - ANTI-MASON

His brother, Charles D. Fillmore was raised in Detroit, Mich, Lodge #2, July 8, 1851 and later became a charter member of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5, St. Paul, Minn., when he was Commissioner of Pine Lands in Minnesota. His uncle, Jesse Millard, was raised July 10, 1862 in Cedar Lodge #60, Clarkston, Mich., and died April 4, 1875.

His first wife, Abigail Powers had 3 brothers, Dr. Royal N. Powers, was made a Mason in N.Y. state, affiliated with Mt. Zion Lodge #9, Clinton, Ohio, June 19, 1811; later moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio and thence to New Haven, where he affiliated with New Haven, Ohio Lodge #38 in 1820 and returns show him a Past Master. David Powers, was a member of New Haven (Ohio) Lodge #38 and was secretary in 1821 and in 1823 was a Steward. Dr. Lemuel Powers, was a member of New Haven (Ohio) Lodge #38 and was Master in 1821

The above additional information on Fillmore's relatives was submitted by Bro. Jerry R. Erikson, Pico Rivera, Cal.

MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK

Prior to 1909 the only lodges in Turkey were foreign lodges on the rolls of various foreign Grand Orients or Grand Lodges; but there were no Turkish lodges. A Grand Orient of Turkey was finally established in 1909 composed of Turks who had either been members of said foreign lodges in Turkey or brethren who had been made Masons abroad.

Although we are given to understand that numerous conspicuous figures of Ottoman history had been masons, there seems to be no way of tracing which foreign lodges they had been members of.

It is generally believed that Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was a member of the Masonic Fraternity but there is presently no actual proof of the fact. However there is the statement of a Brother by the name of Kargotich, an ex-Yugoslavian Mason, who affirmed having read in the past in the Year Book of the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia that Mustafa Kemal Pasha had been made a Mason and then passed to the Fellowcraft Degree in some foreign lodge in Macedonia.

From another source we learn of a German booklet "Freemasons of the 20th Century" in which the author says that Atatürk was a member of the "Macedonia Resorts et Veritas" Lodge at Salonika until his death in 1938.

Mustafa Kemal was born in Salonika in 1881. He took up a military career. Capt. Kemal took part in the Italo-Turkish war of 1911; the Turkish success at Gallipoli in World War I was largely due to Col. Kemal's military strategy (Turkish stamp 1955 #1149). On Gen. Kemal's return to Ankara after the Greco-Turkish war of 1921-22 he received a vociferous welcome (Turkish stamps issued Dec. 27, 1969).

At the Peace Conference in Lausanne, Kemal succeeded in having Turkey recognized internationally as an independent nation. A new national assembly met Aug. 11, 1923 and elected him president of what became on Oct. 30th The Turkish Republic, an office he held until his death.

As president he worked to modernize Turkey. Although his methods were dictatorial he brought Turkey through the greatest crisis in its history; women were emancipated. He abolished the Arabic alphabet introducing the Latin one and took part personally in the fight against illiteracy (Stamps 1958 #799-804). He introduced the use of surnames, taking for himself that of Atatürk ("Father of Turks") in November 1934.

Finally his health failed and he died Nov. 10, 1938 in Istanbul. His death was a signal for unprecedented national mourning.

There have been between 30 and 40 Turkish stamp issues for Atatürk since 1924. Also 1 by Pakistan #185 and 1 by Argentina #755.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

CATHERINE II

Catherine the Great Empress of Russia in 1762 prohibited by an edict all Masonic meetings in her dominions. But subsequently better sentiments prevailed and having learned the true character of the Institution, she not only revoked her order of prohibition, but invited the Masons to re-establish their Lodges and to constitute new ones, and went so far as to proclaim herself the "Protectress" of the Lodge of Clío, at Moscow. During the remainder of her reign Freemasonry was in a flourishing condition in Russia, and many of the nobles organized Lodges in their palaces. She died November 6, 1796, and the persecutions against the Order were renewed by her successor.

Submitted by August H. Lentz, Mandeville, La. Above information from Masonry Defined, by C. S. Lippincott and E. R. Johnston.

Stamp: Russia Scott No. 94

EDWARD JENNER

An English doctor, Edward Jenner, M.D., was the originator of vaccination. He was born May 17, 1749 at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, and educated at local schools. He studied surgery at Sudbury and, for two years, in London, after which he returned to his native town in 1773 as surgeon-apothecary.

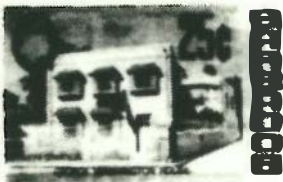
For some years he considered the feasibility of inoculation with the virus of cowpox as a preventive of smallpox, having noted that persons who once had cowpox were afterwards incapable of acquiring smallpox due to the antagonism between the two diseases. Jenner made his first vaccination of a patient in 1796 which proved entirely successful and in 1798 he announced his discovery to the world. In spite of opposition raised at first by physicians and clergy, vaccination was soon accepted with universal enthusiasm and spread around the world in a few short years.

Dr. Jenner was made a Mason in, or joined, Lodge of Faith and Friendship No. 449 (now No. 270), Berkeley, around 1789 and was raised to the degree of Master Mason in that lodge December 30, 1802. The long interval between K.A. and M.M. may be accounted for by his prolonged visits to London in connection with his great discovery. He was Master of Faith and Friendship Lodge in 1811-1813. He died at Berkeley January 26, 1823.

Stamp: Guinea # (recent issue of Guinea. No number available yet)

Submitted by Bro. Marshall Loke, Rochester, N. Y.

BARBADOS GEORGE WASHINGTON HOUSE



Barbados will issue this 25c stamp part of a new definitive issue depicting monuments and buildings. The 25c stamp depicts The George Washington House which is understood to be the only place outside the U.S. ever to be visited by the young man of 19 destined to become the first President of the United States of America.

"G"

Perhaps the most important symbol of Masonry is the letter G. In different rites it is manifested in several forms and in other religions of the world we find many symbols with the same meaning. In our Canadian stamps we have Masonic Philatelic item, our regular postage stamps have been overprinted with the letter G. It has come about in this way. Most stamp collectors are familiar with the use of special wording or lettering on stamps when they are used on official or government business. In Canada we have in the past had our stamps perforated with O.H.M.S. and we have also had O.H.M.S. printed on the stamps. O.H.M.S. means On His (Her) Majesty's Service. Recently however it was decided by the Postal Authorities to place the letter G on the stamps to signify the stamps were used on government mail. These stamps may be obtained from collectors and dealers in Canada.

They are referred to as Overprinted "G". It is also interesting to note that while you are able to buy mint copies you are requested to sign a form that you will not use the stamps for postal purposes. The G Overprints are recognized by Scott and other authorities in the Philatelic world. In Scott catalogue they are listed from 016 to 047.

The above was submitted by the late Bro. J. G. Connell of Trail, B.C. Canada.

GASPARD MONGE

This French mathematician and physicist made several important discoveries in the science of physics and engineering. He was called in 1783 to the Chair of Hydrodynamics in the Paris Lyceum. During the Revolution he took charge of the factories supplying arms and gunpowder. He founded the Ecole Polytechnique where he was Professor of Mathematics. He formed a close friendship with Napoleon whom he accompanied to Egypt, assuming direction of the Egyptian Institute. On return to France he received the title "Count of Pelusium."

Gaspard Monge is listed in the records of the Grand Orient of France as Orator of the Lodge "L'Union Parfaite," (presumably a military lodge of the "Corps royal du Genie a Meziere").

Stamp: France (1953) No. B279

Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y. by Bro. Marshall S. Loke.